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Mediation fails in Brite Ranch dispute, new petitions filed

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MARFA — In June, when a judge ordered warring parties — all from the same family — in lawsuits over the Brite Ranch ownership to enter into mediation, there was at least a dollop of hope from some that the fourth attempt to find resolution outside of the courtrooms would be the charm.

But brothers Mac and Beau White filed a petition on October 18 — just days before mediation — asking the court to appoint a receiver with total control of the ranch, including its potential sale and possibly ousting of brother Jim White III and his son Cuatro White from any use of the land. When a court appoints a receiver, usually when co-owners of land disagree on what to do with it or a trustee breaches their fiduciary duties, a judge has a menu of options for what powers they grant over management of the land and finances. Mac and Beau's petition urges the judge to grant them all of those powers. (Sister Hester Ann White did not add her name to the application for a receiver but has been named in other legal proceedings.)

While the application for a receiver may have been a threat to bolster Mac and Beau's position in mediation against their brother Jim, the mediation ended in failure with no agreements among the parties.

None of the parties involved in several lawsuits over the ranch would comment on this story on the advice of their attorneys. On November 15, Cuatro fired a volley back at his uncles Mac and Beau with a petition to partition the land — essentially have the court split it up amongst the siblings' trusts — and go after attorney fees he says he's owed. The partition pleading is "expressly in response and answer to, and as an absolute and affirmative defense against" Mac and Beau pleading for a receiver, his petition states.

Cuatro's petition for partition of the ranch could further complicate several ongoing legal actions because of the vast amount of financial and legal work needed in his petition for decisions on appraising the ranchland and what rules would govern how the land is divided between the complicated web of trusts for the brothers and sister and their descendants. What appears to be an effort to divide and sell could end up creating a logistical nightmare that drags on in the courts for months or years to come; Cuatro also has requested a jury trial.

The Brite Ranch is estimated to be worth at least \$60 million, but court records show the legal battles between the White siblings — each of whom are heir to a large trust and

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Cool drink

A gray fox stops to quench his thirst in the Christmas Mountains earlier this month.

Photo by Matt Walter

Marfa ISD trustees talk early childhood education partnerships, security

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MARFA — Marfa ISD School Board Trustees met this week to discuss early childhood education partnerships and district security initiatives.

Trustees Ruben Martinez, Teresa Nuñez, Rene Gonzales, Lori Flores, Stela Fuentez and Interim Superintendent Arturo Alferez were present.

Marfa ISD is embarking on establishing its own early childhood education partnership program after the success of neighboring Fort Davis ISD, which increased its state allotment from \$70,000 to \$1.35 million last year. The initiative involves one-year renewable legal agreements with early childhood schools that dual enroll pre-kindergarten through second-grade students in exchange for 50% of the additional state aid the district receives for those students.

Marfa entered into a one-year contract with Fort Davis ISD

in September whereby MISD leverages Fort Davis' experience in establishing the partnerships and FDISD receives an upfront fee of \$3,000 plus 10% of the overall additional funding that's generated from successful partnerships.

At Monday's meeting, Alferez informed board members that the district secured its first official partnership with Flowers in the Garden Child Development Center in El Paso to dual enroll 18 students. In a follow up interview with *The Big Bend Sentinel*, Alferez said the children are pre-kindergarten students, around three and four years old. He said the district intends to follow a similar model to FDISD by splitting additional funding 50/50 with the partner school.

Alferez said, in addition to a new revenue stream, the partner schools will benefit from MISD's curriculums and flexibility with its state designation as a "District of Innovation," which allows certified educators to teach in areas outside of their certifications — an initiative

spurred by teacher shortages across the state. He said he wants to ensure the deals are beneficial for both parties.

"They are becoming part of Marfa ISD, that's what I tell every director and every owner of these centers," Alferez said. "If it's a curriculum we're using, I want you to also have access. That's the vision that I have with these centers."

The estimated additional revenue from the 18 new students is yet to be determined, he said. The overall goal is to enroll 200 additional students through the early childhood education partnership program in order to get Marfa ISD back on its feet financially, and out of paying recapture, Alferez said. This year, the district adopted a \$1 million deficit budget, for the second consecutive year, and paid \$1.7 million in recapture to the state — annual payments MISD makes because it is deemed to have "excess wealth" per students due to a combination of high property values and low enrollment.

"Recapture is what's killing us in this district. Without it, we would have a balanced budget," Alferez said. "We estimate around 200 students will take us out of recapture and get us out of the red and put us into the black."

Alferez said he is also on the cusp of finalizing another deal to bring in an additional 70 to 80 students from Just 4 You Learning Center out of El Paso.

New students, while not physically attending Marfa ISD campuses, will help bring in additional revenue through average daily attendance. The district's current enrollment is 194 and attendance district-wide is 93%.

Security upgrades

Trustees also discussed how to spend grant funds awarded by the state for security upgrades. This year, Marfa ISD was awarded a \$310,000 Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) grant from the Texas Education Agency

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Court rulings declare Naegele Springs a county road, award attorney fees

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PRESIDIO COUNTY — Last Wednesday, a district judge ruled in the county's favor in a lawsuit over whether Naegele Springs Road — a very remote dirt road near Ruidosa — is a public, county road, or whether it could be gated by a landowner.

Judge Genie Wright also granted \$30,157 to the county for attorney fees as well as an additional \$25,000 should the county prevail in an appeal. The ruling also reinforced a previous judgment that Mary Baxter and Neil Chavigny — the defendants in the case — must take down their gate or be in contempt of court.

Presidio County was roped into the case in March 2023 as a lawsuit between several landowners near Pinto Canyon. Maria Maurial, a land speculator and investor, bought land down the road from Marfa residents Mary Baxter and Neil Chavigny.

Historically, the gate just before Baxter and Chavigny's property was kept open or locked by a combination that other landowners — including neighboring Jeff Fort of the Pinto Canyon Ranch and the

Judd Ranch, LLC — had access to. But after learning that Maurial had gone through the gate without their permission, Baxter and Chavigny decided not to continue the practice of giving neighbors the code.

Beyond defending their right to close off their own property, the Baxter-Chavigny team repeatedly questioned why the cash-strapped county would volunteer to take care of an extra nine miles of road.

Fort and Judd Ranch — a company also owned by Fort that looks after land that once belonged to the estate of Donald Judd — joined the suit shortly after.

The plaintiffs argued that Naegele Springs Road was a county road and that it was illegal to close it off from the public with a gate. Baxter and Chavigny added Presidio County as a co-defendant to put the burden on the local government to prove whether or not the road was open to all. Judge Wright eventually agreed with the plaintiffs that a 1975 Commissioners Court resolution made the road public, despite a series of state laws encouraging counties to shed neglected roads from their care that Naegele Springs was excluded

from. In January, *the Big Bend Sentinel* scoured through the old Presidio County Jail and discovered several thick folders of paperwork from the early 2000s through 2008. The files seemed to be addressing a process of determining which roads are public and which are private, prompted by HB 1117, an act of the state legislature that required counties to map and inventory roads they were responsible for maintaining.

Those files may have included a 2008 county road map that has, according to county officials, never been found. County Judge Joe Portillo did not let *The Sentinel* review the documents and instead consulted with outside attorney, Jim Allison, who refused to release them. Allison then requested an attorney general opinion after *The Sentinel* sent an official records request.

The attorney general's office decision stated that some of the records could be withheld because they pertained to pending litigation. Before that decision, Allison did eventually release dozens of originally withheld pages to *The Sentinel* — most dealt with roads near Casa Piedra and access to Big



Staff photo by Mary Cantrell

A gate extending into private property on Naegele Springs Road has been taken down after a judge ruled it was a county road.

Bend Ranch State Park, with no mention of Naegele Springs Road.

Baxter and Chavigny were considering an appeal, but it is uncertain now whether they will continue with the case. Their attorney declined to comment because a gag

order issued by the judge is still in effect.

A separate hearing will be scheduled to consider awarding attorney fees to plaintiffs Maria Maurial and Jeff Fort.

Yolanda Jurado resigns from Marfa ISD School Board

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MARFA — The Marfa ISD Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Board Vice President Yolanda Jurado on Monday.

Jurado was serving in her third term as a school board member. Her most recent term began in May 2024, when she filed to keep her seat and was unopposed. Jurado's seat, Place 3, is not up for election until May 2027, meaning an appointed board member will serve the remainder of that unexpired term.

Jurado did not attend Monday's school board meeting where trustees accepted her resignation. She did not respond to a request for comment from *The Big Bend Sentinel* by press time.

Interim Superintendent Arturo Alferez said Jurado did not state a reason for stepping down in her letter of resignation to the school board, but expressed appreciation for fellow board members and district staff and her desire to resign effective immediately.

The school board will solicit letters of interest, detailing one's interest in serving on the board, from the public in order to fill the vacant seat. Letters must be submitted in person at the superintendent's office, located at 400 W Lincoln St., by 4 p.m. Friday, December 13. The vacancy will be filled at the board's next meeting held at 6 p.m. December 16.

To be eligible, school board candidates must have resided in the state of Texas for the past 12 months and resided within Marfa ISD's district boundaries for the past six months. Other requirements include being an eligible voter, a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, and not having been declared mentally incapacitated or convicted of a felony. More information can be found on 8.

The school board is currently made up of seven members — Teresa Nuñez, Lori Flores, Stela Fuentez, Rene Gonzales, Ruben Martinez, Paul Hunt and Interim Superintendent Arturo Alferez — who typically meet once a month. School board members serve three-year terms and are volunteers.

Ernie Villarreal

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was unable to collect on insurance money to help cover the loss in school funds without making the forensic audit public, which it was unable to do while the status of the prosecution was pending. “We are glad to see the case moving forward,” Engle said on Wednesday. “Valentine ISD is ready to put this behind us.”

Villarreal’s defense attorney, Shane O’Neal, did not respond to requests for comment on the guilty plea by press time.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Texas Rangers and the Department of Education Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by U.S. attorneys John Fedock, Patricia Josefina Acosta and Scott

Greenbaum. The USAO did not respond to requests for comments on the guilty plea by press time.

Villarreal served on the Marfa ISD Board of Trustees from September 2021 to February 2024, at which point he resigned after a long absence. In his role as trustee, Villarreal would not have had access to financial accounts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sul Ross State University seeks name change

ALPINE — Sul Ross State University may soon be referred to as “Sul Ross State University International” at its campuses in South Texas if an official motion to change the name announced Monday by University President Carlos Hernandez wins approval from the board of regents.

The name change would not apply to Alpine’s campus. The name change would apply to the Eagle Pass, Uvalde, and Del Rio campuses of SRSU, according to reporting from the student newspaper The Sul Ross Skyline, and be effective as of January 1, 2025. The “SRSU International” rebrand will include all new signage and more.

“This will be a tedious process and will require patience from all of us as we execute this in the most efficient and cost-effective manner,” Hernandez said. “This is an exciting time and a celebration of our work as we progress toward an independent four-year university for the Middle Rio Grande Region.”

“The proposed name change is a crucial interim step as we continue to expand programs and capacity in a manner that is consistent with a university,” he added. “It elevates the institution from college to university, a significant distinction, and recognizes its geographic binational community status while embracing its Sul Ross roots.”

Taxidermy shop records show possible defense to citations

ALPINE — City of Alpine records obtained by *The Big Bend Sentinel* show that a local taxidermy shop — which has stated it will close because of the City of Alpine’s mandate that it get a grease trap — show that the business’ attorney claimed the shop was not required to get a trap because it has a septic system.

Howard and April Parsons, who own Hip-O Taxidermy at 2990 E. Highway 90, posted to Facebook on November 7 that they would be closing in December after months of fighting the city over a grease trap. The shop also processes wild game, which the city contends should require a trap to stop fats from going into the wastewater system, potentially blocking pipes. The announcement was a blow to local and visiting hunters who would be left with no local taxidermy or processing.

In a November 14 article, *The Sentinel* reported that Howard Parsons

confirmed he was not hooked up to city water or wastewater — using a well and septic system instead. Robert Rückes, the head of Alpine Building Services for the city, said it didn’t matter, because contractors who empty septic systems for businesses then dump the waste at the city’s water treatment plant, which then would be susceptible to damage from grease.

Parson’s attorney, Katherine Ramos Reiley, wrote the city on August 15 that the city’s code “has been read, misinterpreted and misapplied to our client’s business. As the City is aware, the City has not extended its sanitary sewer system to the area where our client’s business is located. Hip-O does not discharge any waste into the City’s sanitary sewer system, hazardous or otherwise.” Reiley then cites a section of city code speaking to requirements for wastewater service but not mentioning anything about grease traps. However, that code and that of the code requiring traps are both housed in the chapter on Sewer Services, which in its entirety addresses discharges to the sewer system with no mention of septic system discharges or dumping.

Additionally, records show the city checked “manifests” that describe the source of septic tank dumps by contractors into the city’s landfill, and no records exist for Hip-O.

Reiley withdrew from representing Parsons on November 7 in a filing to the municipal court and stated that Parsons will represent himself. Parsons had requested a trial, likely in January, but no date has been set.

New visitor centers underway for Terlingua, Marathon

BREWSTER COUNTY — At its November 12 meeting, the Brewster County Commissioners Court approved initial funding for new visitor centers in Terlingua and Marathon.

The court set up a contingency reserve of \$250,000 for each of the centers and approved initial funding for architectural plans of \$1,250 for Marathon and \$11,500 for Terlingua. The construction would replace the Big Bend Visitors Centers on Highway 90 in Marathon and Highway 118 in Study Butte. Initial sketches for Terlingua show a large multi-purpose building with a courtyard and tables.

Executive Director of Brewster County of Tourism Robert Alvarez said additional details on the buildings will be presented in upcoming weeks.

Bunkhouse for Terlingua emergency services moves forward

TERLINGUA — On November 12, the Brewster County Commissioners

Court approved \$50,000 for designing and constructing a new dormitory to allow fire, EMS and public safety workers to take residence in Terlingua when needed.

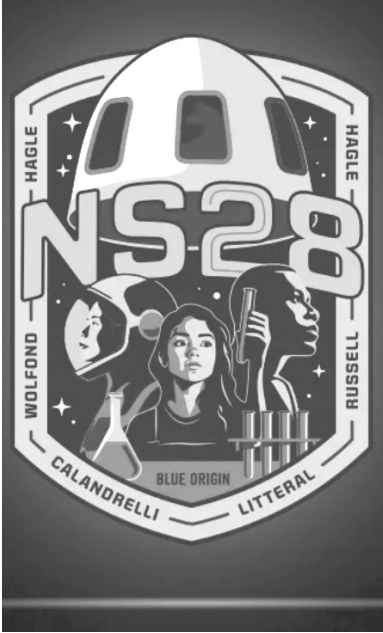
The building, at the South Brewster County Emergency Services Building just east of Terlingua Creek on Highway 170, tentatively would be about 3,400 square feet with bunk rooms, common areas, kitchens, restrooms, a gym and an individual apartment.

Blue Origin’s 9th human flight set for Friday

VAN HORN — Blue Origin has announced its ninth human flight, NS-28, will lift off from Launch Site One in West Texas on Friday, November 22. The launch window opens at 9:30 a.m. The webcast on BlueOrigin.com will start at T-30 minutes.

Additionally, Blue Origin released the NS-28 mission patch. A few of the symbols embedded and the crew include:

- The color pink and the girl in the signature pink overalls represents Emily Calandrelli.
- The centerline in the “2” represents Sharon and Marc Hagle’s second flight on New Shepard.
- The stars represent Austin Litteral’s vision for people among the stars.
- The people at the bottom represents J.D. Russell’s hope for generations of people expanding their understanding of the world.
- The wolf in the crew capsule’s window represents Hank Wolfond.



The flight path for Blue Origin’s 9th human flight.

For more information on the crew, see BlueOrigin.com.

Lawsuit against county for negligence in home flooding goes to appeals court

EL PASO — On November 11, Redford resident Barbara Baskin filed an appeal of a lower court decision saying Presidio County was immune from her lawsuit, which alleged that county negligence led to the failure of flood-prevention infrastructure near her home.

The filing in the Texas 8th Court of Appeals claims 394th District Judge Roy Ferguson was wrong to dismiss the case on July 30 after a March 4 hearing in which the county’s attorney said the court did not have jurisdiction to hear the case because state law shields government entities from most lawsuits claiming damages — even in cases where the entity is clearly negligent.

Baskin filed the suit shortly after the night of May 27, 2023, when her home was flooded thanks to a breach in a county-maintained dam. Her homestead — located just below Highway 170 along County Road 18 — has historically been protected by a detention pond designed to corral water from routine seasonal flooding. The pond was built to channel water into an acequia, an irrigation canal built and used by Redford’s original land grant families in the late 19th century.

That night, the pond failed, leaving a gash of about 12 feet in the pond wall. Water and debris flowed in from both sides of the road, knocking over Baskin’s gate and submerging her field and her historic adobe home in around two feet of water. “Only luck and quick thinking prevented Ms. Baskin and her dog, Lucy, and two mules from being swept away and dying or sustaining severe injuries,” Baskin’s attorney John Sopuch wrote in her lawsuit’s original complaint.

Baskin had long been concerned about the integrity of the pond, which she alleged had been neglected

by the county’s Road and Bridge Department. Just two months before the flooding, Baskin was slated to present to the Presidio County Commissioners Court on the status of the retention pond dam. County Judge Joe Portillo pulled the presentation from the agenda for lack of time, Baskin said, and later wouldn’t return calls to reschedule.

In March, Sopuch argued during a hearing that an exception under law to county immunity applied here — damages caused by employees driving motor-driven equipment — with the county’s use of backhoes, bulldozers and trucks in work that led to the dam break.

The county, represented by its Texas Association of Counties (TAC) attorney Denis Dennis, argued that there needed to be a direct “nexus” between the equipment and the actual damage. He said that too much time had passed between the allegations of faulty pond maintenance work and the flooding.

Not considered at all in the hearing were allegations by Baskin that Road and Bridge Director Ruben Carrasco purposely compromised the pond and the surrounding drainage features because of a personal grudge. Also not considered were Carrasco’s failure to respond to numerous directions from then County Judge Cinderella Guevara to fix the pond and adjoining drainage. Arguments were confined to the motor-driven-vehicle exception to immunity.

The county’s TAC risk pool insurance is covering most of the legal costs for the case, with the exception of deductibles. It’s unclear what those deductibles are, as the county has been unable to locate its policy after *The Big Bend Sentinel* asked to review it this summer.

Community center project advances on good news

By JEANINE BISHOP
For The Big Bend Sentinel

FORT DAVIS – Jeff Davis County received two pieces of good news this week regarding the county’s community center renovation project. A long-awaited environmental review has been completed and a new grant has been received.

According to County Grantsman Larry Francell, the environmental review, described by him as a “stamp of approval,” not a lengthy report, found no concerns that will impede the project. Francell said that the review focused on a checklist of simple questions, relating to such items as potential underground petroleum tanks, the possible presence of any endangered wildlife, and the potential presence of significant archeological materials.

As no issues were found, the report paved the way for County Judge Curtis Evans to sign a contract with El Paso-based Aztec Contractors to begin the work of transforming the former retail store — Fort Davis Outfitters store on Cemetery Road — into a functional multi-use community center and emergency evacuation shelter. The total value of the project is \$3 million. Work is being funded by grants, including one from the federal Housing and Urban Development program (HUD). It was a HUD requirement to have the environmental review completed.

According to the county judge’s clerk, Sandra Chambers, the county was also notified that it has received a grant of \$125,000 from Permian Basin Area Foundation for the kitchen portion of the project, which was separated from the contractor’s bid. “We took that out of the

contractor package because we have become a member of BuyBoard, which allows us to purchase equipment very affordably,” Chambers said. BuyBoard is a purchasing cooperative used by local governments to combine resources to achieve economies of scale on purchases.

With guidance from the project architect and Aztec, Chambers came up with a list of typical equipment for this project. She received multiple commercial quotes and, after comparing with BuyBoard, found significant savings on the items, including a Viking commercial stove, large freezer and refrigerator, stainless steel prep tables, and other necessary equipment.

According to Evans, he is now in the phase of getting the contract with Aztec finalized for signature, an action approved by commissioners earlier this month.

CORRECTION: An article published in last week’s paper titled “Historic hotel renovations await final investor” incorrectly stated that Byways Hospitality, which owns the Holland Hotel, Maverick Inn and Hotel Limpia, is awaiting a final investor before embarking on planned renovations. The company actually has investors in place and is waiting on a lender after their initial bank backed out in August. Byways is hoping to close on a construction loan in early 2025. We regret the error.

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Opinion

Dear Editor,

This past Saturday at the USO Marfa Visitor Center, Marfa Live Arts hosted Andale a Marfa: Revolution & Songs from Across the Border to commemorate the 114th anniversary of the Mexican Revolution. The Revolution began on November 20, 1910, as a struggle to reclaim Mexican lands, mines and railroads, which were 85% owned by foreign investors in Europe and the USA. It was also an uprising to improve harsh and inhumane working conditions which had enslaved thousands upon thousands on haciendas, mines and factories, indebting them to the company stores (on-site mercantiles run by owners where workers purchased on credit the food and provisions needed for their families). Prices were so grossly inflated and wages so unjustly small that, without change, worker’s grandchildren would still be working to pay off their generational debt.

On January 11, 1914, Francisco “Pancho” Villa took control of Ojinaga in a battle against dictator Victoriano Huerta’s federal army. As a result of the violence, over 7,000 refugees fled Mexico and walked to Marfa. The majority of the refugees were then taken by train to Fort Bliss, but a lot of people stayed in Marfa where their ancestors still remain today.

There are many differing opinions about Porfirio Díaz, Francisco Madero, President Woodrow Wilson, Emiliano Zapata, Pancho Villa, Venustiano Carranza and other key revolutionary figures in regard to the Mexican Revolution. A sage woman once told me that “there are as many different opinions about the Revolution as there are people to ask.”

Marfa Live Arts wanted to provide an opportunity to learn more about our area’s rich history and to hear the corridos/songs from that time. We had people from Ojinaga, El Paso, Odessa, Presidio, Alpine and beyond. Thanks to all who attended and who sang along with Arturo Guerrero and his fantastic mariachi band.

We’d like to thank our event sponsors who helped make it all possible: Cactus Liquors, City of Marfa, Marfa City Council, George and Cynthia Mitchell Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Texas Commission on the Arts and the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

It takes a village to produce such an event and we’d like to give a warmhearted thanks to: Arturo Alferez and MISD’s Folklorico dancers, Rob D’Amico, Fatima Anaza, Manny Baeza, Joey Benton, Gamaliel Bustillos Muñoz, René Cardona, Mark Cash, Crystal Catano, Jenna Connors, Rob Crowley, Chris Dowling, Meredith Dreiss, Chris Dyer, Will Floyd, Lydia Gallegos, JD Garcia, Faith Gay, Arturo Guerrero, Miriam Halpern, Audrey Herrera, Griselda Hinojos, Tim Johnson, Melissa Keane, Raul Lara, Nina Martin, Socorro Mena, Annette Mendoza, Peggy O’Brien, Tina Rivera, Liz Rohana, Joe Salinas, Victor Sotelo Mata, Tana Vargas and Misty Wilbourne.

And special thanks to Martha Stafford and the Marfa and Presidio County Museum for hosting a table at the event to share albums of archival photos from the Mexican Revolution. Postcards of photographs from the long, cold walk to Marfa were available to take home. We hope that more curiosity was sparked about this important time in our border history, and if you are a descendant from this period, we would love to talk with you.

Best,
Jennie Lyn Hamilton
Director, Marfa Live Arts / info@marfalivearts.org

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Dear Editor,

In the Nov 7th issue of the BBS I read about the Dollar General proposed in Terlingua. I simply don’t understand the opposition’s reasoning. Sounds to me like the folks need to wake up. Terlingua already has a Motor Inn, so what’s the problem? Maybe the folks just want to drive further for their supplies. Go figure!

Richard Stone
Austin, Texas

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Dear Editor,

I have a lot to be grateful for this Thanksgiving, and having our sweet little hospital out here in West Texas heads the list. I fell a couple of weeks ago, busted a couple of ribs and partially collapsed a lung.

When I finally went to the emergency room, they couldn’t have been faster or better. The ER doctor knew his stuff and did what was needed. I ended up having to stay for 9 days and I got excellent care. We are lucky to have such skilled and caring nurses. I am glad we now have student nurses too, hurray for Sul Ross and the new program.

I was under Dr. Nitschmann’s care there and am glad he is another excellent addition to our town. Everyone who dealt with me, doctors, ER, nursing, respiratory therapists, physical and occupational therapists, housecleaning, admin — everyone was kind and helpful. I am home now but still a ways from “all better,” but I know I will get there and make a bunch of cookies in an attempt to express my gratitude to these folks.

Thank you to the folks at BBMRC, I sure do appreciate you.
Chris Muller
Alpine

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Post-election message

Dear fellow Democrats. First and foremost; thank you for the time and money you volunteered and for voting blue. Thank you for your energy, passion, patience, persistence, and determination through this election cycle. I want you to know how deeply impressed I am by each of you. I also want you to know that whatever you are feeling post-election, it’s okay to feel it.

When you work as hard as we have for something as important as this election but don't see the outcome nationally you hoped for, it's hard. Thus, it's important to take the time to process your feelings. Do that. Reconnect with the things in your life that you set aside during this time. Rest. While you do, remember that what we have faced is not unique to us. Countries around the world have faced similar challenges — and in many cases, even more dramatic results than we’ve seen. But also take time to reflect on the victories we did achieve. Our goal for Jeff Davis County was and still is, “Blue in ’32.” While Trump gained on Democrats slightly in Presidio and Brewster counties, Harris held her own and did as well as Biden in Jeff Davis County.

Jeff County Democrats have a plan moving forward. It includes extending our focus to state and local issues and ensuring that those most targeted by the MAGA campaign of fear and anger are not abandoned. Details on how everything will fit together are still being worked out as I write this. But know that the work of organizing and empowering rural county Democrats didn’t start with this election — and it certainly won’t end with it. So, take time to rest and decompress. Because we will need you in this fight.

Calvin Glover
Jeff Davis County Democratic Party Chair

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OUR WATER MATTERS

Hydrothermal energy on the Big Island of Hawai’i

By TREY GERFERS

Hydrothermal energy, which is also known as conventional geothermal energy, is formed “when water is heated in the earth” and “hot water or steam is trapped in porous and fractured rocks beneath a layer of relatively impermeable caprock,” according to the Department of Energy’s Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy. This results in what is known as a “hydrothermal reservoir” where the hot water or steam can be tapped by drilling and then brought to the surface to generate electricity. Hydrothermal reservoirs typically occur where tectonic plates meet or in areas of high volcanic activity.

The Puna Geothermal Venture (PGV), which has been in operation on the Big Island of Hawai’i since 1993, harnesses the steam from hydrothermal reservoirs heated by underground magma. Geothermal electricity generation at PGV involves two cycles. In one of the cycles, the steam is harvested from a production well and passes through a separator, where the steam is separated from the brine. The steam is then directed through a geothermal combined cycle, where it initially turns a turbine at level I, thus generating electricity, and then passes through a vaporizer system. The steam is then directed from this vaporizer system to a second turbine at level II, where it generates more electricity, and then passes upward into a condenser where the steam is returned to a liquid state. The non-condensable gasses in the steam are sent to a so-called abatement system and the rest of the condensate is injected back into the ground via an injection well.

Meanwhile, the second of the two cycles involves directing the brine from the initial separator on the system through a binary cycle, where it is turned into steam in a vaporizer, directed to a turbine, and used to generate electricity before being sent to the condenser. The resulting condensate is then reinjected via an injection well and any non-condensable gasses are sent to the abatement system. I recently had the pleasure of touring the facility, where Plant Manager Jordan Hara explained that each “injection pipe is lined with a sleeve filled with nitrogen to prevent brine intrusion into the groundwater.” These sleeves extend down 3000 feet, which is “a good distance beyond the water table,” said Hara.

According to Mike Kaleikini, vice president of Community Affairs, PGV “has a contract with Hawaiian Electric to provide 38 megawatts of clean, renewable, geothermal energy.” To put that into perspective, one

megawatt of electricity is enough to power about 800 to 1,000 homes. “Since 1993,” said Kaleikini, “the amount of renewable energy that ... has been delivered by PGV has displaced the need to burn over 141 million gallons of oil.” However, the PGV plant was nearly destroyed by a months-long eruption of the nearby Kilauea Volcano, which began in early May 2018. The dramatic eruption ultimately produced about one billion cubic yards of lava that altered the landscape and destroyed about 700 homes. The geothermal electricity plant, which is located on an elevated knoll, “found itself surrounded entirely by lava,” according to Kaleikini. Although the facility itself was largely untouched, several of the wells and transmission lines were compromised and all roads to the facility were blocked by lava. Fortunately, the company was able to protect nearly all of the wells with “cast iron bridge plugs” to protect them against lava intrusion, according to Drew Spake, a project geologist at the site.

After many months of painstaking recovery efforts, PGV was able to bring all but one of its wells back online and regained operational status in November of 2020. According to Kaleikini, Hawaii’s “Public Utilities Commission, the PUC, conditionally approved an amended and restated power purchase agreement” in March of 2022. “The agreement will allow PGV to decommission the existing, older generating units and replace them with three, more modern generating units ... and the best part of it is that the three new units that are replacing the twelve older units will be able to generate 8 more megawatts with the same amount of geothermal resource that we are using today for the 38 megawatts.” These efforts are intended to help Hawai’i achieve its goal “to be on 100% renewable energy by 2045,” said Kaleikini.

Geothermal energy uses about 1 to 8 acres per megawatt hour generated, while coal uses about 19 acres per megawatt. According to Hara, “Geothermal also uses only about 1% of the land required for solar and 3% of the land required for wind power.” When asked why geothermal makes so much sense in Hawai’i, Hara responded: “Not only do we have an awesome geothermal resource here but ... [geothermal] requires a smaller physical footprint compared to other energy sources, which is critical on an island where land is so limited and expensive.”

Visit punageothermalproject.com to learn more.

Trey Gerfers serves as general manager of the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District. A San Antonio native, he has lived in Marfa since 2013 and can be reached at tgerfers@pcuwc.org.

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Ándale a Marfa



Photo by Tina Rivera

Marfa Live Arts presented *Ándale a Marfa: Revolution & Songs from Across the Border* at the USO Marfa Visitor Center this past Saturday to a full house of people from far and wide who were interested in learning more about our region's history and strong ties with Mexico.

'The Art of Stained Glass' set for Saturday at Jeff Davis library

FORT DAVIS — A special program featuring Fort Davis artist, Jeff Smith, is planned for the Jeff Davis County Library on Saturday, November 23, at 1 p.m. Known for his huge stunning architectural stained glass works, Jeff will show images of his designs and explain the unique process of creating "leaded glass."

Smith had several detours in life, studying science, biology, philosophy, religion, landscape architecture and fine arts, finally leading up to the art of stained glass. He studied with leading German stained glass artists and founded his

own company, Architectural Stained Glass in 1977. Winner of four "International Design Arts Awards" from the AIA/FRAA and two Corning Museum "New Glass Review" awards, Jeff has worked from Alaska to Florida and New Hampshire to Hawaii. In the year 2000, Smith moved from Dallas to Limpia Canyon in Fort Davis to establish his workshop and has since received international acclaim.

"The essence of stained glass is glass, lead, and light," Smith said. It dates to the 11th century cathedrals of Europe where it evolved into a

guild system. By the 1800s, more contemporary developments advanced toward architecture and the fine arts, leading into the 1960s and '70s when techniques further explored art.

Smith will discuss leaded glass and show examples of his huge pieces, which have been commissioned for residential, public, commercial and religious places — some in the tri-county area. For further information, call the library at (432) 426 3802 and visit his website at archstglassinc.com. This free program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg December 2, 2024

ACROSS
1 Guiding principles
6 Small flying pest
10 Nintendo consoles with remotes
14 Smell of hot cider, say
15 Interlock
16 Carve into glass or stone
17 Mixed drink that is essentially a Cuba libre
19 "That makes sense"
20 Giggly outburst
21 Skedaddles
23 Spiritual glow
24 Ran like Usain (pun intended!)
28 God, to a Rastafarian
29 Navigation gadget: Abbr.
30 Mark made on a canvas
32 Salon offering
33 ___ out (barely got by)
34 Boats that are paddled
37 Ones who always help others
39 Middle Eastern ruler
40 One-eighties
43 Going off the rails
46 Elation
49 Take advantage of

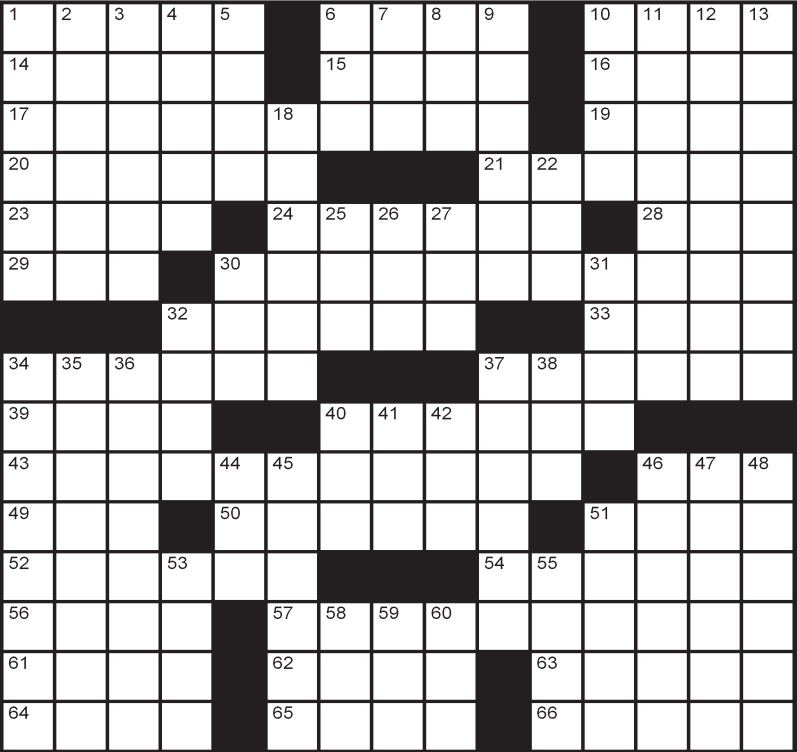
50 Eugene or Dan Levy, for the 2024 Primetime Emmys
51 Walking support
52 Unleash
54 Pauses in hostilities
56 Tree of Knowledge's garden
57 Question when checking on a friend ... or a hint to two pairs of letters in 17-, 30- or 43-Across
61 Cain's brother
62 Parks who would not move to the back of the bus
63 Sequence of musical notes
64 Big Apple address letters
65 Egg center
66 "For Whom the Bell ___"

DOWN
1 Livestock identifier
2 Make level
3 Four-baggers
4 Largest city in Nebraska
5 Clearheaded
6 Sierra or Yukon maker
7 Prefix with "classical" or "logical"
8 Pose the question
9 Academic propositions

10 Bob who co-founded the Grateful Dead
11 "Relax, I'm kidding!"
12 Refrigerator feature
13 Alternatives to man caves
18 Flotsam, for instance
22 Chicago summer hrs.
25 Not just my
26 Certain hallucinogen
27 However briefly?
30 Hon
31 Guns, as an engine
32 Honk source
34 Sky blue
35 Getting a kick out of the bus
36 Age of the Marquis de Lafayette when he became a major general

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12/2 Is Everything All Right? by Zachary David Levy



DRAWING OF THE WEEK



Jade Martinez
6th Grade - Mixed Media Self Portait

Sudoku & Crossword puzzles:

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

			3	1				
7	5		2			8	1	
		2		5		3		4
		1		8			2	
				3				
	4			9		1		
5		4		7		2		
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Solution from last week's puzzle:

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4	3	7	9	8	2	1	5	6
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9	2	1	8	7	6	3	4	5
7	6	4	5	3	9	2	8	1
3	8	5	1	2	4	6	9	7
8	4	3	7	9	1	5	6	2
1	9	6	2	5	8	4	7	3
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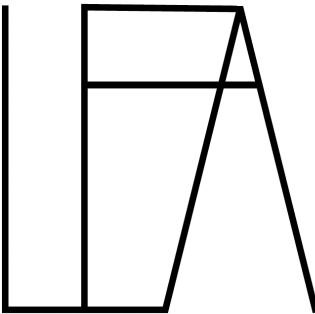
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Marfa ISD hosts community Thanksgiving luncheon

MARFA — The school cafeteria was packed last Friday as the community gathered for a Thanksgiving lunch where Marfa ISD served 231 meals to 161 students and 70 adults. “It was nice to have the families come out and enjoy a meal together at our school cafeteria,” Principal Rosie Martinez said. “Everyone at Marfa ISD played a part in helping serve our students and families. We set up Hibbits Gym with tables and chairs, just in case we didn’t

have enough room in the cafeteria. It was a great turn out! We hope to do it again next year.” Interim Superintendent Arturo Alferez thanked Ms. Martinez for spearheading the initiative and the cafeteria staff for their hard work. He said the Thanksgiving luncheon has taken place in the past but was off schedule due to the COVID-10 pandemic. He said he was glad to see it returning and wanted to continue

to host activities that engage both students and parents. “I want to invite parents back in, I want parents more involved in our school system,” Alferez said. “I need to see students involved, not just on the academic side but also on the social side, knowing that, ‘Hey, this is the reason I come to school. I just don’t come to school to learn how to pass a state test.’”

AROUND THE BIG BEND

Thu
Nov
21

Hike with Homeless Dogs

10:00am - 11:00am at Davis Mountains State Park
Help a homeless dog have a great time on the trail!

Monthly Distribution Day

4pm at Marfa Food Pantry
The Pantry provides monthly food distributions to low-income families in Marfa, and is supported by generous donations from the local community.

Swirlhood

6:00pm - 7:00pm at The Ritchey
Come watch Swirlhood play from 7pm - 9pm, no cover!

Fri
Nov
22

Alpine Art Walk

22nd - 23rd
Visit artwalkalpine.com for the weekend schedule.

Final Ghost Tour Performance

7:30pm - 9:30pm at Elm Grove Cemetery
It's the farewell tour! Alpine Ghost Tours: Graveside Tales is back! Tickets are limited. Don't miss final ghost tour. For tickets, visit www.bit.ly/sulross-theatre

A Hike Through History

9am - 10:30am at Davis Mountain State Park
Retrace the steps of early peoples in the Davis Mountains and learn how they adapted to life in this sky island region of the Chihuahuan Desert.

Jennifer Jane Niceley

6:00pm - 7:00pm at The Ritchey
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Sat
Nov
23

Morning Bird Walk

9am - 10:30am at Davis Mountains State Park
Come join us on a birding adventure through the park.

Ross Fleming

7pm - 9pm at The Ritchey
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AA (in-person)

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Saturday at 9:00am - 12:00pm at Alpine Visitor Center

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Presidio County Will Build Road To Big Bend Park

Two Commissioners Join in Construction To Start October 15

Presidio, September 30 — Presidio and Marfa will be connected by a direct river road to the Big Bend National Park soon. The combined equipment and road building facilities of the precincts represented by Commissioners Dr. Clyde Vaught of Presidio and Enrique Madrid of Redford will be used to improve a new Presidio county road beginning at the western extreme of the Fowlkes Brothers ranch near the Luz del Desierto (Light of the Desert) and ending about 28 miles east near Lajitas.

The road improvement project, which is expected to begin about October 15, will follow the route of a narrow jeep trail constructed by the bureau of animal industry to facilitate the vehicular patrol of the border river section in recent attempts to prevent crossing of cattle from Mexico as a measure of control in the quarantine against the foot-and-mouth disease.

Aside from opening a Western travel route from the Big Bend National park, the new road will serve as a highway of rugged scenic beauty to the tourist; encourage mineral exploration, and present virgin fishing spots along the Rio Grande to the followers of the sport of Isaac Walton. Access to the grazing fields of elusive deer in the mountainous area will be another asset of the road to hunters during the open seasons. The entire trail is marked by massive and odd rock formations, colorful cliffs and deep canyons.

One thrilling feature of the road is at a point where it crosses through a high mountain pass about 15 miles west of Lajitas. Here the road rises sharply in a winding fashion to a height of about 1200 feet above where the Rio Grande courses through a narrow canyon. The sight is breathtaking and the trip through the narrow, boulder strewn pass must be negotiated slowly and with extreme care by travelers at the present time.

Only jeeps and pickup trucks are recommended for traversing the route until the projected road improvement work is completed. Several months will be required to put the road in condition for passenger car traffic.

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It’s Artwalk weekend in Alpine

ALPINE — Artwalk Alpine, West Texas’ longest-running arts festival celebrates its 31st year on November 22-23, 2024. Artwalk Alpine invites attendees from near and far to enjoy a weekend filled with artistic exploration. Attendees will have the opportunity to view a diverse array of artworks, learn about local artists, shop at local businesses, and savor delicious food and drinks while enjoying live music. The festival will feature dozens of local artists on 5th Street and Kishmish Plaza, extended hours for 19 local businesses, and performances by nine Texas bands on the Michelob Ultra Stage — all free of charge.

- Event details:
- Location: 5th Street and surrounding areas of downtown Alpine
 - Hours: Friday, November 22: 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 23: 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
 - Friday bands start: 5 p.m.
 - Headliner: SA Blue Cats at 9 p.m.
 - Local favorites: Doodlin Hogwallops, A Few Too Many



Saturday bands start: 1 p.m.

- Headliner: Ruben V at 9 p.m.
- Local favorites: Doug Moreland and Friends, The Swifts, Desert Debo and her All Star Review, NaniByrd, and Sierra Turko

Artwalk Alpine is organized by Alpine’s Gallery Night, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to promoting the arts through educational, economic, and opportunities for children, students, patrons, artists, and tourists in the Alpine and Big Bend region. For more information, visit: artwalkalpine.com.

Alpine’s farewell ‘Ghost Tour’ is this Friday

ALPINE — The Sul Ross Theatre Program hosts its final tour of the award-winning Alpine Ghost Tours: Graveside Tales on Friday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Alpine.

Part historical walking tour, part site-specific performance piece, Alpine Ghost Tours: Graveside Tales, includes stories about Alpine history and its residents buried at the Elm Grove and Holy Angels cemeteries.

One of the featured stories is of Crystal Holland, the daughter of Colonel J.R. Holland, local rancher who built the Holland Hotel. Crystal was murdered on Holland Avenue in broad daylight by her husband in 1916. She was 30 years old and the mother of a 6-year-old daughter. “Ms. Holland’s story is often told in a salacious way because her husband suspected her of infidelity,” says writer and director and Chair of the SRSU Department of Visual and Performing Arts Marjie Scott. “Her life was cut short because of a horrible act of violence committed by her husband, not because of anything she did. When I was researching this project, I read numerous magazine articles about the nation’s most haunted hotels,



“Ghost Tour” cast members include Mason Forringer, Cameron Owens, Joel Trinidad, Justin Hinton, and Nidia Corona.

and the Holland was frequently on these lists. The articles treated Ms. Holland as though she brought this crime upon herself. It made me angry, so I vowed to give her a space to tell her story.”

The tour also includes details of the last legal public hanging in Texas, how Pete A. Gallego led the desegregation of Alpine schools, and other significant stories. In addition to the serious content, there are light-hearted moments.

The tour is led by Chicago’s Second City alum Bret Scott. “We don’t make fun of or desecrate the memories of the people buried here at all,” says Scott. “But there is room for laughter in the darkness.”

The tour launched in November 2021 as a downtown walking tour and, in 2022, won the Texas Travel Award for Best Under the Radar Activity — Small Town. In November of 2023, the tour

moved to the cemetery. Despite the popularity and success of the ghost tour, this Friday’s performance will be the last for a while. “We may bring it back at some point,” says Marjie Scott. “My colleagues and I have enjoyed the experience so much and met audiences from all over the nation. But our program is focusing on other projects for the foreseeable future. We’re grateful for the support of the tour over the past three years.”

Alpine Ghost Tours: Graveside Tales runs Friday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Alpine. Tickets are \$20 and include a hot beverage and a flower. To purchase tickets, visit www.bit.ly/sulross-theatre. All proceeds benefit the Sul Ross Theatre Program scholarship fund.

Patrons are encouraged to dress warmly and wear comfortable, close-toed shoes. Alpine Ghost Tours is sponsored by the Sul Ross Theatre Program, Alpine Historic Association, and City of Alpine. Featuring Bret Scott, Garrison Rutledge, Justin Hinton, Jenna Reyes, Abigail Scott, Cristian Sanchez and Carlo Aceytuno. The tour is directed by Marjie Scott. Costume design is by Carolyn Barrientes.

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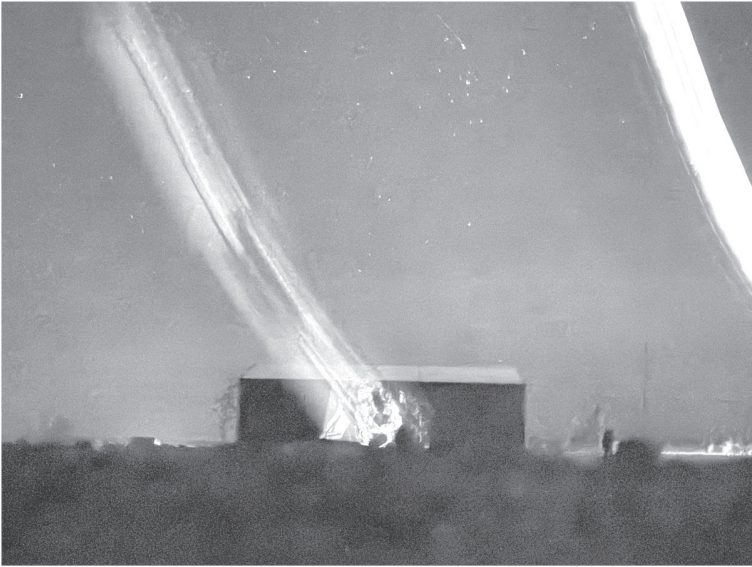
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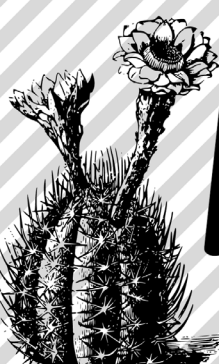


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Marfa Shorthorns basketball season in full swing

By LINDA OJEDA
For The Big Bend Sentinel

MARFA — The Marfa Shorthorns basketball teams are making strides as their 2024 - 2025 season gains momentum. Last Friday, the varsity girls secured a decisive 32-14 victory over Comstock, showcasing an early glimpse of their potential.

However, they faced a tough challenge on Tuesday night at home, falling to Van Horn in a close 25-16 contest.

On the boys side, the varsity team opened the season with back-to-back tough matchups. They started strong against Comstock, a team known for its early-season readiness due to not participating in football — but lost the game with too many turnovers.

However, the now 2A Van Horn Eagles, with a larger roster of players and fresh legs, proved formidable, handing the Shorthorns' six-player roster a 46-23 loss. Both varsity coaches remain optimistic, emphasizing that early-season rust and conditioning challenges are expected but will fade as the teams settle into week two of practice.

Standout performances: Raven Martinez: 12 points, 17 points, 10 rebounds across two games. Alex Rodriguez: 14 points. Loretta Rivera: 11 points, including a perfect 3-for-3 from beyond the arc.

The junior varsity teams also showed promise. The JV Horns narrowly edged Valentine on



A Shorthorn kicks up for a jump shot against Comstock in boys varsity action this week.

the road Tuesday, pulling off a thrilling 12-11 victory. Scoring contributions came from Adonise Lujan, Alyssa Hardin, Itzel Urrutia and Lynna Hinojos, who each scored 2 points, while Natasha Labrado led the team with 4 points.

Coaches and players alike look to continue their progress as they take the court for another exciting week of basketball action with a game at Fort Hancock Friday (5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. CST) and on the road Tuesday at Iraan.

St. Paul's and Chinati to hold free Thanksgiving dinner

MARFA — The Chinati Foundation is hosting and St. Paul's Episcopal Church is organizing a free community-wide Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 28. Dinner will be served from noon until 2:30 p.m. at the Chinati Arena, 701 Katherine St. Everyone is invited.

Earlier in the day, Father Mike Wallens will offer a Celebration of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's

Episcopal Church, the stone church behind the Marfa Courthouse. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

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PLEASE RECYCLE THIS PAPER

MARFA ISD has a vacancy on the School Board

This vacancy for the unexpired term will be filled at a Special/Regular meeting on December 16, 2024, at 6pm.

Interested in serving on the board? Please review the qualifications and submit a letter in writing to Mrs. Teresa Nunez, board president, expressing your interest in serving on the board. This letter must be received at the Superintendent's office no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, December 13, 2024. You may wish to attend the meeting on December 16, 2024, in case the board decides to interview you.

Qualifications to be a Board Member:

- To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, the office of Board member, a person must:
1. Be a United States citizen.
 2. Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable.
 3. Have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be: Totally mental incapacitated and the person's mental capacity has not subsequently been completely restored by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction; or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote and person's guardianship has not been modified to include the right to vote or the person's mental capacity has not been completely restored by a subsequent final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction.
 4. Have not been finally convicted of a felony for which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. Atty. Gen. Op. LO 96-114 (1996).
 5. Be a resident of Texas and the District for the period of time described at CANDIDATE'S RESIDENCY TERM (This is a resident of the state of Texas for the past 12 months, a resident of the Marfa ISD six months).
 6. A qualified voter

HAND DELIVER LETTER TO:
Marfa ISD Central Office
c/o Maria Teresa Nunez
Marfa ISD Board of Trustees
400 W Lincoln St.
Marfa, TX 79843

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF PRESIDIO

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By virtue of Tax Warrant issued out of the 394th District Court of Presidio County, Texas in Cause No. 5311-A on the 23rd day of October, 2024, by the Clerk thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at **10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 2024** at the South Door of the Presidio County Courthouse, in Marfa, Texas, the properties described below:

CAUSE NO
5311-A
STYLING

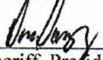
City of Presidio, et al vs. Owners of Various Properties Located Within the City Limits of Presidio, Texas

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

- Tract 1. Lot 1, Block 9, Bellevue Addition, R299
Tract 2. Lot 1, Block 17, Bellevue Addition, R411
Tract 4. Lot 20, Block 34, Kelly Addition No. 1, R1136
Tract 5. Lot 6, Block 2, Gleim Addition No. 2, R999
Tract 6. Lot 5, Block 11, Gleim Subdivision No. 1; SAVE & EXCEPT all minerals, R912
Tract 7. Lot 3, Block 12, Belleaire Addition, in Vol. 264, Pg. 129; SAVE & EXCEPT a tract of land 0.055 acres, more or less, out of Lot 3, Block 12, Belleaire Addition, in Vol. 276, Pg. 202, R219
Tract 8. Lot 14, Block 44, Millington Addition, R21647
Tract 9. Part of Lots 4 and 5, Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, all of Lot 16, and Part of Lot 17, Block 84, Millington Addition, (MH) R4802
Tract 11. Lot 9, Block 3, Russell Addition, R2322
Tract 12. An undivided 50.0 % interest in Lots 1 through 13, Block 1, Mountain View Addition, R1796
Tract 13. An undivided 50.0 % interest in Lots 1 through 13, Block 1, Mountain View Addition, R1798
Tract 14. Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 12, Sunset Addition, R2392
Tract 15. Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block 12, Sunset Addition, R2394

LEVIED ON the 28th day of October, 2024, as the property of those persons listed above to satisfy taxes, penalties, and interest and all costs of seizure and sale against those persons listed in said Warrant and any other unknown owners in favor of the Taxing Units listed in said Tax Warrants.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS THE 28th DAY OF October, 2024.



Sheriff, Presidio County, Texas

Deputy

Davis Mountains Nut Company needs general help and a management trainee.

Starting at \$12.00 per hour and going to \$40,000 annually. Apply in person!

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