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Youngsters from a local school show off their colorful Chinese dresses and silk-and-paper parasols as they walk in the Chinese New Year Parade, held Saturday in Del Rio's historic downtown. The youngsters later participated in a dance program at the local public school district's Student Performance Center. (Photo by Karen Gleason)



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Owens, Vazquez, Flores, Arellano win primary nods

BY KAREN GLEASON
The 830 Times

Three incumbents on Val Verde County Commissioners Court posted decisive victories over their challengers in Tuesday's Democratic Party Primary Election.

County Judge Lewis G. Owens Jr., County Commissioner Pct. 2 Juan Carlos Vazquez and County Commissioner Pct. 4 Gustavo "Gus" Flores defeated challengers for the Democratic Party nominations to their respective offices.

Owens won his contest by 859 votes, drawing 1,998 total votes over

the 1,139 total votes cast for his challenger, former Del Rio Mayor Bruno J. Lozano.

Minutes after the election results were announced, Owens, who waited outside the county courthouse with his wife, Sylvia Owens and several members of his election team, told The 830 Times, "It was a hard-fought race, and we are happy with the results. Thank you to everyone who came out to vote. We will now start working for the November election. Love y'all."

Vazquez won by 162 votes, with 391 total votes to the 229 votes cast for his challenger, hospital staffer

Rose Castro.

After the results were announced, Vazquez said, "I'm super excited. I want to thank all of my supporters. I also wanted to thank the people that didn't support me; they listened, and everyone made a choice. I'm looking forward to keeping Precinct 2, Del Rio and Val Verde County moving forward. I'm here for the people, so I'm really excited."

Flores posted a victory as well, defeating former Val Verde County Clerk Generosa "Janie" Ramon. Flores won by 180 votes. He had a total of 564 votes to Ramon's 384 total votes.

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Photo by Karen Gleason

Val Verde County Judge Lewis G. Owens Jr., left, and his wife, Sylvia Owens, right, are all smiles following Owens' victory in Tuesday's Democratic Party Primary Election. Owens defeated one challenger, former Del Rio Mayor Bruno J. Lozano, for the Democratic Party nomination. Owens will face the Republican Party nominee, former Val Verde County Commissioner Pct. 3 Robert Beau Nettleton, in the November General Election.

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Update on air service, ongoing city projects greet council

BY KAREN GLEASON
The 830 Times

All seven members of the Del Rio City Council were present.

Here's what happened at the meeting:

Citizens address council on a variety of topics

- Four Del Rioans addressed the city council during the "Citizen Comments" portion of the meeting. Bea Vallejo said in her opinion the mayor and council members have allowed items to be placed on the agenda that should not have been placed and allowed behavior "beyond assigned duties." Vallejo said the mayor and council members should be reprimanded because they are responsible for the behavior of persons who work for the city. Linda Webb spoke about her husband, the late Steve Webb, former city council member, and reminded the council he had established the constituent office at the city's transportation center as a location for council members to meet with citizens. She asked that the office not be converted to a space for the city's economic development department. Juan

Carlos Alatorre addressed concerns about the safety of persons visiting the Joe Ramos Center, the need for more lights along trails and in parks where citizens walk and run, a problem with noisy cars and obnoxious drivers in the area and praised Mayor Al Arreola, saying, "He is doing the best he can." Lori Reyes asked questions about an item on the agenda to pay more money to the city's consultants on a proposed second international bridge.

Mayor, council members make announcements

- During the "Mayor/Council Public Announcements" agenda item, Mayor Al Arreola told City Manager Shawna Burkhart he would like to have an update on the progress of the planned renovation of the Paul Poag Theatre no later than March 10. Arreola also wished the school district's varsity basketball team good luck as they compete in a bi-district tournament. Mayor Pro-tem Jim DeReus announced that the Feb. 24 meeting would be the last for Human Resources Director Mario Garcia, who is retiring. DeReus said he wanted

to publicly thank Garcia for his 18 years of service to the city. At this point, Burkhart noted Garcia is one of two city management-level employees retiring in the near future. She noted Assistant Public Works Director Roger Sanchez is also retiring after 39 years of service with the city. Council and audience applauded both men, and the mayor and council members left the dais to take a photo with the two men. Councilwoman Carmen Gutierrez announced the February is Heart Health Month, and she urged everyone to get their hearts tested regularly. She also said she has cards available for agencies and organizations to display. The cards are part of a suicide prevention effort.

City manager gives update on ongoing projects

- City Manager Shawna Burkhart gave city council members updates on a range of projects. Burkhart said there will be a meeting on the city's proposed new vendor ordinance on March 19. She announced the repaving of Strickland Street is complete, and there will be a final walk-through of the

Carranza Pond Detention Pond project on March 13. She said all of the prefabricated bridges have been installed at the San Felipe Springs Golf Course. She thanked 50-plus National Guard members who worked with Community Services Director Esme Meza to clean up a portion of the San Felipe Creek on Monday (Feb. 23). Burkhart said the city has received three bids on the Paul Poag Theatre renovation projects. Two of those bids exceeded the project budget, she said, and the project engineers are reviewing the third bid. Burkhart announced the city's Transportation Depot has been designated a historic site, and she said there will be a St. Patrick's Day/World Autism Day family event at the civic center on March 14.

Council hears update on efforts to restore commercial air service

- Mike Mooney of Volaire Aviation Consultants gave city council members an update on efforts to restore commercial air service at Del Rio International Airport. Mooney's company is under contract with the city to help it restore

commercial air service. Mooney went over meetings between city officials and Contour Airlines officials in July 2025 and with SkyWest Airlines officials in January. Mooney gave an update on his company's recruitment efforts. He also discussed next steps, one of which is maintaining contact with SkyWest Airlines officials and talked about the possibility of setting up a meeting with United Airlines representatives. He told the council it will be necessary to enlist United's support for SkyWest to allocate an aircraft for Del Rio service. He added if a meeting with United is scheduled, the city must attempt to gain additional support from government leaders for the re-establishment of commercial air service here.

Council receives budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

- Assistant Finance Director Roxy Soto presented council members with a calendar for key events in the preparation of the city's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. Soto said one of the

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Democrats pick incumbents, select nominees for local seats

BY KAREN GLEASON
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A total of 3,295 Val Verde County voters cast ballots in the Democratic Party Primary Election on Tuesday.

In one of the most closely watched local races, Val Verde County Judge Lewis G. Owens Jr. defeated former Del Rio Mayor Bruno J. Lozano to win the Democratic Party nomination for the office of Val Verde County Judge.

Owens ended the race with a total of 1,998 votes, and Lozano posted a total of 1,139 votes. Owens now faces another race in November against former Val Verde County

Commissioner Pct. 3 Robert Beau Nettleton, who won the Republican Party nomination.

Val Verde County Court-at-Law Judge Sergio J. Gonzalez was unopposed in his bid for the Democratic Party nomination for the office he currently holds. Gonzalez received a total of 2,734 votes in the primary and is unopposed in the November General Election.

Rachel Magallanes also ran unopposed in the Democratic Party primary and sealed her party's nomination to the office of District Clerk by earning 2,428 votes in the primary election. Magallanes currently works as chief

deputy clerk in the office of District Clerk Jo Ann Cervantes, who has announced she will retire at the end of her term this year. Magallanes will face the Republican Party nominee for the office, Mary Jane Ross, an auditor in the county auditor's office, in November.

Val Verde County Treasurer Aaron D. Rodriguez will also face a Republican Party challenger in November. Rodriguez was unopposed in the Democratic Party Primary Election, receiving a total of 2,543 votes to clinch his party's nomination. Rodriguez will face Republican Party nominee Michelle Fagan in

November.

Val Verde County Surveyor Abner Martinez won the Democratic Party nomination to the office he now holds, garnering a total of 2,476 in the primary. Martinez is unopposed in the November General Election.

Val Verde County Commissioner Pct. 2 Juan Carlos Vazquez is the Democratic Party nominee for the office he currently holds. Vazquez earned a total of 391 votes in the primary, besting Rose M. Castro, a member of the staff at Val Verde Regional Medical Center, who had a total of 229 votes. Vazquez will face retiree Rey Robles, the Republican Party

nominee, in November.

Another incumbent county commissioner, Val Verde County Commissioner Pct. 4 Gustavo "Gus" Flores, beat former Val Verde County Clerk Generosa "Janie" Ramon for the Democratic Party nomination to the office he currently holds. Flores had a total of 564 votes in the primary election, with Ramon getting a total of 384 votes. Flores will face schoolteacher John I. Wardlaw, the Republican Party nominee, in November.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Jesse James Trevino once again became the

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Republicans select nominees for local offices

BY KAREN GLEASON
The 830 Times

A total of 2,885 Val Verde County Republicans cast ballots in Tuesday's primary election, selecting a slate of nominees for local offices.

Two Republican nominees will go unopposed to the November General Election: 83rd Judicial District Judge Robert E. Cadena and Val Verde County Clerk Teresa Esther Chapoy.

Cadena was unopposed in the Republican Party Primary Election as well. Cadena garnered a total of 2,303 votes from Val Verde County Republicans, according to a summary of the unofficial election results

released by Chapoy on Tuesday.

Chapoy won the Republican Party nomination as she seeks re-election to the office she currently holds. Chapoy defeated a Republican challenger, schoolteacher Adriana Acosta, posting 1,310 total votes to Acosta's 1,222 total votes.

Former Val Verde County Commissioner Pct. 3 Robert Beau Nettleton won the Republican Party nomination for the office of Val Verde County Judge. Nettleton ran unopposed in the primary election, earning a total of 2,126 votes. Nettleton will face the incumbent and Democratic Party nominee,

Val Verde County Judge Lewis G. Owens Jr., in the November General Election.

Also running unopposed in the primary was Mary Jane Ross, who is seeking the office of District Clerk. Ross, an auditor in the county auditor's office, garnered a total of 2,125 votes in the primary. In the November General Election, Ross will face the Democratic Party nominee, Rachel Magallanes, who currently works as the chief deputy in the district clerk's office. There is no incumbent running for this office as District Clerk Jo Ann Cervantes has announced she will retire at the end of her term this year.

Michelle Fagan, who is seeking the office of County Treasurer, was unopposed in the Republican Party Primary Election. Fagan received a total of 2,140 votes in the primary. She will face the incumbent and Democratic Party nominee, County Treasurer Aaron D. Rodriguez, in November.

Two Republicans sought the Republican Party nomination for the office of County Commissioner Pct. 2. Rey Robles, who listed his occupation as retired, won the nomination over Antonio "Tony" Rodriguez, an investigator. Robles posted a total of 222 votes, and Rodriguez had a total of 194 votes. Robles will face the

incumbent and Democratic Party nominee, Val Verde County Commissioner Pct. 2 Juan Carlos Vazquez, in November.

Schoolteacher John I. Wardlaw was unopposed in his bid for the Republican Party nomination for the office of County Commissioner Pct. 4. A total of 396 Val Verde County Republicans cast their ballots for Wardlaw. He will face the incumbent and Democratic Party nominee, Val Verde County Commissioner Pct. 4 Gustavo "Gus" Flores, in the November General Election.

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Val Verde County Court-at-Law Judge



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Local Democratic voters choose Talarico, Limon, Hinojosa

BY KAREN GLEASON
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Val Verde County Democrats who voted in Tuesday's Democratic Party Primary Election selected a slate of nominees for local offices, but also cast ballots in state and federal races.

A total of 3,295 Val Verde County voters cast ballots in the Democratic Party Primary Election.

In the contest for U.S. Senator, Val Verde County Democrats picked James Talarico, giving him a total of 1,693 votes. The second-place finisher, Jasmine Crockett, got a total of 1,134 votes from local Democrats, and the

third-place candidate, Ahmad H. Hassan, drew a total of 101 votes.

Democrats across the state selected Talarico as the Democratic Party nominee for U.S. Senator. Talarico will face the winner of a Republican Party runoff between the incumbent, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

In the race for the U.S. Representative, District 23, seat, the county's Democratic voters liked Santos Limon, a graduate of Del Rio High School, who garnered a total of 1,452 votes. Katy Padilla Stout came in a distant second among Val Verde County Democratic Party voters,

garnering a total of 903 votes. Bruce Richardson had a total of 305 votes from Val Verde County, and Gretel Enck had a total of 116 votes.

Val Verde County Democrats supported Gina Hinojosa in her bid to become the next governor of the Lone Star state, giving her a total of 1,646 votes. Hinojosa won the Democratic nomination, and she will face the incumbent, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, the Republican Party nominee, in November.

Val Verde County Democrats also cast ballots for other candidates vying for the Democratic Party nomination for Texas

Governor. Those candidates and the votes cast for them are as follows: Jose Navarro Balbuena, 263; Patricia Abrego, 261; Angela "TiaAngie" Villescay, 192; Bobby Cole, 171; Zach Vance, 75; Chris Bell, 74; Andrew White, 62; and Carlton W. Hart, 54.

Val Verde County Democrats picked Marcus Isaias Velez, who garnered a total of 1,654 total votes, as their choice for the office of Texas Lieutenant Governor. Val Verde County Democrats also gave Vikki Goodwin a total of 510 votes, and they handed Courtney Head a total of 486 votes.

In selecting a nominee for the office of Texas Attorney

General, Val Verde County Democrats picked Anthony "Tony" Box, who earned a total of 1,031 votes here. Nathan Johnson received a total of 987 votes from Val Verde Democrats, and Joe Jaworski got 564 total votes.

Texas Sen. Roland Gutierrez of San Antonio was unopposed in his bid for the Democratic Party nomination for Texas State Senator, District 19. Val Verde County Democrats supported Gutierrez with 2,508 votes as he seeks reelection to the office.

In November, Gutierrez will face the winner of a

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Republican voters back Paxton, Herrera, Abbott

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Val Verde County Republicans who voted in Tuesday's Republican Party Primary Election selected a slate of nominees for local offices, but also cast ballots in state and federal races.

A total of 2,885 Val Verde County voters cast ballots in the Republican Party Primary Election.

In the race for one of the state's two U.S. Senate seats, Val Verde County Republicans favored Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who received a total of 1,075 votes, over the incumbent U.S. Sen. John

Cornyn, who received a total of 999 votes. Neither Cornyn nor Paxton was the clear winner, and they are headed to a runoff.

Votes for the other U.S. Senate candidates fell out as follows: John O. Adefope, 58; Sara Canady, 116; Virgil John Bierschwale, 19; Anna Bender, 43; Wesley Hunt, 326; and Gulrez "Gus" Khan, 46.

In the race for the U.S. Representative, District 23, seat, the county's Republican voters liked Brandon Herrera, who garnered a total to 1,385 votes. The incumbent, U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales, brought in a total of 988 votes. Neither Herrera nor Gonzales won

the nomination outright, so they, too, are headed for a runoff.

Francisco "Quico" Canseco came in a distant third in the U.S. House race among local Republicans, who cast a total of 163 votes for him. Ken Barton rounded out the field, earning a total of 203 votes from local voters.

Val Verde County Republicans overwhelmingly supported incumbent Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, handing him a total of 2,383 votes, a reflection of Abbott's statewide performance, where he won the Republican nomination outright.

Some local Republicans

also voted for candidates vying with Abbott for the nomination. Those candidates and the votes cast for them are as follows: R.F. "Bob" Achgill, 17; Stephen Samuelson, 10; Evelyn Brooks, 67; Arturo Espinosa, 71; Pete "Doc" Chambers, 177; Nathaniel Welch, 13; Charles Andrew Crouch, 6; Mark V. Goloby, 9; Kenneth Hyde, 21; and Ronnie Tullos, 10.

Val Verde County Republicans also overwhelmingly supported the incumbent Lieutenant Gov. Dan Patrick in the race for Texas Lieutenant Governor. Patrick earned 2,076 total votes from Val Verde County.

Other Republicans in the race and the total number of votes they received are as follows: Esala Wueschner, 55; Perla Munoz Hopkins, 318; and Timothy Mabry, 164.

In the race for Texas Attorney General, Val Verde County Republicans favored Chip Roy, giving him a total of 1,107 votes. Local Republicans also voted for Mayes Middleton, handing him 616 votes. Statewide, neither man won the nomination outright, and Roy and Middleton are headed for a runoff.

There were two other

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Council majority appoints Chavez to interim city manager post

BY KAREN GLEASON
The 830 Times

A majority of the Del Rio City Council appointed Assistant City Manager Manuel Chavez as interim city manager.

The city council appointed Chavez during a special meeting Wednesday.

Appointing an interim city manager became necessary after the council accepted a “mutual separation agreement” with former City Manager Shawna Burkhart during the council’s most recent regular meeting on Feb. 24, with the mutual separation becoming effective the next day, Feb. 25.

During the Feb. 24 meeting, a majority of the council

also voted to proceed with the dismissal of City Attorney Ana Markowski Smith.

A resolution appointing an interim city manager was one of a handful of items on the agenda of Wednesday’s special meeting.

Also during Wednesday’s meeting, the council heard from three leaders of The Border Organization, who spoke during the “Citizen Comments” portion of the meeting and who chided the council for firing Smith and urged council members to reconsider their decision.

Following the comments from TBO leaders, the council moved on to consider a resolution ratifying the mutual separation of the

city manager. The council unanimously approved the resolution ratifying the mutual separation.

The council moved on to a resolution approving the appointment of the law firm of Denton Navarro Rodriguez Bernal Santee & Zech, P.C., of San Antonio to provide services as the interim city attorney. The council approved the resolution on a 5-2 vote, with Councilman J.P. Sanchez and Councilman Randy Quinones voting against the appointment.

The third and final resolution dealt with the appointment of an interim city manager.

After City Secretary Mari Acosta read the heading of

the agenda item, Mayor Protem Jim DeReus said he believed hiring someone outside the city “doesn’t make sense” if the person were to hold the interim city manager job for only a few months.

DeReus continued, “The resumes we have, as far as I could tell, every single person in there was from outside the city except for Mr. Chavez, and then the intent is for them to be here only a couple of months, most of which, most of that time, they’re going to be getting up to speed on policies, procedures and personnel, figuring out what’s going on, and then we’re going to put in a



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Assistant City Manager Manuel Chavez has been appointed interim city manager for the city of Del Rio. Chavez’s appointment was approved by the city council during a special meeting on Wednesday.

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Tempers boil as court discusses Precinct 4 lights

BY KAREN GLEASON
The 830 Times

Tensions flared between members of Val Verde County Commissioners Court on Wednesday during a discussion of streetlights in Precinct 4.

Eight items on the court's regular meeting agenda dealt with streetlights in Precinct 4. Seven items dealt with the installation of new lights and one with upgrades to existing lights.

At the start of the discussion, Owens asked County Engineer Carlos Velarde to put up a map of the area in the county where the lights are to be placed. The map depicted a stretch of Cienegas Road in southern

Val Verde County from the Duck Pond to a block or so east of Industrial Boulevard.

Owens told the court Gustavo Flores – County Commissioner Pct. 4 Gustavo “Gus” Flores – has replatted a three-and-a-half block piece of property on the west side of Cienegas Road, across from Brewer Drive to the Dollar General store.

Owens told the court a series of green pins on the map, along Cienegas across the street from the Flores property, depict the location of existing lights. Owens said each of the pins was marked with a number associating it with an agenda item.

Owens then showed the same areas to audience members.

“The order we just passed a little while ago, if these lights here, in green, were new lights, he (Flores) or whoever the developer is, would have to pay for them. They are not new lights,” Owens said. He noted yellow pins on the map indicated sites where a new light is being requested, but added none of the new lights were on, or across from, Flores’ property.

County Commissioner Pct. 3 Fernando Garcia asked about the number of lights shown, and there



Photo by Karen Gleason

County Commissioner Pct. 4 Gustavo “Gus” Flores gestures as he speaks about a series of lights he has requested be installed and upgraded along Cienegas Road. Flores made his comments during Wednesday’s meeting of Val Verde County Commissioners Court.

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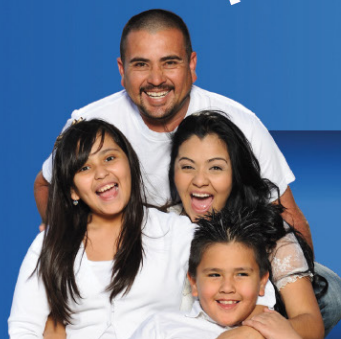
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Del Rio galleries highlight Women's History Month during First Friday Art Walk

BY JOEL LANGTON
THE 830 TIMES

Del Rio's downtown arts community will come alive Friday evening as several galleries open their doors for the city's monthly First Friday Art Walk, offering people an opportunity to explore new exhibits and experience the city's growing arts scene.

Several venues are also highlighting Women's History Month through special exhibits and programming during March.

One of the featured exhibits is "La Mujer" at Casa de la Cultura. The title translates to "The Woman," and the exhibit explores themes of women's identity, strength and cultural influence.

The gallery, located on historic Brown Plaza in San Felipe, is welcoming original visual artwork in a variety of mediums, including painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, print-making, fiber art and sculpture. The exhibit opens Friday at 7 p.m.

At Lee Bunch Studio Gallery, longtime local artist Pam Bunch will showcase her work alongside pieces from other artists featured in the gallery. Bunch, a Western artist whose work has been exhibited across the region, has long been a cornerstone of Del Rio's arts community.

The gallery will be open from 7 to 10 p.m., with guests invited to enjoy snacks and beverages — including Bunch's well-known brownies.

The Firehouse Gallery, home of the Del Rio Council for the Arts at 120 E. Garfield St., will feature writer and photographer Sarah Bird. Bird documented Texas' Juneteenth rodeo circuit in her photo essay Soul Circuit: Juneteenth Rodeos in Texas, capturing riders, families and traditions that celebrate the long history of Black cowboys in the state.

The exhibit will be open from 7 to 9 p.m.

Just two blocks away, people can also stop by Falcon Art Gallery, where the work of Del Rio artist Adrian Falcon is on display. Falcon is known for his contemporary pieces that explore modern forms, color and abstract expression.

Falcon has exhibited his work throughout Europe, and his pieces are part of collections

and exhibitions shown around the world.

Another stop on the Art Walk is La Bohemia Lemon Drop, a downtown business that has made art a centerpiece of its creative space. On Friday, the venue will feature artwork from Del Rio High School students.

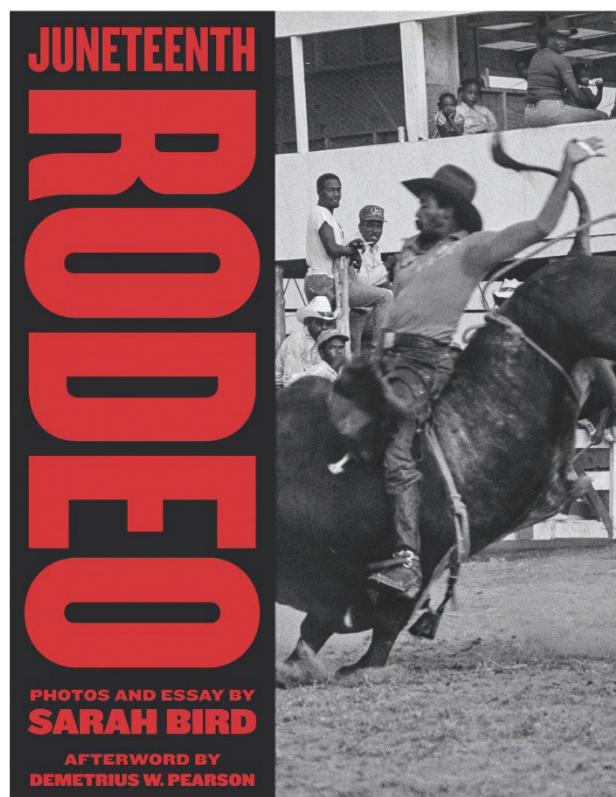
La Bohemia also regularly hosts live music, creating an atmosphere where people can enjoy performances while browsing artwork throughout the store.

Food and dessert will also be available during the event. Sweet Scoops Ice Cream, Don Pepe's street tacos and The Wok This Way food truck are expected to be on site.

Together, the participating galleries offer people a chance to explore Del Rio's growing arts scene while meeting local artists and discovering new work during the monthly Art Walk.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING GALLERIES

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(Photo by Lou Zykla)

One of the popular attractions at Fort Clark Days is their cannon fire demonstrations. Kerr Wardlaw, Val Verde County Commissioner, was part of the artillery reenactments. Wardlaw said the festival is important because people can interact with historians and learn about the different wars.

Bracketville holds Fort Clark days Saturday

BY JOEL LANGTON
THE 830 TIMES

For more than a century, Fort Clark stood as one of the most important military outposts in Southwest Texas, helping protect the frontier and shaping the history of the region.

Saturday, that history will come to life when more than 100 vendors will sell their wares and thousands will come through the fort's gates, driving mustangs instead of riding them, to enjoy Saturday's celebration, and fundraiser.

"All the money raised goes back into our community council, a 501c3 and they start planning next year's event," said Charlena Cavendar, Fort Clark Springs executive director.

Organizers are quick to point out that admission is free for the family-friendly event, but there is a nominal \$5 charge for parking.

The event is going to embrace the Old West, as they put living history front and center featuring a Wild West gun fight, camels and buffalo soldiers, to name a few parts of the day.

One of the highlights of Fort Clark Days each year is the nearly 100 living historians who recreate daily life at the historic frontier post.

The historians come in from across the state and Southwest. They're dressed in period clothing, participants portray soldiers, scouts and civilians from the fort's early days, demonstrating everything from military drills to frontier crafts and camp life. The reenactors help visitors better understand what life was like at Fort Clark dur-

ing its years as an active U.S. Army post

There will be plenty for people to see, do and hear:

Cannon firing demonstrations throughout the day

Buffalo Soldiers and frontier military history exhibits

Live music on multiple stages

Arts & crafts vendors and food vendors

Photography walking

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BCFS FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

March 6 - Celebrate family connections between fathers and daughters at the Father Daughter Dance event, hosted by BCFS Health and Human Resources, on Friday, March 6, at the Enchanted Jardin, 4934 US-90.

FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

MARCH 6 - Local art galleries, including Del Rio Council for the Arts at the Firehouse and the Falcon Art Gallery, will have their venues open for the First Friday Artwalk on Friday, March 6. Stay tuned with The 830 Times to know more about the details on the galleries in the next issue.

FORT CLARK DAYS

MARCH 6-7 - Living history festival at Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville, Texas, featuring Ole West gunfighters, Wild West shows, action-packed gunfight reenactments, cannon firings, museum tours, arts and crafts vendors, food, music, and free admission (parking \$5 per vehicle). Stay tuned for the full schedule and more details on living historian presentations and evening events.

FREE LASER TAG AT PLA-MOR BOWLING, MARCH 6, 13, 20 AND 27 - 1201 N Bedell Ave Offers free laser tag with \$2 bowling for elementary, middle and high school students.

CARD GAME MEETUP: MAGIC THE GATHERING

MARCH 6 - The local GameStop, 2415 Veterans Blvd. STE G, will hold a card game meet-up even for Magic the Gathering on Friday, March 6.

COSMIC PAINTBALL

MARCH 6-7 - Glow-in-the-dark experience at Adrenaline Paintball in Del Rio from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, \$35 per player including UV shirt, full equipment rental, and 300 paintballs. Book now for private events or groups at 432-664-1493.

CAKE PICNIC AT CASA DE LA CULTURA

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - Bring a full homemade cake to participate in the cake swap picnic at Casa de la Cultura, 302 Cantu St, Del Rio, TX, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, where bakers of all levels swap slices, get take-home boxes, and enjoy community fun (free to attend, but cake required to participate; limited \$10 cake box tickets available for non-bakers). Proceeds benefit Casa de la Cultura—label allergens and bring a stand/knife.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - SPRING FORWARD

MARCH 8 - Set clocks forward one hour at 2:00 AM to begin Daylight Saving Time, as per The Old Farmer's Almanac. Lose an hour of sleep but gain longer evenings.

BETHEL CENTER FOOD DRIVE

MARCH 9 - Home2 Suites, 122 Lowe Dr, will be accepting items for a food drive from Monday, March 9, to Monday, March 23. All proceeds will benefit Del Rio's Bethel Center located at 900 E. 13th St.

FREE BOWLING AT PLA-MOR BOWLING

MARCH 9 - 1201 N Bedell Ave Offers free bowling for elementary, middle and high school students.

INVASIVE ARMORED CATFISH REMOVAL

MARCH 13-15 - Casa de la Cultura and Texas Parks and Wildlife host net fishing to manage invasive armored catfish (mud suckers) in San Felipe Creek, with packet pickup Friday March 13 (5-7 PM), teams of 1-3 people, no entry fee or license required, and weigh-in Sunday March 15 at noon (prizes for most caught).

SPRING ON MAIN

MARCH 14 - The Pop Up DRTX presents food, music, and market vendors at the Kress Building, 720 S Main Street, Del Rio, from 11 AM to 4 PM. See you there for spring vibes and local shopping.

VENDOR FEST AT

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MARCH 14 -- 10 Vendors, 3 food trucks and 3 vendors inside Del Rio's premiere entertainment center. People will be able to bring food purchased onsite into the facility. Sports Bundle offering large pizza, 10 wings and a pitcher of soda or beer for \$27.99.

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was some discussion of the location of the existing lights and new lights being requested.

When Wardlaw said he would not vote to approve one of the lights because he believed there was enough ambient light in the area, Owens said the court would take each request for the installation of new lights one by one.

He read the heading of the first item: "Discussion and possible action on approving an agreement with AEP for the installation of (1) LED streetlight and transformer at Cienegas and Finegan Roads for \$637.36 to be funded from Precinct 4 operating account and to authorize County Judge to sign the agreement."

After Owens read the heading, he called for a motion, and Flores made the motion to approve the item. When Owens asked for a second and did not hear one, he gave the second.

Owens called for the vote, and Flores and Owens voted in favor of the motion. County Commissioner Pct. 1 Kerr Wardlaw, Garcia and County Commissioner Pct. 2 Juan Carlos Vazquez voted against it.

"Motion fails," Owens said.

He then began reading the heading of the next agenda item, which called for approving an agreement with AEP for the installation of an LED light and SEC cable at Cienegas Road across from the Dollar

General, but before he finished reading, Owens said, "Well, is there any other ones on there, between (Items) 31 and 36. . ." and then asked if the members of the court wanted him to read every item separately.

Garcia commented, "I'm fine with the rest of them."

Owens then said he would entertain a motion to approve Items 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, which all called for agreements with AEP for lights in various locations along Cienegas Road.

Flores again made the motion to approve the six agenda items.

When he asked for a second and again heard none, Owens again gave the second.

When he called for the vote, it fell out as it had before, with Owens and Flores in favor, Wardlaw, Vazquez and Garcia voted against the motion.

"Are you all voting for it or abstaining?" Owens asked.

"I'm voting against it, judge," Vazquez said.

Owens then polled Wardlaw and Garcia, and they both said they voted against the motion.

"Motion fails. I'm going to make a comment. We did this. We're going against policy, and at some point, does this become a safety issue, Mr. Martinez?" Owens asked, addressing County Attorney David Martinez.

Martinez replied, "We

would probably have to do a study out there, judge."

Owens then asked, "Could I file grounds for removal for these three (commissioners) because of safety concerns? Through the district courts?"

"Could you?" Martinez repeated.

"I guess I could, right?" Owens asked.

"You could. You absolutely could. Whether or not it would stand the test. . .," Martinez replied.

Owens said, "Because I think we are getting in everybody else's precinct, and this is creating a safety concern. I just think that this has gotten ridiculous. For the three commissioners

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that are here, we did a map, we passed another (order) concerning streetlights, and we're still voting against it because now we're trying to aggravate somebody, in my opinion."

Assistant County Attorney John Klemmer said, "If you will give me the opportunity, judge, I can look into whether or not the lighting issue would qualify as a safety issue."

"Would you? If it qualifies, I will file for these three to be removed," Owens said.

Vazquez then said he wished to comment.

Flores called out, "This is a high-traffic road. . ."

Owens then recognized Vazquez, who said, "I've got lots of property in Val

Verde. This is the reason I'm voting this way, and for transparency, I cannot vote on something, judge, if I have property out of Val Verde, yeah, I've wanted lights for a few years now, but I just can't do it to the taxpayers, it's my opinion, I just can't go out there and put lights across from where my properties are located."

"But you have them now," Owens said.

"No, they have always been there," Vazquez replied.

"And (the lights along Cienegas) these have always been there; all he's trying to do is upgrade them," Owens said.

"That's why I'm voting, whether it's upgrading or

so on," Vazquez said.

Owens replied, "Again, when you have property out there that have lights out there, so you're going to tell me that none of those lights, you've put them up?"

"I am giving you my word, I have not put up a light where my property's at," Vazquez said.

Wardlaw also asked to speak.

He told the court, "I'm putting up one light at a time in Precinct 1."

"And they're getting approved," Flores interjected.

Owens said, "Listen. This doesn't work if we talk over each other. We need to have the respect, and we all need to be able to speak."

Wardlaw continued, "I'm

putting them up one at a time to try and prevent light pollution in Precinct 1, and light pollution is an issue in Val Verde County. We have a Dark Sky Sanctuary north of here on the Devils River. When I was a kid, you couldn't see from our ranch on Dolan Creek Road, you couldn't see any glow. In the 90s, there started to be a dim glow. Now there's just this huge glow coming off the city of Del Rio. And just putting up lights left and right, and everybody moving out into the country, and wanting lights in the country, makes no sense.

"There's no reason for someone to move out into the country and wanting to put lights up. That's just

the way it is, you move out into the country and you're out in the dark skies, and putting up lights willy-nilly and going really fast is not the way to go. I believe in putting up one light at a time.

"I went and drove down this road all the way to the 'T' intersection (at the Duck Pond) and back, and that's what I said, that the light on Finegan, there is ambient light . . . You could see the whole road. That's why I don't want to put lights where they're not needed, and I think going down that road, putting one at a time, is the way to go, and then put up the minimum amount, Wardlaw

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finished."

Flores then asked to be recognized.

Flores said, "This is a heavy traffic road. It's a safety issue. This is a populated area. We're not talking about the woods out there. There's thousands of people that drive up and down that road. These are lights, on existing poles. They have been there for many, many years. I did go myself, to Precinct 2, where Vazquez owns land, and there is one light, one pole; one light, one pole, a bunch of lights."

"Is he taking care of his constituents? I hope he is. Is he taking care of his personal property? I don't know. But my concern is my constituents. Cienegas

is the only way in and out for the people in Chaparral, Cienegas and Vega Verde, and you're talking about 5,000, 6,000 people out there. If they want to go against a safety concern, against those people, if their constituents are hearing this, listening to this meeting, good luck to them," Flores added.

Martinez commented, "Judge, I think there is a way that this can be looked into. I know that the term safety concern has been used a lot. It's real easy. We can coordinate with the sheriff's office and see where the accidents are, because the accidents are going to prove exactly what you all are talking about, and if there's a history of

accidents, there should be some evidence of that."

Owens said, "There's going to be a history of accidents, especially on the corner, where the high fence starts."

"We'll look at that whole section right there. The proof is in the pudding, as they say," Martinez added.

Flores said, "The other thing I would like to state in open court, publicly, here: They're not hurting me. They're not hurting me one bit. They're hurting the constituents, the people that live out there. They're not hurting me one bit voting against my items."

Garcia then asked to speak.

He said, "So we seem to be talking about new lights

and refitting existing lights and getting this confused. I think what we voted on was the new lights, right? So now all of sudden it's a safety concern, and we need to have six new lights. If this was a safety concern, it's been a safety concern for the last 10 years, okay?"

"It's got existing lights right now," Flores interjected.

"I didn't interrupt you, sir," Garcia told Flores.

"I'm interrupting you because there are lights there, there are already lights there," Flores said, raising his voice.

"Gus, we're going to be civil," Owens said.

"I'm being civil," Garcia protested.

"We're going to be civil, both of you all. We ain't going to allow this to turn into a f***ing sh**show," Owens said.

When Constable Pct. 2 Danny Reyes called out from the back of the court, "Keep order in here, guys; keep the order in the court," Owens told him, "I don't need any help, Danny."

Garcia continued, "So my thing is, if this is a safety concern today, it's been a safety concern for years, okay? No one is saying we need these, we don't need these. I think the question was, why now? And the quantity of them so close together. If you

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look at 32, 35, 36, it seems redundant, and we already have light 34, so if you look at 37-1, 37-9, 37-8, they're all within two blocks, and there's a heavy congregation of lights altogether, and then we're just adding more to it, and is this quantity of lights necessary for the public good? I'm not going to say safety concerns. Is this many lights necessary for the public good? Because a lot of people that live on these little streets here, you still have to sleep at night, and you create light pollution. I've had complaints from people in Comstock that the lights are too bright."

"We're also going to create a problem for the people that live in these streets, in this neighborhood here. So, it's not personal, it's policy, and while someone may not want to accept that, you know, it is what it is. If you want to file

to remove us for voting on policy, fine," Garcia added.

Owens said, "Well, I will tell you that I can't say who to go vote for, but if someone is going to vote for the commissioner that sits in Precinct 2 (Vazquez), take your vote that you would have spent with me, and go vote for Bruno. I can't tell you who to go vote for because it's against policy, as a judge, but if you're going to waste your vote for the county commissioner that sits in Precinct 2, do not for me, please. Go vote for somebody else."

Owens asked Velarde and the county purchasing agent to get him a list of when the lights across the street from Flores' property were put up.

Wardlaw then asked Owens to repeat his comments about the area where accidents have occurred, and Owens said the accidents happened on

a sharp curve at the start of the Duck Pond property where the high fence begins.

"Because when I had the (Duck Pond) property, that's where most of the accidents happened," Owens said.

Owens then indicated the area on the map he had given the commissioners.

Wardlaw made a motion to recall Item 33 and to approve it: "Discussion and possible action on approving an agreement with AEP for the installation of (1) LED street-light and transformer at Cienegas Road (before the Duck Pond on the right side) for \$710.77 to be funded from Precinct 4 operating budget and authorizing county judge to sign the AEP CIAC agreement."

Owens gave the second to Wardlaw's motion, and the motion approved on a 3-2 vote, with Vazquez and Garcia again

voting against it.

The court then moved to table the final item on the lights

list, approving upgrades to nine streetlights in the same area.

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Bidders may submit questions about the project from February 27, 2026 through March 17, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. All questions will be received by email and shall be sent to either Carlos Velarde, at cvelarde@valverdecountry.texas.gov or Jesse Ramos at Jesse.Ramos@txidg.com. Questions may also be submitted in writing on CivCast's website at www.civcastusa.com. Responses will be provided to all prospective bidders via email and posted on both Val Verde County's website and Civcast's website by March 23, 2026.

A Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal amount issued by an acceptable surety is required with each bid for those contracts that exceed \$100,000.00. A certified check or bank draft payable to Val Verde County or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of a Bid Bond. **All Bid Bonds must contain original signatures.**

The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance and Payment Bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract price from an approved Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety and acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of Treasury of the United States, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the Owner. Awarded contractor shall be required to furnish bonds within thirty (30) days from the contract date and before any commencement of work.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity in stating the price in the bid, the County reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof or to reject any bids. Also, the County reserves the right to accept the low bid based on the tabulation of anyone, combination or all the base bid(s), alternate bid(s) and/or, optional bid(s) based on the most advantageous project bid that is desired by the County involved and that the County in their sole judgment determines is the County's best interest and benefit. Bids may be held by Val Verde County for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

Bidders must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. Val Verde County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, Labor Surplus Area Firms and any other applicable disadvantaged businesses including HUBs are encouraged to submit proposals.

Melissa Vasquez, Purchasing Agent
Val Verde County, Texas

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Docket No. 59036

Notice for Publication

CSWR-TEXAS UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC, CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) NO. 13290, NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND UNCERTIFICATED AREA TO CCN NO. 13290, FOR DUAL CERTIFICATION WITH A PORTION OF SAN PEDRO ESTATES WATER, LLC'S CCN NO. 11089, TO PURCHASE WATER FACILITIES AND TO TRANSFER CERTIFICATED WATER SERVICE AREA UNDER CCN NO. 11088 FROM BLUE CERESUS, LLC IN VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS

CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC 1630 Des Peres Rd, Suite 140
(Purchaser's Name) (Address)

St. Louis, MO 63131
(City), (State) (Zip Code)

has submitted an application to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to add uncertificated area to its water CCN No. 13290, to obtain dual certification with a portion of San Pedro Estates Water, LLC under water CCN No. 11089, to acquire water facilities and to transfer all of the water certificated service area under CCN No. 11088 in Val Verde County, TX from:

Blue Cereus, LLC 401 Green Acres Drive
(Seller's Name) (Address)

Wimberly, TX 78676
(City), (State) (Zip Code)

The sale is scheduled to take place if approved by the Commission (Texas Water Code § 13.301). The transaction and the transfer of the CCN includes the following:

Requested Area 1 – La Caleta Estates:

The **requested area 1** is located approximately 8.7 miles northwest of downtown Del Rio, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by Amistad Reservoir; on the east by Prairie Flower Path; on the south by United States Highway 90; and on the west by Black Brush Point Road.

The **requested area 1** includes 77 customer connections and approximately 93.3 acres, comprised of:

88.2 acres to transfer from CCN No. 11088 to CCN No. 13290; and
5.1 acres of uncertificated area to amend (add) to CCN No. 13290.

The application proposes the subtraction of approximately 88.2 acres from CCN No. 11088 and the addition of approximately 93.3 acres to CCN No. 13290.

Requested Area 2 – San Pedro Village:

The **requested area 2** is located approximately 7 miles northwest of downtown Del Rio, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by Amistad Reservoir; on the east by San Pedro Drive; on the south by Texas Spur 454; and on the west by Amistad Reservoir.

The **requested area 2** includes 39 customer connections and approximately 336.9 acres, comprised of:

333.0 acres to transfer from CCN No. 11088 to CCN No. 13290; and
3.9 acres to obtain dual certification with a portion of San Pedro Estates Water LLC (CCN No. 11089) and CCN No. 13290.

The application proposes the subtraction of approximately 333.0 acres from CCN No. 11088 and the addition of approximately 336.9 acres to CCN No. 13290.

333.0 acres will be single certification with CCN No. 13290.

3.9 acres will be dual certification between CCN No. 11089 and CCN No. 13290.

Total Requested Areas 1-2:

The **total requested areas** include 116 customer connections and approximately 430.2 acres, comprised of:

421.2 acres to transfer from CCN No. 11088 to CCN No. 13290; and
5.1 acres of uncertificated area to amend (add) to CCN No. 13290; and
3.9 acres to obtain dual certification with a portion of San Pedro Estates Water LLC (CCN No. 11089) and CCN No. 13290.

The application proposes the subtraction of approximately 421.2 acres from CCN No. 11088 and the addition of approximately 430.2 acres to CCN No. 13290.

426.3 acres will be single certification with CCN No. 13290.

3.9 acres will be dual certification between CCN No. 11089 and CCN No. 13290.

A copy of the maps showing the requested area are available at: Spencer Fane LLP, 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1200, Austin TX 78701

This transaction will not have an effect on the current customer's rates and services.

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may contact the commission through Relay Texas at 1-800-735-2989*. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is (30 days from the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer). You must send a letter requesting intervention to the commission which is received by that date.

The letter must include the person's name, address, email address, and fax number, if applicable.

*Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may alternatively contact the commission directly at (512) 936-7136.

If a valid public hearing is requested, the Commission will refer the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for a final decision. An evidentiary hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

A landowner with a tract of land at least 25 acres or more, that is partially or wholly located within the requested area, may file a written request with the Commission to be excluded from the requested area ("opt-out") within 30 days from the date that notice was provided by the Utility. All landowner opt-out requests must include the commission docket number, CCN number, the total acreage to remove from the requested area, a sealed or embossed metes and bounds description or survey of the landowner's tract of land, and the landowner's name, address, email address and fax number, if applicable.

A landowner that opts out from the requested area releases the applicant's obligation to provide retail water utility service to the removed land for any reason.

Persons who wish to request this option should file the required documents with the:

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Central Records
1701 N. Congress, P. O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

In addition, the landowner must also send a copy of the opt out request to the Utility. Staff may request additional information regarding your request.

Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-888-782-8477.

INTERIM - FROM PAGE 11

full-time person, and they're going to spend a couple of months getting exposed to our policies, personnel, procedures before they're really ready to go.

"To me the only person in the packet . . . is Mr. Chavez, so I would like to make a motion to appoint Mr. Chavez as the interim city manager, pending the long-term hiring of a city manager," DeReus said.

Arreola responded, "I think there's supposed to be an interview process for candidates."

Arreola asked if there was a second to DeReus' motion, and Quinones gave the second. The council voted 2-5 on DeReus' motion to appoint Chavez, with DeReus and Quinones voting in favor of the

motion, and Mayor Al Arreola, Sanchez, Councilman Jesus L. Lopez Jr., Councilwoman Ernestina "Tina" Martinez and Councilwoman Carmen Gutierrez voting against the motion.

The council then moved into executive session and spent almost two-and-a-half hours behind closed doors.

Several persons were called into the executive session, which is held in the City Hall conference room, including former Del Rio Mayor Roberto "Bobby" Fernandez, Communications and Marketing Director Peter Ojeda, Assistant Finance Director Roxy Soto and Chavez.

Fernandez left City Hall while the council was still in executive

session.

When the council returned to open session, Arreola announced no action had been taken while the council was behind closed doors.

After Acosta read the heading of the agenda item dealing with the appointment of an interim city manager, Arreola called for a motion.

Quinones made a motion to approve the resolution appointing Chavez as interim city manager. Sanchez gave the second.

The council then voted 6-1 to approve Quinones' motion, with only Lopez voting against it.

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VOTERS - FROM PAGE 10

candidates in the race. Val Verde County Republicans handed Joan Huffman a total of 553 votes and Aaron Reitz a total of 309 votes.

Val Verde County Republicans selected Marcus Cardenas as their choice for State Senator, District 19. Cardenas had a total of 1,048 total votes locally. The two other men in the race, Adam

Ernest Salyer and Robert Marks Jr., had 512 and 684 total voters respectively.

Across District 19, though, Cardenas was not able to pull off a clear victory. He and Marks are headed to a runoff election.

Former Del Rio Mayor Robert Garza remains locked in a too-close-to-call race for the Republican nomination for Texas

Representative, District 74, with John McLeon. Val Verde County voters gave Garza 1,323 total votes and handed his opponent a total of 1,275.

According to the Texas Tribune's website on Tuesday afternoon, an estimated 98.9 percent of the votes in the race have been counted, but "no projected nominee has

been called yet." On the Texas Tribune's graphic on the race, Garza is leading by 147 votes.

Garza spoke to The 830 Times by phone Tuesday night, saying there was a problem with a voting machine in Eagle Pass, making it necessary for election workers to count some ballots by hand.

Commenting about the close race, Garza said, "From what I can tell, I pulled it off."

If Garza wins the nomination, he will face the incumbent Democrat Eddie Morales Jr. of Eagle Pass, setting up a rematch of the 2020 General Election.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

An Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Retailer's Permit by MRT Del Rio, LLC dba Fairfield Inn & Suites Del Rio to be located at 2217 N. Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Val Verde County Texas, 78840. Officers of corp. are: Sanjay Misra/manager and Naisha Davis/manager

STATEWIDE - FROM PAGE 9

runoff in the Republican Party Primary Election. There was a similar situation in the Democratic Party Primary Election for Texas State Representative, District 74. Texas Rep. Eddie Morales Jr. of Eagle Pass was unopposed in his bid for the Democratic Party nomination as he seeks re-election

to the office. Morales garnered a total of 2,534 votes from Val Verde County. Morales will face the winner of an extremely tight race for the District 74 nomination among Republicans. One of the Republicans in that race, Del Rio attorney Robert Garza, told The 830 Times Tuesday night believed he

had won the contest. If that's the case, the November General Election will be a rematch between Morales and Garza, who were the nominees for their respective parties in the 2020 General Election. -- Contact the author at del-riomagnolafan@gmail.com

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NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: **AZENETH ILEANA MORA**, Respondent, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Roland Andrade 63rd Judicial District, Val Verde County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County, 100 Broadway St, 2nd Floor in Del Rio, Texas, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty two days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION of LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, filed in said court on the 20th day of June, 2025, against AZENETH ILEANA MORA, AN INDIVIDUAL; ALBERTO MORA, AN INDIVIDUAL; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, A GOVERNMENT AGENCY; DOES 1 THROUGH 10 AND ROES BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 THROUGH 10, INCLUSIVE, Defendants in said suit being numbered **2025-0105-CIV** on the docket of said court, and entitled,

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO WIT: SITUATED IN VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING LOT EIGHT (8), BLOCK TWELVE (12), BUENA VISTA HILLS UNIT 8 SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF DEL RIO, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF RECORD IN SLIDE 398, SIDE A, MAP RECORDS, VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS APN:6064-0012-0008 BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO ALBERTO MORA AND AZENETH ILEANA MORA, HUSBAND AND WITH BY DEED FROM STEPAN M. EDMISTON AND SAMANTHA RIO EDMISTON RECORDED 11/22/2021 IN INSTRUMENT 00331295, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS

ALSO KNOWN AS:102 RUNNING BEAR TRL, DEL RIO, TEXAS 78840

The nature of which suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff seeks to exercise his right of title and possession to the property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this suit.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is:
NICOLAS MATAYRON, 2112 Business Center Drive, Irvine, CA 92612.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Del Rio, Texas, this the 12th day of February A.D. 2026.



Jo Ann Cervantes
JO ANN CERVANTES
Clerk of the 63rd & 83rd District Courts
Val Verde County, Texas
P. O. Box 1544
Del Rio, Texas 78841

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REPUBLICANS - FROM PAGE 6

Val Verde County Republicans also selected three nominees for three justice of the peace offices.

Mario Bosquez defeated Christian Martinez for the Republican Party nomination for the office of Justice of the Peace Pct. 1. Bosquez, a security officer at the federal courthouse in Del Rio, had a total of 176 votes to Martinez's total of 135 votes. Bosquez will face the incumbent and Democratic Party nominee, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Jesse James Trevino, in November.

The sitting Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 J.

Randel Dissler won the Republican Party nomination to the office. Dissler beat Danny Musquiz, a teacher and the co-owner of a local business. Dissler had a total of 271 votes, and Musquiz had a total of 163 votes.

In the race to become the next Justice of the Peace Pct. 3, Ashly Vicuna defeated Maria "Mari" Acosta for the nomination to the office. Vicuna, who serves as the chief deputy for the sitting judge, Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Pat Cole, earned a total of 987 votes in the primary, with Acosta, who works as the city secretary for Del Rio,

receiving a total of 417 votes. Vicuna will face the Democratic Party nominee, Loida S. Arellano, in November. Cole has announced she will retire at the end of her term this year.

In the final local race on the Republican Party ballot, Sasha Grace was elected the new Val Verde County Republican Party Chair. Grace had a total of 2,078 votes and ran unopposed. The sitting chair, Sharon Pettitt, decided not to seek re-election this year.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Del Rio, Texas is accepting bids for Framing Services (labor only) and Roofing Services, for the construction of a multifamily housing development. Bidders may obtain the bid specification of their interest requesting it via email to drhousing@gmail.com. The deadline for submission of bids is as follows:

- Framing Services deadline is March 19th, 2026 by no later than 3:00pm
- Roofing Services deadline is March 27th, 2026 by no later than 3:00pm

More detailed information will be provided with each specification. For any other questions you may contact Isidro Valdez Fernandez, Chief Executive Officer to the email mentioned above.



PUBLIC NOTICE - INVITATION TO RFP

San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District

Public RFP No.: 27-15

Description: Fire Extinguishers Servicing & Recharging

Opening Date and Time: Friday, April 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Public RFP No.: 27-16

Description: Inspection of Fire Systems

Opening Date and Time: Friday, April 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Public RFP No.: 27-17

Description: Burglar and Fire Alarm Systems and Maintenance

Opening Date and Time: Friday, April 10, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.

Public RFP No.: 27-18

Description: Water Treatment at DRHS and DRMS

Opening Date and Time: Friday, April 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Bid submissions will be accepted electronically by accessing the Bonfire portal at: <https://sfdr-cisd.bonfirehub.com> until date and time as specified above for each proposal.

Interested Bidders can contact Bonfire at Support@GoBonfire.com for technical questions related to the Bonfire portal or visit Bonfire's help forum at <https://vendorssupport.gobonfire.com/hc/en-us>. Bid submissions shall be prepared in the file formats listed under 'Requested Information' for this opportunity in Bonfire.

COUNCIL - FROM PAGE 4

earliest events on the calendar, scheduled for mid-March, will be meetings with each council member to discuss budget goals. Also in mid-March, Soto said, members of the city’s finance department will begin meeting with city department heads. In April, members of the city’s finance department will discuss preliminary local property values with council members, and in May, they will begin discussing the proposed city property tax rate for the FY 2026-2027 budget. Soto said the proposed budget will be filed in August. Also in August, she said, city council members will take their first record vote on the proposed property tax rate for the coming year. Council took no action following the presentation.

Council hears presentation on funding needed for two major sewer projects

- City council members heard a presentation

on funding still needed for two major sewer projects the city is eyeing – upgrades to the Silverlake Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Northside Sanitary Sewer Trunkline project. Assistant City Manager Roxy Soto gave the presentation and told council members the final designs for both projects have been completed. Soto said the city currently has \$2 million available for the Silverlake Treatment Plant upgrades and \$10,406,000 available for the Northside Trunkline project. Soto said the city still needs to find an estimated \$2.9 million in funding for the upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant and an estimated \$22 million in funding for the Northside Trunkline project. Soto went over several funding sources the city might be able to tap for the additional funds, but said staff will probably recommend issuing certificates of obligation (COs) to make up the funding shortfall. The council

took no action following the presentation.

Council hears update on transportation rates

- City council members heard an update on transportation fares and non-medical transports to San Antonio and other cities in the region from Community Services Director Esme E. Meza and Transportation Superintendent Rosa Cruz. Cruz said the city’s transportation department will begin taking riders to San Antonio for non-medical trips, noting the transportation department will charge \$30 for a roundtrip. Meza said the city’s transportation department was recently re-credentialed by Medicaid and predicted an increase in ridership and revenues. She said the transportation department is recommending no change in fares at this time, but reviewed the process for changing fares if council were to consider

that at some time in the future. Council members took no action following the presentation.

Council hears plans for economic development move to transportation depot building

- City council members were poised to take action on a recommendation by City Manager Shawna Burkhart to move the city’s economic development director’s office from City Hall to the city’s transportation depot building on Ogden Street. The economic development director would be moved into an office currently designated as a constituent office where council members can meet with citizens. City Attorney Ana Markowski Smith told the council that office assignments fell under the purview of the city manager and needed no action by the council. Economic Development Director Orestes Hubbard and

Burkhart told the council they will investigate whether to move Hubbard to the constituent office or if a portion of the city’s “Spark Lab,” already sited in the building, can be sectioned off for use as an office for the economic development director.

Council approves appointment of members to Del Rio Main Street Program board

- City council members voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Julio Gonzalez and Eileen Morales to the Del Rio Main Street Program board of directors and the reappointment of Mario Sanchez and Pepper Bernal, who are currently serving on the board and have indicated they wish to continue serving. The appointments and reappointments were recommended by Del Rio Main Street Manager Jorge Garza.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, and (Velocity Self Storage), located at 6326 U.S. 90, Del Rio, Texas 78840, will hold an auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord’s lien. Sale will be held online at www.storagetreasures.com. Bidding will begin at 2 a.m. on March 06, 2025, and end March 24, 2025 @ 12 p.m.

Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, Deposit for removal and clean-up may be required. Seller reserves the right not to accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-to-item, in batches, or by the space(s) of the tenant listed below, with brief description contents in the space(s).

Tenant: Castillo, Reynaldo
Non-Tenant: N/A
For more information, please contact manager at 830-309-7303

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Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, and (Del Rio 90 Storage), located at 3695 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, Texas 78840, will hold an auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord’s lien. Sale will be held online at www.storagetreasures.com. Bidding will begin at 2 a.m. on March 06, 2025, and end March 24, 2025 @ 12 p.m.

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Tenant: Smitch, Nora
Vaquera, Abraham
Battles, Blake
Non-Tenant: Managers Auction
For more information, please contact manager at 830-309-7303

UPDATES - FROM PAGE 31A

Council confirms appointment of Scot Carcasi to director position

• Following an executive session lasting more than three hours, city council members voted 7-0 to authorize City Manager Shawna Burkhart to reclassify the position of operations and compliance manager to operations and compliance director to align with the city's current organizational chart and to confirm the appointment of Scot Carcasi, currently serving as the city's operations and compliance manager as operations and compliance director.

Council approves additional funding for bridge

consultant

• City council members voted 5-2 to approve a resolution authorizing the city manager to approve supplemental agreement No. 4 with R.R.P. Consulting Engineers, LLC for an environmental study required by the federal government on the impact of the second international bridge project on the Tobusch Fishhook Cactus, a federally endangered species. The supplemental agreement will be in the amount of \$55,683. Mayor Pro-tem Jim DeReus and Councilman Randy Quinones voted against the motion to approve the resolution.

Council votes to proceed with dismissal of city

attorney

• Following an executive session that lasted about three hours and 15 minutes, city council members reconvened into open session and, after taking up two other issues, voted 5-2 to approve a motion by Councilwoman Carmen Gutierrez "to proceed with the dismissal of" City Attorney Ana Markowski Smith. Before the executive session, Smith told the council she had requested information about the agenda item dealing with her employment, but had never received a response to her email requesting the information. Smith also told the council she had requested the agenda item dealing with her employment, which

was listed as part of the executive session agenda, be handled in open session. Before the council went into executive session, Mayor Al Arreola seemed to indicate that the council would discuss other items in closed session, then return to open session to discuss Smith's employment, as she had requested, but when the council returned from executive session, there was no discussion of Smith's employment, simply a motion made by Councilwoman Carmen Gutierrez "to proceed with the dismissal" of Smith. Councilman J.P. Sanchez and Councilman Randy Quinones voted against the motion.

Council

approves

"mutual separation agreement" with city manager

• After returning from an executive session lasting more than three hours, city council members voted 7-0 "to accept a mutual separation agreement" with City Manager Shawna Burkhart. There was no discussion in open session regarding the terms of the agreement, which became effective Wednesday, Feb. 25, and the council did not appoint an interim or acting city manager. Assistant City Manager Manuel Chavez will likely serve in the role of city manager until the city council appoints an interim or acting city manager.

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NOMINEES - FROM PAGE 5A

Democratic Party's nominee for the office he currently holds. Trevino drew a total of 635 votes in the primary. Trevino will face the Republican Party nominee, Mario Bosquez, a security officer at the federal courthouse in Del Rio, in the November General Election.

Del Rio Police Department Officer Roberto "Bobby" Hernandez was unopposed in his bid for the Democratic Party nomination for the office of Justice of the Peace Pct. 2. Hernandez received a total of 531 votes in the primary. Hernandez will face the sitting Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 J. Randel Dissler in November.

Loida S. Arellano won the Democratic Party nomination for the office of Justice of the Peace Pct. 3, besting Juan Roberto Martinez, a sales manager at Harbor Freight. Arellano, a funeral director, earned a total of 437 votes, and Martinez had a total of 329 votes. Arellano will

face Ashly Vicuna, the Republican Party nominee and the chief deputy for the sitting Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Pat Cole, in the November General Election. Cole has announced she will retire at the end of her term this year.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Hilda Castillo Lopez was unopposed for the Democratic Party nomination, receiving a total of 757 votes in the primary. Lopez is also unopposed in the November General Election.

The final contest on the Democratic Party Primary Election, for Val Verde County Democratic Party Chair. The incumbent chair, Rosalinda Hernandez, won the race to continue serving in the office. Hernandez posted a total of 1,837 votes to the 821 total votes garnered by her challenger, Abril Hernandez (no relation).

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In the fourth contested race in the local Democratic Party Primary, Loida S. Arellano, a funeral director, defeated Juan Roberto Martinez, a sales manager at Harbor Freight Tools, for the Democratic Party nomination for Justice of the Peace Pct. 3.

Arellano posted a total of 437 votes to Martinez's 329 total votes.

Each of the four who won Democratic Party nominations for the local offices will face a Republican Party challenge in the November General Election.

Owens will face former Val Verde County Commissioner Pct. 3 Robert Beau Nettleton, and Vazquez will face Rey Robles, who listed his occupation as retired. Flores will face schoolteacher John. I. Wardlaw, and Arellano will face Ashly Vicuna, the chief deputy for Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Pat Cole.

The Democratic Party Primary Election also had a race for the position of Val Verde County Democratic Party chair. The sitting chair, Rose Hernandez, defeated challenger Abril Hernandez. Rose Hernandez had a total of 1,837 votes to the 821 total votes cast for Abril Hernandez.

Many of the contestants waited outside the Val Verde County Courthouse after the polls closed at 7 p.m. today.

Rose Hernandez, Val Verde County Democratic Party chair; Sharon Pettit, the Val Verde County Republican Party chair, County Clerk Teresa Esther Chapoy and Cynthia Reyes, Chapoy's elections clerk, emerged from the courthouse to announce the results of the election about 9:45 p.m.

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Notice of Public Sale of Property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale to be held Saturday April 11, 2026 9:00 AM \$50.00 Cleaning deposit is required. **Sentry Security Storage #1 900 Amistad Blvd.** The following is a brief description of the contents of tenants' spaces: Gabriella Delos-Angeles-Vaquera: Misc. items; Josephina Jaramillo: Misc. Items; Francisco Siller: Misc. Items, Gladis De Leon: Misc. Items; Alberto Casaus: Misc. Items. Daniel Gonzales Misc. Items. **Sentry Security Storage #3 206 Susie St.** The following is a brief description of the contents of tenants' spaces: Brandi Sandoval: Misc. Items. Apple Bees: Misc. Items. Maria Elizondo: Misc. Items. Oralia Kalinchuk Misc. Items. Raul Hernandez: Misc. Items. Rodrigo Villarreal: Misc. Items. Marco Rivera, Misc. Items. Fermin Valdez: Misc. Items. Nancy Guajardo: Misc. Items. Guadalupe Zapata: Misc. Items. **Sentry Security Storage #4 107 Hackberry Lane.** The following is a brief description of the contents of tenants' spaces: Genaro Rodriguez: Misc. Items. Juan Aldana: Misc. Items. Michelle Jones: Misc. Items.

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Obituaries

DONATO F. DE LUNA

November 8, 1940
March 5, 2026

Donato F. De Luna, age 85, entered into rest on Thursday, March 5, 2026 in Del Rio, Texas. He was born on November 8, 1940.

Funeral services are pending and will be announced when finalized.

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ALDO CALVETTI

May 12, 1974
March 4, 2026

Aldo Calvetti, age 51, entered into rest on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 in Del Rio, Texas. He was born on May 12, 1974 in Del Rio, Texas.

Funeral services are pending and will be announced when finalized.

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JUAN C. PORTILLO

December 19, 1962
March 2, 2026

Juan C. Portillo, age 63, entered into rest on Monday, March 2, 2026 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on December 19, 1962.

The visitation was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 2020 N. Bedell Ave; followed by the funeral mass at 4:00 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 307 E. Losoya St, Del Rio, Texas.

The funeral services concluded after the mass.

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RICHARD CHARLES BRISCO

February 19, 1947
March 1, 2026

Richard Charles Brisco, age 79, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on February 19, 1947, Richard lived a life defined

by dedication, strength, and an unwavering love for those closest to him. In his younger years, he was an accomplished athlete — a champion swimmer, a black belt in Judo, and a passionate rugby player — demonstrating the discipline and determination that would characterize his life.

Richard shared 58 devoted years of marriage with his beloved wife, Sheila. Together they built a life centered on family, laughter, and enduring partnership. He was a proud and loving father to Nicole (Errol) and Clare (Larry), and a cherished grandfather to Abigail and Madelyn, who brought him immense joy and pride.

He is also survived by his sister, Sally (Cliff), and his brother-in-law, Michael, along with extended family and many dear friends.

Richard dedicated more than 50 years of his professional life to the culinary arts, serving as an Executive Chef until his retirement. His passion for food was matched only by his love of bringing people together. Whether in his kitchen or at a gathering of family and friends, Richard had a gift for creating warmth, celebration, and unforgettable memories. He was truly the life of the party, known for his humor, generous spirit, and welcoming heart.

Above all, Richard treasured time spent with family and friends. His legacy of love, strength, and joy will live on in all who knew him.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

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ELIA COE

November 30, 1969
February 27, 2026

Elia Coe entered into God's everlasting peace and glory

while surrounded by those she loved most on February 27, 2026. Elia was born November 30, 1969 in Brackettville, Texas. She graduated from Brackett High School in 1988, spending her summers at Alamo Village keeping up with movie crews, performing gun fights and feeding the music artists. She dedicated 25 years of service to Texas Department of Transportation as Officer manager but had the most fun as an inspector with the road crews.

Upon her retirement she enjoyed a new chapter of dedicated yard work, taking care of her kids, showing her love through her cooking and most importantly being Cita. She spent her days enjoying life with her husband, playing trucks with her grandson and taking care of her family. She lived a life full of joy and hard work, no one loved their family more than she did and she will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her sister Jessica Payne DeLeon and father Oscar Payne.

Left to cherish her memory, her beloved husband Brad Coe, Daughter Nevada Ward & husband Blake Ward, her greatest joy grandson Anderson Ward, sister Martina Payne, mother Josefa Payne, Josh Coe and children Ainsley, Wyatt and Landon, numerous family members and friends.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM at The First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ann St, Brackettville, Texas; followed by the interment at the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

Donations can also be made to St. James Episcopal School, 206 W. Greenwood St, Del Rio, Texas, <https://www.sjesdelrio.org/giving>

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