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New Majestic concept excites quorum court



The rendering of the large fountain in the mixed-use development proposal for the Majestic Hotel site does not include structures such as the museum and retail spaces the conceptual site plan envisions. (submitted photo)

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THE SENTINEL-RECORD

Activity could be coming soon to the Majestic Hotel site, said a member of the committee that has been soliciting proposals and concepts for the Park Avenue property since 2023.

"We're not going to need another year," Vince Signorelli, who sits on the Hot Springs Metro Partnership Majestic Site Development Committee, told the Garland County Quorum Court Monday. "This is real. This is imminent."

The green shoots of hope straining from the fallow grounds of the Majestic signal promise for what has been a forlorn prospect since the

city acquired the condemned property a decade ago.

Rather than issue a third request for proposals, the city, discouraged by three years of false starts and dead ends, turned the marketing of the site over to Hot Springs Metro Partnership, its economic development contractor.

The quorum court teased out details about the mixed-use concept the committee presented at last week's Hot Springs Board of Directors business meeting, coaxing more from Signorelli than the committee has revealed in its regular updates to city directors.

His candor extended to the gallery for Monday's regular meeting of the county's legis-

lating and appropriating authority, answering questions and listening to suggestions from an audience eager to see something happen at the site that has sat idle since 2006.

"It will have, and this is a hint, a connection to the Velda Rose Hotel," Signorelli said. "That development is getting ready to get underway. It's part of the news that will be coming out in the weeks and months ahead. We imagine a space connected or at least seamless from an aesthetic standpoint."

Proposals the city solicited prior to enlisting HSMP's help depended on investors from outside the area, a vein HSMP continued to mine until a local real estate develop-

er and his team of investors came to the fore.

"This investor/developer has several other properties downtown that will undergo a simultaneous development," Signorelli said. "At the end of the day, we're leveraging local people with investors and people who have the wherewithal to do this. We're not relying on an out-of-state developer."

Solicited and unsolicited proposals that the city brought to the Hot Springs Board of Directors were organized around private developments primarily benefiting the owner/developer. The mixed-use concept indicated

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Students at a screening of "Remaining Native," a documentary shown at the 34th Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, take a photo with film participant Delmar Stevens, third from right. (The Sentinel-Record/James Leigh)

'Remaining Native' subject's father joins Spa Pacers for special HSDFR run

JAMES LEIGH
THE SENTINEL-RECORD

One of the participants in the documentary film "Remaining Native" was present at two different screenings of the film Monday night and Tuesday morning, and also took part in a special run with the Spa Pacers Running Club Tuesday evening.

Delmar Stevens, the father of the film's subject, Ku Stevens, lives on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Reservation about 35 miles north of Reno, Nevada.

The film discussed Ku Stevens' journey as a runner and how his great-grandfather, at the age of 8, ran away from the Stewart Indian School in Carson, Nevada, 50 miles away from his home on the reservation.

Early in the film, Ku Stevens discussed his thought process when he is running, including thinking about his great-grandfather's escape from the school.

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Delmar Stevens, one of the participants in the documentary film "Remaining Native" answers a question while Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival programmer Colleen Thurston listens on Tuesday. (The Sentinel-Record/James Leigh)

Female suspect sought after allegedly firing shot during struggle with deputy

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Lonsdale woman is being sought on felony warrants after an alleged struggle with a Garland County Sheriff's deputy following a traffic stop Tuesday night during which the woman fired a shot from her gun, according to a GCSO news release.



TAYLOR

Brandy Rene Taylor, 34, who lists a Lonsdale address, is being sought on warrants for aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, punishable by up to life in prison, possession of a firearm by certain persons, punishable by up to 20 years, and a misdemeanor count of fleeing on foot.

According to the release, a sheriff's deputy was conducting a traffic stop in the 5200 block of East Grand Avenue shortly after 8:30 p.m., and upon stopping the vehicle, the front seat passenger emerged and fled on foot.

"The deputy gave chase, and while attempting to initiate an arrest, the subject began to resist apprehension. During the struggle, the deputy quickly discovered the subject was armed with a firearm in hand. The subject fired one shot before the deputy was able to remove the firearm from the subject," the release said.

"The deputy thankfully was not injured," Sheriff Mike McCormick said in the release. The woman, identified as Taylor, fled further into the woods and was not apprehended despite a lengthy search.

"We consider Ms. Taylor to be armed and dangerous," the release said. The mugshot shown is from an arrest in June 2024. Taylor is described as currently having red hair and she is 5 feet, 8 inches and approximately 145 pounds.

"As Sheriff, I will continue to do everything in my power to bring individuals to justice who intend to harm our deputies or the citizens of Garland County," McCormick said in the release.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Taylor should contact the Criminal Investigations Division at 501-622-3690 or dial 911.

Judge temporarily blocks the Trump administration from firing workers during the government shutdown

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge on Wednesday temporarily blocked President Donald Trump's administration from firing workers during the government shutdown, saying the cuts appeared to be politically motivated and were being carried out without much thought.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston in San Francisco repeatedly pressed the assistant U.S. attorney to explain the administration's rationale for the more than 4,100 layoff notices that started going out Friday even though furloughed workers can not access their work emails and there are no human resources specialists to assist with next steps.

"It's very much ready, fire, aim on most of these programs, and it has a human cost," she said. "It's a human cost that cannot be tolerated."

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STRC celebrates 5th anniversary with Southern Soiree

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The W.C. Brown house that serves as the centerpiece of The Reserve at Hot Springs will be hosting the fifth annual Southern Soiree to benefit Sunshine Therapeutic Riding Center on Oct. 23. (The Sentinel-Record/Donald Cross/File)

Sunshine Therapeutic Riding Center will be hosting its fifth annual Southern Soiree on Thursday, Oct. 23, starting at 5:30 p.m. at The Reserve at Hot Springs, 2330 Central Ave.

The event also marks the fifth year for the organization.

"We are celebrating five years of impact with our organization and also five years collaboration with The Reserve," Katja Summerlin, the executive director of STRC, said. "What's going to be really fun this year is we have six local chefs presenting their food."

Oaklawn's Ken Bredeson, 501 Prime's Matt Fuller, Taco Mama's Diana Bratton, The Vault's Andrew Disney, Best Cafe's Elan Grenman and The Reserve's Josh Davis and Nathan McMurry will be showcasing some of their top creations throughout the venue.

"It'll be a culinary experience," Summerlin said. "We call it a taste of Hot Springs, ... and it's all

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