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CAMERON COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY OF THE PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES COUNTY PARK COVERED BASKETBALL COURT

Cameron County is pleased to announce the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Pedro "Pete" Benavides County Park Covered Basketball Court will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. This multi-purpose facility and improvement project was made possible through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Certificate of Obligations with a total project cost of \$810,000.

The covered basketball court is approximately 100' x 70' constructed of a hot dipped galvanized structural steel frame which incorporates architectural column wraps built from decorative concrete block. The facility will be lighted and includes two goals, a 6' perimeter buffer/safety zone and an orange and blue scheme concrete floor and will meet all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Improvements also include two covered bleacher areas for spectator seating.

On February 17, 2022, Cameron County held the Groundbreaking Ceremony initiating the construction of this additional outdoor amenity at the Pedro "Pete" Benavides County Park. This Regional Park, named in memory of longtime Cameron County Commissioner Pedro "Pete" Benavides, is situated on 64 acres of land adjacent to Resaca de la Guerra. Current Park amenities include: a lighted adult softball field, lighted little league baseball field, two lighted full-sized soccer fields, lighted basketball court, lighted volleyball court, playground and splash pad area, four small picnic pavilions, one large picnic pavilion, BBQ areas, a one-mile Resaca frontage nature trail with two nature observation stations, a 1.5-mile walking trail with 5 integrated workout stations and a mountain bike trail currently under construction.

"We're pleased to announce the addition of this great amenity in Precinct 1's outstanding County Park, named after our former Cameron County Commissioner, Pete Benavides. As a Commissioners' Court, we're implementing quality of life projects that our children, and future generations of children, can enjoy and have a memorable time," stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

"I am so happy that this Full Covered Basketball Court has become a reality at the Pedro "Pete" Benavides Park. I want to thank Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., and Commissioners' Court for their full support on this project, and to the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority for providing construction management and oversight. This added feature will enhance the other recreational amenities offered at the park," stated Cameron County Precinct 1 Commissioner Sofia Benavides.

"We invite all families, sports leagues and after-school programs alike, to visit this County Park and enjoy the new covered basketball court. A great enhancement and addition to one of the most beautiful parks in Cameron County. Thanks to County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. and the Cameron County Commissioners' Court for their leadership in this great project," stated Cameron County Parks & Recreation Director Joe E. Vega.

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The Architectural and Engineering firms of record are S&B Infrastructure, LTD, and Gomez Mendez Saenz, The Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) provided construction management and oversight, and the General Contractor for the improvements was Peacock General Contractors, Inc.

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