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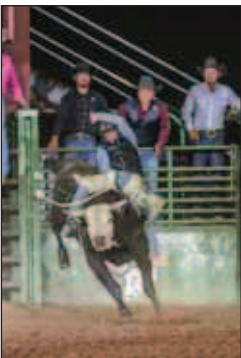
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Bobby Miller and his band The Purple Madness, a Prince Tribute band from Atlanta, entertained the crowd Saturday night, April 28, at the Plaza de Las Cruces. Local band Triple Jack opened.



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The internal audit function is designed to strengthen county procedures and to emphasize accountability to the taxpayers. The Internal Audit Advisory Committee works closely with Internal Auditor Ernest Harvin to develop comprehensive planning for improved efficiency and accountability, and recommending workable solutions to identified issues. The implementation of such solutions is subsequently overseen by the county manager and the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners.

The committee meets every alternate Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Government Center to receive input from and give direction to the county's internal auditor about pursuing areas of interest and to hear reports related to ongoing audit functions.

The committee members have wide access to county records and documented internal-control systems across all departments for review. Through the committee's chairperson, the Internal Audit Advisory Committee will regularly report to the county commission about any findings or recommendations for procedural changes to the county's systems of internal controls.

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Housing board seeking applicants until May 11

Due to a resignation, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants willing to serve on the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Board.

To be considered, the applicant must reside within Doña Ana County, excluding residents residing within the municipal limits of the City of Las Cruces. Each applicant must submit a letter of interest, a current resume and three letters of reference to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department no later than 5 p.m. Friday, May 11, 2018.

The Housing Authority Board consists of two appointees by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, two appointees by the City of Las Cruces and a fifth ap-

pointee, who qualifies as a resident board member in accordance with rules established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). That member is nominated by the city- and county-appointed board members. Appointees serve staggered 5-year terms.

At present, the Housing Authority Board meets at 9 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month in the conference room of the MVPHA.

Applications may be mailed to Chief Planner Janine Divyak at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007, or delivered in person to the Doña Ana County Government Center.

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A section of Las Cruces Dam behind and to the east of Telshor Boulevard.

Dams present a flood of water management issues

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces may have a big dam problem.

There are likely more than 100 dams of various sizes and ages throughout Doña Ana County – one of the highest concentrations in the state – including a number of dams that are in and around the city of Las Cruces.

Different dams are owned and managed by different entities, including local, state and federal governments and private landowners, and they present “issues that impact both rural and city residents,” Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (DASWCD) Super-

visor Steve Wilmeth said during a Feb. 14 joint meeting of DACSWCD and the Las Cruces City Council at city hall.

Many of the dams don’t meet safety standards, he said, and “all residential developments under those dams are at risk.”

“You can understand the expanse and the magnitude of the problem we have,” Wilmeth said.

Many local dams were built in the 1950s and ‘60s, he said, and there has been “extensive residential development around dams built for agricultural land.”

Entities with dam oversight, including DASWCD and the city, need “some process to get our hands

around them,” he said.

DASWCD is a governmental subdivision of the state created in 1966 to provide for flood control and protect natural resources, wildlife and the health and safety of local residents. District boundaries were changed to include the city and the name was changed to DASWCD in 2010.

DASWCD has a seven-member board of supervisors, a program manager and a state appropriation of about \$15,000 a year.

“That keeps the lights (on) and pays for a few envelopes and stamps,” DASWCD Chair Dr. Jerry Schickedanz said at the joint meeting.

Supervisors, he said, donate their time and travel.

DASWCD is part of the South Central New Mexico Stormwater Management Coalition (SCNMSMC).

DASWCD and eight other entities, including Elephant Butte Irrigation District and the Doña Ana County Flood Commission, signed a joint-powers agreement to create the coalition in 2011.

Schickedanz said the city would be “wise to become a part of that.”

DASWCD has oversight of only eight or nine dams in the county, Schickedanz said. “It’s a small number, but it’s still a big responsibility.”

Some local dams are “past their projected life

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Area weak on infrastructure

From the South Central New Mexico Stormwater Management Coalition’s website (www.ebid-nm.org/StormwaterCoalition):

“Across Doña Ana and Sierra counties there are 2,400 square miles of watershed stretching from the Black Range northwest of the Caballo Dam, south to the New Mexico-Texas state line. For 800 square miles, or one-third of the area, there is no existing infrastructure to manage stormwater. This results in severe erosion, flooding, and large quantities of sediment and debris being dumped on residences, farm fields, highways, and streets during severe weather. The existing dams, constructed in the 1960s to protect farmland, have now exceeded their engineered

lifetime.

“In addition, these dams are now protecting urban and residential areas which they were never designed to protect. Currently there is very little funding available to implement the necessary dam upgrades needed to protect residential areas. Stormwater management is typically planned, funded, and implemented independently by a variety of public agencies in towns, cities, and districts spread throughout the region. Recognizing that stormwater does not respect political boundaries, it has become apparent that the needs of the region would best be served by a regional watershed management approach.”

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and we don't know what to do with them," he said.

If an old dam is deliberately breached, he said, some other kind of water management has to be put in place to provide the same protection from flooding.

"There will always be a responsibility to protect those people who live below the dam," Schickedanz said.

Maintaining dams is also an issue, he said, because right-of-way access falls "20 feet short" of the dam in some cases.

The lack of adequate funding combined with the district's broad mission and large service area create a "virtually insurmountable obstacle," DASWCD Supervisor Kevin Bixby said at the joint meeting. "We're looking

forward to projects we can all get behind."

"No comprehensive strategic plan to address (the dam oversight issue) is sobering and almost too real," City Councilor Jack Eakman said.

"The dam situation seems to be reaching critical mass," Councilor Greg Smith said.

Smith said there are likely 10 dams inside the city limits and 10 near it. Those that fall under city jurisdiction, he said, should be "funded in a way that keeps them appropriately maintained."

The council should have a work session to determine which dams the city is responsible for and the quality of those dams, Councilor Kasandra Gandara said. It should also work with DASWCD to develop common goals and provide assistance to the district to secure grant

funding.

"This is a joint effort," Councilor Yvonne Flores said. "Something has to get going here."

"It's a very confusing situation," former county Flood Commission member Paul Dugie told the joint meeting.

As more development takes place, he said, there is sometimes "a disconnect" between a subdivision code and the state dam safety code.

The code is administered by the Office of the State Engineer's Dam Safety Bureau (DSB), which is responsible for ensuring that dams in New Mexico "are designed, constructed, operated and maintained as safely as possible," according to www.ose.state.nm.us/DS/dsIndex.php.

There are more than 600 dams in New Mexico, the website said. DSB has

oversight of about half of them.

"They are the keeper of the records," Dugie said about DSB at SCNMSMC's Feb. 15 meeting.

"We share watershed," City Landscape Architect Cathy Matthews said.

All local stakeholders, including private landowners, farmers and ranchers, developers and environmentalists, she said, need to come together in the development process.

"Water is very important and we do need to understand how it's allocated and who owns it," Schickedanz said.

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Dam owners meet for workshop

The New Mexico Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition (NMWDOC) spring workshop and general membership meeting will be held Thursday-Friday, May 10-11 at Hotel El Encanto in Las Cruces.

The workshop theme is "Migrating Hazards of Aging Dams and Restoration of Degraded Watersheds."

Workshop topics will include New Mexico water legislation and funding, lessons learned from dam emergency evacuations, an update from the National Watershed Coalition and an update on studies and programs developed by the Rio Grande Water Fund.

The workshop will include a May 11 tour of Elephant Butte Dam.

For more information, contact Cheri Dunkleberger at 505-275-0022 or cheri@oeipro.com. Visit nmwsc.org/wp, where you can register for the workshop.

You can contact Doña Ana County Flood Commission Director John Gwynne at johngw@donaana-county.org.

Mike Cook

County crosses four watersheds

A watershed is "the land area that drains to one stream, lake or river," according to www.epa.gov. Every inch of the United States is part of a watershed – in other words, all land drains into a lake, river, stream or other water body."

The EPA says Doña Ana County crosses four watersheds: El Paso-Las Cruces (four counties in New Mexico and Texas), Jornada Draw (two counties in New Mexico), Mimbres (four counties in New Mexico) and Tularosa Valley (eight counties in New Mexico and Texas).

There are several entities managing local watersheds.

Organizations and upcoming meetings include:

- The Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District board of supervisors meets at 9 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Elephant Butte Irrigation District office, 530 S. Melendres St.

Visit <http://www.daswcd.org/>.

- The South Central New Mexico Stormwater Management Coalition meets the third Thursday of each month at different locations. Visit www.ebid-nm.org/StormwaterCoalition for more information and upcoming meeting locations.

- The New Mexico Watershed and Dam Owners Conference will be held Thursday-Friday, May 10-11 at Hotel Encanto in Las Cruces.

- Elephant Butte Irrigation District is a political subdivision of the state that serves as "steward of the surface water of New Mexico's portion of the Rio Grande Project," a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation project authorized by the U.S. Department of the Interior in December 1905 that provides irrigation to nearly 200,000 acres of land along the river in New Mexico (60 percent) and Texas (40 percent), ac-

ording to www.usbr.gov/projects/pdf.php?id=179.

"Water is also provided for diversion to Mexico by the International Boundary and Water Commission. Under the terms of the treaty signed May 21, 1906, Mexico received 60,000 acre-feet of water annually from the Rio Grande. Physical features of the project include Elephant Butte and Caballo dams."

The EBID board meets at 9:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, visit ebid-nm.org.

- For information on the Doña Ana County Flood Commission, visit donaana-county.org/flood.

- Also visit these City of Las Cruces websites: www.las-cruces.org/departments/public-works/project-development/flood-zone-information and www.las-cruces.org/departments/public-works/project-development/stormwater.

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Local youngsters thrive on the chess board

By **WILLIAM BRADLEY**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As a 7-year-old first grader, Mia Allison was playing simultaneous chess against five much older players at La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School – and she was winning.

Now a second grader and at the ripe old age of 8, she placed first in the K-3 U600 section of the New Mexico Elementary State Chess Championship in Albuquerque in April.

Her brother Brayden (Brady), 10 and in the fourth grade, placed second in the K-6 U950 section of championship.

Both attend Monte Vista Elementary School, where they helped their school win two state team championships, as Monte Vista Elementary took first place in K-3 and K-6 elementary state championships.

Also playing in the State championships was 12-year-old sixth grader Yair Barraza from Picocho Middle School. He

placed seventh in the K-6 open, the most difficult section.

All three first learned chess at the Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces. They went on to become competitive members of Las Cruces Chess Academy under Coach Manuel Castillo. All three have been playing for about two years.

The Boys and Girls Club has had an active chess program for more than three years. Chief Executive Officer Ashley Echavarria estimates that at least 300 children have tried chess at least once at the club and 40-50 have stayed in the chess club for a year or more.

“We have one or two more adults coming to help us this summer,” Echavarria said, “so we hope to continue to develop great chess players.”

The Boys and Girls Club chess club has held many unrated tournaments and teaches the children logic, discipline, attention to detail and collaboration. The



Mia and Brayden Allison.

children analyze weaknesses and complicated concepts together in order to grow as a group. Chess also teaches children to lose with grace, good sportsmanship and drive.

For more information, contact Bradley at bill-busc@gmail.com.



Mia and Brayden Allison with fellow chess players at the Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces, along with club Chief Executive Officer Ashley Echavarria and Director of Operations Joel Montoya.

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WILLIAM BRADLEY



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Art in itself is reason enough ... Immerse yourself in the arts in Las Cruces

Two of southern New Mexico's most persistent traditions came together April 29 here in Bulletin Plaza at the edge of Mesilla.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

The Doña Ana Arts Council hosted its 31st annual Community Arts Awards. Thankfully, the tradition of arts persists and is growing here in our region.

Less thankfully, the spring winds are equally persistent, and periodically played havoc with an otherwise beautiful al fresco ceremony.

Even though art has long been a life force in the Land of Enchantment, New Mexico has been negatively affected by a generation-long national trend of reducing state funds for education. Those funding cuts have forced public education districts to re-organize and re-structure and, often, programs such as art, music, dance, creative writing and choir have suffered disproportionately.

At the awards event, Sally Quillin earned the Arts in Education Award. Quillin has

Painted for more than 40 years, and spent a huge part of her career teaching and working with developing artists, helping them grow their skills. She continues to teach classes in several painting media, and she and her husband Mike Stephens, a photographer, have the Quillin-Stevens Gallery, where both of their work is displayed.

Quillin's resume is impressive, and I was also impressed by Mary Helen Ratje, another lifelong educator, who introduced and presented the award to Quillin.

"The arts are not fluff," said Ratje, who has taught in the classroom more than 25 years, and currently is at J. Paul Taylor Academy. "They are not filler. They are fundamental to students' cognitive growth."

I love the idea of the arts – especially in New Mexico – as a necessity, not a frivolity.

A couple of years ago, a New Mexico State University mechanical engineering student told me about the art class he took.

"I'm continuously amazed by the way you think," the engineer told the art students. "I love the way with such fluidity and flexibility you solve problems and come up with creative solutions."

I said it then and will say it again: When we get engineers to

think like artists, and artists to think like engineers, the world will be a more beautiful place indeed.

Art can beautifully speak to brilliant solutions. Art speaks to quality of life. Art speaks to introspection. Art speaks to work. And, when done right, art speaks to the heart.

We've previously covered them in our Bulletin pages, but this year's Community Arts Award winners bear more mention.

• **Papen Family Award** – Kent F. Jacobs, M.D., and Sallie Ritter Jacobs

• **Newcomer Award** – Marisa Sage

• **Arts in Education Award** – Sally Quillin

• **Community Arts Awards** – Art-Forms Artists Association of NM

• **Art in Public Places** – Jess C. Williams

• **Public Service to the Arts Award** – Jeff Steinborn

I had the pleasure of sitting next to Carolyn Bunch, who won the Papen Family Award in 1993, and whose portraits and figurative work have graced our region for 30-plus years, often through one of the Mesilla-area galleries she and her husband owned and directed going back to the 1980s.

The Arts Council always does a great job including its past winners and contributors,

and found a way to incorporate Bunch's painting "The Passenger" in its promotion of this year's award event and even in the awards themselves. So the winners not only get an award recognizing their great work, they get a wonderful work of art as well.

The variety of winners and even the variety of awards demonstrates how pervasive the arts are in our community.

Also attending the event was arguably the patriarch – and greatest patron – of the arts in Las Cruces, J. Paul Taylor. Taylor won the Papen Family Award in 1988, when he was a state representative, and he is the charter – and so far, only – member of the Council's E. John Glowacki Lifetime Achievement Award.

Taylor is also the namesake of the J. Paul Taylor Academy charter school. The project-based school has always recognized the value of the arts in its curriculum.

In fact, you can see the students' work first hand at the academy's Art Fair 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the school, 402 W. Court Ave.

It will be a great stop before or after a visit to the Downtown Art Ramble on and around Main Street, which begins every first Friday of the month at 5 p.m.

Great art is everywhere in Las Cruces. Go dive in.

Corrections

The correct spelling of the flower on the April 27 cover is "gazania." An announcement in the April 27 edition of the Bulletin should have said the Mayor's Jazz Fest is Sunday, May 27, at Plaza de Las Cruces.

Girls can, and did

To the editor:

The Las Cruces branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently presented the 24th annual Girls Can, a career conference for 6th grade girls from all over Doña Ana County. More than 300 girls and 100 parents attended the half-day event at Doña Ana Community College, East Mesa Campus.

Career women presented hour-long workshops in their chosen fields. Thanks to these presenters: Bonnie Schranz and Claudia Billings (Theatre), Joy Goldbaum (Law), Clara Graham and Young Women in Computing (Computer Science), Kimberly Martin (Dentistry), Ponjola Coney (Medicine), Mar-

tha Mitchell (Chemical Engineering), Michele Nishiguchi (Marine Biology), Ouida Touchon (Visual Arts), Carol Calista (Veterinary Medicine), Sarah Walley (Veterinary Medicine), Devin Pike and students of DACC (Nursing), Graciela Bibiascas and Oscar Perez (US Army digital communications), Kathryn-Mae Eiland, Anastasia Hames and Matthew Byrnes (2-D Animation), Stephanie Bestelmeyer (Wildlife Biology), Traci White (Pharmacy), Larin McMartin and women students at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (Medicine), and Lydia Hammond (Entrepreneurship).

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ally Employed Women), AAUW local branch, Gentle Care Dentistry, BlueCross/BlueShield Federal, Promodock, and numerous individuals. Thanks also to the three school districts in the county and to DACC faculty and staff.

If you're a girl now in 5th grade, we'll see you next year! Remember, Girls Can!

*Ann McCullough
Coordinator*

Information line needed

To the editor:

I just read that Albuquerque has partnered with the Albuquerque Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to set up an information line so sexual assault victims can check "on the status of an investigation into an assault against them."

It appears that much

positive work has been happening to eliminate the more than 5,000 untested rape kits in New Mexico just last fall (see my letter in The Bulletin, Aug. 17, 2017). My question is: Does Las Cruces have such an information line yet?

How can citizens help? A backlog of anything takes a long time to correct. It looks as if the work has definitely begun.

Thanks to all of those unseen workers.

*Alice B. Davenport
Las Cruces*

Cats on the move

Editor's note: the following is a response to Patricia Mitchell's April 13 letter to the editor questioning whether the animal shelter places the same priority on cats as dogs for adoption.

Patricia, FYI: 10 cats

left this morning to Phoenix. Two weeks ago, another 14 left for Phoenix. In March, over 25 went out of state.

In 2017 we made several trips to Oregon with cats on board. All of these cats were transported on the large transport vehicle.

We are getting all animals out of here the best we can!

If you would like to reach out to cat rescues and set up some cat-only transports, I would be more than happy to work with you.

*Clint Thacker
Executive Director
Animal Service Center
of the Mesilla Valley*

Thanks for the input

To the editor:

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the open house April 21. We had a great turnout and discussion

(on the Downtown redevelopment plan). If you weren't able to attend you still have an opportunity to comment on the document until May 25. The plan can be found at www.las-cruces.org/departments/economic-development/main-street-downtown. All feedback is welcome.

Please send your questions and comments to Armando Morales at armorales@las-cruces.org or 575-528-3476. This document has had an incredible amount of input and involvement from the arts, business and local community, and it will have a direct impact on the economic development of arts, businesses, workers and residents in the district.

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‘A Night in Aggiewood’

Las Cruces gathered April 21 for the New Mexico State University Foundation President’s Associates Ball, “A Night in Aggiewood.” The annual event raises money for student scholarships, and took place this year at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



John and Laura Conniff



NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers addresses the audience.



Tres Hicks and NMSU Regent Chair Debra Hicks

Youth of the Year enlisting in the Marines

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces (BGCLC) 2018 Youth of the Year Ashly Ramirez graduates from Mayfield High School this month, she plans to join the United States Marine Corps.

An active BGCLC member since she was 12, Ramirez began working out with the Marines at Fort Bliss in El Paso last summer and is now a regular visitor.

Basic training, she knows, will be at Parris Island, South Carolina, followed by a military assignment that could take her anywhere in the United States or around the world.

Ramirez plans to stay in the Marines for six or more years, to get the “full experience,” she said, and then wants to attend college – probably NMSU – and pursue a degree in psychology or criminal justice – possibly pursuing a career as a police officer.

“I want to help others,” said Ramirez, 18.

A native of Scottsdale, Arizona, Ramirez and her family moved to Las Cruces when she was 10 years old. She discovered the BGCLC two years later and began going there every day.

Ramirez has participated in a number of BGCLC programs, she said, and has even become a club junior staff volunteer. She’s learned everything from retail work and how to run a

cash register and stock shelves to cooking and eating healthy. A club staff member motivated her to join the Air Force Junior ROTC program as a sophomore, and that’s what led to her interest in the Marines.

“I’ve accomplished a lot through ROTC,” she said. “I love that leadership.”

As a member of the Mayfield Junior ROTC color guard, Ramirez said also enjoys participating in parades and other events that honor and assist military veterans.

The Marine detachment at Fort Bliss has “always treated me like family,” Ramirez said. “I know I can always count on them.”

Her three younger brothers are also BGCLC members, including Alejandro, 6, who is especially active at the club.

“They are one of our tried-and-true club families,” said BGCLC Chief Executive Officer Ashley Echavarria.

Ramirez’ mother, Yeneareli “Yeni” Gonzalez Garcia, is a single parent who has “worked really hard to make ends

meet for those four kids,” Echavarria said.

As the club’s 2018 youth of the year, Ashly is “exactly what we want to show these kids, what they can achieve,” said Echavarria, a regional Boys and Girls Club youth of the year in 2005 when she lived in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The Las Cruces club serves about 300 boys and girls, Echavarria said, so being selected as its youth of the year “makes you pretty special.”

“I’ve very proud of this kid,” she said of Ramirez.

She could have chosen an easier path than the military, Ramirez said, but she’s always “looking for a challenge.”

“You can be whatever you want to be,” Ramirez said.

The Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces is located at 330 W. Las Cruces Ave.

For more information, contact Echavarria at 575-526-1519 or ashley@bgclascruces.org. Visit www.bgclascruces.org.

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Ashly and one of her brothers, Alejandro, who is 6 and active in the Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces.

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IN THE NEWS

Registration closes

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department 2018 Summer Recreation Lottery Registration is closed.

Enrollment in the summer program is determined by lottery selection only. Participants who are selected for a site will be notified Tuesday, May 8, by email or text message, and the winning lottery numbers will be posted at the four registration sites and at www.las-cruces.org/summer-recreation.

Payment must be made from May 8-19, at any of the four registration sites, during regular weekday business hours, or at www.las-cruces.org/play, and click on the "Online

Registration" link.

Registration sites are: Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave.

Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 Bell St.

Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

Session I of the summer recreation program will be from June 4-29, Session II will be from July 2-Aug. 3. Both sessions are offered weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., available to children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Any unpaid spots will be opened to the public beginning Monday, May 21, on a first-come, first-

serve basis at the Parks and Recreation administrative office.

For information, call 575-541-2550.

Winners announced

The City of Las Cruces Public Information Office has announced the winners of the 12th annual CLC-TV Student Video PSA (Public Service Announcement) Contest in which area students were asked to produce a 30-second video PSA. The theme of this year's contest is "Speak Up."

A total of 34 entries were received from 60 middle and high school students in the Las Cruces area. Entries were judged based on content, technicality and creativity. All winners will

have their video PSAs placed on CLCTV.com. Gold winners will also have their PSAs played on CLC-TV Comcast channel 20 for up to one year.

Gold winning PSAs are also posted on CLCTV.com so the public can vote for an overall favorite. The student or duo who receives the most votes for their PSA will each win a new Go Pro camera. Voting will go live Monday, May 7, on CLCTV.com and the deadline to vote is Sunday, May 13. The winning PSA will be announced on the City of Las Cruces Facebook page on Monday, May 14.

Gold Winners

"No Stupid Questions"

by Adelaide Olberding, 8th grade, Sierra Middle School

"What If?" by Parker Daniel Drake – 8th grade, Sean Crawford – 7th grade, Las Cruces Catholic School

"Together We Stand" by Paris Gonzalez & Bella Baca, 8th grade, Sierra Middle School

Silver Winners

"Hide" by Alena Hernandez, 7th grade, Anjolie Hernandez 8th, Mesa Middle School

"Silently Suffering" by Isaac Nunez, 7th grade, Mesa Middle School

"Look Up" by Persephanie Avilucea & Hannah Kelley, 8th grade, Sierra Middle School
Gold and Silver winners will be recognized and presented awards at the May 7 City Council meeting at 1 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

Bill credits

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) today approved El Paso Electric's (EPE) filing to begin issuing a credit in bills to reflect the reduction of the federal tax rate for New Mexico customers. The federal tax credit began reflecting on customer bills beginning May 1.

EPE estimates the credit for the average residential New Mexico customer will range from \$1.67 per month in the winter to \$2.68 per month in the summer. The credit will appear as a line item adjustment on monthly bills.

EPE worked with the

New Mexico Attorney General's Office on the proposed reduction.

The tax rate decrease, from 35 percent to 21 percent effective Jan. 1, 2018, is included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, signed into law in December 2017.

El Paso Electric is a regional electric utility providing generation, transmission and distribution service to approximately 418,900 retail and wholesale customers in the Rio Grande Valley of west Texas and southern New Mexico.

Sobriety checkpoints

Las Cruces police have scheduled four sobriety checkpoints and four saturation patrols to be held within city limits during the month of May.

Sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are intended to reduce and eliminate the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated.

Officers will also be on the lookout for other traffic safety violations such as drivers using cell phones, and those who fail to properly utilize seatbelts and child safety seats.

Las Cruces Police encourage those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a designated driver for their transportation needs.

Cell phones

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City ordinance prohibits cell phone use while driving within city limits. The ban includes engaging in a phone call or creating, sending and reading text messages or email while operating a motor vehicle. Drivers are also prohibited from handling a device or Smart Phone to access social media.

Using a cell phone or otherwise manipulating an electronic device while driving is not considered lawful or safe.

Engaging in a conversation on a cell phone is permitted within city limits if the driver is utilizing a hands-free device and its use does not otherwise interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.

Spring market

Tractor Supply Company in Las Cruces is showcasing the talents of local craftspeople, artisans and growers during its spring Market Day Saturday, May 12.

Community members are invited to celebrate spring by shopping local, homemade and homegrown goods from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Crafters and growers will display their goods for sale in tented areas in front of the store.

“Market Day allows us to provide a space for the Las Cruces community to come together to shop local, support



their neighbors, and highlight the incredible talent that's right here in our own backyard,” said Jorge Guzman, manager of the Las Cruces Tractor Supply. “You never know what you might find at this one-day event, or how it might inspire your family's next crafting or growing adventure.”

Tractor Supply is located at 1440 W. Picacho Ave. Call 575-526-4200 for information about participating in the event.

Applicants sought

Due to a resignation, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants willing to serve on the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Board.

To be considered, the applicant must reside within Doña Ana County, excluding residents residing within the municipal limits of the City of Las Cruces. Each applicant must submit a letter of interest, a current resume and three letters

of reference to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department no later than 5 p.m. Friday, May 11.

The Housing Authority Board consists of two appointees by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, two appointees by the City of Las Cruces and a fifth appointee nominated by the city- and county-ap-

pointed board members. Appointees serve staggered five-year terms.

At present, the Housing Authority Board meets at 9 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month in the conference room of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority. Meeting times and dates may be changed once vacancies are filled.

Applications for county appointments may be mailed to Doña Ana County Chief Planner Janine Divyak at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007, or delivered in person to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department at the Doña Ana County Government Center.

More applicants

Doña Ana County is seeking qualified ap-

plicants willing to serve on the county's Internal Audit Advisory Committee, comprised of five county residents who come from the following applicant pools: 1) Those with management experience, are certified public accountants, certified internal auditors, or business educators; or 2) Current city, state and educational institution employees with backgrounds in accounting, finance, and/or auditing.

The internal audit function is designed to strengthen county procedures and to emphasize accountability to the taxpayers. The Internal Audit Advisory Committee works closely with Internal Auditor Ernest Harvin to develop comprehensive planning for improved efficiency and

accountability, and recommending workable solutions to identified issues. The implementation of such solutions is subsequently overseen by the county manager and the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners.

The committee meets every alternate Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Government Center.

Application packets shall consist of a letter of interest, a current resume and three letters of reference. Application packets will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, May 11. They can be emailed to input@donaanacounty.org, faxed to 575-525-5948, or mailed or hand-delivered Olivia Nuñez, County Manager's Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007.

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Food trucks to remain on Mesilla plaza

BY MIKE COOK

LAS Cruces Bulletin

“Based on the overwhelmingly positive feedback from patrons” who attended an April 23 Town of Mesilla Board of Trustees meeting, the town “will continue to support and host the Food Truck Fiesta, twice a year,” Mesilla Special Events Coordinator Irene Parra said in an April 24 statement.

Two Mesilla restaurant owners complained about the food trucks in emails to Parra.

Allowing food trucks on the plaza “is a terrible thing to do to the restaurants of Mesilla,”



Double Eagle and Peppers on the Plaza owner Buddy Ritter said in an April 16 email to Parra.

La Posta Restaurant owners Tom and Jerlean Hutchinson “oppose the dedicated food truck events you have

planned for the plaza,” Tom Hutchinson said in an April 16 email to Parra. “Having an event specially for food trucks parked a few feet outside restaurants on the plaza makes no sense,” he said.

“I seriously doubt that any of the folks who attended Food Truck Fiesta in Mesilla on April 18 were on their way to eat at Double Eagle or La Posta, and then changed their minds and ate at Food Truck Fiesta instead,” said Janet Beatty-Payne, who owns the Green Chile Paddy Wagon along with her husband, Patrick Payne. Beatty-Payne is also the coordinator of the Food Truck Fiestas.

“We are not taking customers away,” Beatty-Payne said. “We just don’t have the same customer base as Double Eagle or La Posta. Honestly, it is truly a compliment to what we have

built with Food Truck Fiesta that Double Eagle or La Posta would consider us ‘competition’ to their legendary establishments.”

“With every new endeavor there are new challenges to be met,” Parra said in her statement. “The Town of Mesilla does its best to meet those challenges, working in collaboration with all departments, businesses and residents.”

“When met with concerns from two local restaurants regarding the allowance of food trucks,” she said, “the board of trustees took up the issue and drafted an ordinance to regulate

the matter.

“There is not one restaurant owner who approves of the ridiculous idea,” Ritter said in an email to the Bulletin of the statement he planned to make at the April 23 meeting. “Most of the restaurants do not have the opportunity to have plaza locations yet the Town of Mesilla is giving it to the food trucks.

“It baffles me why the Town of Mesilla would want to appease food truck operators, who have a significantly lower operating costs and investment; rather than take care of their

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Some restaurant owners in the Town of Mesilla say having food trucks on the historic plaza presents unfair competition to their business.

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own restaurants who pay so much in taxes in support the town," Ritter said in the Bulletin email. "It makes no sense for you to promote an event of transient food trucks to the detriment of your well-established food service businesses who have over 200 employees on the plaza alone."

"These food trucks park during our prime business hours for a small fee with some using electricity and other services provided by the town," Hutchinson said in his email to Parra. "Your restaurants in and around the plaza have real mortgage payments, bills and staff to support ...

not to mention the GRT (gross receipts tax) we collect for you ... which is diminished when you allow for competition at a significantly lower operating cost and investment, to park a few feet from our front doors."

"We continue to support food truck events at a place that does not directly compete and/or conflict with existing restaurants," Hutchinson said, suggesting the town hall parking lot as "a good alternative."

"I am incredibly grateful for the support that the Town of Mesilla has continually given to us through hosting the Food Truck Fiesta twice a year on the Mesilla Plaza," Beatty-Payne said.

"It's a beautiful venue for our events and it pro-

vides a fun opportunity to bring people out to Mesilla on an otherwise quiet Wednesday evening," she said. "Mayor (Nora) Barraza and the Mesilla town representatives have been very vocal of their support of our thriving food truck culture and are very aware of the value that we bring to the community."

Beatty-Payne said the next Food Truck Fiesta on the Mesilla Plaza will be 5-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17.

"Hopefully these complaints will only produce positive result by bringing out more folks to Food Truck Fiestas," she said.

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Valee Stahlberg, left, dances with her daughter Eva Stahlberg at Young Park.



PHOTO BY DAVID CURTISS, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Left to right are new Sons of the American Revolution Gadsden Chapter members Donald Williams and Donald Connor. At far right is SAR national trustee Andrew Lyngar (USMC, Ret.), who conducted the induction ceremony April 21 in Las Cruces.

Local Sons of the American Revolution inducts two

BULLETIN REPORT

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Gadsden Chapter, of Las Cruces inducted new members at its April 21 meeting.

Inducted were Vietnam War veteran Donald Williams (a combat Cobra helicopter pilot in Vietnam) and U.S. Air Force veteran Donald Connor.

Both were presented a copy of the U.S. Constitution and SAR chapter challenge coins, said SAR Gadsden Chapter President David Curtiss of Las Cruces.

The two were inducted by SAR national trustee Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant (ret.) Andrew Lyngar of Las Cruces. Lyngar is former state SAR state president and is a

34-year veteran of the Marines and the Marine Corps Reserves and served during the Korean War. He currently serves as

State SAR vice president general.

SAR was chartered by an act of Congress in 1906 "to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services and sacrifices during the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people" and "to foster true patriotism."

SAR is the largest male lineage organization in the United States. There are more than 50 societies with more than 500 local chapters, several international societies and more than 34,000 members.

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DACC students strike gold, silver and bronze

BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana Community College (DACC) students competed against students from other New Mexico community colleges, each other and the clock in various contests that showcased their proficiency in occupational areas at the recently completed New Mexico SkillsUSA competition in Albuquerque in April.

Earning gold medals for DACC:

- Gustavo Perez, job skill demonstration
- Jeff Dillard, internet-working
- Frank Bonnevie, electronics technology
- Benjamin Castro, computer programming
- Rion Osborne, technical computer applications
- Eric Rodriguez (high school division) two golds, internetworking and job interview.

The six gold medalists are qualified to compete at nationals held in Louisville in June, against students who all won their state competitions.

"The New Mexico competition and conference is important for our students to develop their leadership skills and test their technical knowledge and competency," said Saundra Castillo, DACC Division Dean of Advanced Technologies and club sponsor. "Our students continue to represent our community college with outstanding enthusiasm, attitude and performance."

Silver was awarded to Jennifer Allen in customer service, Daniel Kerr in extemporaneous speaking and computer maintenance, Victor Compos in job skill demonstration,

Turner Ashby in electronics, and Austin Hill in computer programming.

Bronze winners included Nancy Villalobos in prepared speech and customer service, Jennifer Allen in job interview, Dimitri Weaver in computer programming, Benjamin Castro in extemporaneous speaking, and Anton Trujillo in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration.

Nancy Villalobos, a student in Building Construction Technology, was elected to serve New Mexico as a student officer for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Other students participating included Cory Stoval in automotive service. Team coaches are Kevin Gall, Edward Lopez, Wade Matthews, Gustavo Pina, John Carter, Tim



COURTESY PHOTO

SkillsUSA competitors from DACC.

Chappell, Leilani Beniot, Luis Mesa and Marco Garay.

All competitions were judged by professionals in the various fields.

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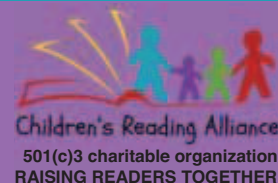
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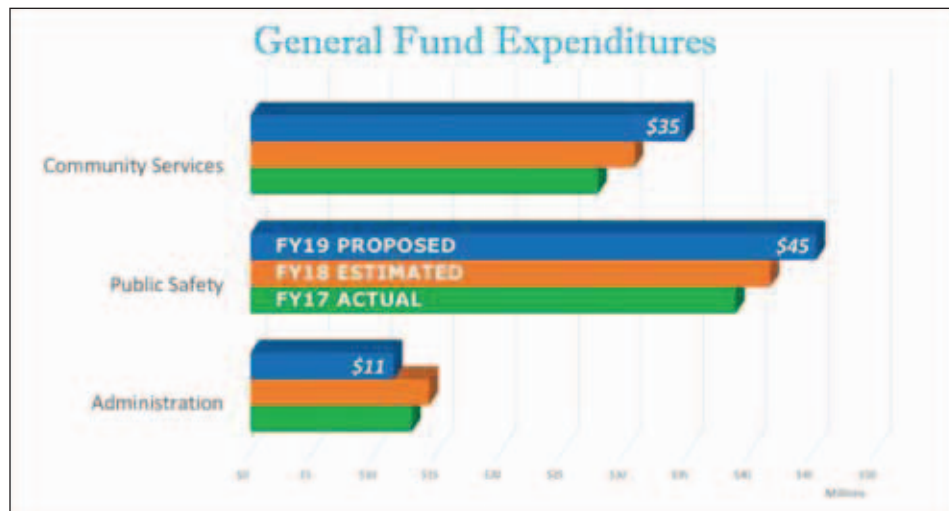
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City Auction

The City Surplus Auction April 28 at 1501 E. Hadley Ave. auctioned off anything from office furniture to automobiles and was staged by Charles J. Dickerson Inc., International Auctioneers.



Maria Chavez, left, and Gerardo Madriz came from Hatch for the Las Cruces City Surplus Auction.



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Almost half of the city's proposed FY2018-19 general fund budget would go to public safety.

City proposes smaller budget, no tax increases

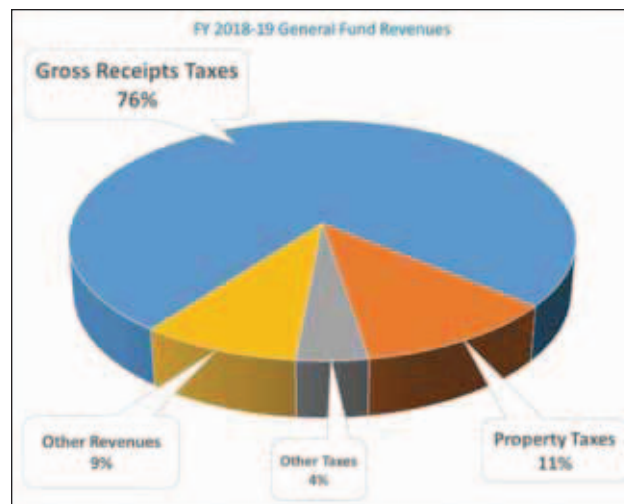
By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

City Manager Stuart Ed is proposing a slightly smaller budget for the City of Las Cruces for FY 2018-19 than the previous fiscal year, with no proposed tax increases.

Ed and city Chief Budget Officer Leeann DeMouche presented the proposed budget to the city council at its April 23 work session. The council is expected to vote on the final budget at its May 14 regular meeting.

The total proposed budget (all city funds) is \$391,150,363, a 6.3 percent (\$26.5 million) decrease from last year, Ed said. It includes a general fund budget of \$91.35 million and a capital improvement plan budget of \$109.8 million.

The budget is based on "a conservative estimate for gross receipts tax and property tax growth of 1.1 percent in



More than three-quarters of city revenues come from gross receipts taxes.

FY2018-19," according to the budget document. Gross receipts tax revenues make up more than three-quarters of the city budget, amounting to about \$75 million annually. Property tax revenues generate about 11 percent, other taxes, including gasoline and cigarette taxes, generate about four percent of the budget and other revenues, including fees

and charges, generate about nine percent of the budget.

"This budget recommendation is fiscally conservative and the city is well positioned to handle ever-changing conditions of the community and economy," Ed said in the budget document.

The proposed budget began with a baseline of

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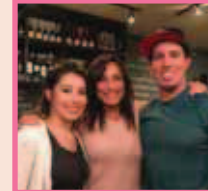
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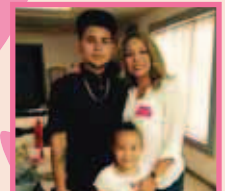
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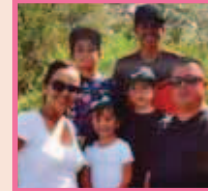
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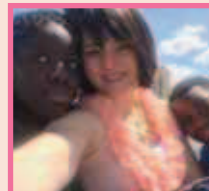
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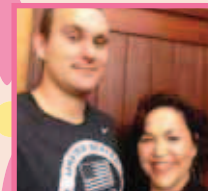
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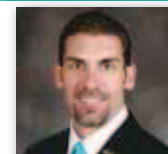
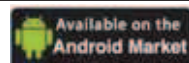


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1,550.37 full-time equivalent positions, according to the budget document. It adds almost 60 FTEs due to extended service hours for the city's transit system, additional support for the city Parks and Recreation Department for park and median maintenance, and for additional positions for both the police and fire departments, where academy graduates would be hired as interns to reduce overtime costs and increase academy recruitment and retention, Ed said.

Other new positions will save the city money because they will replace temps and contract employees previously employed by the city, he said.

The budget also includes projected salary savings of \$4.5 million from employee turnover and includes an average two percent increase in staff salaries and benefits.

Under the new budget, the city Utilities Department will begin

a recruitment program that brings high school students into the department's water technician program and pays for their training and certification in exchange for an eight-year commitment to work in the city's water and wastewater programs.

The proposed budget is "more optimistic" and "more real" than previous city budgets that were overly conservative, Ed said. The new budget, he said, "reflects the actual more accurately."

"The proposed budget is grounded in financial best-practices and adheres to conservative revenue projections," according to the budget document, "funds recurring expenditures with recurring revenues and maintains robust reserve levels."

Highlights of the proposed budget:

- It includes state-required reserves of \$7.6 million (1/12th of general fund expenditures), plus an additional 1/12th required by the city council and an available unreserved balance of \$6.2 million.

- Federal grant funds

for five new electric buses.

- Increase in operation spending and capital projects in aviation.

- Increase in sustainability projects for electric charging stations and the city's climate change initiative.

- Installation of fiber optics to provide WiFi for the Downtown Plaza.

- Increase the number of parks in the community.

- Increase the number of city-sponsored events downtown.

- A "one-stop shop" for permits and inspections.

- An historical preservation coordinator to provide a higher degree of understanding to the historic value of city districts.

- Start-up and relocation of businesses into the downtown area.

- A mobile integrated healthcare coordinator to identify members of our community who are in need of health/social services and reduce unnecessary 911 calls.

- An art coordinator.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@las-crucesbulletin.com.

City backs out of backing in

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Because of safety concerns, city staff have decided to nix a plan to include diagonal reverse parking downtown as part of the Church-Water conversion project.

The back-in angle parking was included in project plans last year, but will be changed to diagonal forward parking, city Economic Development Coordinator Mandy Guss said at the April 23 city council work session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg said he was disappointed with the decision and hoped city staff would reconsider it before the street striping in the conversion project is done.

George Pearson, chair of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee and the city's representative on the committee, said he supports reverse parking because it makes it safer for people getting in and out of parking spaces and driving out of spaces.

In other business:

Guss said Visit Las Cruces (the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau) has moved into the Amador redevelopment project, and construction on the project's restaurants and courtyard should be completed within 60 days.

Also at the April 23 meeting, the council, acting as the downtown Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) board, voted unanimously to issue short-term revenue bonds in the amount of \$1,620,500 to continue funding for TIDD projects in the downtown area.

Funds will be used to address drainage issues on Water Street, including the replacement of pavement, curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

The TIDD's current fund balances are \$9,731,481, Guss said. She said city staff will give another update on the TIDD in July, including what those funds will be used for.

The downtown TIDD was created by the city in 2009 "to generate revenue within the downtown area and to use those revenues within that area for public improvement projects," according to city documents. It is funded through existing gross receipts tax revenues, with additional funding from the New Mexico Legislature.

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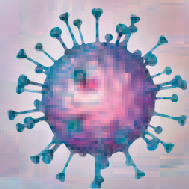
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With Cruces Kids Can founder April Christensen are, left to right, spring Kids Can 10-13-year-old winners Domingue and Dezirey Galvan, Valentina Arana, Zoe Shipley, Eli Field, Annabella Jorgensen and EmmaJean Christensen.

Winners named in Kids Can competition

BULLETIN REPORT

Kids Can and kids did compete and win prizes in the Cruces Kids Can Spring Bazaar Business Competition.

The event, held April 21 at Plaza de Las Cruces, allowed children ages 6-16 to create a business plan, develop a product or service and open their own business. It was sponsored by The Village Development Center of Las Cruces, founded by April Christensen.

Products on the market that day included glass-bead magnets, lemonade, jewelry, tin can do-it-yourself herb gardens, canvas paintings, keychains, crochet items, marshmallow shoots, painted clay



Fin Shipley, Soap Stone Dreamery (felted soap stones).

pots, slime, woodwork, repurposed clothing, handmade cards, foaming hand soap, painted mason jars, bird feeders and rock art.

The winners were
• 6-9 year-olds: Annabella Jorgensen and EmmaJean Christensen's U Rock Co., won top prize; Eli Field's Sprout

won for most Earth-friendly business;

• 10-13 year-olds: Cousins Dominique and Dezirey Galvan won the top spot for D&D's Delectable Delights. Zoe Shipley and Valentina Arana's I Can Can won for most Earth-friendly

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Clarissa Alcala, who called her business Biscochito Bites.

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business.

Three judges visited with each business booth to determine winners, Christensen said. Judges were Sisbarro Dealerships General Manager Mike Tourtillott, City of Las Cruces Economic Development Department Deputy Director Dr. Griselda Martinez and Las Cruces Sun-News News Director Lucas Peerman.

"The children were judged on the originality of their business idea, true business potential, presentation/creativity of their booth and salesmanship," she said.

"This time around we add another category, 'most Earth-friendly business,'" Christensen said. "These products or services had to be delivered using recycled materials or the product itself was reusable."

Each category winner got \$50.

"The event was packed with young and old buying up the creations of these young entrepreneurs," Christensen said. "Many of the busi-



Any Pahwa, whose business was called Amazing Crafts (wooden sticks).

ness booths sold out."

"We should be very proud of all the children," she said. "They worked so hard and did so well."

The next Kids Can event will be in November, Christensen said.

Christensen started the Village Development Center in January 2016 "to build a community filled with strong self-reliant members who teach and lift each other as well as future generations," according to the center's Facebook page.

For more information, contact Christensen at 575-680-6766 or thevil-lagelc@gmail.com. Visit squareup.com/store/build-learn-grow.

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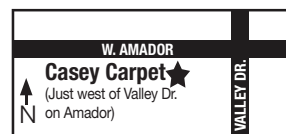
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Early voting, registration day loom

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's not too early to decide who you're going to vote for in the June 5 primary elections.

Early voting starts Tuesday, May 8 and continues through Saturday, June 2. Absentee voting begins May 8 and continues through June 1.

May 8 is also the last day to register and be eligible to vote in the primary election. You must be registered as a Demo-

crat, a Republican or a Libertarian to vote in the primary.

Here is the schedule for early voting:

• **Early voting at county clerk's office:** May 8-June 2; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

• **Early voting at alternate voting sites:** 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, May 19, and Tuesday-Saturday, May 22-June 2. Alternative

voting sites are Sonoma Elementary School, 4201 Northrise Drive and Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., both in Las Cruces; Anthony Elementary School, 600 N. Fourth St. in Anthony, New Mexico; Doña Ana Community College Sunland Park Branch, 3365 McNutt Road in Sunland Park; Delores C. Wright Educational Center, 400 E. Lisa Drive in Chaparral; and Hatch High School, 170 E. Herrera

Road in Hatch.

NOTE: All voting locations are closed on Sundays and on Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day holiday).

• **Absentee voting:** Tuesday, May 8-Friday, June 1. All completed absentee ballots must be returned in the envelopes provided by 7 p.m. on election day to be counted. For more information on absentee voting, visit donaanacounty.org/elections/voting#absenteevoting.

• **Primary election day:** 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at 40 voting locations throughout the county:

In Las Cruces: Camino Real Middle School, 2961 N. Roadrunner Parkway; Corbett Center, NMSU campus; Desert Hills Elementary School, 280 N. Roadrunner Parkway; Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.; East Picacho Elementary School, 4450 N. Valley Drive; Fairacres Elementary School, 4501 W. Picacho Ave.; Good Samaritan Social Center, 3011 Buena Vida Circle; Jornada Elementary School, 3400 Elks Drive; Las Alturas Fire Station, 4145 Cholla Drive; Las Cruces High School, 1750 El Paseo Road; Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut St.; Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive; New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road; Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive; Sierra Middle School, 1700 Spruce St.; Sonoma Elementary School,

4201 Northrise Drive; Sunrise Elementary School, 5300 Holman Road; Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.; Tombaugh Elementary School, 226 Carver Road; University Hills Elementary School, 2005 S. Locust St.; and Vista Middle School, 4465 Elks Drive. Anthony, New Mexico: Anthony Elementary School, 600 N. Fourth St. and Gadsden Middle School, 1301 W. Washington St. Berino: Berino Elementary School, 92 Shrode Road. Chaparral: Chaparral Middle School, 290 Lisa Drive. Doña Ana: Doña Ana Community Center, 5745 Ledesma Drive; Garfield: Garfield Elementary School, 8820 Highway 187. Hatch: Hatch High School, 170 E. Herrera Road. La Mesa: La Mesa Fire Station, 15765 Highway 28. La Union: La Union Elementary School, 875 Mercantile Ave. Mesilla: Mesilla Elementary School, 2363 Calle Del Sur. Mesilla Park: Frank O'Brien Papen Center (Mesilla Park Recreation Center), 304 W. Bell Ave. Mesquite: Mesquite Elementary School, 205 NM Highway. 228. Organ: Organ Fire Station, 5816 3rd St. Radium Springs: Radium Springs Community Center, 12060 L.B. Lindbeck Road. Rincon: Rincon Fire Station, 255 Harlan St. San Miguel: North Valley Elementary School, 300 Cascade Ave. Santa Teresa: Santa Teresa Middle School, 4800 McNutt Road. Sunland Park:

Desert View Elementary School, 1105 Valle Vista St. Vado: Del Cerro Community Center, 180 La Fe Ave.

You can pick up a sample ballot at the county clerk's office in the county government center that lists all candidates in all local, district and statewide races that will be on the 2018 primary election ballot. The primary includes races (some are not contested in the primary and/or the general election) for county commission, sheriff, assessor, probate judge; county magistrate races; Third Judicial District Court judges; local state representatives; state Public Regulation Commission District 5; state Public Education Commission District 7, U.S. senator; U.S. representative for New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District; governor and lieutenant governor; state attorney general, treasurer, auditor, land commissioner and secretary of state; and state court of appeals judges.

For information on registering to vote, visit [portal.sos.state.nm.us/OVR/\(S\(hgpmfvof1k3vk-f3mlz14e4z5\)\)/WebPages/InstructionsStep1.aspx](http://portal.sos.state.nm.us/OVR/(S(hgpmfvof1k3vk-f3mlz14e4z5))/WebPages/InstructionsStep1.aspx).

For more information on the primary election, call the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections at 575-647-7428, visit donaanacounty.org/sites/default/files/pages/2018_primary_early_voting.pdf.

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Fun Days in May!

Check out some of these unusual holidays that you can celebrate in May.

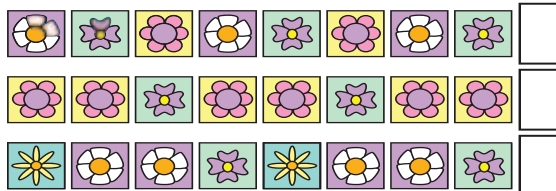
MAY 7 National Lost Sock Day
You throw your dirty socks in the hamper. (You do, don't you?) But after washing, not every sock is found! Where do they go? It's one of life's great mysteries. While thinking about the fate of those lost socks, look below to find each sock's match. Can you find the one sock that has no match?



MAY 14 Dance Like a Chicken Day
Fold your arms like wings, play your favorite music and dance like a funky chicken! Sure, it's silly. But it's really good eggs-ercise! With some friends, try to stand in these crazy chicken dance poses for 30 seconds without getting the giggles.



MAY 30 National Water a Flower Day
Go on a hike with your family. Bring along some extra water and give it to a wildflower you find along the way. Draw the flower that should come next to complete the pattern in each row.

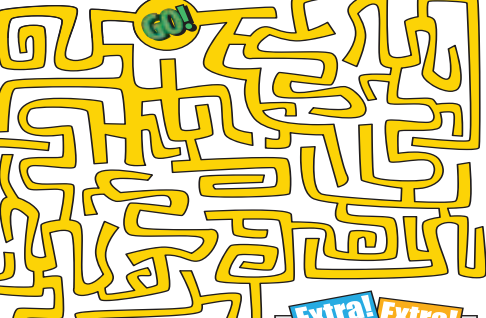


Standards Link: Math/Probability: Identify and extend simple patterns.

MAY 10 Clean Your Room Day
If your room has gotten out of control, spend this May 10 cleaning up your messy room. But first, help Chloe find the following things in this big pile of stuff from her room:

- 1 hairbrush
- 2 sneakers
- 3 pencils
- 6 books
- 6 baseballs
- 2 cups
- 4 paint brushes
- 2 Teddy bears
- 3 basketballs
- 8 crayons
- 2 dominoes
- 3 pans

MAY 18 National Pizza Party Day
Gather friends and family and order some pizzas. Or, make your own! Find your way through this maze to grab your slice of yummy pizza.



Extra! Extra! May is National Hamburger Month!
Survey 15 friends to find out what topping they prefer on a hamburger. Create a graph to show the results.

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Display results using a graph.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

MAY 5 Free Comic Book Day
Most comic book shops offer customers a free comic book the first Saturday in May. Visit your local comic book store and be sure to say a mighty, "Thank you!"
How many differences can you find between these two comics?



Kid Scoop Word Search

CHICKEN UNUSUAL PIZZA FATE FLOWER SILLY COMIC SOCK HIKE MESSY WATER MAY DANCE ROW FUN
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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May is Teacher Appreciation Month
Design a newspaper ad telling your teacher how much you appreciate him or her. Look at some ads in your newspaper for ideas.
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Animal Riddle
Write a "Who am I?" riddle with three or more clues about an animal. Write the answer on the back of the riddle. Can your friends guess the animal?

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Some of the words are missing in this article. Work with a family member to decide where each word belongs.

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MAY 5 Cinco de Mayo



On the fifth of May, people from Mexico and Mexican-Americans celebrate a _____ called **Cinco de Mayo**. Cinco de Mayo is how you say *fifth of May* in _____.

On May 5, 1862, in the _____ of Puebla, Mexico, a tired, poor and small Mexican army defeated the large, well-armed forces from France.

Mexicans did not want to be _____ by the French; they wanted to rule themselves. The French eventually left Mexico and each year, people of Mexican heritage _____ the historic battle at Puebla with food, games, music and dancing.

Cinco de Mayo became very _____ in the 1980s, and has been so ever since. It's a fun-filled _____ or, as they say in Spanish, a **fiesta!**
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

COMING UP

Ice Cream Bicycle Ride: 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, La Llorona Park, Picacho Avenue at the Rio Grande. Family friendly group bike ride, along the Rio trail. Riders under 18 must wear helmets and be accompanied by adults. No tricycles or training wheels. Ice cream for ride participants. Info: bikes.nmsu.edu.

Bike swap: 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 5, Moose

Lodge parking lot, north end of Farmer's Market. Buy and sell anything bicycle-related. Donations to support Velo Cruces non-profit efforts accepted. Info and space reservations: Donald dwilson0884@gmail.com or velocruces.org/events.html.

Holloman open house: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 5, Holloman Air Force Base. This is the first open

house since 2014. Info: 575-572-7381, www.holloman.af.mil or www.facebook.com/HollomanonFB.

PFLAG Burrito Bash: 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, Young Park, 850 S. Walnut St. Food will be provided by area sponsors, and events will include the return of shaving cream baseball. Info and updates: www.facebook.com/pflaglc or on Twitter at @pflaglc.

Lil' Sluggers registration: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, May 5 and 19, Meersheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. New player registration in three divisions: T-ball, pre-K/K; T-ball, 1st/2nd;

Coach Pitch, 3rd/4th. Cost: \$45 per player due at registration, includes game jersey. Info: 575-541-2563 or athletics@las-cruces.org.

Youth Volleyball registration: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 5, Meersheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E.

Hadley Ave. New player registration in three co-ed divisions: 3rd-grade clinic; 4th/5th-grade; 6th/7th/8th-grade. Cost: \$45 per player due at registration, includes game jersey; \$35 for returning players if no jersey is needed. Info: 575-541-2563 or athletics@las-cruces.org.

Orioles of N.M.: 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5, Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman, Suite 130. Facts about the bright orange Oriole including their behavior, migratory habits, identification, nesting behavior, how to attract them. Cost: Free. Info and RSVP: 575-523-5489 or wbulcnature@gmail.com.

Women voters' reunion: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, Pioneer Women's Park. Las Cruces League of Women Voters celebrates its 50th anniversary with a reunion picnic. Cost: \$20 per person, prepayment required. Info: 575-524-VOTE (8683) or LWVGLC,

P.O. Box 15142, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Stars-N-Parks: Learn about the night sky at NM state parks. Arrive at sunset to become familiar with surroundings before nightfall. Formal presentation followed by telescope observations. Cost: \$5 park day-use fee. Suggested donation for the program, \$5 per couple, or \$3 per individual. Info: www.Astro-NPO.org.

• Saturday, May 5: Rockhound State Park. Sunset: 7:54 p.m. Program Start: 9:05 p.m., Program End: 10:35 p.m. Moon is 20.4 days old. Orion is setting and Antares is rising. Presenter: Mike Nuss.

• Saturday, May 12: City of Rocks State Park. Sunset: 7:59 p.m. Program Start: 9:10 p.m., Program End: 10:40 p.m. Moon is 26.9 days old. Gemini is setting and Sagittarius is rising. Omega Centaurus is visible. Presenter: Bill Nigg.

Food drive fundraiser: 7:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday May 6, Walmart, 1550 S. Valley Drive. The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 431 will hold a non-perishable food drive and fundraiser to support veterans, Casa de Peregrinos food ban and Gospel Rescue

Mission. Info: Chaplain Lawrence, 575-222-5416.

Democratic women: 6 p.m. Monday, May 7, Lion's Club Event Center, 1502 N. Solano Drive. Federation of Democratic Women of Doña Ana County monthly meeting. Come early to order dinner. Info: Rosemarie 575-650-3545 or Connie 575-521-0096.

Academy open house: 8:30-10 a.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, Las Cruces Academy, 1755 Avenida de Mesilla. Morning visitors can watch classes, talk with Head of School Dr. Lou Ellen Kay, and view the facilities. Afternoon visitors may speak with Dr. Kay and view the classrooms. LCA is a private school serving academically advanced or motivated students. Info: Kay 575-521-9384 or lasrucresacademy.org.

Master gardeners: 9:15-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room. Monthly meeting of Doña Ana County Master Gardeners. Open to the public. Info: Dot Wyckoff 602-363-5152 or dotdash12@yahoo.com.

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— PUBLIC NOTICE —

Capital Improvements Advisory Committee Member Sought

The City of Las Cruces is currently accepting applications for an opening on the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee that serves in accordance with the Las Cruces Development Impact Fee Ordinance.

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The committee also files annual reports with respect to the progress of the capital improvements plan and report to the City through the City Manager any perceived inequities in implementing the plan or imposing impact fees. It also advises the City of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions, capital improvements plan, impact fees, and advises the City regarding growth management strategies.

Applications can be picked up at the City Clerk's office inside City Hall at 700 N. Main St., or accessed online at: <http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-commissions-and-committees>.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (575) 541-2115. The TTY number is (575) 541-2182.

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Sound editing basics: 3-5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, Branigan Memorial Library maker space. Workshop for teens 12-18 covers sound editing software such as Logic Pro X and Apple Loops. Info: 575-528-400 or vwww.las-cruces.org/departments/quality-of-life/thomas-branigan-library.

Genealogical Society: 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room. May meeting of the Doña Ana County Genealogical Society, Dona Ana County Genealogical Society. Visitors welcome.

History Notes: 1 p.m. Thursday, May 10, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St. George R. Matthews will present "John Kinney: New Mexico's Outlaw King" at the May History Notes lecture. Cost: Free. Info: 575-541-2154.

Book fair: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12, Barnes & Noble in the Mesilla Valley Mall. Benefit for Las Cruces Academy. Main event on Saturday features singing in Chinese, Spanish, and English; a science demo with liquid nitrogen; face-painting, and calligraphy. Info: las-cruces-academy.org.

Coloring for adults: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday, May 11, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N Mesilla St. Coloring Club for Adults. Cost: Free. Info: 575-541-2154 or 575-647-4480.

Blazin' Brewfest: 4-9 p.m. Friday, May 11, Plaza de Las Cruces. Eighteen

New Mexico breweries will pour for this year's festival. Patrons receive a commemorative tasting glass. Music by Santa Fe's DJ Dmonic. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate. Info and tickets: www.nmbeer.org or in person at Bosque Brewing-Las Cruces, High Desert Brewing, and Spotted Dog Brewery.

Food drive: Through May 11. Caliber Collision's 7th Annual Rhythm Restoration Food Drive seeks donations to help stock the shelves of the Roadrunner Food Bank during the summer months when many children who typically rely on school lunches go hungry. To donate online: CaliberDonations.com. To find the location for donations: CaliberCollision.com.

Feed the Animals: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Tractor Supply, 1440 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces Chapter 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will collect pet food to donate to local shelters. Customers are asked to purchase an extra can, case or bag of food and drop it off at the OES table.

Treasure sale: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Photography Boot Camp: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 12, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Doña Ana Photography Club completes its series of photography classes with image critique and Q&A. Bring your camera. Registration is required. Cost: \$5. Info: daphotoclub.org/boot-camp.

Apple users: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 12, NMSU Barnes and Noble North Living Room. Cruces Apple User Group agenda includes What's New With Apple and tutorials on Clean My Mac, scanning photos and documents and Hider 2. Meeting ends with tech support for users. Info: LouiseFoster@mac.com or www.cauglc.org.

Republican women: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 12, Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla. Republican Women of Mesilla Valley monthly meeting. State auditor candidate Wayne Johnson will speak. Guests are welcome. Info: [Carol Cooper 575-647-1300](tel:575-647-1300) or tscooper@qwestoffice.net.

Saturday Family Science: 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Museum of Nature and science, 411

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Shoulder Pain: What You Can Do To Ease It If You've Been Putting Up With It For Weeks

By Physical Therapist, Dennis L Prickett

Las Cruces (NM) - Last week I talked about shoulder pain and the 3 things that surprisingly wouldn't help to ease it. Those 3 things were; painkillers, rest and time, and 'nice' relaxing spa-style massages. We also covered why these things won't work to ease your shoulder pain. Painkillers won't work because they simply just mask the pain without getting to the root cause of it. Rest and time won't work because the more you rest, the tighter your muscles become and more stiff your joints become too. 'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages won't work because the therapists doing them aren't trained to properly identify the root cause of the problem.

So this week, we're going to talk about shoulder pain and the most common cause of shoulder pain: Overuse. When it comes to aches and pains there are just two ways that bring them on. The first is you can have an accident. With an accident, you know exactly the moment it happens because there's usually an incident that happens accompanied by pain that makes you want to yell and curl up into a ball. This is normally from a fall or a collision and is called acute pain.

The second is related to something you're doing that can cause annoying, persistent pain that just won't go away. This is the most common one we see here in the clinic and it's called chronic pain.

Chronic shoulder pain is identified as pain that's always there. It's the reason you grab your shoulder after lifting something heavy or when you go to reach for something in the back of the cupboard. It's not always caused by one particular movement or activity. People with this type of shoulder pain often feel doomed, as if they were just plagued with bad shoulders. But here's the thing, there are simple ways to ease it and to help fix it! So what can you do if it's happening to you, or if it suddenly happens to you?

First, I want you to know that 'overuse' doesn't specifically mean doing an activity 'too much'. Things like ironing, painting, lifting heavy objects and even sitting hunched over at a desk all day can be done wrong causing you to 'overuse' your shoulders. Overuse actually means doing an activity the wrong way too much. It could also just be that you have weak muscles in your arms, back and shoulders, poor

an awkward position. Whatever it is, they can all be the culprit of nagging shoulder pain. So let's go over some ways you can ease this daily shoulder pain that disturbs your sleep and gets in the way of almost everything you do.

posture when sitting or standing, or even have spent more of your life sleeping in

Use Ice & Heat: Whenever you're feeling achy or painful, ice is by far the best way to ease the pain. Apply an ice pack for 10 minutes or so, little but often every hour. Use heat when you wake up in the morning. The muscles are likely to be a little stiff and cold from not moving all night, applying a hot water bottle will help you move your shoulder with more ease. Again, 10 minutes should do it.

How Do You Sleep?: Do you sleep with one or two pillows? If you're used to sleeping with two pillows this might feel a little strange at first, but in the long run it will do your shoulders a whole world of good. Sleeping with one pillow lowers the amount of stretching and tension that happens in your neck and shoulders at night. Drop down to just one, soft pillow and you'll feel the difference.

Hands On PT: Lastly, if you've been putting up with the pain for several weeks, or even months, getting hands-on treatment is going to help ease the pain faster. There's no fast way to ease shoulder pain than by going to see a Physical Therapist. A PT will be able to soothe and relax the tight, aching muscles, as well as give you personalized exercises that will help strengthen your muscles and make sure your posture is perfectly aligned.

When you combine all of these tips, including going to see a Physical Therapist, you will feel a dramatic drop in the pain you're currently suffering from. If you have any questions about your specific shoulder pain, I'm more than happy to answer any questions by phone at (575) 525-2450 or by email at biz@atriumpmt.com

■ The author, Dennis Prickett, is a Physical Therapist and co-owner of Atrium Physical Therapy. He's more than happy to answer any questions by phone on (575) 525-2450 or by email at biz@atriumpmt.com





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ABOVE: Sally and Erich Bowers of Silver City took first place in the mixed doubles competition at the 4.0 level.

RIGHT: Laura Smart of Las Cruces is nationally ranked in her age group.

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At the April 24 Rio Grande Rotary Club meeting are, left to right, pickleball players Jamee Nelson, Jana Vargas, Kiley Gifford, Kathleen Guitar, Virginia Barbier, Laura Smart (also a club member) and Cece Hunter. Not pictured is Lori Cramer, who recently moved to Reno, Nevada but was part of the committee that organized the first ever Aaron Gifford Pickleball Benefit Tournament that raised \$10,000 for the national Mission 22 program, which works to prevent veterans' suicides. The check was unveiled at the Rotary Club meeting.

Pickleball tournament nets money to fight suicides

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Aaron Gifford lost his long personal battle with post-traumatic stress last January after his military service in the first attack on Iraq after 9/11, but his memory lives on in a Las Cruces pickleball tournament April 7-8 that raised money to fight veteran suicides.

Aaron's mother, Cece Hunter, and his twin sister, Kiley Gifford, were later guests of the Rio Grande Rotary Club at its April 24 meeting, as they and more than a dozen other pickleball players and Aaron Gifford Pickleball Benefit Tournament organizers unveiled a \$10,000 check that will

go to the Mission 22, a national nonprofit dedicated to ending veteran suicides.

"Little by little, we saw him slipping away from us," Hunter said about Aaron, who ended his life in January.

The number of veterans who commit suicide because of post-traumatic stress – an average of 22 a day – is equivalent to two starting football teams, or the number of people who fly on a commercial airliner every three weeks, and totals about 50,000 during the past 14 years.

"It's a silent killer nobody wants to talk about," Hunter said.

Aaron Gifford, along with his sister and

mother, started playing pickleball in Las Cruces a couple of years ago, winning a number of tournaments and numerous medals. Hunter and Kiley Gifford decided a pickleball tournament was the perfect way to honor his memory and support an organization helping other veterans.

Tournament winners were:

- Men's doubles, level 3.0: gold: Margarito Verdugo and Reggie Schmitt, silver: John Bromley and Rick Wiederstein, bronze: Mark McDowell and Steve Korschgen; level 3.5: gold: Bob Blair and Ernesto Bustillos, silver: El Huracan Hidalgo and



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North Main St. Families hypothesize which foods are the best powerhouse snacks. Then, as a team, they perform experiments determining just how much energy they get from foods. Cost: Free. Info: 575-522-3120 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Mother's Day program:

2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Fort Selden Historic Site. Meet famous and infamous women who lived on the New Mexico frontier as portrayed by VanAnn Moore, an internationally known performer. Mothers receive a special gift. Cost: \$3 for adults, free for children 16 and younger. Info: 575-526-8911.

Food-beer pairings:

Monday-Sunday, May 14-20, Spotted Dog Brewery, 2920 Avenida de Mesilla, celebrates American Craft Beer Week with daily craft beer and food pairings throughout the week. All beers listed are produced by Spotted Dog Brewery.

Daily Food Pairings:

- Monday, May 14: Biere de Chien and Penne Primavera Alfredo with Grilled Portabellas & Pecorino Cheese
- Tuesday, May 15: Dog Paddle or New England IPA and Thai Peanut Chicken & Noodle Stir Fry
- Wednesday, May 16: Dunkelweisen and Grilled Duck Sausage with Sour Cherry Chutney & Wild Rice Pilaf
- Thursday, May 17: Hefeweisen or Kolsch or Steam Beer and Seared Crab Cakes & Dill Aioli

served on Field Greens with Grilled Toast Points

- Friday, May 18: Three Legged Dog Tripel and Flat Iron Steak with Chimichurri on White Cheddar Grits

- Saturday, May 19: 80 Schilling and Twin Tomahawk Pork Chop with Green Tomato & Granny Smith Applesauce
- Sunday, May 20: Dry Irish Stout and Lamb Osso Bucco on Bleu Cheese Risotto

Blessing of the fields:

10-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Visitors can join the colorful, music-filled procession around the museum's campus as the livestock, plants, water, and bread are blessed in the tradition of the day. Piñata making (and busting) also is part of the fun. Cost: Free to participate in the procession.

Minnesota Club: 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, Lorenzo's, 1753 E. University Ave. Food and conversation for people who were born in Minnesota or lived there.

Las Cruces AARP: 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, Peace Lutheran Church Bethlehem Room, corner of Locust and Missouri. Louis Castro, coordinator for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will speak. Bring pet food to be given to local organizations. Info: local.aarp.org/las-cruces-nm/

History talk: Noon-1 p.m. Thursday, May 17, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Organ View Terrace, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. As part of the weeklong

celebration of the museum's 20th Anniversary, a brown bag lunch and talk by a local historian. Drinks and dessert will be provided but participants must bring their own lunch. Cost: Free.

N.M. vintage iron: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 18-19, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. N.M. Vintage Iron tractor club will be on site with antique tractors, lawn tractors, hit-and-miss engines, a grist mill and rope making. There will be lawn and garden tractor sled pulls, as well as parades and cart rides. Cost: Regular museum admission on Friday, \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 4-17, free for children 3 and under as well as Museum Friends members.

20th Anniversary Day:

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. A day of fun wraps up the week-long activities celebrating the opening of the Museum 20 years ago. Cost: \$5 per car load.

Chamber After Hours:

5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, May 24: DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado in the Bulletin Plaza Courtyard. Hosted by Doña Ana Arts Council and Las Cruces Bulletin Cost: Free. Info and RSVP: Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce 575-524-1968.

Mobile summer rec: 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays. Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Summer Recreation Mobile Unit will visit city parks with fam-

ily fun and games. Registration is not required. Cost: Free. Info: 575-541-2550 or RecPrograms@las-cruces.org.

- June 13: Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave.
- June 20: Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.
- June 27: Mesilla Park (Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center), 304 W. Bell Ave.
- July 11: Pioneer Woman's Park, 500 W. Las Cruces Ave.
- July 18: Metro Verde Splash Pad Park, 7125

Metro Park Drive.

- July 25: Jason Giron Park, 355 Three Crosses Ave.

LCHS Class of 1958: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, Los Mariachis, 754 N. Motel Blvd. Classmates celebrate 60 years with dinner and no-host beer and wine bar. Cost: Free for classmates and significant others, \$15 for other guests. Info: Nora Lcnmclass58@gmail.com or Sally Sutherlin 575-650-7209.

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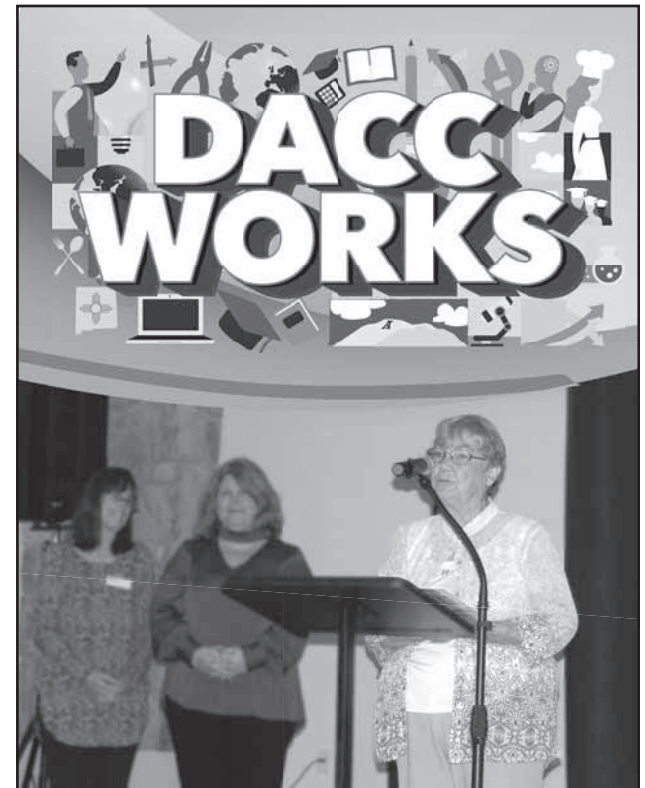
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Lori Cramer and Virginia Barbier won silver in women's doubles, level 3.5.

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Lucky Iruku, bronze: Russell Mehan and Raymond Hunter; level 4.0: gold: Erich Bower and Steve Corrington, silver: Robert Hennessey and Javier Barron, bronze: Ray Thomas and John Castruccio; level 4.5: gold: Roosta De haan and Toluca Flores, silver: Menardino Menard and Kike Asmar, bronze: Kenny Goncalves and Sniper Benitez;

- Mixed doubles, level 2.5: winners were Lisa and Duncan Murphy; level 3.0: gold: Cece and Kenneth Hunter, silver: Jamie and Raymond Hunter, bronze: Teri Gilen and Juan Guerra; level 3.5: Laurel Coyle and Clayton Henry, silver: Kiley Gifford and Russell Mehan, bronze: Dee Kaumeyer and Curtis Crawley; level 4.0: gold: Sally and Erich Bower, silver: Stacie and Javier Barron, bronze: Kelly Hennessey and Kenny Goncalves; level 4.5: Joyce Montoya



Cece Hunter and her daughter, Kiley Gifford, lost their son and twin brother Aaron Gifford in January.

and Sniper Benitez, silver: Sally Gillich and Arlo Abbott, bronze: Lawanna and Patrick Quist;

- Women's doubles, level 2.5: winners were Crystal Hyslop and Janice Czynson; level 3.0: gold: Jamee Nelson and Kathleen Guitar, silver: Jill Rogers and Caren Carver, bronze: Cece Hunter and Kiley Gifford; level 3.5: gold: Bonnie Corrington and Judy Menefee, silver: Virginia Barbier and Lori Cramer, bronze: Margy Brown and Rossana Conley;

level 4.0: gold: Kelly Hennessey and Stacie Barron, silver: Holly Wilcox and Sally Bower, bronze: Dino Gator Otey and Dee Kaumeyer; level 4.5: gold: Lawanna Quist and Sally Gillich, silver: Joyce Montoya and Leanne Smith.

For more information, contact Laura Smart at 425 233 9082 or lauralsmart@comcast.net. Visit www.mission22.com.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 04/20, 04/27, 05/04, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 5, 2018, Rodney J. Tharp, Mary Lou Tharp, & John W. Tharp, 8965 N. Doña Ana Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-17339 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-17339 POD1 located within the SE^{1/4} NE^{1/4} of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 26' 24.46"N, 106° 52' 28.23"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling well LRG-17339 POD2 to a depth of 150 feet for 6-inch casing to be located within SE^{1/4} NE^{1/4} of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 26' 24.08"N, 106° 52' 28.68"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purpose. The site for replacement well LRG-17339 POD2 is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 8965 N. Doña Ana Road. Old well LRG-17339 POD1 will be plugged. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22

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Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 04/20, 04/27, 05/04, 2018

Jamie Stull Storage Units 2
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Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Monica Verdugo
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Dates: 05/04, 05/11, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 24, 2018, Sunset Acres Residential Dev LLP, PO Box, filed application numbered LRG-16580-1 into LRG-17227, OSE File Nos. LRG-16580-1 & LRG-17227, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion and Place of Use of Underground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by transferring combined water rights associated with 11.709 acres of land owned by Sunset Acres Residential

Dev LLP, located within the SE^{1/4} of Section 22, Township 28S, Range 3E and the NE^{1/4} of said Section 22 (NMPM), with historically irrigated with well LRG-12128 (LRS21-0020) located within the NW ^{1/4} NE^{1/4} of said Section 22 (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X = 1,525,221 ft. & Y = 308,630 ft. (NMSP, Central NAD83) as described by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-021-0025 & transferring said combined rights to 11.709 acres of land within the NE ^{1/4} of Section 16, Township 18S, Range 4W (NM PM) to be irrigated with wells LRG-08494, LRG-08494-S, & LRG-08494-POD5 more specifically described where X = 1,330,569.9 ft. & Y = 638,075.2 ft., X = 1,330,240.4 ft. & Y = 636,823 ft., & X = 1,328,437.8 ft. & Y = 635,256.9 ft. (NMSP, Central NAD83), respectively on land owned by Rodney S. & Amanda Franzoy. The site of proposed wells LRG-08494, LRG-08494-S, and LRG-08494-POD5 will be located southeast of Garfield, NM & may be found approximately 0.41 mile east, 0.43 mile south-east, & 0.54 mile south of the intersection of Dandelion Ave and Highway 187, respectively.

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used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 05/04, 05/11, 05/18, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 12, 2018, Wilfred B. Potts IV, 288 Baca Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered

LRG-17277-POD3, OSE File Number LRG-17277-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well LRG-17277-POD3 with a 4-inch casing to a depth of 100 feet, on land owned by the applicant, located within the SW^{1/4} SE^{1/4} SE^{1/4} of Section 24, Township 21 South, Range 01 West (NMPM) and more specifically located near the intersection of X = 1,442,602 ft. & Y = 531,717 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purposes as described by Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-002-1019 of the Lower Rio Grande Adjudication. Existing well LRG-17277-POD2 (also known as LRN02-0073) shall be plugged. The proposed replacement well, LRG-17277-POD3, is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at physical address, 288 Baca Road, Las Cruces, NM .

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Dates: 04/20, 04/27, 05/04, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 29, 2018, Truitt E. Rogers, 5275 Valle Bonita Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-17336-POD2, OSE File Number LRG-17336-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well LRG-17336-POD2 with a 4-inch casing to a depth of 160 feet, on land owned by the applicant, located within the NW^{1/4} NW^{1/4} SW^{1/4} of projected Section 23, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located near the intersection of X=1,464,797 ft. & Y=502,272 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83, and discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-17336-POD1 (aka LRN06-0067) located on land owned by the applicant, located within the NW^{1/4} NW^{1/4} SW^{1/4} of said projected Section 23, and more specifically located near the intersection of X=1,464,847 ft. & Y=502,299 ft., NMSP, Central NAD 83, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purposes as described by Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-006-0146-A Right C of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-17336-POD2 will be located at the physical address of 5275 Valle Bonita Drive, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-17336-POD1 will be properly plugged.

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standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 05/04, 05/11, 05/18, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 16, 2018, Donald C. Soukup, 5407 Rio Penasco Rd. Mayhill, NM 88339, filed application numbered LRG-03478-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-03477-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change the Location of a Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-03477, located within the NW ^{1/4} of projected Section 8, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 58' 38.93" N, 106° 39' 45.48" W (WGS84) on land owned by Rafael Alcantar Jr., Cesar Alcantar, and Maria Esther Khouri, by discontinuing the use of well LRG-03477-S, located within the NE ^{1/4} of projected Section 8, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 58' 45.47" N, 106° 39' 18.34" W

(WGS84) on land owned by Los Nogales, LLC., and by discontinuing the use of well LRG-03477-S-2, located within the NE ^{1/4} of projected Section 8, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 58' 27.60" N, 106° 39' 25.65" W (WGS84) on land owned by Los Nogales, LLC., and utilizing well LRG-03478-POD2 located within the NW ^{1/4} NE ^{1/4} of projected Section 8, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 58' 41.20" N, 106° 39' 27.87" W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provision contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 1.0 acre of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE ^{1/4} of projected Section 8, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRS-28-015-0050-B Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, State of New Mexico, Dona Ana County.

Well LRG-03478-POD2 is located north of La Union, NM , and my be found at the physical address of 775 Soukup Road.

Wells LRG-03477, LRG-03477-S, and LRG-03477-S-2 will be retained for other water rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State

Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 05/04, 05/11, 05/18, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 30, 2018, Mark and Peggy Wiatt, 131 Mimosa Lane, Las Cruces NM 88001, filed application numbered LRG-17071-POD I, OSE File No. LRG-17071-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing use of existing well LRG-12913, located within the NW^{1/4} of projected Section 32, T23S, R2E and drilling a new replacement well LRG-17071-POD1 to be located at approximately X=1,483,051.87, Y=461,070.42 (N.M.S.P., Central Zone NAD 83, Feet) on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 0.28 acres owned by the applicant located within the NE^{1/4} of said Section 32, as identified in Sub file Order no. LRG-280140201 and a continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by May 24, 1999 order of the third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM,. The well can be generally described as being located approximately 1600ft north-east of the intersection of S Main St. and Mimosa Lane. Well LRG-12913 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1)

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wide, VIN No. CAV-AZL2984611XU.

THE FOREGOING SALE

will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on April 13, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$88,708.73 and the same bears interest at 4.250% per annum from February 27, 2018, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home on the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed /s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 04/27, 05/04, 05/11, 05/18, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-03318

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF ISABELLE A. GREEN, Deceased; ROBYN KAHLE; LYNNE KLOSS; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF ISABELLE A. GREEN, Deceased; and Unknown Successor Trustee of the Isabelle A. Green Revocable Trust UTA dated March 13, 2002, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **May 9, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1733 Aspen Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: A tract of land situate within the corporate limits of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located as part of Lots 10 and 11, Block 7, Unit No. 2, Dale J. Bellamah's Glendale Gardens as filed in the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk in Book 9 Pages 17-18, County Plat No. 606 and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of this tract, whence the southeast corner of Lot 10, Block 7, Unit No. 2, Dale J. Bellamah's Glendale Gardens bears N. 87 deg., 12'E., a distance of 20.00 feet; thence S. 87 deg., 12'W., 111.61 feet to the

southwest corner of this tract; thence N. 14 deg., 46'E., 124.20 feet to a point on a curve on the south line of Aspen Avenue; thence around the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 180.03 feet, an arc length of 55.20 feet, through a central angle of 17 deg., 34' to a point of tangency; thence N. 87 deg., 12'E., 19.79 feet to the northeast corner of this tract; thence S. 2 deg., 48'E., 110.01 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.242 acres of land more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 30, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment is \$160,314.70. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home on the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed /s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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Dates: 04/13, 04/20, 04/27, 05/04, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02920

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

NICOLE O. SILVA, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NICOLE O. SILVA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **May 8, 2018 at 9:30 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 20 in Block numbered D of PARKHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said PARKHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 7, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 372-373.

The address of the real property is 4716 Rimrock Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said

sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on January 22, 2018 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$172,169.43 plus interest from November 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.200% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home on the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER

GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake
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Dates: 04/13, 04/20, 04/27, 05/04, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

C a s e N o . :
D-307-CV-2017-02131

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

SONYA TONKS; JOHN TONKS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3217 Dyer Street, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 11, BLOCK 8C, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION, NUMBER TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 784 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 13, 1973, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 11, PAGES 55-61, PLAT RECORDS. Also described as: LOT 11 IN BLOCK 8C OF MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY,

NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 13, 1973 AS PLAT NO. 784 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 11, PAGE 55-61, PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **2:00 pm on May 24, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on March 12, 2018 in the total amount of \$220,434.41 with interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum from February 10, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Midfirst Bank, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home on the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
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5/4/2018 5/11/2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No.D-307-CV-2017-00379

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

LUIS CARLOS GONZALEZ, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND NEW MEXICO EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION, A NEW MEXICO NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2935 Fountain Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 119 LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION, PHASE IV, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 344-346 OF PLAT RECORDS. Also known as: LOT 119 OF LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE IV, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE IV, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER

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20, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK
21, FOLIO 344-346.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **2:00 pm on June 7, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on March 23, 2018 in the total amount of \$133,378.47 with interest at the rate of 4.37500% per annum from March 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. U.S. Bank National Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02310

**QUICKEN LOANS INC.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**DAVID L. PARSONS,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **May 8, 2018 at 9:30 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 1, Block 8, SANTA TERESA SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 5, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 843 on 05/13/1976 in Book 12 Page(s) 62 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 501 Feather Moon Dr., Santa Teresa, NM 88008. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on February 2, 2018 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff

was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$229,634.54 plus interest from December 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 04/13, 04/20, 04/27,
05/04, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00497

**IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**URIEL ESCAPITA, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF URIEL ESCAPITA,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **May 8, 2018 at 9:30 AM**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT NUMBERED 19 IN BLOCK NUMBERED D OF DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 26, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 714-717.

The address of the real property is 5715 Pecan Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street

address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on January 22, 2018 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$119,543.80 plus interest from September 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any,

environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 04/13, 04/20, 04/27,
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

NO. D-307-CV-2017-02123

**PLANET HOME LENDING, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**SANTIAGO BARRERA III, YOLANDA MIRELES BARRERA, AND DISCOVER BANK,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **May 8, 2018 at 9:30 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 17, BLOCK 10, VILLA VALENCIA SUBDIVISION PHASE II, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 5210 ON MAY 17, 2013 IN BOOK 23 PAGE(S) 453-56 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 5873 Megan Street, Sunland Park, NM 88008. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street

address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on January 31, 2018 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$193,840.04 plus interest from November 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real

or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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05/04, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03603

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOAN M. BRUHNKE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3907 Azalea Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 4 IN A BLOCK NUMBERED 6 OF SUN COUNTRY ESTATES NO. 1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUN COUNTRY ESTATES NO. 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 18, 1977 IN PLAT BOOK 12, FOLIO 125.

The real property is also described as follows: LOT 4, BLOCK 6, SUN COUNTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. 1, OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 18, 1977 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 152.

The real property is further described as follows: LOT 4, BLOCK 6, SUN COUNTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. 1, OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 18, 1977 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 125.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **2:00 pm on May 24, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure judgment granted on March 19, 2018 in the total amount of \$132,782.30 with interest at the rate of 5.970% per annum from January 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchas-

er at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00315

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MIGUEL A. ARMENDARIZ AKA MIGUEL ARMENDARIZ; JUSTINE M. GRINDE AKA JUSTINE GRINDE; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, MIGUEL A. ARMENDARIZ AKA MIGUEL ARMENDARIZ; JUSTINE M. GRINDE AKA JUSTINE GRINDE:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Bank Of America, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 2528 Waltz Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED D OF WEST PICACHO ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID WEST PICACHO ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 24, 1999 IN PLAT BOOK 19, FOLIO 244-245. RATIFICATION OF PLAT AND DEDICATION, FILED OF RECORD ON MARCH 1, 19999, RECORDED IN BOOK 169, PAGE(S) 557, DOCUMENT NUMBER 995560, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

And is correctly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED D OF WEST PICACHO ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID WEST PICACHO ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 24, 1999 IN PLAT BOOK 19, FOLIO 244-245. RATIFICATION OF PLAT AND DEDICATION, FILED OF RECORD ON MARCH 1, 1999, RECORDED IN BOOK 169, PAGE(S) 557, DOCUMENT NUMBER 995560, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Dates: 05/04, 05/11, 05/18, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00398

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF NORA F. REYES, DECEASED; JOANN RAMIREZ, POSSIBLE HEIR OF NORA F. REYES, DECEASED; VERONICA BERNARD, POSSIBLE HEIR OF NORA F. REYES, DECEASED; LINDA M. SAMPLE, POSSIBLE HEIR OF NORA F. REYES, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF NORA F. REYES:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 101 Las Flores Circle, San Miguel, NM 88058. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 1 OF ALTA DE LAS FLORES SUBDIVISION, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ALTA DE LAS FLORES SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 15, 1971 IN PLAT BOOK 10, FOLIO 71.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00344

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

EDAH FAYE BENGE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF WILBUR B. BENGE, DECEASED; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVI-

SEES AND LEGATEES OF WILBUR B. BENGE, DECEASED:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 1960 Chilton Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 15 IN BLOCK NUMBERED N OF COLLEGE HEIGHTS, BLOCK M AND PART OF N AND R, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COLLEGE HEIGHTS, BLOCK M AND PART OF N AND R, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1956 IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO 76.

The real property is also described as follows:

LOT FIFTEEN (15), BLOCK N, COLLEGE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES ACCORDING TO A PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-2017-03328
Judge: Martin

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

JOSEPH A. GUTIERREZ AND 1998 CHEVY S-10, BROWN; VIN: 1GCCS1943W8239362; NEW MEXICO LICENSE

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PLATE NO. NSN624, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: RESPONDENT JOSEPH A. GUTIERREZ

1.The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1998 CHEVY S-10, BROWN; VIN: 1GCCS1943W8239362; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NSN624.

2.You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3.A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Robert A. Cabello
Robert A. Cabello
Assistant City Attorney PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County,
1 May this day of 2018.

(seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER
By: /s/ LKBrown
Deputy

Dates: 05/04, 05/11, 05/18, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2017-01972
JUDGE: MARTIN

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

OLVIN PACHECO, 2001 CHEVY 4DR, GRAY; VIN: 1G1JC52F257146370;

NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. PGG460, Respondents.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Olvin Pacheco:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2000 CHEVY 4DR, GRAY; VIN 1G1JC52F257146370; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. PGG460.

2. A default judgement may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Robert A. Cabello
Robert A. Cabello
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Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 25 day of April, 2018

(seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER
By: /s/ L K Brown
LK Brown
DEPUTY

Dates: 05/04, 05/11, 05/18, 2018

State of New Mexico Doña Ana County Third Judicial District Court

No: D-307-PB-2017-00140

In the Matter of Estate of Donna Jean Mabie, Deceased

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned

Personal Representative at the address listed below or filed with the 3rd Judicial Court of Doña Ana County New Mexico located at 201 W Picacho Ave. Las Cruces NM 88005

First America Bank
1553 Avenida de Mesilla
Las Cruces NM 88004
575-524-8000

Dates: 04/27, 05/04, 05/11, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No: D-307-PB-2018-00034
Judge: Arrieta, Manuel I.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Margaret Mary Bulman, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana, County, New Mexico, located at the following address:
201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005

Dated: April 27, 2018,

/s/ Patricia Trueblood
Patricia Trueblood
P.O. Box 797
Sonoita, Arizona 85637
520-265-2139
SUBMITTED:
ESTRADA LAW, P.C.

/s/ Michele Ungvarsky, Esq.
Michele Ungvarsky
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Attorneys for The Estate of Margaret Mary Bulman

Dates: 04/27, 05/04, 05/11, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

NO. 18-0110

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ROSS COMBS, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address:
845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: April 20, 18.

/s/ Erin Combs
Erin Combs
3603 Vinton Ave. #110
Los Angeles, CA 90034
970-590-0657

Dates: 04/27, 05/04, 05/11, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No.18-0100

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETHEL J. DAGE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in

care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/ Shane A. English

SHANE A. ENGLISH
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Dates: 04/27, 05/04, 05/11, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

D-307-PB-2018-00046
Judge: Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIO CABRAL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative care of MARK A. FILOSA, Post Office Drawer 391, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court, 201 Picacho St., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

DATED: 04/05/18

/s/ ANTONIA LOPEZ
ANTONIA LOPEZ
Personal Representative

/s/ YULIANA H. CABRAL
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Personal Representative

/s/ MARK A. FILOSA
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Dates: 04/20, 04/27, 05/04, 2018

Dated: March 20, 2018

/s/ Stanley Weaver
Stanley Weaver, Personal Representative of the Estate of Bethel J. Dage, Deceased

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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 05/04, 05/11, 05/18, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 18-0096
Judge Diana A. Bustamante, PhD

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ANTHONY F. CIESZKIEWICZ, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WILLIAM EDWARD CIESZKIEWICZ has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 17th day of April, 2018.

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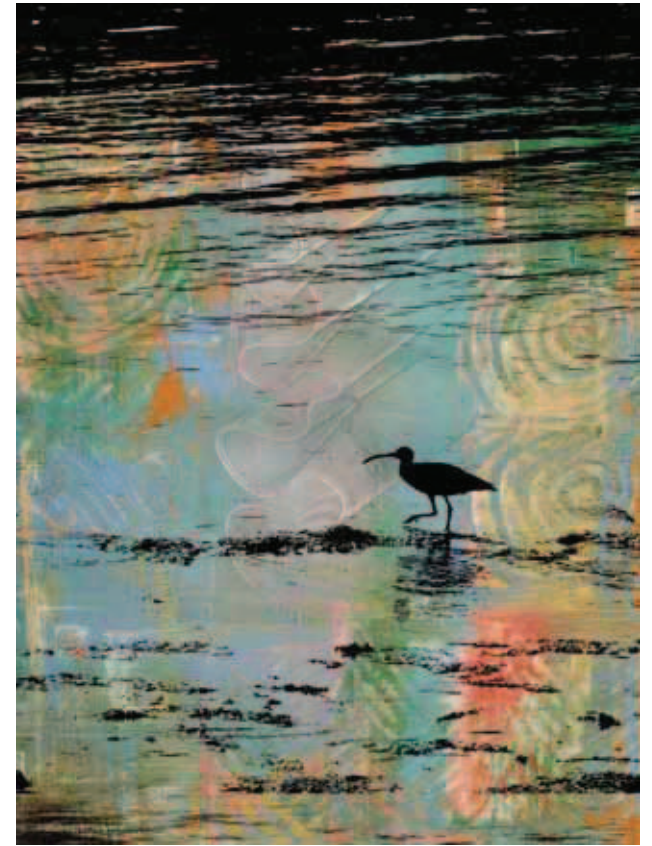


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PHOTOS COURTESY NAIDA ZUCKER

Zucker's "Picacho By the Rio" three-panel piece.



Artist Naida Zucker's "A Wandering Whimbrel."

Where science, art meet

Hectographer Naida Zucker was a zoologist first

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces artist Naida Zucker uses hectography and digital photography to create her unique mixed-media artistic biography.

Zucker, a native of Brooklyn, has a masters' degree and a Ph.D. in biology. She accepted a job at NMSU in 1973 and has remained in Las Cruces since her retirement in 2001.

Zucker began taking photographs as part of her career as a zoologist and included many in the articles she submitted over the years to various scientific publications.

Zucker learned gelatin mono-printing (hectography) from



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Las Cruces print-maker Ouida Touchon. She added personal touches using everything from a brayer (small rolling pin) and bubble wrap to

hand-made stamps and leaves to create backgrounds which she then scanned into a computer. She combines the backgrounds with one or more of the photographs from her vast personal collection to create one-of-a-kind art.

"Nobody else has this combination," Zucker said.

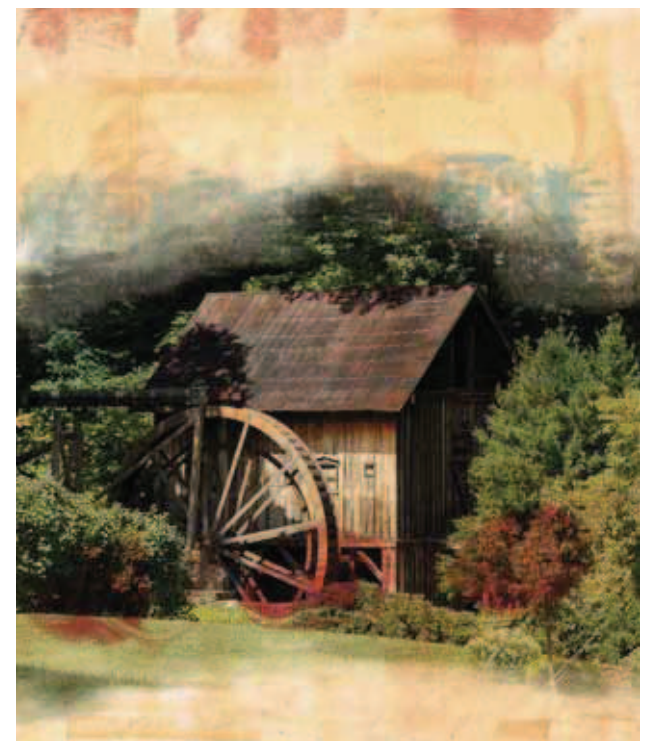
Zucker even makes some of her own frames, along with the PVC panels she mounts her work

on "so it floats off the wall."

Zucker is also director of the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, an arts cooperative that is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. She is one of two featured artists at the gallery in May. Her work is also on display at Zeffiro's restaurant in downtown Las Cruces.

Zucker can create a piece of her unique art in a single afternoon, although she doesn't count the hours.

Zucker loves the "endless creativity" she finds in making her art, and that "other worries and whatever just go away" when



Zucker's "The Old Francis Mill."



Zucker's "Asters and Old Bottles."



Zucker's "New Mexico Backroads Hatchita."

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she's doing it.

Zucker also designs houses – including the one she shares with her husband of 31 years, Richard Spellenburg, a retired botanist and wood-turning artist whose work is also featured at the Mesilla co-op gallery. She has a certificate from Doña Ana Community College in architectural technology and operates her own Z & S Initiatives LLC residential design and drafting business.

And, Zucker has co-authored two books with Spellenburg, and they are at work on a



Zucker's "Window."

third.

For more information, contact Zucker at 575-382-1216 or naidazucker.myportfolio.com. Visit www.zianet.com/zandsi/ or find her on Face-

book. Also visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.



PHOTOS COURTESY NAIDA ZUCKER

Zucker's "La Catrina of the Calla Lilies."

What the heck is hectography?

Hectography (gelatin mono-printing) is a hand-printing method that uses a gelatin sheet as the printing plate and the artist's hands as the printing press.

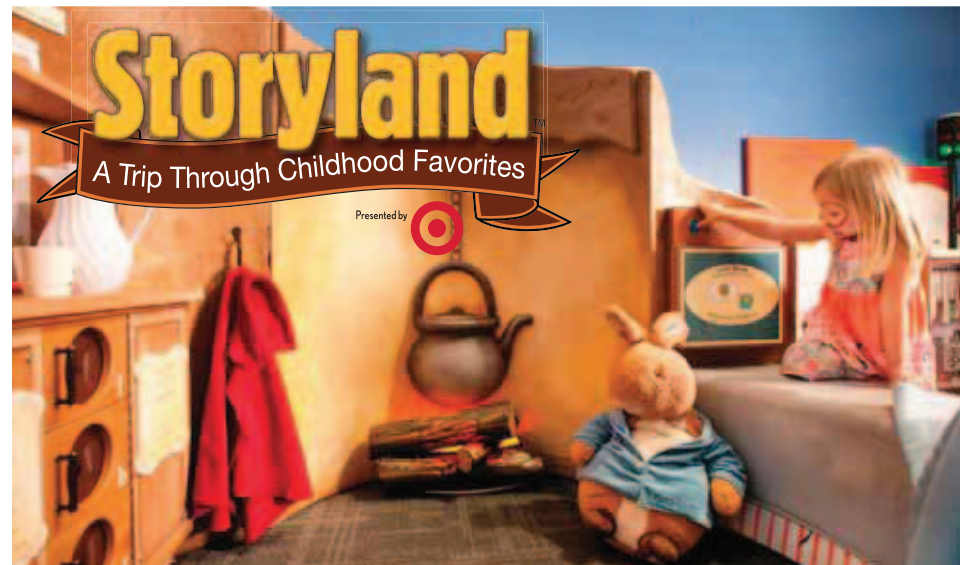
Here is how Las Cruces artist Naida Zucker describes her artistic process: "Paint is applied in a thin layer to the gelatin sheet; stencils or soft objects (stamps, leaves, a comb, etc.) may be used to create patterns in the paint. Paper is laid over the painted gelatin and pressed with the hands. When the paper is removed, much of the paint is transferred to the paper. The gelatin plate is then cleaned of remaining paint, a new layer of paint is typically applied and the paper pressed again, creating multiple layers of different-colored

and patterned paint.

"Since most of the paint is removed from the hectograph once a single sheet of paper is pressed to it, no other copies can be made. Thus, each art piece is unique. I am using mostly metallic paints on oriental papers to create my hectographs. For some pieces, I am using transparencies rather than paper and the hectograph is adhered to the back of the transparency.

"Once the hectograph is dry, I print over the paper or transparency containing the monoprint using my photographs that have been digitally-manipulated in various ways (including blending of two or more images) using Adobe Photoshop software."

Mike Cook



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'Back to Burgundy' leaves disappointing aftertaste

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

Good performances, carefully drawn and interesting characters, and great scenery and cinematography should have made this a very interesting picture.

It is in a way, but also is not in other ways, at least to me, since I found the script to be rather weak.

After a 10-year adventure around the world, which included a final stop in Australia where he found a loving partner with whom he had a son and started his own winery, Jean comes back to the family vineyard in Burgundy.

He has not been

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in touch much, if at all, while away, but is greeted warmly by his sister, Juliette, but not so by his brother Jeremie, who immediately trounces him for not attending the funeral services of their mother.

The patriarch of the vineyard is still alive but apparently in declining health and he is not introduced during the film. Thus, most of the

management of the family holdings has fallen to Juliette, who is not sure she can handle all the pressures, from deciding the correct day to harvest to handling the seasonal workers who pick the maturing grapes.

Marcel, a long-time employee (and in real life, a winemaker himself) assists Juliette, while the youngest brother, Jeremie, who has married into another winemaking family, adds to the pressures of the situation.

All in all, the siblings get along and cooperate with one another until Father dies and they begin to discuss selling part of the property, in part because Jean is

broke. A half-million-dollar inheritance tax doesn't help matters, either.

It also comes to be, via flashback, that Jean left the family mostly because of their father, who we see mostly in flashback. There is a touching scene when Jeremie dons one of his father's jackets and finds a rather interesting and possibly forgotten surprise in one of the pockets.

Back to Burgundy might have been much

more interesting (at least to me) if less time was spent on judging the family's wines, via numerous samplings and more time on fleshing out the characters. We learn a lot about Jean and his situation, a bit about Jeremie, but nothing about Juliette nor of Marcel who is a rather key figure in the film.

Although billed as a comedy, the picture is not at all part of the genre; rather, it is light drama fused with a touch of romance and a

feeling that it could have been so much better.

If you are a wine connoisseur, you will certainly appreciate the film (there are parts where I learned how wine is actually made), but beer drinkers, well, you might want to stay home and have a bottle of your favorite barley sandwich.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.

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Francois Civil as Jeremie, Pio Marmai as Jean and Ana Girardot as Juliette



Hanging from the chandelier, Chelcie Christine, Gergana Rosemova Georgieva and Krysta all coordinate their movements 45 feet in the air.

Water and wonder: Cirque Italia comes to the mall

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Raising a “castle” in the parking lot at the Mesilla Valley Mall for Mother’s Day, Cirque Italia presents an Aquatic Spectacular, live for eight performances, May 10-13.

With equipment and water features designed and built in Italy, this no-animal venue provides world-class performers providing a cooling escape from hot spring days.

“There are a lot of performers who are dedicated and put their lives on the line for an extreme performance, creating a unique production that keeps all

ages engaged,” said Chanté DeMoustes COO and director of Cirque Italia. “What you see is literally a castle in the parking lot of the mall. There are so many different moving parts to put together this show. This water stage is a real treat.”

On a stage of 360 degrees, artists perform on platform and in the air. There are hundreds of nozzles and the stage has 35,000 gallons of water inside of it.

“It’s like a Broadway-style show,” DeMoustes said. “Looking up at stage, you see a curtain of rain fountains and artists performing. It’s

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If you go:

WHERE: Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., in the parking lot near Cineport 10, under the swirling white and blue tent.

WHEN: May 10-13

• **MAY 10 - THURSDAY:** 7:30 p.m.

• **MAY 11 - FRIDAY:** 7:30 p.m.

• **MAY 12 - SATURDAY:** 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

• **MAY 13 - SUNDAY:** 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

BOX OFFICE: Opens onsite on Tuesday the week of the show. Non-show days 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., show days 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

TICKETS: Cirqueitalia.com/tickets or 941-704-8572.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Julliet Carballo, 17, works in the air for Cirque Italia.

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COURTESY PHOTO

For "Cirque Italia: Water Circus," Morgaine and Dee Rosenthal bring romance and strength to the air as they dance with the water.

WATER

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very intimate, has a romantic fantasy calming element."

The show is coming to Las Cruces for the first time, although the group did perform in El Paso last year. Cirque Italia has two performing units; one works on the East Coast and the other comes West, DeMoustes said.

Performers include a contortionist, Laser Man, high wire, BMX, balance, aerial acrobatics and much more. Quick-change artist Anna Helena Zeman, from Portugal, completes a dozen clothes changes in less than three minutes. And that is just in the first half of the show.

DeMoustes and the show's creator, Manuel Rebecchi, designed all the elements including

the tent and have created "an artistic blend of human abilities, technology and the element of water," according to a press release.

Every year, performers from around the world undergo a rigorous audition process and only the best are selected, DeMoustes said. Every year the shows are new.

"It's been very rewarding to see the show grow, see the support of the communities," DeMoustes said. "Keeping the quality is key for us. It is a very affordable cost for the families. We work a lot with the community organizations, non-profits."

For more information visit www.cirqueitalia.com.

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May 4 - 10

Back to Burgundy

French w/ subtitles

Three siblings reunite at their home in picturesque Burgundy to save the family vineyard.

**NOTE: Thursday, Apr. 26
1:30 matinée; no evening show

May 11 - 17

The Leisure Seeker

A runaway couple (Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland) go on an unforgettable journey in their faithful old RV.

**NOTE: Saturday, Apr. 28 No
matinee

Nightly 7:30 Saturday matinée 1:30 Sunday matinée 2:30
No one will be admitted after the film has begun.



Left to right are actors Lexi Alberson and Kinnley Davis of Mayfield High School and Monique Romero, Abigail Hindes and Gus Sanchez of Centennial High School.

Centennial, Mayfield students team up for Shakespeare

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The theatre arts departments of Mayfield and Centennial high schools will combine resources to present two performances of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged" by the Reduced Shakespeare Company at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, at the Mayfield theatre, 1955 N. Valley Drive.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults and will be available at the door.

"During the course of the show, actors attempt to perform all of Shakespeare's plays and sonnets in under an hour's time, leading to a hilarious night of comedy," said

Mayfield theatre teacher Melissa Muñoz, who is co-directing the show with Centennial theatre teacher Darin Cabot.

Students from both schools are acting and performing all of the technical roles in the show, including stage management, light, sound, prop, and costume design.

Muñoz said she and Cabot "have been wanting to offer theatre students the opportunity to work with kids from other schools on a performance for quite a while and thought that Shakespeare Abridged would be a perfect choice for their first endeavor."

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FRI MAY 4 • 3:30 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Library Lab-Crafts/Stories ages 6-10	
FRI MAY 4 • 5:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
First Friday Art Ramble - Carl Coker - FREE	
FRI MAY 4 • 6:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Esto Es Mi Mexico - FREE	
SUN MAY 6 • 7:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Dancers Unlimited - \$8-10	
TUE MAY 8 • 10:30 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Read to Me - Story time ages 3+	
TUE MAY 8 • 3:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Why Quilts Matter - Episodes 5 and 6 - FREE	
WED MAY 9 • 11:00 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants	
WED MAY 9 • 2:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Doña Ana County Geneological Society	
WED MAY 9 • 2:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Design and Create: Macramé Plant Hanger	
WED MAY 9 • 3:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Teen makers	
WED MAY 9 • 6:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Dona Ana Country Democratic party event - FREE	
TUE+THU MAY 8+10 • 4:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Teen Game Night	
WED+THU MAY 9+10 • 10:00 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Toddler Time - Story time ages 1-3	
THU MAY 10 • 7:30 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
C.M. Adams and the Revelations - \$5 cash at door	
FRI MAY 11 • 7:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
The Long Road - Eagles Tribute - \$20	

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Calavera Coalition is looking for artists to submit original artwork for the 2018. Artwork must be in black-and-white pen-and-ink reflecting the spirit and celebration of El Dia del los Muertos. Winner gets one free booth space for Mesilla's Dia de los Muertos on the Plaza 2017, valued at \$175. Submissions must be received by Aug. 1. Email digital files to calaveracoalition@gmail.com, CDs to P.O. Box 1308, Mesilla, NM 88046.

A&E EVENTS

Music in the Park: 7 p.m. Sundays, June 3-Aug. 26, Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., and 7 p.m. Thursdays, June 7, 21, July 12 and 26, Plaza de Las Cruces. Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's 2018 Music in the Park Series: Info: 575-541-2550.

Sundays at Young Park
June 3: The Abe Mac Band, El Paso, country music; and Las Cruces Gents, La Mesa, variety music.

• **June 10:** The Fundraisers, Las Cruces, Late '90s, early 2000s Rock & Roll; and Rust, Las Cruces, rock and reggae music.

• **June 17:** Mariachi Buena Ventura, Santa Fe, Mariachi music; and the Derrick Harris Band, Las Cruces, Motown, funk,

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May 26: Jean Gilbert

blues and rock music.

• **June 24:** Smokin' Mirrors, Las Cruces, variety music; and Geni & the Starliners, Las Cruces, oldies and variety music.

• **July 8** (at Plaza de Las Cruces): New Mexico National Guard 44th Army Band, variety music.

• **July 15:** Frank Ray, Las Cruces, country and Western music; Severo y Grupo Fuego, Albuquerque, New Mexico music, Tejano, oldies and Top 40 music.

• **July 22:** Maria Mulduar,

Greenwich Village, N.Y., original roots and pop music; and Janet Blair, Las Cruces, original uplifting music.

• **July 29:** Latin Funktion Project, Las Cruces, Latin jazz, funk and rock music; and Ray Anthony & Powerslyde, Corrales, N.M., jazz, funk and rock music.

• **Aug. 5:** Remember Then ... A Class Act, Las Cruces, oldies music; and Soul Shine, Las Cruces, rock, folk, soul, and country music.

• **Aug. 12:** Tequila Nights, Las Cruces, variety music; and the Johnny Hernandez Band, Las Cruces, variety music.

• **Aug. 19:** Reviva, Albuquerque, original ska, reggae and world music; and the Bubba Kush Band, Las Cruces, classic rock music.

• **Aug. 26:** C. J. Chenier & the Red Hot Louisiana Band, Port Arthur, Texas, Zydeco music; and Joseph

General Band, Albuquerque, reggae music.

Thursday Night Music on the Plaza:

• **June 7:** Benjy Rivas, Las Cruces, Americana and folk music; Allison Reynolds, Las Cruces, pop and folk music; Bob Einweck, Tucson, Arizona, Americana music; and Steve Smith & Hard Road, Las Cruces, bluegrass music.

• **June 21:** Ryan Montañón, Albuquerque, cool jazz music.

• **July 12:** Flat Blak, Las Cruces, Rock and Roll music; and Wildhorse, Las Cruces, country and western music.

• **July 26:** Mexico Vive! Show, featuring Mariachis Antonio Reyna, folklorico dancers and more.

Dance Las Cruces: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Alma de Arte, 410 W. Court Ave. Ballroom, Latino, swing and country music. Free

Dance lesson at 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for students. Info: 575-496-2761.

• **May 3:** music on CD.
• **May 10:** Ruben's Sextet Plus One.


PictoGraff panel discussion:

5 p.m. Friday, May 4, NMSU University Museum in Kent Hall. "Ancient Graffiti or Future Rock Art." Arrowsoul artists Joseph Sullivan, UNEK, Rogue, Zyme One and Neoglyphix will discuss the links between ancient rock art and the current public art movement. Related event Saturday. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Volunteer Open House:

5:30-7 p.m. Friday, May 4, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St. Anyone interested in volun-

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Mexican Cultural Series

The City of Las Cruces and the Consulate General of Mexico in El Paso present the 2018 Mexican Cultural Series, featuring world-class performing art events and cinema from all over Mexico. All events will be held at the Rio Grande Theatre and are free of charge.

The series begins May 4 with a Cinco de Mayo celebration titled "Este es mi Mexico," featuring mariachis, traditional ballet and folklórico dancing.

"The Mexican Cultural Series is intended to showcase the best of Mexican culture and heritage," said Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima. "The City of Las Cruces honors its partnership with the Mexican Consulate General in El Paso, and is proud to once again bring this wonderful series to the citizens of Las Cruces."

The rest of the series:

Aug. 4 - "Tango for a Piano," featuring Mexican pianist Astrid Morales and

cellist Jason Mooney, premiering a new masterpiece for cello and piano by the renowned tango composer Sonia Possetti.

Sept. 1 - Mexican pianist Armando Merino will perform romantic works from German composer Felix Mendelssohn and Mexican composer Ricardo Castro.

Oct. 5 - Mexican guitar trio "Los Tres Reyes," an institution with over 50 years of experience. Their hit, "Odiame" has gained them international recognition.

November: Classic Mexican films (date unannounced).

Dec. 7 - Recorder sounds of Horacio Franco, who has transformed the recorder - usually considered a school or amateur instrument - into a professional one. He has more than 25 recordings.

For more information, contact the Rio Grande Theatre at 575-541-2290, or at RioGrandeTheatre.com.

Community theatre to unveil new season

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

It will be an exciting new season of shows for Las Cruces Community Theatre beginning in late summer. But the names of next season's live productions are still a closely guarded secret.

LCCT's 56th season will be unveiled at LCCT's 2018-19 Season Reveal Party beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the theatre, 313 N. Main St. downtown.

There is no charge to attend the reveal party, but you are requested to get a no-cost ticket at app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=87247 so theatre volunteers will know how many people to expect.

Food, beer and wine will be provided for the event by LCCT downtown neighbor Dragonfly restaurant.

The event will include live selections from the new season's shows.

"With a season as terrific as our 2018-19 promises to be, we wanted no ordinary announcement," LCCT board member Norman Duttweiler said about the reveal party. "Since each of the six shows we will be presenting will be a major cultural event for Las Cruces, we decided to make the kick-off announcement an event, as well."



"The LCCT board has picked a great lineup which will be a true gift to our community," said board President Janet Beatty-Payne. "Quality theatre productions put on by the community for the community is very magical indeed. The two huge musicals we have chosen, both based on popular films, will be definite crowd pleasers. The plays we have chosen are the perfect mix of funny, intelligent and important."

The plays will include two comedies, Duttweiler said, and two classic dramas "that really resonate in today's America."

Duttweiler said LCCT also will announce at the reveal party the winner of the audience survey conducted at the One Act Play Festival held in April. The winning play will be workshopped during the coming year and a revised version presented at the 2019 One Acts.

For more information, visit www.lcctnm.org.

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PUZZLES

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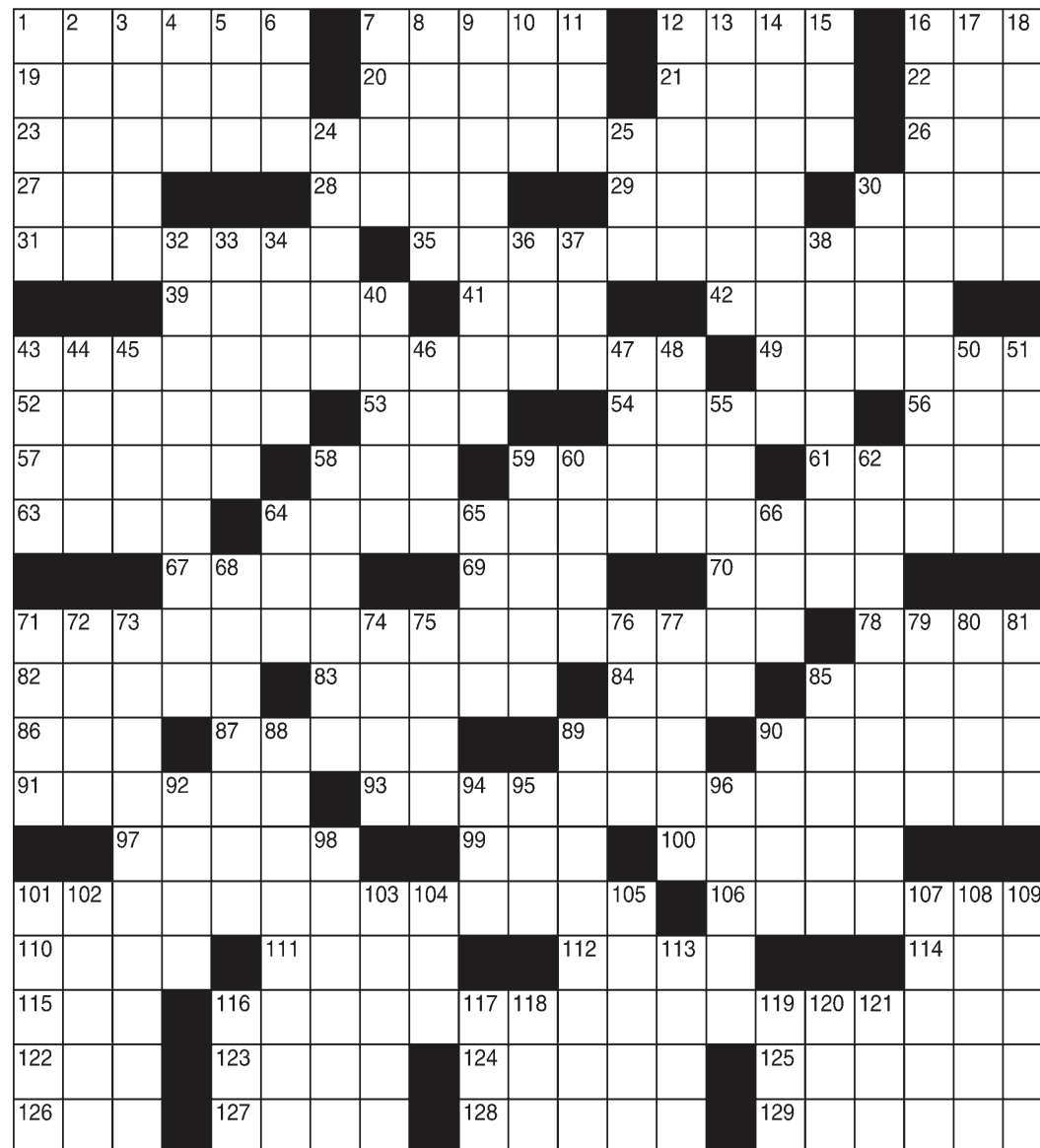
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- 1 Reprimand sharply
 7 Linguine, e.g.
 12 Fed. accident investigator
 16 Obstinate beast
 19 Get creative
 20 "I do" locale
 21 In -- (as first found)
 22 A few Z's
 23 Big name in economics
 26 Cincinnati-Detroit dir.
 27 British pop singer Rita
 28 Hideous sort
 29 Suffix with preference
 30 Smidgen
 31 "-- My Heart" (Toni Braxton hit)
 35 Date system of ancient Yucatan natives
 39 Igloo dweller
 41 French "sea"
 42 Candy wafer brand
 43 "I'm appalled to report that ..."
 49 Drifted about
 52 Film director Nora
 53 Cariou of the stage
 54 Mill fodder
 56 Public radio host Glass
 57 Of Laos, e.g.
 58 Podded plant
 59 Inner beings
 61 Land -- (sleep state)
 63 Gloater's syllable
 64 Aioli
- 67 With 46-Down, genuine article
 69 Prefix with refundable
 70 Big brand of faucets
 71 Hot dog in a classic jingle
 78 Part of LSAT
 82 Ruckus
 83 Sleuths' jobs
 84 Abbr. for the Blue Jays
 85 Disorder
 86 Tourist's aid
 87 Asks for
 89 -- -jongg
 90 Brandy's sitcom role
 91 Downhill trail
 93 Supreme Court appointee of 2009
 97 Continental coins
 99 French "here"
 100 "Look -- did!"
 101 Best Actor of 2014
 106 Inaction
 110 12:00 p.m.
 111 Injure badly
 112 Sprint, e.g.
 114 B&B, e.g.
 115 Certain 4x4
 116 Mansion House resident
 122 Apply
 123 "That hurt!"
 124 Author Dahl
 125 Skin and hair care brand
 126 At all times, poetically
 127 Tennis star Arthur
 128 Full of foam

129 5/1 festival that's apt for this puzzle's eight longest answers

DOWN

- 1 Jewel
 2 Bejewel, e.g.
 3 Post-injury program
 4 Mo. neighbor
 5 24-hr. cash cache
 6 Chai, e.g.
 7 Hunger sign
 8 Make panic
 9 Enter like the sun's rays
 10 Tiny little bit
 11 Genesis boat
 12 "Bye Bye Bye" band
 13 Soup holder
 14 Winner of six Super Bowls
 15 Double-decker, e.g.
 16 What "A.D." stands for
 17 Gifted world traveler?
 18 Javelin
 24 Li'l Abner's surname
 25 Nighttime, poetically
 30 Old Peru native
 32 Three cheers?
 33 NBAer Brand
 34 Long time period
 36 "Certainly"
 37 Elbow site
 38 Zone between biomes
 40 Actress Liv
 43 Cruel



44 "-- -daisy!"
 45 -- Pet (novelty gift)
 46 See 67-Across
 47 Spanish "water"
 48 Once every 12 mos.
 50 Greek Cupid
 51 Miami- -- County
 55 Chemical relative
 58 King's home
 59 Garbage boats
 60 1980s Dodge
 62 Strike at something but not hit it
 64 Shapely leg, informally

65 Regarding
 66 Neither here -- there
 68 Effacement
 71 Resistor units
 72 Drench
 73 Saved with the same filename, say
 74 Tibetan oxen
 75 Canadian gas name
 76 Guesses at LAX
 77 Not at all, in dialect
 79 Effortless
 80 Artsy NYC area
 81 Old Russian big-

wig
 85 Title for a French nobleman
 88 Immense
 89 Major artery
 90 Grumble
 92 Botch up
 94 Vardalos of Hollywood
 95 Frigid
 96 Larcenist
 98 Look (for)
 101 Happen next
 102 Immerse
 103 "Which way -- go?"
 104 "Delicious!"

105 Noble Brits
 107 Supported temporarily, with "over"
 108 Get -- good thing
 109 Peeve
 113 Surname of Buffalo Bill
 116 Mauna --
 117 Ovid's "-- Amatoria"
 118 "Says --!"
 119 Flee hastily
 120 In vitro cells
 121 Waterloo marshal Michel

PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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SCRAMBLERS



"I have my _____."

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Array **DUBLIN** _____

Appreciation **SCEPTER** _____ _____

Stall **YEALD** _____

Scour **REEDO** _____

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

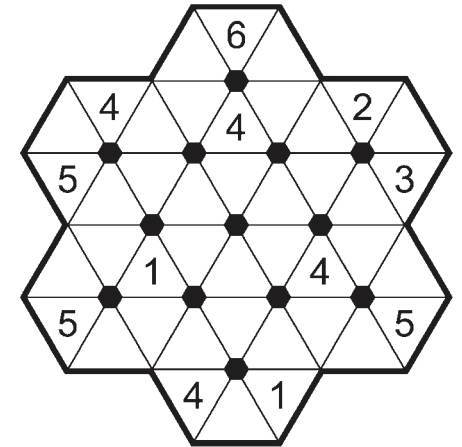
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals T

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 WRBP IYSB R WPYFRQE QFRZQRE
 JYSMQEWP, SEP BQKVF UPPB
 QF R FOYQE FOYPPE.

SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

PUZZLE ANSWERS

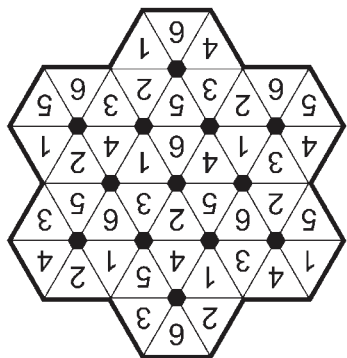
If a deep serving dish came from a certain Italian province, one might deem it a Turin tureen.

CRYPTOQUIP

DOUBTS

Today's Word
 3. Delay; 4. Erode
 1. Bundle; 2. Respect;

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

7	8	3	4	9	1	2	5	6
9	1	2	6	5	7	4	3	8
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Miss New Mexico Taylor Rey (a former talent show contestant), and Jamie Fletcher presented the Leslie Fletcher (former club president) memorial "People's Choice" Award to Mia Bergson.

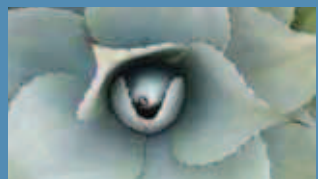


Senior Division winners in this year's talent show were, left to right, Kayla Ledesma, first; Ruth Hill, second; and Abrianna Morales, third.



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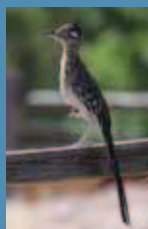
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Mesilla Valley's Got Talent: Youthful winners have their evening

By **ALLISON SMITH**
For the Bulletin

In a packed house at the Rio Grande Theater on April 22, 20 local youth competed in the annual Mesilla Valley Rotary Talent Show, Mesilla Valley's Got Talent.

Winners in this year's event were

- Junior division: Christopher Martinez, first; Bella Placencio, second; and Daniella Isabella Perez, third.

- Senior division: Kayla Ledesma, first;

Ruth Hill, second; and Abrianna Morales, third.

- Leslie Fletcher Memorial People's Choice Award: Mia Bergson.

Awardees received cash rewards. Proceeds from the talent show go back into the community to help fund programs for youth in Doña Ana County.

The talent show has been held every year since 2002.

For more information, contact Allison Smith at 575-644-4609.

NMSU Theatre Arts Department owns 'Rent'

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The cast begins act II of "Rent" with "Seasons of Love," asking the audience how to measure a year.

If you're in the audience, how do you measure the experience you had during that song and the NMSU Theatre Arts Department's entire production of this Tony-winning musical?

Do you add up the number of times you got goosebumps because it was so moving? Do you count how often you had tears in your eyes because it was tearing your heart out?

I began my count with Calvin Chervinko opening the show and owning every inch of the stage as Mark, the filmmaker. Calvin ends the NMSU theatre season as he began it in "Equivocation" – brilliantly. What a year this young man has had on Las Cruces stages. I'm glad he's only a junior.

Add Juan Apodaca as Roger, who breaks your heart as he loses his way and then makes you believe again as he finds his voice and his purpose. Juan is amazing – so present, so gifted, so captivating.

Then there's Esmae Leon as Mimi, a drug addict who, like Roger, is HIV-positive. Esmae found the vulnerability and the strength of this remarkable character and lifted the entire audience when she came off that table near the end of the show.

You talk about how Max Contreras made Tom Collins sparkle every second he was onstage. If I got to give one giant gold star for this show, Max would

If You Go

WHAT: The NMSU Theatre Arts Department's production of "Rent"

WHERE: ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 4-5; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6. There will be a talkback with the cast and crew after the May 5 matinee.

TICKETS: \$18 adults, \$15 seniors and NMSU faculty and staff, \$11 students, \$5 high school students

CONTACT: Call 575-646-1420; visit www.nmsutheatre.com/201718_rent.php.

get it.

Then there's Asiah Thomas-Mandlman as Joanne, the lawyer and Ivy Leaguer. This is Asiah's first major stage role, which I find unbelievable. She brought so much courage and grace to her unforgettable performance. "Take Me or Leave Me" – I'll take her every time.

You think of when you felt the energy ratchet up even higher when Torrie Hughes came on stage as Maureen and stood about two feet from the audience to deliver "Over the Moon." It was spectacular. What a great way for Torrie to end her career at NMSU theatre; she graduates later this month.

Joseph Johnson as Angel – in some ways, I think Angel is the most iconic figure in this show. He's so out there, so honest, so raw. Joseph, who is a U.S. Army specialist at Fort Bliss in real life, was the same. He left nothing behind as he put Angel

in your face and in your heart.

Ryan Thorp as the "evil" landlord, Benny, who used to be Mark and Roger's roommate. Benny is called "yuppie scum" because he's a social-climbing money grubber. Ryan delivered all that with a powerful and beautiful voice. I loved his work. Ryan is from Alamogordo and "Rent" was his first show at NMSU. I hope it's not his last.

And, you talk about – and will always remember – Melis Daria White, who smoked the entire building in "Seasons of Love."

You think of all the moments in this show created by the other members of the ensemble: Nick Check, Xodia Choate, Iree Herren, Emily James, Cheyenne Kimmick, Haley Kirkpatrick, Matthew Rosales, Rowland D. Smith III and Evan Stanfield.

You're glad that all of them – leads, supporting cast and ensemble – bowed together at the end because this production belongs to every one of them; and to all of us lucky enough to see it.

You also mention the incredible set, designed by Arianna Swinson, up to the top of the of New York's Lower East Side and down to the subway grillwork below the stage.

You think of Emily Romero's costumes and how they helped define each character.

You recognize the art of the brilliant Megan McQueen as music director and Della Bustamante as vocal coach, and of band members Diane Schutz on keyboard, Mark Klett on guitar and keyboard,



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In the cast of "Rent" are, left to right, bottom row: Calvin Chervinko, Maximilian J. Contreras, Joseph Johnson, Esme Leon, Juan Apodaca and Ryan Thorp; top: Asiah Thomas-Mandlman and Victoria "Torrie" Hughes.

James Gier on bass guitar and Brandon Brown on drums.

And you're grateful to director and theatre de-

partment head Wil Kilroy and Doña Ana Community College Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Layle Chambers for bringing all

this to the stage.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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EVENTS

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teering at the Branigan Cultural Center, Museum of Art, Museum of Nature & Science, and Railroad Museum is invited to attend for casual refreshments and Q&A. Info: 575-522-3120 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Evening of art: 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 4, J. Paul Taylor Academy, 402 W. Court Ave, Building 2. Experience the youthful, creative minds of the community at the We Are All Creators student art exhibition. With food trucks and art demonstrations by the kids in sculpture, painting, and weaving demos. Info: Stephanie Sweet 575-639-4093 or stephanie.sweet@jpaultayloracademy.org.

Howling Coyote Open Mic: 7 p.m. Friday, May 4, 575 N. Main St. Featuring acoustic musicians, songwriters, poets and storytellers with family appropriate material. Doors open at 6 p.m. for all who want to join the jam session, numbers are

drawn for performance order at 6:30 p.m. Cost: Free.

PictoGraff: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, courtyard between the Museum of Art and Branigan Cultural Center. An art studio for aerosol, marker, and screen-print artists. "PictoGraff: The Art of Warprayer" highlights the historical value of wall art and expressions of the indigenous mind. Related event Friday. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Crafts for Kids: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, N.M. Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children are invited to come make a craft for Mother's Day. Cost: Free with museum admission. \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children 4 to 17, and free for children 3 and under.

Cinco de Mayo: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and noon-7 p.m. Sunday, May 6, Mesilla Plaza. Town of Mesilla holds its annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. Around 30 vendor booths

offer a variety of art, crafts, games, drinks and food. Info: 575-524-3262 ext. 116. See SW Living section for the schedule.

Symphony season finale: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, NMSU Music Building, 1075 N. Horseshoe. NMSU chorus join the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra for its final concert of the 2017-18 season. Cost: \$35, \$40 and \$45. Info and tickets: 575-646-3709 or las-crucessymphony.com or music.nmsu.edu/index.php/en/choirs.

USA Dance: 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 6, Rentfrow Hall, NMSU. Two-step, waltz, foxtrot, cha cha, salsa, tango, swing, hustle, cumbia and more. Free dance lessons 2:15-3 p.m. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Info: Ellen Davis, 575-522-1438 or edavis4455@yahoo.com of Jerry Carson, 575-639-3993 or geraldcarolcarson@gmail.com.

Quilt matters: 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays, May 8 and May 22, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. screenings of episodes from the PBS documentary "Why Quilts Matter: History, Art & Politics." Cost: Free. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS!

The New Mexico Press Association is hosting the annual **High School Journalism Workshop** at UNM on June 10-13. Students with an interest in writing, editing, design, digital journalism and photography are encouraged to attend. It's a great workshop for students working on school newspapers, yearbooks or are curious about a newspaper career. Visit www.nmpress.org for details. Deadline to apply is May 25.



GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Artists of Picacho Hills

Through May 11
Mixed of media from eleven artists at the AVE L. ART thing, Celestial Hearing Solution, 2001 E. Arroyo Plaza. Info: rm@mt-mckeown.com.

Vision/Revision: New Mexico Poets on the Page

Through May 19
A collaboration of NMSU's Library Archives and the Creative Writing Program, exhibit of the works of poets Lorenzo Torrez, Margaret Page Hood, Eugene Manlove Rhodes and Keith Wilson, at Branigan Cultural Center. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Nuestra Gente (Our People)

Through May 31
The Gallery at Big Picture, 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 109A, presents an exhibit of Francisco Lascurain Labadie, Mexico City architect and cubist-modern art painter (1926-2013). Info: 575-647-0508.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery

Through May
Bonnie MacQuarrie and Naida Zucker are featured artists at the gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla.

Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites

Through June 2
Traveling exhibit from the Minnesota Children's Museum transforms beloved award-winning books by Eric Hill into three-dimensional play and learning environments at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Life Along the Rio Grande

Through June 9
Studio Art Quilt Association members' exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., explores topics relating to the flora, fauna, and people living near the river. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

NMSU University Museum

Through June 30
Photo exhibit, "Defending Truth and Memory: The Path towards Justice in Guatemala," features 35 photos of the indigenous Guatemalans' struggle for justice.

Form & Function: Objects with Flair

Through July 8
More than 40 objects that combining useful-

ness and beauty. N.M. Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Legacy Gallery. Info: 575-522-4100, www.nmfarman-dranchmuseum.org.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Through Aug. 5
Rack of fiber art seed packets by New Mexico region of Studio Art Quilt Associates. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Arts Corridor, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

100 Years Strong

Through Sept. 16
History of the Farm & Livestock Bureau. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production occupied 300 Mesilla Valley farmers and ranchers who first gathered in 1917. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Las Cruces and Gadsden student art

Through mid-October
More than 100 original student works on display in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Dressed for the Occasion

Through March 3, 2019
Women's everyday and dressy clothing from the pioneer days of the 1870s to the Depression Era of the 1930s. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Legacy Gallery, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

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Kitty fur balls can be dangerous

By EILEEN WHITACRE
For the Bulletin

When temperatures are warmer our fur babies are going to shed. As cats groom themselves the barbs on their tongues catch the loose hair. This hair is then swallowed. Normally the hair will pass through the digestive track. But when the hair is trapped in the stomach the cat will

vomit the fur ball.

When you hear your cat gagging or retching that is a signal that your cat is trying to get rid of hair in its stomach. Hair balls can be a potential life-threatening problem when blockage occurs. If your kitty becomes lethargic, constipated or has diarrhea this could indicate a hair ball blockage.

There are food formu-

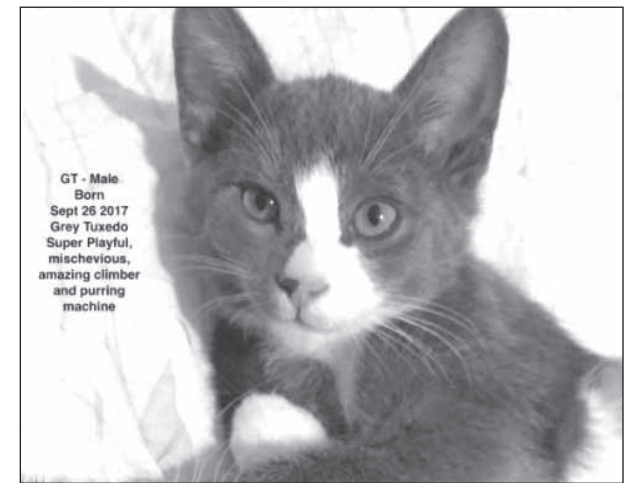
las that aid in digesting hair balls and over-the-counter remedies that are mild laxatives. These are two ways to help alleviate this common kitty problem. A third way is regular brushing. This gives us quality time with our pets in addition to removing the loose fur.

If you have any concerns please consult with your veterinarian for the correct diagnoses

and medication. This article was brought to you by The Cat's Meow Adoption Center located 2211 N. Mesquite St., Las Cruces. We encourage you to come by and visit our adorable kitty family waiting for a forever home.

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Dog adoptions suspended due to parasite

BULLETIN REPORT

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is suspending all dog adoptions for 20 days while staff works with the New Mexico Department of Health to address an outbreak of Giardia, an intestinal parasite.

Dr. Susan Baiz, the facility's medical director, is overseeing the medical response in coordination with Executive Director Clint Thacker, who cancelled a planned vacation to remain onsite.

"Giardia is the most commonly diagnosed

intestinal parasite in the United States," Thacker said in a news release from the county. "The most common transmission is drinking contaminated water. However, feces is the next most common transmission method. The parasite is transmittable to humans, so we have implemented strict protocols to protect our employees, as well as the animal population while we address the outbreak."

Thacker says staff is reaching out to recent adopters in an effort to assist them with treatment

as necessary, and to advise them of the symptoms and avoidance strategies.

A rescue group in Phoenix has been apprised of the situation but still wants to receive a shipment of 60 dogs, all of which will be treated prior to shipment next week. The rescue group is ordering medication in advance of the transport.

Thacker said the ASCMV's cat population is showing no signs of infection. The cats are separated in a different area of the building.

Adoptions of cats from the facility will continue, he said, as will low-cost surgeries for animals

brought in by the public. The surgical site is located in a building separate from the main facility, where the outbreak is being contained.

"We've got the situation under control, and we're exercising an abundance of caution as we navigate the treatment period," Thacker said.

"This has been an unanticipated but necessary expense," Thacker said. "The cost of medicating the entire shelter population is just over \$4,000.

Thacker said a fundraiser is being set up at youcaring.com, and more information is available at www.ASCMV.org.



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believers. Info: Herb Pin-
ney, 575-650-3915.

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tion.

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Seven habits that guide our 'pursuit of happiness'

The inclusion of the phrase "the pursuit of happiness" in the Declaration of Independence has long set a standard for the lives of people who live in our country. In our work, our community involvement, our desire to maintain a stable life at home, and our struggle to make ends meet and to face challenging times with courage and ingenuity, we do try to be happy.

The website www.pursuit-of-happiness.org seeks to bring "the science of happiness to life." It lists seven habits of happy people:

Express your heart (cultivate relationships).



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Acts of kindness (volunteer and care for others).

Keep moving and eat well (maintain physical and mental well-being).

Find your flow (engage in an activity in your skill set that gives you enjoyment).

Discover meaning (some identify faith and spirituality as finding meaning and purpose in life).

Discover and use your strengths (identify pursuits in which you excel).

Treasure gratitude, mindfulness and hope.

Rabbi Evan Moffic, in his book "The Happiness Prayer," engages in an in-depth discussion of a

prayer that comes from morning worship in the Jewish tradition. I had always thought of the prayer as a values checklist. Rabbi Moffic's book made me realize that it could also present a prescription for happiness.

Here is the passage: "These are things that are limitless, of which a person enjoys the fruit of the world ... They are: honoring one's father and mother, engaging in deeds of compassion/kindness, arriving early for study, morning and evening, dealing graciously with guests, visiting the sick, providing for the wedding couple, accompanying the dead for burial, being devoted in prayer, and making peace among people. But the

study of Torah (learning for a higher purpose) encompasses them all."

In his book, Rabbi Moffic offers examples of each of these practices and how they can enrich our lives. At the end of his book are questions that can help the reader determine how his or her current activities resonate with the book's suggestions for pursuing happiness and how he or she can move further along a path of contentment.

This prayer has always intrigued me because it says so much with so few words. It teaches us that when we honor our parents, we will feel more at equilibrium and, thereby, teach our children (or other younger family members), in turn, to

honor us. It places acting with kindness and caring towards others at the center of what we can and should do every day, by extending a welcome to all people and by being present when people face health challenges, when they celebrate life's milestones, and when they are in mourning for a loved one. It recommends that, when we seek to increase our knowledge we should do so with people whom we will come to know and trust through our study.

This passage directs us to take time out of our routines to contemplate our lives and what they mean and to determine how we can improve them. It holds in high regard people who find ways to turn conflict

into resolution and, eventually, friendship.

And, finally, this passage notes that discussing with others how to perform these positive actions has the potential to change the world, because we will put into practice what we learn, with a belief that what we do will make a difference.

So may we, in our own way, not only be happy, but do happy, so that we can bring greater contentment to ourselves and to our community.

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George Vescovo says the new facility for his Toyota dealership on Valley Drive was built with the customer in mind.

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Toyota dealership moves into state-of-the-art facility

BY MICHAEL SCANLON
For the Bulletin

Guiding a tour of his sprawling new Toyota dealership recently, George Vescovo paused for a moment to fuss over a heating thermostat – demonstrating his commitment to the comfort of his customers.

“I noticed it’s really cold in the customer lounge,” he told an em-

ployee. “It has been. I think it might be your thermostat.”

The new Vescovo Toyota dealership at 780 S. Valley Drive, basically across Valley Drive from the old one (at 935 S. Valley) and a little to the north, will hold a grand opening and ribbon-cutting event Saturday, May 11. The move – on March 23 – took the company a single day.

“This is twice the facility size, and three times the lot size,” Vescovo said. “A lot more open, a lot more airy, a lot more inviting, a lot cleaner.”

“There were a lot of things wrong with the other place, and I’ll be the first to admit that,” Vescovo said. “It worked against us in efficiency, it worked against us to satisfy the customers, it just was not conducive to the

experience I want to provide our customers. This facility works with us. It was built ground up with the customer in mind.”

For example, the new dealership’s main entrance is aligned not with sales, but with the service department, Vescovo said, because that’s where the business does its highest volume.

“We service 10 times more cars than we sell,”

he said.

With the added space, Vescovo also has hired several more employees.

“We’re growing, and we’re hiring,” he said. “We particularly need sales and technicians.”

The shop area still is new enough that it lacks the random oil smudges and the smell of an automotive shop.

“This is probably the biggest improvement,”

Vescovo said. “We’ve increased capacity 50 percent. And more importantly, we’ve improved efficiency to an extreme degree.”

“Now, cars just come into our service area, customers go into our customer waiting lounge. The vehicles come directly into the shop. There’s no staging area,

Oversized financial sector can actually slow growth

The financial system plays a critical role in economic development, but can you have too much of a good thing? The evidence is growing that you can.

Banks and financial markets improve economic efficiency by allocating scarce financial capital to the highest value use. A well-functioning financial system is critical for a well-functioning economy. Don't believe me? Just think back to the 2008 financial crisis. I rest my case.

Problems arise when the financial system be-



CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

comes too large relative to the rest of the economy. An oversized financial system drains talent from other activities without providing significant improvement

in financial outcomes. When more Ivy League grads go into finance than into science, you have to ask whether this is the best use of resources.

An example that illustrates this is the practice of flash trading. This involves the use of sophisticated patterns of high-speed trading to detect large orders, then using this information

to make a profit.

Flash trading provides very little benefit to society as a whole. Perhaps the market equilibrium is found a few nanoseconds quicker – an improvement undetectable by human perception with no real implications for financial decision making.

On the other hand, flash trading increases market instability by introducing the possibility of flash crashes, where competing computer programs, reacting to the same market information, seek to sell the same security simultaneously.

So if the financial system is too small, it has

insufficient volume to efficiently allocate capital and the consequence is inefficiency. If the financial system is too large, there is increased economic cost while capital allocation is only slightly improved if at all. And what gains there are, are offset by increased financial fragility.

The data seems to suggest that when the credit-to-GDP ratio exceeds 90 percent there is little benefit to expanding the financial system. The global average is 184 percent. The number for the United States is 242 percent. Based on this, it appears that the world is over-banked.

Of course, as is often

said, correlation isn't causality. It may be that there is reverse causality. Slow growth causes high credit-to-GDP ratios, not the other way around. Or causality could run both directions.

In any case, the expansion of the U.S. financial system is driven in large part, especially prior to the 2008 financial crisis, by the implicit guarantees extended to large financial institutions by the federal government – the so-called too-big-to-fail doctrine. This was never official policy of the United States government, but when push came to shove, Bear Stearns, Fannie Mae,

Freddie Mac, AIG, and Citicorp, among others, all received large bailouts.

Government guarantees allow large banks to expand their balance sheets without fear that increased risk will scare away clients. Thus the large U.S. financial system is not a free market outcome but driven by government policy.

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City touts permitting process

BULLETIN REPORT

The City of Las Cruces' Community Development Department recently introduced "OpenCounter" permitting at its One Stop Shop center. OpenCounter (<https://opencounter.las-cruces.org/>) is an online interface to the city's permitting process, according to a news release from the City of Las Cruces.

Designed for the citizen experience, OpenCounter "asks the right questions in the right order so citizens can see the requirements, fees, and processing times that apply to their projects," according to the release.

"We're aiming to increase communication and eliminate confusion

on both sides of the counter," said Larry Nichols, director of the Community Development Department. "City staff will have access to a powerful suite of administrative tools to analyze proposed projects while citizens are given a remarkably high level of service that reduces their discovery process from weeks or days down to a few minutes."

By making information available across departments, OpenCounter also helps municipalities coordinate internal workflows, and build better relationships with the citizens that they serve. OpenCounter was piloted through a "Code for America Fellowship" in the City of Santa Cruz, California, and has been

supported by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

An expedited permitting process is frequently cited as a critical factor for a business deciding on where to locate. Las Cruces has an open counter and is ready to conduct business, the

news release says, continuing: "The permitting process features will help expedite permitting and construction timelines, allowing businesses to not only open their doors sooner, but to get employees hired and earning sooner as well."

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Las Cruces Home Builders Association Monthly Member Highlight



First New Mexico Bank has been members with the Las Cruces Home Builders Association since 2001. The LCHBA provides a good basis for networking among its members. It provides the members a unified voice to deal with issues, regulatory and other, regarding the building industry. As a member of the LCHBA, the Builder's Risk program can be very beneficial to contractors and subs. The fundraising efforts of the LCHBA membership and the subsequent charitable contributions benefit the whole Las Cruces community.



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The new showroom is more open, airy and inviting than the old one.

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no wasted movement or wasted time. We tried to build this around the customer and be as respectful of the customer's time as possible."

The service lounge features free Wi-Fi and numerous charging stations for customers' mobile devices.

Another addition to the new facility is a heavy duty commercial drive-through car wash.

"Every vehicle that's serviced is going to get a complimentary rinse," Vescovo said. "I thought that would be a nice added value for our customers. If somebody wanted to upgrade to a high-level car wash, they could.

"The old place had a total of five parking spots for sales, service and parts," Vescovo said. "Now, service is all valet parking so you don't have

to fight to find a parking spot. We have 25 parking spots just for sales."

The Toyota dealership has been a family business since 1982.

"I took over as dealer-principal at the beginning of 2013," Vescovo said.

Among the changes that have taken place over the years is the dealership's internet sales volume.

"I'm pretty much hiring only sales people who can also work in our online sales department," Vescovo said. "We get over 600 online inquiries a month. So we hire people with email and phone skills specifically to help respond to that high volume of customer requests."

Those inquiries come from all over the Southwest from people looking for, say, a specific model of vehicle, color or options.

"Or used cars," Vescovo said. "A lot of people don't realize how many

used cars we sell and that we sell all makes and models of used cars. We don't just sell Toyotas. You want a full-size domestic truck? We sell that. We always have trade-ins from other brands."

The dealership currently has more than 200 new Toyotas on the lot and more than 60 used vehicles.

Vescovo said it's too soon to know what's going to happen to the old dealership.

"I was paying rent over there," he said. "My family still owns that, and they will probably sell it – potentially to a car dealership. I don't know what's going to happen to it. I'm hoping a car dealership goes in there. I want people to think Valley and Boutz for cars."

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LUSH AND LEAN

Van Clothier and Michael Gaglio use big tools for landscaping but remind us that the shovel is also a gardener's friend for water harvesting. Join them at the May 10 LCU Lush and Lean Workshop presentation to hear how you can capture water for your trees and shrubs.

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Water harvesting is a useful tool in the desert

By **CASSIE MCCLURE** and **SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

If the concept of harvesting water strikes you as strange in the desert, then the Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) Lush and Lean Workshop presentation by Van Clothier and Michael Gaglio will show you how much our downpours can shape our gardens. Join them Thursday, May 10th to discover how to use the shape of your property and the rain that comes from your roof, to create a sustainable landscape.

Michael Gaglio, owner of High Desert Native Plants LLC, says the typical resident likely doesn't consider how much water lands on their roofs. "We only get nine inches of

rain during a year, and when we do it's dumping in bucket loads, which seems hard to manage," he said.

"But, for every 1,000 feet of collection space," Gaglio continues, "you end up with 600 gallons of usable water per inch of rain. Over the course of a year that's over 5,000 gallons, enough to support several native trees."

Van Clothier, owner of Stream Dynamics, Inc., says the Rainwater Harvesting presentation depends very much on the audience; he tailors information to answer questions from attendees. "Sometimes I go on Google Earth and have someone navigate me to their house," he explains. "Then we read the landscape and show what to

look for."

Gaglio adds, "We want to identify where water is coming from and where we want to use it." For example – after calling 811 to ensure you are not going to damage underground utilities – Gaglio suggests, "Grab a shovel and excavate a basin around a plant to keep the water there."

Clothier says, "Erosion is a telltale sign for any homeowner to know where water flows. I noticed that rainwater off my shed's roof went down my driveway and created erosion. I drove over it and I still hadn't thought of that in the larger macrocosm of watershed health. If you have an eroding part of your property, the concepts we can teach you

will help diagnose and fix that."

All Lush and Lean workshops are free and open to the public. They are held Thursday evenings at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, at 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. See the complete list of speakers and Lush and Lean dates at www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation or www.facebook.com/cityoflas-cruces.

Las Cruces Utilities provides gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents and businesses. Reach them at 575-528-3500 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Tree Stewards plant oaks for Arbor Day

By **JIMMY ZABRISKIE**

For the Bulletin

Las Cruces Tree Stewards celebrated Arbor Day by planting two Chinquapin oaks (*Quercus muhlenbergii*) at Ponderosa Park located on Branding Iron Circle on Friday, April 27.

Dr. John Mexal, distinguished professor emeritus from NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, dressed in period clothes, played the role of J. Sterling Morton, Arbor Day founder, and talked about the importance of tree planting.

City Councilor Jack Eakman, District 4, was on hand and spoke of the importance of trees in Las Cruces and the role that tree stewards play

in planting, caring for and promoting trees. City Parks and Recreation Department staff were there to help the tree stewards perform all the hard work of planting, including running drip irrigation to the oaks.

Chinquapin oaks are native to New Mexico and occur in both Lincoln and Eddy counties and through most of the eastern United States and into Ontario, Canada. Chinquapin oaks are relatively fast growing trees, especially for an oak, use a moderate amount of water and are adapted to a wide range of soils.

The foliage does not resemble a typical oak but the oval-shaped leaves grow from 3-5 inches long and get a nice reddish to

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Left to right, back row, at the city's April 27 Arbor Day tree-planting event are Las Cruces City Councilor Jack Eakman, Roman Ortega, John Mexal (dressed as Sterling Morton), Dael Goodman, Ruth Rose, Tina Smiley, Craig Fenske, city Parks and Recreation Community Forester Jimmy Zabriskie, Mike Molinar of the city Parks and Recreation Department, Michael Balogh and Jason Fechner, also of the Parks and Rec Department; front row, Angeles Lopez of Parks and Rec and Graciela Romero.

Cinco de Mayo falls on the weekend

BULLETIN REPORT

Cinco de Mayo, the Fifth of May, commemorates the victory of Mexican soldiers over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. Although the Mexican army was eventually defeated, The Battle of Puebla was a victorious and proud moment in history for the Mexicans, as the smaller, poorly-armed soldiers defeated the larger, well-equipped French army.

About 30 vendor booths will line the Mesilla Plaza offering a variety of products. There

will be games for kids and music for everyone.

Alcohol, smoking and pets are not allowed on the plaza. Attendees may bring folding chairs for their convenience. For more information, call the Town of Mesilla at 575-524-3262 ext. 116.

Following is the entertainment schedule:

Saturday, May 5

12 p.m. Welcome by Mayor Nora L. Barraza
National anthem by Mariachi Aguilas
Invocation by Father Christopher Williams,
Basilia de San Albino
12-2 p.m. Ballet Folk-

lorico de la Tierra del Encanto with Conjunto La Juventud

2-3 p.m. East Picacho Ballet Folklorico

3-4 p.m. Mariachi Flores Mexicanas

4-5:30 p.m. Las Perlitas del Pueblo with Mariachi Aguilas

5:30-6:30 p.m. Ballet Folklorico K'aay

5:30-6:30 p.m. Greased pole climb sponsored by Andele Restaurant; piñatas

6:30-10 p.m. Tejas

Sunday, May 6

12 p.m. Welcome by Mayor Nora L. Barraza
National Anthem by Karlos Saucedo

12:30-1:30 p.m. Ballet Folklorico de la Tierra del Encanto with Mariachi Azteca

1:30-2:30 p.m. Ballet Folklorico Herencia Mexicana

2:30-3:30 p.m. Mariachi Alma de Jalisco

3:30-4 p.m. Greased pole climb sponsored by Andele Restaurant; pinatas

4-7 p.m. Latin Funktion

Officer in need of assistance

Clair hired out to Bob punchin' cows. Clair soon realized it was more like working at a wild game park than a cattle farm. Two square miles of rollin' western Minnesota pasture. Bob never knew how many



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cows he had. "It doesn't matter if you count 'em in the Fall," he'd say, "It's what comes back in the Spring that counts!"

It would be fair to say that the cattle were never handled much. They were 'rangy', as they call it up there. Bob and Clair cowboied a bobtailed load of cull cows together for a trip to the auction yard in Sioux Falls.

The ol' snub nose truck chugged the sixty or so miles with no problem. Being clever with machinery, Bob had rigged a long rope from the cab to the tailgate. It allowed him to back up to a loading chute and open or close the gate from the front.

Unfortunately, in downtown Sioux Falls, the cows became hyperactive and tangled the rope. They managed to raise the tailgate enough so that three cows parachuted out the back.

The boys could feel,

rather than see the load lighten. They pulled over and were able to catch two of the stunned beasts. But the third had landed on her feet and escaped! "Don't worry," said Bob, "She'll turn up."

They left word about the missing cow at the sale barn and returned home.

Next day, back at the farm, the phone rang. "Are you Bob? This is the Sioux Falls Police Department... We have your cow ... we need the name of your insurance agent... Forty-eight thousand in damages..."

"Well, we found her last night. She was wild as a peach orchard boar! We surrounded her with four patrol cars. Our plan was to euthanize her but nobody could get a clear shot as she careened around inside our makeshift car corral. She destroyed the sides of four cars. Broke windows, tail light, side mirrors and a spot lights. Dented, bashed, banged and fouled doors and fenders. Ripped off door handles, chrome and antennae till it looked like a smash on the highway! Then she jumps over the top demolishing the flash-

ing light array, two yard fences and a permanent Nativity scene!

"Four blocks away we surrounded her again and finally dispatched her humanely. There will be some additional liability to repair the bullet holes in the side panels and at least three new tires. "We called the rendering truck."

The next day Bob got another call from the Sioux Falls Police. "I already talked to you yesterday," he explained, "You have my insurance agent."

"We realize that but this is Internal Affairs."

It turns out that four of the officers had taken the cow over the state line to be butchered. Internal Affairs was calling to see if Bob wanted to press charges!

Bob didn't, but between Internal Affairs, his insurance agent and his conscience, they reached a compromise. It included, I'm told, one complementary parking ticket and a GET OUT OF JAIL FREE card from Sioux Fall's finest.

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maroon fall color. The mature height of a 25-year-old Chinquapin oak is about 30 feet tall with a spread of 25 feet.

In my eight months as community forester with the City of Las Cruces, one of the most frequent questions that I am asked

is "why plant trees since they use a lot of water?" Though a valid question, the benefits of planting regionally appropriate trees far outweigh their water use. Trees provide shade and help reduce the heat-island effect of our cities while also cooling the air and slowing down wind. Trees absorb carbon dioxide, helping to slow global warming while producing

the oxygen we breathe. Trees capture rainwater on leaves, branches and bark, which helps to reduce flooding and soil erosion. Trees can absorb and capture certain air pollutants to help clean the air we breathe. Trees increase property values, improve mental and physical health and slow traffic, and neighborhoods with trees tend to have

lower crime rates.

Remember, we plant trees for or grandchildren and the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second-best time is today!

Jimmy Zabriskie is the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Community Forester. Contact him at 575-541-2705 or jzabriskie@las-cruces.org.



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An Arizona black rattlesnake hunts on a woodpile. Debris piles attract wildlife; if you don't want these creatures around, clean up your yard.

Advocates offer tips for a safe snake season

BULLETIN REPORT

Be aware of your surroundings, and there's no need to beware of snakes. That's the message from Advocates for Snake Preservation (ASP), a nonprofit organization founded in Silver City in 2014 and dedicated to changing the way people view and treat snakes.

"Migratory birds are returning, wildflowers are blooming and snakes are starting to emerge from their winter dens," said Melissa Amarello, biologist and cofounder of ASP. "This isn't a reason to avoid the outdoors; it is possible to enjoy all the signs of spring, and that includes the return of rattlesnakes."

Months of cold weather can make it easy to forget this is snake country, so the first spring sighting may be shocking. With temperatures on the rise, it's important to increase awareness of our surroundings, so ASP is offering their Top Tips for a Safe Snake Season:

1. Do not approach,

handle, move, or kill snakes – most bites happen in these situations.

2. Use lights when walking at night.

3. Watch where you put your hands and feet.

4. Create clear, wide paths throughout your yard for safe walking.

5. Don't feed or water your pets or wildlife on the ground.

6. Don't create shelter for snakes or their prey with debris piles.

7. Do not use glue traps or bird netting – they trap rattlesnakes too.

8. Learn your rattlesnake neighbors' habits and avoid their areas.

9. Welcome non-venomous snakes, such as bull snakes and whip snakes to your yard – they may make it less inviting to rattlesnakes.

10. Observe and enjoy snakes from a safe distance.

Snakes are important predators and prey, and their presence indicates a healthy and productive ecosystem," according to an ASP news release. Learn to

live with them and appreciate your encounters, the nonprofit urges.

"It is not only possible to live with venomous snakes, but can be very rewarding," Amarello said. "My first encounter of the year with a sleepy snake, just waking up from his long winter's nap, is something I look forward to all winter."

Visit www.LivingWithSnakes.org.

According to ASP, the organization "promotes compassionate conservation and coexistence with snakes through science, education, and advocacy. ASP identifies and addresses threats to snakes, conducts research, and dispels myths and misinformation about snakes. Snakes are threatened by many of the same issues that affect all wildlife, including habitat loss, climate change, and disease, but negative attitudes toward snakes may be the biggest barrier to their conservation because it often impedes efforts to address other threats."

Visit www.snakes.ngo.

Second graders make quilts for Juarez orphanage

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Hillrise Elementary School second-grade teacher Katrina Parks and volunteer Linda Buttram found a way to combine math, science, reading and art into a single classroom project and learn about helping others at the same time.

The 18 boys and girls in Parks' class worked together to make two quilts that will be donated to Casas de Libertad Bethel, or orphanage in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

The students began working on the quilts last November, said Buttram, whose granddaughter, Gabby, is a student in Parks' class. They read about a woman who made quilts and then began designing their own, she said.

"Each child created a quilt square and they



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Students in Katrina Parks' second-grade class at Hillrise Elementary School with the two quilts they made and will donate to an orphanage in Juarez, Mexico. Parks is at far right. At far left is classroom volunteer Linda Buttram, who helped make the quilts.

were incorporated into two baby quilts," Buttram said. The children decided to donate the quilts to babies who need them."

Using a sewing machine, Buttram sewed the squares in place for one of the quilts, and second grader Ryan, a Cub Scout, taught the others how to tie square

knots to complete the other quilt.

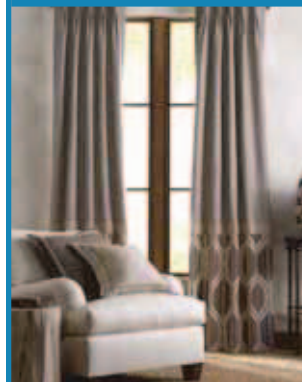
"We like the colors," said one student.

"We're really proud of them," Parks said.

"We are very proud of their generosity and kindness," Buttram said.

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New Face and future for St. Luke's Health Care Center

By AVRA ELLIOTT

For the Bulletin

The era of patients waiting hours and even days to be seen at St. Luke's Health Care Clinic ended when, through a federal grant, the center was able to extend their operating days to five and a half instead of one.

The center currently serves almost 700 medical patients, and 200 behavioral health patients, and with the center's expansion set to finish by June, St. Luke's CEO Pamela Angell expects those numbers to double.

The clinic will remain in the Community of Hope, but move to the naturally lit and newly renovated building to the left of Casa de Peregrinos. The new clinic boasts five exam rooms compared to the current clinic's three, and is more than three times the square footage of the current building, which will be kept by St. Luke's for other health services.

With the new building comes new branding, as St. Luke's will begin conducting services as the Amador Health Center. Angell said she hopes the more inclusive name will convey the diversity of services offered and community members served.

"There is a lot of stigma around homelessness," Angell said, "We are working with Community of Hope to help people realize this is a safe place for all community members to receive care."

For 28 years St. Luke's



Pamela Angell, right, CEO of St. Luke's Health Care Clinic, and her godmother Ruth Garneau start the walk-through of the new facilities at the Community of Hope Friday, April 27.



Nurse practitioner Fatima McElveen and medical assistant Sandra Segovia look at one of the new procedure rooms.

has served uninsured adults, but two years ago the clinic expanded its services to entire families, including behavioral health and preventative health care. The center also accepts most insurance, and after the expansion

will have an onsite pharmacy.

Many patients who find their way to the campus have a background of trauma, and to have access to counseling and medication and medication management, as well

as a safe environment can change, and save their lives, Angell said.

The Community of Hope, which works closely with the clinic, helps provide housing for the homeless community, but Angell said even those who move away from the campus often return to the clinic where they can receive continuity of care.

"We've already developed a relationship with them," Angell said. "We try to remain their health home."

As the clinic has expanded, Angell said they are able to offer continued stability to clients, with even part time practitioners keeping consistent hours and days. The structure is important, Angell said, as well as having the services within a convenient

distance and in a comfortable non-judgmental environment.

The clinic staff has continued to grow and now includes family and psychiatric nurse practitioners, on-site counselors, as well as a bilingual therapist with experience working with children. The clinic is also planning to bring a pediatrician to work within the Jardin de los Ninos building on the Community of Hope campus.

"A lot of people don't have the luxury of just picking up their prescriptions," Angell said. "We're here for someone who has to choose between paying rent or taking their child to the doctor, and we're also just as good as the next place for people who want quality medical care."

As well as serving the health needs of community members, the health clinic has also prospered as a training ground for health professionals as St. Luke's has employed interns in nursing, social work, public health and other fields.

In August 2015, St. Luke's received its first major federal funding through a public health grant, as well as a behavioral health grant. The behavioral health grant will end this September, but the clinic has applied to New Mexico State University for a competitive grant which would help replace the behavioral

Logo contest

St. Luke's Health Care Clinic is undergoing a rebranding in conjunction with the grand opening of its new clinic on June 28. St. Luke's will be doing business as Amador Health Center, and is having a logo contest for the public.

Entries are due by noon Sunday, June 3. Entries should be emailed to cynthia.raniolo@slhcc.info. A print version may be dropped off in care of Cindy Raniolo at the health clinic, 999 W. Amador Health Center, Suite D (to the right of El Caldito Soup Kitchen on the campus of Mesilla Valley Community of Hope).

All entries must include the artist's name, phone number and address.

The first-place winner selected by the board of directors will receive \$750.

According to a news release, the clinic asks that the logo exemplify its values: Compassion, accountability, respect, excellence, services (CARES). The main color is purple.

The clinic's mission is "to provide access to vital integrated health and wellness services to our community and promote dignity one life at a time."

HEALTH BRIEFS

Safety award

LifePoint Health, of which Memorial Medical Center of Las Cruces is a part, has been named the recipient of the 2017 John M. Eisenberg Award for Innovation in Patient Safety at the Local Level.

Presented annually by The Joint Commission and the National Quality Forum (NQF), the prestigious Eisenberg Awards acknowledge major achievements in health-care quality and patient safety.

Created in partnership with Duke University Health System, the program has led to significant enhancements across the LifePoint network, including a more than 60 percent improvement in aggregate patient safety. Memorial is actively participating in the program.

"We are so proud to be part of an organization like LifePoint that is deeply committed to providing high quality care and ensuring the safety of all patients," said John Harris, chief executive officer of Memorial.

"Through the National Quality Program, our team has worked closely with Duke and LifePoint quality coaches to further strengthen our culture of safety, continuously work to improve care and enhance the patient experience for those we serve."

The Eisenberg Awards, launched in 2002, honor the late John M. Eisenberg, MD, MBA, former administrator of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The awards were presented at NQF's Annual Conference in Wash-

ington, D.C., on March 12 and will be featured in the July 2018 issue of The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety.

LifePoint owns and operates community hospitals, regional health systems, physician practices, outpatient centers and post-acute facilities in 22 states. Visit www.life-pointhealth.net/news.

MountainView appointment

BeWellnm, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange, has announced two new board members, including Dr. David P. Leachman of Las Cruces.



LEACHMAN

Damian O. Esquibel, of Albuquerque, is the other appointment.

Dr. Leachman is Chief Medical Officer, physician advisor and physician anesthesiologist at MountainView Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Leachman to the Board of Directors," Dr. J.R. Damron, chair of the beWellnm Board of Directors, said in a news release. "Dr. Leachman's extensive background in medical care both in the administrative and physician perspectives is of great value to our team and we are confident in the level of insight he will be able to contribute to this Board."

Dr. Leachman was appointed to the beWellnm board of directors by state Sen. Mary Kay Papen of Las Cruces.

Medical cannabis: compassion versus greed

There is a troubling trend happening in the cannabis industry. Medical cannabis states were originally designed to operate as non-profit organizations. However, there is confusion regarding what a non-profit cannabis business is. In the states that have legalized cannabis, the economy is thriving. There are many jobs in the field and in all areas related to growing cannabis.

Unfortunately, not so in New Mexico's economy. It is still lagging behind and we are still one of the poorest states. It's a perfect state to legalize cannabis, perhaps in 2019 when we have a new governor. We can only hope. The cannabis industry would bring thousands of needed jobs and would bring the cost of the cannabis down to an affordable rate. Many patients are concerned that the prices are too high at the dispensaries. One of my favorite patients asked me write about compassion vs. greed.

Many patients continue to buy the medicine



HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ

The Good Herb

on the street at a lower cost. Some take a chance and go to Colorado for medicine. Colorado has thousands of dispensaries and growers, which brings the price down.

Many patients and practitioners are aware that the New Mexico Department of Health Compassionate Act has been all but forgotten. The state's medical cannabis program was originally based on compassion. The Compassionate Act was created to produce and provide cannabis for the patients, safely and at low cost.

Do you think that selling cannabis bud to patients at \$13-15 a gram is fair and compassionate?

For example, if a cannabis smoker, a recreational user to be more precise, smokes a gram or two per day, at \$13 per gram that is approximately \$780 per month. If a patient is on Social Security or on a fixed income, of, let's say, \$800 per month. How will that patient afford smoking cannabis at those prices?

Folks, it is sad but true,

greed has taken over the medical cannabis industry in New Mexico and elsewhere.

You figure it out. There are 35 dispensaries in New Mexico. All are thriving and making big profits. Some of you may say that's a good thing, businesses should be for profit. Well, that may be the case, except in New Mexico and many other states, medical cannabis businesses were originally to be nonprofits.

Let's be real, nonprofit does not mean there is no profit. It means that the profit goes to the organization, so they can stay open and provide low-cost medicine to the patients.

Nonprofits are, by law, run by a board of directors, not by a CEO. Nonprofits are set up to benefit the patients, or members, not enrich the pockets of the CEO or investors.

In any case, follow the money. Wouldn't you like to know who owns and operates the dispensaries? That is another story. You will be surprised!

Unfortunately, the laws are vague and some

of these businesses have found loopholes, back doors so to speak, and are capitalizing on the cannabis industry at the expense of the patients.

When Colorado and California became legal recreational states, the nonprofits were all but shut down.

According to Marijuana Magazine, the top 10 New Mexico dispensaries are making \$3 million to \$10 million per year.

The question New Mexico patients have is, where is the good for the community? The compassionate care? The philanthropy? How exactly are these corporations helping their communities?

How are all those millions in profits helping New Mexicans?

Wouldn't you like to know?

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health grant funds, as well as provide professors and psychiatric doctoral students to the clinic.

"That grant would be phenomenal to our community," Angell said, speaking of both the community of Las

Cruces and surrounding rural areas. "We've always been about people who are uninsured or low-income, and they will remain our prime focus population, but the whole world needs health care."

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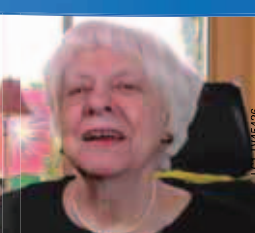
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Tickets on sale for 'Linking Hands'

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Tickets are still on sale for Leadership Las Cruces' Linking Hands event to benefit homeless youth in Las Cruces, to be held 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Tickets are \$50 each.

The event includes food and beverages, a mariachi band and silent auction. Speakers will include Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Las Cruces Public Schools social worker Yoli Silva.

"The silent auction is shaping up to be much more than we expected,"



said event organizer Rob Tate. "We have some very original items, so it won't be the usual run-of-the-mill silent auction."

Funds raised at Linking Hands will help pay for clothing and supplies for LCPS' Project Link Homeless Education program.

In addition to ticket sales, donations are also being accepted in the form of clothing and other everyday necessities. Items

needed are food, clothing, education and school supplies and personal hygiene items. Homeless teenagers also need shelter and resources to help them prepare for and secure employment.

Drop-off stations have been set up at American Document Services, 300A N. 17th St.; Home Instead Senior Care, 880 S. Telshor Blvd., Ste 200; Pioneer Bank, 3831 E. Lohman Ave., 2900 N. Roadrunner Parkway and 705 E. University Ave., Suite A; Vescovo Toyota, 780 S. Valley Drive; and Western Heritage Bank, 230 S. Alameda Blvd.

Leadership Las Cruces, a professional development program sponsored by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, has graduated hundreds of participants and expanded their leadership pursuits. Each Leadership Las

Cruces Class is required to complete a community class project. This year's project is Project Link.

"The past decade has seen a rise in the homeless population in childhood and teenage residents within Las Cruces and Doña Ana County," according to a release from Leadership Las Cruces. "This rise is due in part because of a growing number of parents and caretakers being forced out of children's lives due to deportation, incarceration, or lack of adequate living space and various other reasons.

Teenage residents are particularly vulnerable as they are not the priority of federal- and state-funded programs, are seen as adults without the privileges of legal adulthood and have a social stigma placed on them by peer groups to reject assistance. While the Las Cruces community is always willing to lend a helping hand to the homeless population, teenage residents are often overlooked," the statement says.

This target population faces food security, social and educational challenges due to their situation on top of the stress of being an adolescent."

For more information, contact Brandi Misquez, Executive Assistant to the President at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 575-524-1968 or bmisquez@lascruces.org

For tickets and information, contact Brandi Misquez at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 575-524-1968 or bmisquez@lascruces.org, or Rob Tate at 972-800-7855 or rob@adslcnm.com. Visit www.lascruces.org.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Savvy Caregiver Program: 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays through May 15, Crossroads in Home Care, 189 Howard Place. Six-week education course, "Skills for Dementia Caregiving 101," for families facing dementia or Alzheimer's disease. By the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter. Cost: Free. Info and registration: Alexis Ramirez 800-272-3900 or alramirez@alz.org.

Epilepsy support: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and the first Saturday of every month, Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Support for anyone with epilepsy, loved ones and caregivers. Info: 505-243-9119 or EpilepsySupportNM.org.

Kids Night Out: 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. For boys and girls ages 4-12. Parents enjoy a night out while kids enjoy dance parties, relay and fitness games, arts and crafts, a light snack, and perform an end of evening performance. Cost: \$15 per child if registered by May 11. Siblings half price. Info: Amy Richards 941-705-0800 or lascrucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com

Dementia Caregiving 101: 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays through June 3, Southern Area Health Center, 4003 Geothermal Drive. Education course offered by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter. Cost: Free. Info and registra-

tion: 1-800-272-3900 or kmgandara@alz.org.

ONGOING


Alzheimer's group: 10-11 a.m., second Thursday of every month, 1155 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite 202. Early Stages Alzheimer's Support Group meets. Attend with a friend or family member.

Alzheimer's and dementia support group: 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Presented by Arbors of Del Rey and Home Instead Senior Care, support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 505-659-8100.

Ambercare Hospice Volunteer Program: Ambercare seeks individuals interested in volunteers to offer comfort and support to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers read, take walks, listen or provide companionship. Training provided. Info: 575-556-8409, ext. 12418, or jlopez@ambercare.com.

Aquatic cardio: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department offers a Pound class, rhythmic cardio jam session, combining light resistance with constant simulated drumming. The total body workout fuses cardio, Pilates, isometric movements, plyometrics into a 45-minute series. Info: 575-541-2782.

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Senior Wyatt Jurney of Las Cruces will compete in steer wrestling.



Freshman Colton Clemens of Firth, Idaho, will compete in bareback riding.

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Going for the ride

Aggies seek to win first national team rodeo championship

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

NMSU will have one of the larger teams at this year's College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR), and Head Coach Logan Corbett thinks the Aggies have a "legitimate shot" at the university's first national team championship.

Eleven NMSU Rodeo Team members will be traveling to the finals, June 10-16 in Casper, Wyoming, where the top three competitors from each college rodeo region—350-400 of the top college rodeo athletes in the country—will compete in 40 events.

The NMSU team includes eight men and

three women competing in everything from roping and barrel racing to steer wrestling and bull riding. Six of the students have been to the finals before, but for five of them—including four NMSU freshmen—it's their first time competing at the national level.

"I encourage them to

treat it like any rodeo," Corbett said. "Whatever you did all year long worked. It got you here."

After months of team and individual practice, Corbett said, students learn to "trust the training" and let the muscle memory take over as they climb aboard a horse or a bull and wait for the signal

to come out of the chute.

"You take a deep breath and say, 'I've got this,'" Corbett said. "You do something that cues your mind to shut off and your body to start taking over."

Rodeo athletes compete in rough-stock (bareback and saddle-bronc riding and bull riding) and timed events (steer wrestling,

team roping, tie-down roping and barrel racing). Judges rate both the animal and the rider, and the rider has no control over the horse or bull he or she is riding or the steer, calf or goat he or she is tying down.

"It's the luck of the

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'Strokes Gained' can be used for every situation

In the most recent issue of Golf Digest magazine (May, 2018) there appeared a short, tongue-in-cheek article from eGolfPro-Guy "our favorite Twitter professional." Here's the punch line: "My fans didn't spend their hard-earned money to watch me take drops, and I don't recommend it for you, either. I led the tour in Strokes Gained/punching out sideways (SGPOS) eight years in a row."

Strokes Gained is a complicated statistical derivation that tracks how a tour player compares to the rest of the field in a number of categories, the most telling of which is Strokes



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Gained/putting. It was created by Mark Broadie, a graduate school professor, and detailed in my Nov. 18, 2016 Bulletin column.

Almost all golfers try their best to have the group agree to a game that they feel favors them. If that plan truly pans out I call that Strokes Gained/setting the bet. Sometimes it can be establishing handicaps among sandbaggers; or sometimes it can be picking partners. Games like "Wolf," Left-right" and "Las Vegas" may favor different types of players.

We all complain bitterly about grossly unlucky bounces that

happen to us, but human nature being what it is we forget the unlikely lucky bounces that go our way. Patrick Reed will not forget the lucky bounce (or non-bounce) where his ball, seemingly destined to roll back into Rae's Creek, hung up on the bank on the par 5 15th hole Sunday at the Masters. Reed was able to avoid dropping a stroke – and won the green jacket. The same hole and the same creek bank and the same luck enabled Freddie Couples to win in 1992. Strokes Gained/fortunate bounces.

I'll never forget my most recent SGFB episode. I was playing Feather Sound Country Club in St. Petersburg, Florida, where my ap-

proach to the 17th hole rolled across the green to the far left and came to rest on a raised tuft of grass an inch from the top of railroad ties lining the lake. With one foot on the railroad tie I made the 12-footer for birdie and won the match.

Strokes Gained/rattling opponents is not my favorite version of strokes gained, but there is some humor in it. Over many years of playing golf I confess I've gotten rattled a time or two. But some folks don't need any prompting to rattle themselves. Their stat is Strokes Lost/getting nervous. Many pros suffer from brain-freeze, and getting rattled costs them dearly. But not as dearly as it cost Roberto

DeVincenzo in 1968 and Jackie Pung in 1957, both signing score cards in error. From 1998 until 2014 Tiger Woods would have won the SGRO stat by default. He didn't need to do anything special – just show up and the field was playing for second place. Jack Nicklaus had that effect back in the day.

There is actually an official statistical item on tour called Strokes Gained/scrambling. My private description of this is "Strokes Gained/getting up and down from anywhere." In his prime Seve Ballesteros was hands-down a wizard at saving par from the most unbelievable predicaments. This stat should be called Strokes Gained/

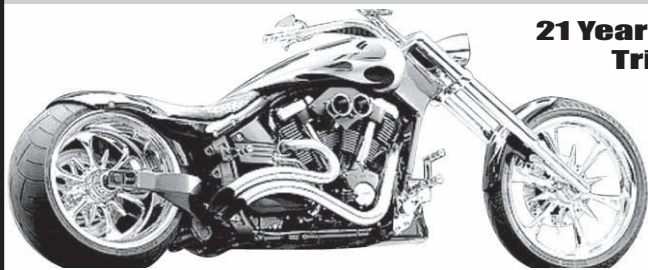
Seve-like. Sometimes it means getting your ball back in play, getting on the green and then making the putt. Other times it involves pulling off what opponents call "miracle" shots. Some players, like the late Seve, have a mindset whereby they just believe they can do anything.

At some point I'll expand the "strokes gained" iconology with SG/playing cart paths (for longer distance), SG/playing faster and SG/providing potent cigars to opponents.

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Alyssa Loera is a 17-year-old junior at Centennial High School. She plays center field on the Lady Hawks softball team. Loera has started for the team every game this season. She will be a 3-year letterman for the Lady Hawks and is looking forward to becoming a 4-year letterman next season. Loera is a very outgoing individual who enjoys spending time with her friends. She jokes a lot and looks for the positive in everything and everyone. Loera is a great listener and is a great influence on her family and friends. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.80 GPA. While not playing softball, she looks forward to going to church and taking vacations with her family, as well as watching her younger sister play soccer.

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL



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Senior Anna Barker of Rochester, Washington, competes in barrel racing.

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draw," Corbett said.

If you draw a calf for roping that stops or runs in a circle, it may cost you a second or two and a top finish.

"You don't get do-overs," Corbett said. "It is what it is. You gotta ride what they run under you."

Representing NMSU at this year's CNFR will be:

- Senior Anna Barker of Rochester, Washington, barrel racing;
- Senior Carly Billington of Cave Creek, Arizona, barrel racing;
- Freshman Colton Clemens, Firth, Idaho, bareback riding;
- Senior Jace Cooley, Musselshell, Montana, saddle-bronc riding;
- Senior Wyatt Journey, Las Cruces, steer wrestling;
- Freshman Blaise Milligan, Artesia, New Mexico, bull riding;
- Senior Savannah

Montero, Winnemucca, Nevada, goat tying;

- Junior Tyler Muth, Murrieta, California, steer wrestling;
- Freshman Cauby Pool, Klamath Falls, Oregon, bareback riding;
- Sophomore Derek Runyan, Silver City, New Mexico, tie-down roping;
- Freshman Levi Whitley, Blanco, New Mexico, bull riding.

"Through lots of struggles and mistakes, to setting arena records and winning countless buckles, Rios (her horse), took me to the top and got me another chance at the CNFR," Barker said.

"I'm excited to be able to have the change to experience the CNFR my freshman year," Whitley said.

"I am going to work hard and push myself the whole mile to have a successful trip to Casper," Clemens said.

"The CNFR will be the last rodeo ever in my life," Montero said. "I plan to go out with a bang."

The 60-member rodeo team "did well" during this season's 10 rodeos, Corbett said, crowning many regional champions. "It's a young team (there were 22 freshmen). I'm very proud of them."

Rodeo, he said "really is a lifestyle" for his student athletes. "They live together, eat together, practice together."

Each contestant will compete three times during the week-long national finals. The top 12 in each category will vie for national championships on Saturday night, June 16. The finals will be aired later in the year on ESPNU.

Most of the team's athletes will return to NMSU next year. A few may join Corbett as professional rodeo competitors.

"I've grown so attached to these kids, as much as they make me want to pull my hair out," Corbett said. "It's a great group of kids."

Corbett said four fresh-

men women in particular "have been the lifeblood of our rodeo team this year." Clay Barry, Madalyn Schmidt, Kelton Little and McKenna Good, he said, spent the year "diving in, serving and helping."

For every team member, he said, "If we're not winning, we're learning. 'Lose' or 'fail' is not in our vocabulary. You either won or you learned; hopefully, you did both."

NMSU has had more than 30 individual national champions since the first Aggie rodeo team in 1942, but the university has never claimed a team title. It came close in 2008, when the women's team was named reserve national champion.

"NMSU has been a powerhouse in college rodeo for a long time," Corbett said.

NMSU Rodeo Team member Savannah Montero contributed to this story. Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Hometown golfer extends successful career at NMSU

Golfer Isaac Merry completed his four-year career with a standout senior season.

The Oñate High School graduate was named April 27 to the all-Western Athletic Conference first team. He was New Mexico State University's lone representative.

Merry finished seventh in the conference with a 72.9 scoring average, which led the Aggies. He tied for second at the conference championship, shooting a 214 (70-70-74) to lead the team.

He was named April 19 as the conference men's golfer of the week after leading the Aggies by finishing 15th in the final tournament of the regular season. He shot a 211 (69-75-67).

In the last five events of the season, Merry was the squad's low scorer.

Baseball

Nyack College catcher and first baseman Isaak Bustamante batted .284 in 31 games. The Centennial High graduate had one home run and 25 runs batted in.

Campbellsville University senior David Montoya batted .299 in 45 games. Out of Mayfield High, the infielder hit three home runs and was third on the team with 26 RBIs.

Women's outdoor track and field

Las Cruces resident



BARBARA BOXLEITNER

Keeping Up

Hannah Shoemaker won the shot put for Christopher Newport University at the New Captains Classic. The senior placed fifth in the discus. For the indoor season,

Shoemaker received All-America recognition in the shot put, and the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association cited her in the shot put and weight throw on its Division III all-South/Southeast Region team.

Las Cruces High product Gwen Holtzman of Grinnell College placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles at the Dick Young meet. She was 19th in the 200 run.

Oñate alumna Alyssa Covarubbia of New Mexico State finished seventh in the javelin throw at the Desert Heat Classic.

Formerly at Centennial, New Mexico State sophomore Corinne Hanson placed third in the 3,000 run at the Desert Heat Classic.

Women's tennis

Colorado Christian University junior Maddie Andersson and doubles partner Paige Crews were named to the all-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference second team. She is from Mesilla Valley Christian School.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at jdanddoc@gmail.com.



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