



Dominant

For second straight week Tiger football team wins big, at Crownpoint

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HSHS volleyball wins home opener and tourney finale matches

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Elephant Days Parade



HONORABLE ENTRY
- Elephant Butte Mayor Eunice Kent greets visitors to the celebration of the city.

BORDER PATROL POSSE
- Members of the U.S. Border Patrol mounted up and rode through Elephant Butte during the Elephant Days Parade held Saturday, Sept. 8. See additional photos from the Elephant Days celebration on Page A6.

HERALD photos
CARLOS PADILLA



Spaceport Hosting Suborbital Launch of New Heat Shield Tech

UP Aerospace's SpaceLoft suborbital rocket will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Spaceport America carrying the agency's Adaptable Deployable Entry and Placement Technology (ADEPT) project. Once the rocket reaches space, the umbrella-like heat shield will eject and deploy to test the planetary entry technology, according to a Sept. 7 release. The launch will take place at Spaceport America's Vertical Launch Area.

It is closed to the public, although the New Mexico Spaceport Authority has extended invitations to media outlets to cover the launch. In addition to ADEPT, the launch will test two other NASA technologies, including the Autonomous Flight Termination System for launch vehicles and a system that measures the internal environment of suborbital vehicles carrying experiments. These payload flights were funded by the Space

Technology Mission Directorate's (STMD) Flight Opportunities program, managed at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center in Edwards, Calif. ADEPT was funded by STMD's Game Changing Development program and was designed and built by NASA's Ames Research Center in California's Silicon Valley. Through both programs, NASA supports promising technologies from government, industry and academia for development and/or testing.

Indiana Man's Four-Hour Armed Standoff Ends Peacefully Law Enforcement's Cooler Heads Prevailed, Suspect Facing 7 Aggravated Assault Charges

**By Carlos Padilla
HERALD Reporter**
Although a troubled man's desperate actions shut down a state highway locally for nearly five hours last week, the dedication and professionalism displayed by law enforcement officials on scene positively impacted the final outcome beyond the expectations of most. Indiana resident Jef-

fie Taylor, 51, reportedly contacted 911 operators in Truth or Consequences at about 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 6, to express his wish to harm himself. Dispatch operators alerted local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and Sierra Vista Hospital and ambulance personnel. Officials responding to the area were informed that Mr. Taylor was armed

with a Glock and was near the Elephant Butte Dam overlook. A handful of nearby residents were initially told to shelter in place or relocate further away from the side of the hill nearest the overlook, and then when Taylor became somewhat mobile later that evening, were told to return to their homes and shelter.

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TCPD Officer Commendations, Copper Flat Mine on City Agenda

HERALD Staff

The Truth or Consequences City Commission is meeting today (Wednesday, Sept. 12), in the Commission Chambers, 405 W. Third Ave. Agenda items under presentations include certificates of commendation to TorC Police Department officers Anthony Zagorski, Alfadiva Peru and Jaffee Blomquist, presented by Chief Randal Aragon.

Max Weh, a resident of Hillsboro and a member of the Sierra Club's Rio Grande Chapter, will give a presentation on the pro-



**Renee Cantin
City Clerk Treasurer
Interim City Manager**

posed reopening of Copper Flat Mine. Under ordinances/resolutions/zoning: resolution authorizing and ap-

proving submission of a completed application for financial assistance and project approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority Water Trust Board for water system improvements (Tracie Burnette, grant/projects writer); resolution authorizing participation in the Capital Outlay Program administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (Burnette); and resolution directing the publication of Ordinance No. 699 pledging refunding of the 2016 loan from the New Mexico Finance Au-

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Gun Drawn Between Arguing Lake Campers

Belen Man Charged With Felony Count of Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon

By Carlos Padilla HERALD Reporter

Sierra County's law enforcement agencies seem to have encountered an increasing number of violent crimes locally, particularly those involving firearms and other weapons deemed deadly. One such incident reportedly took place on Friday night, Aug. 31, at Elephant Butte Lake, according to a criminal complaint filed in Sierra County Magistrate Court by Elephant Butte Lake State Park (EBLSP) Ranger Townsend that ended with a felony count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for 22-year-old Ryan Taylor Smith of Belen.



Ryan Taylor Smith

At approximately 11 p.m., Ranger Townsend and other law enforcement officials on duty at

the time were informed that an argument between campers resulted in a handgun being brought out. EBLSP Rangers arrived at the camp and conducted a high-risk stop with weapons drawn, bringing Mr. Smith and his girlfriend away from their vehicle. The campers were instructed over a Ranger's PA system to exit the vehicle with their hands

over their heads and then go to their knees in the sand. The couple was detained and searched and their vehicle cleared. Smith and his girlfriend reportedly were attempting to go to sleep when arguing from the camp next to their location prevented them from falling asleep. Smith's girlfriend walked to the neighboring camp and asked if they planned on going to bed any time soon, because she and her boyfriend were trying to sleep. After words were exchanged, Mr. Smith arrived at the neighboring camp and led his girlfriend back to their campsite, however, two females from the neighboring camp reportedly confronted Smith and his girlfriend back at their

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SPACEPORT SOUTHERN ROUTE - The newly paved road leading from Interstate 25's Upham Exit just south of Hatch features a visitor area dedicated to the historic Jornada del Muerto. The spaceport road was completed earlier this summer, providing a smoother ride for spaceport anchor tenant Virgin Galactic's employees whose offices are located in Las Cruces.

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WEEKLY WEATHER WATCH 8-DAY FORECAST

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