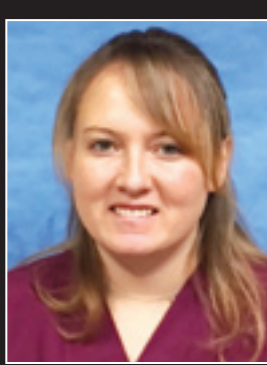


Go Fourth

HSHS' Ella Cano-Linson earns fourth place at State Track Meet

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New Nurse

Sierra County Public Health Office welcomes Amanda Clawson

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City Working To Help Restore Services At Gardner Learning Center Post-WNMU



State Rep. Rebecca Dow (R-Sierra/Grant)

By Tony A. Archuleta
HERALD Reporter

With Western New Mexico University cutting its longstanding financial ties with the Gardner Learning

Center in TorC, local officials are aiming to keep it going through a county-wide partnership.

State Rep. Rebecca Dow (R-Sierra/Grant) appeared

before the City Commission on Tuesday, May 9, urging the city to participate in the effort.

"It's pretty simple, it's just a matter of coming together and looking at our partners, and seeing what we can do," she said.

The learning center, located at 601 Sunset St., straddling TorC and Williamsburg, was originally started as a federal initiative to bring distance learning and to increase access to educational opportunities in rural areas, according to Dow.

"And the original intention is to be a clearinghouse to multiple organizations, including universities like Western," she said. "At one point we had Western, Dona Ana, Eastern - we even had some construction technology courses."

Most recently, Dow said, the learning center has

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Flying High



Aerial silk dancer Jeannie Ortiz performs high above Healing Waters Plaza Saturday, May 13, during the Hot Springs Festival.

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COMPLETE AGAIN - The Village of Williamsburg appointed two board members Thursday, May 11, to replace Ron Hoskins Sr. and Wanpen Root who recently resigned. The Board of Trustees is at full strength once again. Pictured from left to right are Majorie Powey, William Frazier, Mayor Deb Stubblefield, Mary Gagne and Guillermo Hernandez.

COURTESY photo

2 New Trustees Join Williamsburg Board

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter

The Village of Williamsburg approved the appointment of two members for the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting May 11.

William Frazier, who is an EMT for Sierra Vista Hospital Ambulance

Service and barbecue entrepreneur owner of Smokey's Bar-B-Que in Elephant Butte, was approved unanimously as was Mary Gagne who works at Michele's Salon and Spa.

The two will serve until the election to be held March 18, 2018. They will

have the interim time to decide if they want to stay on the board and run for the offices they have been appointed to.

Geronimo Springs Museum Director came by the meeting to show off a new information card listing all the museums in Si

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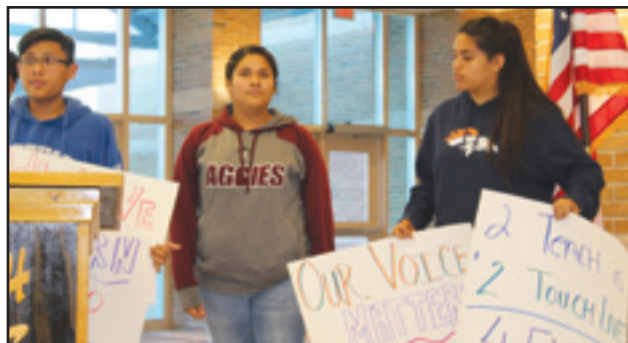
School Board Votes To Keep 5-Day Week

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter

At the very bottom of the Board of Education of the Truth or Consequences Municipal School District regular meeting was the most contentious issue.

There was enough interest in whether or not the board would vote to change to a four-day school week that the May 11 meeting had to be

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TEACHER APPRECIATION - Students from Hot Springs High School were at the School Board of Education meeting, Thursday, May 11, to express support and appreciation for their teachers.

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Airbnb Owners Step Closer To Contributing to Tax Base

By Tony A. Archuleta
HERALD Reporter

The Truth or Consequences City Commission on Tuesday, May 9, directed City Attorney Jay Rubin to finalize for publication an ordinance addressing Vacation Rentals by Owner, or VRBOs such as Airbnb, in an effort to capture lodgers tax,

"We've had at least three businesses (come) to the office to see what the regulations are, what they can do, and they're very willing. It's just that we have nothing in place."

—City Clerk-Treasurer Renee Cantin

sales tax and convention fee revenue.

City Clerk-Treasurer Renee Cantin said the pro-

posed ordinance is based on one adopted by Taos.

"I worked with their

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County Considering Ban On Open, Controlled Burning

HERALD Staff

The Sierra County Commission at its Wednesday, May 17, meeting was scheduled to consider an ordinance declaring an emergency and establishing restrictions on all open and controlled burning countywide.

"The danger of brush

fires, grass fires, forest tent... create an extremely high fire hazard in Sierra County... the probability of ignition of material and fire spread is extremely high... an immediate danger to the public health, safety and welfare of Sierra County residents has arisen due to drought and

ty, weather and fuel con-

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