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Millie's Doll



The mural on the side of the building at 303 Main St. was inspired by a doll that Susan Buhler's grandmother, Millie, carved a long time ago – around 1940. She carved two dolls, and after she died, her son Richard Buhler gave them to Susan's sister, Windy Buhler, and Windy decided that they should stay out at Susan's farm in lower Cuchillo. Susan decided that a mural would be nice on the side of her building and at the same time, Peter Bowles, a local artist, was restoring a mural he had created some time ago. That's when Susan decided to contact Peter and collaborate on the design and the rest is history. Peter Bowles was the perfect artist and the timing was right. If you haven't seen the mural, go by 303 Main and visit with Susan. Susan would like to thank Peter Bowles, Andy Underwood and her Momma Millie.

Accused Williamsburg Drug Trafficker's Cases Combined

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter

A Williamsburg man who has already been convicted of trafficking drugs in Las Cruces is facing charges again in two cases that have been combined for a preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court Thursday (Jan. 18).

In October, Daniel Gurrola was charged with two counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon after he forced another man's truck off the road by crashing into it. Gurrola then allegedly approached the driver of the truck "in an assaultive (sic) manner." He also struck the female passenger in the truck in the back



Daniel Gurrola

of the head.

In the October case, Gurrola, who was released, was charged with two third-degree felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon, battery against a household member, assault, reckless driving and leaving the scene.

January 4, two officials with the Sierra County Sheriff's Office were on patrol when they spotted two men they recognized getting into a car on Copper Street in TorC.

Gurrola was a passenger in that car and the deputies knew he had a warrant from a previous case.

A traffic stop was initiated, but the driver did not immediately pull over. An affidavit for an arrest warrant states that the deputies could see Gurrola yelling, waving his arms and reaching under his seat.

The vehicle pulled into a vacant lot near the Sierra County Fair Grounds.

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School Board Meeting

AD Terrazas Denies 'Trying to Sweep Problems Under Rug for Last 3 Years'

By Samantha Gonzalez
HERALD Reporter

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the Municipal Schools held a Regular Board Meeting.

During the Administrator Reports, TCES Principal Connie Roberts said, "Elementary teachers either met or surpassed the goals set in place last year." Principal at TCMS Dr. Garcia, reported that the Middle School was currently working on "Character Counts" and "Kindness Heroes" which would recognize kids at

the Middle School for showing kindness and helpfulness toward their peers and teachers. Garcia continued by addressing that they were receiving free training from C.E.S., which helps teachers with collaborating and grouping skills. HSHS Principal Todd Lindsey announced that all coaches at the school are set up to receive a license or are currently in the process of renewing their license. It was determined that only three coaches possess

a license while the rest are still processing. The Board then pointed out that "processing is concerning some parents and members of the community" and that the process should be hurried along. Todd Lindsey answered by reporting that "P.E.D did not issue licenses last year until Sept. or December.

Secretary Crystal Runyan-Diamond asked Business Manager Sabrina Bierner if it was possible

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Fenn and City Leaders Make Cases For And Against Armory Renovation Ahead of Tuesday's Special Election

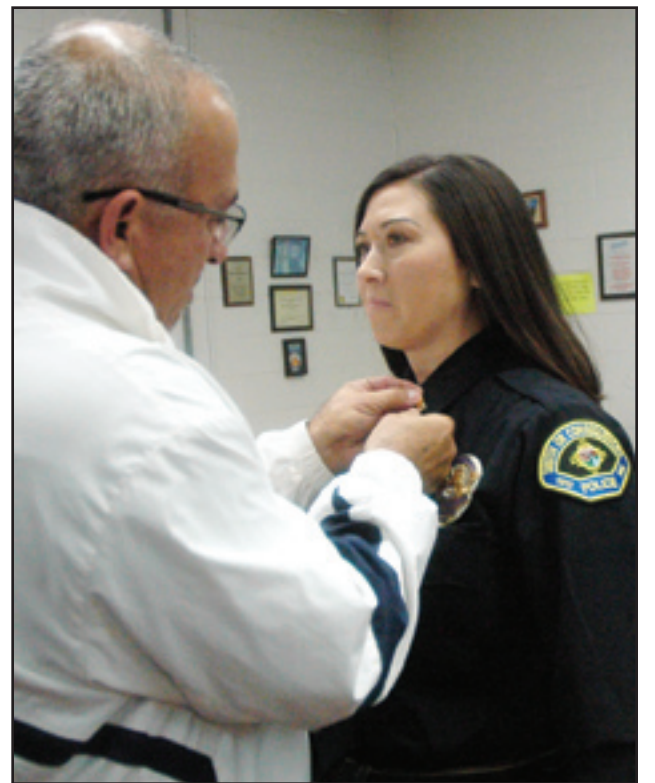
By Tony A. Archuleta
HERALD Reporter

Truth or Consequences city government activist Ron Fenn and City Manager Juan Fuentes, along with Mayor Steve Green and Police Chief Michael Apodaca, presented final arguments ahead of Tuesday's, Jan. 23, special election on the future of the proposed National Guard Armory conversion into police department headquarters.

Under presentations during Wednesday's, Jan. 10, City Commission meeting, Fenn – who led the petition drive prompting the special election – took to the podium first.

Fenn, allotted 15 minutes for his presentation, said the armory building on North Cedar Street is a utilitarian building better suited for manufacturing purposes with its high ceilings and large bay.

Fenn, who is also challenging the Position 1 seat on the commission currently held by Mayor Pro Tem Sandy Whitehead in the March 6 regular election, along with Destiny Mitchell and Sophia Peron – said the renovation of the armory would cost the city \$3.3 million over 25 years, and that there exists a \$573,000 shortfall in the current financing plan through the New Mexico



Finance Authority. He said the current TCPD headquarters, a former mortuary on McAdoo Street downtown and near City Hall, isn't as crowded as advertised, having personally visited the facility and taken photos, which he shared in his presentation.

Fenn acknowledged the department's capacity for storing evidence is compromised, but suggested off-site storage or the possible addition to the building on the north and east faces.

It makes no sense, according to Fenn, to move

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Big Wheels Turning At Wheeler Dog Park Ragsdale, Richter Recognized For Work on Floodplain Mapping

By Tony A. Archuleta
HERALD Reporter

If you drive through downtown TorC on a regular basis, it's apparent that Wheeler Dog Park, adjacent to Ralph Edwards Park and located at the former fire station property where Broadway becomes South Date Street, is a big hit.

City resident Carole Wheeler, who initiated the project, reports that the park, built through volunteer efforts and contributions, along with assistance from the City of TorC, has exceeded her own expectations of popularity and use.

"We have been reward-

ed many times over for our efforts," Wheeler announced in a report read aloud by Mayor Steve Green at Wednesday's, Jan. 10, City Commission meeting. "Out-of-area/state visitors were especially grateful for finding a place to run their dogs after being in a car for several hours – makes it all worth the effort."

Volunteer park monitors, on hand to make sure that the pet dogs are properly registered and vaccinated, have compiled a list of states from which visiting pet owners hail: New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Minnesota, Texas and

Wisconsin.

From Dec. 11-31, 2017, the park played host to 358 canines – 141 large breeds, 179 small breeds and an additional 38 pups that were allowed to romp in the single-use section.

"The usage averages 18 dogs per day," according to Wheeler's report. "... It does appear weekends have slightly more use.

On a daily basis, it appears to depend on what the owner has planned for the day, including a return trip later.

"Many owners choose to use the single-use area, especially if they know their dog is not friendly

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WEEKLY WEATHER WATCH 8-DAY FORECAST

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