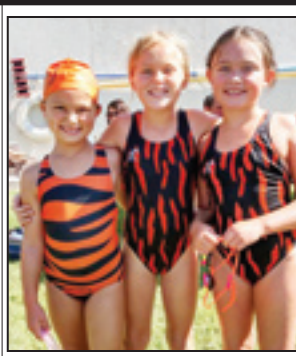


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New State Police Officer Blacklock recognized for service to TorC Police Dept.

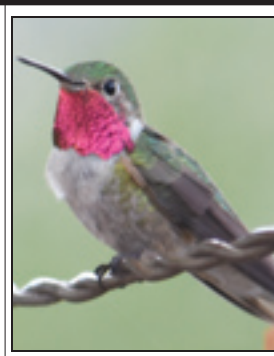
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Fuentes, Green Speak Out On SCRDA 'Fake News Article'

Targets: Herald Publisher Tooley, SCRDA Leadership, Fire Chief Tooley

By Tony A. Archuleta
HERALD Reporter
Multiple plot twists last week as City Manager Juan Fuentes and Mayor Steve Green took the lead on clarifying recent interactions with Sierra County Regional Dispatch Authority in light of recent Herald articles/commentary questioning the City of TorC's commitment to the county-wide emergency radio dispatch service.

From SCRDA's seeming lack of appreciation for the city as the largest financial contributor annually among multiple entities locally...

From The Herald's re-interactions with Sierra County Regional Dispatch Authority in light of recent Herald articles/commentary questioning the City of TorC's commitment to the county-wide emergency radio dispatch service.

From a meeting scheduling impasse between the City Commission and SCRDA board of directors...



TorC City Manager Juan Fuentes



TorC Mayor Steve Green

als, questioning the city manager's commitment to SCRDA.

"I wanted to respond to some of the things that were printed by Mr. Mike Tooley - of course you all (commissioners) received a letter - and this article

was full of misinformation that borders on fake news article here," Fuentes said at the outset of the agenda item, Discussion/Action: SCRDA Contract and future participation."

For a start, the commission recently changed its meeting schedule to Wednesday meetings, the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, the first Wednesday date and time in direct conflict with SCRDA board meetings. The commission cited a handful of reasons for the change from Tuesday

to Wednesday meetings, and the change was widely accepted. Of all the factors considered, a SCRDA meeting conflict went unmentioned, to this reporter's recollection.

What Tooley described See SCRDA on Page A5

Shane Jeffers Joins Sheriff's Office

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter
The newest member of the Sierra County Sheriff's Office says law enforcement is his passion - and it began with a ride-along with his grandfather, Bobby Parks, who also served Sierra County as a deputy.

Jeffers, 23, will attend the police academy in January and until then he will be shadowing other members of the department, learning basic investigation techniques.

"I'm excited to be here," Jeffers said, adding that he has known Sheriff



OATH OF OFFICE - Seventh Judicial District Court Judge Mercedes Murphy administers the oath of office to newly-hired Sierra County Sheriff's Deputy Shane Jeffers.

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TorC Mayor Pro Tem Sandy Whitehead

Whitehead Pushes Back Against Critical Rhetoric

'All I Can Say is Wow,' Mayor Pro Tem Says

By Tony A. Archuleta
HERALD Reporter
For a TorC city commissioner, public comment during commission meetings frequently amounts to a verbal flogging before a live crowd, newspaper reporters, a hot radio mic and a dutiful city clerk.

Knowing all this, commissioners typically err on the side of silence or carefully measured words in response to some of the angrier criticisms directed their way.

Rarely does a commissioner return fire. But Mayor Pro Tem Sandy Whitehead did so at the July 12 City Commission meeting. Whitehead, one of the most prominent and prolific politicians/public servants in the history of Sierra County, kept it civil Wednesday morning - but she left no room for misinterpretation of her vexation.

"All I can say is, 'Wow!'" Whitehead said after two speakers, in particular, TorC residents

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Village of Williamsburg Gets Clean & Beautiful Grant

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter
The Village of Williamsburg Board of Trustees approved the acceptance of a state Clean & Beautiful Grant for just over \$6,000 to continue improvements on the grounds surrounding the Village Hall during their regular meeting July 13.

TCPD Chief Lee Alirez reported that in June his officers wrote 59 citations and investigated one case of fraud and one unattended death in the Village. "Code enforcement

has been moved to the PD - and we're cracking down," Alirez added, "I'm real happy with our performance in the Village."

Mayor Deb Stubblefield, who is on the Sierra County Regional Dispatch Authority board of directors, reported the SCRDA board doesn't know what will happen for dispatch in the future, referring to reports that the City of TorC may pull out of SCRDA due to a dispute over meeting

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Local Man Arrested for Burglary

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter
A TorC man was arrested Saturday night, July 15, after a neighbor reported someone was inside a house he knew was supposed to be vacant.

Truth or Consequences Police officers responded to 400 Oak Street in reference to a possible breaking and entering in progress.

After covering both exits, an officer knocked on the front door and saw a man run through the house. The officer at the back door also saw the man, who opened the

back door. But when the officer announced himself and asked the man to show him his hands, the intruder ran back inside the house.

Officer Mark Peterson recognized the man as Jarod Clark and saw him holding a bottle of whiskey.

Two more police units arrived to assist, and Peterson was able to talk Clark into coming out of the house.

Clark tried to tell officers he lived in the house, but the officers knew he lived

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