

## School Board Meeting

**By Samantha Gonzalez**  
NEA representative Gordon Mishler announced that the budget for the new school year has been approved, when the Truth or Consequences Municipal School Board met Thursday, July 13, for their regular meeting. Mishler announced Heather Williams will serve as co-president of NEA. "I would also like to congratulate the Board for the \$1.5 million cash surplus for next year," Mishler said.

Instructors for the History, Math, Physical Education, and Foreign Language departments are needed at SEC and HSHS. Staff is hopeful they will have high quality applicants pending interviews for the upcoming school year.

Kenny Griffis reported construction on the Health

and Wellness center is going well. They are negotiating budgets with architects. The job estimate is around \$1.6 million in construction costs. Also stated the costs for a Middle School outside basketball court is estimated to be between \$43,199 and \$53,289. The Board approved the \$43,199 cost.

A contractor has been hired to repair the flashing lights in Arrey.

The Board also discussed the 2017-2018 MOU for a School Resource Officer and approved TCPD Officer Ted Ontiveros for that position.

The School Board then went into Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining strategy, pending or threatened litigation, and evaluate Superintendent Dr. Craig Cummins in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

## Sierra County Arts Council To Fund TCMS Art Class

The SCAC was approached by Kim Artman, who is the current middle school arts teacher, during a monthly board meeting in June, 2017.

Mrs. Artman explained to the council that a grant was available for the elementary to purchase art supplies each year. There is also a supply fee in which the students at the high school pay in order to take any art class thus funding their supplies. The middle school does not charge a fee and the art department is allotted only \$200 a year in which to service 100 students in art class. Mrs. Artman has taken over the position the last year and has incorporated a higher-level curric-

ulum with 10 units. Each unit incorporates lessons in reading and writing as well as hands on techniques. The units that the curriculum encompasses includes drawing, art history, New Mexico artists, crafts, sculpture, painting, elements of art, principles of design, graphic arts, and printmaking. The cost of supplies needed to continue the curriculum reached over \$1100. Mrs. Artman is proud that the arts department is making such an impact in the schools growing grade from the department of education. Currently TCMS has a school grade of an "A" because of the incorporation of reading and writing in all subject

## Are You Ready For Some Tiger Football?

The 2017 season is coming up soon and we are excited to get working!

The Tiger Football Challenge will be on Friday, July 28. All football athletes are encouraged to attend. This will start at the HS Parking lot at 3 p.m. Participants will need a bike and a life jacket.

High School Football Two-a-days will begin on Monday, July 31. We will have a morning session from 6:30 til 9 a.m. and then an evening practice from 5 til 8 p.m. All boys will need to have a completed physical before they are able to begin practice. Middle School Football will begin on the first official day of school, August 14. Practice will be from 3:30 to 5:30.

**ALL** athletes are required to have a completed physical on hand before starting practice. Please call Coach Daniel Terrazas at 575.894.0672 with any questions.

areas. The push for higher level curriculum comes from middle school principal Renee Garcia. The board agreed to fund the middle school arts program and funded the whole amount of \$1100. The supplies that will be ordered includes sketchbook and notebook combo, clay, paint, watercolors, glue and other needed supplies. The school administration and Mrs. Artman are very grateful for the Sierra County Arts Council for allowing students to continue expanding their creativity through the arts supply fund.

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## TorC TigerSharks vs. Albuquerque Country Club vs. Dolphins

And oh, what a meet it was!

A standard swim meet lasts about two and a half to three hours or so, depending on the size of the teams. They start early, so they end early while it's still cool out. But one or more of the coaches at this meet decided it would be a good idea for all of us to swim together. And so we did. And forgetting the fact that the Dolphins team is comprised of over sixty 10 and under swimmers, and that ACC is only a 6 lane pool, the projected 2.5 hour meet turned into nearly four hours in the blistering Albuquerque sun on Friday, July 14.

Despite the "feels like" temperature ranging closer and closer to the climate of Hades, the TigerSharks held out and had a wonderful time and showing at the meet. While the kids were fine dipping in the cool pool water every half hour or so, begging to swim the butterfly if for no other reason than to at least cool off, Coach Destiny disappeared every 20-30 minutes to run cold water over her long black sleeves, the only way she's learned to keep hydrated during the grueling scorching swim meet. The parents not timing found spots in the shade and the kids dried off languidly amongst the lounge chairs around the deck (Photo 1.)

As mentioned before, Swim Team is more than just a summer sport. It is a community event that engages children in a structured (yet whimsical) setting that allows the swimmers, parents, siblings, and friends to all work collectively as a team to accomplish representative goals. Coach Destiny is proud to have 8 of the 10 Junior Lifeguards in training on her team, and to have had the other two remaining participate in swim team in the past.

The windows of opportunity for future jobs, connections, and skill building are inherent in this summer youth program. The opportunities manifest in additional programs such as Junior Lifeguarding, Swim Lesson instruction, and eventually lead to high



The TigerSharks taking advantage of the country club's lounge chairs to dry off after their races. What else are you supposed to do at a Country Club?



The 13 and Up relay team pauses for a surely picture. L-R: Joseph Green, Josiah Wright, Buddy Neeley, and Tristen Weathers.



Girls just wanna have fun! Three 10 and Under Girls pose for a memory making picture. L-R- Felina (I-can't-help-but-wink) Woolf, Desaray Turpen, and Dahlia O'Brien.

school/college employment as evidenced by the current staff at the City of TorC Swimming pool, all of whom were once members of the Sierra County Swim Team.

These swim meets test the resolve of the swimmers, parents and coaches alike, but they also allow the children to develop leadership skills as they help each other and lead lessons, collaborative approaches with relays and teamwork skills and drills, and most importantly, sportsmanship; a concept that seems to slip farther and farther away with each generation.

Coach Destiny is proud of her swimmers' team spirit, of their desire to shake hands after a race whether they win or lose, and the pride that each and every one of these swimmers takes in their individual and team events.

These qualities will help guide them in their future paths, and will help to set them up for future endeavors. Sometimes we do not realize the importance of these consequences when we are living in the moment, but when we look back at album after album, article after article, shelves full of ribbons, medals and trophies, we get a glimpse of some-

thing that we are excited and proud to share in.

These professional, mature, and excited young swimmers will be attending their District Qualifying meet, and the Sundance State Championships this week, and I hope the community will join me in wishing them the best of luck, and hope to help them remember that it doesn't matter if they win or lose, as long as they try their best. Our positive thoughts go with them as they journey north for the week, and even though they have already qualified 12 swimmers for the State Relays, we'd like to see them do their best, and represent tiny little TorC up there amongst the pros.

Thank you again to the community for your continued support. The TigerSharks are currently seeking donations for their awards ceremony on Aug. 12, and if anyone is interested in donating, please speak with Christie Konklin, Destiny Mitchell, or any other Swim Team Board Member. Thanks a ton TorCians!

We are proud to represent you!

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## What's Up In Tiger Alley

**By Samantha Gonzalez**  
Back to School supplies are now coming to Wal-Mart. You may find a list of supplies at Wal-Mart or your child can wait until they attend their first day of school to receive a syllabus with a list of things

needed for their classes. All incoming freshmen at Hot Springs High need to report for Jump Start Day to make a smooth transition into High School. If you cannot attend, please contact the HSHS Office at (575)-894-8366.

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