

# 2020 Primary Election



## Request an Application County Clerk's Office

300 Central Ave. Carrizozo

May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00am to 5:00pm

Monday thru Friday

Closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>



## Lincoln County Courthouse

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Monday - Friday

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00am to 6:00pm

Closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Or

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Lincoln County Clerk

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# Election Day



June 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Election Day Voting using Vote Centers

A Vote Center is an Election Day polling location that is available to any registered voter of Lincoln County and are located at:

### Locations

#### Lincoln County Courthouse

300 Central Ave.  
Carrizozo, NM

#### Ruidoso Convention Center

111 Sierra Blanca Dr.  
Ruidoso, NM

#### Ruidoso Downs Zia Center

26337 US Highway 70  
Ruidoso Downs, NM

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

There is **No** wrong place to vote!



The following Locations will **NOT** be open for the 2020 Primary, but will be open for the 2020 General:

[Capitan Municipal Schools](#)  
[Corona Village Hall](#)  
[Hondo Valley Public School](#)

## No In-person Voting in Capitan, Corona and Hondo

# On Election Day (June 2)

by Doris Cherry

There will be no in-person voting in Capitan, Corona and Hondo on June 2 Primary Election Day.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic health orders, and concerns by poll workers, only three vote centers will be open on June 2—Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Ruidoso Con-

vention Center and Ruidoso Downs Senior Center. Vote centers will be open 7 am to 7 pm on June 2.

Early voting in person ends at 6 pm Saturday, May 30 in the Courthouse in Carrizozo and the Ruidoso Horton Complex (located one block north of Sudderth Drive on Horton Circle). The Courthouse early vote poll will be open 8 am to 5 pm today, Thursday and Friday, May

28 and 29, and be open from 10 am to 6 pm Saturday, May 30. Horton Early Vote Poll is open 10 am to 6 pm today through Saturday, May 28 to 30.

Voters who have received an absentee ballot have until 7 pm Tuesday, June 2 to return the ballot, however if returned on election day, it must be hand delivered to the clerk's office or a vote center. Ballots mailed

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Lincoln Countians starving for some recreation time were out in force Saturday past at Alto Lake -- with parking spots filled people turned to parking on side of the highway and line was quite lengthy as seen on top photo.



## First COVID-19 Case in Lincoln County Recovered

### Soft Re-opening For Restaurants Began May 27

New Mexico Dept. of Health on May 26 issued an amended emergency public health order that allows for a "soft reopening" of restaurants for outdoor dining beginning May 27, in preparation of the expiration of the order on May 31.

NMDOH as of May 26 shows only two positive cases of COV-

ID-19 in Lincoln County, as the first case of four weeks ago has recovered.

As of 8:04 pm May 26, DOH COVID-19 Dashboard showed that statewide there were 7,130 cases, 325 deaths, 211 currently hospitalized, 180,646 tests given and 2,564 recovered from the virus.

Some 1,057 tests have been administered in Lincoln County.

Neighboring counties: Otero County has 17 cases, two deaths

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## Republican Votes Crucial to Most Lincoln County Offices

by Doris Cherry

The upcoming June 2 Primary Election will determine the winning candidates for the majority of county offices, most of whom have no Democrat or Libertarian candidates seeking the same offices.

Vote Center Polls for in-person voting on June 2 will be at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Ruidoso Convention Center and Ruidoso Downs Senior Center. Polls will be open 7 am to 7 pm. There will be no polls in Corona, Capitan, or Hondo School on Election Day.

Voters can view a "super sample ballot" that lists all candidates who will appear on ballots in Lincoln County. The ballot can be found on the Lincoln County website at [www.lincolncountynm.gov](http://www.lincolncountynm.gov).

When the home page appears with "Voter Information" click at the bottom of the banner on "voter informa-

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## Mescalero Apache Tribe has First COVID-19 Death

Mescalero Apache Tribe on Tuesday, May 26, announced the first death of a Reservation resident, an elderly woman, from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

According to the Tribal Website news, Tribal President Gabe Aguilar stated: "The individual that passed was the second resident to test positive. She was tested just hours after our first case was confirmed. It has been only a few days since the virus came to the Reservation. This virus moves quickly and targets our elders."

As of May 24, with the help of the Indian Health Service (IHS), New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), and New Mexico National Guard (National Guard), the Mescalero Apache Tribe was able to conduct mass testing for COVID-19 on the Reservation. Over 600 individuals were tested May 24 alone. Since the first positive case on the Reservation on May 21, more than 800 total tests have been conducted. By May 25 there were four COVID-19 cases.

The Tribe on May 26, entered its second day of a 14-day lockdown. Tribal offices and businesses on the Reservation are closed. Tribal residents will be cited if they do not comply with the lockdown.

"The Tribe is being strict for a reason," President Aguilar commented. "The Tribe has worked hard over the last two months to avoid this. I am heartbroken. The family is heartbroken. But we must keep going. We must come together to stop the virus."

The Tribe will provide updates on its official website ([www.mescaleroapachetribe.com](http://www.mescaleroapachetribe.com)) and Facebook page.

## C'zozo Town Pool Stays Closed

by Doris Cherry

Town of Carrizozo continues to follow the Governor's health guidelines, and at this time Town Hall remains closed to the public, and the town pool will not open—all because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm very proud of the citizens of Carrizozo," said Carrizozo Mayor Ray Dean in a telephone interview Tuesday, May 26. "Our citizens are using common sense and conducting themselves responsibly by wearing masks and keeping social distancing."

Dean said the Town will continue under the state department of health guidelines issued by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. "We'll continue to follow the governor's guidelines as they stand," he said. "We are playing it by ear for the pool. We're doing regular maintenance and some repair on the pool now, and we'll fill it, but at this time it will not be opened."

Carrizozo Town Hall also remains closed to public access. Calls can be made for information and payments can be dropped

As for the town's restaurant's, Dean

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Bonito Lake Restoration Project continues with digging and hauling away of the many decades worth of silt and fire debris—including the massive debris filled floods after the 2012 Little Bear Fire that scoured Bonito canyon—exposing the full height of the dam. The lake is owned by the city of Alamogordo that has budgeted \$20,919,398 for the project, scheduled to be completed summer of 2021.



Forest Service Road 107 re-route around the Runnels Stables in upper Bonito Canyon, to the Argentina Canyon trailhead campground is completed and open thanks to federal highway funding to the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest. The re-route also takes travelers across Bonito River to dispersed camping areas on the south side of the river. At this time there is no fee to camp at these areas. As of May 19 hosted campgrounds and outdoor toilets in all Lincoln National Forest areas remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, dispersed campers are required to be in groups of five or less.



Overflowing trash dumpsters on the way out of the camping areas of upper Bonito Canyon on Monday morning indicate the heavy use the area is getting from campers about half of which sport Texas license plates. The dumpsters are placed by the Lincoln County Solid Waste.

### Not 2 Shabby Shop furniture Sale

The Not 2 Shabby Shop in Capitan is open Thursday thru Saturday from 10:00am - 1:00pm !!

We have a special furniture sale going on in The Attic! Check these items out: One (1) raw silk formal couch with accent pillows \$1,000; One (1) Century leather and brocade couch with one (1) matching wide chair and ottoman plus two (2) coordinating side chairs \$2,500 -- Don't miss out on this one folks! Call N2SS Manager Kay @ (575) 354-0935.



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**PETER A. BACA**

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## No In-person Voting in . . .

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today or Friday will reach the clerk's office by June 2, however if mailed Saturday, May 30 or Monday, June 2 the ballots may not be delivered on time. Any ballot received after June 2 will not be counted. Voters by law can submit application for absentee ballot by today, Thursday, May 28, however due to slow mail the process may not be completed in time.

Republican registered voters in Lincoln County will have a large choice of candidates from which to choose and with the

primary election will in essence determine most of the courthouse offices. Lincoln County Commission Dist. 1 position has two republican candidates and one democrat candidate, assuring a race for the November General Election.

Only Republican, Democrat, or Libertarian registered voters can cast ballots for their party candidates in the June 2 Primary Election.

For a sample ballot for your particular district, go to [www.lincolncountynm.org](http://www.lincolncountynm.org).

## C'zozo Town Pool Stays . . .

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said all of them—Four Winds, Tiny Cafe, BBQ Stand, and now Rosie's Pizza—are open for take out. As for other businesses, Dean said the Allsup's Store remodel/expansion is completed and fully open. Valero station/store, as well as Family Dollar continue to be open with employees complying with health order, Dean observed.

"Carrizozo Public Library will continue to be closed," Dean reported. "They are having a board meeting this week to discuss the situation, but it appears they do not want to take the risk of opening."

Many if not all volunteers who operate Carrizozo Library are of retirement age.

Town trustees will hold their regular June 9 meeting by teleconferencing, Dean said. "We hope this will be the last time we have to meet virtually," Dean commented expressing hope the social distancing guidelines and limit of groups of five or less will be lifted.

The Town and all other municipalities in the county, will be dealing with unknowns in developing their fiscal year 2020-21

budgets, as municipalities rely heavily on gross receipt tax (sales tax) revenue for their operational funds. "We're tightening our belts and we'll plan to do our best, but I'm not overly optimistic," Dean said.

"Carrizozo also has far more facilities than it has the funds to do maintenance and upkeep," Dean said. "We were awarded \$500,000 in state legislative funds for the water system and \$10,000 for the library, but all those projects and funds have been frozen by the state."

As for Carrizozo participating in the County/Village of Ruidoso Re-opening guidelines, Dean said the Town will follow the governor's and health department's guidelines, and he will continue to monitor the science behind the COVID-19 infections in the state.

"I watch the COVID-19 numbers every day. From the start we were told that the COVID-19 infection would first be in the urban areas and then as those numbers declines, the numbers in the rural areas would increase," Dean commented.



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# Republican Votes Crucial . . .

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tion and bookmarks” which will take you to the clerk’s election page. On this page scroll down to Voter Reference then click on 2020 Primary Super Sample.

**Candidates for offices in the courthouse are:**

\* County Commission Dist. 1 (precincts 1, 2, 3, 13, 14 19, Corona, Carrizozo, Capitan and surrounding areas): Democrat Barb Himmel-Roberts; Republican: Todd F. Proctor, Trevor W. Sanders.  
\* County Commission Dist. 3

(precincts 6,7, 10 Ruidoso area): Republican; Jon F. Crunk, James M Russ II.

\* County Sheriff: Republican: Ben S. Hazen, Michael Wood, Richard E. Ford.

\* County Assessor: Republican; Walter L. Hill.

\* Probate Judge: Republican; Rhonda Burrows, Peter A. Baca.

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Candidates for state and federal offices can be found on the County Clerk’s voter information website.

# Obituary

Paul Guevara

October 31, 1945 / May 21, 2020



Paul Guevara, age 74, a loving father, grandfather and brother, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

He died gracefully in Hobbs, New Mexico, surrounded by his loving family. Paul was born on October 31, 1945, in Roswell, New Mexico to Lasaro Guevara, Sr., and Perfecta Regalado Guevara, both now deceased. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Erminia Lu-

eras Guevara, his sister Lucia Guevara Sotel and brother Aristeo Guevara.

Paul is survived by his sons, Richard Guevara and wife, Maria, and Mark Guevara and wife Cecelia; granddaughter Brandi Guevara Vazquez and husband Adrian; great grandsons Aidian and Caleb Vazquez; sisters, Dora Trujillo of Capitan, Rufina Kimbrell of Dexter, Gloria Sanchez and husband Reyes of Capitan and Mary Lopez of Roswell and brothers, Tommy Guevara and wife Martha of Carrizozo, and Lasarito Guevara Jr., of Organ, NM, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paul retired as a Meat cutter and went on to work as a Technician at the Inn

of the Mountain Gods Casino until he had to medically retire. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family and friends and, of course, going to the Casino and Racetrack.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Santa Rita Catholic Church, 213 Birch Street, Carrizozo, NM. Burial will follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery.

Serving as Pallbearers will be Amalia Aguilar and Ryan Guevara.



# Carrizozo Music goes Virtual

Because of the Covid-19 virus, Carrizozo Music has had to make some decisions. We obviously can't sponsor inhouse concerts and events for the next few months. So, we have cancelled all live concerts until the end of 2020 and scheduled a series of 'virtual' concerts and events. Carrizozo Music has a new website: [www.carrizozomusic.org](http://www.carrizozomusic.org)

CARRIZOZO MUSIC sponsors a series of family oriented music programs for adults and children. 2020 Concert Schedule. View a list of concerts that are scheduled for 2020, and check back often for updates! Learn More. Concerts Gallery. Browse photos from past Carrizozo Music Inc. sponsored concerts, [www.carrizozomusic.org](http://www.carrizozomusic.org)

The website is a slick and easy-to-navigate platform for hosting concerts and events and easy for you to use.

**Our Summer/Fall line-up is:**

\* June 1, Helsinki Quarantine Jazz Orchestra comprised of 16 professional musicians direct from Helsinki, Finland.

\* July 1, Paul Pino and the Tone Daddies. New Mexico music at it's best!

\* August 15, Banjo in America, Bill Evans (world renowned banjo player and historian).

\* September 15, Zuill Bailey, Grammy Award winner cellist.

\* October 15, Shtrykov-Tanaka Duo, Clarinet/piano duet (rescheduled from March).

\* December 1, Zen Brass in a holiday concert .

We believe that we are at the forefront of being a virtual platform and will attract many interesting groups who want to go virtual, because they have no place to go live.

As always, we thank you for your continued support, because without your donations we could not provide the caliber of musicians you are used to seeing.

Enjoy your new mode of entertainment! We look forward to hearing from you.

*Sincerely,  
Fran, Elaine and Carrizozo Music  
committee members*

# First COVID-19 Case in . . .

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and 2,658 tests given; Chaves has 42 cases, two deaths and 3,590 tests given; Socorro has 49 cases (no change from last week), four deaths and 1,170 tests; Guadalupe has 20 cases, no deaths and 800 tests; DeBaca no cases, no deaths and 167 tests; Torrance County has 32 cases, one death and 558 tests given; Sierra County (T or C)

has one case, no deaths and 763 tests.. (All of these counties directly border Lincoln County at some point.)

The May 15 public health order, set to expire May 31, allows for horse racing without spectators, golf with limits, and other limitations. The order and other information can be viewed at [www.nmhealth.org](http://www.nmhealth.org)

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# EDITORIALS / OPINIONS and OTHER STUFF

## Study: Pandemic job losses will push at least 102,000 New Mexicans off health insurance

by Molly Montgomery

Rio Grande Sun

ESPAÑOLA — Between the middle of March and the end of April, over 120,000 New Mexicans filed for unemployment.

Along with their jobs, thousands have presumably lost their health insurance that is often tied to their employers.

Colin Baillio, project manager at the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance, said the office does not have any way to directly track how many people have lost their insurance.

A May 2020 study from the Urban Institute estimates that between 102,000 and 197,000 New Mexicans will likely lose their job-based insurance, depending on unemployment rates.

Between 61,000 and 118,000 will likely enroll in Medicaid, between 16,000 and 32,000 will enroll in health insurance exchanges and between 25,000 and 48,000 will become uninsured.

Baillio wrote in a May 19 email that the office will not have a clear picture of the actual situation for a few months, and that it could change because of coverage-related provisions in future relief packages.

For those without insurance, the state has compiled a list of services and resources they can turn to.

“During a pandemic, a public health emergency, we need everybody to know that those services are available and that coverage is going to protect them if they do get hospitalized because of COVID-19 or any other number of things that may happen to them,” Baillio said.

New Mexico residents may qualify for Medicaid if they are unemployed or if their current monthly income is less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level (one-person household: \$1,467.40; two-person household: \$1,982.60; three-person household: \$2,497.80; four-person household: \$3,013.00; five-person household: \$3,528.20). To enroll visit [yes.state.nm.us](http://yes.state.nm.us) or call 1-855-637-6574.

They may qualify for premium assistance to help pay for coverage through New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange (beWellnm) if they recently lost their jobs and do not qualify for Medicaid. Visit be-

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## DISPATCH NEW MEXICO

### A generational defining moment

by Tom McDonald  
Gazette Media Services



The defining national/international event for the infamous baby boomer generation was the Vietnam War. It was America’s longest war at the time, with combat fueled by soldier boys ages 18 and up.

About 58,000 Americans died over our eight-year involvement in that war, but as terrible a death toll as that was, it has been eclipsed in less than three months by the COVID-19 pandemic. The outbreak has taken more than 100,000 American lives and climbing — and it’s hitting the boomers (as well as the “silent generation” whose defining moment was the Korean War) the hardest.

Physically, that is. Psychologically, it’s hitting this year’s high school graduates like no other.

Put yourself in a 2020 grad’s place: There you were, happily absorbed in the glories of your senior year, enjoying the perks that come with the closing days of your last year in high school, with plans to go either to college or to work in the months to follow your graduation. There’s a whole lot of political noise out there, but there were also plenty of jobs available in a booming economy, so at least for the immediate future you have a reason to feel good about where you’re going.

Then, suddenly, it all comes crashing down.

First, the schools close. There’s a virus out there, the grownups are telling you, and while you’d previously heard them saying it’s no worse than the flu, they’re now saying you could give it to your grandma without even knowing you have it, and it could kill her. You’d better practice “social distancing,” they’re now being told, or you could become a killer carrier.

Then come the cancellations, including the pomp and ceremony that was going to surround your high school graduation. It’s now being substituted with drive-by parades and socially distanced immediate-family-only graduations —and you’re expected to accept it because, well, it’s the right thing to do.

So you accept the fact that your high school years are now behind you and uncertainty lies ahead, and somehow you must figure out your own uncertain future.

I thought about their plight as I worked my way through a stack of surveys my newspaper, the Guadalupe County Communicator, asked Santa Rosa and Vaughn high school graduates to

fill out, for inclusion in our annual graduation section. In it, we asked these seniors for their thoughts on the coronavirus pandemic, and nearly all of them had something thought-provoking to say.

Mostly, they expressed a mixture of alarm and optimism. Many of them said it’s a lesson in how easily things can come undone, and many of them recognize it as their generation’s defining moment.

Santa Rosa’s valedictorian, Jordan Sanchez, said her class is being “forged by fire: born during 9/11 and graduating during a global pandemic.”

She goes on to speak of a destiny “to do something bigger” in this world they are inheriting.

“I don’t want our class to be remembered by this event nor define ourselves by what we lost out on,” she continued, “however, I do believe these circumstances give us all the motivation to make our futures that much more impactful.”

That’s a noble sentiment, and one that was reflected in many of the other senior responses. They expressed an overall optimism that they’ll become stronger, not weaker, because of having weathered this crisis.

“I think it will shape our generation’s future by teaching us to persevere through difficult times,” said fellow senior Elyse Chavez — before offering up a great quote from Vincent Van Gogh:

“Normality is a paved road: It’s comfortable to walk but no flowers grow.”

I hope this fresh perspective portends the future. As part of the boomer generation that found itself “forged” in the fire of an unpopular war, I hope this new generation can come out of their defining moment better than we did ours. Our inter-generational fights have never really ended, but maybe the class of 2020 will find a way to unite instead of divide themselves over how best to move beyond today’s daunting circumstances.

Their moment is still being defined. They are just beginning. Here’s hoping that, as dismal as it may seem now, they will find the best way out to the other side.

Tom McDonald is founder of the New Mexico Community News Exchange, which distributes this column across the state. He also owns and operates The Communicator in Santa Rosa. He can be reached at [tmcdonald.srnm@gmail.com](mailto:tmcdonald.srnm@gmail.com).

## Weather Report

by Kimmie Cherry

During this pandemic please be safe, sound, and positive. Please keep social distancing from anyone your’re not living with.

**Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and the Sacramento Mountain range area.**

**Thursday, May 28th,** Village of Ruidoso, and the Ruidoso Downs area, to be clear with a high of 78. Thursday evening around 49.

**Friday, May 29th,** a windy day with a high around 75. Friday evening cloudy for the most part, with a low around 49. Clouds will appear late Afternoon.

**Saturday, May 30th,** Village of Ruidoso, to be clear with a high of 71. Saturday evening cloudy with a low of 51.

**Sunday, May 31st,** sunny with a high near 77. Sunday evening clear with a low around 57.

**Monday, June 1st 2020,** a sunny day with temperatures around 80 with nice cloud coverage late afternoon. Monday to be clear with a low at 57 for the night.

**Tuesday, June 2nd,** to be a cloudy day with a high of 80 in the daytime. Tuesday evening it will be slightly cloudier around sunset, with a low around 56.

**Carrizozo, the high desert, and the high plains area of Lincoln County.**

**Thursday, May 28th,** to be sunny with a high near 86. Thursday evening clear in Carrizozo, with a low around 59.

**Friday, May 29th,** to be a sunny day with a high of 83. Friday evening to be clear with a low around 56.

**Saturday, May 30th,** a sunny day, in town, with a high near 80. Saturday clear with a

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## EDITORIAL --

### Precautions important as state begins reopening

Las Vegas Optic

With restrictions around the state beginning to loosen, it is important for all local citizens to realize now is not the time to stop taking the precautions we have taken for the past two months. Doing that would erase all the progress made since mid-March and leave us even more vulnerable than before.

By allowing businesses to reopen with limited capacity and loosening restrictions in other areas, New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has put the responsibility on all of us to handle ourselves correctly and con-

tinue to do our part to prevent the spread of the virus. With more people out and about, and more businesses open than at any point since mid-March, the risks for all of us are higher than they were before. The responsibility remains on all of us to remain a safe distance away from other people in public, wear a face covering and consistently wash our hands. By taking those precautions, the state’s reopening plan will work as expected.

We are so glad that many businesses in Las Vegas and the surrounding areas have been allowed to reopen and begin to financially recover from the last two months. We

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# Study: Pandemic job losses . . .

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Wellnm.com or call 1-833-862-3935.

If they tested positive for COVID-19 and are uninsured, they may qualify for expedited enrollment through the New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool. The Pool also provides coverage on a sliding scale to New Mexicans who do not have coverage from their employer and do not qualify for Medicaid or beWellnm. Visit [nmnip.com](http://nmnip.com) or call 1-844-728-7987.

More detailed information can be found at [newmexico.gov/health-coverage/](http://newmexico.gov/health-coverage/).

The Office of the Superintendent of Insurance has also opened a calling center, staffed 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, so that people can call with questions about health insurance coverage.

If people are being wrongfully charged for COVID-19 testing and treatment — services that are free in the state — they can also call and learn about their rights.

Rio Arriba County Health and Human Services Director Lauren Reichelt said she has heard from nurses in Albuquerque that they received bills for their own COVID-19 tests, which is illegal.

“We really do need people to have access to healthcare,” she said. “That is absolutely key. And we need our healthcare providers to have a source of payment, because they’re gonna go under, if we overwhelm them with people who can’t pay and no payment source.”

Some feel that a more robust system needs to be in place at the state level to provide all residents of New Mexico with comprehensive, affordable health insurance, regardless of whether they have a job.

A coalition of over 160 diverse organizations called the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign has been working since 1992 to establish a statewide system for guaranteed health care.

The health care plan the Campaign proposes would be administered by an independent commission of consumers, business owners and health care providers, the Campaign’s website states.

The Plan would provide comprehensive primary coverage to most New Mexicans, but they could still purchase supplemental private insurance policies.

The benefits would be just as robust as the state employee package, said Dana Schultz Millen, education and outreach coordinator for the Campaign.

And the commission would provide hospitals with operational budgets, which would ensure a steady stream of income for them and allow them flexibility to address the needs of the specific communities where they are located.

The Plan would be funded by existing public monies and capped employer contributions and premiums based on income.

In the 2019 legislative session, the New Mexico Legislature allocated funds to a study of the finances of the proposed plan. In 2021, after reviewing the fiscal analysis, lawmakers will vote on whether to implement it.

Schultz Millen said the pandemic has “brought into sharp relief” the inequities in the private insurance system.

“The pandemic is just making it clearer than ever that we have major systemic problems in this nation, and also in New Mexico,” she said.

She cited numerous challenges that people will likely face in the coming year within the private system — more surprise billing, and rising premiums, deductibles, drug costs and out-of-pocket costs — challenges that, she said, could be addressed under the Health Security Plan.

She described the shift to the Plan in New Mexico as “a paradigm shift.”

“That’s what we need,” she said.

# Precautions important . . .

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know it wasn’t easy for any of them to be away from their stores for the past two months, but we are grateful they did what was necessary to keep the community as safe as possible.

Moving forward, we want all of our businesses to be able to remain open and continue to expand to the point of returning to normalcy. The only way that will be possible is if the state remains on track with a decrease in cases and hospitalizations. If things begin to spiral out of control as things begin to reopen, we could be forced to go back to square one, something nobody wants to see happen.

For more than two months, the conversation statewide and nationally has been about protecting yourself and the people around you. Now, the conversation can expand to protecting the small businesses that have struggled to stay above water and are now relying on the state reopening to continue to serve their communities.

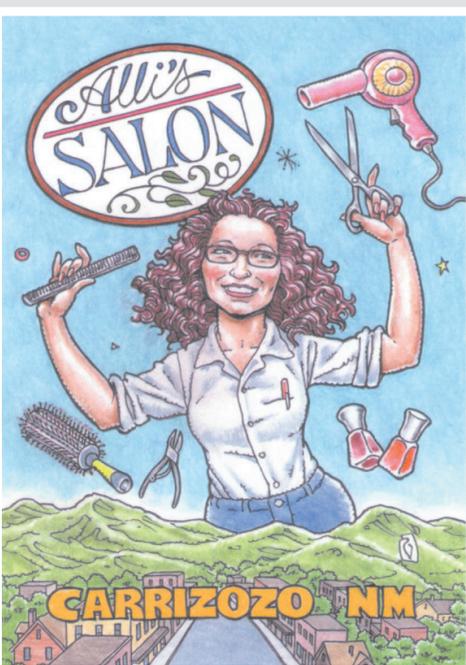
Small businesses have always been the heartbeat of this

community, and their absence has been extremely noticeable and significant since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now that they are coming back, we don’t want to lose them again. Locally, we have done a great job avoiding a major outbreak because of the sacrifice and commitment of local business owners and restaurants to adhere to the statewide guidelines. That can’t stop now. As the governor and her health experts indicated at their press conference on April 13, the risk of infection increases exponentially as things begin to loosen.

So, please, continue practicing social distancing and taking all necessary precautions. A gradual reopening does not mean everything returns to normal. We are entering a “new normal” that will last for the near future. We all must adapt and continue to do our part. This is only the beginning of the process toward restoring the “normal” we all enjoyed not too long ago.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-1226-CV-2019-00175

NATIONS LENDING CORPORATION, AN OHIO CORPORATION,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

DIANNE MCCONNELL, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE DAN G. MCCONNELL & DIANNE E. MCCONNELL REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER TRUST INSTRUMENT DATED 11/2011, FOR BENEFIT OF DAN MCCONNELL AND DIANNE E. MCCONNELL AND UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE DAN G. MCCONNELL & DIANNE E. MCCONNELL REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER TRUST INSTRUMENT DATED 11/2011, FOR BENEFIT OF DAN MCCONNELL AND DIANNE E. MCCONNELL

Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 14, 2020, at the hour of 2:00 PM, the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at Twelfth Judicial District Court, Civil Division, 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title, and interests of the above-named Defendant(s), in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1007 Little Creek Road, Alto, New Mexico 88312, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 1A, Block 5, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Replat of Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, Lincoln County, New Mexico, filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on July 25, 2008 in Cabinet J, Slide 179; also recorded as Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder on Lincoln County, New Mexico, November 30, 1982 in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive.

including a 1995 Hallmark Southwest, Vehicle Identification No. CA NK01261924A 956071AB, (hereinafter the “Property”). If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on May 15, 2020, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the Property. Plaintiff’s judgment is in the amount of \$166,400.91, and the same bears interest at the rate of 5.25% per annum, accruing at the rate of \$23.93 per diem. The Court reserves entry of final judgment against Defendant, Dianne E. McConnell, for the amount due after foreclosure sale, including interest, costs, and fees as may be assessed by the Court. Plaintiff has the right to bid at the foregoing sale in an amount equal to its judgment, and to submit its bid either verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

In accordance with the Court’s decree, the proceeds of sale are to be applied first to the costs of sale, including the Special Master’s fees, and then to satisfy the above-described judgment, including interest, with any remaining balance to be paid into the registry of the Court in order to satisfy any future adjudication of priority lienholders.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the event that the Property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned Special Master will, as set forth above, offer for sale and sell the Property to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment and decree of foreclosure described herein, together with any additional costs and attorney’s fees, including the costs of advertisement and publication for the foregoing sale, and, reasonable receiver and Special Master’s fees in an amount to be fixed by the Court. The amount of the judgment due is \$166,400.91, plus interest to and including date of sale in the amount of \$1,196.50, for a total judgment of \$167,597.41.

The foregoing sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master, and is subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption held by the Defendant(s) upon entry of an order approving sale, an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of sale.

Witness my hand this 21st day of May, 2020.

/s/ David Washburn  
DAVID WASHBURN, Special Master  
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Albuquerque, NM 87113  
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‘Be Careful with Fires’

# COVID-19 strikes NM on the 75th anniversary of the Manhattan Project

While our nation struggles to survive the COVID-19 pandemic and fights to receive lifesaving medical care and supplies from an indifferent federal government, Downwinders across New Mexico were already engaged in a deadly health crisis that has cost the lives of thousands of our beloved family and community members for the past 75 years.

July 16, 1945 has gone down as one of the most significant dates in American history. On that historic day, at the White Sands Missile Range in South Central New Mexico, the first atomic bomb known as The Gadget, and test code named Trinity, was the first to be detonated anywhere in the world. It would be followed by bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and credited with being instrumental in ending World War II.

The area where this test was conducted is described in government documents as “remote and uninhabited.” However, according to the US census, there were thousands of men, women and children living within a 50-mile radius and we’ve identified ranchers living as close as 12 miles downwind of the test site. This gross misrepresentation of the facts has survived now for 75 years and has never been corrected and is part of an institutional false narrative that has taken hold. Nor has there ever been any follow up or an apology from the federal government despite many reports of rare cancers and other life-threatening diseases that have devastated entire communities.

The government’s false narrative continues to insist that no one in our state was harmed as a result of the Trinity test despite records proving that the infant mortality rates skyrocketed during the months following the test.

In July of 2019, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists published an article by Kathleen Tucker and Robert Alvarez entitled “Trinity: The Most Significant Hazard of the Entire Manhattan Project”. In that article Tucker and Alvarez report: “Infant mortality for the months August, September, and October after the explosion indicated that New Mexican infants had a 56 percent increased risk of dying, with less than a 0.0001 percent chance that this was due to natural fluctuation.” Since the article was published, we’ve heard many family remembrances about miscarriages and infant deaths during this time.

In addition to radiation from the 1945 Trinity test, New Mexicans were exposed to radioactive fallout from the 100 above ground atmospheric tests conducted at the Nevada Test Site between 1951 to 1962.

In 2005, the Centers for Disease Control reported that “northern and central New Mexico were among the areas where significant amounts of fallout were deposited from the Nevada open air atomic tests.”

In fact, it was concern about the health consequences of the Nevada atmospheric tests that led to passage of the 1990 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, otherwise known as RECA, to provide compensation and medical care for those “Downwinders” in certain counties throughout Arizona, Nevada and Utah. Some of those Downwinders lived as far away as 238 miles from the Nevada test site but were still compensated despite that distance. New Mexico, on the other hand, was not included. Studies prove that exposure to radiation is a factor of distance and time and therefore it is a proven fact that if you lived closer to the test site as people did in New Mexico you received higher doses of radiation.

Joseph J. Shonka, Ph.D., of Shonka Research Associates, Inc., a Senior Health Physicist / Nuclear Engineer with over 40 years of experience including extensive experience at three of the U.S. National Laboratories, has stated that New Mexicans received 100 times more radiation than anyone ever did from the Nevada test site. Yet New Mexicans have not received a dime of the estimated \$2.3 billion provided by RECA to Downwinders in other states. This tragic injustice was recently brought home to us by an oncologist from Albuquerque who travels to a clinic in Gallup and has firsthand experience with the tragic disparity between patients with health complications caused by radiation exposure. Those who live in New Mexico are left to their own resources when faced with overwhelming medical costs. Those who live just miles across the border in Arizona have all their medical costs covered by RECA. How is this possible? Why is this tolerated? How did this happen? It is without question a grave injustice because fallout does not stop at a state or county line.

We continue to be haunted by this question: Why was New Mexico left out of RECA back in 1990 when it was first signed into law? We are not alone. We encounter the question from members of Congress, their staff, journalists, members of our own state legislature and countless others who are as perplexed as we are by this glaring omission. We’ve asked Senator Jeff Bingaman who with Senator Pete Domenici represented New Mexico in Congress at the time when RECA was introduced, debated, confirmed and signed into law why was New Mexico left out? No one has a satisfactory answer. The cost of that omission both in terms of lives lost and economic impact has been vast and on-going. There is no doubt that when people spend all they have to take care of their health they have nothing to pass on to their children and grandchildren and no generational wealth is ever accumulated.

Now, 75 years later, New Mexicans are still trying to prove that tremendous harm was done to them and the generations that followed by fallout from the Trinity Test and later, by the Nevada tests when in fact no one from Nevada ever had to rise to the level of proof that we currently face. What makes New Mexicans so different from the Downwinders in other states? Is it the color of our skin? Is it because so many New Mexico Downwinders are Native peoples? Is it because it took decades for us to discover the truth about what really happened that day? Is it because our state is so dependent on the nuclear weapons industry? Did the federal government think we were never going to learn what was causing the many rare types of cancer and other radiation related diseases?

Or did the federal government believe that the cover-up would never be exposed? As Dr. Louis Hemplemann, Jr. the Medical Director of the Trinity test stated: “A few people were probably overexposed

but they couldn’t prove it, and we couldn’t prove it... so we just assumed that we got away with it.”

As Kathleen Tucker and Robert Alvarez stated in their article: “The current body of historical evidence of harm, negligence, and deception—especially the evidence of increased infant death following the first nuclear explosion—should be more than enough for long overdue justice for the people in New Mexico who were downwind of Trinity.”

Justice delayed is justice denied. Which begs the question, when will New Mexicans receive the justice they’ve been denied now for 75 years?

Please let your congressional delegation know that you want them to support HB 3783. House bill 3783 will ensure that New Mexico Downwinders receive the same support as Downwinders in Arizona, Nevada and Utah. Not a penny more, not a penny less.

Representative Ben Ray Lujan  
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Submitted by: Bernice J. Gutierrez, born in Carrizozo, NM on July 8, 1945 and now lives in Albuquerque metro area and Paul Lopez Pino, born in Carrizozo, NM on May 29, 1954 and now lives in Albuquerque metro area.

... They advise HST to test and in their wisdom say that any illnesses will be temporary though they who knew not, in their omniscience, say “no one lives there in the land of molten fire and pale gypsum”. And the curse was borne East and South upon the rain and laid upon their heads and continues the plague on the children and the children’s children . . . and They deign to say “Those who suffer must have been sinners” when word of the misery of the poor souls who dwelt in the gentle towns of the river reeds and of the tall grasses who looked up in the fifth hour and saw the light.

They then drop the Boy and the Man on two great cities and there is much sympathy for Nippon who suffered greatly and was restored to its former majesty by DM with nary a word for our own Downwinders.

Patience and attrition will solve our problem said They after all such a fate befalls only those who were sinners and War has losers and winners . . . so They named the site “Trinity” whereupon arose over the world the Sign of the Mushroom and RJO reflects Now I am become Death the destroyer of Worlds . . . and the Great Multiplier of Cells keeps on killing children and children’s children in the Basin.

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# SPORTS

by Matthew Aguilar  
New Mexico Sports Writer

## 'No baseball' will be on players

Major League Baseball announced a plan for baseball to return in July and almost everyone is on board to return. Only problem is some of the players are not sold on the plan and others have said they will not return if they cannot receive their entire salaries.

The two players who have said they will not play if they cannot get their guaranteed salaries are pitcher Blake Snell of the Tampa Bay Rays and outfielder Bryce Harper of the Philadelphia Phillies. Snell was expected to be paid \$7 million dollars and Harper is supposed to be paid \$27 million. Another hold up for baseballs return is the split of the leagues revenues.

Players must understand right now that owners right now have no money coming into their accounts and the regular revenue streams are not going to be able to fulfill their salaries. Stadium revenues will be basically at its lowest it has ever been, and that they (the players) must accept what they are being offered.

In the world right now, a lot of people are on furlough or are unemployed due to closure of many businesses. It should make

it a lot easier for them to want to return and play ball. Players are still considered to this day to be greedy and selfish after the strike in 1994 that had the season canceled and had no world series champion crowned. Now is not the time for them to worry about money or job security because they will and do have that -- no matter what happens.

For players not sold on the return proposal -- those players need to get on a conference with players association and the owners, to help create a deal that will be agreeable by both sides. All need to come to an agreement on the revenue split.

Baseball has a great opportunity to unite fans and bring those fans they lost during the strike or the steroid era, back to liking baseball. To bring in a new audience the league has lacked in attracting for the last 20 years and get the game of baseball to its high popularity again. This is the time for baseball to unite our country that is starting to come out of hiding due to Covid-19 and bring them out of the darkness they're in.

Stay safe and strong!!!  
We all will get through this!!!

## Weather Report...

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low around 57.

**Sunday, May 31st**, Town of Carrizozo to have a sunny day, with a high near 81. Sunday evening clear for the beginning of the incoming week, with a low around 59.

**Monday, June 1st 2020**, a sunny day with the high of 87. Monday night seriously cloudy with a low around 62. Clouds will roll in for the upcoming Tuesday morning.

**Tuesday, June 2nd**, a sunny day, with early afternoon cloud coverage as well, with a high of 88. Tuesday evening around 63.

### Capitan and the Indian Divide area.

**Thursday, May 28th**, sunny with a high near 77. Thursday evening clear in Capitan, with a low around 56.

**Friday, May 29th**, a sunny day with a high of 74. Friday evening clear with a low around 53.

**Saturday, May 30th**, a sunny day in town, with a high near 75. Saturday evening it will be clear with a low around 55.

**Sunday, May 31st**, it is predicted for the Town of Capitan to have a sunny day, with a high near 77. Sunday evening it will be clear with a low around 57.

**Monday, June 1st 2020**, a sunny day with the high of 82. Monday night seriously cloudy with a low around 58. Clouds will roll in for the upcoming Tuesday morning.

**Tuesday, June 2nd**, a sunny day, with early afternoon cloud coverage as well, with a high of 83. Tuesday evening around 59.

The above information was partially taken from the National Oceanic, and Atmospheric Administration (The National Weather Service) website. For up to date weather reports please visit their website at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov), (previously [ww.srh.noaa.gov](http://ww.srh.noaa.gov)). Other sources include "Accu-Weather", and satellite weather mapping/ imaging that is available online and produced in local territories (IE: High School Weather Mapping). The NM Highway Department has also developed this toll-free number for updates on the hour for road construction, weather concerning conditions, and other information. The phone number is simple, just dial 511, listen to the options, and follow the prompts.

The Ski Apache Mountain has officially closed for the season (Official March 22nd). Prepare for the 2021 Ski Season by checking out their website.

For Covid-19 updates please continue to follow the State's own website (Health Dept of NM) at <https://cvprovider.nmhealth.org/public-dashboard.html>. This takes you directly to the numbers by county.

### County remains without positive COVID-19 case

FORT SUMNER — As of May 21, De Baca County remained one of two New Mexico counties without a positive case of the coronavirus.

De Baca Family Practice Clinic Administrator Lisa Walraven said one recent test had come back negative. There have been 136 total tests in the county.

Mora County is the only other county in the state without a positive case. Hidalgo County has had its first case after 174 total tests.

— De Baca County News

## No Scum Allowed Saloon

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-1226-CV-2020-00009

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-7,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBRA S. HUGHES AKA DEBRA SUE HUGHES, MARK W. HUGHES AKA-MARK WAYNE HUGHES, NORTHLAND FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, SU, INC., D/B/A SUPER 8 MOTEL, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CURTIS VERNON AND VIRGINIA VERNON, PHILIP J. MONTROYA, TRUSTEE, REGINALD W. BROOKS, ELMER FRANKLIN HOPKINS, AND BILLIE DIANE HOPKINS,

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 23, 2020, at the hour of 2:00 PM, the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title, and interests of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at MM1.7 Ruth Road, Nogal, New Mexico 88341, and is more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land in Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of this tract; which is coincident with the Southeast corner of Lot 12 and the Southwest corner of Lot 13, LAMA RANCH ESTATES; thence South 30 degrees 46 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 375.03 feet, to the Northeast corner of this Tract; thence South 40 degrees 00 minutes West a distance of 282.52 feet, coincident with the West Right of Way of Ruth Road; thence North 30 degrees 46 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 278.16, thence North 23 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds East, 327.46 feet to the place of beginning,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes (hereinafter the "Property"). If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on May 6, 2020, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the Property. Plaintiff's in rem judgment is in the amount of \$79,305.55, and the same bears interest at the variable rate of 11.75%, accruing at the rate of \$25.53 per diem. The Court reserves entry of final in rem judgment as to Defendants, Debra S. Hughes and Mark W. Hughes, for the amount due after foreclosure sale, including interest, costs, and fees as may be assessed by the Court. Plaintiff has the right to bid at the foregoing sale in an amount equal to its in rem judgment, and to submit its bid either verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in rem judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

In accordance with the Court's decree, the proceeds of sale are to be applied first to the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fees, and then to satisfy the above-described in rem judgment, including interest, with any remaining balance to be paid unto the registry of the Court in order to satisfy any future adjudication of priority lienholders.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the event that the Property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned Special Master will, as set forth above, offer for sale and sell the Property to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the in rem judgment and decree of foreclosure described herein, together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, including the costs of advertisement and publication for the foregoing sale, and, reasonable receiver and Special Master's fees in an amount to be fixed by the Court. The amount of the in rem judgment due is \$79,305.55, plus interest to and including date of sale in the amount of \$2,297.70, for a total in rem judgment of \$81,603.25.

The foregoing sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master, and is subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption held by the Defendant(s) upon entry of an order approving sale, and subject to a one hundred twenty (120) day right of redemption held by Defendant, Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service and subject to the entry of an in rem order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of sale.

Witness my hand this 14th day of May, 2020.

/s/ David Washburn  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Three Rivers Cattle Ltd. Company, 118 West 1st Street, Roswell, New Mexico 87520, intends to file with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish an application for Certification of Non-Navigable Public Water within the Three Rivers Watershed in Lincoln County, New Mexico. The applicant proposes to have the Department of Game and Fish certify that the segments of the Three Rivers that flow through the following property are non-navigable:

Those Sections and portions of Sections located within Township 10 South, Ranges 9 and 10 East, NMPM, as more particularly described in (1) that certain Quitclaim Deed dated January 26 1995, recorded January 27, 1995 in Book 1995-2 at pages 291-294, records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and (2) in that certain Special Warranty Deed dated December 31, 2001, recorded January 18, 2002 in Book 266 at pages 21-23, records of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

For more information, please contact the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 3841 Midway Place, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505)222-4700. This Notice of Application of Certification is published in accordance with 19.31.22.8.B(3) NMAC.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

WALTON STATIONS - NEW MEXICO, INC.,  
a Nevada Corporation, authorized to do  
business in New Mexico,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GROUP I:  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT  
OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, f/k/a  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT  
OF LABOR, f/k/a STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION,

GROUP II:  
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF  
INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO

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PLAINTIFFS,

Cause No. D-1226-CV-2020-00070

Defendants.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDING**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

To: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named Plaintiff has commenced a proceeding against you in the above entitled Court and Cause, the object thereof being a Complaint for Quiet Title with respect to real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico more particularly described as:

Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

TOGETHER with all improvements thereon;

SUBJECT TO reservations, restrictions, covenants, easements of record, taxes and assessments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said Cause on or before the thirtieth (30th) day after the last publication of this Summons and Notice, judgment will be rendered against you in said Cause by default.

Plaintiff's attorneys are: H. John Underwood, H. JOHN UNDERWOOD, LTD., whose address is 1221 Mechem Dr. Suite 5, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, this 14 day of May, 2020.

KATINA WATSON  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Lisa Willard  
Deputy Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-1226-CV-2019-00176

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHARON ANNE MONK A/K/A SHARON A. MONK, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEWISEES, OR LEGATEES OF SHARON ANNE MONK A/K/A SHARON A. MONK, DECEASED AND DAVID VAN MONK A/K/A DAVID V. MONK, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEWISEES, OR LEGATEES OF DAVID VAN MONK A/K/A DAVID V. MONK, DECEASED,

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 30, 2020, at the hour of 2:00 PM, the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title, and interests of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 103 Hitching Post, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 3 OF PALO VERDE MOBILE PARK SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOT 1, BLOCK 3, PALO VERDE MOBILE PARK, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, APRIL 24, 1984, IN CABINET D, SLIDE 232

including a 1981 Sheridan, Vehicle Identification No. N141513AN151413B, (hereinafter the "Property"). If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on May 13, 2020, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the Property. Plaintiff's judgment is in the amount of \$76,977.44, and the same bears interest at the variable rate of 11.0000%, accruing at the rate of \$23.20 per diem. The Court reserves entry of final judgment as to Defendants, Sharon Anne Monk, if living, and David Van Monk, if living, for the amount due after foreclosure sale, including interest, costs, and fees as may be assessed by the Court. Plaintiff has the right to bid at the foregoing sale in an amount equal to its judgment, and to submit its bid either verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

In accordance with the Court's decree, the proceeds of sale are to be applied first to the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fees, and then to satisfy the above-described judgment, including interest, with any remaining balance to be paid unto the registry of the Court in order to satisfy any future adjudication of priority lienholders.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the event that the Property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned Special Master will, as set forth above, offer for sale and sell the Property to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the in rem judgment and decree of foreclosure described herein, together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, including the costs of advertisement and publication for the foregoing sale, and, reasonable receiver and Special Master's fees in an amount to be fixed by the Court. The amount of the judgment due is \$76,977.44, plus interest to and including date of sale in the amount of \$2,644.80, for a total judgment of \$79,622.24.

The foregoing sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master, and is subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption held by the Defendant(s) upon entry of an order approving sale, and subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of sale.

Witness my hand this 21st day of May, 2020.

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## New News wins the John Andreini Memorial Stakes at Ruidoso Downs

New News made a little news of his own this Memorial Day with a win in the second running of the \$40,000 John Andreini Memorial Stakes at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. In addition, his victory marked the first win for 18-year-old trainer Janell Sanderson.

Making his first official start since March 1st when he won the Rio Grande Handicap at Sunland Park, New News covered the 350 yards in :17.57. Owned by Cesar Sanchez and Nathaneal Pallanes, the Texas-bred sorrel gelding is the son of the Corona Cartel stallion, Majestic Cartel.

"This is overwhelming," said Sanderson. "I've been involved with my family in racing, but I just got my trainer's license in El Paso this winter. This was my first actual win as the named trainer, so I am very excited!"

New News, who was ridden by Jaime Leos, has lifetime

earnings of \$178,111 and has won 4 of his 17 starts.

"My horse did what he was supposed to do when the gates opened, fast and straight," Leos said. "It was my second time on him, and he showed he could run at Sunland. He came right back and won again today, and he was strong to the finish line."

After three days of trials for the Ruidoso Futurity and the Ruidoso Derby, today also marked the return of Thoroughbred racing to Ruidoso Downs as the program featured six Thoroughbred races. It was also the first time in two months that Thoroughbreds had raced in New Mexico.

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 Racing returns to Ruidoso Downs Friday through Sunday with a full card of racing each day. For more information on how to watch and wager, please visit RaceRuidoso.com.



Wild horses of the Sierra Blanca run free anywhere they want, including golf courses, yards and along the busy Highway 48 through Alto area. An effort to round up and remove the horses was stopped by local residents who lobbied to keep the wild ponies wild.

## Man barricaded in home shot by deputy

LOVINGTON — New Mexico State Police are investigating a shooting involving a Lea County Sheriff Deputy and Cameron Green, 29. The investigation was requested by the sheriff's office on May 18.

The shooting occurred after deputies were dispatched to a disturbance that reportedly involved a man shooting a handgun inside a Lovington residence. Initial reports indicate that when the deputies arrived, Green fired several gunshots toward them. A deputy fired his duty weapon, striking Green, who was transported to Nor-Lea Hospital and ultimately taken to Lubbock for treatment of what is believed to be non-life-threatening injuries.

The deputies involved were uninjured. The name of the deputy who fired his weapon will not be released until interviews have taken place.

— Lovington Leader

## Watering Schedule announced for cemetery

Watering schedule at the Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery in Carrizozo has been set as follows:

**\* MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY  
 (from 7:00 am to 9:00 am AND 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)**

Water will be shut off the rest of the day.

## NM Supreme Court provides legal framework for resuming in-person family visits in abuse and neglect cases

The state Supreme Court has established legal guidelines for resuming in-person visits between children in state custody and their biological parents or guardians.

Under an order issued Thursday by the state's highest court, district judges may permit in-person family visits if those can occur in a safe manner based on local COVID-19 conditions. Most in-person visitations have been suspended since late March because of public health risks from coronavirus.

"The Court's order strikes an appropriate balance in protecting the health of children in state custody and the interests of parents in maintaining a family relationship," said Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura. "Judges can utilize public health data to help determine whether families can resume in-person visitations."

Under the Court's order, judges are to presume that in-person visitations are safe in areas where the regional transmission rate for COVID-19 is 1.15 or less and if a visit can be conducted according to public health procedures for minimizing the spread of the virus. However, the parties in a

case, including the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), can present evidence why it is unsafe for visitations even with low transmission rates and safety procedures. If the regional COVID-19 transmission rates exceeds 1.15, parties can offer evidence to a district court to show how in-person visits can safely resume.

New Mexico's regional COVID-19 transmission rates are reported in epidemiological modeling updates on the New Mexico Department of Health's website.

In cases in which no in-person visits are occurring, CYFD and other parties must meet and determine whether in-person visitations can take place safely based on the terms of the Court's order. If the parties reach an agreement, CYFD is to present a stipulated order to the district court for its approval with details about the planned visitation.

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 Until a district judge permits in-person visits, CYFD is to continue to make diligent efforts to provide for visits between parents and their children through videoconferencing and teleconferencing.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TONY STEVAN CHAVEZ, Deceased** No. D-1226-PB-2019-00011  
 Judge Daniel A. Bryant

#### NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

To: **RITA M. CHAVEZ, and ANDREA N. CHAVEZ;**  
 and

To: **THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TONY STEVAN CHAVEZ, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF TONY STEVAN CHAVEZ, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.**

Hearing on the Petition filed by the petitioner and personal representative, which Petition seeks entry of an *Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative*, will be held at the Twelfth Judicial District Court, **300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301**, on **Monday, July 13th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** before **The Honorable Daniel A. Bryant**, District Court Judge

Pursuant to 45-1-401, NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks

Witness our hands and the seal of this Court.

DATE: May 21, 2020

Katina Watson  
 Clerk of the District Court

By: /s/ Lisa Willard  
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*'Be careful with fires'*