

Briefs

Education retirement plans addressed

The New Meixoc Educational Retirement Board of Trustees and executive staff will travel statewide between Oct. 24 and Nov. 17 to present information on six possible retirement plan design change scenarios.

ERB members and the general public will have the opportunity to submit their input to be taken into consideration by the Board. One of the six scenarios will be proposed during the 2012 N.M. Legislative session.

The nearest meeting to Lea County will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Historic Pueblo Auditorium - AESC, 300 North Kentucky, in Roswell

For more information, contact Karyn Lujan at (505) 476-6140, karyn.lujan@state.nm.us or visit www.nmerb.org.

Museum personnel to speak to retirees

Presenting the program for Saturday's meeting of the Lea County Educational Retirees are personnel from the Lea County Museum, Lovington, with the primary speaker being Pete Mladinic, NMJC professor and local writer.

The meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Lea County Museum, in the Town Hall, at 114 E. Central Ave., Lovington.

The retired members from Lovington will provide the meal, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

All retired teachers and their spouses are invited to attend the LCAER meetings, the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Bear identified as troublemaker

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Bear No. 56 really knows how to get around.

And her travels have earned her a rap sheet that wildlife officials describe as "as long as her arm."

But after a troubled youth raiding chicken coops, trash cans and houses in the foothills east of Albuquerque, she appears to have retired to the quiet shores of Lake Navajo. Wildlife officials say the infamous bear is also the famous Mama Bear photographed by a fisherman ferrying her cub across the mile-wide lake this summer.

The bear's true identity — and troubled past — were revealed this week in the fall issue of New Mexico Wildlife. She was identified by a photo that captured the green tag in her ear.

Wildlife officials say they last saw Bear No. 56 in 2002 when she was relocated to Zuni, about 150 miles east of the lake.

2 men plead not guilty in shooting

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Two Albuquerque men linked to the shooting death of a teen outside Albuquerque's downtown library have pleaded not guilty.

William Moulton and Carlos Lee, both 19-years-old, were ordered Friday to be continued to be held on \$1 million bond each.



TOP: Fifth-graders dance during the party scene in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Mills students spent a week studying the famous author as well as Elizabethan England history, then performed a condensed modernized version of the classic.



LEFT: Michael Allen portrayed King Oberon and Michael Garza was a break dancer during the performance Friday afternoon at NMJC's Watson Hall.



BELOW: Sydney Armstrong portrayed Puck.

Obituary

Beth Cammack

Beth Cammack, 33, of Lovington, New Mexico passed away November 1, 2011 in Lubbock. A visitation will be held from 2 to 4 P.M., on Sunday, November 6, 2011, at Stevens Funeral Home. There will be a private family funeral service at a later date.

She was born September 8, 1978 in Hobbs, New Mexico to Jerry Wayne & Jo Beth Cammack. She was raised in Lovington and graduated from

Lovington High School and earned an Associates Degree from the Jr. College. She enjoyed her church family at New Beginnings.

She is survived by one son Noah Avery Cammack of Lovington, NM, two sisters Pam Shepherd & husband Jim



Cammack

of Lorton, VA and Gwen Adams and husband Brook of Jackson, TN, two brothers Brian Cammack & wife Dorlaska of Edgewood, NM and Newt Cammack & Stephanie Golleher of Lovington, NM, numerous nieces and nephews.

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57 Holloman, 49 Cannon jobs to be cut

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE (AP) — Holloman Air Force Base is slated to lose 57 positions and Cannon will lose 49 jobs after the U.S. Air Force announced it would cut around 9,000 civilian positions nationwide.

Col. David Krumm, 49th Wing commander, said Thursday that Holloman, located outside of Alamogordo, is looking at "placement alternatives" and is working to reassign workers. "We are engaging as a wing to take every opportunity to reassign these positions at Holloman," he said.

Col. Buck Elton, 27th Special Operations Wing commander, said 18 of the 49 eliminated positions at Cannon, located outside of Clovia, are vacant. "The civilian workforce is an integral part of our Air Force's capabilities, and we cannot do our nation's most important business without you," Col. Elton said in an address to around 300 civilian employees.

Air Force officials said they will seek "all voluntary separation options" at all bases before turning to layoffs.

Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque also is scheduled to lose 82 positions during the last round of cuts. Tom Berardinelli, director of staff of the 377th Air Base Wing, said some of Kirtland's cuts will come from open positions currently not filled and others will have to come from early retirements, buyouts and possibly layoffs.

The announcement comes as the Air Force seeks to control costs and restructure its civilian force. Officials say some management and overhead functions needed streamlining.

Under the restructuring, Air Force Materiel Command's nuclear support mission will continue to be led by the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland.

Budget tightening began after a Secretary of Defense's 2010 memo directed that civilian manpower costs stay within fiscal year 2010 levels. The Air Force then started a comprehensive review of its entire civilian workforce.

In May, the military branch instituted a hiring freeze and offered buyouts and early retirement designed to reduce costs.

Despite the latest round of cuts announced this week, the Air Force also said it is planning to add around 5,900 positions in acquisition, the nuclear enterprise, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance starting next year.

Kirtland Air Force Base spokeswoman Marie Vanover said Kirtland is scheduled to gain 132 of those jobs, but budgets will need to get approved.

"Finally, it is important to emphasize that regardless of whether Kirtland AFB were to have a net gain or loss, the fact remains that 55 of the 82 positions abolished have people in them that could be impacted by this restructuring," Vanover said.

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