

Filing for city, school elections today

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Today is the day for all interested in running for seats in November's local elections across New Mexico — and in

Grant and Catron counties, that includes seats such as town councils, school boards and water and conservation districts.

Each county clerk's office

will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take declarations of candidacy. Grant County Clerk Connie Holguin said her office is prepared for the traffic of filing day, along with their usual business.

"It's pretty steady. We handle it well," she said.

Candidates should have their declaration of candidacy

forms, which can be found online or picked up at the clerk's office. School board candidates must also have campaign finance forms when they file, Holguin said.

The Daily Press will publish the list of candidates who file today in Wednesday's e-edition. Those interested will also be able to keep track of who

files in real time on the N.M. secretary of state's website at sos.state.nm.us.

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Health clinic steps up as Presbyterian exits Catron Co.

Catron County will soon lose the corporate provider for its two medical clinics — but seeking to fill the gap, an independent provider is willing and ready to move into one or both of the facilities.

On Aug. 5, Presbyterian Medical Services notified the county government it would discontinue services at its clinics at the Catron County Medical Center in Reserve and the Quemado Health Center, effective Sept. 5. Presbyterian also operates senior centers in Reserve, Quemado and Glenwood, but those will remain in operation.

Catron County owns the building in Reserve, while the Quemado clinic building is owned by Quemado Independent Schools.

The notice came as a surprise, said interim County Manager Deborah Mahler.

"They had shared that, depending on what the state was going to do, there may be a financial impact, but they had never shared that one of their possibilities was to close the clinic," Mahler said.

Messages by phone and email requesting an interview or statement from Presbyterian did not receive a response by press time, and the company apparently did not issue a public press release or notice explaining the move.

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Patrons of the Henry V. "La Burra" Morales Recreation Center play pickleball on opening day Saturday.

(Press Staff Photo by Marcela Johnson)

Rec center sees 189 people on first day

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The town of Silver City's new Henry V. "La Burra" Morales Recreation Center welcomed 189 people on Saturday, its first day open to the public.

Parks and Recreation Director Julian Madrid said that the day went well, and that the registration process went smoothly. He said the biggest rush was in the morning, with a steady flow of traffic throughout the day.

"Overall it was a good day," Madrid said. "People were utilizing the game lounge, all the

courts, exercise room."

Guadalupe Cano, District 4 town councilor and center patron, said that she thought the first day was going well because of all the activity at the center.

"To me, it's great to see a lot of action already on the first day, to see people playing pickleball, playing basketball," she said.

Cano said the recreation center is a good opportunity for the community to get to know each other better, giving the example of kids playing basketball while adults play pickleball, providing a chance

for these groups to talk.

Gabriel Carrasco, the center's athletic coordinator, said that the center also provides a place people can rely on during extreme weather.

"Growing up without something like this, the winter months and the extreme-heat months can be a little rough to get out and get going doing things," Carrasco said. "So to have something like this to go ahead and rely on when you want to be outside, it's really nice."

Patricia Cano, another patron on the first day, said she appre-

ciated the center's organization. She said she hopes users of the space take care of it.

"I mean, you know when they're going to be open, when they're going to be closed, what the rules are, how to check things out, and it's very clear," she said.

Guadalupe Cano complimented the recreation center's staff, and said she hopes that people who do not normally use recreational spaces will find the center welcoming.

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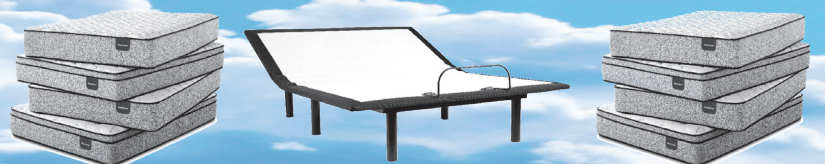
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