

Obituaries

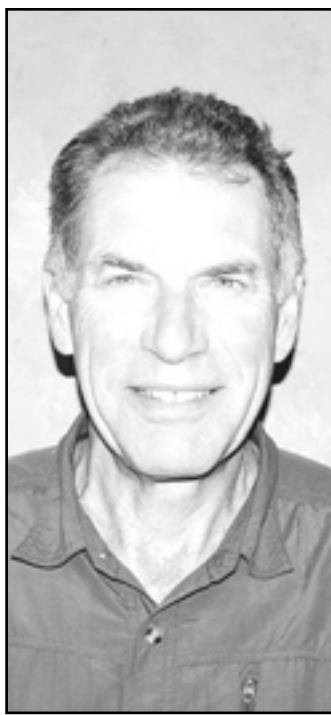
Deichmann Named Project Manager at NM Copper Corp

By Carlos Padilla
HERALD Editor

Jens Deichmann has been selected as the new project manager for THEMAC Resources, the parent company of New Mexico Copper Corporation, which is working to open the Copper Flat Mine in southwestern Sierra County.

Deichmann visited The Herald last week to introduce himself and to provide some information on what is on the horizon regarding many projects to get the mine into operation.

An Environmental Impact Study process is underway with the federal Bureau of Land Management and a third-party contractor, which are charged with studying water and environmental conditions, air quality and obtaining groundwater permits. Aquifer tests will need



**JENS DEICHMANN,
PROJECT MANAGER
FOR THE COPPER FLAT
MINE**
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PADILLA

to be conducted as well.

Deichmann stated that hydro-geologists will be testing groundwater in the vicinity of the mine to determine what – if any – aquifers are “connected.”

“By early August, we should be able to conduct these tests,” Deichmann told The Herald, “and we should have the results by early November.”

In addition to these aquifer tests, testing of wells will take place to determine water quality. Deichmann stated that locals may notice large, blue storage containers in the area in the coming months.

These tests are being conducted under the watchful eye of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Deichmann announced that the next quarterly meeting hosted by THEMAC Resources will be held in June, and added that guest editorials will continue to be submitted for publication in an effort to keep the public informed on developments at the Copper Flat Mine.



NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Juliet Sullivan recently returned to Sierra Health Care Inc. as the executive director. She began her career in health care with Sierra in 1990. Sullivan was hired at that time as the receptionist, and over a long tenure, served in many capacities at the facility, the last as the nursing home administrator. In 2009, she left Sierra Health Care Center for a three-year stint at the Truth or Consequences School District as a social worker. Although she enjoyed her colleagues, the children and the work immensely, her passion has always been for the elderly in Sierra County. Sullivan was born in Deming, N.M., and is married to Gary Sullivan. They have two children, Chas and Brianna Sullivan. Her goal upon returning to Sierra Health Care Inc., is providing the best patient care in the Southwest. She enthusiastically states, “I have a great team dedicated to the success of SHC Inc. Together, we all look forward to having the opportunity to serve the seniors in Sierra County.”

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Rural Hospitals Provide Better Value

According to data released by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), rural hospitals nationally have equal or better quality outcomes, and cost less per Medicare beneficiary than their urban counterparts. The intersection between the cost and quality defines the value proposition that rural systems of care provide to the Medicare program.

As part of deficit reduction efforts at the federal level, some proposals have centered on reducing or eliminating “special payments” to rural providers. This groundbreaking information, using the latest CMS Shared Savings Program data, reveals that Medicare spending is 3.7 percent less per Medicare beneficiary in rural markets than in urban markets, even though this spending includes “special payments” provided to rural hospitals and practitioners.

This new data on quality and costs, combined with known higher patient satisfaction scores, make small rural hospitals high value providers for rural communities. The study reveals that care can be provided in rural areas with similar outcomes to urban settings even with the challenges of the rural health care environment with targeted payment alternatives that recognize the realities of the rural health care delivery system.

“This data clearly shows that rural hospitals and clinics are a good value to both patients and to government payers,” said Alan Morgan, NRHA Chief Executive Officer. “There is a lot to learn from this data. Specifically, how we can redesign our existing healthcare system to be less expensive, have better quality, and receive better satisfaction scores from the patients themselves.”

The groundbreaking report, titled, “Rural Relevance Under Healthcare Reform: A Performance-Based Assessment of Rural Healthcare in America,” presents summary findings from research and analysis conducted by iVantage Health Analytics Inc. The report sheds new, multi-dimensional light on the rural healthcare delivery systems using the latest Medicare Shared Savings data files, the Hospital Strength Index™, the first nationwide hospital rating system to evaluate rural hospitals, and the industry’s

largest proprietary rural Emergency Department database.

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans, and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research. NRHA membership is made up of 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

For more information, visit www.RuralHealthWeb.org.

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JVA to Host County Commission Candidates

By Sue Abare-Gritter

The Jornada Valley Association will sponsor “A Discussion” between the two candidates running for Sierra County Commission District 3 – Alvin Campbell and Frances Luna, on Sunday, May 20, at 12:30 p.m., at the Engle Church, located at the corner of State Highway 51 and Upham Road in Engle.

The format includes a session where both candidates will answer 10 questions, which have already been given to them. Following this session, there will be an opportunity for those attending to ask additional questions.

All residents of Sierra County District 3 are invited to attend as well as anyone else who may be interested. Join us for an opportunity to meet the candidates and find out how they plan to serve their constituency to improve the quality of life for all of us in Sierra County!

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those who’ve served in the military. Cost: free. Contact Lago Rico Inc., Nadine Crom, (575) 744-5567, nadine@lagorico.com, <http://www.thedamsite.com>

26: Live Music: 7-9 p.m., 315 N. Broadway, Truth or Consequences. From the Valley. An entertaining combo of classic rock and current country hits. Cost: free. Contact Café Groovy Gritz, Joyce Woodard, (575) 894-0350, cafegroovygritz@aol.com, <http://groovygritz.com>.

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LOUIS EDWARD WELLS

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Louis “Lou” Edward Wells made transition peacefully at home on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, with the dignity and grace, by which he lived, just short of his 78th birthday.

Lou was born in Fruita, Colo., and was proud to have served as a United States Marine. After his service, he married and raised a family in California, where he worked for many years for different railroads, retiring from the Southern Pacific. Moving to Baja, Mexico, in 1995, he met and married his wife, Teina. They enjoyed many activities and hosted an annual feast, which brought the community together.

His passion for exploring and mapping the San Felipe Desert lead him into many off road adventures with a wide network of friends and Baja enthusiasts. He will be forever remembered for his talent and willingness to turn a wrench for whoever broke down. Lou and Teina moved to Truth or Consequences in 2007 as snowbirds and became more permanent residents thereafter. Lou divided his time between Baja and Truth or Consequences while Teina was more full time in New Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Teina Barrett Wells; son, Edward D. Wells, and daughter, Cynthia A. Duke, both of Lake Elsinore, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his son, Darrell A. Wells; and first wife, Beverly Wells.

Cremation has taken place, and celebration of life will be held at the patio at the Dam Site on June 7, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Another service will be held in San Felipe at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Desert Mothers SA DE CV, a nonprofit organization in San Felipe, Mexico, which trains local women in marketable craft and art. These may be given to Teina, brought to the celebration or mailed, care of Donna Roberts, PMB 1327, PO Box 9011, Calexico, Calif.

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10:00 A.M.

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10:55 A.M.

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6:00 P.M.

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6:00 P.M.

King Buchanan

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Sierra Church of Christ

901 Hillcrest Drive

Bible Classes for all ages 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
Weekly Fellowship Meal 12:00 noon
Sierra Health Care Serv. 1:30 pm

Church 894-9504



PAMELA BOWDRE

Pamela Bowdre, 55, passed away May 4, 2012, at a local residence in Truth or Consequences, N.M.

She was born in Kansas, Iowa, on Jan. 26, 1956, to Freda and Eugene Cosper.

She is preceded in death by her son, Franke; mother; and brother.

She is survived by her eight children, Angela Contreras, Dawn Bowdre, Jeremy (Gina), Rick, Joe (Melissa) and Nic Castel; fiancé, Jim Smith; father, Eugene Cosper; 13 grandchildren; brother, Ron; and many friends, including Sherman Geasland and Jeannie Brecheisen.

She worked at the VA for eight years as a CNA.

She loved spending time with her family and friends. She was loved very much and will be missed.

Memorial services were held on May 8, 2012, for family and friends.

She was a beloved mother, grandmother, friend and person in general.

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Pastor: Joseph Pellegrino

acknowledge and thank all anyone going faster than of our veterans. you is a maniac?” –George

“Have you ever noticed Carlin that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and ***

SENIOR MOMENTS

By Yvonne Taylor

SJOA now has very beautiful floors. They are remarkable. It is a good feeling to know that they are now repaired, no safety issues, and they look beautiful. We are glad to be back in our own dining room and resuming our normal schedule.

Have you ever done a home project, such as painting or new carpet, and then think, “Heck, now the rest of the room needs some updates?” Well, we are there. We are getting ready to paint the outside of the building as well as the hall and the dining room. Our meal site will have a new fresh look when all is done. Thankfully the painting will not disturb the meals, as the painting crew will work evenings. Stay tuned and plan on visiting our center when it is complete. We will all be proud of it and want to show it off.

We are having a picnic on May 25. This is in celebration of “Older Americans Month.” We invite all seniors to come and play with us. For seniors 60 years and older there is a suggested donation of \$3. For those under 60, the cost is \$5.75. We will have music, games, and lots of good food. The picnic will be at the meal site on the patio, and lunch will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. We will have activities 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Come and celebrate with us.

Memorial Day is coming. It is one day of the year that we honor the many veterans who have given their lives for this country. We want to

Thank You

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