

Briefs

Las Cruces CPA receives state Outstanding New Member award

Francisco Moran, CPA, senior account with Beasley, Mitchell & Co., a privately owned Las Cruces accounting firm, was recently recognized with the Outstanding New Member award by the New Mexico Society of CPAs.

The award was presented to Moran at the 19th annual Pride in the Profession luncheon in Albuquerque.

Moran earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from New Mexico State University, and obtained his CPA certification in 2010.

"Francisco Moran has been a dynamic addition to our firm, with an outstanding record of service to the New Mexico Society of CPAs at both the state and local levels. In addition, we are proud of his constant community involvement and spirit of volunteerism," Wright said.

In addition to serving as the president of the Doña Ana Chapter of CPAs, Moran is the director for the Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico, president of the Las Cruces Toastmasters Club, a member of the Advisory Council for the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and has served on the Tierra del Sol Housing Corp. Board and the NMSCPA Board of Directors.

Hispanic Chamber plans February banquet

The Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will hold its 22nd annual banquet ¡Avanzando Juntos! Moving Forward Together! from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

The evening will begin with a 6:30 p.m. social hour followed by dinner at 7:30. Tickets are \$75. Corporate tables and sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, contact the

chamber office at 524-8900 or office@lascruceshispanicchamber.com.

Economic Outlook Conference slated

The third annual Economic Outlook Conference sponsored by New Mexico State University College of Business and Wells Fargo & Co. will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Speakers will be Eugenio Alemán, Ph.D., director and senior economist with Wells Fargo & Co., and Jim Peach, Ph.D., Regents Professor of Economics and International Business at NMSU.

The event is free and will begin with a reception from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 14. To register, visit <http://business.nmsu.edu/events> or call Judy Wetzal at 521-6849.

Centennial design receives awards

Centennial High School, one of six public high schools in Las Cruces, opened its doors in 2012.

Since then, it has been recognized for its welcoming and education-focused design, recently receiving design awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Albuquerque Chapter, and the AIA Western Mountain Region.

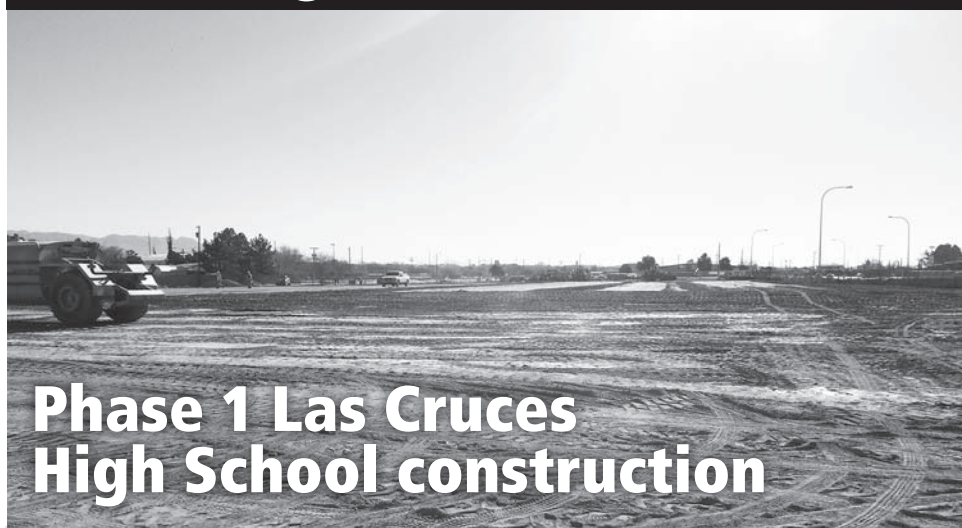
The 328,500-square-foot school was designed by Dekker/Perich/Sabatini (D/P/S) in association with ASA Architects of Las Cruces.

The AIA Western Mountain Region (WMR) awards were announced in Wyoming and included projects from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico.

SBA gives webinar on ACA

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Phase 1 Las Cruces High School construction

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Las Cruces High School buildings along El Paseo Road, including the administration office, library and counseling offices have been razed in preparation for Phase 1 of new construction. Phase 1, scheduled for completion in August 2015, will be a new administration area, two two-story academic buildings, parking, a bridge across El Paseo, a media center and a Performing Arts Lab (PAL). If voters approve the bond issue Tuesday, Feb. 4, Phase II will begin in January 2015. Phase II will include new academic buildings, an auxiliary gymnasium and remodeling of the older facilities. The entire LCHS project is tentatively scheduled for completion in July 2017.

Small Business Majority are committed to helping businesses navigate the changes and opportunities in health care through the Affordable Care Act 101 webinar series.

Each week, small business owners can learn the basics of the Affordable Care Act and how they can enroll in small business health insurance marketplaces.

Other topics include insurance reforms, the small business health care tax credit, and employer shared responsibility provisions.

The Affordable Care Act 101 takes place at 2 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, Feb. 6, 13, and 27. For more information on how the new health care law affects small businesses, visit www.businessusa.gov/healthcare.



Q: I see lots of advertisements for the New Mexico Health Connections. Who are they?

A: They are a new non-profit health insurance plan. They offer policies for individuals on or off the exchange. They also are offering small group coverage for employers with fewer than 50 employees. 'NCompass Group is contracted with New Mexico Health Connections and we are including them in our comparisons for our clients. For more information please contact one of our health insurance specialists at 575-647-0009.

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