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Farmington Clerk Dianne Fuhrman Elected “Clerk of the Year”



Clerks President-Elect Renee Cantin (left) and Clerk of the Year Dianne Fuhrman

San Juan County and a former member of the Aztec Boys and Girls Club Fundraising Committee. She is a graduate of the Aztec and Farmington Citizens Police Academies and a supporter of the Four Corners Equine Rescue.

She is a member and District 1 Director of the New Mexico Municipal Clerks and Finance Offices Association and is also a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She received the Certified Municipal Clerk designation (CMC) in 2005 and the Master Municipal Clerk designation (MMC) in 2010.

The other nominee for the award was Casandra Fresquez, Clerk for the City of Las Vegas. Judges for this year’s award were: Gayle Jones, MMC, Clerk/Administrator of the Village of Bosque Farms; Renee Cantin, CMC, Clerk of the City of Alamogordo; Rita Broaddus, MMC, Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Magdalena; Esther Martinez, CMC, Clerk of the City of Las Cruces; and Irma Devine, CMC, Clerk of the Village of Ruidoso.

Farmington City Clerk Dianne Fuhrman was named 2011 Clerk of the Year by the New Mexico Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association on April 14 in Albuquerque during the Association’s Spring Meeting. The purpose of the award is to identify and recognize a member of the Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association who has made an enhancement to the clerk’s own community or municipal government, made a significant contribution to the objectives of the Association in New Mexico, and has advanced the municipal clerks’ profession and/or the promotion of municipal government in New Mexico.

Ms. Fuhrman has worked for municipal or county governments since 1992. She served as Deputy City Clerk from 2000 until 2006 and was named City Clerk on January 1, 2007. In his nominating letter, Farmington City Manager Robert Mayes said Fuhrman has accomplished several things as Clerk, including reducing the overtime budget for the Clerk’s office from 4,500 hours per year to zero by rearranging work schedules and accepting more responsibility. He also said she had helped implement a document imaging system that has preserved the integrity of the city’s documents, enhanced search capabilities and streamlined the record retrieval process.

She is a past board member and volunteer of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of

New District 7 Director Elected, Three Other Directors Re-Elected



Conducting District Meetings: (from left) League President Barb Wiard, Intergovernmental Relations Director Regina Romero, League Executive Director William Fulginiti and Española Mayor Alice Lucero are shown at the District 2 meeting in Española.

Deming Councilor Linda Enis was elected District 7 Director during the League’s annual district meetings held in March and April. Directors who were re-elected in odd-numbered districts are: Bloomfield Councilor Lynne Raner, District 1; Clayton Mayor Jack Chosvig, District 3; and Artesia Mayor Philip Burch, District 5.

The District Directors will serve two-year terms. The meetings featured legislative updates by League Executive Director William Fulginiti and Intergovernmental Relations Director Regina Romero. Risk Services Director Ed Zendel presented an update of the New Mexico Self Insurers’ Fund.

Tree City USA Program Stresses Value of Trees In New Mexico Communities

The New Mexico State Forestry Division is recognizing communities throughout the state for their participation in the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA Program as nations around the world are celebrating Earth Day 2011.

"The Tree City USA Program continues to be a vital tool for communities across the state to help acknowledge the importance of trees and their role in improving the quality of life in our community settings," said New Mexico State Forester Tony Delfin. "We encourage all communities large and small to take part in this important program and we are pleased to announce two new "Tree Cities": Carlsbad and Taos."

In addition, the following were recognized as Sustaining Tree City USA communities: Albuquerque, 14 years; Cannon AFB, 13 years; Clovis, 12 years; Holloman AFB, 8 years; Kirtland AFB, 10 years; Las Vegas, 12 years; Roswell, 21 years; San Jon, 12 years; Santa Fe, 2 years; and Tucumcari, 12 years.

The cities of Roswell and Santa Fe received a "Growth Award" for their efforts to plan for, manage and celebrate trees within their communities.

For more information about Tree City USA and Community Forestry resources available to communities, contact Lance Davisson, New Mexico State Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager at (505) 476-3332 or e-mail to lance.davisson@state.nm.us.



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Las Cruces Judge Melissa Miller-Byrnes Elected President of Judges Association



President of the Municipal Judges Association is Las Cruces Presiding Municipal Judge Melissa Miller-Byrnes (left); Carlsbad Municipal Judge David Redford is First Vice President (center); and Los Ranchos de Albuquerque Municipal Judge Victoria Garcia is Second Vice President (right).

Las Cruces Presiding Municipal Judge Melissa Miller-Byrnes was elected President of the New Mexico Municipal Judges Association on May 3 during its Professional Development Conference in Albuquerque. She will serve in that capacity until June, 2012.

Carlsbad Municipal Judge David Redford was elected First Vice President and Los Ranchos de Albuquerque Municipal Judge Victoria Garcia was elected Second Vice President.

Judge Miller-Byrnes was first elected judge in 1999. Prior to that, she served as prosecutor in Las Cruces for 10 years. She is a graduate of New Mexico State University and received her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 2006, she became a Certified Court Executive and a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management through the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Judge Miller-Byrnes has been a member of the New Mexico Municipal Judges Association since 1999, and has served as Second and First Vice President before assuming the office of President of the organization. She is a member of the National Association of State Judicial Educators, the American Bar Association, the National Association for Court Management and the Tonali Legal Alliance for Women. She was appointed by the New Mexico Supreme Court as a member of the New Mexico Municipal Judges Advisory Committee.

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Rural Energy for America Program Seeks Project Submissions

The United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) includes three sections that fund: 1) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects; 2) Renewable Energy Feasibility Studies; and 3) Energy Audits and Renewable Energy Development Assistance.

Funds are available for all three program areas in varying amounts. The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects is a grant and/or loan guarantee program while the Renewable Energy Feasibility Study and the Energy Audits and Renewable Energy Development Assistance programs are grant-only programs. Deadline for project submission for the Energy Efficiency program is June 15, 2011; deadline for the Energy Feasibility Studies program and the Energy Audit program is June 30, 2011.

More information can be found at the Rural Development website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/bprogs.htm> or by contacting the RD.

All applications must be received in the State Office by the deadlines listed. Contact the State Office at: G. Mike McDow, Program Director; Jesse Monfort Bopp, Rural Energy Coordinator; 6200 Jefferson NE, Room 255, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 761-4953 or (505) 761-4952.

Area Offices include the following: **Aztec:** Please contact the State Office, serving Cibola, San Juan, and McKinley counties. **Las Cruces:** Clyde Hudson, Area Director, 2510 N. Telshor, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011, (575) 522-8775, Ext. 4, serving Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, and Sierra counties. **Roswell Sub-Area Office:** 1011 S. Atkinson Ave., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, (505) 280-0296 or (575) 662-8745, Ext.4, serving Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, and Roosevelt counties. **Los Lunas:** Lydia Gurule, Area Director, 2600 Palmilla Road, Suite C, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031, (505) 865-4643, Ext. 4, serving Bernalillo, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Socorro, Torrance, and Valencia counties. **Las Vegas Sub-Area Office:** Andres Aragon, Team Leader, 1927-A 7th Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701, (505) 425-3594, Ext.4, serving Colfax, Guadalupe, Harding, Mora, Quay, San Miguel, Taos, and Union counties.

Simple Ideas Improve Transportation Safety

By Daniel C. Vock, Stateline Staff Writer

When Washington State transportation officials looked at highway crash data seven years ago, they were struck by how many accidents could be prevented with a relatively cheap improvement to their roads. Adding center-line rumble strips — which warn drifting drivers that they are crossing over into the opposite lane — turned out to be one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce crashes.

Like most places, Washington has long used rumble strips along the shoulders of interstate highways and some rural routes. In 1995, the state Department of Transportation first experimented with them in the middle of the road as well. After a review in 2004, it stepped up the use of them dramatically.

The numbers, says Dave Olson of the Washington State Department of Transportation, were “eye-popping.”

Washington’s experience with rumble strips is just one instance of how states are using data to make decisions about ways to spend money on transportation. But a study released Wednesday shows that they do this much better in some categories than in others.

The study, released by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Pew Center on the States (*Stateline’s* parent organization), concluded that when it comes to safety, all states do a solid job of collecting performance data and putting it to use. They consistently take into account information on crashes and fatalities when they design and improve highway facilities.

But in areas such as economic development and environmental stewardship, most states are only beginning to learn how to employ performance measurement to enhance the quality of their transportation programs. Only 16 states received high marks in using transportation data to benefit environmental stewardship; the same small number drew high grades in using it for economic development. All the other states either received middling grades in these categories or trailed behind.

“By almost any measure,” the report says, “safety is the area in which states are doing the best job of measuring performance and responding to results.”

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State Records Center Offers Essential Records Course Online in June

The State Records Center and Archives is participating in the Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records (IPER) project which was created by the Council of State Archivists through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The IPER project will deliver free Web-based training on Essential Records for state and local governments nationwide. The training is divided into two courses: "Essential Records" and "Records Emergency Preparedness and Response."

The New Mexico IPER Team is preparing to teach the Essential Records course online in June. The course will be divided into four sessions (1 ½ to 2 hours each) held two times a week for two weeks (June 7, 9, 14 & 16, 2011). The course is seven hours in all and will prepare participants to:

- identify an agency's essential records;
- analyze and prioritize records, assessing specific risks and identifying protection strategies;
- specify time frames for essential records availability in emergencies;
- develop procedures to ensure access to and security of essential records;
- outline an essential records plan for inclusion in COOP; and
- become familiar with federal, state, and local COOP regulations and procedures.

Participants who complete the course, will be able to claim credits in certain professional development programs. The course is approved and certified by FEMA and is recommended for FEMA's Professional Continuity Professional Level I certificate. The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) will grant one Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Experience point or one Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) Advanced Education point for the course. The webinar also counts toward the local government archives and records administration certificate offered by the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA).

The course will be held online as an interactive webinar and admission is free. Participants will need a computer with a broadband connection and a headset containing ear phones and a microphone. Interested persons may register online through the Council of State Archivists [Resource Center](#).

For more information, contact John H. Martinez, Director, Administrative Law Division, New Mexico Commission of Public Records – State Records Center and Archives at (505) 476-7941 or e-mail to john.martinez4@state.nm.us.



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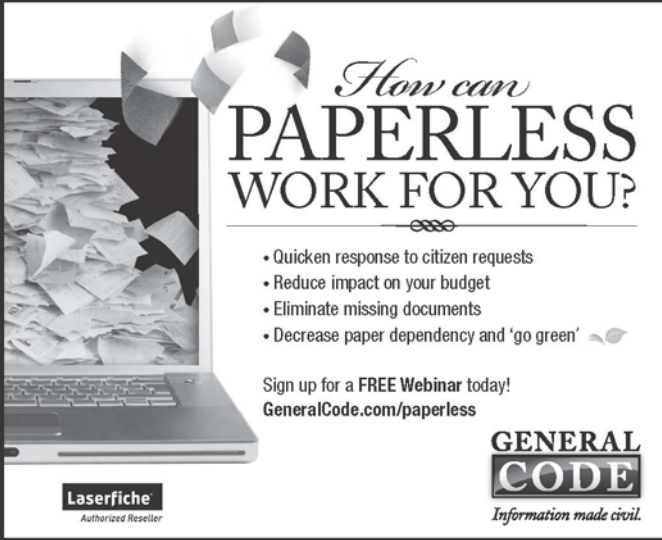
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What's remarkable is how much benefit states can accrue in the safety field without incurring very much additional cost. The Washington State rumble strips are a perfect example. In 2004, the state had about 100 miles of experimental center-line rumble strips; now 1,400 miles of highway have them — nearly half the state's highway system.

The grooves in the pavement are especially effective on rural two-lane roads, where vehicles travel at high speeds but are not separated from oncoming traffic with barriers or medians. The rumble strips generate sounds and vibrations easily noticeable to the drivers, who can then steer their vehicles back into the proper lane. When the strips were first installed, officials hoped they might reduce the number of crossover collisions by 15 percent. The actual reduction was three times as high.

The strips are “an effective, low-cost, low-maintenance countermeasure that significantly reduces the frequency of collisions,” concluded Washington State researchers during a thorough examination of the devices released earlier this year.

Federal Incentive

One reason why states scored so well in using data to promote safety initiatives is that federal law all but requires them to. Under a 2005 law signed by President George W. Bush, states must look for ways to reduce crashes and fatalities on highways. Plus, states have joined federal efforts in other areas, such as cracking down on drivers who do not wear seatbelts or who use telephones while driving. Traffic deaths nationally have continued a decline that began back in the 1990s.

Rumble strips are especially effective because they prevent crashes that are disproportionately deadly. Accidents in which a vehicle leaves its lane cause most of the traffic deaths in this country, even more than collisions at intersections.

And that is not because there are more of them. It is just that the relatively small number of crossover crashes results in high numbers of deaths. In a recent four-year period in Washington State, for example, center-line collisions made up only two percent of Washington's crashes but 11 percent of its auto deaths.

The accidents are the results of many causes. In bad weather, drivers cannot see lane markers through snow or fog. Other drivers are distracted, drunk or sleepy. After installing center-line rumble strips, Washington saw the numbers of cross-over accidents fall even when drivers were fatigued, distracted, intoxicated or speeding.

Many states besides Washington have pushed for more center-line rumble strips, often with similar benefits. Among these are California, Colorado, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New York and Wyoming.

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