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## Election 2016

# Republican hopefuls spread their message



Terri Mosberger, president of Four Corners Federated Republican Women, speaks Thursday at Piñon Hills Community Church.

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## Officials encourage voters to back GOP

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FARMINGTON - More than a dozen Republican lawmakers and candidates gathered at Piñon Hills Community Church on Thursday to urge voters to support the GOP during the upcoming election in November.

"We need you to vote Republican across the ballot," said Terri Mosberger, president of the Four Corners Federated Republican Women, which hosted the event. "Republicans that don't vote end up electing Democrats."

Titled "Time to Kick Up Our Red Heels," the gathering featured a speech from Nora Espinoza, a state representative from Roswell and the GOP's candidate for New Mexico Secretary of State.

Mosberger introduced Espinoza as the candidate to clean up the office, which was embroiled in controversy after former Secretary Dianna Duran pleaded guilty to fraud and breaking campaign finance laws, which her office was entrusted with enforcing. Duran's resignation sparked a special election to fill the position.

Espinoza has campaigned on a platform of fighting voter fraud through stricter identification requirements and banning same-day registration.

"There is no greater issue than voter fraud," Espinoza told the audience. "It's real."

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A new Ulta Beauty store is set to open this fall at the Animas Valley Mall in Farmington.

## Ulta set to open in late autumn

Beauty products store will be located at mall

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FARMINGTON - The Animas Valley Mall will house an Ulta Beauty store after the company signed a lease to operate its newest location in the state in Farmington.

Ulta Salon, Cosmetics and Fragrance Inc. will open its fifth store in New Mexico in late fall, according to company spokeswoman Carolyn Sutphen.

Ulta Beauty has 886 stores in 8 states and the District of Columbia, Sutphen said in an email. There are currently four stores in New Mexico with locations in Las Cruces, Santa Fe and two in Albuquerque.

Sutphen said the company will have additional details about the new location in Farmington as the opening date approaches.

Efforts to contact the mall's general

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## Tribe shows support for cultural items bill

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FARMINGTON - The Navajo Nation has thrown its support behind legislation that would strengthen a federal law that prohibits exporting Native American sacred and traditional items.

On Thursday, nine members of the Naa'bi-k'iyáti' Committee approved a bill to support the proposal, which Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., plans to introduce in the

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## Police: Bounty hunter pointed shotgun at homeowner

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FARMINGTON - A 32-year-old bounty hunter was arrested on allegations he pointed a shotgun at a homeowner in San Juan County while attempting to arrest a woman on a misdemeanor warrant.

James Lee Fitzgerald was charged June 15 in Aztec Magistrate Court with aggravated burglary and aggravated as-



Fitzgerald

sault with a deadly weapon, as well as breaking and entering.

Fitzgerald, who was reached by telephone Thursday, declined to comment.

His attorney, Steve Murphy, said on Friday that he was not sure why Fitzgerald was arrested.

"This is a job that society needs peo-

ple to do," Murphy said, adding later. "It's a necessary evil that we have these fugitive recovery agents. The Marshals Service, they only go after the biggest and the baddest."

Deputies with the San Juan County Sheriff's Office was dispatched at approximately 8 p.m. June 14 to a residence on County Road 2635 north of Aztec after receiving reports of a heated dispute, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

The deputies learned three fugitive recovery agents, including Fitzgerald, were at the residence to execute a misdemeanor warrant for a woman wanted in Colorado, the affidavit states.

A deputy advised the parties that the sheriff's office did not represent a side in the dispute, but he also warned the recovery agents there were children in the

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