Judge rules in favor of Lincoln County Wild Horses

Patience O'Dowd Reid judge Bryant's decision on the wild horses of Lincoln County, Friday, Oct. 6. Reid annuls the decision of the NMBL.

Some of his findings state that the Alto herd is wild, and the New Mexico Livestock Board went beyond the scope of their authority and they do not have the authority to impound, possess or auction off these horses. He ruled that the horses are not "estrays" and are therefore not under the jurisdiction of the NMBL.

NMBL is an organization in which members enjoy the aesthetic and recreational value of observing the wild horses. Their mission is to protect, preserve, and promote the wild horses of New Mexico. Reid ruled that the horses should be returned to the vicinity where the remaining stallion (Blaze) is located. He noted that the horses do not have a home and that they should be returned to their natural habitat.

I don't know when the horses will be released; we will keep you informed. We couldn't be happier. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Contact Kathy Kolt at kathykolt@msn.com.)

Candidates answer New Mexico's policy concerns in live debate

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"Often, we are presented with a false choice between stewarding our environment and building our economy. How can we do both?"

This question, offered by Mark Childs of Albuquerque, is one of more than 50 questions developed by New Mexico for the State of New Mexico's Art Center. It is a collaboration between a series of Deborah's Art in New Mexico, which set out to ask the candidates how they would address the climate crisis.

During the live debate, candidates answered community questions about education, water, crime, mental health, immigration, infrastructure, rural, transportation, and emergency. However, only a portion of these issues could be addressed in a 90-minute debate. Questions remain on health care, rural, crime, candidate approach to collaborative governance and more.

"In order to address climate change, we need to focus on solutions that benefit our communities," said HHAB's executive director, Heather Balas. "That is why we asked the candidates to think about how they would address this issue, and how it would benefit their constituents."