

## e car wash



Megan Avira

and detail cars during a Saturday (June 21) parking lot. The line of cars went out wash their car while donating funds for friends, coaches and volunteers scrubbed red Britney Jeantete, left, and Christine

## Taos' Bumpas Mitchell on 'accelerated track' following coursework

### Staff report

In an effort to keep up with the changing real estate market, Sharon Bumpas Mitchell, owner/broker of High Country Real Estate Services, recently completed the annual six-day educational event "Professional Accelerated Career Track" (ProACT) hosted by the Council of Residential Specialists (CRS). The event was held at Bally's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Nevada.

The program is "designed to be a fast, convenient way for real estate agents to complete up to three CRS Courses in one location and fulfill a majority of the educational requirements they need to earn the Certified Residential Specialist Designation," according to a press release. "By taking CRS courses and earning the designation, agents are equipped with the tools to better serve home buyers and sellers in this changing market."

Mitchell stated that the new information will be invaluable to her career.

"Less than 10 percent of all Realtors hold an industry designation. It was obvious that top performing brokers nationwide were present for this training," she stated in a press release.

The more than 43,000-member organization is a not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors. CRS designation is given to Realtors who have completed advanced professional training and have

shown surpassing professional accomplishment in residential real estate.

### Mitchell's other enterprise to offer 'sun block'

Hunter Douglas' window shades are now being offered by High Country Design Services in Taos, owned by Mitchell. As a Showcase Centurion Dealer, High Country Design Services has a new selection of window treatments from the Silhouette, Luminette Privacy Sheers, Duette honeycomb shades and The Alustra Collection to help keep the Northern New Mexico sun at bay.

"We are proud to offer customers optimum solutions for their window covering needs," stated Mitchell in a press release. "Consumers can visit us in our store to see all the Hunter Douglas selections ... Our professional measuring, experienced installation by our certified installer and stylish design services are provided with an understanding of our unique landscape's special requirements since we are independently owned and operated."

High Country Design Services is located at 4175 NM 68 in Ranchos de Taos. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays by appointment.

For more information, call (575) 758-2723, e-mail [sharon@taoshunterdouglas.com](mailto:sharon@taoshunterdouglas.com) or visit the Web site [www.taoshunterdouglas.com](http://www.taoshunterdouglas.com).

## Community Events for July 2008

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