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**DISABLED SKIERS' PROGRAM**

# Opens mountain to everyone

By **Todd Fuqua**  
 Reporter

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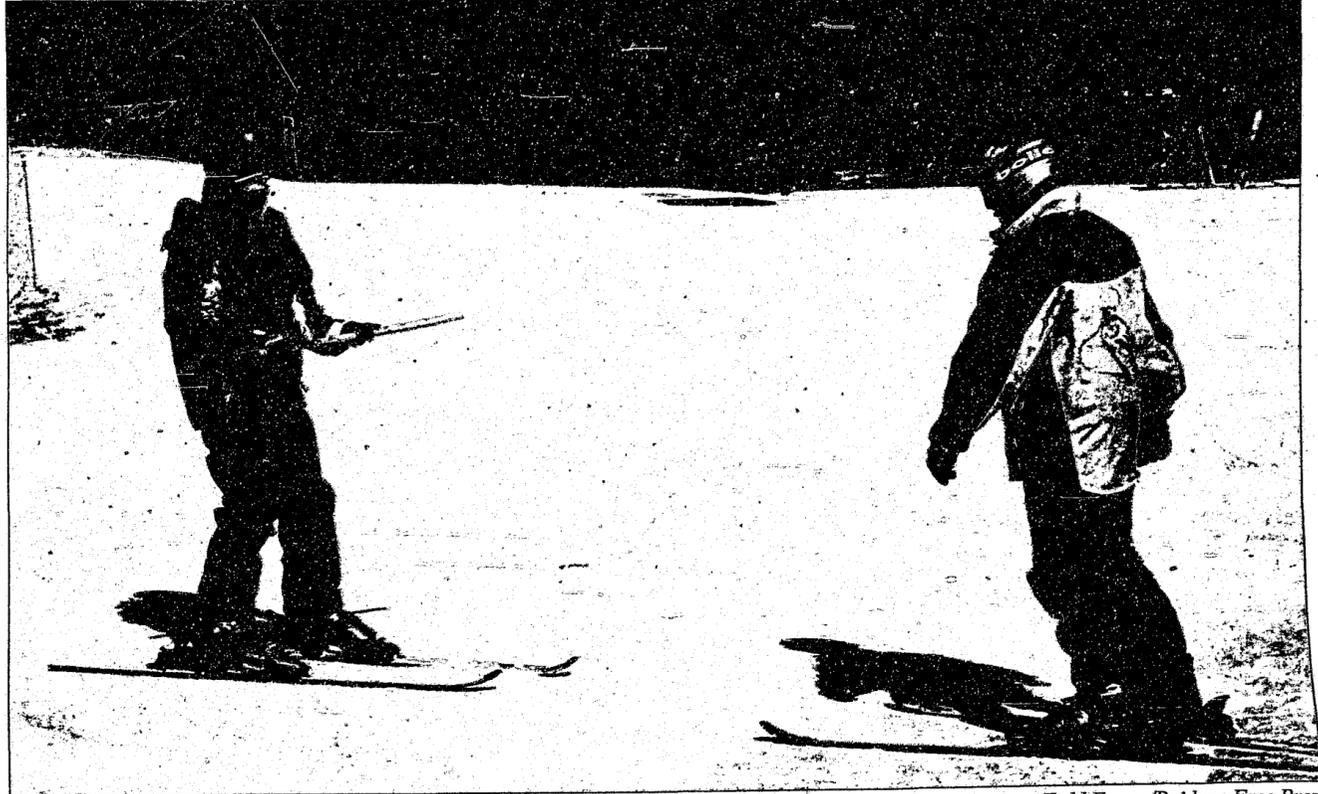
Students from the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Alamogordo know exactly how that feels. They come to Ski Apache once a week to take part in the ski resort's Disabled Skiers Program.

Shippen Davis, who has been involved with the program since 1979, recently took over as the program's director, and enjoys giving those who have experienced obstacles in life the chance to feel freedom on the slopes.

"The first benefit is accessibility," Davis said. "We can allow someone with a handicap the graceful feeling of sliding down the slope."

"It's about freedom to enjoy movement, and the reasons people love to ski are magnified for those with handicaps," she continued. "It's transformative for the students and instructors."

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Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
 Three-year skier Cody Broyles, 19, is led down by Marty Davenport, former director of the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program. Broyles is able to make his way down the slope by following Davenport's voice.

# Crash claims two College sets enrollment record

By **Eddie Farrell**  
 Reporter

Bald tires are being cited as the cause of a fatal accident Friday morning that killed two women on Apache Summit.

According to New Mexico State Police reports, Mathiah Torres, 19, of Ruidoso Downs, was pronounced dead on the scene and the second woman, Lucy Roblez, 43, of Alamogordo, was pronounced dead upon arrival at Gerald Champion Medical Center in Alamogordo.

Police reports indicate Roblez' son, Jose Ricky Granado, 18, of Las Cruces was

driving a 2002 Honda at 11:14 a.m. Friday near U.S. Hwy 70 and Botella Road in the Mescalero Reservation when the vehicle apparently lost control, slid into the eastbound shoulder and overturned twice, ejecting all three occupants.

Police investigators determined the cause as "probably due to bald tires," and noted that none of the occupants were wearing seat belts.

Granado survived the accident with minor injuries, but was cited for driving with no driver's license and careless driving. Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the accident.

By **Jeff Stevens**  
 Editor

School is back in session at ENMU Ruidoso and more students than ever are attending class. According to Coda Omness, director of public relations for ENMUR, excluding dual credit students from the high school, ENMU Ruidoso's enrollment was at 1,025 students Friday afternoon. That's an all time record for enrollment for the school.

"We're up 11 percent," Omness said, adding there are several reasons for the increase.

The low cost of tuition is one reason cited. The tuition average at ENMU Ruidoso is \$30-40 per credit hour. "We're a little bit more affordable than other colleges. When you look at the bigger schools, they're right at \$100 a credit hour," Omness said. "And we do have a lot of financial aid available."

She said the school has about 30 scholarships available. And in 2009, the school hired a full time financial aid adviser to help facilitate the process for students.

Another reason for the school's popularity is the diversity of offerings. Omness explained that the college works within the community to tailor programs and classes to best serve students and local businesses.

For instance, the hospitality department schedules classes in complete four week blocks because many of the students are already working in the field. Omness also highlighted a new certificate program for internet security that is unique to ENMU Ruidoso. Students can take the internet safety and security class in two semesters. Upon completion they will be able to go directly into the

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Humane Society cookbook**

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**Mescalero tournament**

An open basketball tournament to benefit the 2011 Women's Wellness Conference will be held Jan. 28-30 at the Mescalero Gymnasium. Sixteen men's and eight women's teams are needed to fill out the brackets, with no more than 10 players per roster. There is a \$200 nonrefundable entry fee, due Jan. 21.

For more information, contact Gleda Little at 464-3188 or Beckie Martinez at 937-3496.

**Silent auction**

Come join the fun Jan. 29 when the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program (SADSP) hosts the 25th annual silent auction at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Convention Center from 6-9 p.m. The Ruidoso Community has always supported this important fundraising event so come out and feel good about buying cool stuff. A \$1 cover charge purchases a chance at numerous door prizes awarded during the evening. A cash bar and hamburgers and hot dogs are available from IMG catering.

Donations may be made by calling the SADSP office at 464-3193 or 808-1441.

**LC Democratic meet**

The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will hold its next monthly meeting Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. This month's guests include Al Santos from the Lincoln County Medical Center - who will speak on the topic of hospital expansion - and Leticia Montoya, candidate for the Democratic Party of New Mexico chair. Also on the agenda is the Lincoln County Democratic Convention March 19. Dinner at Pizza Hut at 1201 Mechem Dr. will start 5:30

p.m. with the meeting to follow. For more information, call Maria A. Quintana at 937-8394 or Marilyn Kamp at 258-1029.

**Sanitation district meet**

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will hold its regular monthly meeting Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail. All residents of the district are welcome to attend, and agendas are available 24 hours prior to the meeting. All regular monthly meetings are held the first Monday of each month.

**Eastern Star visit**

The Ruidoso Chapter 65, Order of the Eastern Star, will host Worthy Grand Matron Debbie Davis and Worthy Grand Patron Mike Beckett Feb. 19 at the Ruidoso Family Masonic Building at 144 Nob Hill Dr. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. and the meeting will be held at 1 p.m.

**Sacramento Mountain Village** is a network of older adults in Ruidoso and surrounding communities who support independent living by offering services and activities that keep seniors healthy and happy in their own homes. Benefits of membership include art and yoga classes, weekly walking and discussion groups, social functions and monthly member breakfasts at Cree Meadows Country Club, on the last Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Membership is open to any Lincoln County resident 55 years or older. For more information, call 258-2120 or visit [www.sacmntnville.org](http://www.sacmntnville.org).

**Al Anon of Ruidoso** meets at Cornerstone Center, 1216 Mechem at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at Cornerstone Center, 1216 Mechem at 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

**Altrusa Club International** meets at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**The Carrizozo Roadrunners** 9297. Chapter of the Lincoln County Extension Association meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Otero County Electric Cooperative community room on 12th Street in Carrizozo. Chapter meetings are open to anyone interested. For more information, call Barbara VanGorder at 575-648-9805 or Doris Cherry at 354-2673.

**Daughters of the American Revolution** meet at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Ruidoso Library.

**The Federated Republican Women** of Lincoln County meet the fourth Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call 430-7258. This month, the women will host candidates for the school boards of Ruidoso, Capitan and ENMU-Ruidoso at its Jan. 24 meeting.

**The Kiwanis Club** of Ruidoso meets every Tuesday at noon at K-Bobs.

**The Lincoln County Regulators**, members of the Single Action Shooters Society, hold matches the second Saturday of every month at the Ruidoso Gun Range located on Hale Lake Road. Registration is at 9 a.m., matches start at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to participate or watch the action. During the shooting matches, all other shooting is suspended. For more information, call Avery (AKA Rowdy Lane) at 937-

**Optimist Club** meets at noon every Wednesday at K-Bobs in Ruidoso.

**The Photographic Society of Lincoln County** - dedicated to the advancement of digital photography - meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Region IX offices at 237 Service Road. Annual dues are \$15 per family which includes lectures and field trips. Contact Leland Deford at 257-8662 or Herb Brunnell at 258-4003.

**Rotary Club of Ruidoso** meets at Cree Meadows Country Club noon every Tuesday.

**Ruidoso Evening Lions Club** meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook.

**The Ruidoso Noon Lions** meet at 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club.

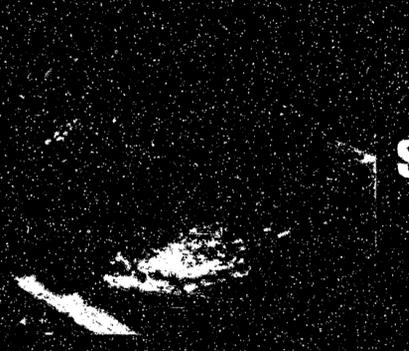
**Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73** meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m. If the first Monday is a national holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Monday. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-0953.

**Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club** meets every Monday at 11 a.m. at 116 S. Evergreen Dr. A pot luck lunch is at noon followed by cards, Bridge and Mah Jongg. The Quilters group meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays; Yoga every Wednesday. Call 257-2309 for further information.

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# Health department's fitness challenge underway

By Jeff Stevens

Editor

Lincoln County's New Mexico Health Department has the cure for those waning resolutions —the third annual Fitness Challenge.

"We wanted to do something to promote actual change. We wanted to motivate people to do something..." Aimee Bennett said.

Bennett owns the tongue taxing title, health promotions specialist for Lincoln County for the State of New Mexico. She's also the organizer and driving force behind the challenge.

The Fitness Challenge started Monday and is a seven-week attempt to stretch those New Year's promises for better health a bit further. The idea sprung from the Walk in the Woods Health Fair three years ago.

"The committee got together and decided to do something more for health, than just the health fair," Bennett said.

The challenge calls for participants to commit to a concept summed up by the numbers, "5,2,1,0." Eat five servings of fruits and vegetables a day, limit time in front of the television to two hours a day, consume zero sugary beverages and spend at least one hour a day in physical activity.

"All four of these things will lead to a healthier lifestyle," Bennett said, adding that incorporation of 5,2,1,0 is a good idea for anyone interested in living healthier.

The program provides a group setting and accountability for those interested and allows participants to sign up individually or as a team. There will be a youth division, adult division, family division and an individual division.

Additionally, there will be prizes and weekly activities to provide accountability and opportunities to keep the challenge fun and interesting. The first challenge was Monday at Community Youth Center Warehouse

where participants danced.

Additional bonus challenges will include aquatic exercise classes, yoga, pilates, line dancing and zumba. Bennett said they've even scheduled a belly dancing class.

Bennett predicts about 150 will sign up. "Both years, we've had about the same amount of people show," Bennett said, adding that there is a high attrition rate. "But at least they start off good."

Bennett said the program has produced some positive results over the two previous years with participants losing weight and establishing or breaking long term habits.

"We've had people who have quit smoking during the challenge and there is a weight loss component to it. Last

year we had a girl who lost 18 pounds during the challenge," Bennett said, adding that the Fitness Challenge also provides great opportunities to meet new people and try new things. "A lot of these classes are not things people would want to go do unless they had friends going."

Bennett concluded saying the Fitness Challenge offers a great opportunity to change one's life. "A lot of people are already thinking they want to be healthier. They want to make a change and this is something that will help them stick to it."

In conjunction with the Fitness Challenge, the Ruidoso Free Press will be writing weekly articles chronicling the challenge.

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# Lahey named Humane Society director

By Todd Fuqua  
Reporter

For five years, Margaret Lahey has given her time, love and dedication to the Humane Society of Lincoln County. She's written grants, run the society's resale store, helped create a spay and neuter clinic and was in charge of fundraising and public awareness.

For all that hard work, Lahey was rewarded by being named the society's executive director starting Jan. 1.

You'd think being the director means more delegation of work than actual work – not so.

"The biggest challenge has been moving the office to the resale store," Lahey said of the establishment of the society's office in the store, located at the 'Y' on Highway 70. "Technology has been a headache. We didn't really have an office

before, so we're kind of creating it from scratch."

Lahey comes to the job after a career in city and regional planning and historical preservation, having done that in Wichita, Kan. She later worked for the Village of Ruidoso as a planner, starting the Main Street program which beautified Sudderth Drive through Midtown. She's also worked at the Spencer Theater in community outreach.

"I applied for the job at the Humane Society because I'm an animal lover and I've loved working with community organizations," Lahey said. "We've got great volunteers and a great boards. It's



Margaret Lahey

been exciting to see the growth in the last five years that I've been involved."

The biggest single fundraising event for the society is the annual Fur Ball, although the resale shop actually makes more money per money.

"The shop is enormously important," Lahey said. "It generates 20-25 percent of our revenue annually."

The store sells all manner of items, from clothes to books to LPs to furniture. Lots of furniture.

"In a town with so much transitory population, there's a lot of furniture moving in and out," Lahey said. "A lot of money comes from that."

The society even has a truck that can pick up and deliver larger items for the convenience of customers.

Currently, the society's shelter, located on Gavilan Canyon Road, is undergoing major repairs and renovations.

Lahey said that's just a temporary fix, as she's currently on the hunt for a different location with more space.

"We'd like to have room for people to walk dogs and give the animals more space, someplace that's not way out in the boonies," Lahey said. "The current shelter is limited in space, and we something more modern."

An upgrade of the resale store is also in the works, as is continued campaigning on the need to spay and neuter pets. Lahey also hopes to expand the spay and neuter program to the many feral cats found in neighborhoods in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

"That's the best way we can keep the homeless pet population down," Lahey said. "We need to select areas to trap feral cats, spay and neuter them, then release them. They can then spend their lives in peace without multiplying."

## COLLEGE

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workforce, keeping networks safe and making a healthy paycheck in the process. "We're the only one in the state that offers this," Omness said. "We're proud to have it. It puts on the cutting edge."

Students also receive more personalized instruction at ENMU Ruidoso. "It's nice to have the smaller class sizes. At a bigger school, it's different. They may have 300 students in one class. Here, we have one on one instruction. There's definitely something to be said for that."

Of course, no picture is all roses. Omness expressed some uncertainty regarding the state legislature's desire to see budget cuts in state schools. In fact, ENMU Ruidoso President Clayton Allred was in Santa Fe all last week.

The school already is looking at a mandated cut of \$400,00 and there has been some discussion of closing satellite campuses such as ENMU Ruidoso.

However, until they pass any actual legislation, there's nothing to be done but wait.

## SKIERS

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### Fundraiser auction set Saturday

Thursday saw students and volunteers crammed into a room near chair lift five on the Bunny Slope, fitting kids and young adults with boots, skis and parkas for a day on the snow.

Even if students have done this several times before – like 19-year-old Cody Broyles – the instructor has to stay right with him, constantly talking so Cody won't go off course.

"I just love getting the physical activity and time off from school," said Broyles, who's been skiing since he was 15. "I don't have any fear at all when I'm out there. It feels like skating – moving freely down the slope."

The Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program has been in effect since 1976, when officials from Fort Bliss in El Paso approached the resort with the idea of teaching disabled Vietnam veterans to ski. The idea was, if they were active in a sport, it would help their rehabilitation.

Now, 35 years later, the program teaches students from Roswell public schools, ENMU-Roswell, and the Ta-

bosa adult rehabilitative program in Roswell. Veterans from Fort Bliss still take part, as well.

The program culminates in March with a fun race, in which participants race down Bunny Hill in timed events.

Volunteers and donations keep it running, and the biggest fundraiser of them all is coming up this Saturday. Businesses around the Ruidoso area have donated items for a silent auction at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

"The businesses have come through and everyone has been really supportive," Davis said. "Now we just need interested shoppers."

The auction starts at 6 p.m. Saturday. A \$1 cover charge purchases a chance at numerous door prizes awarded throughout the evening. All funds are invested to update equipment, provide training and cover operating expenses.

For more information on the program or this weekend's silent auction, call the SADSP office at Ski Apache at 464-3193.

## Local film industry in peril

By Eugene Heathman  
Reporter

Tax credits for New Mexico are in peril as three bills are being introduced in this legislative session to either eradicate or reduce film industry credits. Local film groups and producers are worried the cuts will destroy the progress made to attract films to Lincoln County.

Two bills are being considered to cap or eliminate the 25 percent film incentive for film makers and post production establishments. Gov. Susana Martinez has proposed a 10 percent reduction in the tax credit down to 15 percent.

Sen. John Arthur Smith (D) from Dist. 35 proposed SB 169 which would cap the film incentives at \$2 million per project. Local Rep Dennis Kintigh (R) Dist. 57, for the third year in a row, is proposing HB 19 which would completely eliminate all film incentives.

The third bill SB 44 is being proposed by Sen. Tim Keller, (R) Dist. 17 that calls for greater transparency in the reporting of incentive requests and awards, and calls for a review of the incentive program every four years.

Digital Media Development of Lincoln County, operated by Dirk Norris outside Carrizozo, promotes film and digital media industry in Lincoln County.

"I am participating in Ruidoso Day on Feb. 2nd by having a booth at the State Capitol Rotunda to show the public and our legislators there is a growing interest in the film and digital media industry in Lincoln County," Norris said.

Several noteworthy movies have recently been filmed in Lincoln County. In 2009, *The Book of Eli* was filmed in Carrizozo. Scenes for the movie *Gamer* were filmed at the Spencer Theater in 2008 and scenes from the blockbuster *Transformers* were filmed nearby on the Mescalero Reservation and White Sands. Several scenes from the hit television saga *Into the West* were filmed at Ft. Stanton and the Bonita Lake area.

"Since the filming of *The Book of Eli* in Carrizozo there is growing interest in the film industry by residence of Lincoln County. Just last year, a Lincoln County film commission was formed, four new film liaison positions created, an independent movie filmed, a film industry symposium organized and presented, and new film classes developed at ENMU-Ruidoso," Norris said.

Local producers fear the consequences of film companies leaving the state for better tax deals.

"Losing the tax credits will harm the viable film industry throughout New Mexico, particularly southern New Mexico's potential for a viable film industry. Repealing or drastically reducing the tax credits will also harm the universities training filmmakers, harm students training to be filmmakers, and harm the workers who have dedicated themselves to the industry and need paychecks" said Deborah Voorhees, owner of Voorhees Films, a local film production company.

In December, former Gov. Bill Richardson announced The Avengers would film in New Mexico.



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# SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2011

Today is the continuation of asking each candidate for school board in each school district the same questions. The remaining candidate's answers will be published in future editions of the Ruidoso Free Press

## Curt Temple

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

**Q: What issue or issues inspired you to run for the school board?**

A: I was inspired to run for the school board because I question some actions taken by the school board. One example is fiscal responsibility. It is not just about spending less; it is about getting more for our tax dollar spent. We must also promote innovation; identify best practices already in place, and spread both throughout the district for the future of our children and community. I believe that open government is good government. I would

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**Q: What will you do to improve the**

**quality of education in RMS?**

A: I think academic excellence and challenge is something that should be expected at all schools in the district. When elected, I will direct the Superintendent to promote and ensure intellectually rigorous opportunities appropriate for every student in the district. The only agenda of our public schools should be to produce children who can compete on a global level.

**Q: What is your position on the GO Bond and why?**

A: I believe that the bond is needed for the daily operation and continued maintenance of the schools, which will better provide for our children and community. I also believe that the bond money should be safeguarded very carefully to make sure we are getting the best value

for our taxpayer dollar.

**Q: What makes you uniquely qualified for the position on RMS school board?**

A: My leadership ability makes me uniquely qualified for the RMS school board. My experience as the Planning Director for Lincoln County, working with taxpayer budgets, knowledge of New Mexico State Law – especially the Open Meeting Act (OMA), demonstrates my credentials. I have working experience with the State Legislature, and serve as present Chairman of Lincoln County-Ruidoso Crime Stoppers and Film Lincoln County New Mexico. I am a volunteer Little League coach, and have traveled the state working as a high school basketball official for the past 21 years.

## Brad Treptow

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

**Q: What issue or issues inspired you to run for the school board?**

I am running for the ENMU Ruidoso Branch Community College Board because I want to continue to support ENMU-Ruidoso as they meet both student and community needs. I have supported their mission and vision for the past seven years and feel they are positioned well to positively impact the region. I believe ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College has a rationalized strategic plan and a comprehensive vision for meeting future post-secondary educational needs throughout Lincoln County and beyond. In my opinion, ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College continues to be responsive to community education and

## ENMU-RUIDOSO COLLEGE BOARD



**Q: What will you be doing to improve the quality of education at ENMU?**

The statutory duties of a branch community college board member are limited. They include entering into written agreements with the Board of Regents, acting in an advisory capacity to the college, approving an annual budget for the college for recommendation to the ENMU Board of Regents, certifying to the board of County Commissioners the tax mill levy and conducting the election for tax levies for the college (mil and local bond issues).

My specific actions to improve the quality of education will be within the confines of the statutory duties. I will support any written agreements that will expand facility size and add classroom offerings. Additionally, I will provide strategic planning, input feedback and vision to ENMU-

workforce needs by offering vast classes and degree programs of interest and value.

Ruidoso leadership and staff as well as the ENMU system president with the intent to remove any barriers to providing convenient and affordable educational opportunities as efficiently as possible.

**Q: What makes you uniquely qualified for the position on the ENMU board?**

I believe the most unique qualification I possess is that I have served on the ENMU-Ruidoso advisory board since 2003, at which time I was appointed to the college board in October 2010. During that time, I have become familiar with the college's future plans, as well as the president's vision for this fine institution.

Secondarily, I have remained actively involved in the community and continue to volunteer for a number of organizations. Specifically, I have served on boards in a volunteer capacity for Leadership Lincoln, Big Brother Big Sisters of Southeastern New Mexico, Rotary Club of Ruidoso and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce as well as serving on the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee. I am aware of issues of interest to the college that arise so that ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College can respond in a timely fashion.

## Devin Marshall

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

**Q: What issue or issues inspired you to run for the school board?**

A: I have had children in the Ruidoso School System for more than eight years now. My two oldest children graduated from Ruidoso High School with honors, participated in AP classes and enjoyed many extra-curricular activities as well. They enjoyed a rich high school experience. They had many fine teachers who took their job of academically equipping children for their post high school years, very seriously. They are now both in college and have been complimented by professors at UNM and Hardin Simmons on their noticeably superior English skills (thank you, Mr. Farrington, Mrs. Willard and Ms. Goza). Over that past eight years, however, I also observed five different high school principals and three different superintendents and have seen the adverse effects the changing leadership has had on Ruidoso schools. I now have two sons in the Ruidoso School system – one at Ruidoso Middle School- and one at Ruidoso High School. It burdens me that many of the superb teachers at RHS, who had such a powerful part in educating my daughters, are not there anymore. Some were strongly urged to retire early in order to meet budget goals, others voluntarily resigned as a result of the proposed lowering of academic standards. A great education is what I expect for the children of this

## RUIDOSO SCHOOL BOARD

community. It is not acceptable to lower academic standards in order to meet state test requirements... our students' test scores are not up. This approach is not working.

**Q: What will you be doing to improve the quality of education in RMS?**

A: There is no easy answer to this question, it has taken a long time for our schools to get to the weakened place they are in and will take some time to make improvements. My first idea is to create a better, more cohesive network between the elementary, middle school and high school administrators and educators. This could be initiated through some simple gatherings a couple of times a year to team build, brainstorm and do some creative planning. I believe working together as a team to create a cohesive K-12 academic plan is the first step. It makes sense to utilize our educators' experience and ideas, in order to lay out an effective plan to teach to the students. What seems to be happening is that we are reacting to the standards the tests require, and as a result, pressuring kids to learn what is presented on these state tests. I suggest that administrators should encourage their very able educators to creatively teach to the children in their classrooms... teaching beyond the standardized tests. If the children master the necessary material, they move to the next grade. If they do not, they must finish the grade requirements before they are promoted. When children

are promoted without having the skills needed for the next grade, the product is an ill-equipped and frustrated child.

**Q: What is your position on the GO Bond and why?**

A: The Bond lists many of the districts building needs. State environmental rules may make some of these building needs mandatory, which makes these repairs inevitable. If the bond is not approved, the damaged conditions will only worsen. We must have an environmentally safe place in which our children learn. Our school district, because of funding cuts on the state level, does not have the ability to pay for these necessary repairs. Because our property taxes already reflect the mill rate which would pay for these repairs, we as a general population would not feel any additional financial burden. I am not opposed to this bond. My concern comes from the 27 years of experience I have as a real estate professional in New Mexico.

I have had many opportunities to observe and assess various building conditions, as well as actually acquiring bids to repair those issues and am a little overwhelmed by the inflated amounts that are attached to some of these repairs. I understand that this involves a complicated bidding process which only allows state approved entities to do the jobs. I also understand that it takes a considerably longer time for approvals due to the mandated state oversight of these projects. Hopefully if this Bond is approved, the most urgent projects will be handled by contractors who are going to do the job right

the first time for the most competitive price. If this had been done in the past, and if preventative maintenance had been done on some of the existing issues with the last bond money, many of these problems would already be resolved.

**Q: What makes you uniquely qualified for the position on RMS school Board?**

A: My Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of New Mexico, coupled with participation as a UNM Student Senator and Attorney General of the UNM Student Association has given me a good foundation and insight into the duties of a public servant. I also spent time at the New Mexico State Legislature as an intern, where I observed first-hand the importance of lobbying, policy making and political negotiation.

I also served as a board member for the Albuquerque Rescue Mission from 1986-89. During that time we had the difficult task of releasing a longstanding director because of financial irresponsibility, and then had the equally difficult task of seeking out and hiring a new director. As a board we oversaw the financial, administrative and overall management of the Mission. From 2003-08, I also served as a Co-Founder, Board Member and Volunteer Administrative Consultant for Sierra Blanca Christian Academy, a private school in the Ruidoso School District.

Together, a small team and I spent hundreds of hours researching and writing board policy, by laws, faculty and student handbooks.

# Entrepreneur returns to launch innovative product

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Candace Makowski is the co-inventor of the MakH2OPak™, an innovative hydration system designed for patients in hospital and other medical care scenarios. Makowski is a 1988 graduate of Ruidoso High School and UNM in 1992 who has been working in Denver for Merck Pharmaceuticals, the University of Colorado Medical Center and other hospital systems from 2001-2009. The name of her company is MakInnovations, LLC.

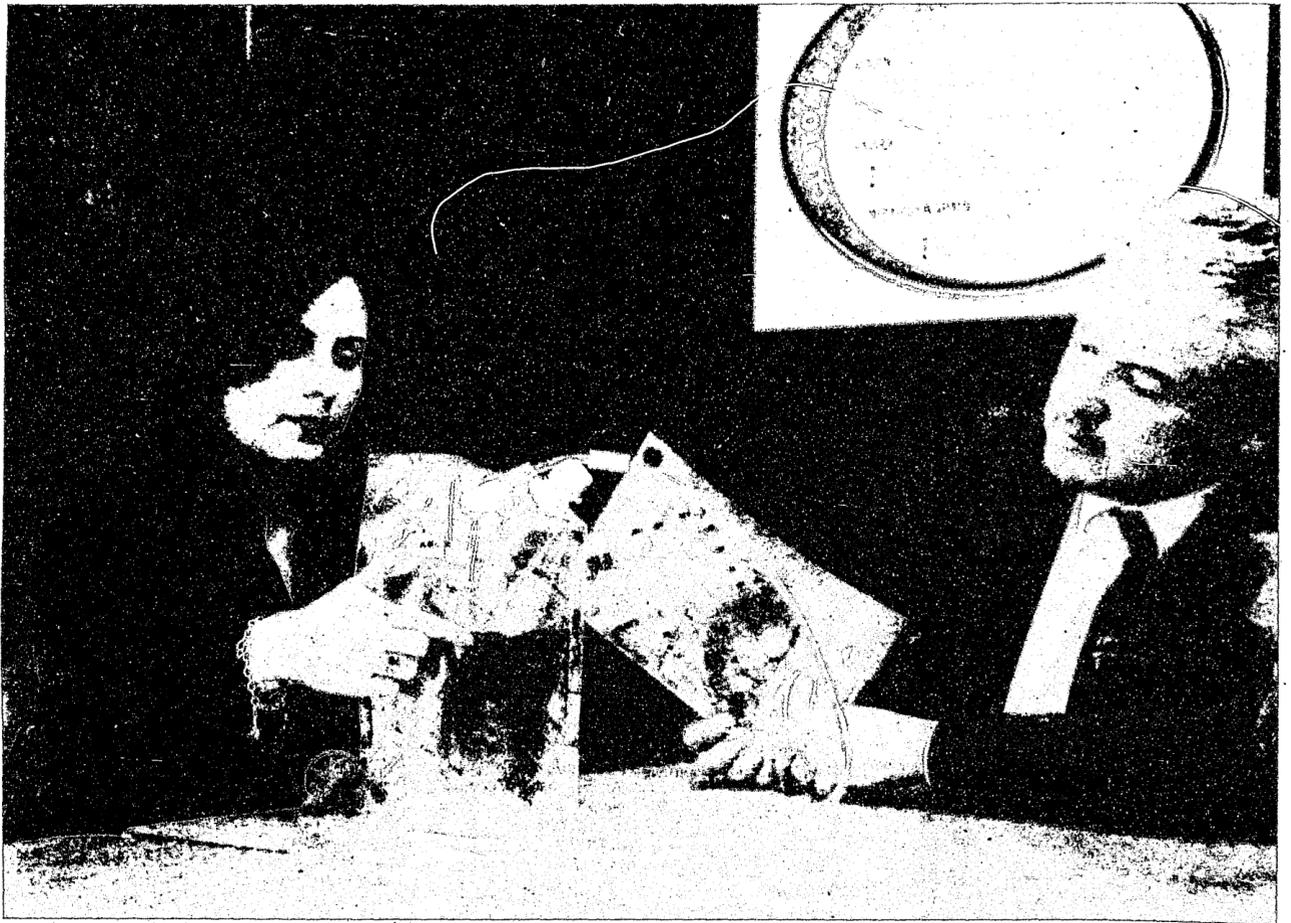
Makowski developed the idea as a result of personal experience with her father. "I was very frustrated with how much effort it took having the hospital staff spending so much time to keep him hydrated with fluids. He was also too weak to serve himself, so I developed a better way," Makowski said.

The MakH2OPak has a 2-liter capacity and is directly accessible to the patient 24 hours a day. Fluid levels can easily be read and recorded right on the bag, allowing the caregiver to keep track of patient hydration. "Dehydration — which further complicates illnesses, is a severe problem, often because patients lack access to fluids. This is the number 1 reason for calls to the nursing station for assistance," Makowski said.

According to the Joanna Briggs Institute, dehydration has been reported to be the most common fluid and electrolyte imbalance in older people. In a study of nursing home residents admitted to hospital for an acute illness, 34 percent were diagnosed with dehydration. In another study 23 percent of patients over 70 years of age who were admitted to hospital were determined to be dehydrated. These numbers are a concern as hospitalized older people with dehydration have been reported to have mortality rates as high as 45 percent to 46 percent.

Makowski has been working with the New Mexico Economic Development Department to build a strategy for funding the start-up and is using the expertise of the Manufacturing Extension Program to build out and properly equip the site during the growth stages.

The Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation is providing local assistance with the launch of a light manufacturing facility in Ruidoso within the next three months. RVEDC Executive Director Richard Aguilar said, "Ms. Makowski, herself, is the prototype 'recruit' for what the Ruidoso



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

*Candace Makowski of MakInnovations, LLC demonstrates the practical features of her innovative patient hydration system, the MakH2OPak, to Richard Aguilar of the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation.*

area needs most; intelligent, hardworking innovators who understand that part of success is being inspired by their environment. A resort-town lifestyle can help entrepreneurs with the pressures of business startup."

Makowski is establishing the product with Lincoln County Medical Center, Ruidoso Home & Hospice and other New Mexico health providers to place the product for initial testing and patient, caregiver feedback studies. "This product would also be an ideal solution for treating the high number of victims in natural disaster situations such as the Haiti earthquake relief effort, where water is scarce and the poor quality of water available would help prevent the thousands of cases of cholera and other disease attributed to poor water quality," Makowski said.

In 2011, Makowski will transition back to Ruidoso from Denver as her main residence for at least 50 percent of the time while spending the rest of her time on the road for sales activities.

"Working with Candace is very exciting. Her passion for this revolutionary product is contagious. The Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corpo-

ration is looking forward to following the progress of her product as it moves through the upcoming testing and development cycles," Aguilar said.

## Realtors predict market recovery

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of REALTORS® is prepared for what we hope will be the best-selling year since 2007. All macro-economic housing indicators we monitor suggest that 2011 will truly be the 'bottom' of this multi-year down market trend, which actually started in 2005 followed by significant decreases 2008 and 2009.

We are seeing consistent buyer activity with a trend towards faster purchase decisions than we've seen over the past 36 months. Coupled with buyers searching more highly priced properties indicates an emerging Ruidoso market.

Despite current economic challenges, most Americans still desire home

ownership. According to a survey conducted earlier in the year by Bankrate.com, 90 percent of respondents said they had no regrets buying their current home. And just this month, a Fannie Mae survey found that most Americans — both those who currently own their homes and those who rent — strongly aspire to own a home and to maintain home ownership.

Credit markets are charging higher interest rates over the past 45 days but still remain under 5% for a fixed rate 30-year mortgage. Though trending upward, these rates are still very attractive when viewed in a historical context.

Our winter tourism market is being adversely affected by a light snowfall season through 2010, however, the milder temperatures does permit easier visitation by potential home buyers.

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Below is a preview of the auction. There will be some unique surprises for live auction, raffle tickets for SW Airlines and Ski Apache 2011-2012 season pass, gently-used items at Tracy's Corner, and door prizes! \$1 admission. Food and bar will be available.

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**Preview of Auction Items:**

**A Cut Above** - 2 gift certificates for tanning bed  
**Alchemy Skin and Body Care** - gift certificate  
**Arrowsmith** - jewelry  
**Before & After Hair Salon** - gift certificates  
**Bob Carter** - snowboard and accessories  
**Bottle House Cabins** - two night luxury stay  
**Brewer's Grill** - food  
**Candle Power** - Silver Angel statues  
**Carl McDaniel** - hand-crafted coat rack  
**Casa Blanca, Landlocked, Rickshaw** - gift cards  
**Cherry Blossom** - scarves  
**Chic Boutique** - handbag  
**Chix on Stix** - guided hike and picnic lunch  
**Chuy's Auto** - oil and filter change  
**Club Gas** - Wine  
**Cree Meadows Golf Course** - two green fees and carts  
**Dara Whitlock with The Aspen Owl** - Swedish massage gift certificate  
**Dawson Russell for Imagineruidoso.com** - Fine Art photography of Sierra Blanca  
**DJ's Jewelry** - turquoise necklace with silver cross  
**Dr. Goad** - dental cleaning  
**Dr. Sally Waters** - dental cleaning

**E J Enterprise Signs** - gift certificate  
**Equibest** - horse riding lessons  
**Eric Gile** - MC  
**Fusion Medical Spa** - spa packages  
**Galleria West** - picture frame  
**High Mesa Healing Center** - a healing session  
**Inn of the Mountain Gods** - a golf package for 2  
**J Roberts** - gift certificate  
**Jan Butchowski** - framed photographs  
**Jane Kahn** - books and clothes  
**Jennifer Chadwick** - jewelry  
**John Macho** - custom chain-saw art  
**Joni Keith** - various tin/glass artwork  
**Josie's Framery** - numerous framing  
**L.A. Nails** - full set of nails  
**Lyn Kidder** - a book and her time to write a story  
**Michael Robinson** - hand-crafted woodwork  
**Mike's Barber Shop** - Biologie set  
**Mitchell's** - gift certificates  
**Mountain Massage and Healing Arts** - Tai Chi classes  
**Mustard Seed Gifts** - necklaces  
**Olive Shop** - oils/rub  
**Picture This Gallery** - framed art  
**Pinnacle Realty** - sponsor of a dinner at Landlocked  
**Postal Annex** - kid's toy

**Print Write Now** - printing  
**RAC** - monthly memberships  
**Radio Shack** - air purifier  
**Rebekahs** - jacket  
**Rocky Mountain Sports** - advertising  
**Ruidoso Beauty Salon** - gift certificates  
**Rustic Expressions** - Trail Boss ceramic deer head  
**Rick Hall** - hand-made walking stick  
**Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop** - gift basket  
**Sheri Castruccio** has donated books  
**Sheldon Sturtevant** - live auctioneer  
**Spencer Theater** - two tickets to John Conlee show  
**Split Ends Salon** - product  
**Square Moon Gallery** - artwork  
**Starbucks Coffee** - coffee  
**Tanner Chavez and David Mader** - welded piece  
**Tanner Traditions** - gift basket  
**The Herb Stop** - gift basket  
**The Lodge at Cloudcroft** - golf for 2  
**Thunderbird Curios** - wallet, hanging butterfly  
**Wendy Foist** - a quilt  
**Village Ace Hardware** - gift certificates  
**Visions** - gift certificates, wallet, business card holders  
**ZW Gallery** - pottery and metal art

**Additional Items will be up for auction from these contributors:**  
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**7 Mares Seafood**  
**A-1 Pawn & Gun**  
**A Frame Ski Shop**  
**Advanced Hair**  
**All 4 Pets**  
**All American Diner**  
**Alto Hombre Gordito**  
**Alto Ski Shop**  
**American Oxygen**  
**Apache Village Cabins**  
**Appletree Hardware**  
**Art & Flower Nook**  
**Aspen Aire Carpet Cleaning**  
**Auto Zone**  
**Barnett Carpets**  
**Bealls**  
**Bears R Us**  
**Becker's Laundry**  
**Best Western - Pine Springs**  
**Best Western - Ruidoso Inn**  
**Big O Tires**  
**Billy's Sports Bar & Grill** (Ruidoso Downs Race Track)  
**Boots & Jeans**  
**Brown Eyed Girl**  
**Buddy's Stables**  
**Burkes Outlet**  
**Can't Stop Smokin' Canyon Cabins**  
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**Crown Point Condos**  
**Culligan**  
**Dan Dee Cabins**  
**Dance Gallery**  
**De Carol Designs**  
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**Dizzy Lizard**  
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**Dollar Tree**  
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**Doubletree Glass & Windows**  
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School budgets are made up of many different funds with the most significant fund being the Operational Budget. The Operational Budget is primarily funded with the State Equalization Guarantee (SEG), which is established by the legislature annually. Average Daily Attendance (ADA), specifically the average of the 80th and the 120th day of the school year, is the basis for determining the SEG for each school district in New Mexico. That ADA number determines the school funding for the following year.

In addition to a small decline in enrollment in the Ruidoso Municipal School District (RMSD), the state has actually reduced the SEG three times in the last three years. The SEG was reduced twice in 2009, and that was a first in the state's history. Between the loss of enrollment and the reduction

in the SEG, RMSD has experienced a 14.3 percent reduction since 2009. The Operational Budget funded by the State Legislature has been reduced in real dollars in the amount of \$2,497,109 since 2009.

Reduction in the Operational Budget has created a tremendous challenge for RMSD. In a collaborative effort over the past two years, the staff, administration, and the school board, who has final authority over the school budget, have been able to reduce costs without reducing direct services to students. In addition, to this point, the RMSD has not been forced to reduce the activities and athletic budgets. Being able to continue funding activities and athletics is critical to school success; research shows that 66 percent of all students who drop out of school are not participating in extra-curricular activities. RMSD is committed to keeping students in school through meaningful academics and positive extracurricular involvement.

RMSD has been able to keep class sizes within state regulation, largely because of the loss of enrollment. In addition, by working with ENMU-Ruidoso to provide courses to replace those the

district is not able to offer with a reduced budget, students have access to dual enrollment opportunities at the post-secondary level. RMSD high school students will have more opportunities rather than fewer with the dual enrollment collaboration with ENMU-Ruidoso.

In addition to staff salaries, the Operational Budget pays for utilities, supplies, maintenance staff, and clerical staff. The state funds textbooks, and that fund has also been drastically cut by 75%.

Other sources for the Operational

Budget include Federal Title Programs whose funds are designated for specific programs, personnel, and professional development. The Capital Outlay (CO) Budget is funded through GO Bonds and cannot be moved into the Operational Budget. The CO budget funds maintenance of facilities, remodeling, repair, and new construction, and money for this budget must be raised locally through voter approval of GO Bonds.

The Ruidoso Education Association invites the public to attend our **School Board Candidate Forum** Thursday, January 27 at 6 p.m. at the Ruidoso School Performing Arts Center

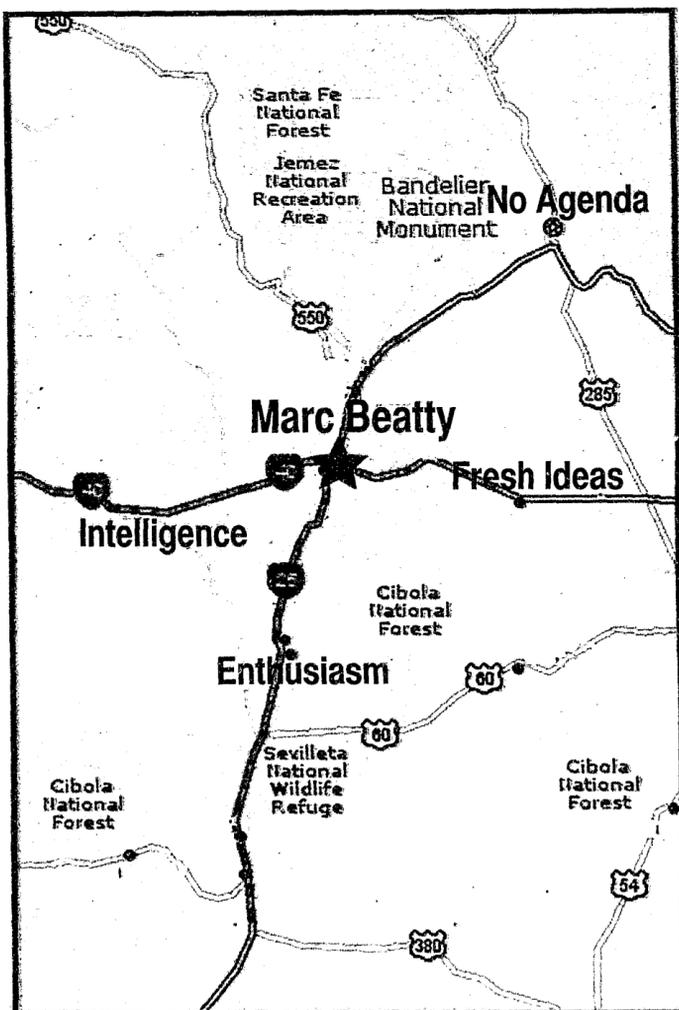
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## RUIDOSO POLICE REPORTS

### Reckless driving

While on routine patrol near Horton Circle, Jan. 17, Ruidoso Police officer Aaron Frost saw two vehicles speeding on Horton Circle and began pursuit. One vehicle pulled over. The other ran a stop sign, turned off its lights and drove onto HWY 70, where Frost lost sight of it.

The following day, Frost was able to find the driver of the vehicle and issued citations for eluding an officer, reckless driving and driving without a license to two juvenile males, ages 16 and 17. The two were released to their parents.

### No cash for gas

Officer Josh Snodgrass arrived at a convenience store on the 2800 block of Sudderth Drive, Jan. 6, in reference to a possible larceny, where he found Randall Massey, 54, of Arizona having pumped his car full of gas. He was unable to pay for the gas and was arrested, booked at the Ruidoso Police Department and transported to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

### Stop speeding

Gavin Gilson, 20, of Ruidoso was pulled over for speeding Jan. 11 and was found to have a suspended drivers license. Officer Jon Lund also found Gilson was on probation. He searched Gilson's vehicle and found drug paraphernalia.

Gilson was arrested for possession of paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license and parole violation. He was booked at RPD and later transported to the LCDC.

### Toilet terrorists

A public restroom located at Sudderth and Eagle drives was found vandalized Jan. 13, with both the men's and women's restrooms strewn with toilet paper and trash. One toilet had also been ripped from the ground with total damage about \$100.

## RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE REPORTS

### Window pried apart

A vehicle parked on the 100 block of North Central was found to have had its back window shattered, Jan. 15. Police observed someone had tried to pry the window from its frame. In related incidents on the same evening, police investigated possible harassment at a home on North Parnell and damage to a vehicle on Hill Top Lane.

### Walking after midnight

A pair of juvenile males was found walking on Turkey Canyon Road, Jan. 18 and stopped. One male had a warrant for his arrest, while the other was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. One young man was released to his father, while the other was taken to a juvenile detention facility in Santa Fe.

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# BUSINESS

## Youth Leadership Lincoln is building leaders

By Sandi Aguilar

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Sandi Aguilar

"Mr. Heaton, we appreciate you taking the time to listen to us about changes we would like to our middle school. First, we would like shorter class periods, but more classes," began 8th grader, Sophia. "Yeah, we get bored in the long classes. They are too long for our memory span," added Carlea. "We would also like to have more challenging classes," voiced Druwa.

Twenty-five students have been spending an hour and a half each month to learn more about what it means to be a leader. Youth Leadership Lincoln, an independent, non-school sponsored program focuses on educating students on how to be more effective leaders. The students are a mix of academic and socio-economic backgrounds. The program is modeled after the adult Leadership Lincoln classes and is run by alumni.

One of the primary goals of the program is for the students to take action in their own environment and institute change at the middle school. Approximately 20 students addressed their principal, George Heaton, last Thursday.

The changes they wanted were not for more electives or longer lunch periods as some may expect. These students want a good, quality education. They understand why they are at school and want to make it a better experience.

"Maybe we can have some 7th graders take 8th grade classes and some 8th graders take high school classes. Can you bring in more AP (advanced placement) classes?" asked Sophia.

The students' third request was to be able to add accessories and color to their uniforms. They did not ask to eliminate the dress code, but simply to modify it to be able to express their creativity. "We would like to compromise with you...we know we can't get rid of the uniforms, but a little more flexibility is what we want." Katie explained.

Heaton listened intently to the students while the group gave their ideas on why these changes were better for the school and the learning environment. He seemed impressed by the requests, but not surprised by the uniform discussion. "Your points are all valid," began Heaton. He explained that reports show that shorter class periods actually reduce the instruction time since more time would be taken in preparing the class and wrapping up. More periods would not increase learning.

Though this idea was denied, Mr. Heaton said that some of the students' ideas are already underway. The school has begun 'zoning' in which higher

achieving students receive more in depth lessons and struggling students get extra help. Heaton explained he wants to have more advanced classes offered and is looking into how that can be accomplished. He is also considering adding colored polos to the dress code next year. "However, some of these changes are beyond my control." Heaton informed the students that funding determines if additional teachers or more (advanced) classes can be added. With the expected additional \$400,000 cut to this year's funding, this may not be an option. He advocated the students get their parents to write to their legislators to request smaller cuts to public education.

The school board and PAC determine the uniform regulation. Heaton said that it is a hard sell to change the uniforms, because they work. On days that students are allowed a relaxed dress codes, Heaton sees more discipline problems.

Heaton thanked the children for their input and said all of their requests will be taken into consideration. He told the students that even though they may not see changes immediately, he will keep their ideas in mind. Small changes may be made later based upon their recommendations. His request to the students was, "Be a leader by modeling good behavior. Pick up the paper trash in the hall. Pay attention in class. Talk to others about positive behavior." Good behavior will

allow for easier changes.

Students walked away as true leaders. They had influenced Heaton and learned his reasoning. They had made an impact. But, they have the understanding that a lot more still needs to be done.

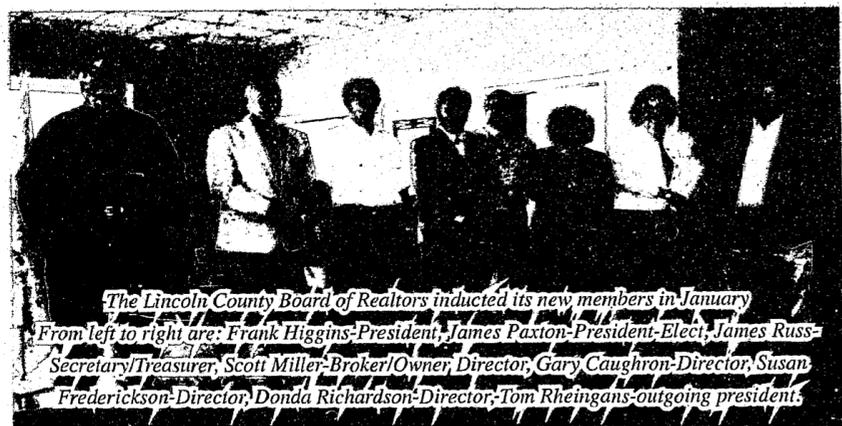
The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce salutes the efforts of the 8th graders in becoming leaders in our community. For more information on the program and where you can donate, contact Susan Finch, Youth Leadership Lincoln Chair, 575-937-1564.

Aguilar can be reached at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce 720 Sudderth, Ruidoso, NM 88345 575-257-7395

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# OBITUARIES

## Carol Wood

Carol Jeanne Wood, 70 a resident of Albuquerque born July 2, 1940, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Paul Wood of Albuquerque and children Chuck Smrt of Albuquerque, Jim Smrt of Reno, and Dina Bell of Dallas and their spouses, her stepchildren Sandy Beck of Albuquerque and her spouse, D'Auna Wood and D'Nette Wood of Albuquerque, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She also is survived by a brother Jim Johnson of Albuquerque and his spouse, a niece of Arizona and a nephew of California, many friends and her beloved dogs Mandy and Misty.



Carol Wood

She was an active member of the Albuquerque Country Club and the 2010 Golf Club Champion of A.C.C and Rainmaker Country Club in Ruidoso. She enjoyed playing many card games with her friends and family and was a true child of God steadfast in her faith.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. in Albuquerque. Donations may be made to the Boys and Girls Ranch of New Mexico or a charitable organization of your choice.

## LaDonna Lovell Absher France

LaDonna Lovell Absher France died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011. She was born June 28, 1943 in Comanche, Oklahoma to Lloyd D. Absher, who precedes her in death and Beatrice L. Solt of Roswell, N.M. She married Charles F. Danley in 1961 and he precedes her in death.



LaDonna France

She is survived by two daughters, Charla G. Lathan and her husband Tony of Ruidoso Downs and Teresa L. Winkie and her husband Mike of Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren; sisters, Lequitta Carlton and Lori Carver; brothers, Carl Palmer and James Absher; stepmother, Helen Absher and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 2 brothers. She married Wally France of Salt Lake City, Utah and he precedes her in death, she is also survived by 3 stepchildren and 3 step grandchildren.

She lived and worked at various places in Ruidoso including Lincoln County Medical Center for 20 years, moving to Salt Lake City and worked at IHC Intermountain Medical Hospital for five years. She then traveled with her husband and also did various camp host jobs in several different states.

She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Ruidoso. Memorial service is Friday, Jan. 28, at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Ruidoso. Cremation is under the direction

of LaGrone Funeral Chapel and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com)

## Bruce W. Matson

Bruce W. Matson died, Monday, Jan. 17, 2011. He was born July 30, 1932 in Lexington, Kentucky. The family moved to Texas when he was two years old. He grew up going to schools in Fort Worth, Tx.

He attended UT and Texas Tech, then joined the Navy and went to the U.S. Navy Cadet program in Pensacola, Florida. Bruce got his wings in Hutchinson, Kansas. He got his B.A. in Government/International Relations at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterrey, California.

He was deployed to Alaska, Japan, Panama, Pacific Islands and retired in Corpus Christi as a Commander after 20 years in the service. He married Ginnie in 1979 and they retired to Ruidoso in 1991.

He is survived by two children, Karen and Mark and his grandchildren, Elliot, Ian and Emma; his wife, Ginnie and two step-children, Bob and Julie and step-granddaughter, Sarah. A military memorial service will be held at a later date in Arlington, Tx.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).

## Louis G. Padilla

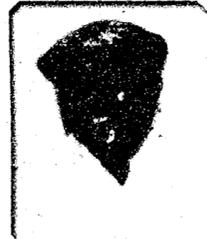
Memorial services were held Jan. 19 at Capitan Cemetery for Louis G. Padilla, 73, who passed away Jan. 11 after a long illness. Pastor Beverly Sills of the Ranchman River of Life Church officiated.

"Louie," as he was affectionately known to his numerous friends, was born Feb. 24, 1937 in Carrizozo to Louis Z. and Bertha Padilla. They both preceded him in death, as did a brother, Cruz.

Louie was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as a microwave communications technician in Japan in the late 1950s. After working in California and Nevada for several years, Louie returned to Capitan and worked as an accountant at Fort Stanton.

Upon retiring, he worked and later volunteered his services at the Capitan Head Start program, as well as working with local senior citizens and participating in civic events in Capitan and Lincoln County.

Louie is survived by a daughter, Theresa Padilla of Albuquerque; brother Charles E. Padilla and wife Elena of Ruidoso; sister Gerry Greenwood and husband Walter of Hobbs; sister Helen Jobe and husband Steve of Roswell and sister Debbie Padilla of Boulder, Colo. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Sandi, Diamond and Tamara; and two great-grandchildren, Ashley and Antonia; two nieces, Andrea Padilla, husband Gerardo and son Christian of Santiago, Chile and Kim Henry, husband Scott, daughter Lauren and son Eric of Devil's Lake, N.D.



Louis Padilla

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### School Board Service:

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### Community:

- Business Owner – Lincoln County Compost & Flash Seal Coating
- Blue Ribbon Committee – Ruidoso Schools
- Church of Christ Peak of the Week Program - Coordinator
- Leadership Lincoln - Graduate, Board Member & Curriculum Co-Chair

### Personal:

- Lifelong Ruidoso Resident & Warrior!
- Graduate of Ruidoso High School
- Graduate of ENMU – Bachelor of Science/Elementary Education
- Wife and Mother of RHS Sophomore and RMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grader



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## Hospice Foundation helps families

The Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation is a non-profit company, organized exclusively to provide assistance to the families of Lincoln County for end-of-life care. Formed in 2002 and governed by a local non-profit board, the Foundation has ensured that in the past year, all qualified applicants have received financial assistance for medications, home health and hospice care, medical supplies and equipment for their loved one.

The Foundation has covered expenses such as a Lifeline (a personal emergency response system), installation of a phone, heating costs and travel costs for family members to visit who were going through the end-of-life transition.

Recognizing the need for emotional and spiritual support surrounding issues of end-of-life, The Foundation publishes a monthly bereavement newsletter available to any Lincoln County resident, as well as faith and community support groups. Caregiver, community and health care provider education on issues related to end-of-life is also offered.

The Foundation's funds are available to Lincoln County residents who meet the financial guidelines. Individuals are eligible for assistance if they meet the Foundation's requirements and have been residents of Lincoln County for at least ninety (90) days. Medically indigent means that the person, or person's spouse or dependent is determined to be unable to pay for covered services after the individual has attempted to make payment and has exhausted all other financial resources and they meet the basic eligibility income criteria depending on the household. See below:

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ing Home Health Care or Hospice services to be eligible for financial assistance. To qualify, the prospective person to receive services must be diagnosed with an incurable illness with a life expectancy of 12 months or less.

The Ruidoso Hospice Foundation Income Eligibility Criteria

Number of Persons in Household, please call if more than for guideline

There are also volunteers who can assist those in need to complete applications for Medicaid, Indigent Fund and medication assistance programs.

The Ruidoso Hospice Foundation is made possible by gracious and generous donations and community support. Funds have been received by memorial donations, bequests in a will and private donations. All donations are tax deductible and none of the funds are used for operating expenses. Ninety-two percent of all proceeds are returned to community members.

The Foundation also holds three annual fundraisers each year, which provide entertainment and enjoyment for the whole family. They include:

The Flying J benefit held in early May or April.

The Annual Monarch Butterfly Release: A symbolic, personal memorial where butterflies are reserved for individuals to warm in their hands and release in a beautiful setting.

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- Served as President, Vice President & Secretary
- Recipient of NMSBA Leadership Achievement Award
- Recipient of NMSBA Outstanding Leadership Award
- Recipient of NMSBA Exemplary Board Member Distinction

#### COMMUNITY:

- High Country Insurance Agency
- Rotary – Past President
- Ruidoso Village Council – 2 Terms
- Ruidoso Lodger's Tax Committee – 8 Years
- Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce – Past President
- Local Bank Board Member
- Masonic Lodge
- Blue Ribbon Committee – Ruidoso Schools
- Staunch Supporter & Sponsor of RMSD Sports & Extra-Curricular Activities

#### PERSONAL:

- MBA from ENMU
- Husband & Father of two Ruidoso High School Graduates
- Grandfather of a 1st Grader at Sierra Vista Primary and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader at White Mountain Elementary



Re-Elect  
**FRANK SAYNER**  
 Ruidoso School  
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# On the Town theater



## Pointer Sisters deliver outstanding performance



performers who earn the title. Saturday's performance featured original group members and sisters Ruth and Anita Pointer and Ruth's granddaughter Sadako putting on a show well worth twice the price of admission.

Ruth thrilled the crowd with her throaty vocals, starting the show from off-stage with "Happiness."

The ladies started slow, playing country classics, such as the grammy awarded "Fairytale," and "Slow Hand."

"A lot of people don't know but the Pointer Sisters have a lot of country in them," Anita told the crowd. "Yeah, we're from California but we're still country."

In fact, Anita reminded the crowd the Pointer Sisters were the first black female vocal group to perform on the Grand Ole Opry stage.

The show picked up a beat as the sisters sang, "Chain of Fools," in honor of ailing diva Aretha Franklin. It kept heating up from there until the group sang, "Fire," and literally lit the audience. By the time, the ladies started the next song, "I'm so Excited," the floor of the auditorium was vibrating equal to a minor earthquake.

The show was literally electric and the Pointer Sisters performed with such energy and commitment as to make concert goers of the modern age offended by what passes for entertainment by more

recent groups.

Almost 40 years have passed since they started singing professionally and that time has done nothing to diminish the talent displayed on stage Saturday.

The ladies finished the show with Neutron and "Jump," then remained on stage for at least 15 minutes signing autographs and shaking hands with the audience, proving not only has their talent and showmanship remained but so has their grace.

Photos by RIM



By Jeff Stevens

### Review

The Grammy winning Pointer Sisters were at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Saturday night bringing a sense of nostalgia to the mountains. It wasn't the recognizable lyrics, however, that brought memories. Though the Pointer Sisters certainly delivered songs most of the crowd could sing by heart.

The nostalgic effect came about as the audience was reminded what's it like to see entertainers and

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# On the Town

## They'll eat their vegetables!

*Dining*

I'm always trying to get my kids to eat more vegetables, but as most parents know, that's a hard battle to win. But once the movie *Ratatouille* came out, it made my job a lot easier. As soon as we left the movie theater, my kids wanted to go home and start cooking and I'm always for that. Teaching my kids how to cook is very important to me. People who know how to cook save so much money and eat a lot healthier than the ones who eat premade and processed foods.

Ratatouille is a French word meaning 'to toss.' Ratatouille originated around the town of Nice and was originally a meal fit only for poor farmers - but not anymore. Since the movie came out, ratatouille has been the Susan Boyle of food. You will definitely want to save this recipe because its peak occurs during the last few months of summer when there is an abundance of fresh and colorful vegetables to add to this unique and charming dish.

### Ratatouille Pie

#### Ingredients

- 1 yellow squash
- 1 zucchini
- 1/4 red onion, sliced
- 1/4 red bell pepper, sliced

- 1/4 yellow bell pepper
- 2 roma tomatoes
- 3 tablespoon tomato sauce
- 2 oz. goat cheese
- 2 oz. Boursin cheese
- 4 fresh basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 store-bought 6" pie crust

#### Directions

Pre-bake pie crust in your oven set at 350 degrees for ten minutes. Remove from oven and set aside. Slice squash and zucchini into 1/8 in thick, round pieces (they should look like disks). Slice bell peppers, roma tomatoes and

onion into thin slices. Next, you will need to chiffonade the basil. What is chiffonade? It's a cutting technique in which you stack leafy greens like basil and roll them into a cigar shape and then slice them with a knife.

Now it's time to assemble this work of art. First, place the goat cheese on the bottom of the pie crust along with 1 oz. of the Boursin cheese, and 2 tablespoons of tomato sauce. Place 1/4 of the sliced basil on the bottom; make sure its spread out evenly. Starting on the outer edge of the pie crust, layer the vegetables very closely, overlapping a squash, then a tomato, then bell pepper, then zucchini, then onion, and so on. Do this all the way around, and then



beginning in the middle, start the pattern all over again. Once you have the crust all filled in, sprinkle the rest of the Boursin cheese, oregano, and basil on top, and drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place in oven preheated to 375 degrees for 35-40 minutes. Remove from the oven, slice like a pie with a sharp knife, and serve.

I assure you, not



Brendan Gochenour

only will the grownups at your table love this dish, once the little ones find out that this dish is the same one that made Remy a star, they won't be able to get enough! To that, I say "Victory for the parents!" And that deserves a HUGE *Bon Appetit!*

Happy Cooking to all! Don't forget to drop me a line at [askchefbrendan@gmail.com](mailto:askchefbrendan@gmail.com) the next time you are wondering what to cook for Sunday dinner, or you can find recipes and photo tutorials instantly on my facebook page, Chef Brendan.

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After 20 years of service and current president of the Ruidoso School Board, my enthusiasm for this district, my love of Ruidoso schools, my resolve to provide the best educational opportunities for your children and grandchildren, including my own, has decreased not one bit. Serving the Ruidoso Schools as a member of the board has been a huge part of my life, and if you vote for me, I promise you I will continue to dedicate myself to making our school district the best it can be.

#### School Board Service:

- 20 Years on Ruidoso School Board - Current President
- New Mexico School Board Association (NMSBA) President - 1995
- NMSBA School Board of the Year - 1995
- Nominated for NMSBA 1995 School Board Member of the Year
- NMSBA Hall of Fame - 2008

#### Community:

- First National Bank - Assistant Vice President (20 years)
- Keep Ruidoso Beautiful - Chairperson
- Altrusa - Past President
- St. Eleanor's Building Committee- Chairman
- Blue Ribbon Committee - Ruidoso Schools

#### Personal:

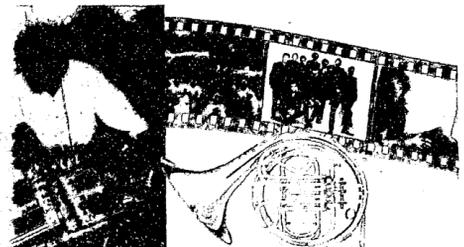
- Lifelong Ruidoso Resident
- Graduate of Ruidoso High School & a True Warrior!
- Wife & Mother of Three Ruidoso High School Graduates
- Grandmother of 3rd Grader at White Mountain Elementary, a Pre-Schooler and One-on-the-Way!

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# On the Town

## entertainment calendar



**TUESDAY  
JANUARY 25**

**Live Music** at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 26**

**Farmer's Market** at SBS Wood Shavings in Glencoe from 9 to 11 a.m.

**Karaoke with DJ Pete** at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant in Midtown from 9:30 p.m. to close.

**The Sterilizers** perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Live Music** at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

**THURSDAY  
JANUARY 27**

**Formal Q & A forum for the Ruidoso Municipal School candidates**, hosted by the Ruidoso Education Association, 6 p.m. at the Ruidoso Performing Arts Center. The Chamber encourages all of our residents to vote on Feb. 1. It is your right as a citizen and duty as a resident to elect those individuals that you feel will best support our community.

**Live Music** at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 28**

**Classical Concert** Trinity United Methodist Church, 1000 D Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico. 5 p.m. Carrizozo Music in the Parks presents two award-winning artists of the Piatigorsky Foundation, clarinetist Igor Begelman and Japanese pianist Rieko Aizawa. Admission is free. Reception to follow. More Info: Elaine: 575-648-2757 or Kathleen Le Blanc at 212-971-5309

**Cantina Night** at Laughing Sheep Farm, 1 mile west of Lincoln, Hwy 380, mm 96, from 5 to 9 p.m. Live music with guitar and fiddle playing Western Swing.

**Mike Sanjku** performs in Wendell's Restaurant at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 10 p.m.

**Tomas Vigil** performs at Landlocked Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Michael Beyer** performs older songs and jazz at Kokopeli Country Club in Alto from 7 to 10 p.m.

**Karaoke** at The Elks Lodge on Highway 70, next to the Ruidoso Emporium, at 7 p.m. with All For Fun Karaoke.

**The House Band** performs at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Aaron R. Lacombe** and Company perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 9 to 10 p.m.

**Live Music** at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 29**

**Ski Apache Disabled (Adaptive) Skier Silent Auction**, Inn of the Mountain Gods. 6-9 p.m. Free food, fun, thousands of items to bid on and a great cause! More Info: 464-3193 Web: [www.skiapachedisabled-skiersprogram.com/](http://www.skiapachedisabled-skiersprogram.com/)

**Mark Kashmar**, acoustic guitars and vocals performs at Zocca Coffee from 2 - 4 p.m.

**Doug Fuqua** performs in Wendell's Lounge at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 11 p.m.

**Mike Sanjku** performs in Wendell's Restaurant at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 10 p.m.

**Tomas Vigil** performs at Landlocked Restaurant & Bar on Mechem from 6 to 9 p.m.

**The House Band** performs at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Aaron LaCombe Band** performs at Casa Blanca Restaurant and Cantina on Mechem Drive from 9 to 10 p.m.

**Michael Beyer** performs older songs and jazz at Kokopeli Country Club in Alto from 7 to 10 p.m.

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**Things to do every day**

**Ruidoso River Museum** open at 101 Mechem Drive in the building which previously housed Rush Ski Shop. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday. Admission is \$5 for Adults and \$2 for Children.

**Smokey Bear Park** is open in Capitan. The Smokey Bear Historical Park is located on highway 380 (better known as 118 Smokey Bear Blvd.) in the heart of the Village of Capitan and is open everyday of the year except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's day. Entrance fees into the park are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children 7-12. Children 6 and under are free. Smokey Bear Historical Park is operated by EMNRD-Forestry Division.

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# Chuck's produce pick of the week

## "Ghost Chili"



The "Ghost Chili" or Bhut Jolokia in Hindi is the world's hottest chili pepper.

How hot is the Ghost Chili compared to other chili peppers? It has more than one million Scoville Units, the scientific measurement of a pepper's spiciness. In comparison to other hot spices, a classic Tabasco sauce has between 2,500 and 5,000 Scoville units. Jalapeños measure between 2,500 and 8,000 Scoville Units. And the previous world record holder, Red Savina Habañero measured at 580,000 Scovilles. The Bhut Jolokia, on the other hand, tested at a staggering 1,001,304 Scoville Units.

**Please use extreme caution while ingesting or handling ghost peppers.** Always thoroughly wash your hands after testing.

**Cooking instructions**

The pods are dried bhut jolokia

chili peppers, complete with seeds and stems.

**Wear gloves before handling.**

Remove stems from pods. Place in a glass bowl. Add boiling water to cover the pod and cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Let the pods steep for 15 - 30 minutes. Drain water and chop into very small pieces.

Add to your favorite food in small amounts. Add a little at a time and taste.

The pods can be used as they come, especially if they are going into wet food such as chili, beans or salsa.

The powder can be used as is. Add very small amounts to your food and mix thoroughly. Add more to taste.

Bhut Jolokia powder is a very easy quick way to spice up food. A little goes a long, long way. Use with caution.

**Also wash hands thoroughly after handling.**





If you want less rise in your cake, try using eggs straight from the refrigerator. This is especially good for sheet cakes that will be cut to stack.

Lay a salmon filet across the back of an overturned bowl. It will reveal any bones, because they pop up. Then you can remove the bones with a pair of tweezers.

"I love bakery baguettes for bread, but it goes hard before I can use it all. Now, when it is too hard to use, I chop it up and toss it in the food processor to

make fresh breadcrumbs. I have a large, freezer-safe, zipper bag in the freezer to keep them in. Now I enjoy bakery bread-guilt-free!" — E.D. in Oregon

Give tough meat cuts a cold one: That is, marinate them in beer. Add a can of beer to a high-sided pan, then lay your meat cuts in it and let them sit for 15 minutes on each side.

When rolling meatballs, give both hands a quick shot of cooking spray before you get started. The ground meat does not stick so much, and it's easier

to get uniform sizes and shapes.

If you're working on a project and need to hold a nail in place until you drive it in, consider a dab of Play-Doh. It works very well on horizontal projects, and it can be used briefly to hold up small wall-hanging nails as well.

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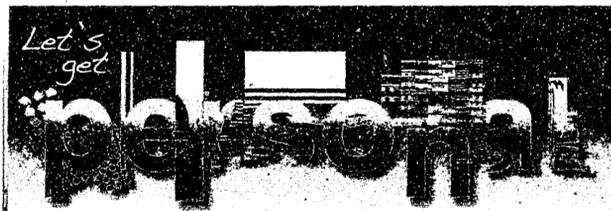
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# SPORTS

## PREP RESULTS

**Jan. 17**  
**Girls basketball**  
 Capitan 39, Dexter 33

**Jan. 18**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Cloudcroft 61, Mescalero 39  
 Hondo 81, Gateway Christian 54  
 Ruidoso 55, Dexter 44

**Girls basketball**  
 Hondo 62, NMMI 46  
 Mescalero 60, Cloudcroft 54  
 Ruidoso 62, Mesilla Valley 50

**Jan. 20**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Foothill High 47, Mescalero 44  
 Carrizozo 63, Corona 16

**Girls basketball**  
 Carrizozo 57, Corona 15  
 Tularosa 66, Mescalero 22

**Jan. 21**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Ruidoso 63, West Las Vegas 62

**Girls basketball**  
 Chaparral 50, Ruidoso 41

**Jan. 22**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Quemado 55, Hondo 44  
 NMMI 42, Capitan 27  
 Magdalena 69, Carrizozo 63  
 Roswell 75, Ruidoso 54

**Girls basketball**  
 Hondo 54, Quemado 31  
 Ruidoso 54, Artesia 41

## SPORTS THIS WEEK

**Jan. 25**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Cloudcroft at Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.  
 Hondo at Valley Christian, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
 Hondo at Valley Christian, 5 p.m.  
 Mescalero at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.  
 West Las Vegas at Ruidoso, 5:30 p.m.

**Jan. 27**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Mescalero at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.  
 Corona at Hondo, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
 Mescalero at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.  
 Corona at Hondo, 5 p.m.  
 Dexter at Capitan, 6 p.m.

**Jan. 28**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Reserve at Corona, 7 p.m.  
 Ruidoso at Lovington, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
 Reserve at Corona, 5 p.m.  
 Ruidoso at Lovington, 5 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
 Ruidoso at Mayfield Tournament in Las Cruces

**Jan. 29**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Carrizozo at Hondo, 5 p.m.  
 New Mexico Military Institute at Ruidoso, 5:30 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
 Carrizozo at Hondo, 3 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
 Ruidoso at Mayfield Tournament in Las Cruces

**Skiing**  
 Ruidoso youth at Santa Fe fun race giant slalom, TBA  
 Ruidoso ski team in Smartwool Series at Steamboat Springs, Colo., TBA

**Jan. 30**  
**Skiing**  
 Ruidoso ski team in Smartwool Series at Steamboat Springs, Colo., TBA

# Warrior duo places at Sierra Blanca

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Ruidoso wrestling team may have had only enough points to finish eighth at its own tournament Jan. 22, but for coach David Shriver, there's another more important number his team achieved.

There were seven Warrior grapplers that were still wrestling on day two of the tournament. Compare that to just one making it to the second day of the Las Cruces Tournament at the beginning of the year, and you can see why Shriver was pleased.

"It shows how much we've progressed," Shriver said. "It's also great to see them do that against state contenders."

Of the seven wrestling Saturday, only two made it to the medal round. Oscar Magaña took third at 152 pounds with a 13-4 decision over Diego Garcia of Mayfield, while Mikeal Montoya made short work of Carlsbad's Lance Felt in the heavyweight division for third place.

After a minute in the first period, Montoya had Felt on his back and held him until finally getting a pin with one second left.

"He threw me, so I just rolled with him until I was on top," Montoya said. "I knew what to expect because I've been wrestling with coach Hodges."



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
 Ruidoso wrestler Oscar Magaña, top, gets the advantage in his match against Mayfield's Diego Garcia Saturday during the Sierra Blanca Tournament Saturday at Ruidoso High School. Magaña defeated Garcia for third place in the 152-pound category.

"Coach Hodges" is assistant coach Patrick Hodges, who once trained his 6-foot-5 frame to win a state title in 2001.

"I was a little surprised Mikeal caught

Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
 Ruidoso's Mikeal Montoya, top, attempts to pin Carlsbad's Lance Felt in the heavyweight division of the Sierra Blanca tournament Saturday at Ruidoso High School. Montoya took third place in the division with the pin.

him that quickly, but pleased," Shriver said of Montoya's performance. "He's come along well."

Ruidoso has two more weeks — at the Mayfield Tournament and a tournament in Deming — before the District 3-1A/3A tournament Feb. 11. The top three wrestlers in each weight class get a berth to the state tournament, and Shriver likes his team's chances.

As for the Sierra Blanca Tournament, Shriver was deeply grateful to all who helped him run it.

"Thanks to all the parents and workers," Shriver said. "I couldn't have done this tournament without them."



# Ruidoso boys lose, but coach happy

By Karen Boehler and Todd Fuqua

For the Ruidoso Free Press

ROSWELL — Most of the time, the winning coach is happy and the loser unhappy. But Jan. 22, it was Ruidoso coach Dennis Davis who was pleased while Roswell coach Britt Copper was definitely not, despite a 75-54 victory over the Warriors.

"We didn't play very well," Cooper said. "We looked like we were tired. I don't know why. Maybe all the road trips and everything last week."

The first half was closer than most observers probably predicted. That's why Davis was happy with how his team played.

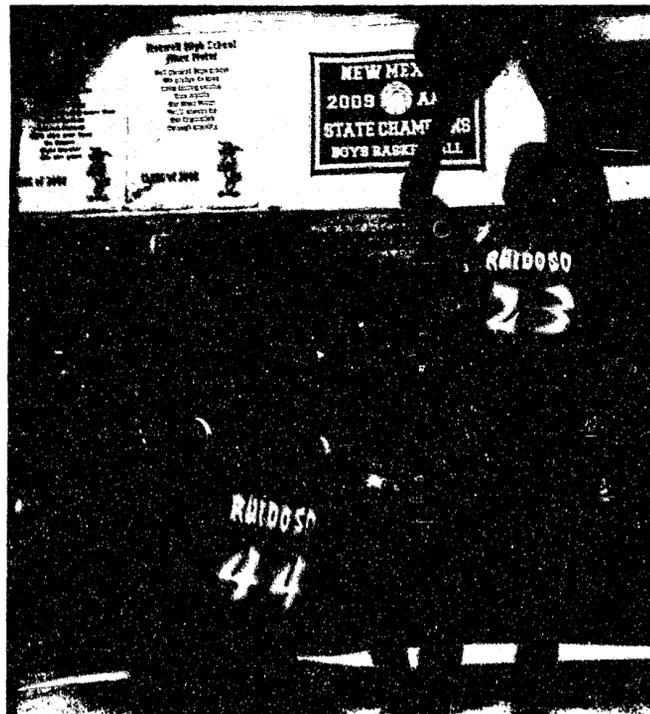
"We were at least competitive sometimes tonight," he said. "We've obviously got some work to do to be at Roswell's level, but we had moments where we were competitive."

The big difference in the game was a 15-point run a little more than halfway through the first quarter. The Warriors (9-9) had a 9-8 lead on a field goal and trey by Terrance Shields, but then four Coyotes combined for 15 points to make it 23-9 before Shields stopped the run.

Shields led the Warriors with 22 while Ismail Cook added 16. Four Coyotes scored in double figures. Jonathan Ervin led with 25, while Deyton DeLaCerde had 16, Luis Arenivas 12 and Malcolm Wiggins 10.

## Narrow victory

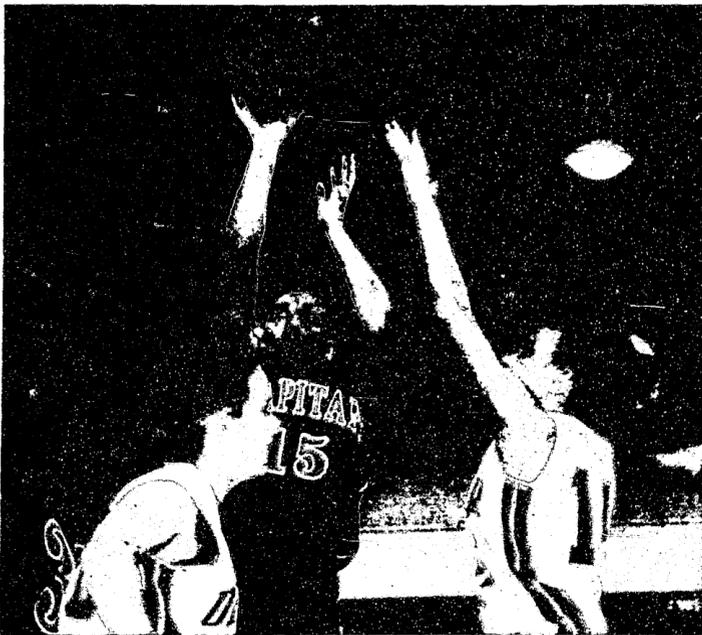
The Warriors managed to eke out a 62-61 victory over West



Courtesy Bob Bailey  
 Ruidoso Warrior Ismail Cook (23) goes up for two of his 16 points in front of teammate Daniel Salazar at Roswell Saturday.

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# Lady Tigers just good enough to beat Dexter



Karen Boehler/For the Ruidoso Free Press  
Capitan forward Dustee Rae Eldridge (15) gets the ball past Demon center Hannah Manemann (14) to put up a shot Jan. 17 during the Lady Tigers' win at Dexter.

**Karen Boehler**

**For the Ruidoso Free Press**

DEXTER — From the stands in Lewis gym, neither Dexter nor Capitan appeared to be playing well Jan. 17, as neither the Lady Demons nor the Lady Tigers could get much of anything in the net.

But despite what appeared to be an ugly game from a spectator's perspective, Capitan coach John Devine was more than happy with his squad's 39-33 victory.

"I tell you what. It was very pretty to me because we needed to win and I know that Dexter has some injuries just like we do, but I was pleased with the young ladies' performance," he said.

With both teams missing more than hitting in the first quarter, the score was 6-3 Capitan after one.

Dexter (6-13) came out in the second and went up 7-6 — it could have been 10-6 except for three missed free throws — but the Tigers (5-8) tied it on a free throw by Kaitlin Keaton, who later

gave her team the lead for good with a field goal.

The score was only 14-11 Capitan at the half, with a 3-pointer by Jamie Fields the difference.

The Demons closed to within two to open the second half, but another Fields trey put the Tigers up four, then three successive fouls by Dexter put Scheryiah Romero at the line for six. Although she only hit two, the Tigers stretched the lead to eight before Demon Jenna Garcia hit a try with 1.7 seconds left in the third to close the Tiger gap to 26-21.

Dexter pulled to within two twice late in the game — with 1:08 and 31.4 remaining on the clock — but to get the ball back, Dexter was forced to foul, and although Romero and Fields missed the front end of their first 1-on-1s, both Fields and Dani Jones were 2-for-2 to close out the game.

"We made them when we had to and I'm proud of the girls. They handled the pressure well," Devine said.

Dexter coach Kim Hamill wasn't nearly as happy, but blamed the loss on herself.

"We just didn't come ready to play," she said. "Monday games are tough. We've been off a whole week. We lose another player to injury. I just didn't have them ready to play. My fault."

Mediano was the only Demon in double figures with 12. Fields had 13 and Keaton 11 for Capitan.

## Capitan boys overwhelmed

**By Karen Boehler**

**For the Ruidoso Free Press**

ROSWELL — It was like a light bulb went on above the heads of the NMMI Colts Jan. 22, and that wasn't good news for Capitan.

After two grueling games against top-ranked 3A teams and a tough first quarter against the Tigers, something finally clicked, and NMMI started playing ball, using solid defense to defeat Capitan 42-27.

"Something snapped, it seemed like it," said Colt coach Pilar Carrasco. "Tonight we ran about five different defenses, and I think it kept them off balance."

The first quarter was all Capitan, with the Tigers going up 5-0 on an opening 3-pointer by Tim Dickenson and a field goal by Rudy Chavez.

The Colts missed two free throws before Mike Hill finally put in the first two NMMI points with 2:49 left in the stanza, then the Tigers went on a 6-2 run, going 4-for-4 from the charity stripe to take an 11-4 lead after one.

But then something clicked, and after Capitan stretched it to 13-4, NMMI went on a 10-0 run, holding the Tigers scoreless for the rest of the quarter to take a slim 14-13 edge at the half.

The Colts held Capitan to four points in the third quarter — the second field goal coming with 36 second remaining in the stanza — and 10 in the fourth, with only six from the field and the final shot at the buzzer by Chavez.

"We were cold. We were cold and when we went cold it was real cold," said Capitan coach Johnny Carson. "Their defense was very good tonight. They played much better than when we played them before. They slowed the tempo down for us early and we kind of fell into that trap and just kept slowing it down too and we couldn't make our shots and they were making theirs."

Three Colts were in double figures, led by Hill with 13, Mike Powers with 11 and Ethan Elks with 10, eight in the fourth quarter on free throws.

Strait Sedillo was the only Tiger in double figures with 10.

## Eagles fly to pair of wins

**By Todd Fuqua**

**Sports Editor**

HONDO — To begin with Jan. 18, the Gateway Christian Warriors looked as though they hadn't just come to play, they had come to win against Hondo.

The Warriors scored the first four points of the game and had a decided height advantage over the Eagles, but Hondo's speed proved too much in an 81-54 Eagle win.

After the Eagles tied it at 4-all on a layup by Christian Guillen, Gateway was able to retake the lead on a free throw by Garrett Gill with 4:23 left in the first quarter.

It was the last lead the Warriors would have. Hondo used its speed and transition game to take the lead and steadily wear down the Warrior defense.

"Gateway came hard at us all night, but we kept running and pushing," said Hondo coach Brad Holland. "We also stopped the ball tonight, unlike some previous games we've played."

Luis Montañó had 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead Hondo, while German Lerma added 19 points and Billy Candelaria 11. Gill had 17 points to lead Gateway, followed by Mason Miller with 15.

The Eagles dropped a 55-44 decision to Class B power Quemado Jan. 22.

"We had a small lead in the second quarter, but then got tired," Holland said. "They (Quemado) went on a run and we went into the locker room down by five."

Hondo (8-7) made a run at the end, but had to foul to stop the clock and Quemado didn't miss their free throws.

### Girls throttle NMMI

The last time the Hondo girls took on New Mexico Military Institute, it was a close game that the Lady Eagles were able to win in the end.

In the rematch Tuesday, it threatened to be a close affair once more, as Hondo held on to a 24-38 lead at the break.

But the Lady Eagles turned on the



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
Hondo guard Luis Montañó takes a shot from outside as Gateway Christian's Andrew Meeks rushes to defend Jan. 18 during the Eagles' win at Hondo.

defensive pressure in the second half and turned the game solidly in their favor in a 62-46 victory.

The Lady Colts relied on Caitlin Duree's game-high 21 points to stay close through the first half. Duree also led her team with seven rebounds, three steals and three blocks.

"They're not that bad a team, and (Duree) hurt us," Holland said. "We went to a man defense to stop her, and Stephanie (Gomez) did a great job on her."

Once the Lady Eagles (10-6) switched to a man defense, they were able to go on a 19-2 run to open the third quarter and put the game away.

Lopez and Felicia Chavez had 16 points each to lead the Lady Eagles.

Hondo also defeated Quemado, 54-31, Jan. 22.

"Quemado had some tall girls that can run, but our girls came to play," Holland said. "They had a good first quarter and played very hard."

The boys and girls are at Valley Christian in Roswell today starting at 5 p.m. in their District 3B opener.

## Bowling

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#### Senior team standings, week 19 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Twisted Sisters	9	3	647	173
Larry Larry's	8	4	664	157
Sus Amigos	8	4	626	190
The Who?	6	6	602	213
Misfit Bowlers	5	7	597	216
Old Timers	5	7	541	267
Serious Not	2	10	600	219

#### Season high scores

Handicap series — Misfit Bowlers 2718, Serious Not 2702, Sus Amigos 2672.  
Handicap game — Larry Larry's 952, The Who? 947, Twisted Sisters 940.  
Men's handicap series — Jim Clements 781, Tom Douglas 746, Richard Dixon 741.  
Men's handicap game — Richard Dixon 299, Wayne Viitanen 284, Jim Clements, Larry Caywood 281.  
Women's handicap series — Pat Townsend 727, Rose Bivens 713, Lucy Servies 712.  
Women's handicap game — Ursula Eckersley 295, Lucy Servies 274, Pat Townsend 273.

#### Individual high averages

Men — Tom Douglas 215.52, Gene Nitz 202.7, Harry Allwein 181.11. Women — Lucy Servies 159.51, Donna Vitonen 153.48, Rose Bivens 147.7.

#### Most improved average

Men — Larry Hindes +21.14, Jim Clements +17.02, Richard Dixon +16.04. Women — Rose Bivens +17.7, Donna Vitonen +11.48, Jan Wilson +10.04.

#### Mixed team standings, week 19 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Homies	10	2	586	227
Old Farts & A Kid	9	3	732	97
Living Energies	8	4	570	240
Knight Riders	7	5	537	271
Rhino Rose	5	7	621	196
Pioneer Bank	4	8	523	284
Energy 2 Spare	4	8	591	222
Wild Ride	1	11	466	335

#### Season high scores

Handicap series — Old Farts & A Kid 2688, Energy 2 Spare 2628, Pioneer Bank 2591.  
Handicap game — Knight Riders 1008, Living Energies 997, Rhino Rose 933.  
Men's handicap series — Andrew Ramirez 756, Etienne Turner 730, Ronnie Wright 727.  
Men's handicap game — Tom Douglas 289, Gene Nitz 279, Dennis Hass 274.  
Women's handicap series — Diane Willoughby 700, Lucy Servies 700, Millie Cimaron 690.  
Women's handicap game — Patti Kim 286, Pam Bernard 284, Brianna Velasquez 274.

#### Individual high averages

Men — Tom Douglas 211.94, Gene Nitz 201.26, Ronnie Wright 189.67. Women — Pam Bernard 172.18, Lucy Servies 158.81, Irene Pawloski 132.04.

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# Lady Warriors get win over Artesia

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Ruidoso girls basketball team may not have been on an actual three game slide – the Lady Warriors were able to defeat Mesilla Valley Jan. 18 – but coach Julie Montoya still felt like it was.

That is, until the second half of her team's game at-home against Artesia Jan. 22.

"After the game was over, I told the girls, that's how you play basketball," Montoya said after Ruidoso defeated the Lady Bulldogs 54-41.

The victory was a welcome relief for Montoya, who had seen her girls lose two of their previous three games, including a 50-41 decision against Chaparral Friday.

Ruidoso had the lead throughout much of the game against the Lady Bulldogs falling behind by no more than two points at any time before taking a 21-18 lead by the break.

The Lady Warriors (13-6) wouldn't trail again. Ruidoso opened the second half with a 9-2 run and capitalized on Artesia's inability to score.

The Lady Warriors outrebounded Artesia 37-29. Lyndsey Saenz, despite being outsized by most of



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
Artesia's Jenni Dewey, right, wrestles for control of the ball with Claudia Morales Jan. 22.

the Artesia lineup, hauled in 13 rebounds and scored 17 points to lead the game. Marjanel Vigil added 14 points for Ruidoso.

Jenna Elkins had 14 points to lead Artesia.

Ruidoso also got it under control with fouls in the second half. After racking up infractions in the first half, the Lady Warriors settled down and were able to get steals instead of whistles.

"The fouls we were committing were silly reaching fouls," Montoya said. "We just had to play smart. I told them I believed we should win, it just depended on how smart we were."

## Loss at Chaparral

The Lady Warriors were locked in a close one Friday at Chaparral, but then the Lady Lobos exploded for 23 points in the second quarter and held Ruidoso at bay the rest of the way.

Sydney Gonzales had 11 points for Ruidoso, followed by Abriana Herrera and Lyndsey Saenz with 10 points each.

Kathy Barto had 23 points to lead the game for Chaparral.

## Wake-up call

Maybe it was the lack of practice due to the three day weekend. Maybe they were still shell shocked from their loss to Tularosa.

Whatever the reason, the Lady Warriors opened the first half at Mesilla Valley Jan. 18 out of sorts, but were able to recover and earn a 62-50 victory.

"We won, but it wasn't pretty," Montoya said. "We seemed a step behind on defense in the first half."

Ruidoso was tied or trailing Mesilla Valley throughout the first half before getting it together on offense.

## WARRIORS

Las Vegas Jan. 21, playing a style that Davis said was very similar to Saturday.

"We had really good moments and we played pretty well and we had some moments where we went a little bit flat," he said.

The game was back and forth, as the Dons led by six in the first quarter, then Ruidoso pulled to within three to end the half.

The Warriors took over the lead in the third and stretched that lead to about 10 in the fourth, but then let WLW come back with some 3-pointers while Ruidoso

mistakes gave the lead back to the Dons.

At Dexter Jan. 18, the Warriors were lucky enough to finish with a good streak in a 55-44 victory over the Demons.

"We'd get up by 10 or 11 points, then fall into a lull and allow them to catch up," Davis said. "We did that for the entire game. Every quarter we played well, then not so well."

The scoring was democratic for Ruidoso. Ismail Cook had 19 points to lead Warriors, followed by Terrence

Shields with 16, Daniel Salazar with 10 and Jarrett Davis with 9.

The 19 points from big men Salazar and Davis was a bright spot for Davis.

"I thought we did a good job of getting them involved, and they were doing a good job of getting themselves

in position," Davis said. "We have aggressive guards on defense and they create turnovers which create baskets. Our post guys aren't huge, and their job is to get scoring opportunities for themselves when they can. They did a good job of that."

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## Scoring scarce for Mescalero

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

TULAROSA – Just two days after winning a tight contest over Cloudcroft, the Mescalero Lady Chiefs couldn't find the basket in a big loss to Tularosa.

The Lady Chiefs (11-6) defeated Cloudcroft 60-54 behind 22 points from Valerie Garcia and held off a determined Lady Bear charge Jan. 18, then got run over by the Lady Wildcats, 66-22, Jan. 20.

"It's crazy, we can't put together back-to-back games," said Mescalero coach Nate Raynor. "We knew Tulie was going to be tough. They jumped on us, and we didn't respond to it."

Mescalero couldn't find the bucket. The Lady Chiefs didn't get on the board until a pair of free throws by Garcia halfway through the first quarter and missed several layups inside, if they were able to get past Tularosa's high-pressure defense.

The Lady Wildcats (12-5) couldn't help but score. All but four of Tularosa's 14 players got on the board, led by Talisa Bigmouth and Carli Jo Brill with 12 points each. Garcia had 13 points to lead the game for Mescalero.

It was a much different story Jan. 18, as Mescalero jumped out to a 15-8 lead over Cloudcroft and held off a late



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
Mescalero's Cayliegh Palmer (22) searches for a teammate to pass the ball to while being defended by Tularosa's Courtney Baca Jan. 20 at Tularosa.

comeback by the Lady Bears.

"That was their second-best game of the year," Raynor said. "They can't put it to them and kept the lead. We knew they would make a run at us, but we were prepared for it."

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XLT, 3.0 V6, PW, PL, Cruise, Tilt, CD, Satellite \$239/mo

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