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School board, bond issue settled today

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

Tuesday is Election Day in Lincoln County and school board positions, as well as important bond issue questions, will be decided as voters go to the polls.

In Ruidoso, voters will face the rare chance to elect four school board members to Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 3, an unusual occurrence, according to Ruidoso Municipal Schools Superintendent Dr. Bea Harris.

"That's four members of five seats," Harris said, explaining that Rifle Salas resigned his seat on the board when he was elected to the Ruidoso Village Council.

Election law required when Christopher Marc Beatty was appointed to replace Salas he would have to run again at the next election, Harris said.

Candidates for the four at-large positions on the RMS board are:

- Position 1 – Susan Marie Lutterman (incumbent); Cecil M. Davis
- Position 2 – Curt E. Temple; Christopher Marc Betty (Incumbent)

- Position 3 – Nicklaus L. Herrera; Rhonda K. Vincent (Incumbent)

- Position 4 – Devin Marshall; Fred Clark Romero; Franklin D. Sayner (Incumbent)

Also on the ballot for Ruidoso voters are three positions on the East New Mexico University board.

- ENMU Position 1 – Brad L. Treptow
- ENMU Position 4 – Michelle Yvette Perry
- ENMU Position 5 – Julie K. Gilliland; F. Lynn Willard

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Board appointments appear contentious



JUB rejections may be politically motivated

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

It's two down and three to go in terms of Lincoln County ever seating its legally obligated representative on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Use Board.

And it would appear even though a third commissioner, Tom Battin, is both willing to step to the plate and would be welcomed by other members of the JUB, his own board is unwilling to even put him in the batting order.

For apparent differing reasons, two county commissioners, Mark Doth and Jackie Powell, were rejected for the JUB by the Ruidoso Downs City Council and the Ruidoso

Village Council respectively, leaving the Lincoln County Commission to turn to its three remaining members – Tom Battin, Eileen Sedillo and Kathryn Minter – as a viable candidate that will suit both municipalities.

But the Ruidoso-Free Press has learned that Battin – a long-time commissioner who lives in and represents Ruidoso – is being actively blocked from consideration by his own colleagues even though he has been deemed as "acceptable" by both municipalities.

Under the terms of the 1974 joint powers agreement that formed the JUD, each municipality has two votes on the five-member panel with a Lincoln County commissioner fill-

Village Council Rejects Powell for JUB

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

In a starkly worded statement that made it clear they had no intention of ever approving any Lincoln County representation on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Use Board, the Ruidoso Village Council rejected the nomination of County Commissioner Jackie Powell

Tuesday.

On Jan. 10, the Ruidoso Downs City Council rejected the nomination of County Commissioner Mark Doth, leaving the five-member JUB one member short, and apparently no closer to ever having a full membership.

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn, who, along

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Proposed bill would allow guns on campus

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Those who possess a concealed carry handgun permit in the State of New Mexico would be able to lawfully carry their firearm in more places according

to a bill introduced by State Rep. Zachary Cook, R-Ruidoso Jan. 24th. HB136 is now going to the consumer and public affairs committee.

"This is a common sense bill. The Second Amendment allows us to bear arms. The reality behind that principle is that we live in a dangerous

world. Law abiding, free men and women should be allowed to protect themselves because the government is not capable of doing it in all circumstances," Cook said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Search and rescue

The White Mountain Search and Rescue team, located in Ruidoso, is looking for new members. The team, in cooperation with police and sheriff's department's statewide, helps to search or rescue people who are sick, injured or just plain lost in the mountains, deserts or even underground. Searches are conducted on foot, horseback, aircraft, skis or snowshoes.

Anyone interested in joining can call 336-4501 for more information.

Pajama party

Little ones are invited to story and craft time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. This month, special guests will be reading each day.

This week, Feb. 2, special guest Debbi Lee, Village Manager for Ruidoso, will read bedtime stories. Children are asked to wear their jammies and bring a blanket, pillow and stuffed animal. The stuffed animals will explore the library during story time and the kids will find out what kind of fun their favorite friend had during the party.

Future story time days at the library include Valentine's Day stories Feb. 9, snowmen stories Feb. 16 and winter stories and winter activity day Feb. 23.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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.

Movie series at ENMU

The New Mexico movie through ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education for February is *And Now Miguel*, filmed in 1953 by the U.S. Information Service. The film follows a young boy and his family as they tend sheep in Cordova, N.M. Director Joseph Krumboltz used the film as the basis for his award-winning children's novel of the same name.

The film will be shown Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 111. There is no charge, but registration is requested. For more information or to register, call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

Tire amnesty

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's annual tire amnesty will take place Feb. 18-19 beginning at 8 a.m. each day at Schoolhouse Park, 510 Sudderth Dr. Tires from cars, light trucks and SUVs will be accepted, as will discarded pots and pans.

The event is open to all Lincoln County and Mescalero residents, busi-

nesses, schools and government agencies. The cost is free, but large commercial tires will not be accepted. Call 378-4607 or 257-5030 for more information.

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.sacmntvillage.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.

The Carrizozo Roadrunners 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.

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W105 REAL COUNTRY

Frank Sayner Ruidoso School Board

Q. Would issue or issues inspired you to run for school board?

"The current issue of funding public schools is one of the main things inspiring me to run for re-election. I was quite pleased to hear our new governor promise this week she would not cut funding to the classroom but the final budget is formed by the legislature. With that in mind I believe the legislators will listen more to experienced school board members as well as to experienced administrators. We currently have both in place which will go a long way toward our children's future in public education. We need to maintain our current experienced team."

Q. What will you be doing specifically to improve the quality of education at RMS?

"There are two specific items I would like to continue work. First is to complete and implement a Financial Life Skills class for Ruidoso High School juniors and seniors. I have enjoyed the total support of the school board, our superintendent and RHS principal. Briefly, the class will topics such as maintaining and balancing a checking account, how to handle a credit card, what is a credit score, learning about federal and state taxes, filing a basic tax return, financing an auto, home mortgages, and auto and home insurance. I am concerned many of our graduating seniors lack basic understanding of these concepts. Second is the situation in New Mexico which allows a teacher hired both as a teacher and a coach to quit the coaching and continue as a teach-

er only. This causes real problems in finding someone to fill the coaching position as a teaching position is not open."

Q. What is your position on the GO bond and why?

"The GO bond certainly needs to be approved. We have spent over six years with members of the community, teachers, student parents, business people, school principals and administrators developing a systematic 10-year maintenance and building master plan. With the help of all the above groups we studied the school district's needs, our debt structure and repayment schedule of existing debt. From that data, the board developed the GO bond to begin that process WITHOUT changing school taxes on your property. Also keep in mind new bond interest rates are currently lower than we have experienced in a generation."

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

"I can't say that I am uniquely qualified but I do have some qualities which currently are of value to the school board. The benefits of 12 years of attending regional, state and national conferences have allowed me to attain a high level of experience and insight needed during this period of financial uncertainty. I don't think this is a time of inexperience. Mixed with years of local school board experience and 30-plus years of banking and owning a successful business allows me to continue serving the Ruidoso school district in a positive manner."

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Ruidoso Downs also has two votes on the JUB and according to Alborn, the supposed intent of the Lincoln County representative is to serve as a tie-breaker on JUB votes.

The board's make-up has become contentious, however, because funding for the plant is split between Ru-

idoso and Ruidoso Downs, with the Village assuming 85 percent of the project's cost.

Alborn insisted that he could not approve a situation where a county representative “could have a voice on how Ruidoso residents have to pay 85 percent of the cost,” then “leave local officials to explain to their constituents why.”

“I don't like the idea of being held hostage,” Alborn added.

Contacted Wednesday, Powell said she was disappointed with both the outcome of the council vote and with the fact that no one from the Village — “Not the Mayor, not the Village Manager ... no one even bothered to pick up the telephone to call me to find out what I'm all about.”

When told the council made it clear to not even discuss county representation on the JUB for another six months, Powell replied “we'll just have to see where it goes from here.”

Powell said she would have brought a “bigger picture” view to the JUB than just Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

“I believe we have to look at this as something that will impact the whole of the valley,” she said.

When the Ruidoso Downs board rejected Doth earlier in January, much of the discussion focused on Doth's

residence in Ruidoso.

In that debate, the majority of the Ruidoso Downs Council determined that approving any Ruidoso resident would give the Village an

In a 5-1 vote, Gloria Sayers, Denise Dean, Jim Stoddard and Don Williams backed Shaw's motion for denial. Only Councilor Rifle Salas voted against the motion.

OBITUARIES

Jennifer Diane Mansell

Jennifer Diane Mansell, 48, of Talala, Okla., passed away Jan. 17. She was born Sept. 14, 1962 in Ada, Okla., to Marilyn Mansell. She was raised and educated in Tulsa, Okla., graduating with the Memorial High School Class of 1980. She continued her education at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., earning a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. She began her career in 1985 and served in a variety of assignments, earning one of the first females selected to join the Mounted Patrol Unit, the second female to serve with the specialty units. She retired in May 2010 after 25 years of service.



Jennifer Mansell

Jennifer was a sports enthusiast, and loved football so much she joined a women's flag football team, winning back-to-back championships for the City of Tulsa. She loved being on her farm, loving her dogs, cats and horses. Family members include mother Marilyn Mansell of Tulsa; father Harold Mansell of Ruidoso Downs; sister and brother-in-law Stephanie and Scott Mcollum, nieces Whitney Mcollum, Tara Bailey and husband Mark, great-niece Shayne and great nephew Ryder, all of Broken Arrow, Okla.; beloved friend Cathy Baker of Talala and her three children, Jason Baker and his son Jaxson, and Jamie Baker and her children Azya, Quentin, Malaki and Makailib, all of Foyil, Okla.; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Day Center for the Homeless, 415 W. Archer, Tulsa, OK, 74103, or St. John Hospice, 1923 South Utica, Tulsa, OK, 74104.

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ELECTION

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Ruidoso voters will also decide the fate of a \$14 million general obligation bond issue aimed at remodeling several district schools, to purchase or improve school grounds, to purchase computer software and hardware for student use and to provide matching funds for capital outlay projects.

Passage of the bond question "will not raise taxes," Harris said, "and will pay for much needed work in the district."

RMSD, Harris said, "will be in a world of hurt without it."

Among the projects to be funded by the G.O. bonds are a repayment to the Public Schools Facilities Authority of \$1.5 million for loans to correct storm drainage at Ruidoso High School; a second egress road and new playground and landscaping at Ruidoso Middle School (approximately \$3 million); remodeling of the science wing at Ruidoso High School (\$3 to \$4 million); a new roof at Sierra Vista Elementary (\$1 million); a new roof for the cafeteria and gym at the Horton Complex (\$1 million); and planning for the relocation of Nob Hill to Sierra Vista Primary.

Harris said the district will come back to the voters in 2015 to provide funding for the actual relocation of the Nob Hill facility to Sierra Vista.

Residents in the Corona Municipal School District No. 13 will vote on four unchallenged school board positions - Position 1 Alena D. Brandenberger; Position 2 Richard L. Gage; Position 3 Shad Heath Cox; and Position 4 Terri

R. Racher.

Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20 residents will decide three positions on the school board.

- Position 3 - Kyrt J. Goldston; Joseph I. Torrez;
- Position 4 - Corrine P. Prudenco; Donna Faye Brady;
- Position 5 - Godfrey K. Gomez

Hondo Valley voters will also decide two questions - a G.O. bond issue not to exceed \$750,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings; purchasing or improving school grounds; purchasing computer software and hardware for student use; providing matching funds for capital outlay projects; or any combination of the above.

Hondo Valley voters will also decide whether the Hondo Valley Public School District board shall be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2 per each \$1,000 of net taxable value of the property allocated to the district for the property tax years of 2011 through 2016 for purposes identical to the above G.O. bond issue question.

If approved, the \$2 property tax will include "payments under contracts with regional education cooperatives for maintenance support services and expenditures for technical training and certification for maintenance and facilities management personal," but excludes "salary expenses of District employees; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular activities."

Residents in the Carrizozo Municipal

Election Day Polling Locations

<p>Carrizozo Polling Place Carrizozo Municipal Schools Administration Building 800 D Ave Carrizozo, NM</p> <p>ENMU-Ruidoso Polling Place Ruidoso Convention Center 111 Sierra Blanca Dr. Ruidoso, NM</p> <p>Ruidoso Polling Place Ruidoso Convention Center 111 Sierra Blanca Dr. Ruidoso, NM</p>	<p>Hondo Polling Place Hondo Valley School Gym lobby Hondo, NM</p> <p>Corona Polling Place Lincoln County Clerk's Office 300 Central Ave. Carrizozo, NM</p> <p>Capitan Polling Place Capitan School Cummins Gymnasium foyer Capitan, NM</p>
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pal School District No. 7 will decide three positions on the school board:

- Position 1 - D'Rese J. Arteche; Steven P. Harkey
- Position 2 - Henrietta Sissy R. Griego; Billiejo Guevara; Rosemarie Lea Kratochvil
- Position 5 - Patsy Vallejos; J.P. Ventura; James T. Guevara

CMSD voters are also asked to decide on a G.O. bond issue, not to exceed \$650,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings; purchasing

or improving school grounds; purchasing computer software and hardware for student use; providing matching funds for capital outlay projects; or any combination of the above.

Voters in the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28 will decide three positions on the school board:

- Position 3 - Gary R. Tregembo; Nathaniel P. Dunn
- Position 4 - Steven M. Dirks; Debra Kae Anderson
- Position 5 - Robin L. Rhodes Parks; Danny R. Haynes

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE REPORTS

Run, run, runaway

Police were able to locate a 15-year-old male who had been reported missing Jan. 19, after the juvenile reported to the police station. He was released to his father.

Stay on the right side

Police pulled over Joshua Slaten, 19, of Alto after he was observed driving left of center, Jan. 19. By officer Chris Rupp. Slaten admitted to having a smoking pipe in his car and was issued a citation for possession of paraphernalia.

Keeps getting worse

A 17-year-old male, known to not have a valid driver's license, was found driving a vehicle, Jan. 22, and was asked to call for a ride home, as the vehicle was to be towed. Police also found

six 6-packs of beer in the vehicle, and the male was placed under arrest for minor in possession. He was booked at Ruidoso Downs Police Department and released to a guardian.

Broken glass

A window in a home on the 100 block of East Drive was reported broken, Jan. 23. A check of the neighborhood failed to turn up any suspects.

Assault gets you arrested

After investigating a domestic incident in a mobile home park on Fridenbloom Drive, Jan. 23, RDPD officer Joseph Bailey secured an arrest warrant for Jennifer Stefani, 37, of Ruidoso Downs for simple assault. Stefani was arrested the following day and was booked at RDPD.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Ruidoso Downs also has two votes on the JUB and according to Alborn, the supposed intent of the Lincoln County representative is to serve as a tie-breaker on JUB votes.

The board's make-up has become contentious, however, because funding for the plant is split between Ru-

idoso and Ruidoso Downs, with the Village assuming 85 percent of the project's cost.

Alborn insisted that he could not approve a situation where a county representative “could have a voice on how Ruidoso residents have to pay 85 percent of the cost,” then “leave local officials to explain to their constituents why.”

“I don't like the idea of being held hostage,” Alborn added.

Contacted Wednesday, Powell said she was disappointed with both the outcome of the council vote and with the fact that no one from the Village – “Not the Mayor, not the Village Manager ... no one even bothered to pick up the telephone to call me to find out what I'm all about.”

When told the council made it clear to not even discuss county representation on the JUB for another six months, Powell replied “we'll just have to see where it goes from here.”

Powell said she would have brought a “bigger picture” view to the JUB than just Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

“I believe we have to look at this as something that will impact the whole of the valley,” she said.

When the Ruidoso Downs board rejected Doth earlier in January, much of the discussion focused on Doth's

residence in Ruidoso.

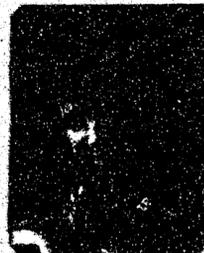
In that debate, the majority of the Ruidoso Downs Council determined that approving any Ruidoso resident would give the Village an

In a 5-1 vote, Gloria Sayers, Denise Dean, Jim Stoddard and Don Williams backed Shaw's motion for denial. Only Councilor Rifle Salas voted against the motion.

OBITUARIES

Jennifer Diane Mansell

Jennifer Diane Mansell, 48, of Talala, Okla., passed away Jan. 17. She was born Sept. 14, 1962 in Ada, Okla., to Marilyn Mansell. She was raised and educated in Tulsa, Okla., graduating with the Memorial High School Class of 1980.



Jennifer Mansell

She continued her education at Northeastern State University in Talequah, Okla., earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She began her career with the Tulsa Police Department in 1985 and served in a variety of assignments, earning one of the first females selected to join the Mounted Patrol Unit, the second female to serve with the specialty units. She retired in May 2010 after 25 years of service.

Jennifer was a sports enthusiast, and loved football so much she joined a women's flag football team, winning back-to-back championships for the City of Tulsa. She loved being on her farm, loving her dogs, cats and horses.

Family members include mother Marilyn Mansell of Tulsa; father Harold Mansell of Ruidoso Downs; sister and brother-in-law Stephanie and Scott McCollum, nieces Whitney McCollum, Tara Bailey and husband Mark, great-niece Shayne and great nephew Ryder, all of Broken Arrow, Okla.; beloved friend Cathy Baker of Talala and her three children, Jason Baker and his son Jaxson, and Jamie Baker and her children Azya, Quentin, Malaki and Makailib, all of Foyil, Okla.; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Day Center for the Homeless, 415 W. Archer, Tulsa, OK, 74103, or St. John Hospice, 1923 South Utica, Tulsa, OK, 74104.

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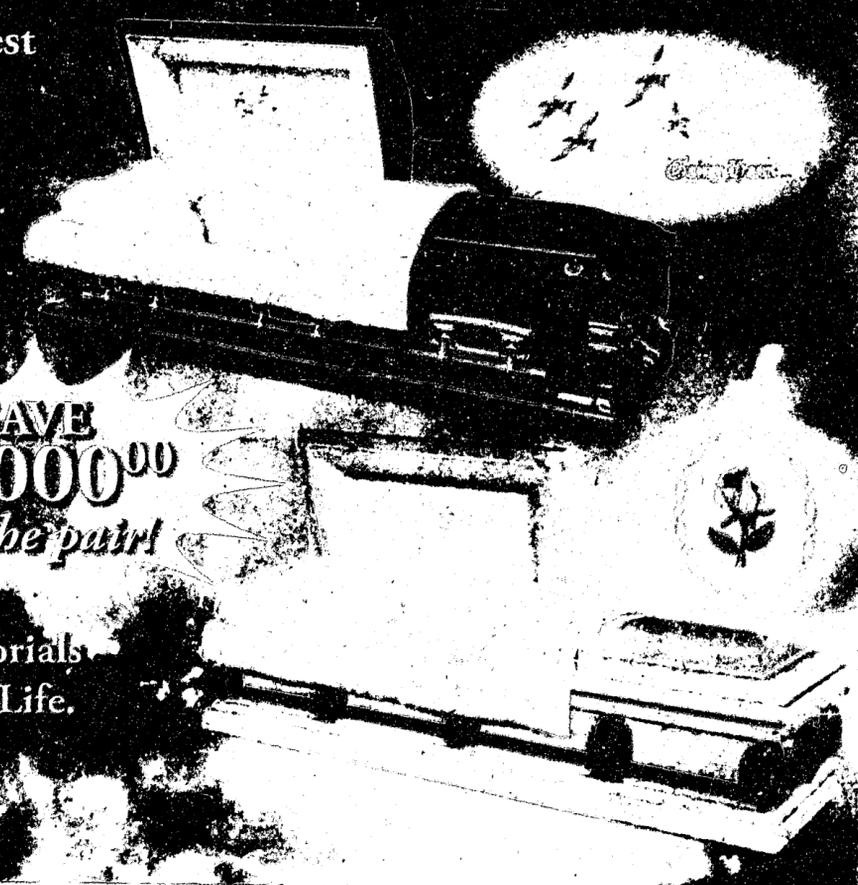
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ELECTION

From page 1

Ruidoso voters will also decide the fate of a \$14 million general obligation bond issue aimed at remodeling several district schools, to purchase or improve school grounds, to purchase computer software and hardware for student use and to provide matching funds for capital outlay projects.

Passage of the bond question "will not raise taxes," Harris said, "and will pay for much needed work in the district."

RMSD, Harris said, "will be in a world of hurt without it."

Among the projects to be funded by the G.O. bonds are a repayment to the Public Schools Facilities Authority of \$1.5 million for loans to correct storm drainage at Ruidoso High School; a second egress road and new playfield and landscaping at Ruidoso Middle School (approximately \$3 million); remodeling of the science wing at Ruidoso High School (\$3 to \$4 million); a new roof at Sierra Vista Elementary (\$1 million); a new roof for the cafeteria and gym at the Horton Complex (\$1 million); and planning for the relocation of Nob Hill to Sierra Vista Primary.

Harris said the district will come back to the voters in 2015 to provide funding for the actual relocation of the Nob Hill facility to Sierra Vista.

Residents in the Corona Municipal School District No. 13 will vote on four unchallenged school board positions - Position 1 Alena D. Brandenberger; Position 2 Richard L. Gage; Position 3 Shad Heath Cox; and Position 4 Terri

R. Racher.

Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20 residents will decide three positions on the school board.

- Position 3 - Kyrt J. Goldston; Joseph I. Torrez;
- Position 4 - Corrine P. Prudenco; Donna Faye Brady;
- Position 5 - Godfrey K. Gomez

Hondo Valley voters will also decide two questions - a G.O. bond issue not to exceed \$750,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings; purchasing or improving school grounds; purchasing computer software and hardware for student use; providing matching funds for capital outlay projects; or any combination of the above.

Hondo Valley voters will also decide whether the Hondo Valley Public School District board shall be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2 per each \$1,000 of net taxable value of the property allocated to the district for the property tax years of 2011 through 2016 for purposes identical to the above G.O. bond issue question.

If approved, the \$2 property tax will include "payments under contracts with regional education cooperatives for maintenance support services and expenditures for technical training and certification for maintenance and facilities management personal," but excludes "salary expenses of District employees; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extra-curricular activities."

Residents in the Carrizozo Municipal

Election Day Polling Locations

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Carrizozo Municipal Schools Administration Building
 800 D Ave
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ENMU-Ruidoso Polling Place
Ruidoso Convention Center
 111 Sierra Blanca Dr.
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Ruidoso Polling Place
Ruidoso Convention Center
 111 Sierra Blanca Dr.
 Ruidoso, NM

Hondo Polling Place
Hondo Valley School Gym lobby
 Hondo, NM

Corona Polling Place
Lincoln County Clerk's Office
 300 Central Ave.
 Carrizozo, NM

Capitan Polling Place
Capitan School Cummins Gymnasium foyer
 Capitan, NM

pal School District No. 7 will decide three positions on the school board:

- Position 1 - D'Rese J. Arteche; Steven P. Harkey
- Position 2 - Henrietta Sissy R. Griego; Billiejo Guevara; Rosemarie Lea Kratochvil
- Position 5 - Patsy Vallejos; J.P. Ventura; James T. Guevara

CMSD voters are also asked to decide on a G.O. bond issue, not to exceed \$650,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings; purchasing

or improving school grounds; purchasing computer software and hardware for student use; providing matching funds for capital outlay projects; or any combination of the above.

Voters in the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28 will decide three positions on the school board:

- Position 3 - Gary R. Tregembo; Nathaniel P. Dunn
- Position 4 - Steven M. Dirks; Debra Kae Anderson
- Position 5 - Robin L. Rhodes Parks; Danny R. Haynes

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE REPORTS

Run, run, runaway

Police were able to locate a 15-year-old male who had been reported missing Jan. 19, after the juvenile reported to the police station. He was released to his father.

Stay on the right side

Police pulled over Joshua Slaten, 19, of Alto after he was observed driving left of center, Jan. 19. By officer Chris Rupp. Slaten admitted to having a smoking pipe in his car and was issued a citation for possession of paraphernalia.

Keeps getting worse

A 17-year-old male, known to not have a valid driver's license, was found driving a vehicle, Jan. 22, and was asked to call for a ride home, as the vehicle was to be towed. Police also found

six 6-packs of beer in the vehicle, and the male was placed under arrest for minor in possession. He was booked at Ruidoso Downs Police Department and released to a guardian.

Broken glass

A window in a home on the 100 block of East Drive was reported broken, Jan. 23. A check of the neighborhood failed to turn up any suspects.

Assault gets you arrested

After investigating a domestic incident in a mobile home park on Fridenbloom Drive, Jan. 23, RDPD officer Joseph Bailey secured an arrest warrant for Jennifer Stefani, 37, of Ruidoso Downs for simple assault. Stefani was arrested the following day and was booked at RDPD.

Super Crossword

Answers

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Even if you get it wrong, VOTE

Whether you are for the GO Bond or against, today's the day to make your voice count.

Whether you dislike every candidate for local school boards or love them, today's is the day to make your preferences known.

Whether you have kids in the school districts or not, today is the day you can make a difference in the direction of education and your community.

It's election day. It's not a big election with national or state candidates. There will be no midnight televised coverage and the electoral college will have no bearing. It's an important election, nonetheless.

The people who make policies regarding the education of Ruidoso's future may be the most important governing body in any community. It only follows, selection of those people is a very important responsibility. One that deserves more than a few hundred ballots cast in the decision.

Voters in Lincoln County have more at stake than just who wins or

loses a school board race.

Ruidoso Municipal Schools is seeking to pass a bond issue that would bring \$14 million to be spent on facilities maintenance and construction. Whether you think they need it or not, you owe it to your community to vote.

Everyone always has an opinion and most are more than willing to share. We hear criticism of education from every front.

"Uniforms are bad."

There is too much instability at the campuses."

"There are too many drugs in schools."

"The school district is subpar."

It's hard to say if any of those things are true or false. But it's hard to argue the complaints are made.

The point, however, is that if you refuse to participate in the process by casting a ballot, you have no right to complain.

Support your community. Support education. Shoulder your share of the responsibility and **VOTE**.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern over reckless driving

Editor,
1-26-11,

I hope the driver that was speeding through Nogal on 1-24 and hit and killed that deer has sustained body injuries and \$2,000 damage to your vehicle.

Deer today, what tomorrow? Can you hear me now Virden?

Donald W. Grab Sr.

Nogal 88341

Press fumbles political correctness

Dear Editor,

I appreciate all the press on the Ski Apache Disabled Skier's Program in your paper yesterday. Mr. Fuqua did a great job of reporting although I am disappointed that he changed the word "disability" to "handicap" twice, in paragraphs 5 and 6! Using politically correct terms for an individual with a disability is an ongoing task. "Handicap" is politically incorrect and can be offensive. I never used the word handicap in speaking with Mr. Fuqua. I have been working with individuals with disabilities for 30 years and over time as with many other labels, one becomes incorrect. ADA, The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which protects people with disabilities from discrimination and demands accessibility to public places, pretty much set this correctness 20 years ago. Disability is the word I spoke ...so please don't be afraid to use it.

Shippen Davis

Program Director

Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program

In defense

As a concerned mother, I would like to set the record straight. Christopher (Corkey) Condon did not masquerade as a Brigadier General. He is indeed a Brigadier General in the New Mexico State Defense Force (Army).

Brigadier General Jones was in command of the NM State Defense Force at the time of his service. Brigadier General Mel Lehrman signed his orders Aug. 4, 2001. Corkey had the right to wear the uniform, but was unaware that he did not have the authority to swear someone back in to the military.

Corkey's date of service in the U.S. Army was 1985-2001. He served in Desert Storm and Iraq and was honorably discharged. There are some misconceptions, but he is a veteran and should be treated with respect. He was awarded the Silver Star for bravery, and was inducted into the Police Hall Of Fame on Feb. 13, 1995. We are a military family — my father, my ex-husband my sons, and my grandsons. Corkey would never disgrace the uniform of the United States military. He is honorable, humble, respectable, and kind. These are traits that, unfortunately, many do not possess. He has made some mistakes, but how many of us could throw the first stone?

Respectfully,

Sharon Condor

Accompanying the above letter:

Headquarters, New Mexico State Defense Force, P.O. Box 5902, Roswell, New Mexico

Orders 8-9 - 04 August 2001

Condon, Christopher J. 073-60-4376, Col. Headquarters New Mexico State Defense Force, Roswell New Mexico

You are promoted as indicated.

Grade rank promoted to: Brigadier General (7)

Effective date: 04 August 2001

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Authority: NMSDF Regulation 624-1

Additional Instruction: None

Signed by Mel Lehrman, Brigadier General, NMSDF

Deputy Commander

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Candidates had last chance to make their case

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

The last of many opportunities for voters in the Ruidoso Municipal School District to learn more about the school board candidates running in today's election, concluded with a forum Thursday evening sponsored by the Ruidoso Education Association.

All candidates were present to answer questions presented by the panel and from the audience. The candidates for the school board are: incumbent Susan Lutterman and challenger Cecil Davis for position one. Position two: incumbent Marc Beatty; challenger Curt Temple. Position three: incumbent Rhonda Vincent; challenger Nick Herrera. Position four: incumbent Frank Sayner; challengers Devin Marshall and Fred Romero.

Budgeting concerns dominated the atmosphere and the candidates entertained a variety of solutions if elected. Lutterman said, "One can only cut the budget so much", referring to eighteen percent annual cuts over the last three years, "We have not been able to grant teachers any raise in pay and up until now, they have been pretty good sports about it. We need to maximize the power of each dollar in order to make it through this crisis."

State mandated teacher-to-student ratios increased are being entertained and Frank Sayner sees more students in the classroom as a way to save money. "Class size limits are dictated by state allowances and there is likelihood we will see larger class sizes. Eighty-five percent of the budget goes to salaries," Sayner said.

Capitan School Board Position 5 Robin L. Rhodes Parks

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

A: I am running now for the same reason I ran the first time, a desire for the best education possible for my children and all children who attend Capitan Municipal Schools. All decisions we make need to focus on our students or we are not doing our job. Special education and Advanced Placement programs are both passions of mine. Getting students to move on to college or trade school is what it is all about. The education they receive prior to college or trade school is what paves the way for their success.

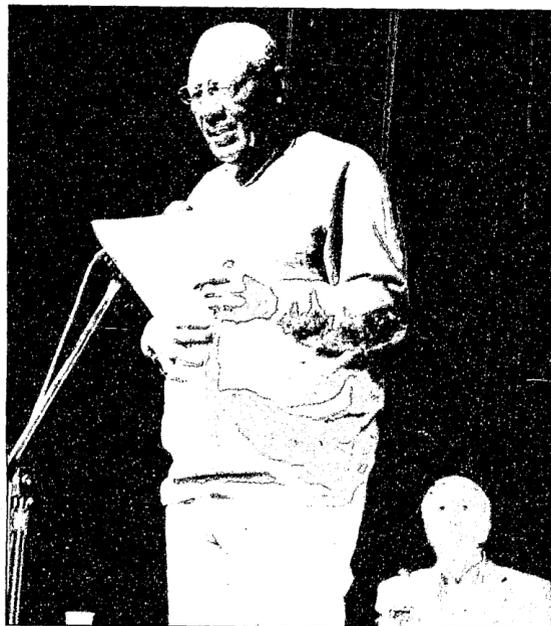
Q: What will you do specifically, to improve the quality of education in Capitan School District?

Saving money does not only apply to continually cutting the budget. "We need to keep our salaries competitive in order to attract and retain quality educators. The school district has so many technological resources already in place which are grossly underutilized or not used at all. We have more available technology to educate our students with than ever before yet I walk through the schools and see most of it dark and pushed into corners," Romero said.

Administrative overhead is another concern and Devin Marshall presented a daring proposition, if elected. "I know I am sticking my neck out on this one but I would like to take a good look at the number of staffers on salary versus educators. We should focus more on educators. I am not saying staffers are not important. I would like to look at the mix from a different perspective to really stretch that dollar," Marshall said.

Saving money in the district would be achieved by not losing money as proposed by Curt Temple. "There is a big problem people don't like talking about which is the increasing number of students we are losing to other districts, home-schooling and drop outs. The district loses 1 million dollars per year for every student falling in any of these categories. That's money just flying out of the window," Temple said.

Temple attributes the high student transfer and fallout rates to potential problems within the administration. "There is a problem somewhere when the district rotates principals every two years for the past 19 years, that level of turnover is just not normal in other school districts," Temple said.



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

Cecil Davis, Ruidoso School Board Position 1 candidate, answers a question while Incumbent Frank Sayner looks on.

All of the candidates strongly endorse the Go-Bond issue on today's ballot and assure diligent oversight for the proper use of the capital improvement funds should the bond pass.

A: The board is working on improving the infrastructure of our district to make the best learning environment possible. This includes providing access to the technology so students and teachers can tap into the best of what the 21st century has to offer. We continually monitor the budget and examine our policies to support instruction, facilities, staff and students. We challenge our teachers and administrators to think outside the box. Individually I bring my personal experiences and background to the table so that collectively as board we come up with the best solutions to support a high quality education for our students.

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

A: I am qualified because of my passion for all children to receive the best education possible. My experience and ability to lobby on behalf of our students has helped secure almost 1.2 million dollars for improvements in the district. More importantly, I comment on issues that impact our district such as SB80 that would negatively impact all the small districts in Lincoln County. SB80 calls for the consolidation of all districts with a population of less than 1000 students. There are other ways to make education more cost efficient and benefit students than simple consolidation. We have started meeting with Carrizozo, Corona & Hondo do this without being forced.

Steven M. Dirks, Capitan School Board Candidate Position 4

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

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



Steven Dirks

A: Several years ago I attended my first school board meeting. I went because I was concerned about some things that I had noticed happening within the district. Like most parents, the only time we actually attend a meeting is when we are angry about something. After sitting in on the meeting, I realized I had no idea how a school board, superintendent,

and teaching staff work together. At the time, I didn't understand the complexities of the finances and the control methods the state used for financial accountability. I, like many parents of students in the school, struggled to watch the board vote to spend thousands of dollars on a scoreboard and then in the next sentence say there was no money in the budget for an extra teacher.

What I didn't understand at the time was how the state releases funds from different accounts that have to be spent in certain areas. As I learned how the system worked, my perspective began to change on the job that the school board was doing.

I continued to attend the meetings regularly because I didn't want to be another person in the community that just sits on the sidelines and complains about

our schools, our facilities, and our community. I decided I was going to be someone who would get involved and give constructive input and encouragement.

I was appointed to fill an empty seat on our board in October of 2010. The reason given at the time of my appointment was because I had been regularly attending board meetings and had shown interest in the education system for our kids.

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

A: I would like to see the work that has been started by this board to continue. We are currently beginning the process of our 5 year master facility plan. This is a massive undertaking to see what facility needs have to be addressed in the next five years and anticipate the growth of the district. We are well into the restructure of the districts technological tools to better educate students. Once completed, I believe that Capitan schools could be a model for the rest of the State during this tense time of budget deficits in Santa Fe. It is one of my personal goals to see every student have the opportunity to graduate with an Associates Degree from Eastern New Mexico University should they so choose.

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

A: A school board is an interesting animal. What makes a board effective is a good mix of people, backgrounds, expertise, that all can buy into the same vision. The vision for the current board is that Capitan keeps its small town flavor while offering our students cutting edge technology so they can be prepared and competitive in the future.

What I bring to the table is a passion to do things with excellence. If we are going to do something, let's do it well! I have over 20 years experience in working for a non-profit organization. Currently, a portion of my job's operations budget comes from annual fundraising. I understand what it is to look at a budget and know that there will have to be a combination of great stewardship, smart decisions, and sometimes sacrifice to make it work! This does not scare me.

I work with junior and senior high students for much of the year. I have seen a serious decline in most students' comprehensive and cognitive skills. I believe the teaching staff, administrative staff and current board members are the people to challenge and encourage our students to go on and do great things.

I would like to personally challenge everyone to get involved in the education of the students in our communities. Attend school board meetings. Show up to vote on Feb. 1.

When considering who to vote for, I challenge you to look at the record of the current superintendent and school board in Capitan. There is a list of accomplishments too long to put in this article, Robin Parks and Nate Dunn are up for re-election and have done an amazing job. Capitan has met its AYP testing goals from the State of New Mexico for the last two years. Only 21 percent of public schools in New Mexico can say that. Our teachers have done an amazing job preparing our students for those tests. In the last 4 years we have seen the school grow in students, huge improvements in the facilities, state of the art technology added, and our test scores improve. It is my goal to see all of those things continue.

Look for complete election coverage tonight at www.ruidosofreepress.com

Senator proposes drug testing for unemployment pay

By Todd Fuqua
Reporter

As an actual act of the legislature, a bill introduced by Senate President Pro Tem Tim Jennings would do little more than add a sentence to existing regulations regarding jobless benefits in the state of New Mexico.

But that sentence has brought about some protest. Senate Bill 263, introduced to the State Legislature last week, adds a sentence which would require anyone seeking benefits must pass a drug test.

"It's real simple. Unemployment insurance is for people who lose their jobs through no fault of their own," said Jennings, a Democrat from Roswell whose district includes the Hondo Valley. "They have to be employable. If they do drugs, they're not employable."

Jennings said he came to the decision to introduce the bill based on his experiences dealing with truck drivers in the oil fields around Artesia as part of his oilfield services business.

Jennings said his clients would usually go through

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a the state's Department of Workforce Solutions to find drivers, but couldn't find qualified operators who had passed a drug test.

"We use a lot of heavy equipment operators for oilfield traffic, and we had a lot of people tell me that they were having a hard time finding drivers with CDLs (Commercial Drivers License) that couldn't pass the drug tests," Jennings said. "I feel they have an obligation to pass the drug test to be employable."

The bill has received criticism from the state's office of the American Civil Liberties Union regarding a drug free requirement to be an infringement on a citizen's right to receive benefits.

Jennings, however, has a different view on the subject.

"I don't know that unemployment insurance is a right," Jennings said. "There are all kinds of employed people that have to pass drug tests, and that's what this is about. If you're not employable because you can't pass this test, why should you get the benefits?"

Jennings said he's not surprised by ACLU protests over the bill - a similar proposal was defeated in Michigan in 2003 - but adds he's heard far more positive comments about it.

"There are at least 80 percent in favor of this, as near as I can tell," Jennings said. "That's mostly from employers, and it's been pretty popular at home. I've got more positive comments on this than anything I've done in a while."

Super Crossword **TRICKY BUSINESS**

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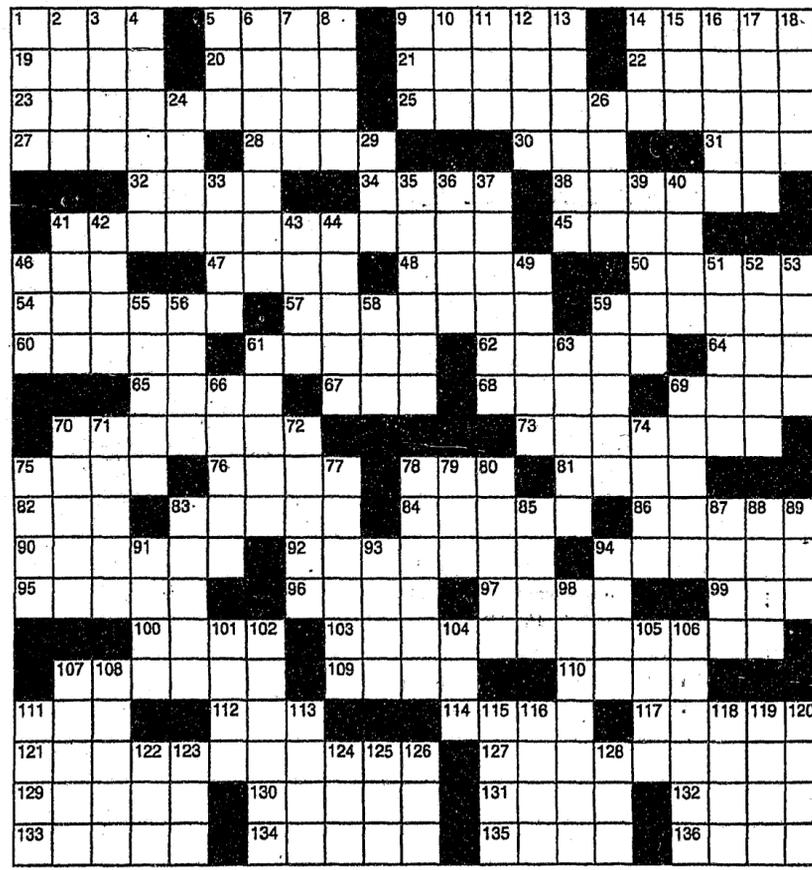
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12 Like fine wine
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14 Brit. fliers
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24 Mata —
26 Singer
29 Significant years
33 "Take — leave ill"
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36 Seth's son
37 Evaluate
39 Divulge, with "out"
40 Bronte heroine
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42 Nonstandard contraction
43 A swan was her swain
44 Country star
46 Comic
49 Strong suit

51 Entire range
52 Senator
53 Cozy rooms
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88 "Guarding —" ('94 film)
89 Flock o' docs
91 Irish island group
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101 Conductor
102 Christie sleuth
104 Bandleader
105 Till
106 Laughed loudly
107 Disreputable
108 Aquatic animal
111 Unexpected obstacle
113 "Excuse me"
115 Exiled dictator
116 Dark blue
118 Run in neutral
119 Sedaka or Simon
120 Dendrologist's concern
122 Arafat's grp.
123 Part of USAR
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Hernandez retires from health center

Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, will recognize Mary Hernandez for her contributions to the health center during a retirement open house on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011 from at 4 p.m. Hernandez will be retiring as of February 4, 2011.

The open house will take place at the Carrizozo Health Center and will offer light refreshments.

Hernandez has been with the Carrizozo Health Center since 1974 and she recently celebrated her 20-year anniversary with Presbyterian Healthcare Services. Presbyterian leases and operates the health center, along with another rural clinic, a hospital and county EMS from the County of Lincoln.

"Mary has consistently been there for the patients of the Carrizozo Health Center," said LCMC Administrator Al Santos. "Her contributions, commitment and dedication to caring for others are immeasurable for the patients, Town of Carrizozo and for Lincoln County residents," said Santos.

Hernandez began working at Lincoln County Municipal Hospital in Carrizozo as a nurse's aide in the mid-1960s and began full time after graduating high school in 1967. She would help out various departments, when time allowed, including the hospital's business office. Hernandez moved to the business office full time in 1972.

The hospital closed in 1974 at which time Hernandez began working in the business office at Med-We-Care, what is commonly known today as the Carrizozo Health Center. The health center has experienced several changes in management throughout the years including Med-We-Care, St. Joseph Hospital, County of Lincoln and most recently, Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

"Mary exemplifies service and loyalty," said Santos. "She will be missed by everyone and we wish her the absolute best as she enjoys her retirement."

Lincoln County Medical Center is a county-owned facility leased by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, New Mexico's only, private, not-for-profit healthcare system serving to improve the health of individuals, families and communities. Presbyterian Healthcare Services was founded in 1908 and has been serving Lincoln County residents since 1972. Presbyterian offers eight hospitals including Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, a statewide health plan, and a growing multi-specialty medical group. Presbyterian employs more than 9,500 people, including more than 500 providers, throughout New Mexico with approximately 250 in Lincoln County.

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BOARD

From page 1

ing the fifth spot, and both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs must approve of the county appointee.

At least two county commissioners – Doth and Powell – have spoken on the record to the *Free Press* that they would not support Battin to serve on the JUB and a third, Minter, has publically spoken out against Battin at a recent county commission meeting although in an interview with the *Free Press* stated she has no personal differences with Battin.

On Thursday, Powell would not confirm that there was a voting bloc against Battin on the county board, but she stressed that she would not nominate nor support Battin for the position.

“He won’t be nominated by me,” Powell said.

Powell declined to express her reasons other than to cite Battin’s “previous actions” on the board.

“There’s a bigger picture here that people are failing to see,” Powell said. “We’re talking about the proper running of a utility.”

Doth, who referred to his nomination’s demise as “probably not as contentious as Jackie’s ... but all things considered was an equal dismissal,” said he agreed that Battin would not be nominated for the vacant JUB seat.

“I would vote no, but that’s only my personal vote,” Doth told the *Free Press*.

Doth said he ran for election to the county commission “because I fundamentally disagreed with many of the commission’s decisions,” including those made by long-time commissioner Battin.

Battin himself places the source of friction with a series of meetings he had with the mayors of both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

While Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong has not responded to several media enquiries for comment, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom said he was certain Battin would be approved by both councils.

Battin, however, confirmed that he did, in fact, meet with both mayors to discuss who would replace Parks on the JUB.

“I volunteered to meet with the mayors,” Battin said. “I wasn’t seeking the nomination or campaigning for it, but both mayors visited with me and we agreed that we could get along together.”

When reports of those meetings reached the county chambers, it sparked, according to Battin, some public statements by his colleagues, including Minter.

“She said she felt there was something fishy about my meeting with the mayors,” Battin said, adding the statement was made in the commission’s Jan. 3 meeting and was made during the course of an open meeting.

“I should have responded to it then but I did not,” Battin said.

Minter, for her part, denied that there was any bloc – either formal or informal – among her colleagues to deny Battin a spot on the JUB.

But her recollection of the Jan. 3 county meeting differed from Battin’s.

“We had already, after a series of committee meetings, decided to nomi-

nate Mark Doth. And Mark had already expressed a strong interest in serving on the JUB,” Minter said.

“After his name was placed for nomination, Tom spoke up and addressed the board. He said ‘this is kind of awkward for me, but I’ve been approached by both mayors and asked to serve on the JUB,’” Minter said.

“I responded to him using his own words that this is awkward for me too but that it was inappropriate for the municipalities to decide who the county will appoint. In fact I said that I thought it stinks,” Minter said.

As far as whether there was a concerted effort among her colleagues to block Battin from serving on the JUB, Minter said she didn’t think her board felt that way.

“I don’t believe that to be the case,” Minter told the *Free Press*, “but it’s also not clear to me that he would be acceptable to both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.”

Minter, an Alto resident, said she has never read the original 1974 agreement that established the JUB, but noted that the time maybe right to revisit the makeup of the panel.

“What Ruidoso decided was right on,” Minter said of the six-month delay of finalizing a county representative.

“Let’s get the wastewater treatment plant up and running and then come back to this,” she said.

“Mayor Albom was also right,” Minter said. “The county has no financial stake in this.”

Minter said she understood the county’s place on the board was to

serve as a tie-breaker ... a “courtesy,” she said.

Powell, Doth said, was – by far – “the most knowledgeable person on the commission regarding water issues,” and cited Ruidoso’s rejection of his colleague as “pettiness on their part.”

“Jackie’s family has lived here for three generations and they’ve been involved with water conservation since the 1800’s. Jackie knows water,” Doth said.

Sedillo, a Carrizozo resident, denied that there was a bias against appointing Battin to the JUB.

“No, that’s not the situation as I understand it,” she said.

Nor does Sedillo feel there is partisan sentimentality being exercised by the municipalities.

“If we felt that were the case we wouldn’t have nominated Mark to the city of Ruidoso Downs,” she said.

Sedillo said she would accept her board’s nomination to serve on the JUB if that were to occur, but suggested she concurred with Ruidoso’s desire to let the matter rest for six months.

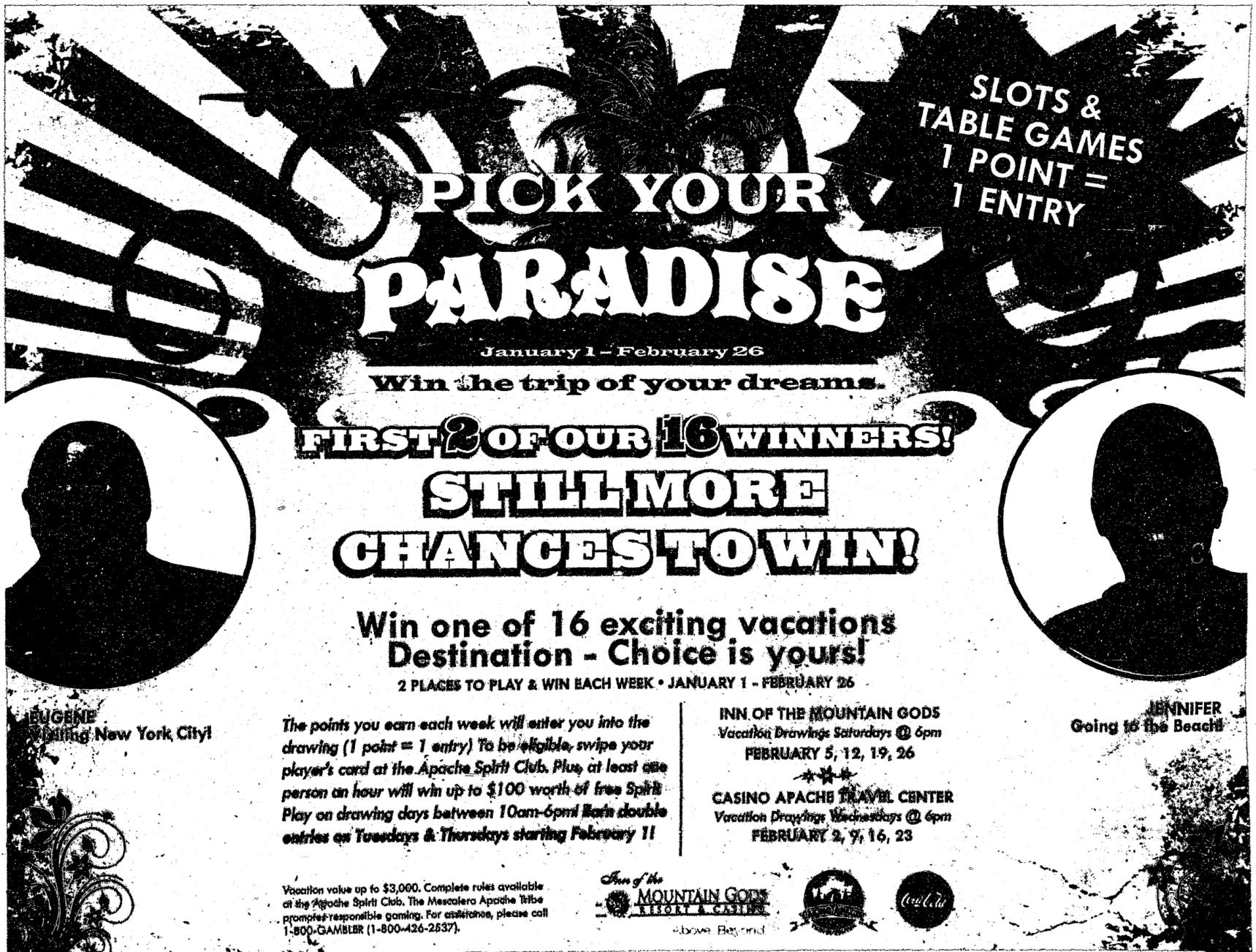
“I think that might be the wise way to go for the time,” she said.

As for Battin, he said that he could still conceivably get the nomination to serve on JUB.

“If it ever comes down to the point where I’m the last man standing, it could happen,” he said.

But for the time being, he said, the wise thing to do would be to honor Ruidoso’s desire to let the matter go for a while.

“It’s a good idea,” he said. “It will give everybody a chance to reflect.”



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EDUCATION

RMS student wins regional competition

By Todd Fuqua
Reporter

The Ruidoso Noon Lions were on hand at Ruidoso Middle School, Jan. 25, to honor 22 students that took part in this year's Peace Poster contest, sponsored each year by Lions Club International.

They also rewarded one particularly talented student, 7th grader Ariel Stott, whose design won the top prize for the southern region of New Mexico, and was entered in the state competition. The next step would be the international competition, the winners of which will be notified by Feb. 1.

Stott said her design was inspired by civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I like to do a lot of contests, and just wanted to try this one out," Stott said. "I never tried anything this big before.

"It took a lot of hard work, you can ask my mom," she added. "I stayed up until 3 a.m. once working on this. But I'm proud I got this done by myself."

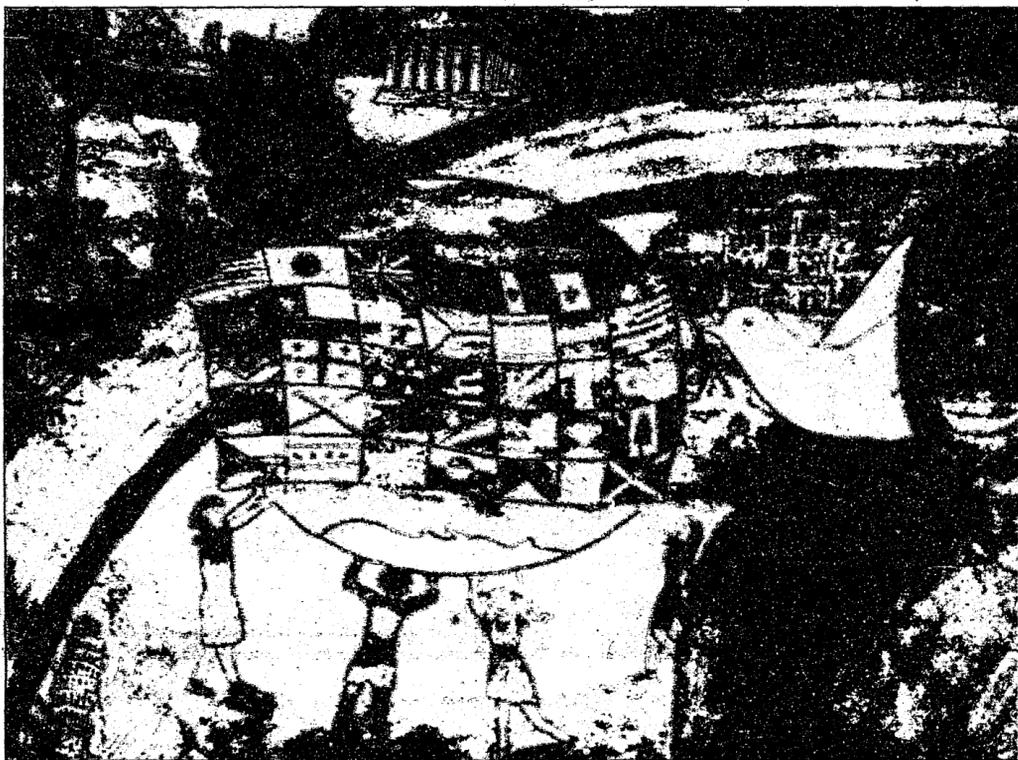
One look at the poster reveals how much work went into it. As the winner for the southern region, Stott receives \$100 from the Ruidoso Lions, and if she moves on to the international competition in Chicago, she'd be in the running for \$5,000 and a trip to

the United Nations in New York.

Gary Henry, who organizes the competition for Ruidoso Lions, handed Stott the check for her winning design, and gave out certificates to all students that entered the contest.

"We're very proud of all of you," Henry said. "To have this many entrants and a winner from one school is a wonderful thing."

The theme of this year's contest is "Vision of Peace," and the competition is open to students ages 11-13 as of Nov. 13. In the last 20 years, more than 4 million children from 100 countries have participated in the annual contest.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Ariel Stott, right, a seventh grader at Ruidoso Middle School, is awarded a plaque by Ruidoso Lions member Gary Henry, Jan. 25. Stott was the winner of the southern division of New Mexico in this year's Lions Club International Peace Poster competition.

ENMU-Ruidoso President's List

The following ENMU-Ruidoso students were named to the President's List for the Fall 2010 semester. To be placed on the President's List, students must have earned a 3.25 or higher grade point average while enrolled full time, taking 12 credit hours or more.

President Clayton Alred stated: "These exemplary students excelled in their studies because of their determination and commitment. They are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication."



Krystal Andries	4.00
Tonia Ashby	4.00
Brittanie Ashcraft	4.00
Erik Bearer	4.00
John Bowers	4.00
Eric Castillo	4.00
Jason Davis	4.00
Carolina DeLucca	4.00
Hannah-Xiao Duke	4.00
Tabitha Ewen	4.00
Cheryl Gerthe	4.00
Christi Gonzales	4.00
Dawn Huddleston	4.00
Nikkee Johnson	4.00
Lesley Kring	4.00
Michelle Lopez	4.00
Robert Lopez	4.00
Vickie Matheny	4.00
Crystal McClellan	4.00
James Miller	4.00
Jeana Moore	4.00
Allouette Moquin	4.00

Simon Pawlak	4.00
ELena Pelcastre	4.00
Gabrielle Perez	4.00
Allyson Piedmont	4.00
William Pitt	4.00
Victoria Ramirez	4.00
Carrie Remund	4.00
Amber Thompson	4.00
Cynthi Trujillo	4.00
Dennis Trujillo	4.00
Bradley Tschirgi	4.00
Lori Villafane	4.00
Leticia Villanueva	4.00
Brenda Weatherford	4.00
Jennifer Webb	4.00
Sean Wilson	4.00
Jennifer Word	4.00
Ben Yocom	4.00
Mo Chi Zhang	4.00
Lawrence Chee	3.92
Sandra Rue	3.83
Rose Atchley	3.81
Karen Wilson	3.80
Anna Kuykendall	3.79
Tessa Chavez	3.77
Jennifer Flores	3.77
Chonito Caswell	3.75

Carol Cluff	3.75
Dylan Girot	3.75
Karra Lutterman	3.75
Barbara Perine	3.75
Dorene Cly	3.73
Raven Stewart	3.73
Margaret Madruga	3.69
Cynthia Miguel	3.69
Samantha West	3.69
Sandra Williquette	3.69
Norma Pizarro	3.67
Jeffery Riggin	3.62
Emily Fisk	3.60
Teri Kelson-Bledsoe	3.60
Clinton Garrison	3.58
Beth Trochet	3.56
Karrie Wren	3.56
Alexandria Chavez	3.54
Peggy Lu Jane	3.54
Joanna Woods	3.54
Thomas Austin	3.50
Andria Burgess	3.50
Stephanie Di Paolo	3.50
Ariadne Eckerd	3.50
Lisa Garcia	3.50
Racheal Headley	3.50
Teri-Ann Miles	3.50

Taylor Riggs	3.50
RaLynne Stanbrough	3.50
Casey Williams	3.50
Samantha Yetley	3.50
JoAnn Wolfe	3.47
Eugene Heathman	3.47
Jessica Ortiz	3.47
Charie Flowers	3.46
Marie Garcia	3.46
Leticia Monreal	3.46
Jessica Painter	3.46
Alfred Richardson	3.46
Katie Strecker	3.46
Adela Alvarez	3.45
Anthony Vallejos	3.45
Dominique Rue	3.42
Julie Rocha	3.41
Dolores Lamb	3.40
Diane Mccurdy	3.40
Joline Whitaker	3.38
Garret Born	3.36
Summer Armstrong	3.33
Dustin Bolden	3.33
Roberto Lopez	3.33
Margaret Madrid	3.33
Summer ONeal	3.31
Joseph Strong	3.31
Luana De Lucca dos Santos	3.29
Terry Christopher	3.25
John Collins	3.25
Christopher Gay	3.25
Casey Kacena	3.25
Melissa Largo	3.25
Nicole Nava	3.25
Deanna Roberts	3.25
Shanann Shuman	3.25
Everardo Trochet	3.25

RHS schedule rumors put to rest

By **Bea Etta Harris, Ed.D.**
Superintendent

There have been many rumors about the high school and what may happen next year. These rumors have been fed by misinformation and a lack of understanding about the process a high school goes through each spring creating a schedule for the next year.



Bea Etta Harris

In times of economic stability and student growth, schedules are easier and more fun to create.

However, in times of economic instability and a decrease in student enrollment, high school schedules present a challenge to the high school staff.

Over the past three years, Ruidoso Municipal School District (RMSD) has lost \$2.5 million in revenue from the legislature. This year alone, we anticipate cutting our budget an additional \$600,000. This means that we have to take a very close look at all student/teacher ratios, class schedules, programs, and participation in programs.

Priorities in a district are always to provide core subjects to prepare students for graduation and to open the door for them to continue their education. In addition, every effort is made to provide students with electives that will enhance their learning, provide opportunity for character development, and to keep them

engaged in their high school education. In addition to electives, RMSD provides numerous athletic and extra-curricular opportunities, which also helps to keep students in school. We know that 66 percent of all dropouts are not participating in any extra-curricular activity.

State regulations fix maximum class size in high school at 160 students per teacher, except in English/Language Art, where the maximum total class size is 135. When you take 160 students divided by 6 classes a day, it equals approximately 26-27 students per class. By the same token, if you take 135 students divided by 6 classes a day, it equals 23-24 students per class. In "fat" years some of our teachers have had as few as 80 students. In "lean" years such as this, we have to tighten our belt, yet still stay within state regulation sizes in core subjects.

The challenge to the district is providing electives. Some electives have as few as 40 students all day. That makes for a very expensive program. Part of being an elective teacher's job has always been to recruit students into their programs. Core subjects do not have to recruit because students have to take those courses to graduate. Elective teachers have always had to recruit students to build and maintain their program, and that has never been more critical to elective programs than it is now. A great example of this is Julie Rigsby's culinary arts program at RHS. Her program is so successful with students she actually has a waiting list.

Recent rumors have been targeted at the high school band program. I would like to reiterate that decisions regard-

ing the 2011-12 high school schedule will not be firm until all students have pre-registered for high school, including the incoming 8th graders, and even then the final schedule depends on retirements and resignations. The goal for RMSD is to have staffing completed by the April School Board meeting. That is still three months away, and anything can happen in three months.

RMSD is committed to providing a

fine arts, visual arts, drama, band, and music programs to the students of this district. We have never wavered on our commitment to that.

I would encourage any one who has question about the Master Schedule at the RHS to contact principal Polly Staski. The current draft of the schedule is posted at RHS, and Mrs. Staski is willing and available to go over it with anyone who is interested.

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The Hospice Foundation helps families in Lincoln County

Submitted by **Jennifer Chadwick, RN**
 and **Britt Beaty, LPN**

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 also 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 loved ones 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:

Applicants do not have to be receiving 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.

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. 92% 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: Dinner and a show with a silent auction that includes items donated by supporting, community business partners, to include art, jewelry, clothing, gift certificates and more. This fundraiser is usually held in April or early May.

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.

Tour de Ruidoso: Sponsored by the Bicycle Club, this fundraiser is actually 3 cycling events ranging from 100 miles of our beautiful county to a nearly flat 20 miles, all with wonderful views. This event has gained national attention and demonstrates the collaborative and professional effort of our community. Local civic groups (Kiwanis and Rotary), as well as our Police Department, and Department of Transportation make this event possible.

The Hospice Foundation encourages families to utilize the funds available for end-of-life care. All inquiries can be answered by calling Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice at 575-258-0028.

The Ruidoso Hospice Foundation Income Eligibility Criteria								
Number of Persons in Household, please call if more than 8 for guidelines								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income								
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Monthly	2,430	2,781	3,125	3,471	3,750	4,030	4,306	4,584

BUSINESS

Track renovations underway at Ruidoso Downs

By Ty Wyant

For the Ruidoso Free Press

An intensive renovation of the Ruidoso Downs racing surface is underway on the seven-eighths mile thoroughbred oval and the 550-yard quarter horse chute under the supervision of Ruidoso Downs vice president of racing and facilities Les Nichols and renowned international track consultant Dennis Moore.

Ruidoso Downs is the only track in the world with separate race tracks for thoroughbreds and quarter horses.

"We continually work to maintain a fair and consistent racing surface for the safety of the jockeys and horses," Nichols said. "This is a ma-

ior off-season project that will take about a month. We've been working for several weeks and should be done in a couple of weeks."

The track will open for training in late April with the summer season beginning on May 27. Highlighting the meet is the \$2.4 million All American Futurity on Labor Day, the world's richest quarter horse race with a guaranteed all-time record first-place check of \$1.2 million.

"We're removing the upper cushion of the track and exposing the base," Moore said.

"We are then running the all the cushion material through a Power-screen with a shaker and a five-millimeter screen. We'll return the screened material to the track after we check the

base. We may have to add additional screened material, possibly as much as 2,000 yards.

"When the base is exposed we will evaluate it and make any repairs. We will also measure the grade (angle) of the track and make any adjustments, if they are needed."

Some of the world's premier horses race at Ruidoso Downs. Last year, six of the 10 champion quarter horses raced at Ruidoso Downs, including 2010 world champion Apollitical Jess.

Expected to return this summer is 2010 champion 2-year-old American Runaway, 2010 champion 2-year-old gelding JLS Mr Bigtime and 2010 champion aged gelding Noconi. Last summer, American Runaway won the Ruidoso Futurity, JLS Mr Bigtime was the close second-place finisher in the All American Futurity and Noconi won the All American Gold Cup.

American Runaway and JLS Mr Bigtime could compete in the Ruidoso Derby or the Rainbow Derby and will point at the All American Derby.

The 2010 All American Derby had a record purse of \$1,548,645, making it the all-time richest quarter horse derby and the all-time richest quarter horse race for 3-year old or older



Ruidoso Downs Race Track
Workers scrape off the upper cushion of the track at Ruidoso Downs in preparation for screening. The work is part of track renovations in advance of the 2011 meet.

quarter horses. It was won by 2010 champion 3-year-old gelding Double Down Special over world champion Apollitical Jess.

The 2010 Rainbow Derby had an all-time record purse of \$873,441 and the 2010 Ruidoso Derby had a record purse of \$568,965. Those Rainbow Derby and Ruidoso Derby purses were the first time in quarter horse racing history that derby purses exceeded their futurity counterparts. The 2010 Rainbow Futurity purse was \$625,000 and the 2010 Ruidoso Futurity purse was \$500,000.

Two-time champion Noconi could return to defend his victory in the All American Gold Cup on Labor Day weekend. He was also named the 2008 champion 3-year-old gelding after winning the 2008 All American Derby.

Ruidoso Day will promote local educational needs

The Chamber, businesses and residents are headed up to the Legislature to inform our elected officials about the impact education cuts will have on our students' future and our community. Cuts to the higher education and the public school system mean a less quality education for our children, less training for our workforce and diminished capacity to attract and



Sandi Aguilar

maintain businesses in our community. During Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe on February 2, the Chamber of Commerce along with concerned residents are taking this message to the legislators in the form of hundreds of letters from students throughout Ruidoso. Even Anthony, a 10 year old from White Mountain Intermediate understands the economics of education.

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Snow removal 'more public friendly'

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

The Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday Jan. 25, approved a comprehensive snow and ice control plan, which Street Director J.R. Baumann said will make snow removal and salt dispersal "more public friendly."

The plan prioritizes which streets will be cleared of snow first and which streets will be the first to receive salt applications.

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GUNS

The additional places proposed in the bill are: K-12 schools, colleges, licensed liquor establishments, buses, state parks and recreation areas.

Dr. Bea Etta Harris, Superintendent Ruidoso Municipal Schools does not support the bill.

"School property is not the place for weapons of any kind, let alone guns carried by anyone, that's not what were about. RMS will maintain our policy of not allowing weapons on any of our campuses," Harris said.

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"This bill does not allow children to bring guns to school, and I would not support any legislation that permitted children to bring any weapon to school. Current concealed carry laws have strict regulations that must be met before a person will be issued a concealed carry permit, including an age limit of 21 years old," Cook said.

Concealed carry permit holder Pat Waggoner said, "I don't see any difference with allowing teachers and administrators to carry a lawfully concealed firearm on campus compared with commercial airline pilots doing the same to protect themselves and the public on domestic flights. The shootings at Virginia Tech and Columbine may have had different outcomes if teachers and administrators were lawfully armed under these provisions"

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"If establishments such as hospitals and schools are going to continue banning firearms then they should absolutely provide armed security or police officers on premise because criminals with bad intentions will carry and use firearms anywhere they want regardless of the laws," Waggoner said

The bill does not allow concealed carry permit holders to go to liquor establishments and get intoxicated. The private establishments which serve liquor would retain the right to restrict handguns and other

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People are allowed to carry firearms and hunt on public lands such as the national forest, BLM and public state land except state parks and recreation areas which the bill would allow.

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Eppers will speak at Republican Party meeting

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Gilliland candidate ENMUR position 5

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Q: What issue inspired you to run?

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- In the past Tourism was consolidated under the Economic Development Department. That model proved ineffective and inefficient, leading to the appropriate establishment of a cabinet level Tourism Department in 1991.

- Tourism is the only industry that consistently proves exceptional 40 to 1 return on taxpayer investment dollars. That is, for every \$1 spent advertising New Mexico to tourists, \$40 is spent by tourists in New Mexico.

Gilliland candidate ENMUR position 5

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Q: What issue inspired you to run?

A: My sons have been involved in dual classes with the high school and college and I had a great appreciation of the college for that reason alone. Then I visited the college for different reasons and saw firsthand better what a great facility we have and the needs they have. Then I got to know some of the staff/faculty and I had a much better appreciation for them and their love for what they do and how hard they work. I truly believe this college is a huge asset to this community and will continue to be an economic asset to our area in many ways and I want to be a part of seeing it succeed.

Q: What will you do specifically to improve the quality of education at ENMU?

A: As a member of the board I would support everything we as a board would set out to accomplish and that is our responsibility as a board. My hope is to help bring more public awareness about what a wonderful college this is and what an advantage it is to Lincoln County and surrounding areas. I will use my time, energy and efforts to bring

advancement to the ideas and plans the college and Dr. Alred have in mind. He has great ideas and goals I would honored to be involved in. ENMU Ruidoso has a really great Gateway system. The expansion of the film industry and collaboration with the other ENMU campuses in Portales and Roswell are other examples of things I would like to see happen or continuation of in the near future. I am very hopeful for more creativity in every area there is a need.

Q: What makes you uniquely qualified for the position?

A: I offer a fresh voice and vision but have the experience and history with Ruidoso to take the stability of the past and move into the future with new ideas and passion. I have 2 sons and a daughter in law in college as well as a kindergartener which give me a unique perspective reminding me every day of the importance of education and our next generation. I believe there is huge potential for our village and that ENMU Ruidoso is a vital and important part of that. I am grateful for the people that brought ENMU to this point and ready to build on what is already the foundation of the college and be a part of what I see as huge potential in the future.

CORRECTION

In the Jan. 25 issue of the *Ruidoso Free Press*, some sponsors of the Disabled Skiers Program's annual auction were omitted from an advertisement. They are listed below.

Additionally, a story about the program referred to people with disabilities as handicapped. *The Free Press* regrets the error and in no way meant any offense toward people with disabilities.

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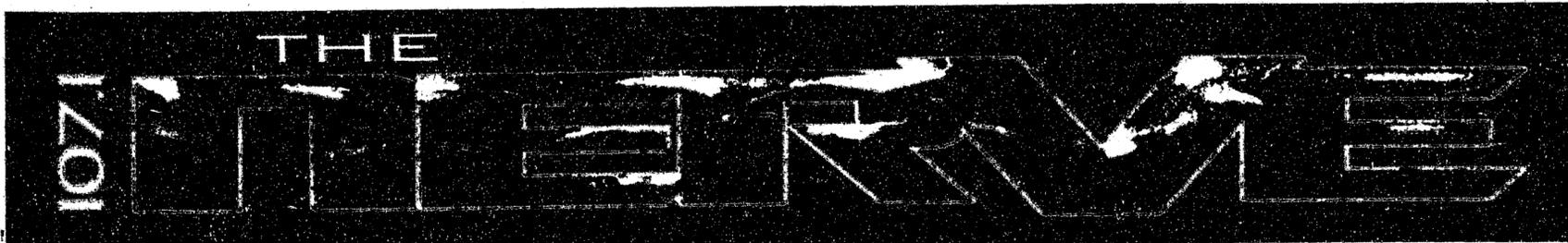
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Dining

Spice up your Super Bowl party

The Super Bowl is this Sunday. I hope your team made all the way, but if they didn't, that's no excuse to not throw a party! So, here are three recipes to help you feed all your hungry friends.

The first one is fish tacos. If you have never had fish tacos, you're really missing out. Even if you don't really like fish you will love these. In this recipe I use tilapia, but you can use just about any fish you want to use, so feel free to experiment. I know you will love the other two recipes as well. So, enjoy!

Don't forget to check out my facebook page, 'Chef Brendan', for photo tutorials and archived recipes.



Brendan Gochenour

Fish Tacos

Ingredients

- 2 - 8 oz. tilapia fillets
- 5 limes
- 1 cup green cabbage, sliced very thin
- ¼ cup carrot cut into carrot sticks, 1 inch by 1/16 of an inch, or you can shred them with a cheese grater
- 1 roma tomato, diced
- 1 avocado
- 1 jalapeño diced and deseeded
- ¼ cup diced yellow onions
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 fresh garlic clove, chopped
- ¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 tablespoon green onions
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons flour



- 2 tablespoons cornmeal
- 1 ½ teaspoons chili powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 10 corn tortillas
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Directions

In a medium bowl add diced tomatoes, diced jalapeños, avocado, diced onions, sliced green onions, sliced cabbage, carrots sticks, juice from four limes, chopped garlic, ½ teaspoon chili powder, chopped cilantro, pinch of kosher salt, and the sour cream. Mix well

and place in the refrigerator.

Now, mix flour, cornmeal, teaspoon chili powder, pinch of kosher salt and a pinch of black pepper and set aside. Place the tilapia on a clean plate and squeeze the juice of one lime over the tilapia. Pour olive oil in a medium size skillet over medium heat. Lightly dust the fish fillet in the flour and cornmeal and

place in the skillet. You're just going to lightly brown them on both sides about 2 minutes on each side. Place the fillets on a cookie sheet and put in a preheated 375 degrees oven for about 15-20 minutes, or until they just begin to flake when pushed on.

While we wait on the fish to be done, we will heat the tortillas up. In a clean skillet over medium heat add a little vegetable oil, not all at once just enough to coat the bottom of the pan. Add corn tortillas

to the oil, but only long enough for them to become soft - you don't want to fry them so much that they become crispy. Just fry them enough so that they will be able to hold all the ingredients without falling apart. Place the cooked tortillas on a plate lined with paper towels.

Once the fish is done, it's time to eat. Lightly break apart the fish and place on a clean plate. On a corn tortilla, place a little fish and top it off with the sour cream salsa and enjoy!

Sweet and spicy chicken wings

Ingredients

- 4# chicken wings
- 1 cup Frank's hot sauce
- 1 ½ cup honey
- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup melted butter
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 3 clove fresh chopped garlic

Directions

Separate the wings at the joint and remove the tips of the wing. Place

wings in a bowl and wash your hands. Mix together in a saucepan honey, hot sauce and chopped garlic and set aside. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix flour salt and pepper and set aside, in a bowl

mix the wings with the melted butter and then lightly dredge wings in flour mixture. Shake off excess flour and place wings on a cookie sheet, but don't overcrowd them because they need room to cook. Place wings in oven. Be sure to wash your hands really good with soap and hot

water after handling the raw chicken, and remember, you're not done until you have counted to 30. Thoroughly clean any area that the raw chicken was

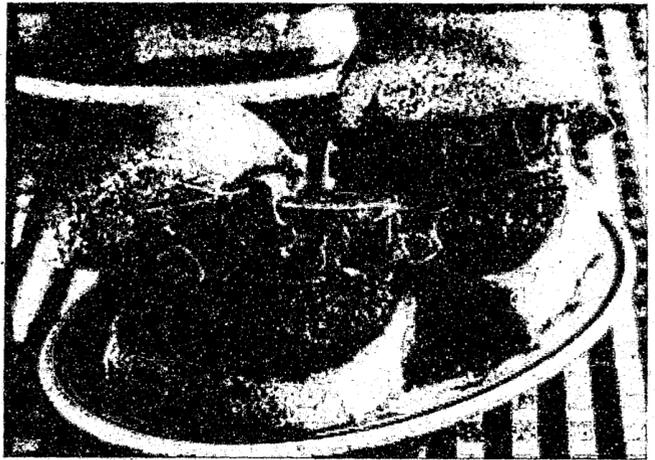
around with an antibacterial cleaner or bleach water. On the stovetop, heat sauce to a simmer, but do not boil. Remove from oven after about 35 minutes and place in a clean bowl. Pour sauce over the

wings, and then place them back on the cookie sheets and cook at 400 degrees for 15 more minutes. Remove from oven and serve.

Note: If you desire your wings to have more of a bite, add chile seeds, chipotle, or for the brave, habañeros to your sauce.

time to build the burgers, place spinach on bun, then burger, diced red onions, bacon, tomatoes, and then the top bun. Hold burger together with a toothpick and serve.

ness! While burgers are cooking, cut buns in half and lightly butter and toast them. When burgers are done cooking, let them rest for five minutes, but be sure to keep them warm. When it is



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entertainment calendar

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1

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

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2

Preschool Story time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. On Feb. 2 bedtime stories will be read by special guest Debi Lee, Village Manager, so wear your jammies and bring your blanket, pillow and stuffed animal. **VERY IMPORTANT** to bring your stuffed animal. They are going to go into the library and explore while you listen to stories. Then you will find out what fun (or trouble) your stuffed animal got into while you were at the pajama party. Story time usually ends around 11:15 a.m. Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. <http://www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/>

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 FEBRUARY 3

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

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4

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 FEBRUARY 5

A Celebration of Beyond Borders Sanctuary on the River, 6:30 p.m.



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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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.

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Drive from 7 to 9 p.m.

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 7

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- Sweet Tamarind Chutney**
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
 - 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
 - 1 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds
 - 1/2 teaspoon asafoetida powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon garam masala
 - 2 cups water
 - 1 1/8 cups white sugar

3 tablespoons tamarind paste

Directions

Heat the oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the cumin seeds, ginger, cayenne pepper, fennel seeds, asafoetida powder, and garam masala; cook and stir for about 2 minutes to release the flavors.

Stir the water into the pan with the spices along with the sugar and tamarind paste. Bring to a boil, then simmer over low heat until the mixture turns a deep chocolate brown and is thick enough to coat the back of a metal spoon. This should take 20 to 30 minutes. The sauce will be thin, but it will thicken upon cooling.



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Cecil Davis Ruidoso School Board

Q. What issue or issues inspired you to run for school board?

"Because I feel that the failure rate and dropout rate is extremely high. Since I have lived in Ruidoso I have witnessed a time in our history when the academic and athletic programs were thriving, however in the past few years I have seen a decline in both the academic programs and the athletic programs. I believe that both of these programs go hand-in-hand for the improvement of not only the student body but the Ruidoso community. My vision for the future of Ruidoso Municipal Schools is to reach the maximum potential in both of these areas."

Q. What will you be doing specifically to improve the quality of education at RMS?

"I would like to thoroughly review board policy in order to find innovative ways to support our teachers in the classroom. My goals would be to give teachers more authority in the classrooms. They deal with so many different issues from bullying to the 'No Child Left Behind Act,' and I feel that they may not be given the administrative support that they need. I believe that I would lend a common sense perspective to these issues and more."

Q. What is your position on the GO bond and why?

"I am always in favor of anything that will improve the quality of education for our students. However, I am also cognizant of the fact that these are tax dollars at work. This is money that people in this community have worked hard for. That is a big responsibility and not one I would take lightly if elect-

ed. I firmly believe in fiscal responsibility and that means taking measures to ensure that this money is being spent appropriately and not wastefully."

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

"I believe that I would bring diversity to the Ruidoso school board. Successful boards are made up of several different perspectives. It is those perspectives that create solutions that are agreeable to everyone. I believe that my extensive athletic background combined with my business experience would allow me to approach issues with a unique fiscally-responsible teamwork philosophy. My goal would also be to remain approachable to the students and parents; I would like to be their voice and for my actions on the board to be reflective of their wants and needs."

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Psalms 5:1-2

God hears and answers prayers, but not everyone knows how to pray. Even the Lord's disciples asked that he teach them how to pray.

Attitude of the individual is important in prayer. Prayer is the opportunity that we have to tell God of our blessings and give thanks. It is an opportunity to petition for help, but above all, our hearts should be willing that God's will be done.

Prayer should be offered individually and in groups.

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ORDINANCE 2011-02: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 54, LAND USE, SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 54-99(D)(4), 54-100(C)(27), 54-100(D)(4), 54-101(C)(6), 54-101(D)(4), AND 54-102(D)(4)."

Copies of Ordinance 2011-02 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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(SEAL)

/s/
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Municipal Clerk

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Copies of Ordinance 2011-03 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Jan. 27

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Jan. 28

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SPORTS THIS WEEK

Feb. 1

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Corona at Vaughan, 7 p.m.

Capitan at Mescalero, 7:30 p.m.

Roswell at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Carrizozo at Cloudcroft, 4 p.m.

Lake Arthur at Hondo, 5 p.m.

Corona at Vaughan, 5 p.m.

Ruidoso at Robertson, 5 p.m.

Capitan at Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 3

Boys basketball

Vaughn at Hondo, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Vaughn at Hondo, 5 p.m.

Feb. 4

Boys basketball

Portales at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.

Hagerman at Mescalero, 7:30 p.m.

Gateway Christian at Capitan, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Portales at Ruidoso, 5:30 p.m.

Hagerman at Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.

Gateway Christian at Capitan, 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Ruidoso at Deming Tournament, 8 a.m.

Feb. 5

Skiing

Ruidoso youth team in Southern Series at Flagstaff, Ariz.

Feb. 6

Skiing

Ruidoso youth team in Southern Series at Flagstaff, Ariz.

Warriors rebound to beat NMMI

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Ruidoso boys basketball team, in need of a win after a loss to Lovington in their District 4-3A opener Jan. 28, got the lift they needed with a 61-50 victory over New Mexico Military Institute the following night.

The Colts (4-13) showed they came to play early, crashing the boards and riding the nifty moves of Ethan Elks as he slashed his way to the basket and helped put his team up 6-2 halfway through the first quarter.

Elks ended up leading his team with 15 points, although he was sitting on the bench for much of the fourth quarter with four fouls. Mike Hill added 12 points for NMMI.

Ruidoso (10-10) stayed close in the first quarter thanks to three pointers by Terrence Shields and Ismail Cook, as the Colts clung to a 14-13 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Warriors opened the second period with a 9-0 run that gave them the lead for good.

That doesn't mean Ruidoso coach Dennis Davis wasn't sweating. Ruidoso showed the effects of playing a difficult game against Lovington the night before.

"Everything was hard to-



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso's Tito Montoya, right, tracks down the ball just before it goes out of bounds while being pursued by NMMI's Mike Hill Jan. 29 at Ruidoso High School.

night," Davis said. "Getting back into it after the rough game last night was difficult, and NMMI did a good job making it hard to execute like we'd wanted. But we kept plugging away and took the lead."

A deliberate offense by the Warriors was the key, as they ran through set plays sometimes three or four times

before getting the shot they wanted.

Ruidoso also held on to the ball better than it had the night before, not committing any unforced turnovers until there were 14 seconds left in the first half.

"The kids were consciously trying to control the offense more, and it's always good to see that," Davis said. "If

we can do that, we should do well."

Cook was the top Warrior with 18 points, while Shields added 14.

"Our goal was to keep Shields to 10 points, so I feel we did a good job there," said NMMI coach Pilar Carrasco. "But we gave up too many wide open layups, and too many other scored when our defense wasn't working."

Loss to Lovington

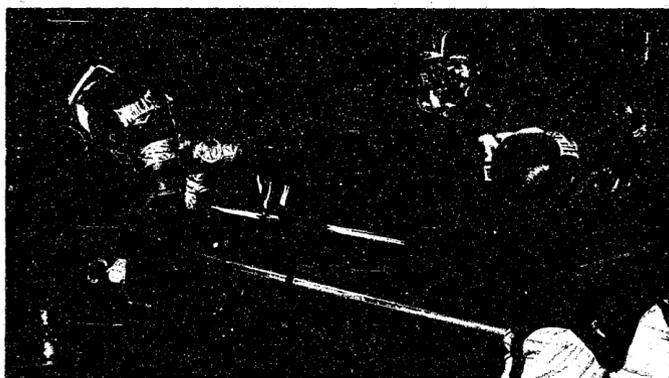
The Jan. 28, 62-42 loss to the Wildcats saw Ruidoso fall behind early.

The Warriors were down 15-5 after the first quarter and never recovered. They played much better in the second half, but it wasn't enough to make up the deficit.

"It was about us not making the shots when we had the chance," said Ruidoso boys coach Dennis Davis. "We were also shooting too early, not patient enough on offense."

"Defensively, we did OK," he added. "They scored mostly because we turned the ball over or they'd rebound on our missed shots and score on the other end because we didn't get back fast enough."

Ismail Cook had 16 points to lead Ruidoso, while Terrence Shields scored 11 points. Robert Perez led the game with 23 points for Lovington (11-10, 1-0).



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Austin Trout, right, gets a jab in on sparring partner Joaquin Zamora as coach Louie Burke, center, follows the action Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs.

Prize fighter trains in Ruidoso Downs

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

It's not often a fighter with a chance at a world title makes his way through Ruidoso Downs.

But that's what happened this past week, as Las Cruces native Austin Trout trained at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs, readying himself for a WBA Welterweight title fight.

The fight against Mexico's Rigoberto Alvarez will be Feb. 5 at the Arena Coliseo in Guadalajara, Mexico. Trout came to the Ruidoso area to train at altitude. Ruidoso sits at just under 7,000 feet above sea level, Guadalajara - the capital of the Mexican state of Jalisco in south-central Mexico - is just above 5,000 feet.

See TROUT, pg. 23

Baseball in Ruidoso? I say it's about time

Last week, I met with Andrew Dunn, commissioner for the Pecos League, Debbie Jo Almager and Rodney Griego with the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, and Richard Aguilar, director of the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation, about the work needed to turn the baseball field at White Mountain Athletic Complex into a full-fledged minor league park.

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And now - more than a decade after I began that

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True, it's developmental league level, light years away from the major leagues, but

pro ball is pro ball. These men will be paid to ply their trade, and they're hoping the community will pay money to come and watch.

I'm hoping so, as well. This is a first for Ruidoso, to have

professional ball played in our village limits, and a good baseball team can be a good community builder.

The season begins May 10, and I encourage fans of all stripes to come out. Even if you're not a baseball fan, it's a great excuse to get out and enjoy some sun in the spring and summer months among the tall, cool pines.

To order tickets and learn more about the Ruidoso Osos, visit their website at www.ruidosos.com.

On the ddot



Todd Fuqua

Lovington too much for Lady Warriors

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The District 4-3A season began on a down note for the Ruidoso girls basketball team Jan. 29, as the Lady Warriors fell 75-63.

Ruidoso (14-7, 0-1 in district) kept things close throughout the first half, trailing by just four points at the break. But Lovington (16-6, 1-0) opened things up in the third quarter to put too much distance for the Lady Warriors to overcome.

"We just had a mental breakdown, I think," said Ruidoso coach Julie Montoya of her team's third-quarter collapse. "It was frustration."

That frustration came about partly because of fouls and foul shots. Lovington was 25-33 from the charity stripe, while the Lady Warriors were only allowed to step to the foul line five times in the entire game, and made three of those.

"I tried to keep them focused in the second half, and they worked hard and believe in each other," Montoya said. "But it's frustrating when you do everything you're supposed to and it just isn't working out."

Mystica Perez did the most damage for the Lady Wildcats, lighting up the scoreboard for 30 points. Cori Haley and Kenzie Black each added 13 points.

Lyndsey Saenz had 21 points to lead Ruidoso, followed by Abriana Herrera with 14 points and Sydney Gonzales with 12.

Strong showing against Dons

At the end of the first quarter Jan. 25 against West Las Vegas, the Ruidoso Lady Warriors found themselves down 15-9 after a three-pointer by Brianna Montano. By the end of the game, they had earned a 63-58 victory.

"It was good to win this one," Montoya said. "We made some mistakes down the stretch we have to take care of, but we'll be able to learn that now that we've faced it in a game."

Ruidoso had its hands full early against the Lady Dons. West Las Vegas held the lead until a layup by Gonzales gave the Lady Warriors a tenuous 18-17 lead with 5:53 left in the second quarter, and the teams traded leads before a layup by Herrera tied things up at 27-all at the end of the half.

Herrera ended up leading the game with 24 points, most on well-timed layups in transition.

That transition game is what gave the Lady Warriors the lead for good in the third quarter. After trading buckets with the Lady Dons to open the second half, Ruidoso went on a 6-0 run.

The lead could have been bigger had the Lady Warriors been able to make a few more easy layups or putbacks during the run, and West Las Vegas was able to get within a point on a pair of free throws by



Todd Fuqua

Ruidoso guard Sydney Gonzales, left, looks for a teammate to pass to as West Las Vegas Lady Don Megan Martinez defend Jan. 25 at Ruidoso High School.

Montano, who led her team with 18 points.

But a three-pointer by Brittanie Vega put some distance between the teams, and the Lady Dons never got that close again.

That doesn't mean Ruidoso wasn't sweating in the fourth quarter. The Lady Warriors got into foul trouble and had lost Gonzales to fouls in the third

quarter.

West Las Vegas was taking advantage of that by attacking the basket and getting layups to keep things interesting.

"We were a little jittery, but were able to pick it up in the second half," said Saenz, who had 10 points in the game, while Vega had 18.

Bowling — Ruidoso Bowling Center

Tuesday Senior team standings, week 20 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Twisted Sisters	12	4	649	171
Larry Larry's	10	6	664	157
Sus Amigos	9	7	629	188
Old Timers	9	7	541	267
The Who?	8	8	603	212
Misfit Bowlers	7	9	596	217
Serious Not	4	12	601	218

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 942.
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 215.23, Gene Nitz 202.56, Harry Allwein 181.89. Women — Lucy Servies 160.08, Donna Vitonen 153.05, Pat Townsend 147.39.
Most improved average
Men — Larry Hindes +21.57, Jim Clements +17.36, Richard Dixon +16.39. Women — Rose Bivens +16.55, Donna Vitonen +11.05, Jan Wilson +10.68.

Tuesday Mixed team standings, week 20 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Homies	14	2	584	229
Living Energies	11	5	575	237

Old Farts & A Kid	10	6	733	97
Knight Riders	10	6	537	271
Pioneer Bank	7	9	525	283
Rhino Rose	6	10	619	198
Energy 2 Spare	5	11	592	221
Wild Ride	1	15	454	346

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, Max Cimaron 279.
Women's handicap series — Diane Willoughby 700, Lucy Servies 700, Millie Cimaron 690.
Women's handicap game — Pam Bernard 284, Brianna Velasquez 274, Christina Wall 271.
Individual high averages
Men — Tom Douglas 212.22, Gene Nitz 201.43, Ronnie Wright 189.37. Women — Pam Bernard 170.98, Lucy Servies 159.7, Irene Pawloski 132.85.
Most improved average
Men — Tom Douglas +18.22, Ronnie Wright +10.37, Ronnie Rider +8.42. Women — Millie Cimaron +5.85, Diane Willoughby +3.7, Pam Bernard +2.98.

Wednesday Men's team standings, week 17 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
The Kids	10	2	696	317
Western Auto	9	3	1009	49
Insidhers	9	3	908	126
Pin Pricks	7	5	897	136
Kannady's Bookke	6	6	860	168

Buckner Electric	5	7	830	195
GSV Title	5	7	942	105
Down's Auto Repair	4	8	953	84
Ruidoso Bowl	3	9	1003	50

Season high scores

Scratch series — Western Auto 3257, Down's Auto Repair 2993, The Kids 2360
Scratch game — Ruidoso Bowl 1114, GSV Title 1063
Handicap series — Insidhers 3463, Kannady's Bookke 3388
Handicap game — Buckner Electric 1231, Pin Pricks 1184
Men's scratch series — Hans Dubay 788, Richard Guevara 744, Sean Kernohon 729
Men's scratch game — Jim McGarvey 300, Tim Vega 300, Evan Reed 279
Men's handicap series — John Cardone 794, Joe Sosa 771, Max Cimaron 769
Men's handicap game — Floyd Ganaway 303, Ronnie Wright 303, Ron Slaten 296
Individual high averages
Men — Tim Vega 222.61, Jim McGarvey 221.29, Richard Guevara 214.43
Most improved average
Men — Evan Reed +18.77, Jim McGarvey +16.29, Ethan Myers +15.98

Wednesday Mixed team standings, week 17 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Western Auto	11	1	730	111
Phil and Girls	9	3	636	182
Comic Relief	8	4	505	301
Ruidoso Bowl	6	6	785	47
Evan's Team	6	6	571	241
Parts & Trash	6	6	575	236

Down's Auto Rep	5	7	644	175
455 Rockets	5	7	475	327
Even Par	4	8	693	130

Season high scores

Scratch series — Ruidoso Bowl 2538, Down's Auto Rep 2270, 455 Rockets 1656
Scratch game — Western Auto 890, Phil and Girls 720
Handicap series — Even Par 2682, Evan's Team 2670
Handicap game — Comic Relief 965, Parts & Trash 917
Men's scratch series — Jim McGarvey 740, Gene Nitz 686
Men's scratch game — Virgil Reynolds 278, Bob Layher 278, Daniel Lee 645
Men's handicap series — Tom Douglas 733, Joe Shafer 720, Rick Wood 705
Men's handicap game — Evan Reed 280, Floyd Ganaway 274, Dan Roller 274
Women's scratch series — Crystal Ingle 597, Jean Fanning 498, Shelley McGarvey 484
Women's scratch game — T.J. Romero 226, Elisa Deherra 206, Connie Reynolds 204
Women's handicap series — Kim Portio 722, Janice Wood 695, Tracie Clevenger 694
Women's handicap game — Pam Bernard 267, Nancy Sturgeon 253, Shelly Layher 246
Individual high averages
Men — Jim McGarvey 224.10, Virgil Reynolds 209.74, Gene Nitz 208.12. Women — Crystal Ingle 168.6, Pam Bernard 163.47, T.J. Romero 156.72.
Most improved average
Men — Floyd Ganaway +18.67, Dan Roller +11.96, Tom Douglas +9.47. Women — Kim Portio +10.13, Tracie Clevenger +8.18, Nancy Sturgeon +6.83.

'Zozo girls keep on winning

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Hondo's girls basketball team had been on a tear of late, winning four games in a row, including a 49-22 District 3B win over Corona Jan. 27. About the only thing that could derail them was a team that was even hotter.

That team is Carrizozo, and the Lady Grizzlies ran their win streak to eight after a 43-28 win over Hondo Jan. 29.

The Lady Grizzlies' streak began in the Smokey Bear Tournament in Capitan at the beginning of January, and the streak includes a 59-52 win over Mescalero Jan. 27.

"Our defense really stepped up," said Carrizozo coach Billy Page. "It was about being fundamental and rotating, trusting your teammates."

Mescalero was able to score on the Lady Grizzlies (11-5), but transition buckets by Carrizozo allowed them to pull away.

"They were ahead by two at the break and up by as much as six in the second half," Page said. "But our fourth quarter defense really turned it around for us."

Kristi and Shelley Gensler had 12 points each for Carrizozo, Stephanie Zamora added 11.

Valerie Garcia was the game's top scorer with 15 points for Mescalero, while Ardis Holder had 14.

After spotting Hondo a 13-8 lead in the first quarter Jan. 29, the Lady Grizzlies brought the hammer down in the second quarter, holding the Lady Eagles to zero points in the period.

"We got into foul trouble, and had to go to the bench early," said Hondo coach Brad Holland. "After we got into a hole, we just couldn't catch up. We're not very explosive offensively."

Valeria Lerma had seven points to lead Hondo (11-7), while Felicia Chavez and Chanci Lopez were held to a total of nine points.

Kristi Gensler again had 12 points for Carrizozo, Shelley Gensler and Zamora each had nine points.

"That was our night," Holland said. "We defended pretty well, but turned the ball over entirely too much to win the game."

Hondo's game against Corona was a very different situation. Gomez had 12 points to lead the Lady Eagles (1-0 in district) and Lerma had 10. Cassandra Sanchez and Alyssanne Huey had six each for the Lady Cardinals (4-8, 0-1), while Taylor Huey had four.

Capitan's patience pays off

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor



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Dexter forward Sydney Parker, center, is squeezed by Capitan defenders Dusti Rae Eldridge (15) and Jamie Fields Jan. 27 at Capitan.

CAPITAN – The Capitan Lady Tigers had nine days off since the last time they even played a game, but when they took the court against Dexter Jan. 27, you never would have known it.

Capitan opened the game with an 8-2 run and never trailed in a 47-35 victory over the Lady Demons.

The Lady Tigers (6-8) had a 30-14 lead at the end of the first half, but Dexter (6-15) started scoring better after the break.

The Lady Demons were also holding onto the ball better. Of their 29 giveaways, only eight came in the second half.

But for all of the points they were scoring, Capitan came back with buckets of their own.

"On offense, we were more patient

and moved the ball well," said Capitan coach John Devine. "We hit our shots and were finishing the play, which we weren't doing in the beginning of the year."

Kaitlin Keaton was the biggest beneficiary of the Lady Tiger offense. She consistently found herself open underneath and poured in 20 points to lead the game.

"I saw the basket better, but that's because I've been going against coach Rebecca Gonzales in practice," Keaton said. "She's big and really strong, and I learned to be strong underneath."

About the only time the Lady Tigers weren't scoring was at the free throw line. Capitan was 2-for-10 from the charity stripe, and that is what allowed Dexter to get a little closer near the end.

Silvia Mediano led the Lady Demons with 13 points, while Sydney Parker had 10.

Grizzlies falter, Chiefs and Eagles improving

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Carrizozo boys and girls teams have been going in opposite directions the past week. The girls are coming off back-to-back wins over Mescalero and Hondo, while the Grizzlies have lost four in a row and six of their last eight.

Carrizozo's latest setback was a 54-44 road loss to Hondo Saturday, this after a 74-55 loss to Mescalero Jan. 27.

"We've been missing a lot of easy shots, and we've got to make those if we're going to win," said Carrizozo coach Billy Page. "We were getting guys open, but just couldn't make the shots fall."

Saturday's game was a rematch of a 69-43 win by Hondo in the Mescalero Tournament near the beginning of the season. Page said his team did better the second time-around, but a lack of scoring in the final period ultimately sunk the Grizzlies (9-9).

Mark Vigil had only 13 points to lead Carrizozo, followed by Tavi Nash with 10. Luis Montano was the top scorer of the game for Hondo, putting in 16, while German Lerma had 15. Andrew Padilla and Billy Candelaria had eight points each for the Eagles (10-8).

Hondo coach Brad Holland said his team struggled in the second half, making it "closer than it should have been."

"We didn't shoot the ball particularly well, but us jumping out in front of them to begin with got us the win," Holland said.

It was Hondo's second win in a row, having beaten Corona 66-28 in a District 3B matchup Jan. 27. Montano had 14 points and Lerma 9 points for the Eagles (1-1 in district).

Chiefs keep improving

Carrizozo's loss to Mescalero was particularly eye-opening, as the Chiefs now have five wins on the season.

The Chiefs (5-13) have won their last two games in a row, including a 53-50 defeat of Cloudcroft Jan. 25.

Mescalero also narrowly lost to Foothill High, a team that scorched the Chiefs to start the season.

"I think that game woke us up, to show how much we improved," said Mescalero coach Mike Torres. "At Cloudcroft, we played our type of

game, jumping out on them and daring them to catch up. They had their runs, but it wasn't enough."

Godfrey Cordova and Tahari Kaydahzinne had 14 points each to lead Mescalero, while Aaron Kaydahzinne had 12.

Against Carrizozo, Cordova got several offensive rebounds and poured in 25 points, while the Kaydahzinnes and Julius Mendez all had 13 points each.

Marshall Ventura was the only Grizzly in double figures with 19.

TROUT

Trout – who was the New Mexico state champion, U.S. national champion and was an Olympic boxer at the 2004 games in Greece – is going after his first professional world title.

"I will be nervous, there would be something wrong with me if I wasn't," Trout said. "But by the time I step into the ring, I'll be running on instinct."

Helping him hone that fighting in-

stinct is coach Louie Burke, who has been involved with Trout's training since he was 10.

"He's had other amateur coaches, but I was always around," Burke said.

When asked if Trout was tired of having Burke coaching him, Trout answered – with a wink – "Yeah," just before stepping into the ring for a round of sparring with Joaquin Zamora.

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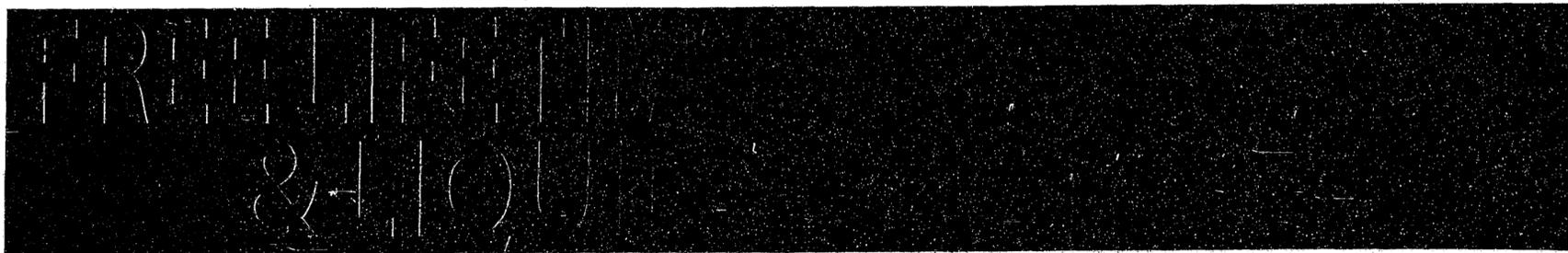
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