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## Village studies how to avoid future crises

By Eddie Farrell  
Reporter

After resolving an emergency, one of the most important phases of crisis management is evaluating what went wrong, what went right and figuring out steps to be taken in the face of a similar event in the future.

The Village of Ruidoso is well into its post-crisis evaluation, according to Mayor Ray Alborn, and village officials have already found areas where they

know they must share at least some of the blame in the recent water emergency that saw some residents without service for up to five days.

"One thing we did have going for us is that we went through the self-evaluation process in the wake of the 2008 floods," Alborn said. "Every department found things they could have done better so this time they were really on top of things."

One area, however, that quickly presented itself as a problem as the village came to grips with the severity of the water loss situation — at one point the

village was within three hours of the municipal water system running completely dry — was non-enforcement of a long-standing code requirement calling for water shut-off valves on the residential side of the meter.

"That falls into the category of village staff not wanting to inconvenience people, and people taking advantage of it," said Village Engineer Bob Decker.

"You had managers, supervisors and politicians

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Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Brad Lewter, field coordinator at the Greentree Solid Waste Authority transfer station, sorts through aluminum cans to be crushed and bailed. The conveyor belt is used for all sorts of recyclable materials, including cardboard, carpet remnants and plastic.

### NEW WASTE PROCESSING CENTER:

## A thing of beauty

By Todd Fuqua  
Reporter

Can trash be a beautiful thing?

According to some artists or antique collectors, absolutely.

But we're not talking about some neglected armoire or old cans, we're talking about moldy oranges, pizza crusts, coffee grounds, used paper plates and cups . . . you know, trash.

That type of trash might not be beautiful, but the transfer station recently opened by the Greentree Solid Waste Authority in Ruidoso Downs certainly is.

The new facility — located at 26590 Highway 70, directly across from Duds and Suds — represents the end of almost a decade of financial wrangling. The land was purchased by the

city in 2003, and the money to construct it had been secured.

But then Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf of Mexico.

That devastating storm had the effect of making every conceivable construction material twice as expensive, meaning the projected cost to build the facility was now much more expensive than the funds that had been secured.

"We needed a larger loan, and it ended up costing \$6 million," said Debra Ingle, operations manager for the authority. "Of that, we still have \$3 million in debt, and we've been able to do that in the last four years without raising rates."

The new transfer station sits on 25 acres, almost three times the size of the old facility, which was just a block away from Ruidoso Downs

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## MAW committee finalizes program agenda

By Eddie Farrell  
Reporter

A year's worth of planning for the Village of Ruidoso's "Military Appreciation Week" is beginning to take its final form as the MAW committee announced Friday the names of keynote speakers and other honored guests.

Brig. Gen. Jack Fox, who recently retired from the New Mexico Army National Guard, will be the keynote speaker at the MAW Awards Dinner Banquet,

set for 6 p.m. April 30 at Ruidoso Middle School.

Honored guests will include Bataan survivor William Overmier, 92, who served with the 200th Coast Artillery. Ike Camacho, the first American soldier to escape the Viet Cong will be the honored POW representative.

Joe Madrid, a local artist at Apache Trading, is crafting a special silver medallion bolo tie of the POW insignia that will be given to POWs in attendance.

Joshua Bullis will represent Wounded Warriors, according to information released by Millie Woods, chair of the MAW committee.

Representatives of area military bases, including Holloman Air Force Base, Cannon Air Force Base, White Sands Missile Range, Fort Bliss and the NM National Guard are all planning activities and displays at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport April 29-30.

The committee also acknowledged the 101 soldiers of the NM National Guard who assisted the Village of Ruidoso during the recent water crisis. Soldiers from Roswell, Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Hobbs, Carlsbad and Clovis were involved in the effort to stem leaks, turn water meters on and off and help distribute water.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Library time

Little ones are invited to story and craft time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. This week's event is a 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.

## Theater performance

The Lincoln County Community Theatre presents *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* by John Patrick, Feb. 25-26 at the Community Warehouse at 200 Church Dr. in Ruidoso, and March 5 at the Nike Ballroom in Carrizozo on Highway 380. Doors open at 6 p.m. in Ruidoso and 5 p.m. in Carrizozo. Tickets are \$10 for all shows and can be purchased at the door. Tickets for the Ruidoso shows can also be purchased at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 336-1530.

## College board meet

The Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Branch Community College Board will meet March 3 at 6 p.m. in room 119 at the ENMU-Ruidoso campus located at 709 Mechem Drive.

An agenda for the meeting will be available in the ENMU-Ruidoso president's office 24 hours prior to the meeting.

## Zumbathon fundraiser

The Community Youth Center Warehouse, located at 200 Church Dr. in Ruidoso, is hosting a Zumbathon fundraiser March 5 from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person plus pledge packets to get additional donations to support the center.

To register, call 630-0318, 808-3267 or Cathi McIntosh at 973-1420.

## Humane Society cookbook

You can help your Lincoln County Humane Society by sending your favorite recipes of any category. The society is compiling a cookbook of your favorites for a fundraiser. Include your name and a story to go with the recipe, if it has one. Submit recipes to Lindabl65@gmail.com.

## 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.

**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 fourth 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](http://www.sacmntvillage.org).

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

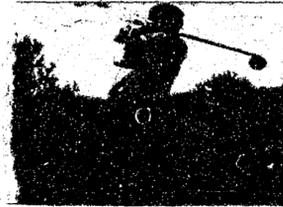
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# New pastor



*Courtesy Members and friends at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church welcomed their new pastor, Rev. Thomas Schoech, right, at his installation service Jan. 30. Pictured with Rev. Schoech is Rev. Randall Golter, president of the Rocky Mountain District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), who installed Rev. Schoech, with the elders of the congregation participating in the service.*

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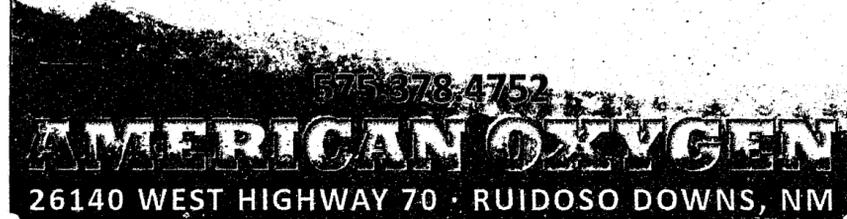
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Cornerstone Center, 1216 Mechem at 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

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.

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet the fourth Monday of each month at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call 430-7258.

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

The Lincoln County Regulators, members of the Single Action Shooters Society, hold matches the second Saturday of every month at the Ruidoso Gun Range located on Hale Lake Road. Registration is at 9 a.m., matches start at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to participate or watch the action. During the

Outstanding citizen



Jean Proctor, second from left, was honored as an outstanding citizen during the Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee meeting Feb. 16. She has been a member of the committee for several years and has given countless hours of volunteer time to her hometown community of Ruidoso Downs. Born in Haydock, England, Proctor married serviceman Calvin Odell Proctor in 1945 and arrived in the United States in 1947. In 1988 she became a U.S. citizen in Las Cruces. Proctor first moved to Ruidoso in 1967, and has been involved in the school music program, Elks Lodge and the Pink Lady program with the Hospital Auxiliary, in addition to donating her time to various committees in the area.

shooting matches, all other shooting is suspended. For more information, call Avery (AKA Rowdy Lane) at 937-9297.

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

The Photographic Society of Lincoln County - dedicated to the

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

Rotary Club of Ruidoso meets at

Cree Meadows Country Club noon every Tuesday.

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

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

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# Downs Council supports film tax credit

By Todd Fuqua

Reporter

It took a mayor's vote to break the tie, but the Ruidoso Downs City Council approved a resolution which urges the New Mexico State Legislature to keep a tax incentive designed to bring more television and film production to the Land of Enchantment.

The tax credit was recently the target of a repeal attempt in the state house, thanks to a bill introduced by Dennis Kintigh (R-Roswell), who represents Chaves and northern Lincoln counties.

Carrizozo – which lies in Kintigh's district – was a direct beneficiary of the 25 percent tax credit, as it was a shooting location for the Denzel Washington film *The Book of Eli*.

Harold Oakes, who serves as a liaison for Film Lincoln County N.M., told the council Kintigh's bill has died in committee, and was in favor of keeping the tax incentive in place.

"I believe the incentive has something for everybody," Oakes said. "These are green and union jobs, and the rebate is a tax rebate. If you want to cut taxes and give them back to the people, a rebate is a way of doing it."

The resolution actually asks the legislature to keep the tax credit in place until "a complete and thorough economic impact study can be done to determine the negative impact such a reduction would have on area jobs and area small businesses."

Kintigh has argued there have been several stud-

ies done already on the effect the tax has on the state's economy, and every one of them have shown it's bad for the state's economics.

Oakes pointed out the different studies, but stated the conclusions are so wide-ranging, it's hard to make a definitive decision.

"I'm just asking for the city to say they support the film industry and keep these incentives for now," Oakes said. "If it costs us money, then I don't want to do it. But I want to see some proof to that effect before we kill an industry."

The council split on the vote to approve the resolution, with councilors Dean Holman and Rene Olivo voting yes and Tommy Hood and Gary Williams voting no. Mayor Tom Armstrong cast the positive vote for the resolution's final approval.

Armstrong also thanked Public Works Director Cletus Richards for the work done to stop leaks throughout Ruidoso Downs as the result of broken pipes and water meters in the wake of the extreme cold two weeks before.

Richards said levels in two main water tanks had dropped to between eight and 12 feet, about 20 feet below normal.

"We put in a lot of overtime finding water mains and leaks and shut off 27 homes and repaired 12 meters," Richards said. "I estimate we lost about 1 million gallons of water, but our crews stayed out that Saturday and Sunday, and by Tuesday our tanks were maintaining the levels in the wells."

City administrator Carol Virden said information

is being sent out to seasonal residents whose water was shut off, informing them how they can get service back.

In other business, the council:

- Approved letter of understanding between the city and the Humane Society of Lincoln County, which will be conducting a roaming cat neuter program on a colony of feral cats at Willow RV Park on Friedenbloom Drive.

Margaret Lahey, executive director of the Humane Society, said the program will not cost Ruidoso Downs a dime, and the program will continue until the entire colony has been spayed or neutered.

"If we can find funding, we'll continue this at other neighborhoods," Lahey said. "Now that we're sterilizing, the numbers of these roaming cats will dwindle quickly."

- The council approved a liquor license for La Hacienda Restaurant on Highway 70 near Big O Tires to serve beer and wine only. There were questions about the restaurant being so close to the designated school bus stop at Big O, but Virden informed the council the state only requires an establishment selling liquor must be at least 300 feet from a school or church, and a bus stop isn't considered school property.

- The council also approved Beth Miller as the newest member of the Ruidoso Downs Economic Development Board, which will allow that panel to have a quorum, and approved the Waste Water Treatment Plant invoice for January for \$21,892.87.

# Water rights differ from actual availability

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Eagle Creek water rights were cast into question during the Feb. 15 Lincoln County Commissioners meeting. Although no new well permits were applied for at the Office of the State Engineer (OSE), according to county manager Tom Stewart's report, requests to deepen existing wells in the Eagle Creek area have been received.

County Commissioners recently embarked on detailed watershed and aquifer recharge studies through the United States Geological Survey and the Upper Hondo Soil and Water District.

"Eventually, this area needs to come to grips with what we actually have, not what the village was sold or what they would like to have. According to a recent consent order between the VOR and the forest service the 5,600 acre feet sold to the VOR in 1984 has been reduced to something like 2635 acre feet," said Commissioner Jackie Powell.

An acre foot of water is defined by the volume of one acre of surface area to a depth of one foot. The volume of an acre-foot is 43,560 cubic feet. This is approximately 325,851.4 U.S. gallons

Referring to the order, Powell noted that water rights would need to prove up, which means to actually concur with the stated availability by 2024. Powell said, "Even this water right has never been

proven up on." Powell testified the original actual versus available water right from the railroad was 1,200 acre feet.

"The actual water there that did exist is 100 percent appropriated and the science proves it over and over again. The additional allocation the village wants to have is not there," Powell said. She contends the parties in the transaction are trying to convert groundwater rights into surface water rights to come up with an actual 2,635 acre feet.

"That means the surface water would have to run double what the original 1,200 acre feet existing, which is there. That volume of water is not there, has never been there and never will be there," Powell said.

Eagle Creek is not the only concern when it comes to surface water depletion. Powell said, "I think everyone can see the Rio Ruidoso is not what it once was. It's not the noisy river anymore." Powell echoed a sense of urgency and awareness of depleting water resources and the current drought situation.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service snow water equivalent report for Sierra Blanca and the Rio Hondo Basin is 6.8 inches. The snow water equivalent for 2010 at this time was 21.3 inches with an average of 10.2 inches which is 67 percent of average.

"Our window of opportunity for viable snowpack

is very limited and we need to get all of these agencies on the same track. We are now fully populated against water rights originally appropriated in 1907 and we just saw with the effects of the storm how easily that can change" Powell said.

The Hondo Valley watershed, also known as the Rio Hondo Watershed, is a sub-basin of the Lower Pecos and is located in South-Central New Mexico. It is bordered by the Sacramento Mountains on the west, the Capitan Mountains on the North, and Pajarita Mountain on the south.

The studies are part of the execution of the Lincoln County master plan. According to the plan, Lincoln County is not directly responsible for domestic water transmission or distribution. It is concerned with future sustainability of water and other natural resources.

The county supports the efforts of the state engineer and uses (OSE) guidelines in making decisions on water use within the County.

The Village of Ruidoso's 40-year water plan also expresses concern for a shortfall of sustainable water supply for most of the communities in the county by the year 2040.

In addition, there is a current short-term crisis that will remain for the near future during the existing drought situation. Long-term water shortfalls will be largely due to projected population growth over the next 40 years.

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## WATER

that were trying to be nice," Decker said, "and things got to the state we faced recently. It wasn't intentional, but it reared up to bite a lot of people. We pumped 15 million gallons of water that we might not have otherwise lost if the shut-off valves were there."

The residential cut-off valves have been required since 1970, and in the first hours of the water emergency, Village Manager Debi Lee authorized staff to tell water customers that their water would not be turned on at the meter unless or until they had a cut-off valve installed.

In subsequent days, that provision was waived slightly in that customers had to agree to have the valves installed within 90 days, which would allow water service to be resumed without the homeowner having to bear the additional expense immediately.

"We're allowing time because we know there's a shortage of plumbers and parts," Alborn said.

Similarly, critics of the village's response point to the City of Ruidoso Downs' success in limiting water loss quickly, at least in part, according to Mayor Tom Armstrong, due to the city's use of the Firefly water meter reading system.

According to Armstrong, Ruidoso Downs crews were able to identify leaks by simply driving down neighborhoods and spotting which of the city's 850 meters were showing inordinate water use levels.

Finding leaks in a utility one-tenth the size of Ruidoso's is a far less formidable challenge, Decker said.

"They're a much smaller water utility than we are," Decker said, "and they're laid out in a more discernible grid."

Decker said Ruidoso also uses the Firefly system, and has been phasing it in to the point where about 1,500 meters have the special meters in place.

"But it's very expensive," Decker said, "and you have to phase it in. You do not want to replace all of your meters at the same time."

Decker said the Firefly system is also not the panacea of leak discovery some would attribute to it.

"We found that in many cases, just getting out on foot and turning off the meter was quicker than getting a reading, coming back into the village to check that particular meter's usage pattern and then going back out there," he said.

Decker noted that Ruidoso Downs

also lacks the altitude disadvantage village crews had to deal with.

"You cannot underestimate what 500 feet in elevation does when temperatures fall as low as they did," Decker said.

Village crews also had to deal with what Village Utility Director Randall Camp called the "eclectic architecture" common of many Upper Canyon residences.

Crews looking to shut down water leaks struggled to find meters; homes built on extreme slopes limited the ability for adequate inspection.

A tour through the area with Lee elicited the comment that Upper Canyon development "didn't pay much attention to zoning."

"It's not that people didn't pay attention to zoning, it's that there was no zoning," Decker said. "Some of those areas developed long before zoning even went into effect in Ruidoso."

Decker said the village implemented its zoning regulations in the 1970s.

"A lot of those residences would not get approval today. They flat-out do not meet code," he said.

Still, both Alborn and Decker insist that the most of the problems that contributed to the water crisis were not the village's responsibility.

"The majority of the problems of this event were on the customer side, not the village's," Decker said.

The village, Decker said, was as prepared as could reasonably be expected.

Pumps, mains, valves — all were situated in an acceptable manner, he said.

Aside from the lack of shut-off valves, which allowed the situation to go from bad to worse almost immediately, Decker cited the near-record temperatures and a power blackout that ranged from minutes in some areas of Ruidoso to upwards of six hours in Upper Canyon areas as the one-two combination of punches that left the village reeling.

Because of the varying elevations, the village uses pumps that move water under pressure, Decker said.

When the power went out, the pumps stopped, leaving water in the system that quickly began to freeze.

As water was draining from village storage tanks, pipes leading into the reservoirs froze, compounding the situation.

As hours passed, mains that normally were deep enough in the ground to have adequate insulation began to

City Hall. It was also located painfully close to residential homes, something the authority doesn't have to worry about at the new location.

The recycling building alone is larger than the old site, and it's where cardboard, shredded paper, aluminum, plastic and carpet cutting are separated and bailed before being shipped to processing facilities.

There are also six pads for the public to dump large items legally, as well as special locations for used oil, paint, computers and car batteries.

All of this is now in enclosed areas — unlike before, when they were simply located on pallets out in the open — giving the area a nice, tidy look.

It's all designed to reduce the actual amount of waste that's eventually taken to the area's landfill near Oro Grande.

Josh Payan, recycling coordinator, said the design of the facility is also meant to keep the public areas separate from the authorities' business. Not requiring residents in their small cars and trucks

to jockey for space with huge garbage trucks keeps things safe for the public.

"We take pride in this place," Payan said. "I sweep the parking lot nightly, we water the trees, and keep things tidy here. It is so much nicer than where we were before."

The site is open to all Lincoln County residents with large or recyclable items to dispose. Yard hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and the yard is open the second Saturday of each month during the fall and winter.

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feel the impacts as bitter cold worked into the ground causing more freezing and breaking.

Then there are the large number of vacant residences all over Ruidoso that didn't have anybody at home to shut off the water when the leaks started.

"We did a quick internal survey and discovered that of our 8,900 customers, 7,100 of them have out of the area mailing addresses," Decker said. "That's not to say that all of those homes were unoccupied, but a lot of them were and in many cases the residents didn't properly winterize their homes."

For previous generations, Ruidoso was a winter-vacation destination for outdoor sports and non-residents were more diligent about proper winterization.

"They knew that they wouldn't be back until the following winter, so they turned off the water, put antifreeze in the drains ... all the things one does to properly shut down a home," Decker said.

"Now, many people come up on the weekends and don't do all that. They forget, or get lazy or maybe they don't even know how to properly winterize their home. That all contributed to the situation."

Another case of "people trying to be nice" came to a head when many residents started calling Village Hall complaining about others, namely businesses, using water when upward 1,500 homes had none.

"We got an awful lot of calls from people complaining about not having water and driving by the car wash and saw them using water. People were up-

set and that's understandable," Alborn said.

"So we went and talked to the car wash owners and they all told us they weren't going to stop as long as other car washes were in operation. They're in business and they need to make money. We understand that, too."

But Alborn said at one point the severity of the crisis was so dire that he became "seriously alarmed" about the village's ability to mandate a curtailment of water use.

Hence Alborn is now asking the Village Council to revise its code of ordinances that in a similar crisis situation "we have the ability to go to these businesses and give them directions to shut down ... and not just ask them to conserve."

Alborn said in a future emergency, any Village business could, depending on the severity of the crisis, find itself in mandatory compliance.

"We're talking restaurants, motels, carwashes, laundromats ... even a private citizen's water use," Alborn said. "Even those on private pumps. Water conservation affects the entire community. Private pumps draw from the same aquifer the village draws from."

And Alborn has already admitted he expects to catch a lot of flak from the community over his proposal.

"We're looking at this because we're trying to take care of everybody in the village, not just a select few," Alborn said.

"And I want to make this real clear, I'm not running for re-election here. This isn't about votes. I'm trying to do what's best for the entire community."

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN

*The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen.*  
~Frank Lloyd Wright

I am a former commissioned officer in the United States Navy. I served as a Naval Flight Officer from 1987 to 1995 and in the first three months of 1991, flew combat missions with my squadron-mates from the deck of the USS John F. Kennedy during Operation Desert Storm. I offer this information only to frame what follows so readers might not presume that these notions grew from immature idealism or inexperience with the realities of war. Instead they come from a realization that began growing not long after my combat experiences and have only become stronger and clearer as the decades since have past. In those years, my oldest son about whom I write, grew from the two-year old he was in 1991 to the amazing man he is now. And my youngest son, born three weeks before that war began, matured into the brilliant, loving and bold young man he is as well. It is from my awareness gained as their father in partnership with their strong, loving and wise mother expanding into a sense of greater stewardship that these notions were born. Without their teaching me more about life than I could ever teach them, I would still be as blind as those who I hope will begin to see more clearly by reading this.

My oldest son is twenty-two now - a United States Marine infantryman - proud and bold, honest, smart and strong. Tonight, he sleeps not in the warm and comfortable bed we all wish for our own children; instead, he sleeps in a rough, hard bed scraped into the sands and rock of a harsh and distant land. He is there to perform his duty. That duty, to which we collectively profess our admiration as an honorable sacrifice, is to support and defend our way of life - our freedoms, our comforts, our hopes and our dreams. He is trained and, to an uncomfortable degree, indo-

ctrinated by the culture we have all created to commit his own life in that cause should he be called to do so.

He is only one of many thousands; but he is my son.

So, lest his sacrifices and those of his brothers-in-arms be in vain, I ask first, that you seek every moment of happiness you can. Find joy in your life. Find it in your freedoms, in your comforts, your hopes and dreams, and even in your excesses. Have pride in our land of the free and keep to the hope upon which it was founded. Remember also though to grieve for the dead and wounded - on all sides - for every human life is precious and sacred. When you meet a marine, soldier, sailor or airman - thank them, hug them, let them know you care in whatever manner you are able. Sleep in comfort, relax in the safety of your homes and treasure every moment of peace you can, for we are all deserving of joyful lives.

I implore you though to never forget for a moment that you are a contributing member of a society that is collectively blind to the inhumanity inherent in the sending of our young - our strongest and most courageous - to bear the terrible burden of war simply because we cannot imagine a better way and then maintain the courage and will to move from imagination to creation. Understand what we have created for ourselves and see the truth of its savagery. Then remove the blinders of hopelessness and cynicism and know that we have the power to create a society, a world, that is more human and more humane.

Believe that we can, and know that we must ceaselessly endeavor to evolve into a more noble society. A society based on a consciousness that is free of the veil which blinds us to the irrationality of conscripting our young to fight, suffer and die under a banner labeled "Peace". Believe that we can alter our trajectory and transcend our heritage to create a society that does not feed its appetites from the trough of war and fuel its economic engines through endlessly creating

and employing the machinery of violence and conflict. Believe that we do not need to fear others simply because they are different. See the truth that we all are part of a greater whole that encompasses not just one nation or one faith and expand your heart to live in a place of gratitude within the infinitely grander scope of all of creation - the true reality that sanctifies all of life in all of its forms. Then, hold fast to an image of a future of humanity that grows ever more worthy of the gifts bestowed on us.

The path leading to that future demands that we each ask hard questions, seek answers and hear the truth coming from our source. Then we must understand what is before us and commit to action to change what we have created. Do this and join the genesis of that which must happen if humanity is to survive its brutal and savage youth.

If you do not - if WE do not - act for change, then we are condemning our sons and daughters to awaken in the middle of their lives as I have to a gray dawn, wondering why, and if, their children sleep at all in the sands and rock of a violent and unthinkably distant land - and then asking the rising sun if it believes there might finally come a day when all of humanity fully awakens. Or rather, does it fear it will someday soon set on the final day of the last of us all.

When I listened for an answer I heard this: We may choose to believe, or we may choose to fear. However, the ultimate outcome will be that which is chosen by the most.

Will you choose to believe and act, or will you succumb to fear?

I choose to believe and I am compelled to act. And so should you be.

Mark Hamilton  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Questions about crises

We have paid close attention to radio, TV, and newspaper coverage regarding the recent water crisis. Ms. Lee stated that, though Village water lines were not damaged, somewhere between 428 and 500 private property water leaks were detected - most as early

as Monday, Feb. 7. Just wondering how many of those leaks were in the area affected by the Village's shut off of the Ebony PRV on Thursday, Feb. 10?

Kemp and Terry Christian  
310 Main Road  
Ruidoso

### Thank you board members

As three individuals are approaching the conclusion of their service to our community and the Ruidoso Schools, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to them, and others like them, who are willing to make hard decisions, maintain confidentiality, and avoid conflict of interest...even in the small town in which we have chosen to live.

Susan Lutterman, Frank Sayner, and Marc Beatty represent that group of truly dedicated community members who were willing to do the work necessary to make our schools and communities better places to learn and live. They, and that group of civic-minded individuals, have my appreciation and respect. Trying to limit the length of this letter of appreciation, I have focused on three words...Potential, Stewardship, and Commitment:

Marc - Potential... this bright, insightful and energetic young man demonstrated his great potential in the 8 months since his appointment to the Ruidoso School Board. Marc is the type of community member I would like representing me in some capacity in the future.

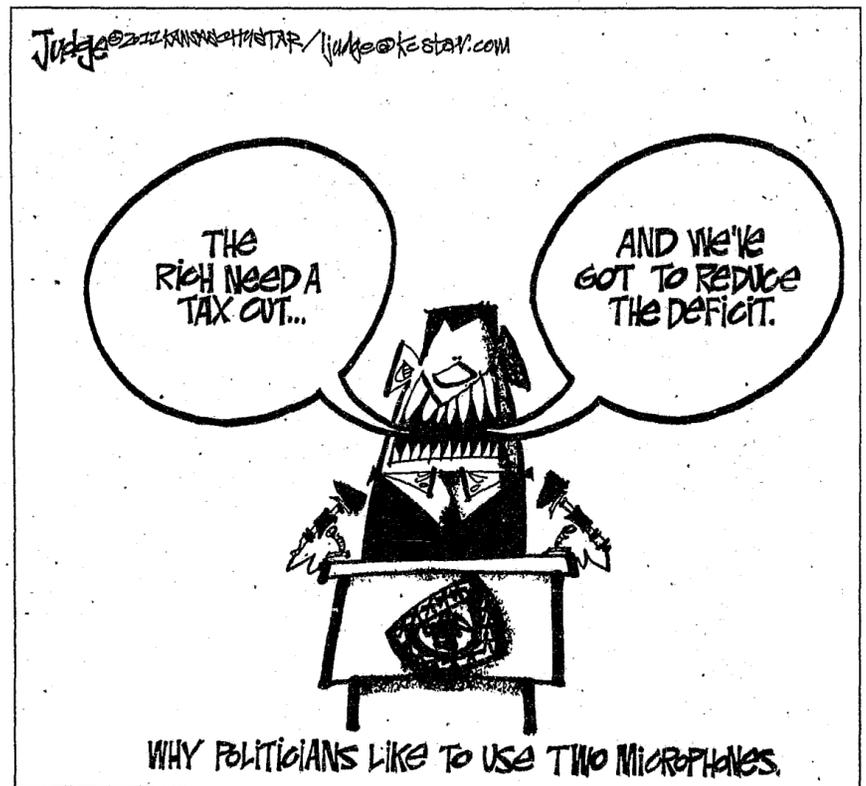
Frank - Stewardship...over his 12 years of service to this community,

Frank was the conservative voice of reason for the stewardship of taxpayers' funds. He provided careful scrutiny of every expenditure to ensure maximum service and support to our students. He demonstrated that accountability is better accomplished with civility rather than blame and suspicion.

Susan - Commitment...during Susan's 20 years of service on the board, Ruidoso Schools, our state and the nation were challenged by the full range of complex issues facing educational institutions. Bottom-line for Susan during those challenges was always, "What is best for Ruidoso students?" Her commitment, time and effort went far beyond official meetings and obligations. For those who may not have been here long...or remember, Susan has always been an unwavering supporter of staff; a tireless worker for student programs/activities; and a state-wide leader in school governance.

Please join me in expressing your appreciation for the work accomplished by these three individuals. And, to those others who choose to serve our community on boards, commissions, and councils.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Gladden  
Ruidoso Down



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## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

**On Feb. 28, 1940,** Mario Andretti, whose name will become synonymous with American auto racing, is born in Montona, Italy. His long list of achievements includes a Formula One World Championship and wins at the Indianapolis 500, Daytona 500 and Pikes Peak Hill Climb.

**On March 1, 1932,** Charles Lindbergh III, the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, is kidnapped from the family's new mansion in Hopewell, N.J. Days later the baby's lifeless body was discovered near the Lindbergh home.

**On March 2, 1904,** Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss, is born in Springfield, Mass. Geisel's first book, "And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street," was rejected by more than two dozen publishers before making it into print in 1937.

**On March 3, 1887,** Anne Sulli-

van begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at the age of 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist.

**On March 4, 1966,** a John Lennon quotation that was ignored in England sets off a media frenzy in America: "We're more popular than Jesus now." Bible Belt disc jockeys declared Lennon's remarks blasphemous and vowed an eternal ban on all Beatles music, past, present and future.

**On March 5, 1977,** the Dial-a-President radio program, featuring President Jimmy Carter and CBS news anchorman Walter Cronkite, airs for the first time. Carter answered calls from all over the country from his desk in the Oval Office. Some 9 million calls flooded the CBS radio studio during the two-hour broadcast.

**On March 6, 1899,** the Imperial Patent Office in Berlin registers Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) on behalf of the German pharmaceutical company Friedrich Bayer & Co. The brand name came from "a" for acetyl, "spir" from

the spirea plant (a source of salicin) and the suffix "in," commonly used for medications.

**On March 7, 1938,** Janet Guthrie, the first woman to compete in the Indianapolis 500 and Daytona 500 races, is born in Iowa City, Iowa. Guthrie drove in her final Indy 500 in 1979 and her last Daytona 500 in 1980. Her helmet and driver's suit are in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

**On March 8, 1951,** the Lonely Hearts Killers — Martha Beck and Raymond Martinez Fernandez — are executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison in New York. The odd couple had schemed to seduce, rob and murder women who placed personal ads in newspapers. Their story has been the subject of several movies, most recently "Lonely Hearts" (2006).

**On March 9, 1985,** the first-ever Adopt-a-Highway sign is erected on Highway 69 in Texas. The highway was adopted by the Tyler Civitan Club, which committed to picking up trash along a designated 2-mile stretch of the road.

**On March 10, 1945,** 300 American bombers drop almost 2,000 tons of incendiaries on Tokyo. The attack de-

stroyed large portions of the Japanese capital and killed 100,000 civilians. Ten square miles of eastern Tokyo were entirely obliterated, and an estimated 250,000 buildings were destroyed.

**On March 11, 1918,** a historic influenza epidemic breaks out at the U.S. Army hospital at Fort Riley, Kan. The disease soon traveled to Europe with the American soldiers heading to the battlefields of France. The flu would eventually kill 675,000 Americans and more than 20 million people around the world.

**On March 12, 1922,** author Jack Kerouac is born in Lowell, Mass. In World War II, he served in the Navy but was expelled for severe personality problems that may have been symptoms of mental illness. It was not until 1957 when he published "On the Road" that he became famous as a seminal figure of the Beat Generation.

**On March 13, 1781,** the German-born English astronomer William Herschel discovers Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun. Herschel's discovery of a new planet was the first to be made in modern times, and the first to be made by use of a telescope.

## Longtime volunteer retires

By Eugene Heathman

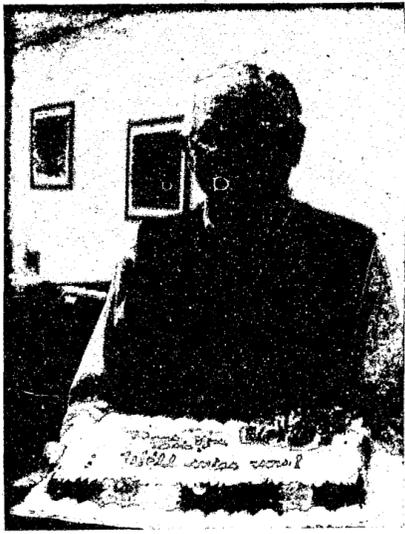
Reporter

Robert "Bob" Brophy, who, at the age of 90, has volunteered at the Village of Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center 12 years totaling a record breaking 18,000 hours, has retired.

Senior center director Sandy Jordan said, "The accumulation of Bob's volunteer hours have resulted in a cost savings to the community (based on \$15.39 dollars per volunteer hour) of more than \$215,041 with his time as a volunteer, which is quite a measurable impact for one individual donating back to the community."

In 1998, Brophy's wife passed away. He then moved to Ruidoso with his son Jim. "After two months of doing nothing; I found my second and third love. The second was a wonderful woman who made my life worthwhile again and led me to my third love, volunteering," Brophy said.

Bob's last day was Friday, complete with a well-attended retirement party at the center. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Senior center, located at 501 Sudderth Drive can stop in or call Sandee Jourdan at 575-257-4565.



## AG will host event aimed at stopping human trafficking

New Mexico Attorney General Gary King's Border Violence Division will host an event Tuesday, March 15, 2011 for Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2011 at the New Mexico State Capitol from 9 a.m. until noon in the Rotunda.

According to United States Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., "Today, 145 years after Congress passed the 13th Amendment to the Constitution declaring that 'neither slavery nor involuntary servitude... shall exist within the United States,' human trafficking continues to plague communities across the country."

"Thousands of men, women and children are trafficked into the United States and within our borders each year. They are deceived, coerced, imprisoned, intimidated, exploited and abused for their labor or services."

"We are inviting community rep-

resentatives with whom we work to be in attendance. Your presence at Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2011 will make a significant impact. Because of you, individuals will recognize the gravity of this crime in our own communities statewide. Attorney General Gary King, Senator Jeff Bingaman and State Senator Mary Jane Garcia have been invited to be our honored speakers," states the press release from the Border Violence Division.

"We encourage you to bring any educational publications and promotional items your office is currently distributing to your constituents for the event."

Please contact the Attorney General's Border Violence Division at 505-827-6093 by March 1, 2011 to confirm attendance for Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2011.



The first group of the Sisters on Snow Program offered at Ski Apache. From left to right Lulu Bouché, Nancy Barron, Adriana Stevens, Instructors Carla Grover and Marilyn Caldwell, Casteel Martel, and Jeanne Case. Not pictured instructor Andrea Davis. This new program is to encourage all women beginners to seasoned skiers to learn and or better their techniques. Dates: February 12 & 13 and February 24 & 25. Includes instruction, rentals, lift tickets and meals.

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# County braces for redistricting

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

With Lincoln County on the verge of a once-every-decade redistricting process, County Clerk Rhonda Burrows briefed county commissioners on a proposed new precinct map.

Burrows said federal law requires redistricting – or a redrawing of the boundary lines used to designate representative districts – “once immediately after each decennial (every 10 years) census” if counties have a population of greater than 13,000.

The law also requires that the redistricting be completed by November 2011.

The law allows, however, for counties to contract the redistricting process out or to try to do it in-house, a process Burrows said she would not recommend largely because of the likelihood of challenges to the process.

Redistricting is based on a number of criteria, but largely on population numbers released by the U.S. Census Bureau. Federal law provides the Census must release data to the states by April 1, but because a number of local, state and federal electoral districts are based upon precincts,

county clerks in New Mexico were required to draft a “proposed” redistricting map prior to receiving new population data.

“It’s a little like putting the cart before the horse,” Burrows said.

Further complicating the matter, Burrows drafted her proposed precinct map based on discussions with county commissioners then in office in November 2010, not the currently empaneled body.

Burrows said she tried to make as few changes as possible to the previous district boundaries, but there were areas requiring some changes due to shifts in legislation, and in at least one case, the formation of a new large precinct that covers a massive portion of southeast Lincoln County.

Burrows recommended the board set three or four public meetings to discuss the redistricting process, and told commissioners she was sure there would be some residents who would have concerns.

One person who is already expressing concern is Aubrey Dunn, who lives in a remote portion of the county that now makes up a massive new Precinct 18 covering the southeast corner of Lincoln County.

According to Dunn, he and his

neighbors – all 50 of them in the new precinct – were formerly in Precinct 3.

“The concern here is there might be a total population of 50 people, and maybe 20 registered voters,” Dunn said. “And the land area’s about 450,000 acres. There’s probably just as many dogs as there are people and coyotes outnumber us by a longshot.”

Dunn said, however, “where we live there’s no public buildings, no fire house. If we have a voting precinct there it would have to be in somebody’s house.”

The proposed precinct, Dunn said concerns him because his family currently is included in the Hondo School District, but the new map “cuts” him off from Hondo.

In the past, Dunn has cast his votes in Capitan, but further complicating the matter, Dunn said his mailing address is in Roswell.

“We’re 46 miles from Roswell, 51 miles from Capitan, it’s 67 miles to Corona and 90 miles to Capitan.”

Dunn said he understood his portion of the county presented electoral challenges, but offered he would prefer if he remained in his previous precinct.

Burrows told the board the new Precinct 18 was carved largely from the previous Precinct 3 in an effort to create

one distinct, albeit large, precinct.

Her redistricting map actually creates three new precincts – 20 and 21 are largely what was formerly called Precincts 12A, 12B and 12C. Burrows explained that election law changes no longer allow the use of “alpha” or letter designations for precincts.

But another factor was considered when forming Precinct 18, Burrows said.

The New Mexico Legislature is considering new laws that would allow a shift away from individual precincts to voting centers – particularly in smaller population precincts.

In Lincoln County, it could reduce staffing and equipment requirements from 23 precincts to seven or eight voting centers.

Burrows said she and many county clerks are supportive of the idea because it would allow for fewer election workers and polling places.

“But there’s not a lot of support for it among the general public,” she said, “The more traditional population prefers their voting precinct” because voting there has always been a “social” experience.

Commissioners agreed to revisit the redistricting matter at their March regular meeting.

## Feral hogs a local problem

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

The feral hog population in New Mexico is growing and Lincoln County is no exception.

State and federal agencies have reacted by clarifying hunting classifications and hosting feral hog symposiums throughout New Mexico. The Southern New Mexico Feral Hog Symposium was held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan Feb. 18.

The session covered the history and proliferation of wild pigs. Feral swine are considered a destructive, hardy and adaptable mammal with a growing population in Lincoln County.

Pete Gnatkowski, an Extension agricultural agent, addressed county commissioners at the Feb. 15 meeting to promote awareness of the problem. “We are hoping that through this program, participants will become aware of the extent of the problem. The pigs devastate crops and rangeland. They also spread disease to domestic livestock,” Gnatkowski said.

Feral swine are omnivores, devouring almost any available food high in energy and protein. Rooting and feeding habits of feral swine can destroy planted crops in a short period of time, often overnight. The damage created can cause overgrowth of noxious weeds and reduce forage for livestock.

“Each feral pig causes a minimum of \$200 in direct property damage amounting to approximately \$800 million annually,” said Justin Stevenson, USDA Wildlife Services Disease Biologist and Feral Hog Coordinator. “This figure does not include the spread of disease and damage to the native ecosystem.”

Although hunting swine has become increasingly popular, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish do not regulate the harvesting of feral

pigs since they are not a native species. A hunting license is not required to hunt feral pigs. However, it is unlawful for individuals to import feral swine for release on private property to sell hunts.

Feral swine are both scavengers and predators known to feed on carrion and even the young offspring of livestock and fawns of deer. Sows can reach maturity as early as six months of age and have litters of up to twelve offspring. Feral swine populations in a given area can double in as little as 4-6 months.

Animal health for livestock producers is a big issue. “Feral swine are known to carry viruses and bacteria infectious to domestic livestock (and wildlife), particularly brucellosis, pseudorabies and bovine tuberculosis,” Stevenson said.

Swine brucellosis is a bacterial disease which causes abortion and stillbirth. There is no cure for brucellosis and once infected, an animal becomes a carrier and potential shedder for life. Swine brucellosis is also transmissible to man.

Pseudorabies is an often fatal viral disease affecting the nervous and reproductive systems. Symptoms include anorexia, agitation and frequent, intense itching. The disease can cause significant financial impact through reproductive loss and livestock mortality. It is not transferrable to humans but affects most livestock, dogs and cats in addition to many species of small mammals.

The animals can also be a vector for the spread of influenza viruses. Ron Jones, USDA Wildlife Services said, “If you don’t have feral hogs now, just wait awhile.”

Landowners and people with questions about feral hogs should contact the Lincoln County Extension Office, 575-648-2311 or Justin Stevenson, USDA Wildlife Services, 505-346-2640.

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THE INTERVIEW

# County rejects event funding requests

By Eddie Farrell  
Reporter

Two local events suffered what one organizer hopes is a temporary setback Tuesday when the Lincoln County Commission rejected funding requests for the High Mesa Studio Art Tour and the 64th Annual New Mexico Square Dance Festival.

The rejection was a procedural matter - Commissioner Tom Battin was absent and the motion to approve funding was denied by two commissioners, resulting in a 2-2 tie, and therefore procedurally denied.

Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo said Thursday she intends on bringing both funding requests back before the board at its March meeting for reconsideration.

Madeline Sabo, a local artist involved with the High Mesa Studio Art Tour, which is scheduled for April 9-10, said she was surprised the request was denied given that the event had received approval from the Lincoln County Lodger's Tax Committee.

The \$1,500 request, Sabo said, was to purchase out-of-the-area advertising in areas such as Lubbock and Midland, Texas.

Organizers for the 64th Annual Square Dance Festival scheduled for May 6-8 in Ruidoso, had requested \$500 in funding.

County Manager Tom Stewart recommended approval for both requests, but when the panel voted,

Commissioners Mark Doth and Kathryn Minter cast votes against the funding. Sedillo and Commissioner Jackie Powell voted in favor of the request.

The vote appeared to leave Sedillo momentarily nonplussed as she asked the dissenters what problems they had with the request.

"I have a lot of problems with it," Doth replied. "Come on, \$500 to bring a square dance festival to Ruidoso?"

Sedillo responded that she knew the square dancing "brings lots of folks into Ruidoso and they do stay in motels," to which Doth replied "they're going to stay there regardless. I just think this is so ... little."

Minter noted that it seemed it was "the same events asking for the same funding year after year ... at some point they need to be self-sufficient."

Powell said she supported the funding because "big things grow from little things. There are not a lot of people sitting around out there waiting to put on an event."

Powell added "thank goodness these people do put these events on every year. It's somebody out there trying to bring in people from out of the area. It doesn't get any easier just because you have an event every year, but we sure can run them off really easy."

Doth went on to explain that commissioners were not provided with

supporting data, and suggested his vote might be different if he knew what the events were really all about.

"If I had a little more detail," Doth said. "I have nothing before me except a recommendation from someone who is not an elected official."

Sabo said she would ask the funding request again be heard by the commission in March, but vowed that even a second rejection would not stop an event she described as not only very popular, but the first major local show of the year.

Not being able to advertise out of state, Sabo said, "would put a real crimp in our planning. Our show is not huge, but it is popular. But mainly it's an activity that happens in April at a time when no one else is doing anything locally."

"Do we draw 100,000 people? No, but we do provide an activity during a time I call a dead period," Sabo said.

A telephone call to the representative listed for the 64th Annual Square Dance Festival was not immediately returned, but information gathered from a square dance website said the annual event rotates among four districts in the state, with each district hosting the festival every four years.



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Alice Eppers, Vice Chair, 2nd District of the New Mexico Republican Party, is pictured here with officers of the Republican Party of Lincoln County. Jack Schuster, 1st Vice President, is on the right and Karen Clontz, 2nd Vice President, is on the left. Eppers was the featured speaker at the February dinner-meeting of the RPLC. Her remarks included the support and working relationship between the state and county GOP organizations. As the manager of Representative Steve Pearce's Roswell office, she related some of the challenges in establishing the Roswell operations. Jack Schuster gave a briefing on the pending state House and Senate bills.

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# EDUCATION

## ENMU-R students named

Feb. 16, New Mexico community college students were recognized for being named to the 2011 New Mexico All-State Academic Team at a ceremony at the State Capitol rotunda. Two students enrolled at ENMU-Ruidoso, Samantha Yetley and Sharon Wilson, were among the students honored.

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, annually conducts a national community college student achievement competition: the All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges. New Mexico's community colleges have actively participated in this program for many years and annually recognize the students who have been nominated by their institutions as members of the New Mexico All-State Academic Team.

During the ceremony, each stu-

dent received a certificate and a medallion as well as an award letter offering them a tuition scholarship to complete a baccalaureate degree at one of the state's public four-year institutions. Students on the New Mexico All-State Academic Team also compete for high honors as the New Mexico Century Scholar and for a place on the All-USA Academic Team.

The event was sponsored by the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges (NMACC) and the New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC) in recognition of top academic achievements. New Mexico's eight independent and 10 branch community colleges serve approximately 74,000 students in credit courses and many thousands more in non-credit and community service programs.



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Clayton Alred (ENMU-Ruidoso President), Samantha Yetley, Sharon Wilson, and Holly Braden (PTK Advisor) were in Santa Fe Wednesday.

## Ruidoso school choirs performed well at All-State

By Waynta Wirth

### Ruidoso Municipal Schools

Ruidoso High School Choir students named to New Mexico All-State Treble Choir performed magnificently at Popejoy Hall, University of New Mexico Jan. 8, 2011. Under the direction of Sharon Hansen from the Peck School of the Arts in Milwaukee, Wisc., the choir presented a wide variety of musical styles of advanced caliber. Our Ruidoso students are to be highly complimented for their accomplishment as auditions and rehearsals were quite rigorous, but well worth it to perform with the finest young voices in New Mexico.

There were 140 voices named to Treble Choir and 240 to Mixed Choir from high schools throughout the state of New Mexico. Ruidoso High School students named to All-State Treble Choir were: Shelby Ashburn, Mariah Diaz, Jacqueline Pride, and Abby Proctor. Music literature performed by this outstanding choir was varied, difficult, and beautifully performed. "She Weeps Over Rahoon"

was a particular favorite of some performers and the audience enthusiastically enjoyed "Alley Cat Love Song." Foreign language pieces included: "Gloria" from "Missa Kenya," "Ubi Caritas" in Spanish, Felix Mendelssohn's "Laudate Pueri Dominum" in Latin, "Kresnice Slovenian Folk Songs," and perhaps most difficult in French, "Roulez, Jeunes Gens."

All-State for younger students was held in Las Cruces the last week of January and nine Ruidoso students were named to these choirs. The Elementary Choir, made up of fourth through sixth graders, performed a delightful variety of challenging music ranging from "Ave Maria" in Latin to pieces in Spanish and Polynesian Torres Strait Island music. The program also included technically challenging pieces such as "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" and "Georgia on My Mind."

"Ruidoso students named to this choir were: Briana Stoddard, Sierra Edmister, Blake Bright, Wakineyla Little Spotted Horse, Khaliya Sago, and Hannah Tester. Many members of the audi-

ence were emotionally moved by the sheer beauty and diversity of the music.

The Youth Choir was comprised of seventh through ninth graders including Ruidoso students Taylor Wapaha, Andi Harrelson, and Kody Rowe. The repertoire for this choir included Handel's "Music, Spread Thy Voice Around," as well as many foreign language pieces such as "Son de Camaguey" in Spanish, a Hebrew piece, "Shiru," "Dide ta Deo,"

and "Kyrie" in Latin and Italian.

Directors Danny Flores and Waynta Wirth were proud of not only the accomplishment of these selected students, but with their work ethic, level of responsibility, and vision. Both directors say the entire choral program at Ruidoso Schools is enriched as students participating in All-State return with experiences, insights, and techniques to be shared in local choirs.

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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# Vandalism continues to plague local businesses

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Once again, buildings in Ruidoso's business district were targeted by vandals causing thousands of dollars in damage and aggravating property owners.

Sometime Friday night, the BuyRuidoso.com building at 2927 Sudderth Drive was extensively tagged with graffiti. Property owner Robert Moroney estimates the removal of the paint from the brick building to cost over \$2,000.

"It's a shame that kids in our community are drawn to this type of immature, mindless, passive aggressive and anti-social activity in order to express themselves," Moroney said.

Moroney does not fault the Ruidoso Police Department and understands vandals can be difficult to catch.

"It's tough for police to prevent this kind of crime. It takes just minutes to create the type of damaging defacement which occurred on our building. The police can't be everywhere at the same time," Moroney said.

Vandalism sprees are on the rise in Ruidoso. In early November, more than 20 vehicles had rocks thrown through the windows causing thousands of dollars in damage. RPD Patrol Officer Tyrel Tyson, who responded to this particular string of vandalism said, "The accumulated dollar value from the damage constitutes a felony. We are taking this very seriously."

A couple of weeks later, the windows of several vehicles throughout the village were again targeted, this time with what police suspect was a BB or pellet gun.

Just last week, Tre's Tattoo Studio on Sudderth Drive was the subject of a drive-by shooting. The building was damaged by several bullets.

Victims of these crimes are pondering a multitude of solutions. "We'll be



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

Over the weekend, vandals tagged the walls of the BuyRuidoso.com building at 2927 Sudderth.

installing an exterior video surveillance system to make sure if this happens again that we'll be able to identify these criminal's and provide some solid evidence to the Ruidoso Police Department," said Moroney.

Moroney thinks prevention is something that has to start at the family and school level through intervention. Moroney said, "Our peer system needs to explain this behavior is more about what it says about them than what it says how about whose property they damage."

To report suspicious activity or to obtain more information on Neighborhood Watch Programs please call the Ruidoso Police Department at: 258-7365.

# County fairgrounds in serious disrepair

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

"The fairgrounds are an embarrassment," Kathryn Minter said during the January county commission meeting. The commissioners discussed getting bids to find out what it would cost to get the facilities safe and up to code.

Commissioner Jackie Powell stressed the importance of doing it right the first time and County Manager Tom Stewart agreed. Stewart proposed an agenda item for the Feb. 15, regular meeting to possibly approve the process of putting a master plan out to bid for the fairground improvements.

Lincoln County Fair Board President, Billy Bob Shafer presented a proposal for the immediate needs of the

facilities during the Feb. 15, meeting. Shafer said, "The County gives us about \$17,500 per year which almost covers our utilities and a part time maintenance person. Our expenses amount to more than \$80,000 which we recover primarily through Smokey Bear Days during the 4th of July holiday."

Concerns with the condition of the facilities were voiced to the fair board by the rodeo stock contractor and even animal rights groups as to the condition of the equipment and poor drainage, claiming animals were up to their knees in mud and were unable to perform properly in those conditions.

"Last year a bucking horse actually jumped out of the chute and into the crowd. Thankfully no people or animals were not hurt," Shafer said. "The Lincoln

County Youth Rodeo series begins next month and Shafer explained to the commissioners he doesn't have the equipment to operate

"We have bids from two different livestock providers who will provide pens and bucking chutes at a cost between \$53,000 and \$69,000. We have far outgrown the facilities and the last time they were renovated was in the 1960's," Shafer said.

Shafer summarized that Smokey Bear Days attendance at the fairgrounds dropped from around 600 people per day to an approximate 350 people per day and attributed the drop to the deteriorating facilities.

Powell was caught off-guard by the proposal for the immediate need. "I was under the impression this was simply an

agenda item to approve the RFP for a master plan for the fairgrounds," Powell said. The item was tabled for review during the afternoon session.

By Stewart's recommendation, commissioners agreed to assemble a short term RFP to satisfy the immediate need for containment pens requested by the fair board which will be awarded during the March 15th regular meeting.

Commissioners tabled the RFP agenda item for the fairground master plan RFP in order for Stewart to collaborate with the fair board members to assemble a complete master plan for the facility improvement which will be presented during the next commission meeting. Stewart expects the master plan to be approved and executed by the June regular commission meeting.

# Tres Artistas at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library

By Anita Keegan

The artwork of Tres Artistas — three local artists Barbara Bush, Anita Keegan and Suzy Goza — is featured through the end of April at the Ruidoso Public Library. The three artists' interest in plein aire painting united them and created a firm bond not y as artists, but as friends and nature lovers.

En Plein Aire (French for "in the open air") paint-

ing is a process in which the painting is done outside and on site. Ideally, 80 percent of the painting should be completed on the scene. The Impressionist artists made the practice popular in the late 1800's and it remains popular today.

New Mexico is the perfect place to practice plein aire: big vistas, clean air and dramatic skies offer interesting subject matter and plenty of challenges. A successful plein aire piece not only relates the visual

image to the audience, it emotes mood, weather, and allows for individual artistic interpretation — much more than a camera lens provides.

For the Tres Artistas, plein aire is just plain fun! The Village of Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday 9am to 6 pm, Friday 9am to 4 pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm. <http://www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/> or <http://ruidosopubliclibrary.blogspot.com/>

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# BUSINESS

## Lots of legislation could affect Ruidoso



**Sandi Aguilar**

There are three major items that, in the near future, may have an impact on the Ruidoso area.

First, is Senate Bill 89 introduced by Senator George Muñoz from Gallup, which if passed, will allow your chamber of commerce the ability to offer group discount health insurance to its members. We are hoping this exciting new bill will provide some health insurance options for our business owners that do not have health coverage. Check the Chamber website at [www.RuidosoNow.com](http://www.RuidosoNow.com) or call membership coordinator, Georgia Underwood at 257-7395 for updates.

Higher education has become very important during these challenging times. Many of our graduated seniors attend ENMU-Ruidoso as a cost effective solution to moving to a larger city to begin college. By staying home with parents for the first one or two years, students get to enjoy college life and save money at the same time. Adults are returning

to college in record numbers to begin new careers. With the ability to get a certificate in a new field like nursing and culinary arts in only two years, adults have found a way to advance themselves quickly and without having to go to a bigger city. Not to mention the quality of life brought to our community by continuing education and training opportunities for employees.

Unfortunately, with the state's budget concerns, our university is being scrutinized as are the other community colleges throughout the state. Significant cuts to state funding could harm ENMU-Ruidoso, which is already one of the most efficiently run community colleges with consistently increasing enrollment.

The final item being discussed at the 2011 Legislature is HB 479 which reduces the New Mexico Film Credit from 25 percent to 15 percent. (The original bill, HB 19, eliminating the tax credit was tabled.) There are many opinions about the value of this film credit to the state, but none can argue that this is one of the only current growth indus-

tries available to communities like Ruidoso. The Chamber supports keeping an incentive simply because when films come to rural areas the impact is obvious and profound. According to Carrizozo's first Film Liaison Dirk Norris, *The Book of Eli* brought in economic activity by providing jobs for construction, security and acting, as well as compensation for rental of buildings, and spending on lodging and food. Carrizozo hotels alone saw \$150,000 each month the construction crews were in town. I am not sure if the impact is as obvious in larger areas but the big screen brings big results to rural areas.

The State Legislature is halfway through the session with a lot of hard work ahead of them. There are many factors to consider and listening to constituents about the affect these new laws will have is of utmost priority. We are fortunate to have the access to our legislators who do listen. Contact our legislators to let them know your thoughts. Check their website to see which committees these and other bills are going through at [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov).

## Waldrop family opens another furniture store in Ruidoso

**By Eugene Heathman**

**Reporter**

Fox Creek Furniture opened earlier this month at 26143 HWY 70 in Ruidoso Downs. Mark and Mary Waldrop who own the building which has been vacant for well over a year, will be offering a traditional line of name-brand, mountain lodge-style furniture.

"We are excited by the warm reception of the community since we opened here," Mark Waldrop said.

The Waldrop family has been in

the furniture business since 1952 with the family's first store in Lovington. In 1957, Marks brother Bill Waldrop opened a store in Hobbs. Mark and Mary Waldrop then opened their landmark store in 1962 located in Roswell.

Since then, The Waldrops have operated stores throughout the region and after retiring to Mary's hometown of Ruidoso, opened Fox Creek Furniture.

"We gave the name Fox Creek to this store to truly identify with mountain living and we have stocked our

furnishings and accessories to fit the local lifestyle," Mary Waldrop said. Fox Creek Furniture has name brand furnishings such as: Lane Home Furnishings, Mansfield, Sealy and Riverside.

Mark Waldrop said, "Most of our inventory is made in the USA. Our customers really seem to like that and so do we." The Waldrop's provide quality furniture and accessories at affordable prices.

"You won't see drastic 70 percent off sales as we do not mark up our prices just to mark them down but we will certainly pass along savings we oc-

asionally receive from our vendors," Waldrop said.

Fox Creek Furniture also carry window treatments, bed and bath accessories and have hired a full time designer, Melissa Tafoya, who will come to a customer's home at no charge for home design consultation.

Fox Creek furniture will employ seven or eight full and part time employees who will run the warehouse, showroom and deliveries as well. Fox Creek Furniture is open Monday - Saturday from 9:30AM - 5:30 PM and can be reached at 575-378-1088.



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Mark and Mary Waldrop have opened Fox Creek Furniture in Ruidoso Downs, occupying the building left vacant when M. Waldrop's Furniture closed.

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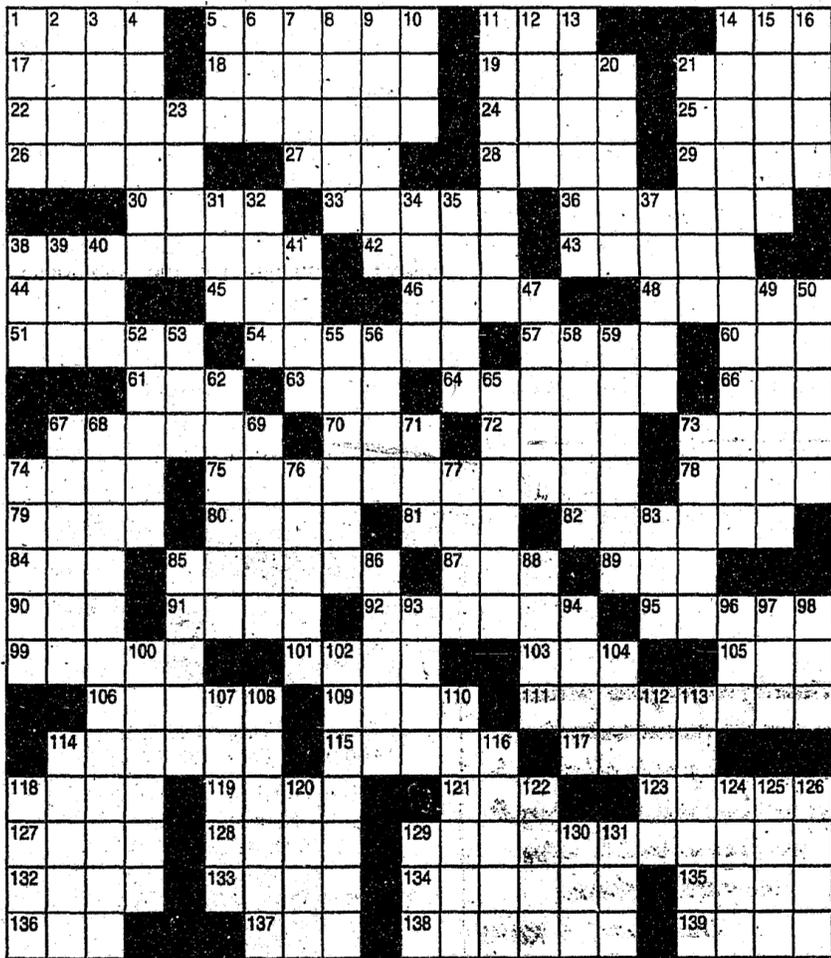
## Donelle "Dee" Yazza

Prayer service for Donelle "Dee" Yazza, 35, of Mescalero will be Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. in St. Joseph's Mission at Mescalero where the funeral mass will be Thursday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. with burial to follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.

She passed away Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011 in Ruidoso. She was born Feb. 9, 1976 at Mescalero and had lived there all of her life and was a homemaker. She is a descendant of Perico, Big Hunter, and Chief San Juan. She is survived by a daughter, Alyssa Marie Louise House; a son, Issman Whitman Duane Shanta; father and step-mother, Don and Zeldia Yazza; brothers and sisters, Tyroy Yazza, Frank Klinekole Jr. and his wife Mildred, Adora Klinekole, and Aldon Coriz and his wife Cheree; grandmother, Bernadine Chino. She was preceded in death by her mother, Rayma Enjady, grandparents, Frank C. Chino, Wallace and Celine Enjady and brother, Bahe K. Yazza.

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

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## Hospital to host health care discussion with Steve Pearce

Saturday, Feb. 26, at 9 a.m., Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) will host a healthcare reform discussion with Congressman Steve Pearce (R-Dist. 2). The event will be at the Lincoln County Medical Center Therapy Center conference room, 213 Sudderth Drive.

The event is open to the public on a first come, first serve basis. LCMC Administrator Al Santos will provide a brief presentation regarding an overview of the healthcare delivery system in Lincoln County.

Details on the event are as follows and all media is encouraged to attend:

**What: Healthcare Reform Discussion with Congressman Steve Pearce (R Dist. 2)**

**When: Saturday, Feb. 26 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Where: LCMC Therapy Center Conference Room**

**213 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso**  
"We're committed to improving the health of those we serve and feel it is important that Lincoln County residents have the opportunity to learn as much as they can about healthcare reform," said Santos.

Lincoln County Medical Center is a county-owned facility leased and operated by Presbyterian Healthcare Services. This partnership has existed since 1972

and is dedicated to improving the health of individuals, families and communities. Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Healthcare Services operates a hospital, six clinics and a county-wide ambulance service. Lincoln County Medical Center employs more than 250 people, including more than 15 providers throughout Lincoln County.

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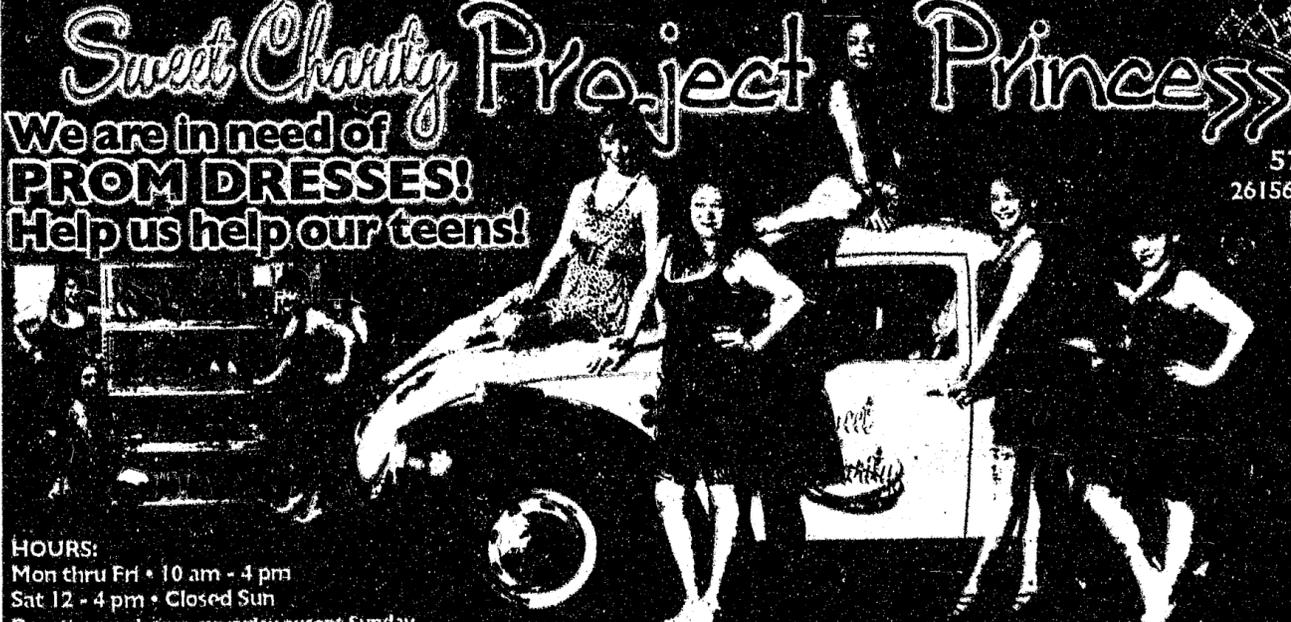
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# On the Town



## There's more to see in Roswell than aliens

By Todd Fuqua

Reporter

ROSWELL – Most visits to Roswell will likely include a trip to the UFO Museum, but located near the railroad tracks – specifically at 409 East College Boulevard – is a museum that most tourists might not expect in this southeastern New Mexico city.

The Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art holds an eclectic collection of all forms of art and a wide array of mediums, all thanks to the vision of Donald B. Anderson.

Anderson, an oilman and artist, opened the place in 1994 mainly as a way of sharing a lot of his personal art collection with the public. The museum also gets many of its pieces from the Roswell Artist-in-Residence program, started by Anderson in 1967.

Nancy Fleming, a woman who does "a little bit of everything," is usually found at the museum, while her husband, Stephen, has run the residency program since 1991.

"We have more than 400 works of art here, and have had 200 artists in 42 years

of the residency," Fleming said.

The residency can support six artists at one time, living in a complex on the north side of town. Artists chosen for the program get a house, studio and monthly stipend to create – or not create – on their terms.

"They're also offered a one-person show at the Roswell Museum," Fleming said. "They're not obligated to do a show, but usually they do it."

The artists are also not obligated to create any art while in Roswell. The point of the program is to get artists out of a high-pressure urban setting and give them a chance to experiment and expand.

"A residency isn't a new phenomenon. It's not uncommon to have one, but they're mostly in large urban areas," Fleming said. "Making this residency for a full year gives the artists a chance to get away from city life and reflect on their work.

"You can experiment, you can fail, or not come out of your house for a month," she added. "You're free to explore your creativity, and that's a luxury many artists don't have. They're supported whether they sell anything or not."

This creative freedom obviously

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### ANDERSON PORTRAIT

Photo by Todd Fuqua

Luis Jimenez portrait of Donald G. Anderson, founder of the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art and the Roswell Artist-in-Residence program. Jimenez was an RAIR resident in 1972-1973.

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## They have art and it's verified human made

makes the residency a popular one, and the selection process – which occurs about once a year – involves hundreds of applications from around the world.

The residency has supported artists from Japan, Australia, Europe, Argentina and all across the United States. There have been graduate art students and veterans of the business in their 80s.

"The jurors pore over the applications and decide which art has the most staying power," Fleming said. "It depends on the range of the artwork submitted, and that's why there's such an eclectic bunch of artists."

There are also works of art of all different styles and mediums throughout the museum. Fleming said there's really no grouping of particular artists or time frames. The art is just there for people to see in no particular order.

"It's different than the typical museum," Fleming said. "There's something for everyone, and it feels comfortable. Everyone is bound to like something."

The eclectic nature of the museum means surprises around every corner, even though the collection isn't updated on a regular basis.

"We've had people revisit and swear up and down that there was a piece that wasn't here before," Fleming said. "It's a permanent collection, and we don't have a staff to constantly rearrange the art. There's just that much to see here."

Admission to the museum is donation only, and despite it's out-of-the way location, Fleming said the number of visitors each year is quite high.

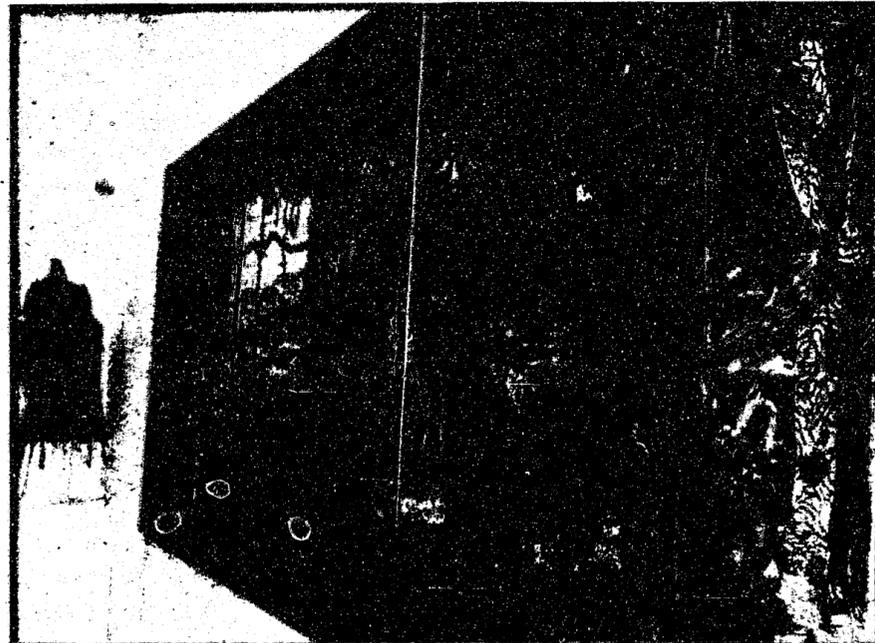
"A lot of people will bring their families and out of town guests here," Fleming said. "There are more visitors than you might expect. We don't do a lot of advertising, because most of our money goes straight to the residency."

For more information on the Anderson Museum of Contemporary art or its Artist-in-Residence program, contact the museum at 575-623-5600. Hours are weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends 1-5 p.m.



Photo by Todd Fuqua

Nancy Fleming points out the "class" of 1970, the group of artists in residence in March of that year. Pictures of various resident artists like this one dot the museum, and the wall is typical of the crowded nature and eclectic offering of the collection.



## LCCT in action Friday

The Lincoln County Community Theater will be staging an encore performance of "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" Friday and Saturday as a fundraiser to help the group compete in the upcoming AACT-Fest in Artesia.

Larry Kingsley, president of the group, said the production received "rave reviews" during its run last summer, and will be the production the Lincoln County players will perform at the regional competition March 10-12.

Lincoln County Community Theater will be co-hosting the regional event along with Artesia Community Theater, and troupes from Hobbs, Las Vegas, Los Alamos and Roswell will all compete to move on to future competitions in Texas, and if successful, New York.

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes" is being staged at the Youth Warehouse Friday and Saturday, and the doors open at 6

p.m., Kingsley said.

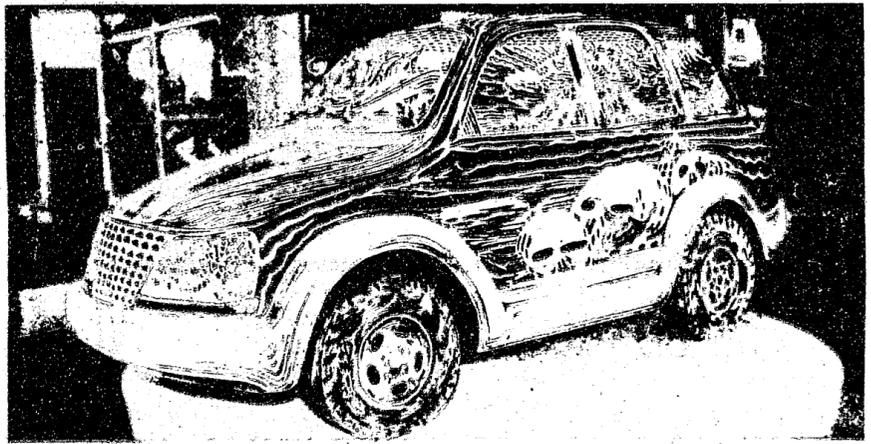
A special silent auction is being planned, with items donated from a host of Ruidoso businesses and artists.

The production is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

Cast members include Laura Eisenberg as the television star who is writing her autobiography while living under the guise of her half-witted sister, Sharon Lurix and Lori Lamphere-Stewart as "the Hospitality Ladies," Lynn Kidder as the neighborhood witch, Michael Keylon as "the sheriff," and Jason Johnson as "Piney," a local mountain-man type who sells manure and catches skunks.

Johnson also starred in the local movie production of "Billy Shakespeare," Kingsley said.

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*dining*

## Pasta Puttanesca: delicious meal, saucy name

Pasta Puttanesca [poot-tah-NEHskah] is a classic Italian dish, but the name is very racy. I don't think I will translate it in this article, but if you have an Italian-English dictionary lying around, you can look it up for yourself... or just Google it. I will tell you that it's named after the oldest profession in the world, a type of nocturnal painted lady. I'm sure you will never hear a young kid in Italy saying, "Mama make me some pasta Puttanesca" without getting soap in their mouth.

There are a lot of stories on how this dish got its name. One story is that it's quick and easy and very cheap to make. Another story is that they would serve this in massage parlors, and the smell would attract Johns off the street so they could get a meal and a "massage." However it acquired its name, it's a sure thing that you will love it long time.

### Pasta Puttanesca

Serves 4

#### Ingredients

1 pound dried pasta  
4 tablespoon olive oil  
½ teaspoon crushed red peppers  
2-3 garlic cloves finely chopped  
6 anchovy fillet, drained and chopped  
2 14 oz. cans plum tomatoes, chopped  
1 tablespoon capers

2 tablespoons fresh basil, coarsely chopped  
2 tablespoons Italian parsley, coarsely chopped  
½ medium onion, diced  
1/3 cup black olives, sliced  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
Kosher salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions

In a large pot bring one gallon of salted water to a

boil and cook pasta until it al dente [firm to the bite]. Don't add any oil in with the water – save it for the cooking. While you wait for the water to boil, place olive oil in a medium sized skillet over medium heat. Add onions, pepper flakes, anchovies and stir until anchovies have broken down. This takes about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook for 10 minutes stirring constantly. Add the rest of the ingredients and cook for another ten minutes until it thickens up. Drain pasta well and toss with the sauce.

Hope you enjoy this 'saucy' dish! Don't forget to drop me a line at [askchefbrendan@gmail.com](mailto:askchefbrendan@gmail.com), or you can find me on Facebook at 'Chef Brendan'.



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## Bright colors for better women's health

### Family Features

Only about a third of American women are meeting their fruit and vegetable intake recommendations, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And that means they are likely missing out on potentially important breast and ovarian health benefits. Along with vitamins, minerals and fiber, fruits and vegetables contain a type of phytonutrient called carotenoids, which research suggests help support women's health including breast and ovarian health.

Based on a new report called America's Phytonutrient Report: Women's Health by Color, older women have total carotenoid intakes 20 percent greater than younger women after accounting for differences in caloric intake. Similar to the original America's Phytonutrient Report: Quantifying the Gap which found that on average eight out of 10 American adults are falling short on phytonutrient consumption, the new report revealed a troubling shortfall, this time among women and carotenoids. America's Phytonutrient Reports are released by The Nutrilite Health Institute, a worldwide collaboration of experts who are dedicated to helping people achieve optimal health - through research, education, and practical, personalized solutions. Nutrilite is the world's leading brand of vitamin, mineral, and dietary supplements, based on 2008 sales.

Carotenoids are compounds that give fruits and vegetables their vibrant colors, which research suggests may offer breast, ovarian and other health benefits for women. Using NHANES energy-adjusted data to compare the diets of women 45 years and older with those younger, the

report finds that many women of all ages lack carotenoid-rich foods in their diet, but the relative magnitude of the "carotenoid gap" is greater among women less than 45 years old as compared to older women.

"This points to a troubling phenomenon where younger women may be missing some of the benefits of consuming more carotenoid rich fruits and vegetables, and yet calorie for calorie, older women are eating more of these important nutrients," said Keith Randolph, Ph.D., Technology Strategist for Nutrilite.

### Powering Up Produce

Choosing to increase the amount of the fruit and vegetables richest in carotenoids is important for long-term preventative health among women. While foods like spinach, tomatoes and carrots are certainly part of a healthy diet, there are opportunities for women to choose a wider variety of produce.

"It's concerning that so many American women lack a variety of carotenoid-rich foods in their regular diets," says Amy Hendel, Nutrilite's Phytonutrient Coach. "By selecting the most carotenoid-rich produce choices, women can purposefully increase their carotenoid and phytonutrient intakes which can impact health significantly as they age."

Hendel, a registered physician as-



sistant and health/wellness expert, offers these easy substitutions to "power up" your plate and add new flavors to your meal plan:

**Green:** A serving of cooked kale provides triple the amount of lutein/zeaxanthin as a serving of raw spinach.

**Red:** A serving of guava delivers more than one and a half times the lycopene in

a raw tomato.

**Yellow/Orange:**

• A serving of sweet potatoes has

nearly double the beta-carotene as a serving of carrots.

• A serving of carrots delivers four times the amount of alpha-carotene as a serving of winter squash.

• A serving of fresh papaya has roughly 10 times the beta-cryptoxanthin found in an orange.

Hendel adds that a good goal for most individuals is to consume 10 servings of fruits and vegetables daily, with an emphasis on quality, not just quantity. If this proves challenging, consider a natural, plant-based dietary supplement which includes phytonutrients such as carotenoids.

For more information about Nutrilite Nutritional Supplements and to get more practical tips, visit [www.nutrilite.com/color](http://www.nutrilite.com/color).

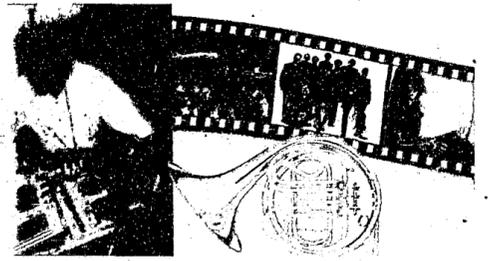
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## entertainment calendar



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

**WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 23**

**Preschool Story Time** - every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. Hear winter stories and have winter activity day in the classroom - what FUN! Story time usually ends around 11:15 a.m. Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road. <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 24**

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

**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 25**

**Special Fundraising Event for the Lincoln County Community Theater The Warehouse**, 200 Junction Rd. *A Bad Year For Tomatoes*, a comedy by John Patrick. Fun begins at 6 p.m. with the performance at 7. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased early at the Chamber of Commerce or at the door. Door prizes! And you can watch the set be built! Please help the "Tomatoes" prepare for State Competition in Artesia this March. More Info: 575-336-1530

**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 Res-

taurant 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 9 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.

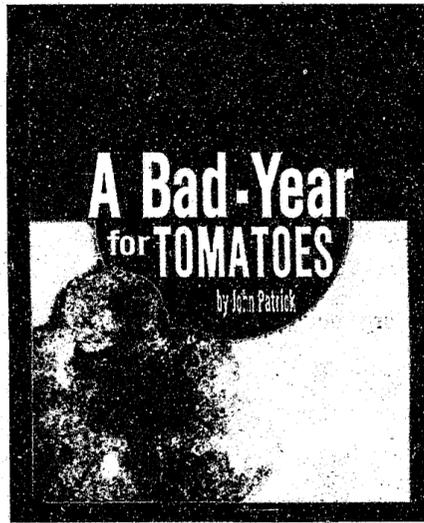
**Aaron R. Lacombe** and Company perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 9 to 10 p.m.

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

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 26**

**Mescalero Warrior Challenge** at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino. The Mescalero Warrior Challenge is taking place on the Inn of the Mountain Gods' stage! Six professional bouts and five amateur bouts. Plus, New Mexico's very own Coty "OX" Wheeler will be fighting. More Info: 575-464-7777 Web: [www.innofthemountaingods.com](http://www.innofthemountaingods.com)

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**Movie: Tortilla Soup** Sacred Grounds Coffee & Tea House, 6:30 p.m. No admission fee. Sacred Grounds will be offering its regular selection of quiches, soups and drinks plus a special selection of new menu items especially appropriate for the movies. All regular coffee drinks, specialty coffee drinks, and teas will be available also. More Info: 575-257-2273

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

**Doug Fuqua** performs in Wendell's

Lounge at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 11 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 27**

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

**MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 28**

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

# COUCH THEATER

## DVD PREVIEW

BY DNA SMITH

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of March 8, 2011.

**PICKS OF THE WEEK**

**The Walking Dead: Season 1 (Unrated)** - Written, produced and directed by Frank Darabont ("The Shawshank Redemption") and based on the popular series of graphic novels by Robert Kirkman, AMC's "The Walking Dead" is a solid, edge-of-your-seat adult drama - even for people like me who aren't particularly big fans of the zombie genre.

Season 1, although only six episodes long, does a great job introducing the major characters and the premise of the series. Police officer Rick

Grimes (Andrew Lincoln) is wounded in a shoot-out and falls into a coma. When he eventually awakens in a hospital, he soon discovers that the world is ending. Somehow the dead now walk the earth.

Grimes makes his way back to his home outside of Atlanta, where he finds his wife, son, police partner and a few survivors. Together, they must avoid - or battle - zombies as they search for a safe haven to make a new home.

*The Walking Dead*, although unrated, is definitely for mature audiences only. It contains strong language and

graphic depictions of violence and sexuality.

**Jackass 3 (R/Unrated)** - Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O and Bam Margera are back with another film chock full o' Pain & Stupid. If you're looking for a movie that has stunts involving stun guns or cram-packed porta-potties, "Jackass 3" is right up your alley. (And I think we all know how uncomfortable that can be.) The film is available in 3D DVD, Blu-ray, DVD and theatrical and unrated versions.

**Excalibur [Blu-ray] (R)** - John Boorman's 1981 epic telling of the story of King Arthur is



Nigel Terry

the best Arthurian Romance movie ever made. From the drawing from the stone of Excalibur, to Arthur's meeting and subsequent marriage to Guenevere, to the formation of the Round Table and Arthur's tragic death at the hands of his son Mordred, *Excalibur* is a sweeping and spellbinding film, featuring bravura performances by Nigel Terry, Helen Mirren, Nicol Williamson, Liam Neeson, Gabriel Byrne and Patrick Stewart.

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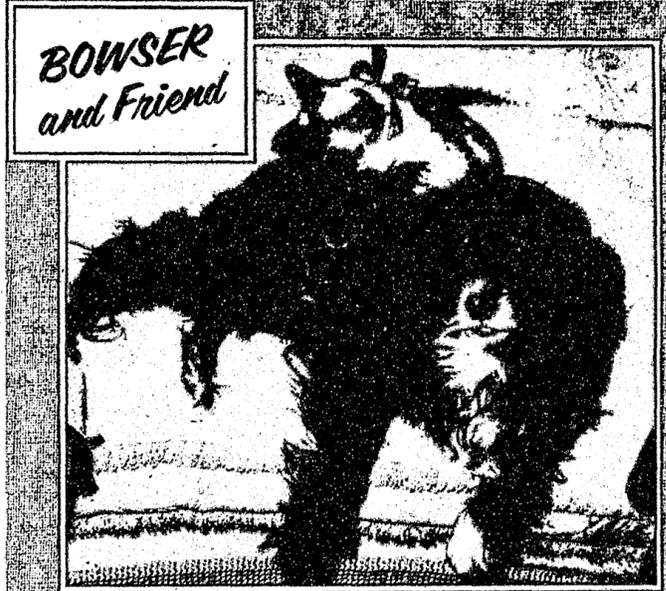
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**Boys basketball**  
 Capitan 50, Gateway Christian 41  
 Hagerman 97, Mescalero 33

**Girls basketball**  
 Capitan 41, Gateway Christian 29  
 Mescalero 49, Hagerman 47

**Feb. 15**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Capitan 60, Gateway Christian 51  
 Hagerman 94, Mescalero 42  
 Vaughn d. Corona

**Girls basketball**  
 Capitan 40, Gateway Christian 33  
 Hagerman 50, Mescalero 23  
 Corona 61, Vaughn 25

**Feb. 17**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Quemado 77, Carrizozo 49  
 Hagerman 65, Capitan 38  
 Hondo 67, Vaughn 52  
 Lake Arthur 59, Corona 31

**Girls basketball**  
 Carrizozo 52, Quemado 20  
 Hagerman 34, Capitan 29  
 Hondo 61, Vaughn 27  
 Corona 41, Lake Arthur 28

**Feb. 18**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Portales 65, Ruidoso 52  
 Mescalero 60, Gateway 52

**Girls basketball**  
 Portales 37, Ruidoso 28  
 Mescalero 48, Gateway 45

**Feb. 19**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Roswell 86, Ruidoso 47  
 Hondo 59, Vaughn 34

## SPORTS THIS WEEK

**Feb. 21**  
**Boys basketball**  
*District 7-1A tournament*  
 Mescalero at Gateway Christian, 6 p.m.

**Feb. 22**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Valley Christian at Hondo, 6:30 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
*District 7-1A tournament*  
 Gateway Christian at Capitan, 6 p.m.

**Feb. 23**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Corona at Vaughn, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
*District 7-1A tournament*  
 Gateway/Mescalero winner at Capitan, 6 p.m.

**Feb. 24**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Corona at Valley Christian, 7 p.m.  
 Hondo at Lake Arthur, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
*District 4-3A tournament*  
 Ruidoso at Lovington/Portales, TBA

**Feb. 25**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Hondo at Lake Arthur, 5 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
*District 4-3A tournament*  
 Portales at Lovington, TBA

**Feb. 26**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Gateway/Capitan winner at Mescalero, 6 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
*District 7-1A tournament*  
 Gateway/Capitan winner at Mescalero, 6 p.m.

**Feb. 27**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Reserve at Carrizozo, 5:30 p.m.  
 District 4-3A championship at Lovington or Portales, TBA

**Girls basketball**  
 Reserve at Carrizozo, 2 p.m.  
 District 4-3A championship at Portales, TBA

**Feb. 28**  
**Boys basketball**  
 District 7-1A championship at Hagerman, 6 p.m.

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**Skiing**  
 Ruidoso youth skiing in Smart-wool series at Durango, Colo.

Ruidoso youth skiing in Fun Race Slalom at Taos.

# Ruidoso grapplers get state medals

By Karen Boehler

For the Ruidoso Free Press

RIO RANCHO – Two of the 11 wrestlers Ruidoso took to state came home with medals Saturday, and while they weren't what either athlete would have liked, finishing second and fourth at state competition is nothing to sneeze at.

Senior Oscar Magana (19-10), couldn't quite get over the hump in the 152-pound championship match, falling to St. Mike's Jesse Martinez 7-2 to finish the tournament in second.

Martinez showed why he's a two-time state champ, manhandling Magana and giving the Warrior one of his points when he was penalized for throwing him hard to the ground.

But Magana went the full three rounds, and coach David Shriver had nothing but praise for the senior.

"He did well against him. Obviously I was hoping for first but second's not bad at all," the coach said. "I'm very proud of Oscar for doing what he did."

Magana won both his other tourney matches – he drew a bye in the first round – by pin.

He downed Robertson's Michael Pierce with 1:43 into the second round of the quarterfinals, then pinned Shiprock's Anthony Lee 1:42 into the semifinal match.

At 145, Armando Baca (13-12) lost in



Photo by Karen Boehler

Ruidoso's Oscar Magana tries to hold on against St. Michael's Jesse Martinez in the 152-pound championship match Saturday at Rio Rancho.

the semifinals to Robertson's Troy Estrada 11-4, which sent him to the consolation semi-final, where he decisioned Adam Lopez of Tucumcari 7-5, setting him up for the third-place match.

But Silver's Guillermo Placencio dominated Baca, winning 9-0 to give the junior fourth place.

Still, Shriver was happy how he wrestled.

"He wrestled a heck of a tournament," the coach said. "Just a heck of a job all around for both of them. A lot of wrestlers go their entire career and don't place. So I'm very proud of them."

As a team, Ruidoso finished ninth and not one Warrior went two and out. Only Chris Estrada (130) and Chance Irons

(160), fell to both the wrestlers they faced after drawing a bye in the first round.

Tanner DeSoto (215) won his first championship round and two consolation rounds, while Matthew Storey (112) and Michael Carpenter (135), each won their first round matches but fell in their first consolation match.

Heavyweight Mikeal Montoya won his first championship round match, fell in the quarterfinals but then battled back through the consolation round before falling in the consolation semifinals.

Ty Marshall (103) drew a bye in his first round, lost in the consolation finals but then received a bye and won by disqualification before falling in the semis.

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Tony Bullocks/Clovis News Journal

Ruidoso High School junior Brittanie Vega drives around Portales sophomore Hannah Cissell in action Feb. 18 at Portales.

## Portales beats Lady Warriors again

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Portales' deliberate offense again trumped the Ruidoso Lady Warriors fast-pace game Friday, as Ruidoso fell on the road to the Lady Rams 37-28 in the final District 4-3A regular-season game for both teams.

Ruidoso (15-9, 1-3 district) stayed close with their hosts throughout the first half, trailing 17-15 after a rebound and layup by Cynthia Armijo has time expired before the break.

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## Ruidoso ends season with loss

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

This was a game that neither team really needed on its schedule. Both had finished their district schedule and were getting prepared for the district tournaments.

Ruidoso coach Dennis Davis said he didn't really learn anything from the Warriors' 86-49 loss to Roswell Saturday, but was happy to have a competitive game with no pressure near the end of the season.

"It was good for us to see a very good team," Davis said. "I told my guys, now that we're into the (District 4-3A) tournament, every team we see is going to be good."

Roswell High coach Britt Cooper agreed.

"Teams are practicing at this time in the year anyway, and it's good to have a game," Cooper said. "It's also good to come away with a win and be injury free."

Roswell (19-5) finished the first quarter with an 11-point lead and flirted with a 35-point, clock running lead by the end of the first half.

But when the Warriors

(10-14) came back out of the locker room, they started to make things interesting.

Ruidoso finished the third quarter with a 7-point run and scored the first four points of the second quarter before Roswell was able to stop the bleeding with a three-point play by Jonathan Ervin.

Ervin had 21 points on the night and wasn't even the game's leading scorer. That honor belonged to Deyton DeLaCerde, who finished with 31. Malcom Wiggins added 13. Terrence Shields had 10 points as the only Warrior in double figures.

"We started to compete better, adhering to the type of game we've tried to instill in them," Davis said. "But I'm still not happy with how they performed. I was hoping for more."

"They only got to within about 20, so it wasn't time to panic yet, but a couple of three-pointers and it would have been a ball game," Cooper said.

The Warriors will play at either Portales or Lovington Feb. 24, depending on the

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# Ruidoso tennis team faces challenging district

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

For the past two years, getting to state for the Ruidoso tennis team was as easy as putting a team on the court.

The Warriors were in a district with only Cobre for competition. As districts send the top two teams to the state tournament, Ruidoso was state bound the second they set foot on the court at the beginning of the season.

That has changed, now that the Warriors are back in District 3-1A/3A, a district that includes powers like Portales and New Mexico Military Institute, as well as Lovington and Mesilla Valley.

Ruidoso coach Dennis Johnston, who will be assisted this year by Corrina West and David Kaleh, said getting to state as a team could be difficult.

"It will be a tall order to get to state now, particularly as a team," Johnston said. "Individually, I think we could do OK."

There aren't that many returning starters for the Warriors, boys or girls. But Johnston said the returners they do have are pretty good.

William Wenner is a returning senior, and will likely play No. 1 for the boys, although he'll face a

strong challenge from freshman Daniel Marshall, who played all last year as an eighth grader.

Junior Saul Rojas is the third returner for the varsity boys, and will likely be at No. 3.

"The rest of the spots will be filled by beginners - beginners to varsity, anyway," Johnston said. "Two of those spots are filled already."

For the girls, junior Tanner Wapaha is back from playing at No. 1, and Johnston expects great things from her this year and next. No. 2 Lena Espinoza is only in her second year of playing competitive tennis.

A.J. Shackelford hasn't come out yet for practices, but Johnston hopes he can also come out and challenge for a spot.

Shackelford isn't the only one not out yet for tennis. The entire team has been hampered by the arctic weather which put the state into a deep freeze a few weeks ago.

As a result, the Warriors won't be at a tournament in Las Cruces this weekend as originally scheduled.

"This week was really the first week we were able to practice," Johnston said Feb. 15. "We've also been missing kids due to other academic activities."

The Warriors' next scheduled event is the two-day Coyote Classic at Roswell, starting March 4.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
Ruidoso's William Wenner returns a serve during tennis practice Feb. 15 at Schoolhouse Park. Wenner is a returning senior for the Warriors.

## DISTRICT 7-1A BASKETBALL

# Lady Tigers take third, boys second in district

By Karen Boehler and Todd Fuqua

For the Ruidoso Free Press

After beating Gateway Christian twice in a week, the Capitan Lady Tigers looked to challenge for the top seed in the District 7-1A tournament.

After a 34-29 loss to Hagerman Feb. 17, Capitan finished third and will host Gateway in the first round of the tournament tonight.

Making matters worse for the Lady Tigers (9-11, 3-3 district) was the loss of Jamie Fields to an injury near the end of the third quarter against Hagerman.

"That put a real damper on things for us," said Capitan coach John Devine. "That and the fouls. I thought we played pretty good defense, but we got called for a lot of fouls in that last quarter."

The game was a nail-biter throughout, as Hagerman led 8-6 after one quarter trailed by a point at half and was up 22-21 after three quarters.

Capitan took an early lead in the final period and held on tooth and nail until the last 27 seconds, when the Lady Bobcats retook the lead for good.

### Sweep of Gateway

After winning 41-29 at home Feb. 14, Capitan took down the Lady Warriors on their home court the following night, winning 40-33.

Lady Warrior Robrena Wade led the scoring with 13 points, while Lady Tigers Scheriyah Romero and

Fields each had 10.

### Boys finish second

If it hadn't been for the Hagerman Bobcats, Capitan's boys team would be number one in District 7-1A right now.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, Hagerman is in their district, and owns the only two district losses Capitan has this year.

The latest was a 65-38 setback Feb. 17, the regular season finale for both teams.

For half a game at least, it was the closest Capitan had been to the Bobcats all season. After spotting Hagerman a 21-13 lead in the first quarter, the Tigers (13-7, 4-2 district) fought to within 11 points at the break.

But then Hagerman (26-0, 6-0) outscored the Tigers 20-5 in the third quarter to put the game away.

While Capitan wasn't able to defeat Hagerman, they did secure the second spot, meaning they'll host a second-round game Wednesday at 6 p.m., playing the winner between Mescalero and Gateway Christian. The championship is this Friday at 6 p.m. in Hagerman.

The Tigers looked very good in the first half Feb. 15, and Gateway didn't. That led to a 60-51 loss to the Tigers in Roswell one day after Capitan took a 50-41 win at home.

"We just kind of stayed with them and just kept hanging on and just kept playing, is basically what we did. We had fun," said Capitan coach Johnny Carson.

## Mescalero teams finish on high note

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Mescalero boys basketball team showed that it's not how you start the season, but how you end it that matters the most.

The Chiefs topped Gateway Christian Feb. 18, 60-52 to finish the regular season, but were still last in the District 7-1A standings and had to travel back to Roswell Monday for the district tournament's first round.

The winner of that game heads to Capitan Wednesday for a 6 p.m. matchup.

The Lady Chiefs handed Hagerman their only loss Feb. 14 - a 49-47 nail-biter - and might have won the top seed outright had they been able to defeat the Lady Bobcats a second time the following night.

But Hagerman was able to defend their home court with a 50-23 victory and seal the top seed.

Mescalero will host the winner between Gateway and Capitan Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. The district championship will be at Hagerman Saturday at 6 p.m.

## Top gymnasts



Photo by Mary Martinez

Members of the Ruidoso Gymnastics team competed Jan. 29 at a tournament in Las Cruces, matching up against teams from seven cities. Ruidoso team members earning medals in the Level 4 Age 10 girls division were Isabel Martinez, third place (left); Carson Vasile, first place (center) and Angela Lackey, second place (right).

## Bowling

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#### Tuesday Senior team standings, week 22 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Old Timers	17	7	546	263
Twisted Sisters	16	8	649	171
Sus Amigos	15	9	630	187
Larry Larry's	13	11	666	155
Misfit Bowlers	11	13	600	214
The Who?	11	13	604	211
Serious Not	7	17	596	221

#### Tuesday Mixed team standings, week 22 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Homies	21	3	586	227
Old Farts & A Kid	15	9	734	96
Living Energies	15	9	573	238
Knight Riders	14	10	539	270
Rhino Rose	13	11	621	196
Pioneer Bank	11	13	527	281
Energy 2 Spare	6	18	590	223
Wild Ride	1	23	439	360

#### 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 736, Rose Bivens 713, Lucy Servies 712.  
Women's handicap game - Ursula Eckersley 295, Pat Townsend 290, Lucy Servies 274.

#### Individual high averages

Men - Tom Douglas 312.76, Gene Nitz 203.25, Harry Allwein 182.06. Women - Lucy Servies 159.23, Donna Viitanen 154.71, Pat Townsend 150.11.  
**Most improved average**  
Men - Larry Hindez +21, Jim Clements +20.69, Richard Dixon +15.35. Women - Rose Bivens +14.52, Donna Viitanen +12.71, Jan Wilson +11.56.

#### Season high scores

Handicap series - Old Farts & A Kid 2688, Rhino Rose 2681, Energy 2 Spare 2628.  
Handicap game - Knight Riders 1008, Living Energies 997, Pioneer Bank 930.  
Men's handicap series - Andrew Ramirez 756, Tom Douglas 733, Etienne Turner 730.  
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 212.62, Gene Nitz 200.44, Ronnie Wright 189.68. Women - Pam Bernard 171.08, Lucy Servies 157.64, Irene Pawloski 133.21.  
**Most improved average**  
Men - Tom Douglas +18.62, Ronnie Wright +10.68, Andrew Ramirez +9.95. Women - Diane Willoughby +5.2, Millie Cimaron +5.17, Pam Bernard +3.08.

**CLASS B BASKETBALL**

**Carrizozo faces challenge in final games**

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Carrizozo basketball coach Billy Page knew his boys team would face a tough test once it got to District 4B play.

Quemado and Reserve are two of the strongest Class B teams in the state, having honed their skills as Class 1A teams against powers like Animas and Cliff.

Both teams got the best of the Grizzlies last week, and Quemado continued their dominance of Carrizozo with

a 77-49 win Feb. 17.

"They learned how to play against some of the best teams in Class 1A, but our guys still have to learn how to step up," Page said.

That, Page said, is exactly what Carrizozo (9-13, 0-3 district) has to do when they host Reserve Feb. 26 in their regular season finale.

The Lady Grizzlies defeated Quemado 52-20 Feb. 17, and have now set their sights on the Reserve game, a rematch of a game Carrizozo (14-6, 2-1) lost to the Lady Mountaineers Feb. 12.

**Hondo vying for top seeds in 3B**

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

It's possible Hondo could host the boys and girls District 3B tournament championships next weekend, but the Eagles will still have to take care of business this week.

The Hondo girls are unbeaten in district play following two wins over Vaughn Feb. 17 and 19, and with just one game left at Lake Arthur this Thursday, the Lady Eagles (15-9, 5-0) will probably have all week off until that final.

"It will be a challenge to keep them motivated," said Hondo coach Brad Holland. "They'll only have one game in two weeks, and they're not used to that."

Hondo beat Vaughn 61-27 on the road Feb. 17, then bested the Aguilas

53-16 at home Feb. 19.

The boys also swept Vaughn, but face a challenge tonight, when they take on a Valley Christian squad that has bested the Eagles twice before. The Lions won 59-44 in the third place game of the Lake Arthur Tournament and again by 12 in the district season opener.

"We've got to beat them by 13 to get the top seed," Holland said. "We also have to play Lake Arthur Thursday, and they're no pushover."

The Eagles (15-9, 5-1) faced a challenge at Vaughn Feb. 17, winning 67-52 after building a big lead through the first three quarters.

At Hondo, Vaughn had a 12-10 lead after the first quarter before the Eagles (15-9, 5-1) were able to wake up and get a 59-34 win.

**WARRIORS**



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso's Tito Montoya makes an acrobatic shot Saturday during the Warriors' loss to Roswell Saturday at Ruidoso High School.

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outcome of a playoff game between the Rams and Wildcats to determine the district's top seed. The tournament championship game will be played Feb. 26.

**Scoring drought vs. Portales**

For about five minutes of the first quarter Friday night, the Ruidoso Warriors made things interesting against Portales in their District 4-3A finale.

The Warriors got to within a point at 11-10 with 3:35 left in the first period on a free throw by Daniel Salazar, but then the Rams turned on their offense in earnest.

Portales scored the game's next 17 points and had an 18-point lead midway through the second quarter. The Warriors never seriously threatened the rest of the way and fell 65-52.

Ruidoso (0-4 district) was able to outscore the Rams (15-8, 2-2) in the second half, but Portales had built up too big a lead in the second frame.

"We were actually much more competitive this time around," said Ruidoso coach Dennis Davis. "We were breaking through their press and the offense was working better."

Terrance Shields had 17 points and Ismail Cook 15 to lead the Warriors, while the Rams were paced by Jesse Blue's 15 points and Andrew Villanueva with 12.

We didn't play to the level we were capable of, but there were some positives," Davis said. "I really liked their effort."

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A big reason the Lady Warriors were able to stay so close was the play of Brittanie Vega, who ended up with 13 points and was the only Ruidoso player in double figures on the night. She gave her team the lead or tied it three times in the second quarter.

Portales, meanwhile, was reliant on the play of Jenna Sievers, who poured in 17 points in the game and at one point had accounted for all but five of her team's entire output. Macy Mitchell added 11 points, mostly in the fourth quarter.

Portales center Gabby Garcia was held to just six points.

"We worked hard to contain her in the post, and I think we did a nice job," said Ruidoso coach Julie Montoya. "But in that third quarter, we gave

up some back door layups and they built a seven-point lead, which is like a 20-point lead with the way they play.

"We got antsy after that and tried to press and steal," she added. "The game didn't change the look of next week's District 4-3A tournament, however. As the third seed, the Lady Warriors will travel to Lovington Feb. 24 for the first round. The district title match will be played in Portales. Both game times have yet to be set.

"We know what we need to do," Montoya said of the tournament. "We've earned respect in the state and I still believe we can beat any given team on any given night. It's just little things we need to improve on, and these games will prepare us for state."

**Corona girls finishing year strong**

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Corona Lady Cardinals just needed some district competition to get things set straight.

Corona had lost six straight - in-

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Cheyene Lanik (119) and Robert Frizzell (125) both fell in the opening championship round, but won their first consolation round match before going down a second time.

"I'm very proud of my team as a whole, Shriver said. "We've gotten a whole lot better. We're just going to keep getting better."

cluding their first game against Hondo - coming into a non-district matchup against Mountainair, and have since won four of their last five games to improve their record to 8-9 overall and 3-2 in District 3B.

The Lady Cardinals' latest wins were a 61-25 decision over Vaughn Feb. 15 and a 41-28 victory over Lake Arthur Feb. 17.

Those victories have pretty much sewn up the second seed in the district's tournament, but there's still one more game to go, a rematch against Vaughn Wednesday.

"We should be able to win that game," said Corona coach Nicky Huey. "We played a lot of girls against Vaughn, and had lots of rotation. We hope to have a lot of success on the road."

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