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Water rights have long, tangled history

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series on the history of water rights in Ruidoso. Recently, the village was the target of a suit filed by Forest Guardians – now known as WildEarth Guardians – regarding wells drilled on the Eagle Creek Basin which supplies a majority of Ruidoso's water. Concerned citizens wishing to comment on the environmental impact study process may file written comments to NFECP Project, Smokey Bear Ranger District, 901 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, or electronically at comments-southwestern-lincoln@fs.fed.us

Ruidoso's water rights on Eagle Creek – which is more dry than wet year-round – have been challenged, meaning village residents could be left dehydrated



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

To understand the history of New Mexico, according to former Ruidoso Village Manager Frank Potter, is to understand that virtually every aspect of it evolves around water – where to find it, how to get it and how to protect it once it's flowing.

"There are plenty of stories out there about homesteaders with access to water," Potter said. "And if they we're not ready to protect their water, to fight for it, gunmen would just ride up and shoot them. Plain and simple."

Now, almost a century after statehood, the Village of Ruidoso is facing a water battle that could mean life or death for the community.

"This is shaping up to be an 1870's water war – only without regulators," Potter said of the most recent challenge to the village's rights to draw water from Eagle Creek.

Actually, Potter will admit, there are plenty of "regulators" involved in this fight as well, except they're armed not with six-guns and Winchesters but with computers, law degrees, hydrology stud-

ies and money – lots of money.

The village, Potter said, has already spent "well over \$1 million" on the fight to protect Eagle Creek water rights, with no real resolution anywhere in sight.

Potter, a third-generation New Mexican, has spent his entire life studying water law and is widely considered a leading expert on water and the village.

He's particularly knowledgeable on the Eagle Creek Basin and the impacts of the village's four pumps on the North Fork of Eagle Creek, the subject of a current challenge by environmental activists who are asking the U.S. Forest Service to shut off or cut back the draw to such extreme minimums it would cripple the village's ability to provide water to its residents.

Currently, Ruidoso relies on Eagle Creek for 60 to 70 percent of its municipal water supply.

The USFS has initiated a public comment period for a proposed Environmental Impact Statement regarding the impacts of the vil-

lage's water draw from Eagle Creek. Anyone wishing to file comments must do so by March 21.

Much of the data included in the EIS report comes from a study performed by the U.S. Geological Survey, which concluded the village's water draw has contributed to the decline of both the surface flow and water tables. It also outlines a number of recommendations and restrictions that USGS believes should be imposed upon the village to be able to continue to access Eagle Creek water.

Potter, however, says the study – a \$500,000 report paid for by the Village of Ruidoso as part of a settlement of litigation filed in 2005 – is seriously flawed.

One needs to look no farther than the title of the USGS report, "Hydrology of Eagle Creek Basin

and Effects of Groundwater Pumping on Streamflow, 1969-2009," to begin to understand the shallowness of the study, Potter said.

Despite its titled 40-year time span, the majority of the USGS report focuses on the period starting in 1988 when the village began drawing water through the North Fork pumps. No attention is given to the decades of prior water use, including the village's historic water rights, nor of the colorful history of water acquisition in southeast New Mexico and the role played by secretive deals by powerful figures in the not-so-distant past.

Blaming the village's pumps on the North Fork of Eagle Creek for a lack of streamflow in Eagle Creek is "just ridiculous," Potter said.

Eagle Creek, Potter said, is –

and always has been – an intermittent stream, meaning that it never has carried water at any kind of consistent level, despite historic ownership of water rights – owned by homesteaders and hardscrabble farmers and later by the railroad – that were really good in name only.

"People came out here after the Civil War and tried to scratch out a living by farming," Potter said. Many of them set up their spreads on a streambed that was just as dry in the 1860s as it is today.

While those early homesteaders might not have had water, they did have the rights to water, and that would become critical as the 19th century merged into the 20th and the El Paso and Northwestern Railroad successfully gathered up every drop of water rights available.

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Temporary bridges a reminder of flood

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

For more than three years, the Village of Ruidoso and its residents have lived with the fallout of four days of torrential rain that was responsible for flooding the area, virtually wiping out the village's sewer system and taking out nearly a dozen bridges along the way.

"It hit us on July 27, 2008," said Village Special Projects Manager Justin King. "Hurricane Dolly came in and sat over on top of us and just dumped rain on us for three or four days ... and all that rain, from the ski area on down, swept through the village."

King said "there were a number of factors, erosion, side loading on the banks ... just a lot of factors" that led up to the flooding that isolated entire neighborhoods from the boundary of the Mescalero Apache Reservation to Ruidoso Downs.

The onslaught of water, King said, virtually exploded the village's sewer infrastructure, a gravity flow system that utilized the riverbed as the path of greatest gravity to the village's Waste Water Treatment Plant in Ruidoso Downs.

As debris swept down the swollen river, bridges began to fail, sending more wreckage cascading down the river and creating more damage throughout the village, eventually damaging or destroying 12 bridges.

The floodwaters acted as a one-two punch on the sewer system, King said.

Debris and sediment swept into the river pummeled the sewer mains at the same time runoff infiltrated the system through whatever point of entry it could find, chiefly man-holes.

"The system pressurized," King said. "We had debris, rocks, sediment, you name it ...

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Tanja valuable in fight against drugs

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

Busting criminals is a dog's life for Tanja, a 10-year-old Belgian Malinois who has spent her entire career ferreting out drugs as an officer for the Village of Ruidoso Police Department.

And as far as her human companion, Officer Matt Christian, is concerned, he couldn't have a better partner.

Christian said he has personally seen lives destroyed by drug abuse, and offered that he has no problem following up Tanja's nose with a trip to jail for the bad guys.

Tanja and Christian partnered up "a little more than three years ago" when Tanja's former handler, Sgt. Dale Harrison "was promoted up," Christian said.

"I was just coming on to the department and I was interested so I took her."

Unlike a German shepherd, which Christian said is still the breed of choice for K9 officers that focus largely on the physical apprehension of criminals, Tanja is a "single purpose" dog with a nose designed by nature to detect smells of illegal narcotics.

As a breed, the Belgian Malinois is smaller than a shepherd, and less prone to some of the medical conditions larger breed dogs struggle with in law enforcement.

Their energy is boundless, they're task oriented and their noses, Christian said, are even finer tuned than their larger counterparts.

Dogs have 25 times more olfactory receptors

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Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso Police Officer Matt Christian and Tanja demonstrate how the 10-year-old Belgian Malinois sniffs out potential drugs during a traffic stop.

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New Mexico Democratic Senator Tom Udall invites college students interested in gaining legislative or press relations experience to apply for summer internships in his Washington, D.C. office. To apply online or download an application, visit www.tomudall.senate.gov/?p=internships.

Udall's office is seeking interns for two sessions - May 29-July 3 and July 3-Aug. 6. The deadline to

apply for both sessions is March 25.

Women's Day

Today is the global celebration of International Women's Day, and Sanctuary on the River, located at 207 Eagle Dr., will host a local event starting at 9 a.m. For more information in International Women's Day, visit www.theWinonline.com.

Library time

Little ones are invited to story and craft-time every

Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Activities for March are:

March 9 - Car, truck and train stories and interactive car play and candy locomotive craft.

March 16 - St. Patrick's day stories and Leprechaun catchers

March 23 - Movie: Thomas & Friends

March 30 - Bedtime stories: Bring your blankets, pillows, stuffed animals and wear your pajamas. Be sure

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Courtesy Friends, volunteers and models from last year's Altrusa Club fashion show and tea.

Altrusa Club plans fashion show and tea

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso will hold its seventh annual fashion show and tea April 9 at 2 p.m. at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club

The show will feature fashions from seven popular local clothing stores - Brunell's, Chic Boutique, Michelle's, The Bay Window, Rebekah's, St. Bernard's and the Alto Lakes Pro Shop. Altrusa Club members will model many of the exciting spring styles locally available.

Doors open at 1 p.m. for the silent auction, which includes many items from local artists and jewelry design-

ers. There will be lots of door prizes, and a light lunch will be served.

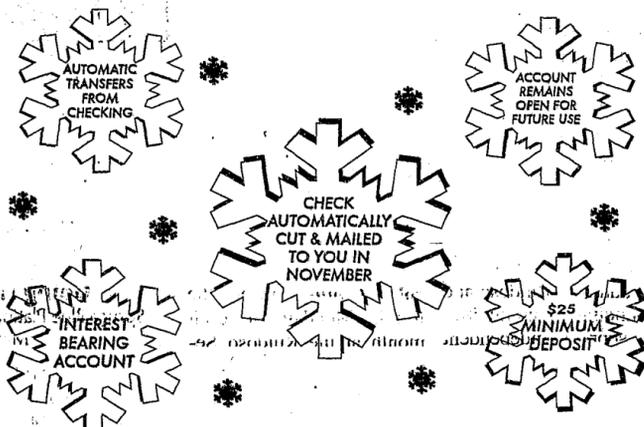
All proceeds from the event will be used to support Altrusa's many community service projects, including scholarships and literacy projects, as well as Lincoln County Food Bank, HEAL and Humane Society donations. Tickets are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance.

For more information about Altrusa, visit www.AltrusaRuidoso.com. For information about the fashion show and tea, or to purchase tickets, call Terri Trotter at 258-4615.

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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.

Meditation seminar

"Meditations for Relaxation and a Clear Mind" will be held Saturday, March 12 at 1 p.m. at Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Dr. The free event is sponsored by Kadampa Meditation Center of New Mexico. For more information, visit www.meditationinnewmexico.org.

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 Satur-

day 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.sacmnt-village.org.

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

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

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

The Capitan Women's Club meets at the Capitan Library at 101 E. Second St. in Capitan. Meetings are held 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 354-6026

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 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.

Ruidoso Needle Crafters meet every Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Books Etcetera in the back. FREE. Experienced and new crafters are welcome.

The Ruidoso Noon Li-

ons meet at 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club.

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

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

Wednesday. Call 257-2309 for further information.

Activities at the Community Youth Center Warehouse:

Mondays - Afterschool club from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Chess club 4-5:30 p.m. Zumba classes 6-7 p.m. Classes are \$5 per session. A 10-session card can be purchased for \$49.

Tuesdays - Afterschool club, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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TANJA

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than humans and can detect smell concentrations 100 million times lower than can be detected by humans.

But that Malinois can take that even farther, Christian said.

"When we smell a piece of bread, we smell bread," Christian said. "When Tanja smells bread, she smells all the elements of the bread ... the wheat, the yeast ... and she differentiates all the separate scents."

"If you're looking for a single-purpose dog, the Malinois is the choice," he said.

Tanja was born in Holland to a breeder that specializes in producing animals that are later trained to be drug dogs.

She was shipped to a Texas-based trainer where she began learning the skills that have ultimately led her to be certified to detect a number of illegal substances, including heroin, ecstasy, methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana.

Her biggest bust to date occurred about four years ago, Christian said, when Tanja alerted to a vehicle on Hwy 54 near Carrizozo that lead to the seizure of 64 pounds of cocaine - a seizure valued at more than \$2 million.

In the three years Christian has partnered with Tanja, the team has accumulated "somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 finds," he said.

Most of the pair's busts, Christian said, "are of the smaller variety" given their pa-

rol areas, but the job is no less rewarding. They also spend a lot of time visiting local schools talking to students about the dangers of drug abuse.

"I've always wanted to do this, and working with Tanja just makes it so easy. She's a great dog."

Despite her advanced age - going on to 70 in human years - Tanja would appear to be nearing the end of her active law enforcement career. But you'd never be able to tell it as Christian puts her through her paces.

Tanja shows no signs of old age and can still do every aspect of her job, Christian said.

Working her way around a pickup truck, Tanja's nose never stops working and she spends just as much time on her hind legs scanning for scents at the window level than she does behind wheels and the vehicles undercarriage.

Christian said he hopes when Tanja's time to retire comes, he'll be allowed to keep her.

"She's such an easy dog to work with," he said, "and my family just loves her. She probably spends more time in the house than she does outside."

Until that time, Christian and Tanja will continue to do their jobs, he said.

"Hey, I've got no problem whatsoever busting someone for drugs."

County Commission offer to quit JUB fails

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

After watching two of its members denied appointment to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Use Board, the Lincoln County Commission has determined it has no right on the oversight panel and should not pursue a place on the five-seat panel.

County Manager Tom Stewart told the Lincoln County Commission he had researched the history of the JUB and determined the county was never a signatory party to the agreement. Even though the JUB's language calls for a county representative, the county has no finan-

cial claim to participate.

Stewart's conclusion is the same as Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn, who said in January that since the county had no financial stake in the JUB, it should have no place on the board.

Alborn's statements came during discussion of rejecting County Commissioner Jackie Powell's nomination to the JUB by the Ruidoso Village Council. In addition to refusing to accept Powell on the JUB, the board further decided it would accept no future county nominees until July.

Previously, the Ruidoso Downs City Council had re-

jected the nomination of County Commissioner Mark Doth.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter moved to remove the JUB from the list of boards to be staffed by county representatives, but following testimony from Powell on the need for a cooperative effort among government entities, Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo withdrew her second of Minter's motion.

"My hope is Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs plays nice, since they don't want the county aboard," Stewart said.

The no-vote leaves the JUB matter "in standby and we'll do nothing at this point, according to Stewart.

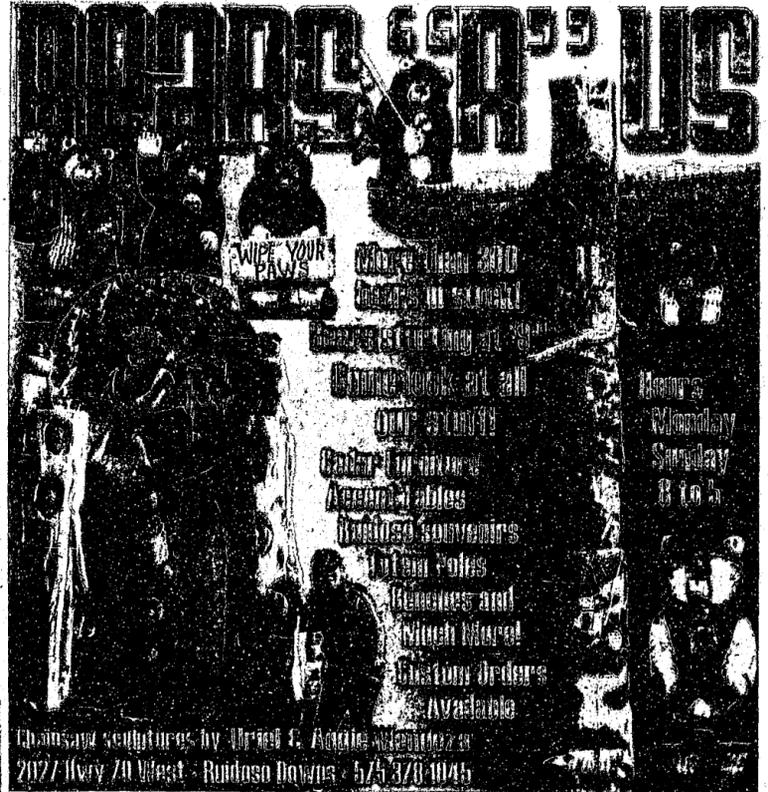
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BUSINESS

Local Bloody Mary mix hits the shelves

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

Texas Club bartender and local entrepreneur Mickey LaMonica has been crafting Bloody Marys from behind the bar for more than thirty years, searching for the perfect Bloody Mary Mix.

Search no more; LaMonica and his wife Renée – a local chef – revolutionized a distinctly New Mexican Bloody Mary Mix, which has gone on sale at local grocery stores.

The name of the mix, “Tres Chiles,” features a unique blend of New Mexico grown chiles, smoked paprika, black pepper, and other spices.

The all-natural, and gluten free Bloody Mary mix is now distributed through local grocers and with the help of a national distribution company, “Tres Chiles” will be marketed statewide and beyond.

“For so many years, I had to constantly

doctor up traditional Bloody Mary mixes for customers,” LaMonica said. “Not only did it take so much time but I was never really completely satisfied with the final outcome, so my wife and I embarked on the perilous journey of creating our own brand.”

LaMonica compiled one common element from what customers like in a Bloody Mary when developing his brand.

“Spicy, nearly everyone likes their Bloody Mary’s spicy, especially New Mexicans and Texans who drink at my bar,” he said. “Developing the right mix of chile and other spices was daunting, but we have developed a very distinctive and



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press
Mickey LaMonica, bartender at the Texas Club, shows off two bottles of his handcrafted Bloody Mary mix, which is now on sale at local grocery stores and will soon be distributed worldwide. LaMonica says “Tres Chiles” is “not for the faint of palate.”

Funding cuts threaten workforce development

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

Proposed cuts by congress to Workforce Investment Act funding have local workforce development program coordinators worried about the dangers of Lincoln County sliding into welfare dependency.

Members of the Eastern Area Workforce Development Board are fighting against the proposed \$3.6 billion in WIA funding termination and a \$175 million rescission of prior year funds.

The proposed cuts would eliminate all new WIA funding for state and local programs – which provide vital services for the nation’s unemployed and underemployed – while devastating American businesses seeking to rebound from the recession.

Gina Corliss, youth career development specialist for New Mexico Workforce Connection in Ruidoso, believes the funding cuts will particularly impact rural communities already struggling with high unemployment rates and unskilled workforce challenges.

“Our objective in my district is to break the chains of welfare dependency by providing a gateway for education and job

skills training, beginning with our youth,” Corliss said. “If these cuts are enacted, job-seekers will no longer have access to career centers, training, counseling and other employment related services made available through current funding.”

In a letter addressed to Sen. Jeff Bingaman, Jimmie Shearer – chairman of the EAWBD – emphasizes the critical importance of WIA funding.

“This bill would destroy the very programs which ensure the nation’s unemployed can return to work and that businesses have the skilled workers they need,” he writes. “These cuts would eliminate the nation’s workforce system’s ability to provide employment related activities to 15 million unemployed workers who have nowhere else to turn.”

Shearer acknowledges difficult economic times and the skyrocketing deficit need to be addressed, but not at the expense of the American worker and American businesses.

“Additionally, 3,000 career centers, located in communities across the nation will have to close their doors, adding further to the unemployment rolls,” he said. “Veterans who have priority of services under WIA funding proposed for termination would be severely impacted.”

The irony of American government promoting improved higher education and job skills development for our nation’s workforce, yet not willing to fund the endeavor, frustrates Corliss.

“I see people every day in the course of my work who struggle with these very issues,” Corliss said. “We create opportunities that normally wouldn’t happen for these people. It’s not easy, by any means, and we can’t save everyone.”

New Mexico Congressman Steve Pearce was reluctant to support continuation of the act during a “listening tour” stop in Ruidoso Nov. 29.

Job training to bolster a qualified workforce was presented to Pearce by John Hemphill of the local New Mexico Department of Workforce Connection.

“As an alternative to traditional education, adult education and job training are currently funded by the Workforce Investment Act title one and two. Do you believe the Senate will approve its continuance?” Hemphill asked.

“You may think this is a little brash but these programs are very expensive and costs as much as \$30,000 per person to execute,” Pearce replied. “I believe the programs have value but the system is convoluted. We have at least four sets of workforce training programs and I think we should perform a forensic audit and find the one that works best then cut the rest of them.”

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Lincoln County home sales jump

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

January home sales in Lincoln County took a turn for the better from the same time last year, delivering optimism for recovery in the local real estate market. Lincoln County homes sales were up \$2,167,432 from \$4,037,500 from the January start of the 2010 market.

According to the Realtors Association of New Mexico, January 2011 New Mexico home sale numbers were up nearly 3 percent from January 2010 and up 14 percent from January 2009.

Frank Wiggins, President of the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of Realtors welcomes the news but cautions the recovery period is still fragile.

“There are definitely signs of in-

creased consumer confidence across the board. Home prices have continued to decline but are stabilizing,” Wiggins said.

The median home price in Lincoln County was \$190,000 in 2010, down 2.6 percent from \$195,000 in 2009.

“Interest rates remain low and the second vacation home buyers are making a comeback,” Wiggins said. “If this continues, 2011 will be the recovery year we have been looking for.”

M. Steven Anaya, RANM Executive Vice President, said, “Distressed sales and the unemployment rate continue to affect New Mexico home prices and sales numbers. Housing is still a key driver of the economy. Good jobs enable people to achieve the American dream of home ownership. For every two homes sold, a job is created.”

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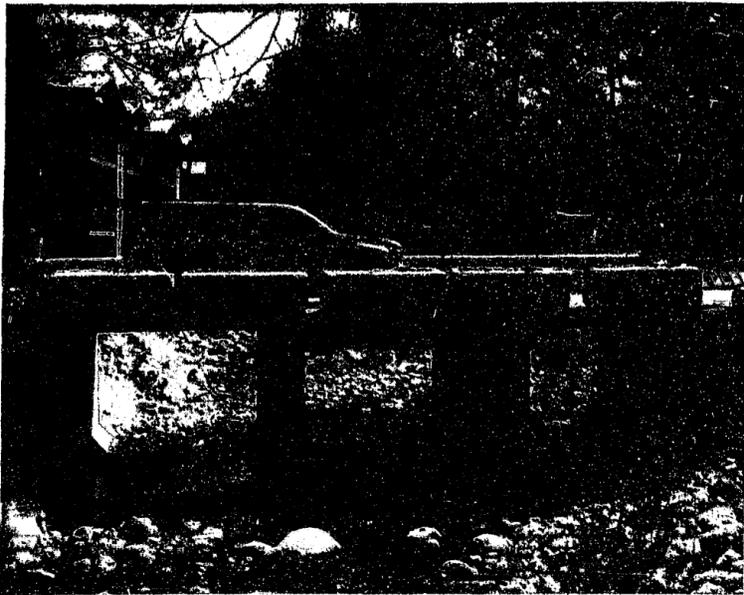
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BRIDGES



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

A vehicle makes its way across the one-lane temporary bridge at Eagle Creek Drive near Midtown as it crosses the Ruidoso River. The bridge replaces a wider bridge that was damaged by a flood in 2008.

it all filled the sewer pipes."

The hydraulics were more than the half-century old pipes could withstand.

"Mains split and cracked all up and down the river," King said. So strong was the force inside the sewer lines, manhole covers were blown into the air.

The end result: "We were left with a fully compromised sewer system from the Reservation line to the Waste Water Treatment Plant" — more than 14 miles of infrastructure that will cost an estimated \$25 million to replace.

King said the village quickly initiated repairs to the worst of the breaks in the system, at a cost of about \$2.5 million, but acknowledged there is still a good deal of river water infiltration into the sewer system.

King said the village is well into the planning phase of replacing the entire line, which will include pulling the system out of the river and incorporating new technology to handle wastewater and sewage.

But much of the village's ability to repair both the sewer system and the bridges has been severely limited by the need to conduct extensive environmental studies.

After the studies — environmental, cultural, historical and biological — were finished at a cost of about \$300,000, the village then had to wait to secure final approval from FEMA.

That approval, known as a Finding of No Significant Impacts, of FONSI, was granted to the village in February.

The end result: "We're going to get a lot of things done — very cheaply."

King said FEMA will reimburse the village for 75 percent of flood-related repairs and the state of New Mexico will kick in another 18 percent.

With an estimated total price tag of \$35 million for flood-related repairs, King estimated the village's matching 7 percent share at about \$2.45 million.

King said the village is now preparing to go to bid to secure a design contract, and he anticipates "a 12-month time frame" to complete the design process, and an additional four years to actually install the new system.

"We're looking to complete the entire project in the summer of 2016," he said.

Replacement of the 10 bridges wiped out in the flooding has also begun, King said, with work already underway to replace the Eagle Street span.

In February, the Village Council approved a \$260,436 payment to purchase a new span for Eagle Street, and on Tuesday, a pre-bid process was initiated to finalize contracts for site preparation.

King said the new span "hopefully" will be in place and operational by Memorial Day.

The village will then replace each of the remaining spans as impacts to the surrounding area and tourism are ascertained.

"I would anticipate this will go fairly quickly," he said. "But if there are a lot of tourism-related activities going on in Upper Canyon, then we'll work on another

bridge elsewhere. Water levels, tourism and other factors will all come into play, but we're hoping to have them all replaced within the next 12 months."

From the earliest days of recovering from the floods, the village acted aggressively in first rescuing stranded residents to restoring services, King said.

Two bridges, severely damaged but not destroyed, were repaired "within 30 days" of the flood waters receding, King said.

Permission to place temporary spans soon followed.

"We told the feds that they needed to

understand we're a mountain community and that we had entire neighborhoods isolated with no means of crossing the river."

King said he knows there have been inconveniences as the village worked its way through the process, but every effort has been made to reduce the time involved with the repairs and to ensure that once the repairs are made, they last.

"A lot of thought went into how we were going to do this so when we have another 100-year flood five years from now we don't have to do this all over again," King said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Don't be a slave to your mistakes

First of all, allow me to apologize for this article showing up on the editorial page rather than the sports page. I had a great article and I didn't have room on my three pages, but I feel the message I'm about to give is universal.

Of course, the article starts at a sporting event – namely the District 4B girls championship basketball game this past Saturday in Carrizozo.

If you've read my story on the contest, you know what happened. The Lady Grizzlies beat Reserve in overtime and earned a high seed in this year's Class B state tournament, which begins today in Bernalillo.

What I didn't mention was the chances Reserve had near the end of regulation to put the game away. There were several missed opportunities, but the one that really stands out in the memory was a completely blown layup with 11 seconds left.

I won't mention the girl's name – I'm not heartless – suffice to say the miss allowed Carrizozo the time to tie it up and eventually win it.

I'm not sure if she'll ever read these words, but I still feel the need to address her – Don't let this flub define you. People make mistakes, it's just that most of us are lucky enough to screw up in relative anonymity.

Besides, that one layup wasn't the only thing keeping your team from the win. It's a team sport, and everyone contributes to the success or failure of that team.

Probably the best example of one mess-up seemingly affecting the outcome of a game is an incident in the 1986 World Series.

Any self-respecting sports fan knows where I'm going with this. It was Game 6 at Shea Stadium in New York, and the Boston Red Sox were one out away from winning their first World Series title in more than 70 years.

But the Mets were not about to give up, and after three hits that brought them to within one run, things really started to go south for Boston.

With Kevin Mitchell on third and Ray Knight on first, Mookie Wilson came to the plate against pitcher Bob Stanley, who threw a wild pitch that allowed Mitchell to score and tie the game.

What followed is a piece of storied history. Wilson hit a weak grounder down the first base line that got between the legs of Boston first baseman Bill Buckner. Knight came in to score the winning run, and the Mets eventually won the series clincher the following night.

It was easy for a lot of people to blame Buckner's gaffe as the sole reason for Boston's loss, but there were so many ways the team let things get by earlier. Calvin Schiraldi was unable to get Mitchell and Knight out, and allowed the Mets to get within a run, and every Met that got a hit in that final inning were down to their last strike before getting their hit.

Stanley also could have ended the inning and at least sent it into extra innings if he had seen short-stop Spike Owen standing on second and picked off Knight for the third out.

The mistakes piled up for the Red Sox before Buckner's flub, and most fans realized that in hindsight.

Buckner had solid career up to that point, and outlived his reputation as a result of the play. Likewise, the Red Sox were eventually able to win that elusive title – two of them, even – and break the "curse."

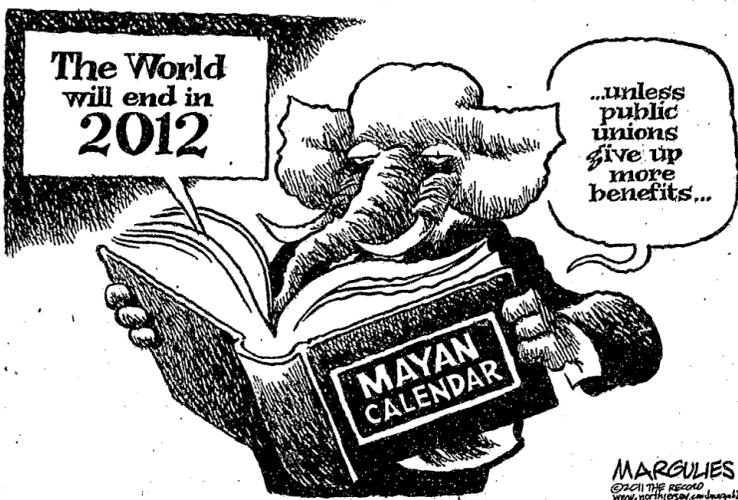
So to that Reserve player who missed that crucial layup, don't kill yourself over it. Your team still got to the state playoffs, and you're still a young girl. You've got a long and fruitful life ahead of you.

And if you get another chance to make that metaphorical layup, I'd lay a bet you'll make it.

On the ddot



Todd Fuqua



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lincoln County Community Theater wants to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed to the success of our recent fundraiser. The money raised at performances of "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" in Ruidoso and Carrizozo will allow us to represent Lincoln County at the upcoming American Association of Community Theatre competition in Artesia.

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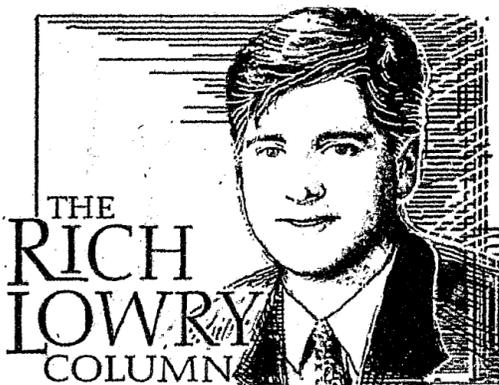
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Sincerely,

Larry Kingsley,
President of the Board of Directors
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The Real "Shame" in Wisconsin



When the Wisconsin General Assembly voted to pass Gov. Scott Walker's budget repair bill, the Democratic legislators made themselves indistinguishable from the protestors surrounding the assembly floor.

They wore the same pro-union orange T-shirts. They behaved in the same sophomoric way, breaking out in a noisy, finger-pointing demonstration. They chanted the same ubiquitous word: "Shame!" They might as well have brought guitars onto the floor for a Woody Guthrie sing-along.

The fight in Wisconsin has focused on collective bargaining rights, but that is not the main event. As Daniel DiSalvo of the City College of New York-

CUNY notes in a Weekly Standard article, 24 states either don't allow collective bargaining for public workers, or permit it for only a segment of workers. Even if Walker prevails, Wisconsin will allow more wide-ranging collective bargaining than these states.

No, the most important measure at stake in Wisconsin is the governor's proposal for the state to stop deducting union dues from the paychecks of state workers. This practice essentially wields the taxing power of the government on behalf of the institutional interests of the unions. It makes the government an arm of the public-sector unions. It is a priceless favor.

Wisconsin doesn't col-

lect dues for Elks lodges or the NRA. What makes these organizations different from public-sector unions is that people freely choose to join them and freely choose to pay their dues. They are truly voluntary organizations that don't rely on the power of the state for their well-being. Walker wants to give members of public-sector unions a measure of this same autonomy.

Perhaps some of these members aren't liberal Democrats, so they don't want to pay dues – roughly \$1,000 annually in the case of teachers – which will overwhelmingly go to funding and organizing for Democratic candidates. Perhaps some of them, regardless of their politics, want to spend that money on their families or other pressing needs. Walker will allow them to exercise a choice now closed to them.

When Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels ended collective bargaining and the automatic collection of dues in 2005, the number of members paying dues plummeted by roughly 90 percent. In 2007, New York City's Transit Authority briefly stopped automatically collecting dues

for the Transport Workers Union, and dues fell off by more than a third. Without these dues, the ability of public-sector unions to influence elections – what they care about most – drastically diminishes.

This is why Wisconsin Senate Democrats preferred to flee the state rather than stay and vote on a proposal that would

curtail their fundraising and organizational base. They can dress up their opposition in the rhetoric of workers' "rights," but even if all collective bargaining were stripped from all Wisconsin public workers, they'd still have extensive civil-service protections.

Public-sector unions are a creature of govern-

ment, and the Democrats are the party of government. The two of them have identical interests and worldviews, and both want to leverage government to swell their campaign coffers. How to characterize this? The word "shame" comes to mind.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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EDUCATION

Ruidoso's got talent!

By Kati Hanna

Co-President, Elementary PAC

The Ruidoso elementary schools recently held their annual talent show at Ruidoso Middle School, featuring 40 contestants from kindergarten to 5th grade providing residents with a full night of entertainment.

The money raised at this event is helping to bring Explora Children's Museum's to the Ruidoso elementary

schools this April. All Head Start through 5th grade students will have the opportunity to enjoy a hands-on exploration science session, when a team from Explora Children's Museum Outreach program based in Albuquerque visits for three days starting April 11.

The talent show is one of many fundraisers held throughout the year, but this one truly focuses on the kids. Judges Anne Twite, Lindsey Salas, and Gage Whipple -

as well as two student sound experts Zach Huffman and Jordan Ashcraft - volunteered their time to put on the event.

Nob Hill winners

Jacoby Graham (1st Place: Music), K'hari Garcia (1st Place: Voice), Leslie Medrano (1st Place: Dance) and Brady Belcher (1st Place: Talent)

Sierra Vista Primary winners

Isabella Medina (1st Place: Voice), Haleigh



Courtesy photo Performers at the Ruidoso Elementary School talent show get ready to take the stage at Ruidoso Middle School.

Kelley (1st Place Talent), Dylann Blount (1st Place: Dance), Carter Beatty (1st Place: Music), Regan For-

ster (2nd Place: Music), David Ogden (2nd Place: Music), and Isak Ogden (3rd Place: Music)

White Mountain Elementary winners

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New school board gets to work

By Eugene Heathman Reporter

Today marks the first meeting with the swearing in of three new members on the Ruidoso Municipal School District Board. Curt Temple, Devin Marshall and Cecil Davis will take their seats with existing board members Rhonda Vincent and Kerry Gladden Eastep.

After the swearing in of new members, a temporary president will be elected. One of the action items on the agenda will be to approve a proposal to record and publish meetings.

A comparison of alternatives for increasing public access to RMSD board meeting include taped broadcasts on cable channel 15, live video, on demand webcast and live webcasts of meetings. These options allow for multiple venues with few technical obstacles for the public while keeping the process simple and affordable.

A recommended solution would be to record the meetings for a one-time playback on channel 15 in addition to having on-demand video on the web within 24 hours.

Promotion and retention of students, a topic of concern throughout the elections, will also be discussed. A proposed policy revision will be the initiation of parent conferences to improve academic monitoring.

Parents can expect to be notified no later than the end of the second grading period if their child is not academically proficient.

Other agenda items include the approval of the proposed 2011-12 school and board calendar, student enrollment update and reports on the Facilities Master Plan and the Ruidoso Municipal Schools Musical Arts Committee Report.

Ruidoso choirs participate in large group festival

The Ruidoso Middle School choir, Ruidoso High mixed choir and Ruidoso high treble choir participated in the district large group festival, March 1, sponsored by the Southwest New Mexico Music Educators Association at Oñate High School in Las Cruces.

Choirs were rated for performance by a panel of three judges and entered the sightreading category. A five score rating system is used - I superior, II excellent, III good, IV fair, and V poor. Choirs must receive a I or II in order to qualify for the state choir contest.

Each choir performed three pieces including at least one foreign language and the high school choirs present at least one piece acappella (voices only).

All three RMSD choirs earned state qualifying marks. Ruidoso Middle School choir received I's in performance and I+ in sightreading. Directors Danny Flores and Waynta Wirth report the sightreading judge noted this choir had the best sound (tone) she heard all day. They were pleased with the open natural sound produced even under the pressure of being judged and commend their students for their

young professionalism.

Ruidoso High treble choir received II+ from all three judges in performance and I in sightreading. Judges commented on the great focus of these singers and the difficulty of their repertoire. Flores and Wirth are excited to incorporate the many suggestions into rehearsals as they prepare for state competition. The vitality, discipline, and stage presence of this choir were strong attributes addressed by the judges.

Ruidoso High mixed choir earned I's in performance and sightreading. Judges were delighted with the interesting programming of this group, which included a Native American piece accompanied by drum and wooden flute. Dramatic contrast was a strength of this choir.

Flores and Wirth agree that some choirs in the district do not enter the sightreading portion of

this festival, but they believe this is a most important aspect of the music training and stress a desire to teach students to be life-long musicians equipped to lead in their communities as adults.

The superior sightreading scores at large group festival are indicative that students are indeed learning to be independent learners. Both directors expressed thankfulness to the community of Ruidoso and Ruidoso School leadership for their strong support of these successful music training endeavors.

Tire amnesty event collects 793 tires

Recent below zero temperatures didn't slow down Lincoln County residents and small businesses from tire recycling at the tire amnesty recycling event, Feb. 18-19, at Schoolhouse Park, dropping off 793 tires.

Old and discarded tires were dropped off by 55 participating residents or small businesses from Nogal, Alto, Lincoln, the Hondo Valley, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and Capitan. The 793 tire figure was down from the 1,300 tires collected at a similar event in September 2010.

Volunteers from the Greentree Solid Waste Authority and Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, and the Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department staff gave their time to process the load of old rubber. The donated tires will be recycled into retaining walls at the new Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center, now open east of Ruidoso Downs.

"The twice-a-year event helps reduce illegal dumping of tires across the county, stated GSWA Supervisor Debra Ingle. "We had more ranch and farm owners this time with large numbers of old discarded tires. A rat's nest was found in one tire, as well as black water - a mosquito habitat - which contribute to blood-borne diseases. Moreover, the amnesty event helps small businesses and residents by keeping costs down during a slow economy."

Between events, discarded tires may be dropped off for a modest fee at the new Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center

at 26590 Highway 70, across from Duds and Suds.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.greentreeswa.org.



Courtesy photo
Volunteers unload old tires into a waste receptacle during a tire amnesty recycling event in February at Schoolhouse Park. Almost 800 tires were collected, which will be used to build retaining walls at the Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center in Ruidoso Downs.

ENMU-R launches education foundation

By Eugene Heathman Reporter

Until recently, ENMU-Ruidoso was one of the few higher education institutions in New Mexico without an independent foundation.

That has been rectified.

"The establishment of a foundation here is long overdue," said ENMU-R President Clayton Alred. "The foundation will inspire leadership through the extension of the campus mission of creating excellence in the community."

The ENMU-R Foundation will operate independently as a 501c3, non-profit corporation, creating premium programs for the university, which would otherwise be out of reach.

Past ENMU-R President Mike Elrod initiated the process before retiring at the end of 2009 by enlisting Martin Ahumada, President of the International Center for Higher Education and Philanthropy, to assist Alred with assembling the core Foundation Board and Trustees.

For several months, members of ENMU faculty and

members of the community convened to establish the legality and purpose of the foundation while establishing the Foundation Board.

Lynn Willard, Chair for the ENMU-R College Board, was selected to serve as president for the new ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation.

"I was at once bewildered and humbled Alred and Ahumada would want me for this far reaching role," Willard said. "Yet I was delighted with being presented the opportunity to be a part of a foundation from the ground up and reaching for the stars."

The persuasive skills of Alred and Ahumada convinced Willard of the need for the foundation and the potential to help a small, rural community college establish its own unique niche in the community, county and state.

Other members of the foundation include Sandy Gladden of Ruidoso, who served for many years on the ENMU Alumni Association Board of Directors, assisting members

with fundraising and community ambassadorship.

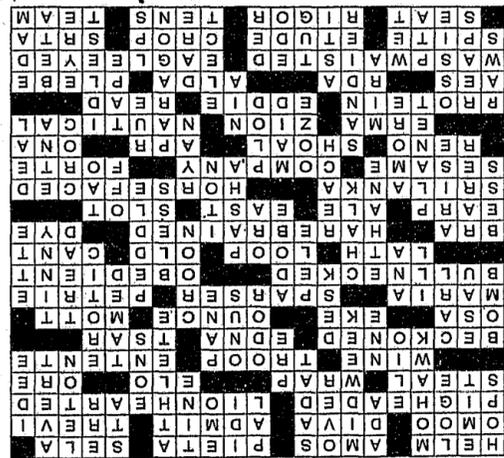
Peter Ives from Santa Fe - senior counsel for the Trust for Public Land, a non-profit organization which acquires land for conservation in ten states - will serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

Bill Marcy, who lives part time in Capitan and Lubbock, Texas, is administrator with Texas Tech University. Marcy is the first ever to receive an interdisciplinary PhD from Texas Tech.

ANIMAL ANATOMY

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tiller
 - 5 Grandpa McCoy
 - 9 Michelangelo masterpiece
 - 14 Ward of "Sisters"
 - 18 "Typee" sequel
 - 19 Callas or Caballe
 - 20 Confess
 - 21 Roman fountain
 - 23 Stubborn
 - 25 Courageous
 - 27 Fantastic bargain
 - 28 Envelop
 - 30 "Xanadu" rock group
 - 31 Trams
 - 32 "Red" Red "88 smash)"
 - 34 Girl Scout unit
 - 38 Diplomacy term
 - 41 Winked or waved
 - 45 Journalist Buchanan
 - 46 Former autocrat
 - 47 Actress Massen
 - 48 Scrape by, with "out"
 - 49 Light weight
 - 51 Reformer
 - 54 Montessori
- or Muldaur**
- 57 Less plentiful
 - 60 Van Dyke role
 - 62 Powerfully built
 - 65 Tractable
 - 67 Wooden sirip
 - 68 Flight maneuver
 - 71 "Days" (75 tune)
 - 72 Hypocrisy
 - 73 Bikini half
 - 76 Foolhardy
 - 79 Pigment
 - 80 Masterson colleague
 - 82 Ginger
 - 83 "Haven, CT"
 - 84 Job opening
 - 87 Ceylon, today
 - 89 Coarse-featured
 - 94 Tahiti base
 - 95 TV's "Three's"
 - 99 Loudly, to Liszt
 - 100 Betting setting
 - 101 Shallow area
 - 102 Spring mo.
 - 105 "Sat" tuffet
 - 106 Humorist
 - 108 Illinois city
 - 110 Maritime
 - 113 Nutritional
- need**
- 116 "Fraser" pooch
 - 118 "my lips!"
 - 119 Loser to DDE
 - 120 Vitamin bottle abbr. for one
 - 122 Tony winner
 - 124 Young cadet
 - 128 Very slender
 - 134 Sharp-sighted
 - 136 Malice
 - 137 Practice piece
 - 138 Cut short
 - 139 Mile, farther south
 - 140 Pants part
 - 141 Inflexibility
 - 142 Some bills
 - 143 Jets, Mels, or Nets
- Nobelist**
- 9 Chum
 - 10 Infamous Amin
 - 11 Phillips of "UHF"
 - 12 Antler part
 - 13 Strawberry, for one
 - 14 Police hdqrs.
 - 15 Drop a brick
 - 16 Divulge
 - 17 Ward off
 - 22 "fixe"
 - 24 Designer
 - 26 Billions of years
 - 29 Common affix
 - 33 Vane dir.
 - 35 Aroma
 - 36 Responsibility
 - 37 French-door part
 - 39 Emulated
 - 40 Amatory
 - 41 Fiasco
 - 42 Genesis redhead
 - 43 Wilson or Weathers
 - 44 "Set" (57 film)
 - 50 Vocalize
 - 52 Riser's relative
 - 53 Metallic
 - 55 Unwell
 - 56 Literary
- collection**
- 58 Soccer superstar
 - 59 Hacienda material
 - 60 Hawk
 - 61 Diminutive suffix
 - 63 Natural gas component
 - 64 talk
 - 66 Sanctify
 - 69 "... man" mouse?"
 - 70 Turkish title
 - 73 Myerson or Truman
 - 74 Not as common
 - 75 Originate
 - 77 Arrive at
 - 78 "Blame" the Bossa Nova" (63 hit)
 - 81 Telescope sighting
 - 85 Oven setting
 - 86 Eastern
 - 88 Donizetti's "L'elisir d"
 - 90 Jeri of "Star Trek: Voyager"
 - 91 Gator's cousin
 - 92 Sicilian volcano
 - 93 Distribute the deck
 - 96 Trickle
 - 97 A sweeping
- success?**
- 98 Soldier on
 - 101 More granular
 - 103 Ideal
 - 104 Woody herb
 - 107 Director
 - 109 Long or Peeples
 - 111 Surveyor's need
 - 112 Most indolent
 - 113 Cat's dogs
 - 114 Harvests
 - 115 Davis of "Evening Shade"
 - 117 Vote in
 - 121 Spumante
 - 123 Challenge
 - 125 Fontaine role
 - 126 - carotene
 - 127 Cheeseboard choice
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On the Town

Time to do the Dublin Coddle

Dining



Brendan Gochenour

This is a great meal to prepare when you need something QUICK! This recipe is not going to win any culinary competitions, but it will win over your whole family because it is just great comfort food! Especially on cold nights like we have been having here in Ruidoso lately. The word 'coddle' means to cook slowly, so basically, the dish should be called the 'Dublin Crockpot.' It's been a favorite in Dublin since the 18th century.

If you want to make this recipe with less pork product, you can always replace the pork with chicken. If you do substitute, however, just know that the dish



would not be the 'real deal.' I know, the summer is just around the corner and we all have to watch our bathing suit worthy figures, so substitution is all up to you! I hope you enjoy this recipe!

Dublin Coddle
Serves 6

- Ingredients**
- 1 pound bacon slices
 - 2 pounds pork sausages

- 2 large onions, diced
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 4 large potatoes, sliced thick
- 2 carrots, sliced thick
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon apple cider
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

Directions

In a large pot over medium heat add bacon and cook half way. Add sausage and cook for about five minutes, stirring the whole time. Once the sausage is cooked and the bacon is crispy, drain the grease leaving 1 tablespoon in the pan. Add onions and sauté until they are tender. Add carrots and potatoes and sauté for 1 minute, and then lightly season with salt and pepper. Add apple cider, garlic and chicken stock and simmer for 30 minutes. Add thyme, parsley and check seasoning. If you need more stock, just add a wee bit more and continue to cook for another 10 minutes, or until potatoes are tender.

This goes great with some soda bread, which is next week's recipe, and an ice-cold Guinness!

If you have found yourself without your favorite recipe from my articles, add my page, 'Chef Brendan,' on Facebook and take a look at all of the archived recipes and photo tutorials we have! You can also reach me at askchefbrendan@gmail.com

Until next time, Happy cooking!

On the Town

entertainment calendar

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9
Disabled Skier's Race Ski Apache. This race is for the children of the Roswell Schools and starts at 10 a.m. More Info: 464-3193
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 MARCH 10
Disabled (Adaptive) Skiers Challenge Ski Apache. This is the first of 3 races. This is a fun race and awards party day. Race starts at 10 a.m. Participants will be from the NMSVUI. More Info: 464-3193 Web: www.skiapachedisabledskiersprogram.com/
Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

FRIDAY MARCH 11
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Cantina Night at Laughing Sheep Farm, 1 mile west of Lincoln, Hwy 380, mm 96, from 5 to 9 p.m. Live music with guitar and fiddle playing Western Swing.
Mike Sanjku performs in Wendell's Restaurant at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 10 p.m.
Tomas Vigil performs at Landlocked Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.
Michael Beyer performs older songs and jazz at Kokopeli Country Club in Alto from 7 to 10 p.m.

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

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

Aaron R. Lacombe and Company perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 9 to 10 p.m.
Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

SATURDAY MARCH 12
Ruidoso Dance Ensemble Dinner and Show Fundraiser Alto Country Club Pavilion, 6 to 9 p.m. No Host Bar and Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Show at 7:00 p.m. More Info: Carole Wiberg 575-258-8660

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.
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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 MARCH 13
Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.



Daylight Savings Time begins

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

MONDAY MARCH 14
Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Things to do every day

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

Smokey Bear Park is open in Capitán. The Smokey Bear Historical Park is located on highway 380 (better known as 118 Smokey Bear Blvd.) in the heart of the Village of Capitán and is open everyday of the year except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's

day. Entrance fees into the park are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children 7-12. Children 6 and under are free. Smokey Bear Historical Park is operated by EMNRD-Forestry Division.

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In *Legally Blonde: The Musical*, Elle Wood, a sorority girl known for her pink wardrobe and Chihuahua, Bruiser, and not for her brains, takes on the overprivileged preppies at Harvard's law school. Her story is a razzle-dazzle celebration of friendship, hard work and honesty.

Legally Blonde: The Musical plays at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts on Tuesday March 15 at 7 p.m.

"It's important to just believe in yourself," Nikki Bohne, who plays the role of Elle, said. "You don't have to change who you are." Bohne is a graduate of

Brigham Young University, where she starred in the musicals *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Footloose*.

Bohne landed the role of Elle right after graduation, competing with 500 other actresses in a national open casting call that included auditions in Chicago and Los Angeles.

"There were five auditions with the play's creative team before I was hired for the part," she said. "Not

only did I have to read lines and dance, but also jump rope because of the jump-rope number in the show."

Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin wrote the music and lyrics for the show, and made the most of its musical potential. Elle's sorority sisters act as a sort of modern Greek chorus, commenting on the action and encouraging her when things go wrong. Elle's law school application becomes a flashy



production number, complete with marching band and Elle as a majorette. Bohne prom-

ises anyone who attends the performance "a lot of dancing, a lot of music and some fabulous costumes."

Legally Blonde: The Musical received seven Tony Award nominations and 10 Drama Desk Award nominations in 2007, its first year on Broadway. It was also one of the top-selling musicals that year.

The cast includes Matthew Ragas as Elle's pre-tentious boyfriend, Warner

Huntington III, and Frankie in the role of Bruiser, the Chihuahua.

"I adore dogs," Bohne said, "which is a good thing because I've rehearsed with the dogs more than the human actors. Dogs are the ultimate method actors," she added. "If they love you, it'll show." She pointed out that both dogs are rescue dogs, getting-like Elle Woods—a second chance to prove themselves.



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Community Theatre troupe to compete in Artesia

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

The Lincoln County Community Theatre will present, *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* during the state competition of American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) March 10-13 in Artesia.

The competition is entitled AACT-Fest, and is held in odd-numbered years. AACTFest presents a forum for community theatres to enter productions for adjudication and advancement from the state level, to the regional level (Dallas) and finally, to the national level (New York City).

Participants in the AACTFest will include community theatre groups from Artesia, Los Alamos, Las Vegas, Lincoln County and other communities throughout New Mexico.

On Feb. 26, The Lincoln County Community Theatre performed the play

dubbed by Lyn Kidder as a fundraiser for the trip and an opportunity to practice the play before a live audience. The evening performance was held at the Community Youth Center Warehouse.

"The AACTFest competition participants are judged by the quality of their performance plus a ten minute stage set up and break down. Also, the production must be performed within sixty minutes," said Kidder.

A Bad Year for Tomatoes, a two-act play, was written by John Patrick in 1973 and first performed in 1974. The play is a comedy about a popular actress, played by Laura Eisenberg, who moves to a small town for privacy yet endures quite the contrary.

The cast of characters include: Larry Kingsley, Sharon Lurix, Lori Lamphere, Jason Johnson, Lyn Kidder and Mike Keylon. Pamela Cromwell directs the play and Frederic Moras is the technical director backstage for the production.



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

Small town nosy neighbor, Willie Mae Wilcox, (Lyn Kidder) gives astrological insight to undercover actress Myra Marlow (Laura Eisenberg) in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*

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Boys basketball
 District 3B tournament
 Hondo 63, Corona 20

March 1
Girls basketball
 District 4B playoff
 Carrizozo 57, Reserve 39

March 2
Boys basketball
 District 3B tournament
 Hondo 51, Lake Arthur 37
 District 4B tournament
 Reserve 66, Carrizozo 45

March 3
Girls basketball
 District 3B tournament
 Corona 59, Lake Arthur 39

Baseball
 Ambank Cobre Invitational
 Ruidoso 8, St. Michael's 0

March 4
Boys basketball
 District 3B championship
 Valley Christian 60, Hondo 55

Girls basketball
 Class 3A playoffs
 Ruidoso 67, Taos 55
 Class 1A playoffs
 Fort Sumner 64, Mescalero 35

Baseball
 Ambank Cobre Invitational
 Cobre 7, Ruidoso 4

March 5
Boys basketball
 Class 3A playoffs
 Sandia Prep 65, Ruidoso 51
 Class 1A playoffs
 Cliff 80, Capitan 29

Girls basketball
 District 3B championship
 Hondo 55, Corona 43
 District 4B championship
 Carrizozo 54, Reserve 51, OT

Baseball
 Ambank Cobre Invitational
 Hope Christian 13, Ruidoso 5

SPORTS UPCOMING

March 8
Girls basketball
 Class 3A State Tournament at Albuquerque
 Ruidoso vs. Portales, 11:30 a.m.
 Class B State Tournament at Bernalillo
 Hondo vs. Reserve, 8 a.m.
 Carrizozo vs. Mosquero/Roy, 9:45 a.m.
 Corona vs. Elida, 1:15 p.m.

March 9
Boys basketball
 Class B State Tournament at Bernalillo
 Hondo vs. San Jon, 11:30 a.m.

Baseball
 Ruidoso at Socorro, 5 p.m.

Softball
 Ruidoso scrimmage at Capitan (2), 3 p.m.

Tennis
 Ruidoso at Roswell, 3 p.m.

March 10
Softball
 Artesia JV at Capitan (2), 3 p.m.
 Ruidoso in Hot Springs Tournament at T or C, TBA

Tennis
 Ruidoso at Mesilla Valley, 3 p.m.

March 11
Softball
 Ruidoso in Hot Springs Tournament at T or C, TBA

Track
 Mescalero, Carrizozo in Bulldogs Relays at Artesia, 2 p.m.

March 12
Baseball
 Eunice at Ruidoso, 1 p.m.

Softball
 Ruidoso in Hot Springs Tournament at T or C, TBA

Track
 Ruidoso in Ralph Boyer Relays at Carlsbad, TBA

March 15
Baseball
 Capitan at NMMI (2), 3 p.m.
 Ruidoso at Roswell (2), 4 p.m.

Softball
 Capitan at Ruidoso (2), 4 p.m.

March 17
Softball
 Ruidoso at Hot Springs, 3 p.m.

Track
 Ruidoso in Gene Wells Relays at Hobbs, TBA

March 18
Track
 Capitan, Mescalero, Carrizozo track in Demon Relays at Dexter, 3 p.m.

March 19
Baseball
 Artesia at Ruidoso, 1 p.m.

Softball
 Dexter at Ruidoso, 11 a.m.

Lady Warriors punch their ticket to state

By Todd Fuqua
 Sports Editor

It took Ruidoso until the fourth quarter to really get control of their game against Taos in the first round of the Class 3A state playoffs, but once the Lady Tigers started fouling, the resulting foul shots put the game away.

With their 67-55 victory March 4, the Lady Warriors move on to play in the University of New Mexico Arena in Albuquerque today against Portales at 11:30 a.m.

Friday's victory was a true team effort. Brittanie Vega was the only Lady Warrior in double figures with 23 points — including an 11-13 performance from the free throw line — but there were plenty of Ruidoso players coming in off the bench to put in some quality minutes.

"We worked well as a team," said Ruidoso coach Julie Montoya. "Our girls off the bench did a phenomenal job. I've told them all year long — when they play as a team, good things will happen."

One of those players coming in off the bench was sophomore Madigan Gonzales, who had nine points, but led the team with eight rebounds and earned the game's MVP award from Montoya.

"I didn't know if I'd play, but if I did, I knew I'd work hard," Gonzales said. "This game is a booster for us now that we're going to Albuquerque. We all have talent, and every person on that bench is worth a million bucks."

Taos came aggressive to begin with, taking as much as a five-point lead with four minutes left in the first quarter on a three pointer by Monica Trujillo, who led the Lady Tigers (16-12) with 23 points, including seven treys. Brittanie Gonzales was also



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
 Ruidoso's Catherine Landrey (24) fights for the ball with Taos' Vanessa Valerio (center) and Monica Trujillo, March 4, during the Lady Warriors' Class 3A tournament victory at RHS.

a big player for Taos with 19 points, including the Lady Tigers' first seven points of the game.

Ruidoso (16-10) was able to forge an 18-16 lead early in the second quarter, but then came down the floor four separate times without getting a single chance to even run its offense due to turnovers or offensive fouls.

Luckily for the Lady Warriors, Taos wasn't able to score on their end either, and Vega was able to break the scoring drought with her free throws after being fouled shooting a three-pointer.

Lady Warriors 67, Lady Tigers 55

Taos (16-12)
 Tammy Trujillo 0 0-0 0, Liz Martinez 0 0-0 0, Gabby Garcia 0 0-0 0, Cindy Hoang 0 0-0 0, Brittanie Gonzales 6 6-11 19, Joviv Valerio 0 0-0 0, Marisol Martinez 2 1-2 5, Camille Rivera 0 0-0 0, Monica Trujillo 7 2-3 23, Samantha Vigil 0 0-0 0, Marissa Mares 1 2-2 4, Elizabeth Winter 0 0-0 0, Vanessa Valeria 2 0-0 4. Totals 18-11-18 55.

Ruidoso (16-10)
 Kyla Herrera 0 0-0 0, Claudia Morales 1 0-0 2, Sydney Gonzales 2 2-2 6, Brittanie Vega 5 11-13 23, Madigan Gonzales 3 3-6 9, Abriana Herrera 2 5-8 9, Lyndsey Saenz 3 0-0 7, Lorely Enriquez 1 2-5 4, Audrina Ward 0 0-0 0, Catherine Landry 0 0-0 0, Daisy Cuevas 0 0-0 0, Marjanel Vigil 3 1-2 7. Totals 20 24-36 67.

Taos 14 7 19 15 - 55
Ruidoso 16 12 14 25 - 67
 Three point goals — Taos 8 (Trujillo 7, Gonzales), Rui 3 (Vega 2, Saenz). Fouled out — Taos (Garcia, Gonzales, Martinez), Rui (SGonzales). Rebounds — Taos 17 (Garcia 5), Rui 36 (MGonzales 8). Steals — Taos 2 (Gonzales 2), Rui 4 (Vega 2). Turnovers — Taos 10, Rui 15. Total fouls — Taos 26, Rui 15.

Ruidoso expanded its lead to nine points with 3:05 left in the third quarter, and it looked as though the Lady Warriors had the game in hand, but the Lady Tigers had other designs.

Taos went on 12-5 run to close out the period and trailed by only two points after a few more three-pointers by Trujillo. Ruidoso regained a large lead in the fourth quarter, and the Lady Tigers were able to get to within five points with less than a minute left in the game.

But by that point, Taos was relying almost exclusively on Trujillo — she shot three of her treys in the final period — and was fouling the Lady Warriors in order to stop the clock.

Ruidoso responded by making their free throws. The Lady Warriors were 15-for-23 at the line in the final period and were able to finally put the game away.

"That was huge for us, to be able to make those free throws," Montoya said.

Ruidoso boys lose, but play well in state

By Todd Fuqua
 Sports Editor

The Ruidoso Warriors may not have received a high seed in this year's Class 3A state basketball tournament — meaning they had to play on the road against a solid Sandia Prep squad March 5 — but coach Dennis Davis thinks his team earned some respect with their play in Albuquerque.

The Warriors finished their season at 10-16 with their 65-51 loss, but Davis said the game could have been a lot worse.

"Really, we played pretty well," Davis said. "We were within nine with about five minutes left, but had a pretty rocky start."

Consistency — or rather a lack of it — was Ruidoso's biggest opponent.

"We made a good run at them near the end, just not enough to win the game," Davis said. "It was pretty much the same story all year. We were streaky, and missed eight points early in the first quarter."

"We weren't consistently poor, we just had moments where we didn't play well every once in a while," he added. "You can't be inconsistent against a team like Sandia Prep and expect to win. But we didn't embarrass ourselves."

All in all, Davis thought it was a good end to the year — except for the fact that the Warriors lost.

"I think we finished our season on a pretty good note — got to the playoffs and were competitive against one of the top 3A teams in the state. They made a lot of improvement from the beginning of the season."

Eagle comeback falls short

Karen Boehler and
 Todd Fuqua

For the Ruidoso Free Press

ROSWELL — For anyone except maybe Valley Christian coach Randall Lyons, the District 3B title game between Hondo and the Lions was a heart attack waiting to happen, as there never seemed to be a lead big enough to be safe.

Although VCA never trailed — and stretched their lead to 18 at one point — the feisty Eagles never quit, coming back from the brink time and again before finally falling 60-55.

"Actually, I was relatively, I won't say calm with it, but I was confident in what we could do," Lyons said. "If we would have taken care of business at the free-throw line, it wouldn't have been like that. We missed nine free throws in the last two minutes, and that's not normal for us."



Courtesy Karen Boehler
 Hondo's Adrian Vasquez (13) flies to the basket as Valley Christian Gus Gray defends March 4 at Roswell.

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New Osos GM living a dream

By Todd Fuqua
 Sports Editor

For most red-blooded American boys, baseball is a dream.

Clyde Woods is now living that dream — not as a player, but as a very integral part of a team.

Woods was named last week as the new general manager for the Ruidoso Osos, the Pecos League professional baseball team that begins its season in May at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

He comes to the team with some playing experience, having played for the White Sands Pupfish in Alamogordo in a previous league.

"I'm only 30 years old, and could still play, but my ultimate goal was to be part of the front office of a team," Woods said. "To be a GM with the Osos is a dream come true."

All professionals in the game started out as fans, and the successful GM is one who keeps in mind what the fans want.

"I know what it's like to play, and currently run one of the largest painting contracting companies in the Southwest," Woods said. "I come from a strong business background, and (League Commissioner Andrew Dunn) trusts me to do well. The fan support we've received from Ruidoso has been unbelievable."

"Ruidoso seems to be a perfect fit for me," he added. "It's a spot I begged Andrew for. I think this is the team with the most potential."

A number of nagging questions still linger over the success of a professional baseball team in Ruidoso, including the question of alcohol sales at the park, lights for the field and other improvements to White Mountain Park.

Some of that work is already underway, as the old backstop has been moved in several feet to get the fans closer to the action, but much more has to be done.

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Carrizozo girls prevail in overtime

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

CARRIZOZO — One look at the scoreboard from Saturday's District 4B championship shows Shayna Gallacher had just two points for Carrizozo, but she were the two most important points of the game.

Gallacher's bucket with three seconds left tied things up at 45-all in regulation after the Lady Grizzlies had trailed for most of the fourth quarter, and Carrizozo was able to pull out a 54-51 overtime victory to earn the district title and a spot in the Class B state tournament.

A true team player, Gallacher made sure everyone knew it was a rebound by Stephanie Zamora that allowed her to make the shot.

"I wouldn't have done it if it wasn't for Stephanie," Gallacher said. "I just happened to be in the right place. There was some

Lady Grizzlies 54,
Lady Mountaineers 51 (OT)
Reserve (14-14)
Taylor Mason 0 1-2 1, Harley Kennedy 0 0-0 0, Estrella Usueta 0 0-0 0, Meghan Cushman 0 1-2 1, Sara Baca 0 0-0 0, Gabrielle Hastings 0 0-0 0, Maryah Delgado 9 10-13 28, Ayasha Muñoz 0 0-0 0, Bryanda Delgado 0 2-6 2, Larisa Estrada 6 3-4 15, Mariah Delao 2 0-0 4. Totals 17 17-27 51.
Carrizozo (17-6)
Stephanie Zamora 3 3-5 10, Janna Schartz 0 0-0 0, Andrea Vigil 0 2-2 2, Sarah Ferguson 0 0-2 0, Shelly Gensler 1 0-0 3, Kelly Gensler 6 0-0 12, Analicia Beltran 0 0-0 0, Victoria Ventura 2 2-4 6, Shayna Gallacher 1 0-0 2, Kristi Gensler 7 6-4 18, Jordan Hill 0 1-2 1, Amber Beltran 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 12-21 54.
Reserve 7 11 14 13 6 - 51
Carrizozo 3 17 8 17 9 - 54
Three point goals — Car 2 (Zamora, SGensler). Fouled out — Res (LEstrada), Car (Zamora, SGensler, KGensler). Rebounds — Res 39 (Baca 8, MDelgado 8), Car 43 (Hill 10). Steals — Res 9 (Estrada 6), Car 11 (KGensler 3). Blocks — Car 5 (Ventura 2). Turnovers — Res 15, Car 19. Total fouls — Res 18, Car 24.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Carrizozo's Jordan Hill (24) puts up a shot between Reserve defenders Mariah Delao (44) and Sara Baca March 5 at Carrizozo.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Carrizozo's Andrea Vigil, left, is pressured by Reserve Forward Larisa Estrada March 5 at Carrizozo.

pressure when I took the shot, but I was confident it would go in."

The performance by Gallacher and Zamora highlighted the role the Carrizozo bench played in Saturday's victory. Team leaders Kelly and Shelly Gensler were both on the bench by the end of regulation, each having fouled out in the fourth quarter.

Kelly had 12 points, three steals and a block before sitting down, while Shelly had a sole three-pointer but was instrumental in directing the offense at guard.

fouled out in overtime.

Other players that had to step up in the Genslers' absence were Victoria Ventura, — who had several key rebounds in the final two periods of play and led the Lady Grizzlies with two blocks — and Jordan Hill, who led the team with 10 rebounds.

"It's very important that we can go to the bench with some confidence like that," said Carrizozo coach Billy Page.

The Lady Grizzlies (17-6) started out with very little confidence, scoring just three points — all on free throws — in the first quarter, but were able to pull within two on Kelly Gensler's layup, and three more coals by Kristi and Shelly were enough to pull Carrizozo even at 12-all.

But by the 2:36 mark, both Kelly and Shelly were on the bench with three fouls each, and Page started going to his bench Reserve, meanwhile, was

relying heavily on Maryah Delgado and Larisa Estrada. The pair combined for 43 points for the Lady Mountaineers (14-14), while Delgado had eight rebounds and Estrada six steals.

Once Estrada fouled out in overtime, Carrizozo was able to put a ton of pressure on Reserve's guards, causing turnovers and scores at the other end.

"Estrada did lots of good things for them and was hard to stop," Page said. "She's so good she makes her teammates better, and we'll see a lot of that at state."

The Lady Grizzlies earned a No. 3 seed in the Class B tournament at Bernalillo, and will face Mosquero/Roy at 9:45 a.m. Reserve is the No. 5 seed and faces off against No. 4 Hondo at 8 a.m.

The tournament runs through Friday's championship game, scheduled for 2 p.m. at The Pit in Albuquerque.

Bowling

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Tuesday Senior team standings, week 24 of 32

| Name | Won | Lost | Avg | Hdcp |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|------|
| Old Timers | 23 | 9 | 549 | 260 |
| Twisted Sisters | 22 ½ | 9 ½ | 651 | 169 |
| Larry Larry's | 17 | 15 | 664 | 157 |
| Sus Amigos | 17 | 15 | 633 | 185 |
| Misfit Bowlers | 15 | 17 | 609 | 206 |
| The Who? | 15 | 17 | 549 | 260 |
| Serious Not | 11 ½ | 20 ½ | 598 | 220 |

Season high scores

Handicap series — Misfit Bowlers 2718, Serious Not 2702, Sus Amigos 2672.
Handicap game — Larry Larry's 952, Twisted Sisters 948, The Who? 947.
Men's handicap series — Jim Clements 781, Tom Douglas 746, Richard Dixon 741.
Men's handicap game — Richard Dixon 299, Tom Bivens 291, Wayne Viitanen 284.
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 214.77, Gene Nitz 202.91, Jim Clements 183.39. Women — Lucy Servies 160, Donna Viitanen 154.71, Pat Townsend 150.32.
Most improved average
Men — Jim Clements +22.39, Larry Hindes +20.22, Richard Dixon +17.43. Women — Rose Bivens +14.94, Donna Viitanen +12.71, Jan Wilson +12.28.

Tuesday Mixed team standings, week 24 of 32

| Name | Won | Lost | Avg | Hdcp |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----|------|
| Homies | 23 | 9 | 586 | 227 |
| Old Farts & A Kid | 19 | 13 | 730 | 98 |
| Rhino Rose | 19 | 13 | 623 | 194 |
| Knight Riders | 18 | 14 | 539 | 270 |
| Living Energies | 17 | 15 | 572 | 239 |
| Pioneer Bank | 17 | 15 | 532 | 276 |
| Energy 2 Spare | 10 | 22 | 592 | 221 |
| Wild Ride | 5 | 27 | 442 | 356 |

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 950.
Men's handicap series — Andrew Ramirez 756, Tom Douglas 733, Etienne Turner 730.
Men's handicap game — Max Cimaron 290, Gene Nitz 279, Etienne Turner, Gabriel 270.
Women's handicap series — Diane Willoughby 700, Lucy Servies 700, Gracie Rheingans 673.
Women's handicap game — Pam Bernard 284, Millie Cimaron 279, Brianna Velasquez 274.

Individual high averages

Men — Tom Douglas 211.71, Gene Nitz 199.54, Ronnie Wright 187.58. Women — Pam Bernard 171.25, Lucy Servies 158.31, Irene Pawloski 133.87.
Most improved average
Men — Tom Douglas +17.71, Andrew Ramirez +10.08, Ronnie Wright +9.43. Women — Millie Cimaron +6.78, Diane Willoughby +5.26, Pam Bernard +3.25.

Wednesday Men's team standings, week 23 of 32

| Name | Won | Lost | Avg | Hdcp |
|------------------|-----|------|------|------|
| Ruidoso Bowl | 6 | 2 | 1004 | 52 |
| Insiders | 6 | 2 | 914 | 121 |
| Buckner Electric | 5 | 3 | 837 | 190 |
| GSV Title | 5 | 3 | 942 | 106 |

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| The Kids | 5 | 3 | 708 | 305 |
| Western Auto | 4 | 4 | 1015 | 46 |
| Down's Auto Repair | 4 | 4 | 949 | 89 |
| Kannady's Bookkeeping | 3 | 5 | 865 | 164 |
| Pin Pricks | 2 | 6 | 895 | 136 |

Season high scores

Scratch series — Western Auto 3257, Down's Auto Repair 2993, The Kids 2444.
Scratch game — Ruidoso Bowl 1114, GSV Title 1063.
Handicap series — Insiders 3463, Kannady's Bookke 3388.
Handicap game — Buckner Electric 1231, Pin Pricks 1184.
Men's scratch series — Hans Dubai 788, Richard Guevara 756, Sean Kernohon 729.
Men's scratch game — Jim McGarvey 300, Tim Vega 300, Evan Reed 279.
Men's handicap series — John Cardone 794, Joe Sosa 771, Max Cimaron 769.
Men's handicap game — Floyd Ganaway 303, Ronnie Wright 303, Ron Slaten 296.
Individual high averages
Men — Tim Vega 223.43, Jim McGarvey 221.83, Richard Guevara 216.35.
Most improved average
Men — Ben Montes +19.86, Evan Reed +19.17, Jim McGarvey +16.83.

Wednesday Mixed team standings, week 23 of 32

| Name | Won | Lost | Avg | Hdcp |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|------|
| Evan's Team | 7 | 1 | 589 | 224 |
| Even Par | 7 | 1 | 693 | 130 |
| Comic Relief | 6 | 2 | 519 | 288 |
| Ruidoso Bowl | 5 | 3 | 778 | 54 |
| Phil and Girls | 5 | 3 | 637 | 181 |
| 455 Rockets | 4 | 4 | 475 | 327 |
| Western Auto | 3 | 5 | 736 | 106 |
| Parts & Trash | 2 | 6 | 581 | 231 |
| Down's Auto Repair | 1 | 7 | 641 | 177 |

Season high scores

Scratch series — Ruidoso Bowl 2538, Down's Auto Rep 2270, 455 Rockets 1656.
Scratch game — Western Auto 890, Phil and Girls 779
Handicap series — Evan's Team 2876, Comic Relief 2656.
Handicap game — Even Par 977, Parts & Trash 917.
Men's scratch series — Evan Reed 866, Virgil Reynolds 693, Joe Shafer 666.
Men's scratch game — Jim McGarvey 299, Gene Nitz 267, Anthony Romero 238.
Men's handicap series — Tom Douglas 733, Jack Kannady 722, Rick Wood 705.
Men's handicap game — Bob Layher 306, Floyd Ganaway 274, Dan Roller 274.
Women's scratch series — Crystal Ingle 597, Jean Fanning 498, Shelley McGarvey 484.
Women's scratch game — Pam Bernard 223, Elsa Deherrera 206, Connie Reynolds 204.
Women's handicap series — Kim Portio 722, Tracie Clevenger 694, Nancy Sturgeon 671.
Women's handicap game — Janice Wood 269, Shelly Layher 259, Marianne Mohr 248
Individual high averages
Men — Jim McGarvey 225.29, Evan Reed 209.74, Gene Nitz 207.86. Women — Crystal Ingle 169.4, Pam Bernard 163.2, Connie Reynolds 147.47
Most improved average
Men — Floyd Ganaway +21.33, Dan Roller +14.56, Evan Reed +13.74. Women — Tracie Clevenger +10.81, Janice Wood +9.9, Kim Portio +9.22.

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Hondo girls defend as district champion

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

HONDO - The Hondo Lady Eagles never trailed in their District 3B championship game against Corona Saturday. They were hardly threatened, although the Lady Cardinals did make things interesting near the end, hitting 11 of their 21 free throws in the fourth quarter before falling 57-43.

"We weren't making our shots," said Corona coach Nicky Huey. "Taylor (Huey) wasn't getting her picks, and we were in a funk."

The Lady Cardinals (10-10) didn't score until a pair of Allysanne Huey free throws with 1:33 left in the first quarter, and didn't get a field goal until Allysanne scored on a jumper with 38 seconds left in the period.

By then, Hondo (17-9) had built a commanding lead and threatened to completely run



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Hondo center Felicia Chavez (21) tries to shoot while being defended by Corona's Allysanne Huey March 5 at Hondo.

away with the game.

The Lady Eagles led by 22 at the beginning of the fourth quarter, but cooled off a bit with four minutes left, scoring just five

points the rest of the way while Corona was able to convert its

foul shots.

Part of the situation was Hondo coach Brad Holland's move to put in younger players from the bench near the end.

"It got a little close, but everyone got some valuable expe-

rience," Holland said.

Felicia Chavez scored 18 points to lead the Lady Eagles, while Allysanne Huey had 14 to lead Corona, followed by Judy Torres with 10.

Corona earned a No. 8 seed in the Class B tournament, with the unenviable task of taking on No. 1 Elida in the first round, Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. at Bernalillo.

Hondo is seeded fourth, and will face Reserve at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The Lady Eagles are making their third straight trip to the state tournament, but the first trip since the inception of Class B. Holland believes experience will give Hondo something of an edge.

"I like that we've been up there before, and these girls are hungry to go up there and get a win," Hondo said. "I think they'll go hard and do well."

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|---|---------------------|
| Lady Eagles 57, Lady Cardinals 43 | |
| Corona (10-10) | |
| Carissa Kinnick 0 0-0 0, Kathia Beltran 0 0-0 0, Allysanne Huey 4 6-8 14, Laken Montell 1 0-0 2, Taylor Huey 2 0-1 4, Lois Robinson 0 0-0 0, Alicia Palomarez 0 0-0 0, Cassandra Sanchez 1 6-10 8, Judy Torres 2 6-8 10, Christy Huey 1 3-6 5, Totals 11 21-33 43. | |
| Hondo (17-9) | |
| Yvette Medina 1 1-3 3, Lauren Gomez 0 0-0 0, Brenda Macias 0 1-3 1, Montana Prudencio 0 1-3 1, Brenda Chacon 0 1-6 1, Felicia Chavez 8 2-4 18, Chanci Lopez 2 3-4 8, Selene Medina 0 0-0 0, Ashley Chavez 0 0-0 0, Selena Chavez 2 3-6 7, Valeria Lerma 4 0-0 8, Denika Willis 1 2-4 4, Stephanie Gomez 3 0-0 6, Josephine Prins 0 0-0 0, Totals 21 14-33 57. | |
| Corona 4 | 6 12 21 - 43 |
| Hondo 15 | 9 19 14 - 57 |
| Three point goals - Hon 1 (Lopez), Fouled out - Cor (Montell, THuey, CHuey), Hon (Lerma). Rebounds - Cor 43 (THuey 13), Hon 42 (FChavez 9). Steals - Cor 5 (AHuey 3), Hon 9 (Lerma 5). Blocks - Hon 1 (Willis). Turnovers - Cor 28, Hon 17. Total fouls - Cor 27, Hon 26. | |

EAGLES

It actually was 11 from 3:15 down to the wire, but somehow, the Lions (16-10) managed to hold on.

As the fourth quarter wore on, the temperature in the packed Yucca Center began to rise. There was standing-room-only even with fans ignoring the "Do not sit on the front row of bleachers" sign, and the crowd of both VCA and Hondo fans began to express their opinions.

So did Hondo coach Brad Holland, who, with 4:55 left in the game, came perilously close to being tossed after arguing with an official about the fifth foul to Eagle German Lerma.

But even though Valley was in the bonus and double bonus early in the stanza, they couldn't take advantage of the charity shots, going 5-for-7 from the line during the first 4:45 of the quarter, then a piteous 1-12 in the last 3:15.

That gave the Eagles a chance to close the gap to five, but despite repeatedly fouling the Lions, Hondo couldn't get the ball in.

No surprise, the Eagles were unhappy with the outcome.

"We didn't accomplish what we set out to accom-

plish. Nothing against anyone else. We had a goal and we fought for that goal and these kids fought all night long," Holland said. "We were down 20 at one point. There was never any quit in them. We struggled to put it in the hole and stuff happens."

Logan Rader led all scorers with 33 points for the Lions - including all seven of Valley's 3-pointers - while Taylor Line had 20. Eagle Luis Montano had 21 despite fouling out late in the game, and Lerma had 16.

Hondo still secured a state berth and is seeded seventh with an 11:30 a.m. game against San Jon, Wednesday.

Foul shots the difference

One could say the March 2 district playoff game between Lake Arthur and Hondo came down to fouls.

What it really came down to was foul shots. Hondo was 17-for-18 from the foul line on the night, including a 10-for-10 performance in the fourth quarter, and rode that free throw shooting to a 51-37 victory.

"We were 7-for 16, they were 17-for-18," said

Lake Arthur coach Mark Lopez. "That's why we didn't foul them near the end. I'm sure I'll be questioned for that, but they were shooting so well, it wouldn't have made a difference."

Lake Arthur (13-14) initially used its height advantage inside to and steals on the perimeter to either lead the Eagles or keep things close throughout the first half, and were able to hold Luis Montano - normally Hondo's leading scorer - to just 11 points in the game.

But the Eagles were able to begin turning things around in the second half, going on a 8-0 run in the third quarter to essentially put the game out of reach.

Holland said the defensive and rebounding effort by his team really made the difference.

"We defended all night long," Holland said. "Even with our height disadvantage, we still gave them defensive fits and crashed the glass."

Chance Ortiz finished as the Panther scoring leader with 11 points, while Jacob Leblanc had 10.

Adrian Vazquez scored 17 points to lead Hondo.

WOODS

As for alcohol sales, the possibility is slim, as the land where the park sits is Ruidoso Municipal School District property.

"It's been addressed, and everyone associates baseball with beer and hot dogs," Woods said. "But if we don't have alcohol, we can still create the same

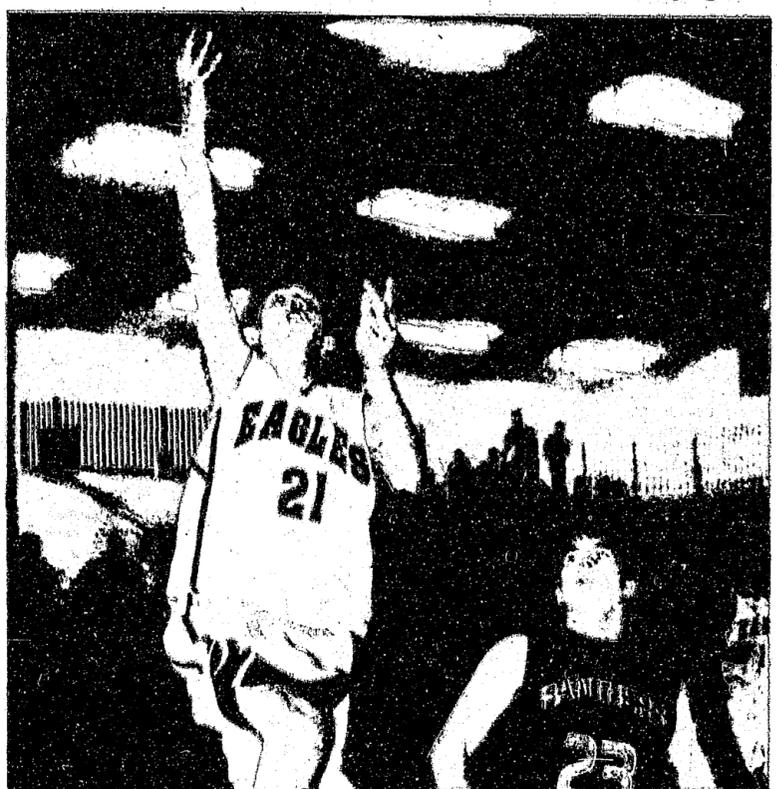
atmosphere with a family friendly environment for people to enjoy. I don't think alcohol is what we need - having something the locals can enjoy is what we need."

The park and its location is a thorny issue, but Woods said he's committed to keeping the Osos in Ru-

idoso, even if it means eventually building a completely different park on land owned by the team or league.

"Our plan is .100 percent commitment to Ruidoso," Woods said. "This is a long-term investment for me. My goal is to stay here and create something bigger every year."

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Hondo's Roberto Nores, left scores a layup past Panther Jacob Leblanc during the Eagles' District 3B tournament victory over Lake Arthur Wednesday at Hondo.

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120 LEGAL NOTICES
Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council meeting - Thursday, March 17, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - REC IX Executive Director's Office. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include budget approval and adjustments, program updates and resignations/recommendations for employment. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Cathy Jones at (575)257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 8th day of March, 2011.

(SEAL)
/s/ Irma Devine, CMC
Municipal Clerk
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT

ORDINANCE 2011-08

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso shall conduct a public hearing during a regular meeting scheduled on March 29, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, for the purpose of adopting the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2011-08: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 54, LAND USE, SECTIONS 54-92, 54-93, 54-94, 54-95, 54-97, 54-98, 54-99, 54-100, 54-101, 54-102, AND 54-103"

Copies of Ordinance 2011-08 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday during the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 8th day of March, 2011.

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