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## Plans in place for fire season

By **Eddie Farrell**  
 Editor

For the average Ruidoso resident, the American flag briskly flapping in the wind outside the village's main fire station on Sudderth is a stirring sight.

For Village Fire Chief Harlan Vincent, however, the stirrings are more of a feeling of dread, the knowledge that March's howling winds can turn the smallest spark into a life-threatening conflagration in mere minutes and the memories of past fires that have repeat-

edly proven the dangers of living in what amounts to as one of the most perilous places in the U.S.

"We're not No. 1 in the entire nation (in fire danger) for no reason," Vincent said during a recent interview as he described how training for the 25-member Ruidoso Fire Department was gearing up as fire conditions continue to worsen.

Reports of 60 mile per hour wind gusts that day in Ruidoso were making it difficult to walk in the village and making for sleepless nights for Vincent.

As Vincent spoke, a raging wildfire was consuming homes in Silver City, forcing evacuations as firefighters from across New Mexico were hapless to stop the wind-fueled flames.

In Ruidoso, continued high winds and drought conditions have rendered the surrounding hills a ready-to-burn tinder box of kindling. Stressed-out trees have also suffered their own particular fate largely due to the success of knocking down fires early, and all ready to erupt with any little spark, a carelessly tossed cigarette



butt, a thoughtlessly parked car or a determined arsonist.

"How," Vincent was asked, "does one get off a mountain top that's on fire?"

The career firefighter, a grim look on his face, offered a simple reply: "Welcome to my world." All Ruidoso firefighters know how fast things can go from scary to deadly and how little it takes to spark a fire that can cause millions of dollars in damages.

Vincent only has to think back to March 2002 to what be-

came known as the Kokopelli fire that swept through the residential subdivision in Alto, burning more than 1,000 acres and claiming 28 homes, but miraculously causing no injuries.

"That was a purely wind-driven fire," Vincent said, relating the horror of realizing "there was absolutely nothing we could do to stop it. I saw people running for their very lives ... I saw firefighters in fear of their lives."

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### Ruidoso fire restrictions spelled out

According to Ruidoso Fire Chief Harlan Vincent, residents and visitors must be vigilant about wildfire at all times, but there are some general rules that should be respected.

"The biggest thing is for people to just be careful about fire when it's windy," Vincent said.

Other tips include ensuring all fireplaces are equipped with spark arresters and fireplace ash is disposed of properly. Care should be taken to not park a vehicle in tall grass where a red-hot catalytic converter can spark fire.

"And create defensible space around your home," Vincent said. "Take responsibility for your home. If you don't want to go out and do it, there are lots of unemployed people who could use the job and there are thinning companies that will perform the work. If you can't

do it yourself, farm it out."

When fire dangers are significant, however, Vincent said the village will impose fire restrictions.

#### Level I

- Commercial fire pits approved for use;
- Outdoor cooking approved on all types of appliances, including charcoal;
- Non-commercial fire pits, campfires and/or fireworks are not allowed with the village or Ruidoso unless specifically permitted by Fire Marshal;
- Citations will be issued for improperly discarding cigarettes.

#### Level II

- No charcoal briquets or commercial fire pits to be used on any public or private property;
- UL/FM approved gas grills shall be allowed;
- No outside smoking on public or

private property, unless in areas specifically permitted by Fire Marshal;

- Smoking allowed within closed vehicles or indoors only;
- Citations will be issued. No exceptions. No warnings.

#### Level III

"No open flame or fire of any kind permitted at any time. This means all forms of fire are prohibited; no smoking outside a structure, no outdoor cooking with any type appliance, no burning, etc. Welding operations may be permitted by the Fire Marshal."

#### Helpful links:

Village of Ruidoso website - <http://ruidoso-nm.gov/>. Includes updates on fire danger levels and current fire restrictions;

<http://nmfireinfo.wordpress.com/> - statewide fire information.

## Water rights have long, tangled history

### Bonito Lake was sold to Alamogordo not Ruidoso

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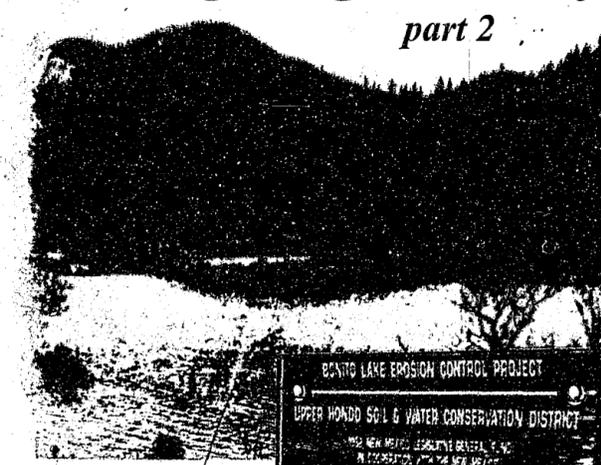
By **Eddie Farrell**  
 Reporter

The problem with the El Paso and Northwestern Railroad gathering up water rights in the Ruidoso area is the railroad was a bit more optimistic as to how much water it controlled than was actually there.

That's according to former village manager Frank Potter, who's become something of a water rights expert in the area.

The purchase of rights by El Paso and Northwestern in the Ruidoso area - particularly along Eagle Creek - is a local chapter of a story familiar to most of the development of the west, Potter said. The powerful railroad and comfortable political deals with state and federal officials that frequently included looking the other way or just plain blind-sightedness when it came to questioning the accuracy of railroad reporting.

The future of Ruidoso's ac-



cess to Eagle Creek water is rooted in a 1907 decision by the El Paso and Northwestern to purchase every available water right to Eagle Creek Basin water, in an effort to corral ample supplies for its steam-powered locomotives.

By 1913, the railroad had acquired rights to Eagle Creek water at 6 cubic feet per second, or roughly 5,648 acre feet of water. By 1921, the railroad's interests were solidified by Congressional approval of the deal, provided the railroad agree to pipe water to nearby Fort Stanton, home of the Fort Stanton Marine Hospital, a federally-operated tuberculosis treatment center.

Ruidoso, of course, wasn't the only area community impacted by the railroads; Cloudcroft was built exclusively by railroad interests; Bonita Lake was built by the railroad, and the surrounding town itself moved when the railroad decided it needed a bigger reservoir. Alamogordo started off as a large tract of land platted out by railroad interests.

Early settlers in Ruidoso primarily drew water straight out of the Rio Ruidoso, according to

### Making the long haul



Photo by Gerald Garrett

Capitan and Carrizozo were hosts recently to a unique explorer named Gene Glasscock, seen here with his mules, Katie and Kitty, as they passed through Capitan. Glasscock is a longrider, who has made trips thousands of miles long. He became the only person to ride from North to South American in the 1980s, when he rode his horse Cactus more than 12,000 miles from the Arctic Circle in Canada to the Equator in Ecuador. He came through the area on a tour of the 48 contiguous states and was last seen traveling east on Highway 380 on his journey.

Potter. As the village's population grew, more demands were made on the local river, which Ruidoso, according to Potter, has had water rights to dating back to the 1890s.

It wasn't until 1938 that the first wells geared toward municipal water supply were drilled in

Ruidoso, Potter said, with the first recorded well being drilled by George McCarty near the present-day 2600 block of Sudderth.

Within a decade the growing community was struggling to

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Legion meeting**

The American Legion, Ruidoso Post 79, monthly meeting will be Saturday, March 19 at 11 a.m. Legion members and visitors are welcome. Post 79 is located at the southeast corner of Spring Street and U.S. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. For new member applications or more information contact the Post Adjutant, Vic Carrier, at vic.carrier@gmail.com or call 973-1719.

**River Trail meeting**

A planning and design meeting for the Ruidoso River Trail has been set for 5:30 p.m. March 21 at the Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers.

The design team from Loris & Associates will be in attendance to solicit public input on the trail. Phase I will run along the Rio Ruidoso from Two Rivers Park to just behind the River Crossing condominium project.

Phase II will continue the trail to Eagle Drive. Doth said the project is still awaiting confirmation on funding for Phase II, adding that it is currently awaiting passage of the federal budget.

**Udall seeking interns**

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](http://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.

**Fort Stanton Cave presentation**

On Monday, March 21 at 7 p.m., Jim Edwards will present a program on Fort Stanton Cave and a DVD of Snowy River. Snowy River is a large diameter passage within Fort Stanton Cave. Snowy River receives its name from a bright white crystal calcite formation covering the bottom of the passage.

Today approximately five miles of the previously unknown passage has been mapped, without reaching its end. The public is invited to join the Lincoln County Bird Club for this very special presentation.

Meet at the training center behind the Forest Service building on Mechem Drive.

**Great American Cleanup**

The Ruidoso Downs annual Great American Cleanup will be April 9, concentrating on Highway 70 and adjacent neighborhoods. The morning registration and safety tips begin at 8 a.m. at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.

T-Shirts, safety vests and gloves are provided to all volunteers. Meet up later at the center for lunch and prizes. Greentree Solid Waste will be open until noon that day to take large household items for proper disposal. Call 378-4697 for further information.

**Altrusa fashion show**

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. Club members will model spring styles available at local clothing stores.

Doors open at 1 p.m. for the silent auction, and all proceeds from the event will support Altrusa's many community service projects. For information or to purchase tickets, call Terri Trotter at 258-4614.

**Ruidoso Fiesta**

Organizers of the Ruidoso School Fiesta, to be held May 6, are looking for middle and high school students to join. Practices are held in the Horton Cafeteria at Ruidoso High School at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

There is no charge to perform, but dancers much provide their own dress or charro outfit, dance shoes or boots. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer decorating the gym and concession stand at Ruidoso High School.

The Ruidoso School Fiesta is a scholarship program, and seniors who have participated since their freshman year will receive a college scholarship. Those interested in dancing should contact Debbie Jo Almager (505) 660-6652 or Naomi Brady at (303) 905-9354.

**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 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 you bring your stuffed animal, don't forget!

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.

**Feral hog control**

Feral hogs are a growing problem in New Mexico, according to the USDA Wildlife Services.

During the past three months, inter-agency partners have provided educational forums about the impacts of expanding feral hog populations within the state, and the Wildlife Service has sought to increase the ability of landowners and staff to address the spreading feral hog problem.

Landowners who are aware they have a feral hog problem are encouraged to contact USDA WS for assistance at (505) 346-2640.

**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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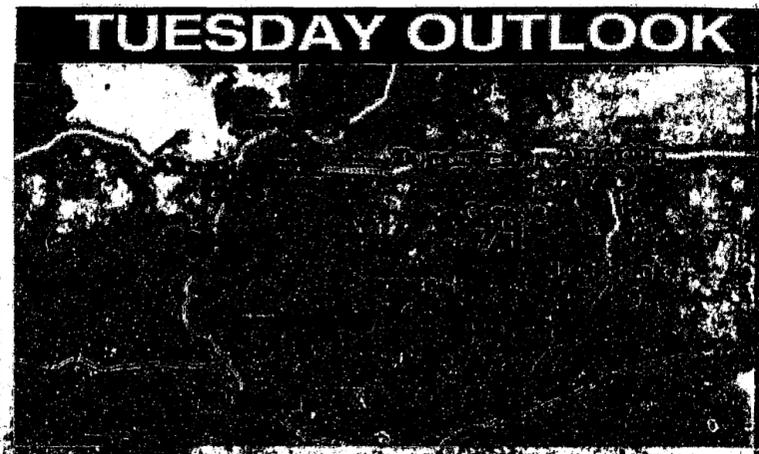
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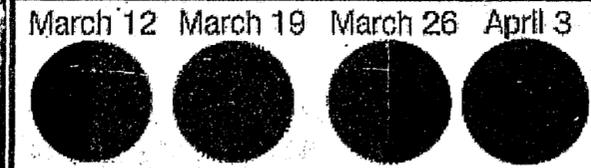
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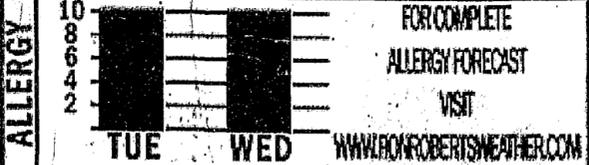
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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**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.

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

**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.

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

**OBITUARIES**

**Tommy Zumwalt**

Nov. 24, 1928 - March 2, 2011

Memorial service for Tommy Zumwalt, 82, of Capitan will be Monday, March 28, at 11 a.m. in the Angus Church of the Nazarene with burial to follow at the Angus Cemetery.

Mr. Zumwalt passed away March 2 in Ruidoso. He was born Nov. 24, 1928 in Los Angeles. He grew up in California and Lincoln County before moving to Michigan for 40 years, then he moved to Silver City for 10 years then moved Capitan for the last six years. He attended the Nogal Presbyterian Church. He married Patty Stephenson Feb. 10, 1951 at Carrizozo.

He is survived by his wife, Patty; two children, Mary Ann Williams of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Marcia Pasquzzi of Strongsville, Ohio; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

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

**Staci Preston Bassinger**

April 30, 1970 - March 5, 2011

Memorial service for Staci Preston Bassinger, 40, of Carrizozo, New Mexico will be Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Nocoena, Texas. Staci fought a courageous battle with cancer and passed away Saturday, March 5, 2011 in Alto, New Mexico. She was born April 30, 1970 at Bowie, Texas. Staci graduated from Gold-Burg High School and attended Midwestern State University. She moved to Lincoln County two years ago from Lubbock, Texas.

She is survived by her parents, Ron and Judy Preston of Alto, NM; a brother, Arron Preston and his wife, Elizabeth of Logan, UT; grandparents, Joy Jackson of Nocona, TX and Wayne Preston of Anson, TX; preceded in death by grandparents, Grady Linn and Nell Preston.

The family has requested memorials to New Mexico Oncology, 4901 Lang Ave, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

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

**Debby Gutierrez**

February 15, 1957 - March 11, 2011

Prayer service for Debby Gutierrez, 54, of Ruidoso Downs will be Tuesday, March 15, at 10 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic Church at San Patricio with the funeral mass to follow at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Gutierrez passed away Friday, March 11, 2011 in Albuquerque. She was born February 15, 1957 at Santa Rosa, New Mexico. She moved to Lincoln County 25 years ago from Clovis, she was a homemaker. She married Pete Gutierrez on January 25, 1975 at Clovis, she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband Pete; three children, Chuck Gutierrez of Capitan, Brandy Gutierrez and Denise Gutierrez both of Ruidoso Downs; her father, Tony S. Padilla of Clovis; 6 sisters and brothers, Dorene Maes of Placitas, NM, Darlene Gutierrez of Clovis, Donna Padilla of St. Peters, Missouri, Steven T. Padilla of Bernalillo, NM, Ruben Padilla of Austin, TX and Alvin Padilla of Roswell, NM.

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# FIRE SEASON

Firefighters will always continue to fight fire the best way possible, Vincent said, but when conditions are such as Kokopelli in 2002 and Silver City this week, there is only so much that can be done.

"We can handle anything that comes our way, but we're still going to be challenged by wildfire," Vincent said. "We're going to fight it every bit of the way. If it gets out of hand, it won't be for a lack of fighting on our part."

The investigation of the Kokopelli fire, Vincent said, determined the blaze was caused by human action, "most likely someone was

dumping fire place ashes." Much was learned from the Kokopelli fire, Vincent said, and the village has since instituted a number of plans agreements, and tactics on how to deal with the next wildfire, be it small or large.

"We pride ourselves that we can be anywhere within the village in four minutes or less," Vincent said.

Countless scenarios – if the fire's here and the wind is blowing in this direction – have been discussed, trained for, prepared against – must go from theory to reality instantly as a fire situation breaks out.

Among the preparations

is the village's Reverse-911 system, which Vincent said is being upgraded to dramatically improve service.

"Right now, Reverse-911 is capable of making 23 calls at one time," he said. "With the upgrade, the system will place up to 30,000 calls at the same time."

In addition, the upgraded system will send messages to cell phones, e-mails and text messages – simultaneously, Vincent said.

The village has enacted a series of fire restrictions that delineate what can and cannot be done while dangerous fire conditions exist.

The village, while cur-

rently under high fire conditions, is still utilizing Level I restrictions (see sidebar), but Vincent said he will likely move the village to Level II within a week.

"With no snowpack, no moisture and continued winds, we really have no choice."

The village will broadcast emergency and evacuation instructions on "community radio" 93.5 FM, and during testing of the emergency siren system – which Vincent said will occur at 5

p.m. on the 1st and 15th of each month, residents will be encouraged to tune in to the station for updates.

Having the link with the public airwaves, Vincent said, "is critical. We've got to be sure the system works." A big part of that plan is to do whatever it takes, no matter how uncomfortable it may be to residents, to ensure the next fire never gets started.

Vincent told the Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday "fire conditions are look-

ing pretty grim. We've got lots of wind and lots of dry weather."

Consequently, Vincent was instituting "our training mode," to include coordinating closely with the U.S. Forest Service in "what if" contingency exercises.

Vincent told the council that the Ruidoso Fire Department was as prepared as it could possibly be.

"We are ready and we're trained up," Vincent said, "and if it hits us, we'll give it 100 percent."

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# WATER

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provide itself with adequate water supplies and the village began turning toward water sources in the Upper Canyon areas.

By the 1950s, according to Potter, "the railroad company" realized it controlled rights to thousands of acre feet of water it no longer needed given the shift to diesel locomotives.

It was at this point, Potter said, that the less-than-accurate accounting of water rights became part of Ruidoso's future.

There was also, according to Potter, additional proof of the cozy relationship between Congress and the railroads.

When World War II erupted in 1941, the value of unpopulated, and isolated, New Mexico lands – much of which were controlled by the railroads – came into play as the federal government recognized the need to provide adequate water supplies to its top-secret facilities at White Sands and what would become Holloman Air Force Base.

By the early 1950s, the railroads were unloading their water holdings at nearly the pace they had acquired them earlier in the century.

Among them was the disposition of Bonito Lake, just outside Ruidoso.

"A lot of people ask why Ruidoso nev-

er acquired the rights to Bonito, and it's a common misconception that the village tried to acquire those rights, but the truth is the village never had the chance at Bonito Lake," Potter said.

On Aug. 13, 1954 the city of Alamogordo – which was created in its entirety on railroad-controlled land – was granted the rights to Bonito Lake water, with provisions to also provide water to Carrizozo and Nogal.

Barely a month later, on Sept. 16, 1954, Alamogordo struck a deal to deliver up to one-half of its Bonito Lake water to Holloman AFB, Potter said.

It wasn't until Nov. 16, 1954 that Ruidoso was offered the railroad's water rights to Eagle Creek, a deal which also granted some water rights to Capitan.

The deal, for the railroad's 6 cubic feet per second – about 5.648 acre feet – of Eagle Creek water, cost the growing village \$10,000 – a staggering sum with payments of \$1,000 due annually, Potter said.

"There were maybe 1,000 people in Ruidoso at the time," Potter said.

But the deal secured the village first access rights to Eagle Creek water – "and that means every drop of it," Potter said.

## River trail planning session set

A planning and design meeting for the Ruidoso River Trail has been set for 5:30 p.m. March 21 at the Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers.

Establishing a walking trail on the Ruidoso River has been "a community goal for more than 40 years," said Laura Doth.

"Everybody who has an interest in the Ruidoso River Trail Project should attend," Doth said.

The design team from Loris & Associates will be in attendance to solicit public input on the trail.

The Ruidoso River Trail is a Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway project and received Federal Highway Administration funding for the completion of Phase I.

Phase I will run along the Rio Ruidoso from Two Rivers Park to just behind the River Crossing condominium project.

Phase II will continue the trail to Eagle Drive. Doth said the project is still awaiting confirmation on funding for Phase II, adding that it is currently awaiting passage of the federal budget.

"The Ruidoso River Trail is a project that the Ruidoso community has been wanting for many years," Doth said. "We are finally to the stage that we are soliciting public input on the project and we invite everybody to come to the public meeting to learn more about the project."

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# BUSINESS

## Sweet Charity launches "Project Princess" for Prom

Eugene Heathman  
Reporter

Local non-profit organizations have opened second-hand stores as a vehicle to offset budget cuts during the recession by reselling donated items.

Sweet Charity, at 26156 US Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs opened in June 2010. The store features a variety of secondhand, gently-used clothing and household items generating proceeds to support The Nest, a local shelter providing services and shelter to victims of domestic violence in Lincoln County.

Celine Delagarza who volunteers for Sweet Charity announced the launch of "Project Princess" which is seeking prom

dress donations which will provide teenage ladies of Lincoln County and Mesquero dresses for prom.

"Through April 2, we are reaching out to the community to donate prom dresses for these young ladies, which are tax deductible and for a worthy cause. Prom dresses will be on sale until April 12. We still have plenty of young ladies in need of a prom dress," Delagarza said.

In addition to the store, colored in

various shades of purple to match the organization's signature, VW Beetle, Sweet Charity has a large warehouse behind the store filled with sporting goods, stereos, indoor and outdoor furniture.

"We could really use more volunteers and donated goods, particularly working household appliances and furniture for the store and donations are tax deductible," Delagarza said. Funding for The Nest primarily comes from the State of

New Mexico. In addition, The Nest has received donations from many local citizens and businesses.

"We are relying more on the community for support amidst budget cuts from our traditional sources of funding and really appreciate what the community has done for the organization," Delagarza said.

Hours for Sweet Charity are Mon - Fri 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sat 12 - 4 p.m. Or call 575-378-0041 to donate.



## Ruidoso to host search and rescue council convention

Eugene Heathman  
Reporter

The New Mexico Search and Rescue Council will convene at the Ruidoso Convention Center on May 13, 14 and 15th. The 31st annual, three-day convention will host more than 200 volunteers and 30 teams.

provide a venue for education, networking, sharing new technology and techniques throughout the New Mexico Search and Rescue Community.

Tony Davis, President of White Mountain Search and Rescue (WMSAR) are happy to have Ruidoso and WMSAR as hosts for this year's convention. "The convention is great exposure for our local team in addition to being a great opportunity for educating the public as to what we (WMSAR) do and recruit volunteers,"

Davis said at the February meeting. White Mountain Search & Rescue is a volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of life by providing a search

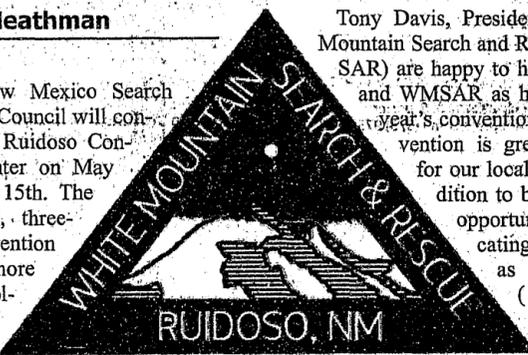
and rescue team capable of managing and effecting search and rescue operations. WMSAR responds to search and rescue of lost hunters, hikers, and persons who have wandered away from homes or rest homes.

WMSAR offers individuals with strong wilderness knowledge and experience the opportunity to apply their skills for the benefit of others in a survival situation. For novices and those with basic outdoor skills and interests, WMSAR provides practical training and opportuni-

ties to learn from skilled Incident Commanders and team members during actual search and rescue missions.

WMSAR also needs individuals interested in less physical demanding roles such as, radio communications, planning, and logistical support for team activities.

WMSAR is looking for volunteers. Tony Davis can be reached at: 575-336-4501, lidavis@peoplepc.com Information regarding the conference can be found at: www.nmsarc.org



## Film Lincoln County appoints Executive Director

### Future movies planned in area

Eugene Heathman  
Reporter

Dirk Norris has been appointed as Executive Director of Film Lincoln County.

Making the appointment March 7 were Film Lincoln County members Debbie Jo Almager, representing Ruidoso; Annmarie LaMay, Capitán; Harold Oakes, Ruidoso Downs; Linda Rodriguez, Carrizozo; Denise Williams, Corona; and Curt Temple, Lincoln County.

A new seat on the board was also created for ENMU-Ruidoso, which will be filled by Stephen Miller, IT director for the university.

Film Lincoln County was formed in 2009 and is facing film production recruitment challenges amid state budget cuts.

"Due to the current debate in the legislature concerning the state film incentives, film production companies are reluctant to make any kind of commitment. Recently in Santa Fe a post-production facility scheduled to begin construction was put on hold," Norris said.

"The membership board consists of one representative from each of the incorporated municipalities, plus one person representing the county at large. Each community acts as a contact between the state film office; their own community and the production company. The representative performs such duties as contacting local law enforcement, dealing with permits, showing location managers around amongst other duties," Norris said.



Norris hopes to fulfill the mission of Film Lincoln County by bringing more films to Lincoln County, and to see the film and digital media industry grow in Lincoln County. "I think we have a great chance to train people in post-production here in the county and put people to work. Film and digital media are an art form but they are also economic development opportunities," Norris said.

Networking within in the industry is crucial to bringing more films to Lincoln County. "If the industry gets to know Lincoln County through Film Lincoln County, we increase the possibility of films coming here.

"If Lincoln County gains the reputation of being film friendly, we increase the likelihood of films coming here. When the news of local municipalities passing film tax credit support resolutions reached Albuquerque and Santa Fe, there was a great amount of gratitude toward Lincoln County," Norris said.

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# Village eyes code of conduct

By Eddie Farrell

## Editor

Village Councilor Rife Salas thinks the Ruidoso Village Council needs a Code of Ethics, and it appears there's no shortage of support for the idea.

"This is something I strongly believe in," Salas told his colleagues at last week's Village Council meeting, "and it something that would be helpful to keep me on the straight and narrow."

Salas said he has served on other boards and commissions that had ethics codes, and after a year on the village council, he thought the time was right to bring the matter up.

In a telephone interview, Salas emphasized that he does not feel a code is necessary due to the actions of anyone currently on the board.

"Absolutely not," he said. "There is no one there acting inappropriately. I just believe that a code would offer good principles to follow."

Councilor Angel Shaw offered her endorsement of the idea and said previous councils have considered, but never enacted, a Code of Ethics.

"I'm into my eighth year on the council and I believe we took this up during my first year," Shaw said. "The idea didn't go very far."

Shaw added, however, that she was "very much in favor" of the idea and volunteered to work with Salas in drafting both the code and the subsequent resolution for council consideration.

Shaw said she favored handling the matter in a resolution format rather than an ordinance as it would allow future councils to modify the document should they choose to do so.

Councilor Jim Stoddard said he felt the notion was "far overdue," and agreed with the idea of adopting any future code in a resolution format.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant suggested the New Mexico Municipal League offers members a "template Code of Conduct" that would make a good sample, but Shaw said she and Salas would draft their own code based on what they felt was appropriate for Ruidoso.

"This is a way for the council to be provided a moral code they'll have to live up to," Shaw said, "and in this day and time, I don't think that's a bad idea."

Among the suggested offered by the League of Municipal Cities in their sample code:

- No member of the city council may knowingly:
  - Violate the Open Meeting Law;
  - Participate in a matter that affects the person's financial interests or those of a business the person is associated with;
  - Use the person's public position to solicit personal gifts or favors;
  - Use the person's public position for personal gain; or,
  - Represent private interests before the city council.

Shaw said she could not predict when the matter would come back before the council.

"I'm in the process of researching my archives for information we received the last time the council considered this," Shaw said. "But Rife and I will have something to bring before the council shortly."

In other action, the council:

- Authorized the application for airport aid to the New Mexico Department of Transportation to accept a grant offer for reconstruction on the taxiways and ramps at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

Airport Manager Justin King said the grant is for \$850,000 and requires only a 2.5 percent match by the village.

"We're going to be able to do a lot of rehabilitation," King said.

King said while it is anticipated the village will receive the grant money, the funding is contingent on the Congress adopting a budget for the Federal Aviation Administration.

"If they don't get it done soon, it could impact our construction schedule," King said. "We'd like to start about June 1, but it all depends on the FAA budget."

Approved "Change Order No. 3" with Jack Wayne Construction Inc. for work on the Ruidoso Convention Center in the amount of \$46,492 plus Gross Receipts Tax. Village Manager Debi Lee said the certificate of occupancy for the Convention Center is ready for issuance and the village has been "assured there will be no further change orders" related to Convention Center improvements.

## Looking for love



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Volunteer Betty Bergeron and Jinx, a border collie mix, participated in the Humane Society of Lincoln County's off-site adoption event on March 12.

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# OPINION

## Now is the time to speak out

Could the U.S. Forest Service be on the verge of cutting off as much as 70 percent of the village of Ruidoso's municipal water supply?

They not only could, but a complete turn off of three village-operated wells on the North Fork of Eagle Creek is but one of three options currently being deliberated by the Forest Service.

The public hearing phase of the USFS Environmental Impact Study closes March 21, so it's important that anybody who wants to voice their opinion do so as soon as possible.

Written comments must be sent to North Fork Eagle Creek (NFEC) Wells Project, Smokey Bear Ranger District, 901 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, N.M. 88345, or filed online at comments-southwestern-lincoln@fs.fed.us.

Once the USFS closes the public comment period, the agency will move

forward to completion of the EIS process. A draft EIS is expected to be completed by October 2011 and the USFS expects to issue a final EIS in June 2012.

The EIS process is the result of litigation filed against the USFS in 2005 by a consortium of concerned citizens, including the Eagle Creek Conservation Association, Gerald Ford and Bill Midkiff, who filed their suit largely on the basis that the village's special use permit to operate the wells expired in 1995 and the USFS has allowed the village to continue drawing water with an invalid permit.

Depending on who one talks to around Ruidoso, Eagle Creek is either an intermittent stream that is more typically dry than flowing or a vital and vibrant stream home to a thriving brook trout population that would flow year-round

if only the village would quit taking all the water.

One has to suspect that there's a great deal of hyperbole in both of the above positions.

What is absolute fact, however, is that based on the USGS report that focuses squarely on the impacts of the well operation, the U.S. Forest Service is going to render a decision that is going to have some degree of impact on the village of Ruidoso.

There are only three possible options under consideration.

The first, which all parties concerned agree is highly unlikely, would be for the USFS to issue the village another special use permit which would allow operations under the same conditions as the original and which the USGS report seriously condemns;

The second is the no-pump option,

whereby the USFS simply notifies the village it can no longer draw subsurface water via its wells on Eagle Creek. This is viewed by current and former village officials as the worst-case scenario and one that carries impacts so severe even representatives of the Eagle Creek Conservation Association say this is not the option they would choose.

The third is called a "stream-augmentation" option in which the village would agree to comply with a vast array of parameters, most of which are based on stream flow levels, and the failure to achieve any of which could see the village's draw through the pumps reduced to such levels that there would be very little difference between this and the no-pump option.

That's it folks. It's going to come down to one of those three options. The time to speak out on how you feel is now.

## Sticker shock: Some residents hit hard

By Eddie Farrell  
Editor

The aftershocks of the February freeze that crippled water service for days in Ruidoso are now sending chilling ripples to a number of village residents who are beginning to receive their water bills.

Village Manager Debi Lee said she had discussed the matter with one resident who had received a bill in excess of \$7,000 for using more than 193,000 gallons of water.

Lee said the village has had a long-standing policy of how to address such matters, and was able to negotiate a settlement with the resident that will result in a responsibility to pay approximately \$800, and that payment arrangements could be made for any resident hit by unusually high water

bills.

"All we ask is that they come in and talk to us," Lee said.

Customers with questionable bills will be asked to show proof they had a leak and will be asked to show if they have installed a village-code mandated shut off valve.

Lee said customers will not be denied the reduction if they haven't yet installed the devices, which the village has required since 1970.

"We've talked to all of our plumbers and there's really not a problem," Lee said. "The plumber is out there to fix the leak and it's just an additional couple of minutes to install the shut-off valve. We're pleased with the cooperation we've received."

Lee said the village is aware of more than 500 residential water leaks, but only one approaching the seriousness of the \$7,000 bill.

## Military 365 created to celebrate veterans

Lynn Crawford has been named chairman of the Military 365 committee, a new panel dedicated to invite veterans and their families to enjoy the beauty and benefits of Ruidoso.

The new committee was established by the Ruidoso Village Council.

Crawford, owner of Dreamcatcher Café & Coffeehouse was selected because of his extensive contacts with military personnel.

Harold Oakes, a veteran himself, was elected co-chair.

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom said Military 365 will meet weekly "to organize and establish their marketing plan, budget and mission and they are passionate about working with our military and veterans in New Mexico and west Texas."

Village Manager Debi Lee said the purpose of the committee is to "reach out to the military people and their families so they can see Ruidoso as a weekend or vacation destination place. We want to market Ruidoso as a destination location and to entice our military to come to Ruidoso and to enjoy their time when they are here."

Crawford said the group will focus on "developing our partnerships with the military bases" to "enhance the economic engine as well as benefit our military members."

Crawford noted the new committee will "accentuate and expand" on what Military Apprecia-

tion Weekend, "has already started."

MAW holds two events annually to honor active duty military and their service and Military 365 will be the committee that reviews and submits MAW's funding requests to the Ruidoso Lodger's Tax Committee and the Village Council.

The new committee will also target other military and veterans activities, such as Fort Stanton Live and M-Games and will survey nearby military bases "to learn more about what our military would like to see when considering weekend and vacation travel."

"It is definitely an opportunity to honor our military and veterans as well as support the activities of MAW as we all work toward a common purpose as defined in the mission of Military 365," Lee said.

"While MAW is for the active duty soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines, Military 365 is much more far-reaching."

Crawford said Military 365 will not only enhance what MAW does biannually, but emphasize what Ruidoso has to offer the military "on a day-in, day-out basis," including summer activities, skiing, snowboarding.

Crawford said "offering that to the military, military families and veterans will be of great benefit to everyone involved. We want to give back for all they have done for us."

## Pearce votes against mortgage relief, refinancing programs

With two votes over two consecutive days, Rep. Steve Pearce twice voted against bills involved with mortgage and finance programs.

On March 11, Pearce voted for H.R. 836, a bill that would end the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program and March 12 Pearce voted for H.R. 830, to end the FHA Refinance Program.

According to Pearce's office, the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program "has been one of the most unpopular and widely criticized uses of taxpayer dollars in recent history, essentially forcing

taxpayers to pay the mortgages of those have already been unable to pay."

Regarding H.R. 830, Pearce's office said the FHA Refinance Program, "designed to help with mortgage refinance, has largely failed: to date, only 44 applicants have been refinanced."

If enacted, Pearce said H.R. 830 would save taxpayers as much as \$175 million.

Passage of H.R. 836, Pearce said, could save taxpayers approximately \$900 million.

The Emergency Mortgage

Relief Program, Pearce said, "gives government loans to those who are unemployed and unable to pay," with estimates that the program grants "approximately a 98 percent subsidy rate, meaning the program does not give loans but grants."

Pearce described the votes as the latest steps in the long process of addressing a looming national debt crisis. "Unless we want to see massive increases in taxes, inflation, and joblessness, Congress must find ways to stop spending money we don't have," said Pearce.

## Spring cleanups scheduled around Lincoln County

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) have scheduled annual spring cleanups for county residents. The Authority will provide a crew, roll off containers and equipment between 8 a.m. and noon at the listed County locations. Bulk items such as old kitchen appliances, hot water heaters, construction waste and old furniture are among the items that will be accepted. Yard waste will not be accepted at these pickups.

County locations and scheduled dates include:

Hwy 380 Rest Area SW Hills	3/19
Historic Lincoln	3/26
Nogal Fire Station	4/02
Loma Grande & Magado	4/09
Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates	4/16
Hwy 48 County Residents around Capitan	5/07
Biscuit Hill Area	5/14

Senior citizens residing in the above areas who need free assistance in transporting discarded bulk items to the pickup site may call the Solid Waste Office at 1-877-548-8772 ahead of the scheduled event.

For more information on cleanups, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, or toll free at 1-877-548-8772. The clean up schedule is available on the Authority website at www.greentreeswa.org.

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# EDUCATION

## New Ruidoso School Board tackles efficiency



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press  
The new Ruidoso School Board President, Devin Marshall is sworn in to begin her term March 8

**Eugene Heathman  
Reporter**

The new Ruidoso School Board got right to work after being sworn in during their first meeting on March 8th. New Board member, Devin Marshall was elected as President and incumbent member Rhonda Vincent as Vice-President. Curt Temple, also a new member was elected Secretary.

Also sworn in were

new member Cecil Davis and standing member Kerry Gladden-Eastep.

The new board wasted no time rolling up their sleeves for the business at hand, which included how best to use available technology for increased public access to RMSD board meetings.

Among the options discussed were taped broadcasts on public access cable channel 15, live video, on-demand webcasts and

live webcasts of meetings. These options, the board said, allow for multiple venues with few technical obstacles for the public.

Capitan, School Board President Ed Vinson presented the new board with an on-line technology used by Capitan Municipal Schools and ENMU faculty and students called Blackboard. Vincent said, "Even those on the board who are anti-email and not computer proficient and

wanted to stay with printed copy are now walking into meetings with their own I-pads, they just love how easy this is to conduct board business."

"The best thing about Blackboard is that it's already paid for by the state. All school districts have access to it. Blackboard does not cost us any money, it's already there for us to use. Our efficiency has greatly increased from the administrative level, I recommend Ruidoso Municipal Schools start using it," Vinson said.

Curt Temple also proposed for discussion at the next board meeting to integrate public comment into the meeting process. "I think it's very important for the public to have the ability to comment and present input during School Board meetings much like village council and county commission meetings," Temple said.

RMS Superintendent, Bea Harris reported the Blue Ribbon Committee received responses from 17 firms to perform the project work outlined in the approved GO Bond measure. "Due to the overwhelming response, we should have the RFP's (Requests for Proposals) prepared and delivered by March 15th.

## Nob Hill ECC honored as a School on the Rise

**Michelle Perry  
Principal, Nob Hill Early Childhood Center**

Thursday, March 10 the New Mexico Public Education Department recognized 15 schools across the state as a "School on the Rise" and Nob Hill Early Childhood Center was honored for the second time.

Hanna Skandara, the newly appointed Secretary of Education, presented Nob Hill with an award certificate and proclamation from the New Mexico House of Representatives and the New Mexico Senate in the State Capitol Building Rotunda.

In addition to the award, NHECC received a \$5000 Title I fund bonus. School on the Rise awards are given each year to schools that make Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. AYP is determined by the annual Standards Based Assessment (SBA) that students are administered every spring.

While the formula for which the PED derives our AYP status can be confusing, the award still serves as a reminder that the staff at NHECC, Sierra Vista Primary and White Mountain Elementary are doing an excellent job at teaching our young students.

In the coming months, New Mexico public education will see some significant changes. We are looking forward to better accountability methods that show our students' outstanding performance and growth in the Ruidoso Municipal School District. NHECC offers the foundation for our other schools' effort, and together, with each and every grade level that follows, we are truly a "District on the Rise."

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# School Fiestas needs dancers

Young dancers interested in parlaying their talent into a potential college scholarship are encouraged to participate in the Ruidoso School Fiestas set for May 6.

According to Debbie Jo Almager, middle school and high school students are being sought for the program.

Practices are being held at the Horton cafeteria Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m.

There is no fee to participate for students, but each will be required to have their own dress or charro outfit as well as dance shoes or boots. Parents will be encouraged to volunteer to decorate the gym and staff the concession stand.

The Ruidoso School Fiestas is a scholarship program in which seniors who have participated since their freshman year will receive a college scholarship.

Middle and high school students wishing to dance this year should contact Almager at 505-660-6652 or Naomi Brady at 303-905-9354.

Activities are also in place for younger dancers. Margie Misquez will be working with kindergarten students, Connie Reynolds with third through fifth graders and a volunteer is being sought to work with first and second graders. Practices for these children will be held during school hours.

# RMS team tops at NMSU

A team of seventh grade students are asking, "What are you getting out of your toilet?" The answer may be not what you expect. The Ruidoso Middle School students took an interest in their community researching the topic of waste management and created their own business. How would a new type of home appliance which uses bacteria to digest organic waste impact Ruidoso's waste management?

Four MESA (math, engineering, science achievement) middle school students have not only designed a business but have also created a prototype home appliance that would supply electricity using waste to energy technology. The Future Fuel team, made up of Andres Aguirre, Cristian Castro, Alex Gomez, and Adrian Reyes, won several awards from the New Mexico State University Innoventure Competition held March 4 in Las Cruces.

The Innoventure Competition is a business competition which focuses on encouraging teamwork to solve real-life problems and gives students



second overall in the middle school category. This year's contest was the second year the team participated.

The Innoventure Competition is designed to mimic real-life processes in the world of technological advances and inventions. For this year's competition, the Ruidoso Middle School students designed and built a unique home appliance which utilized bacteria to produce electricity. Prototypes were scored for innovation and functionality. Each middle school team was required to describe their invention process, their prototype design, and demonstrate their product before a panel of judges.

an opportunity to learn more about entrepreneurship and innovation. The competition is put on by the Arrowhead Business Center of Las Cruces. Students work in teams to develop an innovative idea based on a particular theme, taking an idea from concept, to prototype, to commercial marketability.

This year's theme challenged students to develop an innovative product using math, science, engineering, and technology skills to help a community in one of the following areas: waste management, agriculture, building materials, energy, transportation or water.

The Ruidoso Middle School team won best prototype and best business plan awards in addition to placing

built a unique home appliance which utilized bacteria to produce electricity. Prototypes were scored for innovation and functionality. Each middle school team was required to describe their invention process, their prototype design, and demonstrate their product before a panel of judges.

The judging panel consisted of one business expert, one technical expert, and one community member. The students used the Innoventure Network, a social networking site for Innoventure participants, to access all competition materials, templates, and resources. The Innoventure Competition gives students a deeper understanding of how technical advances are made, developed, and brought to the marketplace.



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# On the Town

*Dining*



## Bake some traditional Irish bread for St. Patrick's Day!

Be ready to impress everyone this St. Patrick's Day with some Irish food lingo! On Saint Patty's Day morning, have some Back Rasher. Now, I'm not talking about that one place on your back that you can't seem to get at to scratch, I'm talking about good 'ol, simply delicious bacon. So, have some eggs and sizzling, hot 'rashers' and a cup of coffee to start of your day. Or, maybe you can whip up some Champ; No, I'm not talking about whipping up on Mike Tyson... I'm talking about whipping up some mashed potatoes with sliced green onions. Boxy is another Irish treat that is the Irish version of a potato cake. Colcannon is mashed potatoes with sliced cabbage and carrots, and, of course, there's Dublin Coddle-pork sausage, rashers and sliced potatoes - a favorite in Dublin. So, instead of just wearing green this year for St. Patrick's Day, you can impress your friends by spouting off some Irish food slangs.

This week's recipe is Soda bread. It's very basic bread consisting of flour, buttermilk, salt, water, butter and baking soda. My kids like to add raisins to this bread which makes it no longer soda bread, but rather a spotted dog, as the



Brendan Gochenour

Irish call it. So let's keep it simple and good. Just like the old saying, if it's not broke, don't fix it.

### Traditional Irish Soda Bread

- Ingredients**
- 3 cups whole wheat flour
  - 1 cup AP flour
  - 1 3/4 cups buttermilk
  - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
  - 4 tablespoons very cold unsalted butter
  - 1 tablespoon cold water

**Directions**

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine both flours together in a mixing bowl, and cut butter in until mixed well. Next, add the rest of the ingredients, but be sure to add the buttermilk slowly or the dough will become sticky. Remove dough from the mixing bowl and place on a floured surface. Lightly knead the dough, but not too much! Just knead it enough to make sure all ingredients are well incorporated. Shape dough into a round flat shape and cut a cross into the top of the dough. Place dough into a cake pan that has been sprayed or brushed with butter on the inside and cover it with another cake pan,

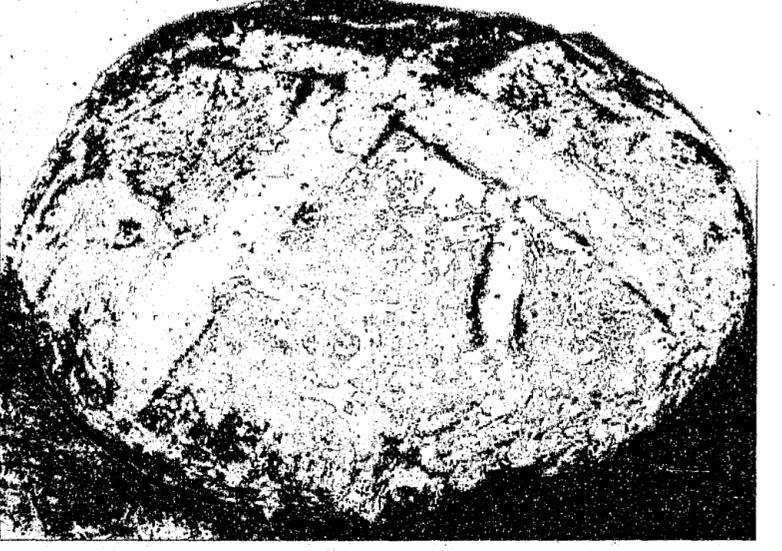
or if you own Dutch oven with a lid this is the best thing to use. I like to put my Dutch oven or pan in the oven for about ten minutes before I place dough into it. Just make sure whatever you are baking your bread in has a lid.

Bake for 30 minutes with the lid on and another 15 minutes with the lid off. Once you take the bread out of the oven, it is ready to enjoy with some corned beef and cabbage!

I hope you enjoy this recipe, and

you have any question drop me a line at askchefbrendan@gmail.com or check out my facebook page at Chef Brendan. In closing, I would like to share my favorite Irish blessing; "May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand."

Happy cooking and have a great St. Patrick's Day!



# On the Town

## entertainment calendar

**TUESDAY MARCH 15**

**Legally Blonde** at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 7 p.m. \$69 & \$66. Starring a cast of 30 singers, dancers, actors and orchestra musicians, Legally Blonde, The Musical takes



Legally Blonde: The Musical

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

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 16**

**Preschool Story time** every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. Today it is St. Patrick's day stories and Leprechaun catchers. Story time usually ends around 11:15 a.m. Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 MARCH 17**

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

**FRIDAY MARCH 18**

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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.

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

**Sam I Am** performs at Club 49, inside Casino Apache at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino starting at 8 p.m.

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

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### Things to do every day

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

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

and Cantina on Mechem Drive from 9 to 10 p.m.

### MONDAY MARCH 21

**Mrs. Ike Chautauqua** for Friends of the Library at Noon at the Ruidoso Public Library. Mrs. Ike, portrayed by Kay Sebring-Roberts Kuhlmann, recounts Mamie's upbringing, the couple's courtship and marriage, separations by war and duty, the burdens and privileges of the presidency, and Mamie's fascinating take on what makes for a good wife. Known for her fun-loving nature and aversion to politics, Mamie shares anecdotes of both the darker and lighter days of the Eisenhowers' life together. The 60-minute presentation will be followed by audience questions prior to the Friends of the Library Annual meeting. Kay Sebring-Roberts Kuhlmann has lived in Ruidoso since 2007. She now teaches at New Mexico Military Institute. Prior to this,

she toured the U.S. for 12 years presenting historical characters, including four first ladies. While touring, she appeared in seven presidential libraries. At Coty College in Missouri, she founded and directed the Woman Chautauqua Institute. Kay's prior characters performed at the Ruidoso Public Library included Bess Truman and Dale Evans. She currently serves as Artistic Director for Centennial Theatre Project of New Mexico Statehood. Since this program is at noon - please feel free to come earlier with your brown bag lunch and enjoy the Library's patio area. If we have foul weather, you are welcome to eat in the classroom prior to the program. Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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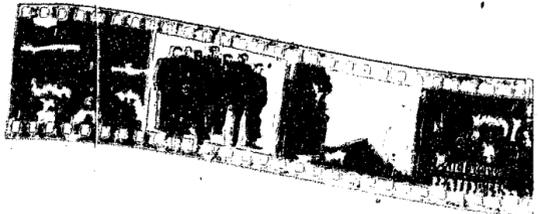
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# On the Town

## theater



### Awards and more for Sierra Blanca Steppers

By Eddie Farrell  
Editor

The Sigma Beta Sigma Sierra Blanca Steppers spent almost a year and a half before they stepped to the stage for a formal competition, but when they performed their unique blend of body-based percussion, they came home not only a crowd favorite, but were also the recipients of several prestigious invitations.

Linda Mason, the group's coordinator and coach, said the Steppers captured 2nd place in the Coed category March 4 at the 2nd Annual Step Show competition held at W.W. Samuell High School in Dallas.

The 10-member team also placed 4th overall among the seven teams entered and were voted "Crowd Favorite."

Stepping, Mason said, "is a form of dance featuring percussion using hands, feet and body parts."

The routines are choreographed and frequently include solos and theatrical improvisations.

"Kids into stepping are typically not your basketball or football players. These are kids who just like to dance," Mason said.

The routines, which can exceed 10 minutes in length, "are all choreographed by the kids," Mason said. "They put together their own routine, and in Dallas, the entire group performed together."

The Sierra Blanca Steppers were formed in November, 2009, but the Dallas performance was the first formal competition. Of the seven teams, the Steppers were the only group from outside the state of Texas.

Because of the success of their debut, Mason said the troupe was invited to an encore performance the following day.

"Their performance was beautiful enough that they were welcomed at an



Courtesy photo

"invite only" performance March 5," Mason said. "It was a bigger show, and they were treated as VIPs and asked to perform as special guests."

The Sierra Blanca Steppers are broken into two squads but performed as one group in Dallas.

Alpha Team members are Team Captain Riku Bhakta, Second Captain Omar Garcia, Step Coordi-

nator Jazzalann Taylor, Step Coordinator DeAundre "DeJay" Mason and Dance Coordinator Spencer Sedillo and Second Dance Coordinator Madison Miller.

Beta Team consists of Team Captain Bunshry Bhakta and members Jason Nevarez, Brittany Woods

and Robyn Davis. As a result of their Dallas performances, the Steppers have been invited to the prestigious IMANI Multicultural Step Show, to be held June 18 at the Joe Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio. The invitation-only performance features awards of \$10,000 for each of the first three place teams. Mason said plans are also underway to try to host a Step Show in the Ruidoso area.

and Robyn Davis. "We are now and who we are now."

Group sponsors for the Sierra Blanca Steppers include Gary Lynch of Prudential Lynch Realty; TemperPedic; Patty White, principal of Sierra Vista Elementary; Will Travel Photo Co.; Klassy Kids; Pena's Place; Visions; Pauline Staski, principal of Ruidoso High School; Cornerstone Bakery; Xtatiq-K2 Crew; Dr. Hewitt; Vivian Greigo of Inn of the Mountain Gods; Hector Cavavos, principal of Mescalero Mid-High School and Evergreen Cleaners.

Group leaders include Mason, Cassandra Taylor, Maria Gomez and April Mirelez.

"We'd also like to give a special thank you to Ruidoso Schools for allowing us to practice for our performances," Mason said.

For more information on the Sierra Blanca Steppers, Mason may be contacted at 630-0318 or 973-1039.

### Bull riding event planned at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino



Market Boulevard on Friday night, and Austin, Texas performer Mike Kelly on Saturday night. Sponsorships are avail-

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Tickets for the NFPB (National Federation of Professional Bullriders) sanctioned event will go on sale Monday, April 4, 2011. Prices are \$20; kids under 6 are free.

In addition to the bull riding entertainment, vendors will be showcasing products and services, there will be concessions available for food and drink, and Billy's Sports Bar and Grill will feature entertainment from Stephenville, Texas band Six

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# SPORTS

## RESULTS

March 8

Girls basketball

Class 3A State Tournament  
at Albuquerque

Portales 45, Ruidoso 23

Class B State Tournament

At Bernalillo

Hondo 64, Reserve 45

Mosquero/Roy 51, Carrizozo 41

Elida 68, Corona 24

Baseball

Ruidoso 18, Socorro 3

March 9

Boys basketball

Class B State Tournament

At Bernalillo

San Jon 68, Hondo 47

March 10

Girls basketball

Class B State Tournament

at Bernalillo

Elida 67, Hondo 33

Softball

Artesia JV 14, Capitan 2

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Hot Springs Tournament

Ruidoso 14, Deming 7

March 11

Softball

Hot Springs Tournament

Ruidoso 21, Lordsburg 8

March 12

Baseball

Eunice 3, Ruidoso 2

Softball

Hot Springs Tournament

Championship

Hatch 21, Ruidoso 11

## SPORTS UPCOMING

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, Mesalero, 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.

March 24

Baseball

Capitan at NMMI Tournament,

TBA

Softball

Ruidoso, Capitan at Dexter

Tournament, TBA

March 25

Baseball

Ruidoso vs. Lubbock Christian,

3 p.m.

Capitan at NMMI Tournament,

TBA

Softball

Ruidoso, Capitan at Dexter

Tournament, TBA

March 26

Baseball

Ruidoso vs. Lubbock Christian (2),

11 a.m.

Capitan at NMMI Tournament,

TBA

Softball

Ruidoso, Capitan at Dexter

Tournament, TBA

Track

Mescalero, Carrizozo track in

Alfalfa Relays at Hagerman, 8 a.m.

Skiing

Ruidoso youth ski team in

Southern Series Championship at

Taos, TBA

March 24

Skiing

Ruidoso youth ski team in

Southern Series Championship at

Taos, TBA

# Hondo's season ends in semifinals

By Ashley Smith

For the Ruidoso Free Press

BERNALILLO — The Hondo girls gave a brief fight against eventual Class B champion Elida March 10, but the Lady Tigers were just too much in the end.

Elida was tied once with the Lady Eagles at 2-2 in the first four minutes of the game, but then took the lead and never gave it up, dominating in a 67-33 victory.

The Lady Eagles (18-10) seemed ready to play from the opening tip, displaying a confidence they didn't have Tuesday in their first round game. The team forced turnovers and held Elida (25-3) to a low-scoring first quarter.

Hondo's confidence and fire disappeared, however, with four minutes left in the first quarter. Unforced mistakes led to a small run for the Lady Tigers and a change of momentum.

"The girls played hard, but that's a good club," said Hondo coach Brad Holland of Elida. "They're a good team. They are the No. 1 seed for a reason."

Senior Felicia Chavez, who had a stand-out game in the first round of the tournament, experienced some early frustration in Thursday's game, getting forced out of her element, giving up easy shots and losing the battle on the boards.

Sophomore Selena Chavez tried to pick up the slack, scoring a few inside shots during the third quarter. However, she wasn't able to provide the needed impact.

Felicia Chavez and Valeria Lerma were the leading scorers for Hondo with seven points each.

All but two Lady Tigers scored in the game, with Margarita Ortiz leading the way with 16 points, followed by Revis Best with 13 and Amanda Cross-Smith with 10.

Holland kept a positive outlook for his seniors.

"We're going to miss our seniors. They all did a good job. I'm proud of them," he said.

## Chavez leads in victory

Felicia Chavez is what some might call a late bloomer as a basketball player. The



Photo by Ashley Smith

Hondo guard Stephanie Gomez, left, advances the ball against Elida defender Margarita Ortiz Thursday in the Class B semifinals at Bernalillo.

Hondo post player, however, turned her senior year into a memorable one, March 8, tallying a game-high 38 points to lead her Eagle team to convincing 64-44 victory over Reserve in the first round of the Class B tournament.

"Oh my god. I did three years of track and I hate track," Chavez exclaimed. "I went to basketball camps; (worked) really hard to get here (the tournament). I went through a lot and I made it to my senior year, and I'm really happy," she expressed exhaustedly.

The fourth-seeded Eagles had little trouble in racing past the No. 5 Mountaineers. Chavez, one of only two seniors on the squad, scored more than half of her team's 64 points.

Holland said he could not be more proud of his team.

"Our goal coming into the year was to win this game here, first round of state," he said. "We got here last year and didn't quite

get it done. They did a good job. We played hard for four quarters."

From the moment the first whistle blew the Eagles brought the momentum, pulling ahead 15-4 in the first quarter. They never looked back, utilizing their quickest players in a full-court press, forcing turnovers that would lead the Eagles to the early advantage.

"We didn't play as well as we hoped, and that may be because Hondo played really good pressure," Mountaineer's head coach John Payne explained.

The Mountaineers were able to recover to a point in the second half. They answered Hondo's press with one of their own and were able to close the deficit to 30-22, however the surge left both teams winded in the third quarter.

A rejuvenated Chavez — the running woke up a seemingly sleepy star — scored 26 of her points in the second half.

# Ruidoso girls ousted at state by Portales

Karen Boehler

For the Ruidoso Free Press

ALBUQUERQUE — The Ruidoso Lady Warrior's basketball season ended at the hands of a familiar foe Tuesday. Portales (18-9) topped Ruidoso 45-33 in a game coach Julie Montoya called "probably one of the worst games we played all season. We just couldn't finish the shots. We just didn't show up mentally ready to play."

For the first half, the Warriors (15-10) seemed to stick with their District 4-3A foes.

Abriana Herrera put in the first two points of the game less than a minute in, then the Rams went up 4-2 but Lyndsey Saenz tied it back up.

After that, however, Portales never trailed, as the Rams went on a 7-0 run and closed the stanza with a 3 at the buzzer, so despite points by Sydney Gonzales and Catherine Landry, the Warriors trailed 14-8 after one.

Ruidoso pulled within one to open the third, getting a trey from Saenz and field goal from Claudia Morales, but the Rams matches those shots so although the teams played even, Portales still led by six at the half, 21-15.

"The first half we did OK, but we still weren't finishing shots," Montoya said. "We were right at the rim and we were missing them. I told the posts at half time, it was their game. We were going to win or lose by them, and we just didn't (do it.) You've got to finish those shots you get; those easy opportunities."

And that's exactly what Ruidoso didn't do in the second half.

They managed only eight points for two quarters: one 3-pointer in the third and a trey and field goal in the fourth. Portales, meanwhile, added 13 points in the third and 11 in the fourth.

Jenna Sievers was one of three Rams scoring the bulk of the Portales points. She tallied nine with Macy Mitchell getting 11 and Gabby Garcia 10.

Vega had nine for the Warriors.



Photo courtesy Karen Boehler

Ruidoso guard Lyndsey Saenz (21) shoots from just inside the free-throw line Tuesday during her team's Class 3A State game Tuesday at the Pit in Albuquerque.

It was the third meeting this season for the two squads, and Montoya thought her team was ready for "third time's the charm."

"I thought we made the adjustments we needed to make," she said. "Again, in every sport it comes down to the mental aspect and we just didn't have that today."

# Warrior nine fall short vs. Eunice

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

If Saturday's baseball game between Ruidoso and Eunice is an indication of the Warriors' season to come, then coach Gilbert Alvarado will need to invest heavily in antacids.

The Warriors fell 3-2 in their first home game at White Mountain Athletic complex, but not before getting the tying run to second base with some timely hitting.

"Our pitchers gave us a chance to win it at the end. That's all I could ask for," Alvarado said. "We had it in our hands at the end, and there's not much more I can ask of the kids."

Brendan Flack pitched a stellar game for Ruidoso, going four innings and allowing just two hits while striking out five. If it hadn't been for a few Warrior errors, he might have ended up the winning pitcher on the day.

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Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso third baseman Jacob Vasquez watches his home run in the second inning Saturday against Eunice at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

STATE BASKETBALL

# San Jon too much for Hondo boys

By Ashley Smith and Todd Fuqua

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Size and experience restricted the success of the aggressive Hondo Valley High School Eagles March 9, as they fell to the San Jon Coyotes 68-47 in the first round of the boy's Class B New Mexico state basketball tournament.

But what they lacked in those two areas they tried to make up for in heart, especially in the fourth quarter. Hondo thrashed down the court the fourth quarter, looking for their outside shot. The battle inside seemed a bit one-sided when it came to the size comparison with the Coyotes. The winner's size and skillful use of ball movement led them to what turned out to be a fairly easy victory.

"We played young at times, but we played hard all night," said Hondo coach Brad Holland. "We just didn't execute

well offensively at times, and San Jon is a really good team."

From the first moments of the game the senior-less Eagles (18-12) showed the capable Coyotes that they were going to make them earn everything they got. Pressing hard during the first and fourth quarters, Hondo created many turnovers, both exhausting their opponents and earning points.

The fourth quarter proved to be Hondo's best, as leading scorer Luis Montañó sunk a trio of 3-pointers, bringing his point total to 29. Junior Christian Guillen also nailed a three with just over a minute left in the game.

But the Eagles rushed efforts could not emulate the behind the back assists and team cohesion exhibited by their opponents.

"They came out and executed our game plan, and played well as a team, and got to the next round," said Coyote head

coach Tommy Thompson.

"Like always, size was a problem and we didn't rotate enough to slow them down," Holland said. "But overall, it was a successful season. They all learned a lot."

Photo by Ashley Smith

Hondo's Adrian Vasquez takes the ball past San Jon's Justin Pullen March 9 at Bernalillo.

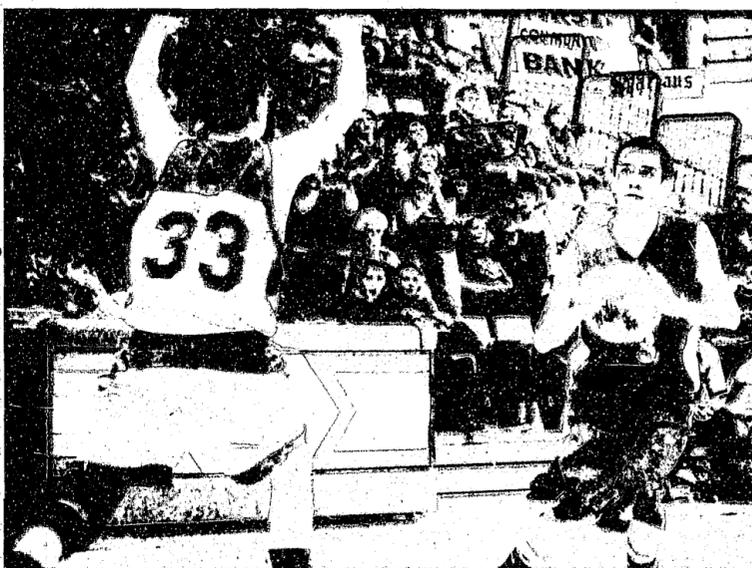


Photo by Ashley Smith

Hondo's Luis Montañó, right, sets up for a shot as San Jon's Matthew Evans rushes out to defend March 9 at Bernalillo.

## Lady Grizzlies upset

By Ashley Smith

For the Ruidoso Free Press

BERNALILLO — The Mosquero/Roy Pirates used a 10-point run, fueled by a series of fourth quarter opponent turnovers, to earn a 51-41 upset victory over the Carrizozo Grizzlies March 8 in the New Mexico Class B state basketball tournament at Bernalillo High School.

The Grizzlies, matching the brutish style of the winners, stayed within two points of the Pirates the whole game, but were never able to grab a lead. They were led in scoring by senior Kristi Gensler playing in her final high

school game with 19 points.

The two teams pushed, shoved and battled their way up and down the floor in an exhausting, physical 32 minutes of play.

It was only this past Saturday that the Grizzlies played their final district game in an overtime upset against the Reserve Mountaineers. The win snagged them a spot in tournament as a No. 3 seed. The vocal Grizzlies' fans made their presence known with thunderous cheers echoing throughout the gym. Their enthusiastic, body-throwing play ruled out any chances of an easy win for Mosquero/Roy.

"I'm sad that we lost, but I'm proud of my girls. They worked hard, got us here. Just someone's got to lose, it's too bad cause those kids deserve it, just like our kids deserve it," said Billy Page, Grizzlies' head coach.

In the last minutes of the game the Grizzlies scrambled hard, rushing their shots and implementing fouls unnecessarily in hopes of gaining control of the scoreboard. Unfortunately, their frazzled ways caused productive sophomore Shelly Gensler to foul out and allowed for the sixth-seeded Pirates to take control of the fourth quarter and complete the mild upset.

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### Seasons changing at IMG

One season is ending and another has begun at Ski Apache and the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The last day to ski the slopes has been set at March 21, with several events planned for the final two weeks, including a pond skating competition March 19. Additionally, the resort has added slots to the Elk Lodge, becoming the only ski resort offering slope-side gaming in the state.

While ski season is ending, the golf season has begun, as the Inn of the Mountain Gods championship golf course opened March 10. Hours run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April 30, depending on weather and temperatures. The course has 83 new golf carts and a synthetic range tee for golfers to warm up.

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#### Tuesday Senior team standings, week 25 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Twisted Sisters	25½	10½	651	169
Old Timers	24	12	548	261
Larry Larry's	20	16	665	156
Sus Amigos	18	18	631	186
Misfit Bowlers	16	20	609	206
Serious Not	15½	20½	601	219
The Who?	15	21	545	264

#### Tuesday Mixed team standings, week 24 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Homies	27	9	587	226
Rhino Rose	23	13	624	193
Old Farts & A Kid	22	14	734	95
Living Energies	20	16	574	237
Pioneer Bank	18	18	533	275
Knight Riders	18	18	538	270
Energy 2 Spare	11	25	594	219
Wild Ride	5	31	438	360

#### 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 216, Gene Nitz 203.6, Harry Allwein 183.5, Women - Lucy Servies 159.55, Donna Viitanen 154.71, Pat Townsend 150.32.

#### Most improved average

Men - Jim Clements +22.31, Larry Hinds +20.68, Richard Dixon +17.43, Women - Rose Bivens +15.13, Donna Viitanen +12.71, Jan Wilson +12.70.

#### Season high scores

Handicap series - Old Farts & A Kid 2697, 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, Gene Nitz 744, Etienne Turner 730.

Men's handicap game - Max Cimaron 290, Tom Douglas 289, Ronnie Wright 275.

Women's handicap series - Millie Cimaron, Diane Willoughby, Lucy Servies 700.

Women's handicap game - Pam Bernard 284, Brianna Velasquez 274, Christina Wall 271.

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## Smith qualifies at Carlsbad meet

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Qualifying for the state track meet within the first two meets of the year is considered a bonus for Ruidoso coach Colt Harrelson.

A bonus is just what he got over the weekend, as Tylynn Smith earned a spot at state in the high jump, leaping four feet, 10 inches at the Ralph Bowyer relays in Carlsbad.

"This was her first meet with us, and we've still got a lot of things to do to polish it up," Harrelson said.

That Smith qualified wasn't that surprising to Harrelson — she's the defending state champion in the event as a sophomore.

Harrelson is hoping more Warrior runners will be able to qualify at the Gene Wells relays in Hobbs on Thursday. The boys 4x2 and 4x1 relays are within half a second of qualifying, as are individuals in the 100-meter dash and 300 hurdles.

"It's early in the season, and kids are still getting in track shape," Harrelson said. "To get kids to qualify this early in the season is a bonus."

## Ruidoso softball 2nd at Hot Springs tourney

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

As season-opening tournaments go, the Ruidoso softball team's showing at the Hot Springs tournament over the weekend wasn't a bad one.

But coach Salvador Beltran would have liked his team to come home with a championship trophy.

The Lady Warriors went 2-1 at the Hot Springs tournament, falling 21-11 in the championship game to Hatch.

"They were a tough team, and our pitching struggled," Beltran said. "It kind of surprised me, because we were on a roll at the time."

Also upsetting to Beltran was the fact the game was called due to a time limit, even though it was the final game of the tournament.

"We were making a mini-comeback when they called it," Beltran said. "We ended the game

with the bases loaded on a strikeout."

The tournament began decidedly better for the Lady Warriors, as they beat Deming 14-7 in the first game March 10. Claudia Morales was 4-for-4 in the game, while Destri Vincent went 3-for-3 and Katherine Landry had a home run.

Vincent also pitched a complete game victory, allowing all seven runs, but only four of them earned.

In the second game against Lordsburg, Ruidoso won 21-8, led once more by a 4-for-4 performance by Morales at the plate.

Marissa Gonzales and Marjanel Vigil each went 3-for-3, and Brandi Guevara had the complete game victory.

Morales was named the tournament MVP, while Vincent made it to the all tournament team.

The Lady Warriors are at home today for a double header against Capitan at 4 p.m. at Gavilan Canyon field.

## Ruidoso gymnasts earn state titles

Local gymnasts competed in the "Super Bowl" of gymnastics at the state championships, Feb. 26 in Albuquerque. Eight athletes came home with 12 state titles in various events.

Titlists from Ruidoso were: Hope Misquez, champion in vault and balance beam, 8-year-old, Division A;

Kalyn Saiz-Thetford, champion in vault and balance beam, 8-year-old, Division B;

Carson Vasile, champion in floor

exercise, all around state champion, 10-year-old, Division A;

Angela Lackey, champion in balance beam, all around state champion, 10-year-old, Division B;

Isabel Martinez, champion in floor exercise, 10-year-old, Division B;

Nina Herrera, champion in vault, 10-year-old, Division B;

Elizabeth Autrey, champion in balance beam, 11-year-old, Division B

Alissa Gonzales, champion in balance beam, 12-year-olds.



Courtesy Ruidoso's Carson Vasile, above, and Angela Lackey (fourth from left in left photo) won state titles in their respective divisions recently at Albuquerque. Also placing in the 10-year-old Division B from Ruidoso were Isabel Martinez (third from left) and Nina Herrera (far left).



## Lady Tigers swept by Artesia

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

CAPITAN — It was a baptism of fire for the Capitan softball team in its season opener March 10, as the Artesia junior varsity came away from Capitan with a pair of 14-2 victories.

The Lady Tigers (0-2) were keeping things tight in the first game with its defense and pitching, holding the Lady Bulldogs to just two runs through three innings. Capitan was trailing by just a run after Maribel Villegas led off the bottom of the first with a single, stole second and later scored on an error off a ball hit by Maritza Nava.

But Artesia came alive in the top of the fourth, scoring eight runs to effectively put the game out of reach.

The second game began the same as the first, with the Lady Bulldogs scoring a pair to lead off the game, answered by a run from Capitan when Villegas — this time on with a walk, scored on a passed ball by Artesia catcher Miranda Cota.

Artesia wasted little time scoring in this game, though, putting 11 runners across the plate in the second inning to force things to a close in three innings as the light faded.

Capitan coach Rodney Griego wasn't too disappointed in his team's performance, given the caliber of pitching they were facing.

"You won't see pitching like what Artesia has in Class 1A," Griego said. "Our girls were still getting hits."

Nava and Teyna Montoya each had a double and a



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press. Capitan pitcher Sidni Hughes fires one to the plate against Artesia's JV March 10 at Capitan.

run batted in for the first game, while Scheriah Romero had the Lady Tigers' lone hit — a single — in game two.

Ruidoso is next on the schedule, a double header today at 4 p.m. Capitan then travels to Dexter for the Demon Tournament, March 24-26.

"The team just needs a little more time, and we've got plenty more time to get there," Griego said. "We'll be a force to be reckoned with."

## BASEBALL

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Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press. Brendan Flack fires one to the plate March 12 during his team's loss to Eunice at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

Flack had only allowed one run through the fourth — on a double by Tyler Almager, who later scored on a wild pitch. Flack had his back to the wall in the fourth, having loaded the bases with no one out, but was able to strike out Jacob Haynes and Jake Brown in quick succession.

Adam Moro then knocked a grounder to third base, but the throw to second went wide, allowing two runners to score.

Those two runs were all the Cardinals needed, as starting pitcher Almager and reliever Dan Gonzales combined to allow four hits and strike out 16 Warriors.

One Warrior who would not go quietly was third baseman Jacob Vasquez, who tied the game at 1-all with a leadoff home run in the second inning, then got his team to within a run in the sixth inning on an RBI single.

The Warriors (2-3) will be at Roswell March 15 for a double header before returning home for a March 19 game against Artesia at 3 p.m.

### Short work of Socorro

After a rocky start to the season at the Cobre Tournament the previous weekend, the Warriors got back on track with an 18-3, six inning victory over Socorro March 8.

Ryan Yaksich had the big bat for the Warriors (2-2) going 3-for-4 at the plate with three home runs and seven runs batted in.

On the mound, Flack started, giving up no runs and one hit through four innings, relieved by Kayle Frierson in the last two.

"This was a lot better showing for the kids," Alvarado said. "I expect this team to play like this all the time."

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**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 executive session limited personnel, 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.

### 120 LEGAL NOTICES

**VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO**  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso conducted a public hearing on March 8, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in a regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance:  
**ORDINANCE 2011-06: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 74, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES TO UPDATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILITY NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO EXCAVATION."**  
Copies of Ordinance 2011-06 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 15th day of March, 2011.  
(SEAL)  
/s/ Irma Devine, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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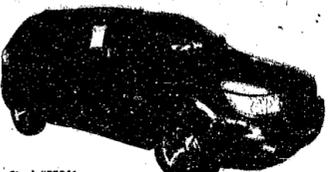
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<p><b>2011 FORD ESCAPE 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #9K016 <b>26 MPG</b></p> <p><b>\$268/mo.</b></p> <p>XLT Package with Full Factory Power, Sync Voice-Activated System and Cargo Package</p>	<p><b>2011 FORD F150 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #8K047 <b>2000 OFF!</b></p> <p>MSRP .....\$37,320 RFL DISCOUNT .....-\$2,000 OFF FACTORY REBATES.....-\$4,000 OFF <b>SALE PRICE \$31,320</b></p> <p>XLT Package with Full Factory Power, Keyless Entry Key Pad, Tailgate Step and All-Terrain Tires</p>	<p><b>2011 FORD EDGE AWD</b></p>  <p>Stock #9K048 <b>25 MPG</b></p> <p><b>\$398/mo.</b></p> <p>SEL Package with Panoramic Vista Roof, Rear View Camera, Sync Voice-Activated System, MyTouch™ and So Much More!</p>	<p><b>2011 FORD 350 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #8K045 <b>2000 OFF!</b></p> <p>MSRP .....\$58,190 RFL DISCOUNT .....-\$3,500 OFF FACTORY REBATES.....-\$5,000 OFF <b>SALE PRICE \$49,690</b></p> <p>Lariat Package, Heated Seats, Rear View Camera, Remote Start and Tailgate Step</p>

# USED

<p><b>2007 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN</b></p>  <p>Stock #53621</p> <p>was \$13,985 NOW \$12,747</p> <p>SXT, Quad Captains, 3rd Row Seat, Dual A/C, Stow 'N Go</p>	<p><b>2008 MAZDA MIATA CONVERTIBLE</b></p>  <p>Stock #5616</p> <p>was \$22,545 NOW \$17,888</p> <p>6 Speed, Side Airbags, Foglights, Like New, Only 3,100 Miles!</p>	<p><b>2007 CHRYSLER 300C</b></p>  <p>Stock #56321 <b>25 MPG</b></p> <p>was \$23,985 NOW \$19,999</p> <p>Hemi, Moonroof, Low Miles, Heated Leather, 6 CD, Boston Sound, 25 Mpg!</p>	<p><b>2004 CHEVROLET SILVERADO</b></p>  <p>Stock #8K0341</p> <p>was \$9,975 NOW \$8,688</p> <p>Vortec V6, Dual Zone Climate Control, 5 Speed, Great Economy! Clean!</p>
<p><b>2008 VOLVO S40</b></p>  <p>Stock #5640</p> <p>was \$18,755 NOW \$14,955</p> <p>Safety Canopy, Select Shift Auto, Stability Control, Economy!</p>	<p><b>2009 DODGE NITRO 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5655 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$22,500 NOW \$19,999</p> <p>SLT, Stability Control, Remote Start, Satellite, Auto, Loaded!</p>	<p><b>2004 CADILLAC ESCALADE 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #6J0861</p> <p>was \$23,485 NOW \$21,955</p> <p>Luxury, Nav, Moonroof, Heated Leather, Dual A/C, Low Miles!</p>	<p><b>2002 BUICK RENDEZVOUS</b></p>  <p>Stock #55941</p> <p>was \$9,975 NOW \$7,747</p> <p>CX, Tow Pkg, 3rd Row Seat, Leather, Reverse Sensing</p>

# PROGRAM

<p><b>2010 LINCOLN TOWN CAR</b></p>  <p>Stock #5637</p> <p>was \$23,395 NOW \$28,833</p> <p>Signature Limited, Full Power, 100k Factory Warranty</p>	<p><b>2008 LINCOLN MKZ AWD</b></p>  <p>Stock #5639 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$27,895 NOW \$24,599</p> <p>AWD, Lincoln Luxury!</p>	<p><b>2010 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE</b></p>  <p>Stock #5649 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$25,320 NOW \$21,727</p> <p>Auto, CD, A/C, Full Power, Sporty!</p>	<p><b>2007 FORD EDGE AWD</b></p>  <p>Stock #5629</p> <p>was \$25,095 NOW \$21,757</p> <p>SEL Plus, Leather, Vista Roof, AdvanceTrac, 100k Factory Warranty!</p>
<p><b>2008 FORD EXPEDITION 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #514271 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$33,195 NOW \$26,721</p> <p>Eddie Bauer, Heated/Cooled Seats, Moonroof, 3rd Row Seat</p>	<p><b>2009 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5656 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$46,020</p> <p>Elite Package, Navigation, DVD and more Lincoln Luxury!</p>	<p><b>2008 FORD F150 CREW CAB 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5653 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$30,070 NOW \$24,750</p> <p>XLT, Alloys, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt, Cruise, CD, A/C</p>	<p><b>2010 FORD ESCAPE 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5658 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$24,245</p> <p>XLT, Stability Control, Safety Curtain, Satellite Radio, Great Economy!</p>

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