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White Fire burns 6,000 acres

By Eddie Farrell
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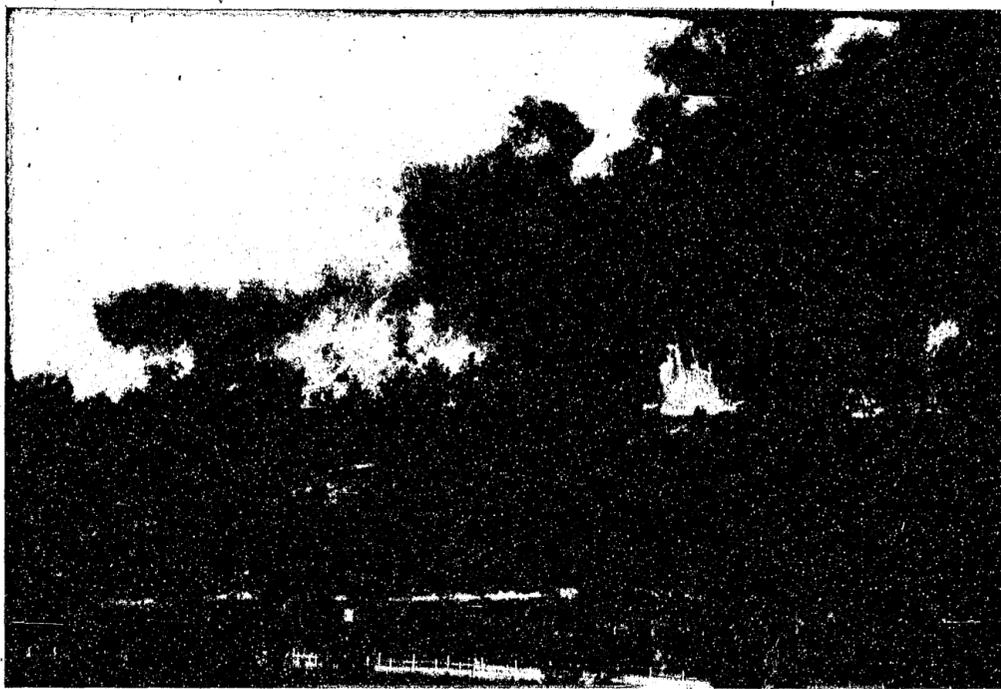
Fire officials have yet to identify a cause for what is being called the White Fire in Lincoln County, which has now blackened more than 6,000 acres and claimed five homes and numerous other structures.

The fire started at about 1:30 p.m. Sunday near the "Y" at Gavilan Canyon and Hwy 70.

Within minutes, huge billows of smoke could be seen near the Ruidoso Downs Race-track and officials started issuing evacuation notices in a number of areas, including Gavilan Canyon, the Highland area, Joe Welch Lane, and Spaghetti Flats.

Walls of flames, fueled by tinder-dry trees, forest waste and 60 mile per hour winds, were reported to reach hundreds of feet into the air.

No injuries were reported, although one horse was reported overcome in Ruidoso Downs.



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

Flames erupted hundreds of feet into the air on a ridge just north of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track Sunday as the White Fire burned more than 6,000 acres and claimed at least five houses and numerous other structures. As of 10 a.m. Monday, the fire was still considered uncontained.

By 9 p.m. Sunday, officials were allowing residents of the Upper Gavilan Canyon area to return to their homes as the fire continued to burn east of Ruidoso Downs.

For those who could not return, a number of local lodgers offered free or reduced rates to evacuees and firefighters who continued to arrive from across the state.

State emergency management officials brought in a Type III Incident team Sunday, with plans to upgrade the response

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Sowards considers Senate campaign

By Patrick Jason
 Rodriguez

Reporter

After serving five terms representing New Mexico in the United States Senate, Jeff Bingaman will not seek reelection in 2012. That much has been known since February.

What isn't known, though, is which of the state's politicians have the best chance of replacing the retiring Silver City Democrat.

The answer might be someone who doesn't consider himself a politician at all.

While no one in the Democratic Party has formally said they will campaign, three Republicans have officially declared their intent to run for the vacated seat. The best known is former U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson, who served five terms in Congress. There's also Bill English of Alamogordo, who ran unsuccessfully for a U.S. House seat in District 2 in 2002. There's also speculation that Lt. Gov. John Sanchez might seek the nomination.

And then there's Greg Sowards, a 61-year-old former middle school teacher and owner and operator of five daycare facilities in Las Cruces. He's running on the campaign slogan "Short, Bald and Honest."

And though some political old hands might mock such a simplistic catch phrase, the reality is that his ideology is not that far off from a few who are already occupying a seat in the Senate.

"If I had to compare myself to someone who's already in the Senate, a couple of names to immediately come to mind are Rand Paul and Jim DeMint," said Sowards, who made a trip to Washington earlier this month and visited with a plethora of well-known conservative groups, including the National Rifle Association, FreedomWorks, the Tea Party Express and the National Republican Trust.

At a recent meeting for the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County in Ruidoso, Sowards introduced himself by telling those in attendance that he's not a politician and doesn't want to campaign for Senate but is running for the vacated seat because he feels it is his duty as a concerned citizen.

"If normal people don't get involved," he said, "we are going to be left with political

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Audit report out, but is it enough?

By Todd Fuqua
 Reporter

A report on a special audit was finally revealed by accountant Dan Austin Monday, shedding some light into the termination of former Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Alfred Ortiz.

But councilor Dean Holman doesn't think the report revealed enough.

"In my opinion, this summary has greatly downplayed what was going on," Holman said. "I don't think it's a complete report."

The report was made public after the receipt of confirmation from New Mexico state auditor Hector Balderas, and Austin's reading revealed a problem with accurate billing procedures in the police department.

"I was hired to investigate possible fraudulent activity in the department, as the city had overbilled the Village of Ruidoso for a Lincoln County DWI grant," Austin reported. "I met with the staff in closed session and then received approval from the state auditor to conduct the investigation."

Austin said there was a discrepancy in how officers were reporting their time and how much they were actually on the clock. The problem boiled down to officers — whether on purpose or unintentionally — keeping inaccurate records of their hours

while on duty.

"It was an honor system, but we were able to check it with the dispatch call sheets," Austin said. "We selected three police officers' call sheets, and compared their time on the sheets to the dispatch call sheets."

The report states Austin also received a confidential memo during the investigation from an officer who stated he "had been instructed by supervisors to falsify time sheets in order to report DWI grant overtime. The officer refused to falsify records as noted in the memo."

Austin stated the system of supervisor review relied too heavily on the integrity of the supervisor, and encouraged the city to "implement some form of time card or computer based time keeping system to more accurately reflect time worked by all employees."

While falsifying pay records to deliberately overbill a federal grant to the tune of \$600,000 — according to Austin — is a serious offense, Holman still felt the report didn't go far enough.

"I still don't think the report is complete," Holman said. "It left out things that I think are more serious than what was stated."

Holman was also quick to emphasize the officers currently in the department are good at what they

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Yeehaw!



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso school board member Rhonda Vincent tries to stay on her mount March 30 during the Dairyland donkey basketball show at Ruidoso High School. The event, which featured four teams made up of local dignitaries and business leaders, raised funds for Lincoln County Crimestoppers.

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Wilderness pacers

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Races are run at the Links Sierra Blanca Trail every Wednesday evening starting at 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. The even is open to all ages. For more information, call 257-5030.

Peter Pan coming

By special arrangement with Samuel French, Ruidoso High School's Red Feather Theatre Company will present Peter Pan at the school's Performing Arts Complex at 7 p.m. April 8-9 and 15-16. Tickets are @12 at the door and \$10 in advance at High Country Lodge and the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are available for advance purchase.

Dress and technical rehearsals will also be open for \$5 April 7 and 14. Curtain time is 7 p.m.

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.

Football fundraiser

A full contact football game to benefit the Ruidoso High School athletic program, will be played April 15 at 7 p.m. at Horton Stadium.

All equipment, including helmets, shoulder pads, leg pads and uniforms, will be supplied. Insurance will also be provided.

Cost to play is \$75 and practices are held Sundays at 1 p.m. at the RHS practice field. You do not have to be an RHS graduate to play.

All presale tickets go directly to the RHS athletic program and cost \$10. You may purchase them from Kief Johnston at 808-3076 or Erik Padilla at (505) 331-0353. Interested players may also sign up at www.alumnifootballusa.com.

Spencer hosts Miss NM rehearsals



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

Contestants for the Miss New Mexico Pageant, set for June 19-25 in Ruidoso, were on hand Saturday for rehearsals at the beautiful Spencer Theater. Joining them were, at far right, Sandi Aguilar, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Carol Henry, executive director of the Miss New Mexico Pageant.

For more information, contact Adam Delanda at (575) 491-8540 or Erik Padilla at (505) 331-0353.

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 must 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.

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 state-

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Plane crashes at SBRA

A twin-engine aircraft carrying two men crashed on takeoff at 1:20 p.m. Sunday at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

Interim Airport Manager Justin King said the crash of the twin-engine Comanche was unrelated to the White Fire, which apparently started at just about the same time near the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

King said the airplane, carrying the pilot and a passenger, reported losing power

upon take off.

"They didn't get more than 50 feet of the ground and came down, crashing into our fence," King said.

"The aircraft never left our property."

King said emergency responders reported both men were "up and walking around," but transported to Lincoln County Regional Medical Center with minor injuries.

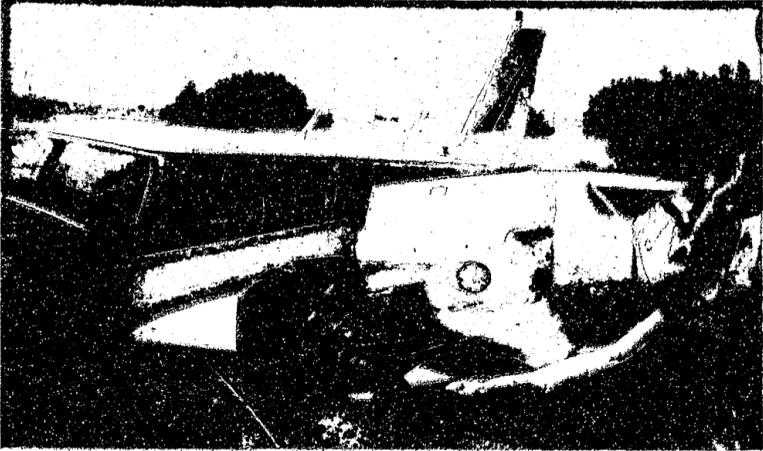


Photo courtesy of Justin King

Two men walked away from the crash of this twin-engine Comanche that lost power on take off Sunday, April 3.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR, CONT.

wide, 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 of older. For more infor-

mation, call 258-2120 or visit www.sacmntvillage.org.

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

CORRECTION

In a story about veteran Eugene Kurtz there was a misstatement about his discharge from the service. Kurtz did receive an honorable discharge, but did not receive a certificate of separation - also known as a DD-214 - because the military didn't issue such documents until after he left the service.

Additionally, Kurtz received a "Good Conduct" award for his time in this service.

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to a Type II team Monday, according to Jennifer Myslivy, public information official.

Fire officials Sunday said the primary goal was to "protect homes," over aggressively fighting the fire, which burned large areas of relatively uninhabited forest.

Evacuating livestock was a top priority, although some residents in the Ruidoso Downs area reportedly just released horses to escape the fire on their own.

In the early hours of the blaze, mandatory evacuation orders were issued for residents on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso

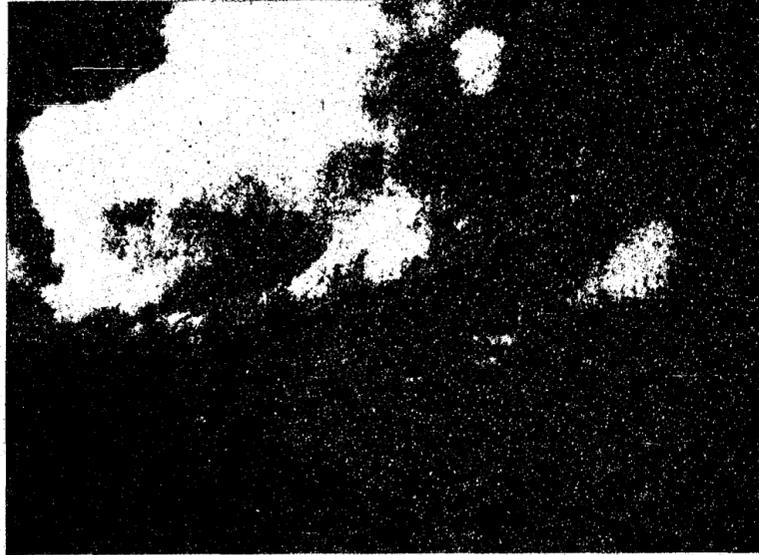
and Highland Road, Joe Welch Lane, Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Spaghetti Flats in Ruidoso Downs; voluntary evacuations were encouraged for all of Upper Gavilan Canyon, Fawn Ridge, Homestead Acres, Eagle Creek and Shangri La.

Hwy 70 east of Ruidoso was closed for much of Sunday evening as the fire roared toward Glencoe and the Fox Cave area, actually jumping the highway at one point and burning at least one home near the River Ranch campground.

Ruidoso schools were closed Monday.



Photos at right and below, Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso Downs volunteer fireman Tomas Vigil, left, and Ruidoso Downs City Councilor Gary Williams look over the White fire as it skips along the ridge on the north side of the Rio Ruidoso Sunday near the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

AUDIT

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do, and the findings of the audit should not reflect negatively on them.

"They were in a very bad situation and probably didn't know exactly what they needed to do," Holman said. "I'd like to emphasize what (current police chief Doug) Babcock has said - the officers we have on board are all very good."

City attorney John Underwood said the council can further discuss the audit in executive session and can forward other concerns to the district attorney if they wish for other findings to be made public.

In response to resident Wayne Williams' concern that legal prosecution has not been pursued related to the audit, Underwood said that decision is up to the district attorney.

"The city doesn't make the decision who to prosecute, that's up to the DA," Underwood said. "We will forward this report to them, and it's up to them what direction to take. We're doing exactly what we're sup-

posed to do."

The council also voted to move the city into Level II fire restriction, on the recommendation of assistant fire chief Kenny Ellard.

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BUSINESS

MTD Radio auction a huge success

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

"This was our first spring auction," said MTD Media General Manager Lisa Morales. "What a success. We had callers from all over New Mexico and Texas as well as other places. With more than 550 items ranging from hair-cuts, electronics, furniture, and gift certificates to fine art ... we had an incredible mixture of miscellaneous items."

Morales called watching her staff pull off the auction as "organized chaos," and thanked Sandi Aguilar of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Brad Cooper and Esmeralda Maines from the Spencer Theater for helping.

On-air personalities Will Rooney, Rich Catling and Curtis McKinney kept the action moving.

"This is the smoothest I have ever seen a radio auction," said MTD Office Manager Kim Smith. "The extra planning and work from all the managers and staff paid out."

Some of the proceeds of the auction will be used to fund two scholarships. Any student interested in any job in the media field is eligible and encouraged to apply.

Send your name, address and telephone number and a 500-word essay on what you plan on achieving with the media scholarship to lisa@mtdradio.com or lisa@ruidosofreepress.com. Deadline for application is April 30, 2011 with scholarships awarded in May.

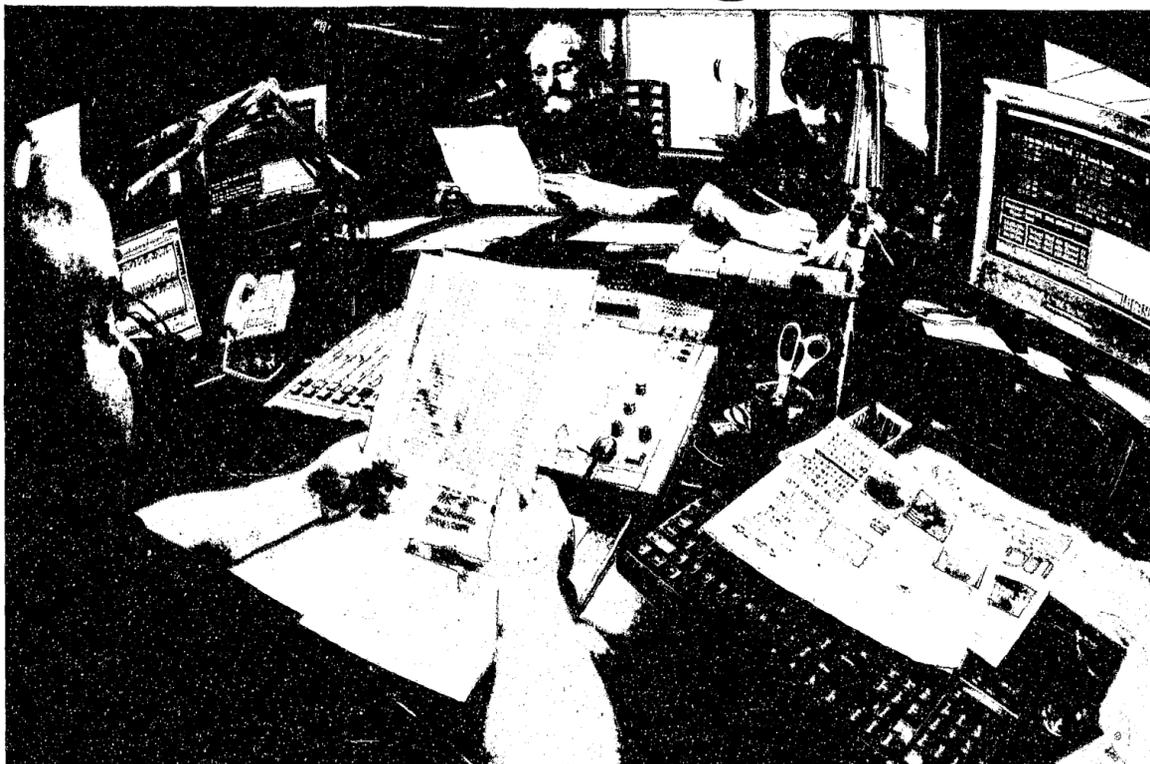


Photo courtesy of Brad Cooper, Spencer Theater and Curtis McKinney sort through lists of items up for bid during MTD Media's live radio auction Saturday, April 2.

Scheduled air service for Ruidoso

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Ruidoso could once again have scheduled airline service from Sierra Blanca Regional Airport to Albuquerque.

Interim Airport Manager Justin King told the Village Council Tuesday that negotiations are underway to bring New Mexico Airlines back to Ruidoso.

"We're still very early in the process," King said.



As proposed, New Mexico Airlines would offer two flights a day to Albuquerque, with one-way fare at \$89.

New Mexico Airlines flies Cessna 208 aircraft that hold nine passengers, depending on the baggage load, King said.

King said the last time Ruidoso had regular scheduled service was in 2006 with the same airline, but in that case the village contracted independently with the airline - a deal that required a large subsidy.

The pending deal would also require a the village to subsidize service, but in this case King said there are three other communities involved - Taos, Los Alamos and Las Cruces.

Working together, each of the cities would be expected to split the \$30,000 a month subsidy, or about \$7,500 per member city.

King said, however, that New Mexico Airlines has already agreed to purchase 200 gallons a day aviation fuel from SBRA, which would essentially cover the village's subsidy requirement.

In addition, however, the four communities involved could apply for a Small

Community Air Service Development Grant, King said, which could provide up to \$500,000 to be split four ways.

Grant revenues could be used to pay the subsidy, King said, or other airport-related projects, such as a planned terminal update.

Additionally, the communities could apply for a New Mexico State Air Service Grant, for as much as \$800,000, but King said that grant requires a 50/50 match.

King said the airline guaranteeing it would purchase fuel in Ruidoso "is what makes it palatable."

There is also an option where a second aircraft could be added, which would allow for four flights daily out of Ruidoso, King said.

If a second plane is added, King said the subsidy on the additional flights would be reduced to \$2,500 a month.

King said he would like to see the flights begin by mid-summer, but added that with four municipal governments involved, he had no timeline he could announce.

"It all depends on each individual entity."

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GOP women meeting focuses on driver's license debate

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Reporter

Two prominent GOP politicians spoke during a Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meeting at the Ruidoso Senior Center on March 28, but it was a state law that allows undocumented immigrants to obtain a New Mexico driver's license that drew the most interest.

"Proponents say they want to give illegal aliens an opportunity to buy car insurance and that it'd make the roads safer, but isn't that what uninsured coverage is for?" someone asked state Rep. Dennis Kintaugh, who was one of the two speakers. Similar cries of frustration regarding this law and the slow pace at which the state legislature is moving to change it were also heard.

Kintaugh, a Republican from Roswell, said he understood their concerns, and spoke about the reality of overturning the law in the Roundhouse. "Many liberals have marginalized this issue and have called conservative voters racists for wanting to deny illegal foreign nationals driver's licenses," he said, which prompted boos from those in attendance. "The best way to influence change is to reach out to friends in other districts."

Lavonne Adams, president of the FRWLC, agreed with Kintaugh on the sentiment that opposing driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants has fodder for proponents of the law that it is racially or ethnically motivated. "It's not about being racist toward anyone," she said. "It's about going through the process of becoming a citizen, the same process that many immigrants have done legally."

New Republican Governor Susana Martinez, who made illegal immigration an issue in her campaign last fall, has let it known that she would like to see the law changed. She received some good news about this earlier this month when the House voted 42-28 to bar undocumented immigrants from obtaining driver's licenses. But a week later the Senate voted 25-16 to reject the House measure and still allow undocumented immigrants to maintain their driving privileges.

New Mexico, Utah and Washington are the only states that allow undocumented immigrants to apply for and obtain a driver's license.

Kintaugh said that he has read independent studies where allowing undocumented immigrants the right to have a driver's license and purchase automobile insurance have not made roads any less dangerous.

Also speaking at the meeting was Greg Sowards, a businessman and former middle school teacher, who is one of three Republicans who have announced their candidacy to replace retiring Democratic Sen. Jeff Bingaman.

Ruidoso adopts Code of Ethics

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

With a ceremonial flash of pen, Ruidoso Village Councilor Rifle Salas was the first member of the council to sign a Code of Ethics that would hold all elected officials, as well as appointed and or volunteer commissioners on village boards to adhere to basic ethical standards.

Salas had asked for the measure at the board's last meeting, stating only that having such a code would help him "toe the line" and act appropriately.

Salas was joined in the effort by Councilor Angel Shaw, who was involved in a similar effort in 2004, but which, for whatever reason, was not finalized.

While the resolution outlining the Code of Ethics runs more than six pages long, a signature page, which Shaw insisted was necessary, sums up the intent of the resolution:

"As a member of the Village of Ruidoso Governing Body, or of a Village board, committee or commission, I agree to uphold the Code of Ethics for elected and appointed officials adopted by the Village of Ruidoso and conduct myself by the following mode of excellence. I will -

- Recognize the worth of individual members and appreciate their individual talents, perspectives and contributions;
- Help create an atmosphere of respect and civility where individual members, Village staff and the public are free to express their ideas and work to their full potential;
- Conduct my personal and public affairs with honesty, integrity, fairness and respect for others;
- Respect the dignity and privacy of individuals and organizations;
- Keep the common good as my highest purpose and focus on achieving constructive solutions for the public benefit;
- Avoid and discourage conduct which is divisive or harmful to the best interests of the Village of Ruidoso; and,
- Treat all people with whom I interact in the manner I wish to be treated."

In approving the resolution, Councilor Denise Dean told her colleagues "good work and long overdue."

Every member of the board present, Salas, Shaw, Dean, Don Williams, Gloria Sayers and Mayor Ray Alborn, signed their Code forms immediately after passage of the resolution.

Councilor Jim Stoddard was absent, but had previously expressed support for the measure.

SOWARDS

professionals. And I'm really disappointed in the way things have gone in Washington."

Despite coming across as a neophyte, Sowards is no stranger when it comes to running for political office. He finished fourth in a crowded field of five in the 2008 GOP primary for a vacated seat in House District 2, with 6,468 votes, or 18 percent. Twelve years earlier, he finished a distant second to Joe Skeen in the primary for the same seat, receiving 7,450 votes, or 30 percent.

"Still, with the Republican party having shifted toward the Right in the past few election cycles and with GOP voters seeking change when it comes to Washington, a newcomer such as Sowards or English, both of whom align themselves with Tea Party principles, could make things difficult for a more moderate and established candidate like Wilson.

Sowards says he is different ideologically from the former Congresswoman because he is "more conservative. I adhere to conservative principles where she doesn't."

Sowards said that English, unlike him, wouldn't be able to get the fundraising from prominent national conservative groups. When asked about those meetings earlier this month in Washington, he smiled and said they went very well.

As is its policy, the Republican Party of New Mexico will not publicly weigh in on the candidates running for the Senate seat until after the primary season. Bryan Watkins, executive director of the RPNM, however, said that he has

met with all three candidates, including Sowards.

"What we try to look for in a candidate is whether they can get the fundraising necessary to win and their grassroots metrics," said Watkins. "But with 16 months to go until the primary, it's hard to tell what might happen this early in the campaign."

Sowards considers himself both a social and a fiscal conservative. For example, on domestic issues he is in support of the Defense of Marriage Act, which was signed into law in 1996 by President Clinton, defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

On foreign policy, Sowards thinks we need to evaluate and re-evaluate what our military is doing abroad, especially in Iraq. "I think we need to back out of there," he said. "The Iraqi people's freedom has been paid for with American money and American lives."

Sowards said that there should be fewer regulations on businesses at home, and is under the impression that more private sector jobs would be created if there are fewer restrictions on businesses to build in communities. He also takes on

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Patrick Jason Rodriguez/Ruidoso Free Press
Sowards spoke to members of the Republican Women of Lincoln County, March 28.

the libertarian philosophy that the people of individual states and not the federal government should decide how funds are allocated, and that the Internal Revenue Service should be abolished.

"I wouldn't participate in the status quo," said Sowards. "It's not the experience that's necessarily important, but rather the wisdom of experience."

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OPINION

Osos ask public to take one for the team

The Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday approved a two-year lease agreement with the Ruidoso Osos of the Pecos League. The contract will net the village little money — \$12,000 — but it stands to yield tremendous opportunities for the community and the local economy — even if alcohol sales will not be allowed inside the ballpark. We understand there's something special about having a hotdog and a beer at the game, but we also feel that a good game of baseball can be

witnessed alcohol-free. It's certainly a plus for the community at large when beer-free drivers are leaving the game. Osos team officials promise spirited baseball for Ruidoso. For many of the team's players, this could likely be their last shot at ever making The Dance.

On that note, the community is being asked to step up and help provide housing for the Osos — tangible proof that the pay scale for single-A baseball players desperate to keep the

dream alive is a sacrifice worth making.

Host families are asked to provide a player with their own room for the season; provide access to a washer and dryer, if possible; provide access to a bathroom; provide access to a kitchen; provide a safe and comfortable environment; and "cheer for him at the games whenever possible."

Sounds like a potential win-win situation for anyone willing to literally "take one for the

team." Anyone interested in being a host family should go to www.ruidosoosos.com and follow the links.

We would like to throw out a huge "thank you" to everybody who contributed to making Sunday's MTD Radio Auction a huge success. To all of our merchants and groups that chose to participate, the amazing array of goods and services offered left listeners with a mind-boggling

selection of choices, all of which would be had at a bargain.

Watching the offices of MTD Media turn into a war room Saturday trying to deal with hundreds of telephone calls was a classic example if not of precise efficiency, at least a laudable effort that exemplified the team spirit so evident in our daily operations.

Linking up bidders with sellers was a formidable task, but was also indisputable proof of the success of the auction.

Village OKs Osos lease agreement

By Eddie Farrell
Editor

The Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday approved a "facilities use agreement" with the Ruidoso Osos and their parent Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs which will allow for the single-A minor-league baseball team to play at White Mountain Outdoor Sports Complex for the summers of 2011 and 2012.

The agreement calls for the league to pay the village \$12,000 and grants the team rights for 42 home baseball games.

The lease requires the Osos to "leave open" dates to allow for other public use of the facilities.

The agreement also guarantees the Osos the right to keep 100 percent of season ticket revenues; the right to sell merchandise inside the park; and,

the right to outsource concessions.

Osos Operations Manager Tim Waters and General Manager Clyde Woods were on hand to discuss any possible concerns with either the lease agreement or with having a professional baseball team calling Ruidoso home.

Mayor Ray Alborn said the two big questions involving the club are that there be no lights at games — all Osos home games will be in the daytime, and alcohol sales, which will not be allowed inside the park.

Waters stressed that all potential Osos players will be on their best behavior, and that he has already discussed his disciplinary program with some village officials, including Police Chief Joe Magill.

"These guys are not going to do anything that will be detrimental to

their careers," Waters said. "These guys are hungry and they're trying to make something of their careers."

Waters also said he is planning opportunities for the team to meet with local school children and other community groups and organizations.

"We take this seriously," he said. "We want little kids to look up to our players."

Woods echoed Waters' assurances of a well-behaved squad, particularly those looking to lodge with host families during the season.

"They are going to come here hungry and respectful," Woods said. "They're not going to want to mess this up. This is about as low as it gets in professional baseball. If you mess this up, there's pretty much nowhere else you can go."

Pearce amendment fails, but gets support

Friday, 207 members of the House of Representatives voted in favor of Congressman Steve Pearce's proposed Amendment to H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act. The Pearce Amendment came within 9 votes of passing, despite opposition from leadership in both parties.

Congressman Pearce has emerged as a leader in the fight for jobs and regulatory balance, and has exhibited a willingness to go against leadership to better serve his constituents in New Mexico. His vote against the most recent Continuing Resolution went against party leadership, but has received wide praise from constituents.

Pearce's willingness to take the lead in this issue brought bipartisan support, including from New Mexico's congressional delegation. Both Rep. Martin Heinrich and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan voted in favor of the Pearce Amendment. Mr. Pearce looks forward to working with the New Mexico delegation and other interested parties to make this important ex-

change possible.

The Pearce Amendment, which failed in a 207-215 vote, would have allowed an equitable-exchange of land on the boundary of Doña Ana County Airport at Santa Teresa and the Verde Corporate Realty Services. The transfer would have given Doña Ana County the property necessary for a much-needed alternative access road to the east end of the airport. Meanwhile, Verde would be able to develop the surrounding area. The trade requires authorization from Congress because of a clause in the Airport and Airways Development Act of 1970 which states that property no longer being used for airport purposes automatically reverts back to Federal ownership.

A separate bipartisan Amendment not specific to Doña Ana County, which Pearce cosponsored with Democratic Rep. Jim Matheson of Utah, passed last night. The Pearce-Matheson Amendment would permit the Santa Teresa exchange and all land transfers similar to the Santa Teresa exchange.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my gratitude to the local fire and police departments for their quick response to the recent fire in Gavilan Canyon near Ruidoso High School. Just as quickly as the fire began to jump into the trees they were on the scene and had the fire out. We are extremely fortunate to have such a professional team in the area. The students and staff of RHS are forever grateful.

Sincerely,
Jason Edmister
Assistant Principal
Ruidoso High School

Dear Editor,

Aside from the mangling of a stray

cat or two, the pit bulls marauding our community have been relatively bloodless for the past several years.

Recently, however, and possibly due to the rising of a full moon, the police scanners have reported numerous incidents regarding these dogs, culminating in an attack upon a child.

This latest episode brings to mind my experience with a pit bull I once harbored.

Noticing a tendency toward malevolent behavior, I sent this animal, at great expense, to a renowned school in Paris, France for people-friendly training. It came back three months later, not only still mean but rude.

John Brinkman

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EDUCATION

Future looks bleak for Head Start; cuts feared

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

In February, the House of Representatives passed the bill known as H.R. 1, which calls for cuts of up to 25 percent from the federally-funded preschool's budget that could remove more than 218 students from classrooms and eliminate

about 55,000 jobs across the country. In March the Senate failed to pass the bill, however it could not agree on an alternative measure that would maintain full funding for the program.

And while Democrats and Republicans in Washington spend the next couple of weeks negotiating how much should be cut from this and other federally-

funded social programs, the effect of the outcome will undoubtedly be felt locally. Lincoln County Head Start, which has its main campus in Ruidoso and satellite campuses in both Capitan and Hondo, for example, could see \$200,000 removed from its annual budget, according to its director, Melina Romero.

Funding cuts are problematic for every Head Start program in the country, says Romero, who has worked in various capacities at Head Start programs for the past 19 years and in her current post at LCHS since 1998, "but they are really devastating to smaller programs like ours. They really hit smaller programs."

Since its inception in 1965, the Head Start program has targeted children from low-income families, providing them with a quality education alternative to for-profit daycare centers and preschools that their parents could otherwise not afford. According to a statewide report on health and wellness released on Tuesday by the New Mexico Department of Health, 32 percent of children in Lincoln County are living in poverty.

"One of our goals is to make sure these kids are ready for school - academically and socially," said Kathy Jones, executive director of Region IX Education Cooperative, which operates the Lincoln County Head Start. "... We are aware that major cuts could take place. We have a leadership team looking at our revenue and budget."

The Head Start program is no stranger to being on the receiving end of funding cuts. This happened mostly recently in 2006 when Congress passed a spending bill which was then signed into law by then-President George W. Bush, ultimately slashing nearly 1.5 percent from the programs' budget. Romero calls that a "drop in the bucket" compared to what

might transpire in the next couple of weeks in Congress. Nonetheless, with about two months remaining in the current school year, she remains optimistic.

"Right now we're kind of in a holding pattern," says Romero, "and plan to go into next year as we normally would."

There are 125 students enrolled in the three Lincoln County Head Start campuses, including 92 in six classrooms located inside the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center in Ruidoso. There is also a waiting list of 35 for Ruidoso, despite the fact that the campus has lost 30 students, mostly because their families move from the area due to economical reasons, since September, Romero said.

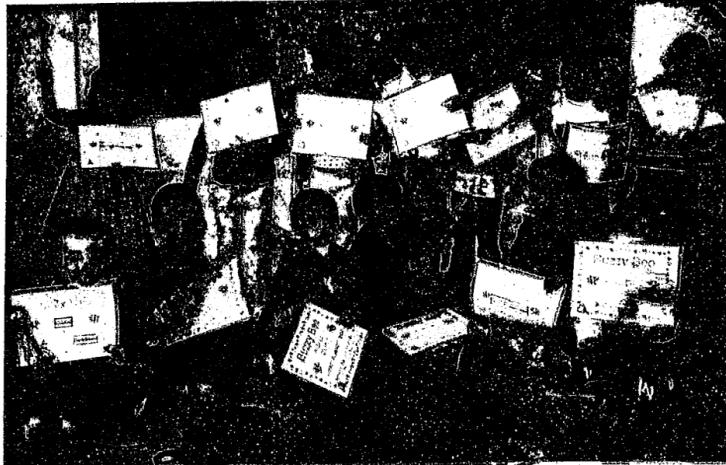
"A lot of the parents of the students here work part time in service-oriented jobs," Jones said.

Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall voted to reject H.R. 1. Rep. Steve Pearce voted for H.R. 1. Calls to the offices of Sens. Bingaman and Udall and Rep. Pearce seeking comment were not returned.

The rooms of the LCHS portion of the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center are filled with students, teachers, teaching assistants, cooks and others who could have their jobs eliminated if funds are drastically cut, not to mention the question of where to place the students if they can no longer attend.

"It would be a shame if the cuts go through," says Chloe Jenkins, 30, one of the eight teachers on staff at the Ruidoso campus. "Studies have shown that early education does benefit the child and prepare them for school when they're older. If they're told they can't attend here anymore, that's 162 days out of the year that could have been spent here learning. There aren't enough quality preschool options in Ruidoso."

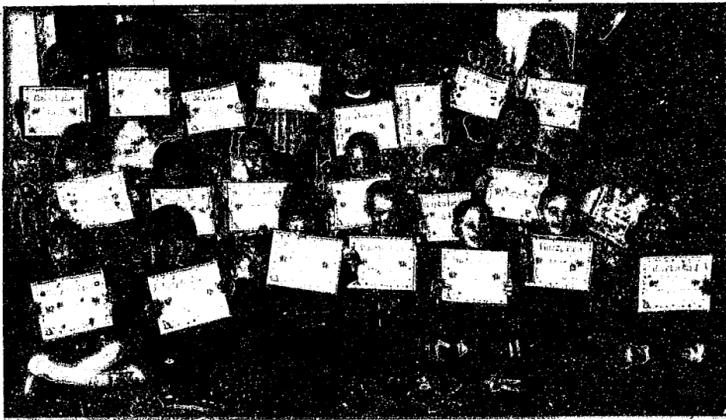
Nob Hill Early Childhood Center Head Start Buzzy Bees



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Nob Hill Early Childhood Center Kindergarten Buzzy Bees



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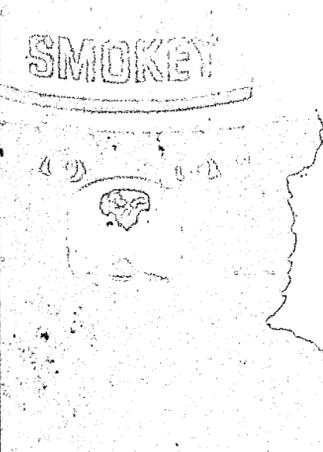
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County fares well in state health study

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

The inhabitants of Lincoln County are relatively healthy when compared to the rest of New Mexico, according to a report looking at wellness released on Tuesday by the state Department of Health.

The findings, published in a report titled "Framework for a Healthy New Mexico," are based on statistics from 2005 to 2007 generated by the department's Indicator-Based Information System, which provides health data by county for a wide range of demographic factors, health system factors, resiliency factors and health outcomes.

According to the report, the county scored above average in the following measures: Heart disease death rate per 100,000 inhabitants (141 compared to 203.8 for the state); Influenza and pneumonia death rate per 100,000 inhabitants (7.6 compared to 20.6 for the state); and Prenatal care in the first trimester when

totaling the percentage of live births (83.9 compared to 57.2 for the state).

The report found that the county scored poorly on the following measures: Percentage of adult smokers (22.5 compared to 20.1 for the state); Percentage of adults whom engaged in physical activity (51.2 compared to 53.3 for the state); Percentage of those who do not possess health insurance (32.8 compared to 26.7 for the state); and Percentage of children living in poverty (30.2 compared to 28.8 for the state).

Los Alamos County, which is the state's wealthiest based on per capita income, scored above average on 10 measures, including on percentage of children living in poverty (2.9). Bernalillo County, which includes Albuquerque, also scored above average on 10 measures.

The timing of the report of this health data coincides with the annual release of County Health Rankings, which was released today by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

New MRI machine installed at LCMC

Lincoln County Medical Center, installed a new MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) unit on Wednesday, March 30.

Hospital Administrator Al Santos said this was a significant event as LCMC and Presbyterian reinvest in improving the health of those patients and communities served.

"The installation of this state-of-the-art MRI unit marks the commitment the LCMC Board of Trustees and Presbyterian Healthcare has to modernizing equipment and improving technology to better serve our patients," said Santos. "The unit represents the latest generation of MRI scanners which will be of significant benefit and convenience for patients," Santos added.

LCMC Radiology Manager Julia Capuano agreed that this is a major investment for a rural community hospital.

"Not only does this MR system provide some of the clearest images available, it also offers patient-friendly features," said Capuano. "Specifically, this new MR unit can provide an entire body scan more quickly thus reducing exam times."

Capuano said this new MR system incorporates the latest technology and provides exceptional image quality which is of tremendous benefit to the region.

"This new MRI unit also provides an intelligent approach to MR scans using an innovative application called SmartExam," said Capuano. "SmartExam provides fully automated planning, scanning and processing with a single mouse click," Capuano added.

Capuano said SmartExam ensures consistent clinical results every time for the physician.

MRI scans are not like traditional x-rays. An MRI scan uses a powerful magnet in conjunction with radio frequency waves to generate images of internal organs and structures. MRI scans are one of the least invasive tests that can see inside the body.

"The LCMC Community Board of Trustees has set the strategic vision of modernizing our technology. This unit will allow us to collaborate and partner with referring physicians from neighboring communities as well as throughout the state," Santos said.



Courtesy photo

A crane removes the old MRI unit, which weighed approximately 10-tons, Saturday, March 26. In the background, the building which housed the old MRI unit is being demolished for the installation of new 60,000 pound MRI trailer.

New Mexico Department of Health: Flu continues to decline in state

SANTA FE — New Mexico Department of Health's tracking of influenza shows a continuing decline from the peak in mid-February. Department of Health Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Catherine Torres states, "Our rates of influenza-like illness seen in clinics across the state have declined from a peak of 6 percent seen in mid-February to 3.9 percent reported last week." She has indicated that there are three types of influenza circulating this year in New Mexico and the U.S. which include H3N2, H1N1, and B. Dr. Torres also adds that our surveillance system has seen no increase along the border in the last few weeks.

The influenza season this year has been dominated by H3N2

with type B and H1N1 occurring throughout the season at lower levels than H3N2. "Following the 2009/2010 H1N1 pandemic, we are seeing H1N1 becoming another seasonal influenza strain," says Dr. Mack Sewell, State Epidemiologist with the Department of Health. According to Dr. Sewell, Mexico has also seen a predominance of H3N2 influenza virus this year along with influenza type B.

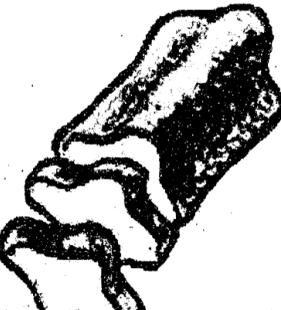
The Department of Health established a cross border influenza surveillance system in conjunction with the Office of Border Health and health officials in Chihuahua, Mexico in 2007/2008. Initially, the system tracked influenza in the Las Cruces, El Paso, Juarez region. Today, the system tracks influenza in

multiple sites along the New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico border. The Department of Health will continue to monitor influenza activity along our border with U.S. and Mexican border health officials.

In a typical season, New Mexico experiences 150-300 estimated deaths due to influenza and related pneumonia. Surveillance for influenza consists of influenza-like illness tracking in clinic sites throughout the state, laboratory surveillance to determine the types of influenza circulating, and death reports.

The Department of Health reports a plentiful supply of vaccine this year. The vaccine protects against all three types of influenza that are circulating.

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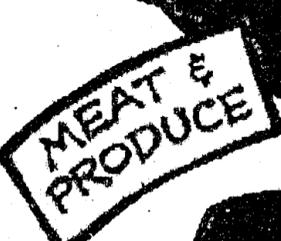


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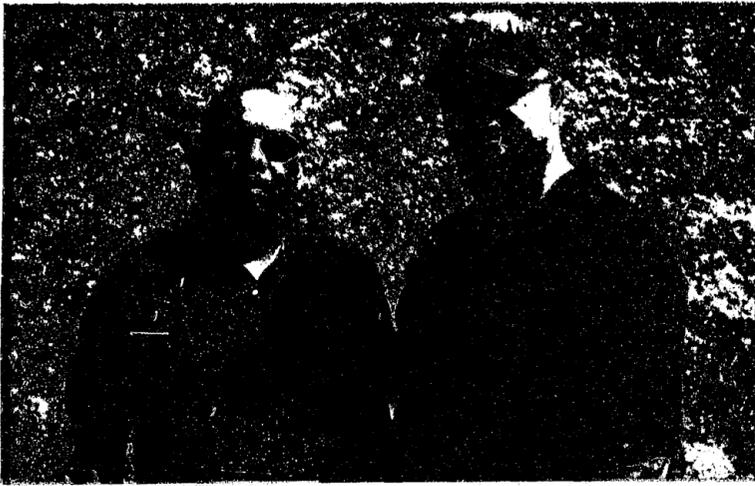
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Victor Montes, left, Director of Community Youth Center Warehouse and Rick Vigil, Summer Food Service Program cook

Youth Center Warehouse wins awards

The Community Youth Center Warehouse was awarded several prestigious awards for its work in the Summer Food Service Program.

"Last summer was the first year CYCW participated in the NM Summer Food Service Program," said director Victor Montes, "and toward the end of the program, we served an average of 200 meals a day, even sending meals to Carrizozo. The free lunch meals were served to youth ages 1 to 18."

Montes said the 2011 program will begin June 6 and run through Aug. 12.

These are the awards that the Community Youth Center Warehouse received at the CYFD State Meeting for Summer Food Service Program this past Summer.

Certificate Of Appreciation

For serving meals to children in the 2010 Summer Food Service Program

through the NM Children, Youth and Families Department.

Awesome Outreach Award

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Seedling Award

For Completing the First Year in the 2010 Summer Food Service Program

Distinguished Person Award

Victor Montes, Community Youth Center Warehouse Director is hereby Honored as a recipient of this year's Award for his enthusiasm, dedication and efforts in the 2010 NM Summer Food Service Program

Big Bang Award

CYCW is Hereby Recognized as being the Best New Sponsor in the 2010 New Mexico Summer Food Service Program.

Two nabbed in robbery attempt

Ruidoso police have two teenagers in custody after an attempted armed robbery at the Diamond Shamrock gas station, 1901 Sudderth, Dr., was foiled when an employee chased the two men, armed with knives, from the premises.

According to police the robbery attempt occurred at 5:43 a.m. Tuesday. The two suspects, an 18-year-old

and a 16-year-old, "attempted to rob the gas station," but fled "before money or merchandise could be stolen."

A description of the pair was relayed to on-duty officers Steve Corbin and Jon Lund, and the suspects were found still in the area. Both were taken into custody without incident and face felony charges.

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SPORTS

RESULTS

March 28

Baseball

Capitan 16, Dora 0

March 29

Softball

Estancia 10, Capitan 5

March 31

Softball

Ruidoso 16, Mesilla Valley 6

Ruidoso 22, Mesilla Valley 1

Boys tennis

NMMI 9, Ruidoso 0

Girls tennis

NMMI 5, Ruidoso 4

April 1

Softball

Capitan 5, Dexter 1

April 2

Baseball

Ruidoso 16, Portales 15

Portales 15, Ruidoso 8

Valley Christian 5, Capitan 3

Capitan 26, Valley Christian 9

Softball

West Las Vegas 20, Ruidoso 9

Ruidoso 17, West Las Vegas 7

SPORTS UPCOMING

April 4

Golf

Capitan at Artesia Tournament, 8 a.m.

April 5

Baseball

Ruidoso at Tularosa (2), 3 p.m.

Gateway Christian at Capitan, 3 p.m.

Softball

Capitan at Estancia, 3 p.m.

Golf

Ruidoso in Coyote Invitational at Spring River Golf Course in Roswell, 10 a.m.

Track and Field

Carrizozo in Mena Panther Invite at Albuquerque, 2 p.m.

April 7

Softball

Mescalero at Ruidoso JV (2), 4 p.m.

April 8

Baseball

Capitan at Elida (2), 3 p.m.

Softball

Loving at Capitan (2), 1 p.m.

Tennis

Ruidoso at Portales Tournament, 9 a.m.

Track and Field

Capitan in Stockyard Invitational at Magdalena, 1 p.m.

Ruidoso at Moriarty Invitational, TBA

April 9

Baseball

Ruidoso at Lovington (2), 1 p.m.

Softball

Alamogordo freshmen at Mescalero (2), 10 a.m.

Tennis

Ruidoso at Portales Tournament, 9 a.m.

Track and Field

Carrizozo, Capitan, Mescalero in Mountain Top Invitational at Cloudcroft, 9 a.m.

Skiing

Ruidoso youth skiing in GS Spectacular at Beaver Creek, Colo.

April 10

Skiing

Ruidoso youth skiing in GS Spectacular at Beaver Creek, Colo.

April 11

Baseball

Lake Arthur at Capitan (2), 3 p.m.

Softball

Ruidoso JV at Mescalero (2), 4 p.m.

Golf

Ruidoso in Leroy Gooch Tournament, 9 a.m.

Capitan at Dexter Tournament, 9 a.m.

April 12

Softball

Lordsburg at Capitan (2), 3 p.m.

Tennis

Portales at Ruidoso, 3 p.m.

Golf

Ruidoso in Leroy Gooch Tournament, 9 a.m.

Ruidoso nine splits with Rams

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Ruidoso baseball team opened its District 4-3A season with a doubleheader against Portales Saturday, and the twin-bill ended as a wash.

Ruidoso rallied for a run in the bottom of the sixth to take a 16-15 victory in the first game, then fell 15-8 in game two when the Warrior pitching ran out of gas.

"We didn't help ourselves, but we didn't hurt ourselves either," said Ruidoso coach Gilbert Alvarado. "I was happy with how we came back in that first game to win it."

Ruidoso (5-8, 1-1 district) came out swinging in the beginning, putting up three runs in the bottom of the first on a pair of doubles by Kayle Frierson and David Kacena, and a sacrifice grounder by Brendan Flack and single by Jacob Vasquez.

The big Warrior inning was the third, as Ruidoso posted five runs on three hits, including a leadoff double by Vasquez.

But the Rams (6-7, 1-1) uncorked a big inning of their own in the top of the fifth, pushing across nine runs on seven hits — all singles — and taking advantage of a pair of Warrior errors.

That began a see-saw affair, as each team would have a big half-inning to retake the lead each time. Ruidoso scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth, while the Rams had four runs in the top of the sixth to tie it at 15-15.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Ruidoso pitcher Brendan Flack delivers during the first game of the Warriors' doubleheader against Portales Saturday at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

All Ruidoso needed was one run to go ahead, and got it in the bottom of the sixth when Kacena, on base with a double, scored on a sacrifice grounder by Forrest Sanchez.

Julian Lopez, the second Warrior pitcher of the day, earned the win by shutting down the Rams in the top of the final inning.

Portales actually ran itself out of the game, as Justin Santibanez was thrown out trying to steal third.

"I'll take the blame on that one," said Portales coach Arturo Ontiveros. "I was hoping to force a throwing error and maybe score. That was my mistake."

It was a similar situation in game two, as Ruidoso took a 3-1

lead after two innings and were riding the solid pitching of Frierson, who was back on the mound after nursing an ankle injury the past two weeks.

But then the Rams scored six runs in the top of the third on just two hits — including back-to-back triples by Brandon Lovato and James Salgado — and never trailed again.

Ruidoso was able to tie the game twice, but seven runs in the fifth and sixth innings by the Rams were too much to overcome.

Hitting-wise, the Warriors had a spectacular day, racking up 26 hits in the two games. Frierson went 4-for-7, including two

doubles and two runs scored in the twin-bill. On the mound, he allowed just two hits and three earned runs through three innings in game two.

"I was glad to see Kayle pitch that well," Alvarado said. "But we need to focus on every pitch and be more consistent. This team has the talent, but now they have to prove it."

The Warriors are on the road today at Tularosa, then get back into district play April 9 with a doubleheader at Lovington.

"We have to sweep Portales and Lovington on the road, and it can be done," Alvarado said. "When our kids get more consistent mentally, we'll be OK."



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Ruidoso catcher Claudia Morales swings for the fence in the first game of her team's softball doubleheader against Mesilla Valley March 31 at Gavilan Canyon Field.

Ruidoso softball sweeps Mesilla

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

First impressions can generally be wrong. Take Ruidoso's Thursday softball doubleheader with Mesilla Valley. Sonblazer Karen Tillery opened with a fly out to right field, and it looked as though the Lady Warriors were going to breeze through the Mesilla lineup.

But then eight straight Sonblazers reached base safely — either walking or getting hit by a pitch — and five scored before Alaitia Enjady was able to get the third out.

Enjady was the third Lady Warrior pitcher in the inning, but ended up earning the win, as Ruidoso wore down the Mesilla Valley pitching and ended up winning 16-6 in five innings.

Game two was even shorter, as the Lady Warriors really opened up the flood gates and pounded out 14 hits — including three home runs — en route to a 22-1 three-inning victory.

Destri Vincent started both games for the Lady Warriors, but she wasn't on her game until the second contest, in which she no-hit the Sonblazers.

Ruidoso, meanwhile, was scoring at will. Claudia Morales had the best day, going 3-for-4 with two home runs, a triple, seven RBI and scoring seven runs.

Of course, she wasn't the only one pounding the ball, particularly in the second game. Vincent also had a home run and a double in game 2, driving in five runs, while Shelby Walker was 2-for-3 with an inside-the-park home run.

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Davis tops at Great 8

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

For one Ruidoso Warrior, the Great 8 Invitational at the Links at Sierra Blanca was a smashing success.

For the Warrior team, it was another struggle.

Jared Davis was one of two top individuals Thursday, shooting an even-par 72 to tie Carlsbad's Ben Kirkes.

"Jared practices all the time, but this was the first time he'd put it all together," said Ruidoso coach Eric Eggleston. "Was I surprised? Yes and no. This was the first time he'd played that well, but I knew he'd had that potential for a while."

The problem for Ruidoso is Davis was the only Warrior in the top 10. As a result, Ruidoso shot 340 as a team and was in seventh place overall, well ahead of Portales, which finished at 384.

The Warriors' score was five shots short of a qualifying leg for the state tournament, but Eggleston was still disappointed.

"You should get a leg on your home course," Eggleston said. "Sam Freed did well, but the rest still need the experience at the competitive level."

The Ruidoso boys and girls teams will be in the Coyote Invite April 5, to be played at the Spring River golf course in Roswell. Tee time is a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Eggleston thinks the course will be kind to his team, particularly Davis, who now needs just one more leg to qualify for state as an individual.

"I don't think earning a third leg on that course will be a problem, depending on the weather," Eggleston said. "I hope he'll do nothing but soar now that he's had a day like he had."

Slow start

The beginning of a new sports season is always marked by kinks that need to be ironed out, and the Ruidoso golf teams have their share of wrinkles to work through.

That was evident Monday and Tuesday, as the boys and girls took part in the Carl and Georgia Seery tournament at Socorro.

"Monday we played OK, Jared Davis earned his first qualifying leg for state," Eggleston said. "The team was in fourth place out of eight after that first day, and that's where we finished overall."

Eggleston said he wasn't surprised



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Ruidoso's Jared Davis chips onto the green on Hole 8 at the Links at Sierra Blanca March 31 during the Great 8 Invitational. Davis tied with Carlsbad's Ben Kirkes for the top individual score on the day.

Great 8 Invitational At the Links at Sierra Blanca Team

1. Hobbs 306, 2. Lovington 314, 3. Goddard 317, 4. Carlsbad 319, 5. Roswell 323, 6. Socorro 332, 7. Ruidoso 340, 8. Portales 384

Individual scores

1. Jared Davis, Rui, 35-37 - 72 tie, Ben Kirkes, Carl, 36-36 - 72
2. Joe Healy, Godd, 39-36 - 72 tie, Jacob Jameson, 36-39 - 75 tie, Will Liakos, Ros, 38-37 - 75 tie, Chase Searcy, Hob, 37-38 - 75 tie, Steven Willis, Godd, 39-36 - 75
8. Taylor Arreola, Lov, 40-36 - 76 tie, Chase Atwood, Hob, 36-40 - 76
10. Kenneth Fadke, Hob, 38-39 - 77
Ruidoso finishers
20. Sam Freed, Rui, 44-38 - 82
27. Brandon Lewis, Rui, 44-45 - 89
34. Jared Taylor, Rui, 47-50 - 97
35. Tyler Coleman, Rui, 51-47 - 98

at Davis' performance on the first day, but he faltered in the morning on Tuesday, leading to Davis and Eggleston taking some risks they might not otherwise have taken in order to make up shots.

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Ruidoso tennis team struggles on

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Ruidoso tennis team isn't having the best year -- a lack of players has been their biggest problem -- but coach Dennis Johnston was happy with the competitiveness his team showed in Artesia over the weekend.

"We didn't have all our kids there, so we had to play our No. 1 players with our No. 4 in doubles, and the scores were actually pretty close," Johnston said.

No. 1 girl Tanner Wapaha was paired with No. 4 Chloe Whipple, and won their first round match to put them in the championship bracket, but then lost their next two, finishing fourth overall.

No. 1 boy Daniel Marshall was likewise paired with No. 4 Diego Rojas, and Johnston was happy with how all players responded to the situation.

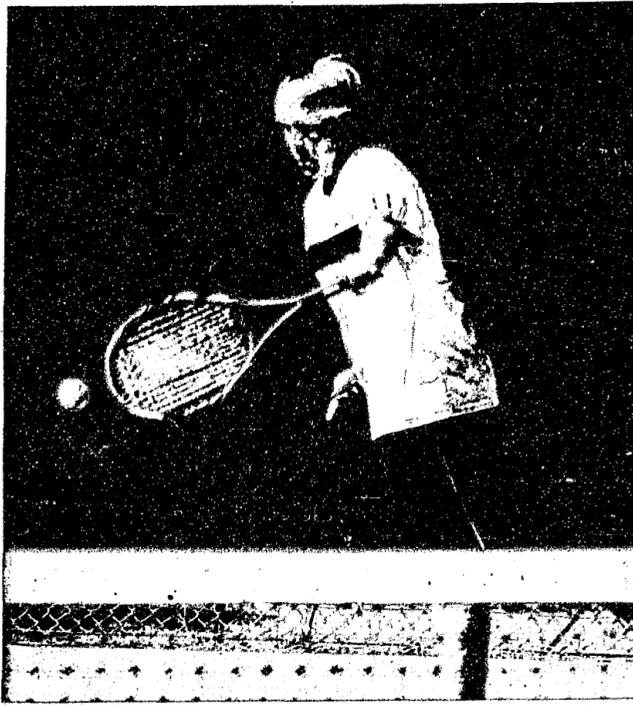
"I thought Tanner played especially well, and Chloe stepped it when she needed to," Johnston said. "Diego was playing at a level way above what he normally played, and he did really well."

Fall to NMMI

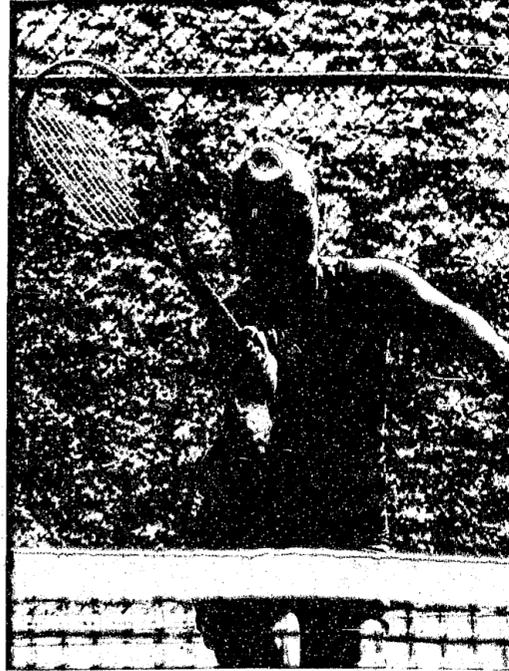
A strong boys and girls contingent from New Mexico Military Institute was in town March 31 and took a pair of wins back to Roswell. The Warriors fell 9-0, while the girls were just edged 5-4.

Lina Espinoza won her singles match against Mariah Garcia at No. 2, while Espinoza and Wapaha put up a fight against the NMMI team of Garcia and Bailey Wohler before falling in three, 2-6, 7-5 and 6-2.

There were similar results when the



Ruidoso's Daniel Marshall returns a serve during the No. 1 boys doubles match against New Mexico Military Institute March 31 at Schoolhouse Park.



Ruidoso's Tanner Wapaha has her eye on the ball during the No. 1 girls doubles match against New Mexico Military Institute March 31 at Schoolhouse Park.

team went to Alamogordo March 29. This time the girls were swept aside by a Lady Tiger team that are defending Class 5A state champions.

"They had a lot coming back, they're that strong at the top," Johnston said.

"They whipped us pretty good."

On the boys side, Marshall fell in what Johnston called a "very competitive" match, losing in three.

The Warriors are next scheduled to travel to the Portales Tournament this

weekend, but Johnston isn't sure a trip is economically feasible, given the small numbers on his squad.

"I don't have that many out for tennis, so it makes it tough," Johnston said. "If I only have half my team, I might not go."

Tiger baseball beats Dora, splits with Valley Christian

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Capitan's baseball team needed a boost after a disappointing finish at the Sertoma Classic in Roswell over the weekend, and they got that boost with a 16-0 shutout of Dora Monday.

"We hit and they didn't," said Capitan coach James Weems. "I was a little worried after how we played at NMMI. The kids were disappointed, but they came out on fire and did well."

Every Capitan player got on base either by hit

walk or some other way, and Josh Bellin-Gallagher led the way with three hits, including a triple. Ruben Mendoza also had a good day, going 2-for-2 with a double and run scored.

Hitting was the only thing that got the Tigers (4-2) the victory. Rudy

Chavez pitched a complete-game no-hitter in a game ended after five innings.

"That was a good opportunity for him, to throw a game like that," Weems said.

Like day and night

Capitan dropped its

first game with Valley Christian Saturday, a low-scoring 5-3 decision in which the Tigers (5-3, 2-1 District 4-1A) scored its only three runs on VCA errors.

The Lions, meanwhile, relied entirely on the long ball, as all five runs came

on home runs hit by Taylor Line and Logan Rader.

Game two was exactly the opposite, as Capitan scored in all but one inning to rattle off a 26-9 victory.

The Tigers host Gateway Christian in a single district game today at 3 p.m.

Top team



Courtesy

The men's first place handicap team at Ruidoso Bowl was (l-r) Jim Clements, Tom Douglas, Joe Shafer, Gene Nitz and Spud Mitchum.

Other winners were: first place women's doubles and scratch Lucy Servies and Donna Viitanen. Servies was also first place singles handicap and scratch and first place all events handicap and scratch.

First place men's doubles handicap was Hubert Lee and Clements, while Clements was also first place singles handicap and first place all events. Douglas and Nitz were named Honorable Mention in doubles scratch.

Bowling

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Tuesday Senior team standings, week 28 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Larry Larry's	30	18	669	152
Old Timers	30	18	548	261
Twisted Sisters	28½	19½	653	167
Serious Not	25½	22½	602	219
Sus Amigos	23	25	636	182
Misfit Bowlers	22	26	609	206
The Who?	22	26	547	262

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, Spud Mitchum 755, Tom Douglas 746.

Men's handicap game -- Richard Dixon 299, Tom Bivens 291, Wayne Viitanen 284.

Women's handicap series -- Pat Townsend 736, Rose Bivens 713, Donna Viitanen 697.

Women's handicap game -- Ursula Eckersley 295, Lucy Servies 274, Lorene Caywood 251.

Individual high averages

Men -- Tom Douglas 217.27, Gene Nitz 205.07, Jim Clements 184.65. Women -- Lucy Servies 160.14, Donna Viitanen 155.26, Pat Townsend 150.10.

Most improved average

Men -- Jim Clements +23.65, Larry Hlndes +20.23, Richard Dixon +18.62. Women -- Rose Bivens +15.99, Jan Wilson +13.47, Donna Viitanen +13.26.

Tuesday Mixed team standings, week 28 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Old Farts & A Kid	32	16	741	92
Rhino Rose	31	17	630	188
Homies	31	17	584	229
Living Energies	24	24	573	238
Knight Riders	24	24	539	269
Pioneer Bank	22	26	533	275
Energy 2 Spare	17	31	593	220
Wild Ride	11	37	444	355

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, Tom Douglas 749, Etienne Turner 730.

Men's handicap game -- Max Cimaron 290; Gene Nitz 279; 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.

Individual high averages

Men -- Tom Douglas 214.12, Gene Nitz 203.97, Ronnie Wright 190.35. Women -- Pam Bernard 171.81, Lucy Servies 159.31, Millie Cimaron 136.14.

Most improved average

Men -- Tom Douglas +20.12, Ronnie Wright +11.35, Gabriel +10.68. Women -- Millie Cimaron +9.14, Diane Willoughby +6.43, Pam Bernard +3.81.

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Solid Lady Tiger defense stops Dexter in their tracks

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

CAPITAN – Capitan's softball team turned in what coach Rodney Griego called "their best performance all year," as pitcher Sidni Hughes held Dexter to just three hits in a 5-1 victory April 1.

The game was a marked improvement from the Tigers' 10-5 loss to Estancia March 29, and Hughes had the day she had because of the solid fielding behind her, something that gave her a lot of confidence in the center circle.

"We worked together today and were a lot happier," Hughes said. "That defense gave me a lot of confidence. Even if they did hit it, I knew the defense would be able to make the play."

The Lady Tigers got on the board first in the



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Capitan right fielder Ashley Reynolds catches a fly ball for an out Friday during her team's win over Dexter.

bottom of the third inning, when Celeste Salcido connected for a double into left center field, then was driven home on a single by Sheryiah Romero.

But the Lady Demons came back in the top of the fourth with a run on a ball hit by Alyssa Sanchez.

The ball fell into right

field for a single, but Capitan fielder Ashley Reynolds tried to get Sanchez out at first, and the ball skipped away from first baseman Salcido. Sanchez made it to second, then scored when the throw to second sailed into the outfield.

It turned out to be

Dexter's only run on the day, and the Lady Tigers were able to answer in the bottom of the fourth when Kymbra Espinosa, on base after an error, scored on a sacrifice grounder by Tera Herrera.

It was the only run Capitan needed, but the Lady Tigers got three more insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth on three hits, including a leadoff double by Hughes.

"I know what these girls are capable of, and I'd been telling them that all year long," Griego said. "Now they're starting to believe it."

Loss to Estancia

Perhaps the Capitan Lady Tigers were still feeling the effects from their rough weekend at the Lindsey Callaway Tournament in Dexter.

It seemed like it in the early innings of their game

against Estancia Tuesday, as the Lady Bears racked up a 8-0 lead after three innings, then held on as Capitan made a slow comeback but ultimately fell 10-5.

A big blow came in the second inning, when the Lady Bears (4-2) scored five runs on three hits, but Capitan coach Rodney Griego said the real difference was errors.

The Lady Tigers committed six errors in the game, three of which led directly to Estancia runs.

"If we didn't have those errors this would be a very different game," Griego said. "That was the only difference."

After Estancia starter Desirae Ortiz held the Lady Tigers to just two runs on two hits through four innings, Capitan batters started very slowly to crawl back into the game, scoring one run in each of the final three innings.

It looked as though the Lady Tigers might really blow things open in the sixth, when Maribel Villegas led off the inning with a triple, then scored on a wild pitch.

But singles by Ashley Reynolds and Teyna Montoya went for naught when Kymbra Espinoza hit a ball straight to Estancia shortstop Courtney Valdez, who tagged Reynolds out heading for third to end the inning.

Montoya went 3-for-3 and scored two runs to lead the Lady Tigers. Hughes pitched the entire game – and of the 10 runs she allowed, only three were earned. She also struck out eight Lady Bears.

"That's the most she's ever had in a game," Griego said. "The pitching was solid, and our hitting was good enough to win, but those errors really killed us."

Numbers hamper small track teams

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

Numbers – a lack of them – have hampered the area's small school track teams this year, and the finish at the Sladé Relays in Tularosa Friday was no exception.

Mescalero, Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona and Hondo were all represented, and the Corona girls had the best finish of any local school, finishing fourth with 31 points.

As in the previous week's Alfalfa Relays in Hagerman, Taylor Huey was the biggest reason the Lady Cardinals did so well. Huey was first in the 100-meter and 400-meter runs, setting meet records and qualifying for state in both events. She also won the 200-meter dash with a state qualifying time of 26.57.

Other local girls to win their events were Hondo's Stephanie Gomez, who won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:43.88, and Capitan's Dusti-Rae Eldridge, whose leap of 9 feet, 6 inches in the pole vault was good enough for both a meet record and state qualifying mark. Eldridge also qualified in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.29.

"We did OK with only five girls,"

said Capitan girls coach Michael Booty. "But the five I have are doing a really good job."

The highest finisher for Carrizozo's girls was Andrea Vigil, who was second in javelin with a throw of 95 feet, 7 inches. Jenna Schartz was third in the 3200-meter run, an event she's come within seconds of qualifying in the past.

The Capitan boys were sixth overall with 40 points, spurred on by winning performances from Caleb Uzeill in the pole vault and Tory Padilla in the 800-meter run. Uzeill's height of 11 feet even was good enough for a state qualifying mark.

Additionally, the Tiger 4x200 relay team was second with a time of 1:38.96.

For Mescalero, Godfrey Cordova had the highest finish with a throw of 139 feet, four inches, good enough for second place.

The Carrizozo boys were also hampered by low numbers. Wade Sultermier had the highest finish of any Grizzly, throwing the discus 106 feet, 3/2 inches for third place.

"We had only 11 boys and girls combined," said Carrizozo coach Pat Ventura. "We've had a lot of injuries, so that's what we've faced all year. But given that, I think we did good."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Golf fundraiser

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association and the Ruidoso High School golf teams will host a scramble at Alto Lakes Country Club, April 17, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. To sign up, call Melissa Miguez at Cree Meadows at 257-5815.

Wilderness pacers

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department is challenging Ruidoso residents to walk, run or jog for health.

Participants are asked to predict how long it will take them to cover a short or long course without wearing a watch in a competition against yourself. The participant closest to their predicted time receives a T-shirt. Staff from parks and recreation will time all individuals.

Races are run at the Links Sierra Blanca Trail every Wednesday evening starting at 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. The event is open to all ages. For more information, call 257-5030.

Alumni football

Alumni from Capitan and Carrizozo high schools will return to the gridiron April 8 for the first annual Capitan vs. Carrizozo alumni football game at Laab Field in Carrizozo.

Tickets are \$10 each, and children 5 and under are free. Half of the proceeds from all tickets sold in advance go to the participating schools. Tickets can be purchased from students at either school or from any alumni player.

The roster for Carrizozo's team, with class year, is – Nathan Beltran 2007, Greg Vigil 2008, Robert Dutchover 2007, John Green 2001, Johnny Beltran 2007, Joe

Samora 2005, Eric Koriscil 2007, Jeremy Zamora 2009, Casey Barela 2008, Ryan Roper 2000, Chaz Zamora 2007, Anthony Archuleta 1993, Jake Narvez 1989, Jesse Samora 2005, Rafael Chavez 1992, Daniel Hernandez 2010, Sam Green 2005, Troy Koriscil 2009, Josh Vega 2000, Jack Green 2005, George Vega 1994, Michael Barela 1993, Abe Padilla 1990, Simon Beltran 2000, Kevin Sheehan 1991, Bryan Bartz 2002, Stephan Najar 2010, Damian Luna 1992, Pat Ventura 1980, LeRoy Zamora 1992, Carlos Samora 2010, Jesse Green 2006, Val Reyes 1992, James Verdugo 2000, Alfonso Lucero 1992, Matt Dutchover 2010, Jace Ventura 2007, Cody Ventura 2010, Lane Dixon 2002, Adam Samora 2000.

Football fundraiser

A full contact football game to benefit the Ruidoso High School athletic program, will be played April 15 at 7 p.m. at Horton Stadium.

All equipment, including helmets, shoulder pads, leg pads and uniforms, will be supplied. Insurance will also be provided.

Cost to play is \$75 and practices are held Sundays at 1 p.m. at the RHS practice field. You do not have to be an RHS graduate to play.

All presale tickets go directly to the RHS athletic program and cost \$10. You may purchase them from Kief Johnston at 808-3076 or Erik Padilla at (505) 331-0353. Interested players may also sign up at www.alumnifootballusa.com.

For more information, contact Adam Delanda at (575) 491-8540 or Erik Padilla at (505) 331-0353.

SOFTBALL

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"Destri was just more relaxed in the second game, there was too much pressure on her in the first," said Ruidoso coach Sal Beltran about the difference in Vincent's pitching between games. "That comes with experience."

Lady Don split

Ruidoso opened with a 20-9 loss to West Las Vegas Saturday, then turned it around to defeat the Lady Dons 17-7 in five innings in game two.

Vincent was again the starting pitcher for both games, and Beltran said she was once again a bit too nervous in the first

contest.

The game started out alright for the Lady Warriors (8-6), as Vincent held West Las Vegas scoreless in the first – despite allowing two baserunners with one out.

Even after the Lady Dons scored four runs in the top of the second, Ruidoso was able to answer in the bottom of the inning with a pair of runs when Catherine Landry and Vincent each crossed the plate on a single by Brandi Gruevara and sacrifice grounder by Amanda Bryant.

But then came the third inning, and the wheels came off for Ruidoso.

The first 10 baserunners reached safely for West Las Vegas (5-7) and all 10 scored before the first out could be recorded. By then Guevara had taken over the pitching duties and walked three more batters before the final out was recorded.

"Errors killed us again," Beltran said. "Without all those errors, it would have been 10 less runs for them and we're right in it."

District 4-3A play starts for Ruidoso April 15, when the Lady Warriors host Lovington in a double header starting at 4 p.m. at Gavilan Canyon Field.

GOLF

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"We made some mistakes there, trying to play very aggressively," Eggleston said. "Normally, I wouldn't have the No. 1 man taking those risks, but we were so far back as a team, I tried to get some individual goals met."

On the girls side, coach Melissa

Miguez said her girls learned a hard lesson in the first tournament of the season.

"That first day was rough, but they came back the second day and played a bit better," Miguez said. "They'll have to work hard before they play in the next tournament."

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Local artist's works in Fine Art Show, Albuquerque



Local artist, Victoria Mauldin's work will be on display at the 13th Annual Master Works of New Mexico Miniature Fine Art Show, April 1-30 at Expo NM in Albuquerque. Miniature art is fine art on a small scale with minute attention to detail, and requires details which can sustain close inspection or magnification without loss. Miniature Fine Art is juried and judged in its totality, on techniques, and essence of miniature.

Both of Mauldin's pieces measure 5x5 inches and depict local wildlife, Mauldin laughs when she tells the story that after completing two paintings she rechecked the specifications only to discover that she had painted two pieces that measured 6x6 inches and therefore did not qualify for

entry in the Master Works show. However she says, "I just kept on painting, but this time on 5x5 boards and completed them in time to sub-

mit. I am really glad I didn't give up as this is my first time to enter a miniature show. Painting so small is very intriguing and skill oriented. Besides, now I have two great 6x6 pieces that I also just love!"



In addition to the Master Works Show in April, Mauldin will also be in the Celebration of the Arts Show in Midland, Texas on May 20-22.

Far left, "The Mustang They Call Snow" and at left, "A Break From The Weather"

Lenten services at Shepherd of the Hills

The Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1120 Hull Rd., Ruidoso, and Pastor Thomas Schoech offers its continuing mid-week Lenten services, with the theme "By His Stripes - Healing Wounded Relationships."

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A soup supper begins at 5:30 p.m. with services to follow at 6:30.

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Heart rocks the Inn of the Mountain Gods

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

For concert-goers of a certain age, and there were a lot of us on hand March 31 for the Heart concert at Inn of the Mountain Gods, watching Ann and Nancy Wilson perform likely brought back vivid memories flashing back nearly four decades.

Heart has always been an interesting group long known for strong live performances, yet it's these live shows that lay bare one of the band's most intriguing mysteries.

In the early 70's, of course, it was the two sisters thing that drew a lot of attention to the band, and of the two, most — at least the guy friends I hung out with — were drawn to Nancy, the gorgeous blonde that could play such a mean guitar.

Make no mistake, Nancy is an extremely fine guitarist, but she never has been, as evidenced Thursday, Heart's "lead" guitar player.

That role was, and has been for a number of years, filled by Craig Bartock, who quietly but quite ably stepped up to provide the many distinctive power riffs that radio listeners around the world have always attributed to the

younger of the two Wilson sisters.

And while it might seem a bit unfair to point it out, one of the more amazing aspects of Thursday's show is that these ladies aren't exactly spring chickens any more.

Ann, believe it or not, is performing better at 60 than at several previous shows I've seen, and one would be hard-pressed to believe that Nancy just turned 57 what with all the jumping around and hair tossing that as long been a trademark of a Heart performance.

And the music was solid, a blend of the old and new, with the show ending on a seemingly odd note, yet one that the sisters have been incorporating into their set list for years.

The set itself was sterling, a mixture of the classics such as "Dog and Butterfly," "Crazy on You," "These Dreams" — featuring Nancy on vocals — "Magic Man" and "Barracuda."

New songs, mainly from 2010's "Red Velvet Car," included that title track, "WTF" and the best of the new entries, "Hey You."

Now, given this band has produced no less than 13 studio albums and has no shortage of hits, it does seem a bit bizarre that they would end their shows with a couple of cover songs.

But like many Heart mysteries, the band has been doing this for years, although it's the first time I've seen them limit their encore to Led Zeppelin, in this case "What is and What Should Never Be," and "Misty Mountain Hop."

While the choice may have left some listeners scratching their heads, the performances themselves were stellar, proving strongly that if anyone can realistically challenge Robert Plant on vocals, it would be Ann Wilson.

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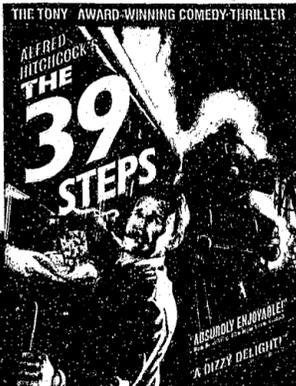
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Winner of two 2009 Tony Awards, two 2009 Drama Desk Awards and London's 2008 Olivier Award for Best New Comedy... *The 39 Steps* mixes an Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, adds a dash of Monty Python and gives you Broadway's longest-running

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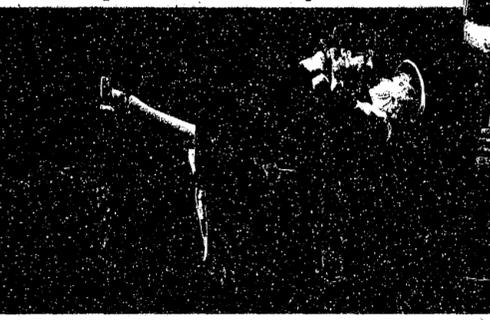
The story of *The 39 Steps* follows an in-



on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt.

The show is packed with shadowy conspiracies, clever schemes, non-stop laughter and bizarre characters. There's also an on-stage plane crash, missing fingers, handcuffed comedy and good old-fashioned romance.

For more information, visit www.spencertheater.com or call (888) 818-7872.



ous who-done-it that's part drama, part farce — and definitely an athletic event — with 150 zany character costume changes (some of the transformative changes take place in less than a minute), plus loads of mystery, metaphor, clever stage

nocent man on the run. The suspect leads a stereotypical ho-hum boring life until he meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon after, a mysterious organization called *The 39 Steps* is hot

Swinging it home from the Backforty Bunkhouse

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Spend a few hours with Joe Baker listening as he does his weekly Backforty Bunkhouse show on W105, and one quickly realizes that this is a guy that dances to his own drummer.

Or make that steel guitar ... and Western Swing.

"The thing is, at one time this music was so popular ... and now it's started to fade away," Baker said while pawing through a pile of CDs ... searching for just that right blend of fiddle and steel guitar.

"There's a lot of disc jockeys that do play Western Swing, and everyone of them, including me, thinks that they're keeping it in the forefront," Baker said.

"And I like that each of them is thinking that ... it keeps us all going."

Baker recently celebrated his eighth year with W105 and the show, as well as the widespread public response from his broadcasts, keeps him busy.

A champion of independent music, Baker said he receives 60 to 80 unsolicited CDs in his mailbox every week.

"And I do listen to them," Baker said, "but I can usually tell within the first three or four seconds if it's something I can use."

Baker deftly avoids explaining exactly how he went from being a horse handicapper in Texas to spinning Western Swing tunes over the radio, but its clear his love affair with the genre in all encompassing.

And with the new technology — think satellite radio — Baker's show is listened to around the world as evidenced by the scores of emails he receives weekly.

Over the years, Baker has collected a number of awards, including several nominations for Disc Jockey



of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists before finally receiving the award in 2004, the same year he was inducted into the Cowtown Society of Western Music's Hall of Fame.

In 2007, he was inducted into the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest's Hall of Fame. 2008 saw Baker inducted into the Western Swing Music Society of Seattle — Pioneers of Western Swing Hall of Fame and in 2009, Baker joined the Western Swing

Society, Sacramento's Hall of Fame.

For all his work and promotional activities, Baker isn't about to stop bringing the songs of such luminaries as Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys to listeners wherever they're located.

"I would like to thank Jean Stoddard for allowing me to continue my Backforty Bunkhouse Show for all these years," Baker said. "To Sunny Hirshfield, for working with during the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, to my radio mentor, Larry Scott, who keeps me running the straight line. And I would also like to thank a dear friend, Will Rooney, for his expertise in making my job easier."

Others Baker insisted on thanking were Brady Bowen and Swing Country; Jim Tomlinson; the Hatch Chile Festival; the Desperados, his partner, Howard Higgins in Big Spring, Texas; and MTD Media General Manager Lisa Morales and "Kim Smith for putting up with me."

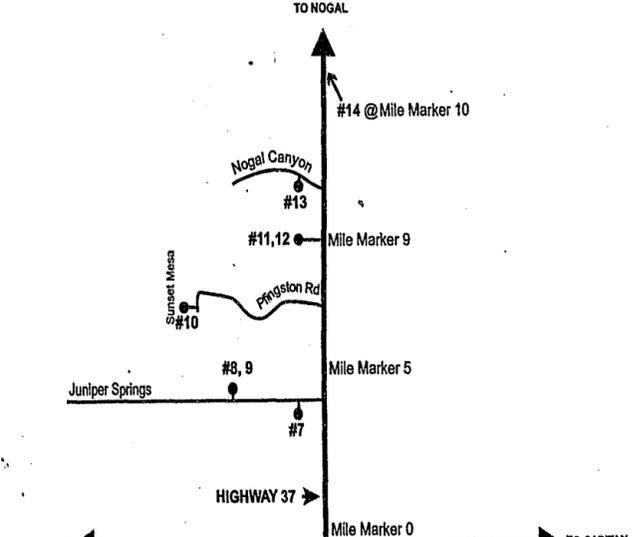
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- #2 Logan Howe - Glass Jewelry
- #3 Alex Kraft - Ceramics
- Highway 48 (Mile Marker 13)
- #4 Zoe de Negri - Jewelry
- #5 Jeannle Adams - Painting on Rock
- #6 Linda Coperton - Silk Painting, Wearable Art
- 103 Juniper Springs Road
- #7 Jim Wall - Oil Painting, Acrylic on Wood
- 130 Juniper Springs Road
- #8 Madeleine Saba - Wood and Ceramics
- #9 Steve Saba - Wood Turning
- 158 Cuffset Mesa
- #10 Sandy Hartley - Etched/stained/mixed media glass, fiber art furniture
- 1037 Highway 37 (Mile Marker 9)
- #11 Sheryl Savas - Photography
- #12 Scott Goewey - Pottery
- Nogal Canyon Road
- #13 Georgina Stacy - Wood and Metal Sculpture
- 1125 Highway 37 (Mile Marker 10)
- #14 Leroy Anderson - Jewelry, Beadwork



For more information, contact Madeleine 575-354-0201

By special arrangement with Samuel French

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will be presented in The Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Complex (RSPAC) at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings April 8, 9, 15 and 16

Tickets at the door are \$12 and \$10 in advance at the following locations: High Country Lodge and The Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce.

Advance purchase tickets available beginning Monday, April 4. Preview the dress and technical rehearsals for \$5 at the door on Thursdays April 7 and 14. Curtain 7 p.m.

Contact phone: Ruidoso High School 575-258-4910 inks@ruidososchools.org

On the Town

Give them a healthy snack

Dining

My kids are always hungry when they get home from school, so we always try to have something healthy ready for them to eat after a long day of learning. One of their favorite things to eat is a tuna melt. They are a quick and easy treat that are healthier than most after school snacks.

I don't like to use pickle relish in this recipe because it has sugar added to it, and the tuna and my kids do not need any added sugar! Look for high quality solid albacore tuna with the name "fancy" on the package. This will be high quality large white meat, which will be much better than "chunk light meat" which is another name for skipjack, a lower-quality tuna.

If you like tuna sandwiches, you're going to love tuna melts.



Brendan Gochenour

Tuna Melt

Ingredients

- 4- 6 oz. cans albacore tuna drained very well
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 green onions, sliced thin
- 1/2 cup small dill pickles, diced finely
- 1/3 cup finely-diced red

- onion
- 1/3 cup finely-diced celery
- 1/2 clove garlic, finely diced
- Kosher salt to taste
- Fresh ground black pepper to taste

- 1 French loaf cut about 1/2 inch and toasted
- 1 large tomato sliced in 8 cuts
- 8 slices sharp cheddar cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place tuna in a large bowl and break it up with a tuna breaking device - aka: a fork. Next, add mayonnaise, pickles, onions,

celery, salt and pepper and mix very well.

Place the toasted bread on a cookie sheet and place some tuna on top of the toast. Top each one with a tomato and a slice of cheddar cheese. Place in the oven for 5 minutes and enjoy.

I hope you enjoy this recipe and don't forget to check out my Facebook page for past recipes and photos or drop me a line at askchefbrendan@gmail.com
Happy cooking!

On the Town

entertainment calendar

TUESDAY APRIL 5

Quarterly Chamber Breakfast at Innsbrook Village Resort from 8 to 9 a.m. Breakfast presentation by PNM Vice President for Regulatory Affairs Ron Darnell. Updates about the PNM Rate Case, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and how they might affect you. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **PNM Energy Efficiency Workshop** for the Hospitality, Property Management and Business Community. This overview by energy efficiency experts will give the ins and outs how PNM customers can take advantage of PNM energy efficiency rebates and reduce their electric usage. Meet Ruidoso contractors trained to offer the PNM rebate programs. This is a can't-miss event for PNM business customers in property management. You are welcome to attend both events. Please RSVP to Amy Miller at (505) 241-2721.

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

Preschool Story time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. Spring stories—and special bird craft project! 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.yousemore.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 APRIL 7

Jagermeister Country Tour featuring Dierks Bentley Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25 and are on sale now. The Jagermeister Music Tour is celebrating its 20th year on the road, and 2011 brings them to Mescalero!



Headlining the 30-city tour is country star Dierks Bentley. With gold and platinum-certified albums under his belt, Bentley's first single from his latest album is expected to hit this spring. More Info: 575-464-7777 Web: www.innofthemountaingods.com

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

FRIDAY APRIL 8

Sheng Zhen Qi Gong at the High Mesa Healing Center will be held each Friday and Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. during the month of April. Facilitated by Barbara Humble. Everyone is invited to attend. Donations are welcome.

Red Feather Theater Company Presents "Peter Pan" at the Ruidoso High School Performing Arts Complex. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Advance tickets are sold at High County Lodge and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and are \$10. Advance tickets will be available starting Monday, April 4th. Performance starts at 7 p.m. Come see the play about the boy who doesn't want to grow up. More Info: Ruidoso Visitor Center: 1-877-784-3676 Web: www.ruidosonow.com

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 Coun-

try 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 Eliminators perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant and Cantina on Mechem Drive from 7 to 9 p.m.

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

Music & Video w/ DJ Mike at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant in Midtown Ruidoso from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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

SATURDAY APRIL 9

Joan of Arc themes by Joanie Malkerson 16 Malkerson Modern Art Gallery on historic 12th Street. Art exhibition goes til April 16th. More Info: 575-648-2598

High Mesa Artists Studio Tour Nogal, NM. 14 artists and 8 studios along hwy 37 open their studios from 10 am - 5 pm Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm Sunday. More Info: Madeline Sabo: 575-354-0201

Altrusa Fashion Show and Tea Alto Lakes Country Club, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Silent auctions starts at 1 p.m. MC: Jill VanGilder. Fashions provided by, Brunell's, The Bay Window, Chic Boutique, St. Bernard's, Michelle's, Rebekah's, and the Alto Lakes Pro Shop. Reserved tables available for parties of 10. Proceeds support our many community service projects. More Info: Terry Trotter: 575-258-4615

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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 is 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 (bet-

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

Simulcast Horse Racing at Billy the Kid's Race Book at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino. Simulcast races are shown live from across the country and betting windows are open to place your wager. Billy's Race Book also serves delicious food and has a full bar. If you love horse racing, it is the place to go every day.

Monday, April 4th. Performance starts at 7 p.m. Come see the play about the boy who doesn't want to grow up. More Info: Ruidoso Visitor Center: 1-877-784-3676 Web: www.ruidosonow.com

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

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MONDAY APRIL 11

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Community United Methodist Church
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120 LEGAL NOTICES INVITATION FOR BID
Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed competitive bids on IFB #11-012 for the purchase of two (2) or more Pup Dump Trailers.

Bids will be received at Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse located at 311 Center St., Ruidoso, NM 88345 until 2:00 p.m. local time, Friday, April 15, 2011. Submitted bids will be transported and opened at the Annex Building at 421 Wingfield. Any bids received after closing time will be rejected and returned unopened.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the bid at the Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse at 311 Center St. Ruidoso, NM or by calling 575/257-2721.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive all formalities as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

Vicki Eichelberger
Village of Ruidoso
Purchasing Agent

LEGAL NOTICE
The Ruidoso Planning Commission will hold a public meeting at its regular meeting scheduled on April 19, 2011 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will

100 PUBLIC/SPECIAL NOTICES

120 LEGAL NOTICES, cont.
begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the public meeting is to consider case #PLBFP11-001 a Preliminary & Final Plat Request for the following property:
601 Excalibur
Lot 1, Block 3,
Camelot Mountain Tracts

By order of the Planning Commission
Shawn Fort
Building Official

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178 Blue Spruce
Lot 23, Block 32, Unit V
Ponderosa Heights Subdivision

By order of the Planning Commission
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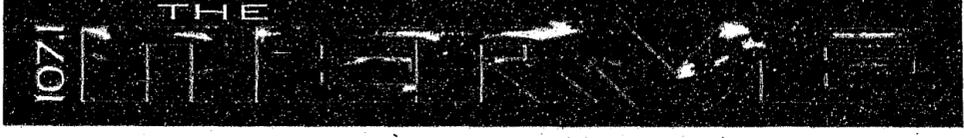
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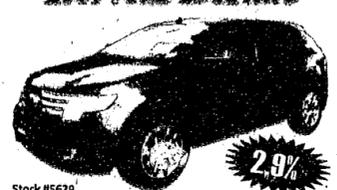
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