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## Sanchez admits interest in Senate seat

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Lt. Gov. John Sanchez admitted Thursday he's "looking very closely" at entering the Republican primary to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, and that while he intends on "making a decision soon," he was confident he could emerge victorious from a contentious primary campaign.

Sanchez made the comments while visiting Ruidoso, one stop on a whirlwind tour of southeast New Mexico that included a visit to a Rotary convention at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca.

While taping a radio show Thursday, Sanchez touched on the successes of the recent legislative session in Santa Fe, including adopting a balanced budget despite what he termed "a huge shortfall of nearly one-half billion dollars left by the previous administration."

"I want to emphasize the pressure was there to raise taxes," Sanchez said, but "fiscal sanity" prevailed.

"By using a common sense approach, not a single state employee will be forced to take a furlough."

Sanchez's greater effort must still be made to further reduce "the amount of regulation on business, including the hurdles that prevent our state's oil and gas industry from getting back on its feet."

Getting New Mexico "back to work" remains a top priority of Gov. Susana Martinez, he said.

Business, Sanchez said, "will follow the path of least resistance," adding that "bringing sound science back to making decisions" would help to lead business on the path to New Mexico.

Still, he said, "I'm very pleased with the past legislative session."

Sanchez said there is a strong possibility Martinez will call a special session to tackle the state's looming redistricting process.

"The goal is to ensure that each district is fair, competitive and an equal community," Sanchez said, adding that a democratically-controlled legislature and a Republican governor could pose special challenges in the process that must, by law, be undertaken every 10 years.

"We're going to do everything in our power to make sure the process is fair," Sanchez said.

Sanchez also touched on other issues, including praising local responders for tackling the recent White Fire during its earliest hours before reinforcements could arrive.

"The real heroes of this were the local responders," Sanchez said. "As tragic as this fire was, it could have been much worse."

He praised Martinez's visit to the area as proof of the administration's promise to "provide all of the resources available to the state of New Mexico" to the fight, including offering firefighters from across the state.

"They are all just true professionals," Sanchez said. "I cannot say enough about the people who risk their lives all of the time for us."



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press  
Sheryl Saavedra, a Rotary assistant district governor from Roswell, met with New Mexico Lt. Gov. John Sanchez Thursday, April 14 at a Rotary district convention at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca.

## Arrest in Oscuro murder

By Patrick Jason  
Rodriguez

Reporter

A 39-year-old Oscuro man was fatally shot last week following an incident at his residence, according to documents filed in Magistrate Court.

Following a call that had been placed into 911 at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 11, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department deputies arrived at 10795 Highway 54 in Oscuro and discovered the body of Scott Frederick Markant lying on the ground near a garden on his property, according to documents.

James Luke Miller, 26, of Carrizozo, was arrested and later charged with first-degree murder and tampering with evidence in connection with the incident, according to documents. According to a statement of probable cause filed the next day by Sgt. Ken Cramer, Miller shot Markant multiple times with a shotgun, fled the scene before deputies had arrived, returned the scene after deputies had arrived, and then confessed to witnesses to having shot the victim.

Assisting Cramer in the arrest were Deputies Neil Cox and Weston Hacker. New Mexico State Police officers assisted in serving warrants at the crime scene and in searching Miller's listed residence at 1106 Fifth St. in Carrizozo, according to Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Shepperd.

Miller's bond was originally set at \$100,000 cash only.

Miller was arraigned in Magistrate Court on April 12. Judge Martha Proctor set Miller's bond at \$500,000 cash only. Proctor said she increased the amount because of the severity of the charges against Miller.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m. April 26 in Magistrate Court. Miller is currently being held at the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Authorities only released the name and age of the victim April 14, nearly 72 hours following the discovery of Markant's body. Shepperd said the delay was to allow for the next of kin to be notified.

When asked about the connection between Miller and Markant, Shepperd said that the two were acquaintances.

One of Miller's relatives had a connection to the victim, while another relative had been at the scene of the crime, according to Shepperd.

Miller's stepsister, whose name has not been released by authorities, was a girlfriend of Markant, according to Shepperd. Miller's sister, Amanda Miller, from a cell phone had placed the call into 911, Shepperd said.

## Rodeo Queen and Princess



Courtesy photo  
The Lincoln County Rodeo Club announced the Queen and Princess for the 2011 year. Shelby Quinn was named Queen and Chaeli Hoehn was named Princess. The LCRC season kicked off April 8-9 with rodeos both Saturday and Sunday. The next rodeo is scheduled for May 14-15 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

## Unemployment up slightly in Lincoln County

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Reporter

The unemployment rate in Lincoln County increased by one-tenth of a point to 7.4 percent from January to February, according to the most recent employment statistics released last month by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

The slight increase was on par with the rest of New Mexico, where the jobless rate rose by one-tenth of a point to 8.9 percent

from January to February.

The national unemployment rate was at 8.8 percent in March, a modest improvement from the previous month, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, yet the lowest standing in the past two years.

The figures released by the department say that 793 of 10,693 individuals in the workforce in Lincoln County were unemployed in February. This is a slight increase from February 2010, when 821 of 10,579 individuals (or 7.7 percent) eligible to work

were unemployed.

Employment statistics for Ruidoso and surrounding municipalities are not known. Other than the larger metropolitan statistical areas in the state — comprising Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Santa Fe and Farmington — the department does not conduct employment figures for individual municipalities.

Although the pace of employment at the state and county levels seem to have languished

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Easter egg hunt**

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Kids will go after eggs in four age groups – Ages 1-2, Ages 3-4, Ages 5-7 and Ages 8-10. There will also be fire engine rides and special appearances by the Easter Bunny and Smokey Bear. For more information, call 257-5030.

**Shredding day**

Ruidoso Lincoln County Crimestoppers is hosting the first annual identity theft Shred Day, April 30, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Lawrence Brothers IGA parking lot at 721 Mechem Drive. Bring your sensitive, outdated documents – such as bank and credit card statements, tax information and anything else that has sensitive personal information – to IGA so they can be shredded and your identity remain safe.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 or more for shredding, and all proceeds benefit Lincoln County Crimestoppers.

**Keep Ruidoso Beautiful**

A community cleanup, sponsored by Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, will be held starting at 8 a.m., April 30, at Schoolhouse Park. Gloves, trash bags and T-shirts will be provided for crews to clean up neighborhoods around the village. There is also a roll-off behind the swimming pool for trash from neighborhoods. No construction material, please. For more information, call 257-5030.

**Drug collection**

The Ruidoso Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by collecting expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring your expired medications for disposal to the Ruidoso Police Department at 1085 Mechem Dr., across from the Ruidoso Main Post Office. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

**Hospice fundraiser**

Get ready for the annual Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation fundraiser, to be held April 30 at Flying J Ranch. Doors open at 6 p.m., and admission is \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids 12 and under. There will be a silent auction, chuckwagon supper and an old west stage show put on by the Flying J Wranglers.

The annual fundraiser assists Lincoln County residents with the cost of end of life care.

**Siren testing**

Tests of the Ruidoso Downs emergency sirens will be held in alignment with Ruidoso's tests, starting at 5 p.m. May 1. Tests will run the 1st and 15th of every month except from their on.

**Ruidoso Fiesta**

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

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

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

**Self defense seminar**

A self defense class for women and girls will be held May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Community Youth Center Warehouse. Cost is \$20 to preregister, or \$25 at the door, space permitting.

Tim Coughlin, 3rd degree Black Belt in the Tri Martial Arts Federation, will teach the class. Check in is from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Because of the subject matter of the class, it is not recommended very young girls be enrolled.

For more information or to pre-register, call Victor Montes at 630-0318, Tim Coughlin at 973-5469, or stop by the Community Youth Center Warehouse at 200 Church Dr.

**Community Warehouse fundraiser**

The Southern New Mexico Tribe of Survivors MC will host a lottery and benefit run for the Community Youth Center Warehouse, Aug. 20, starting with 9:30 a.m. registration at the 200 Church Dr. The escorted 1-hour scenic motorcycle ride leaves at 11 a.m., and cost is \$10 per bike, \$15 with passenger.

There will be live music by the Home Grown Boys, lottery poker prizes for high and low hands, bike washing and door prizes. For more information, call (915) 355-6145, (575) 494-1033 or (575) 808-3267.

**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.

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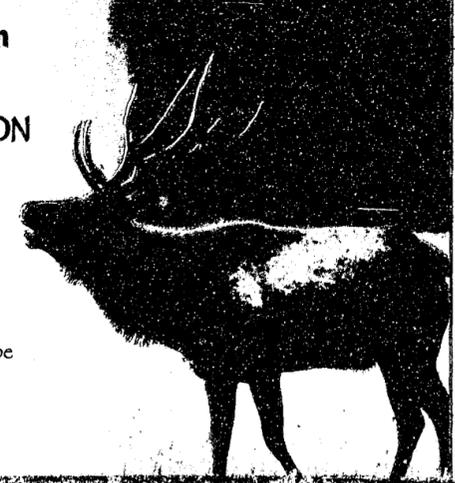
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For more information, call 430-7258.

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

**The Lincoln County Garden Club** meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Otero County Electric co-op, on Highway 48 in Alto, at 9:45 a.m. Visitors are welcome. The Garden Club's purpose is to encourage community beautification and conservation, and to educate members in the arts and sciences of horticulture. For more information, call 973-2890.

**The Lincoln County Regulators**, members of the Single Action Shooters Society, hold matches the second Saturday of every month at the Ruidoso Gun Range located on Hale Lake Road. Registration is at 9 a.m., matches start at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to participate or watch the action. During the shooting matches, all other shooting is suspended. For more information, call Avery (AKA. Rowdy Lane) at 937-9297.

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

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

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

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

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

**Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club** meets every Monday at 11 a.m. at 116 S. Evergreen Dr. A pot luck lunch is at noon followed by cards, Bridge and Mah Jongg. The Quilters group meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays; Yoga every Wednesday. Call 257-2309 for further information.

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

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

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

**The Carrizozo Roadrunners Chapter** of the Lincoln County Extension Association meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Otero county Electric Cooperative community room on 12th Street in Carrizozo. Chapter meetings are open to anyone interested. For more information, call Barbara VanGorder at 575-648-9805 or Doris Cherry at 354-2673.

**The Democratic Women** of the Sacramento Mountain Area meet the third Saturday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Hut on North Mechem. For more information, visit [www.dwsma.org](http://www.dwsma.org).

**The Federated Republican Women** of Lincoln County meet the fourth Monday of each month at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring a brown bag lunch. This month's meeting, April 25 at 11:30 a.m., will feature Susan Tully, National Director for American Immigration Reform, and Rhonda Burroughs, Lincoln County Clerk.

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# Alborn ejects critic from council meeting

By Eddie Farrell  
Editor

The impatience was evident on Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn's face as former village employee - and frequent council critic - Ken Mosley again accused village officials of inappropriately spending supplemental gross receipts tax revenues.

But when Mosley loudly accused the village's long-time bond attorney Chris Muirhead of "lying," Alborn sprang to his feet and looked ready to hurl himself into a physical altercation.

Instead, Alborn ordered Police Chief Joe Magill to remove Mosley from the chambers, which was accomplished without further incident.

The outburst came during an otherwise seemingly routine matter - the village was looking to refinance up to \$1 million in bonds and a settlement payment with the village of Capitan over water rights, and was told it could do so at reduction of interest payments of 10.5 percent to 3.2 percent, saving the village thousands of dollars in interest.

"\$105,000 in savings, to be exact," Alborn said.

To pay off the refinanced bonds, the village will commit revenues from water department receipts and SMGRT revenues.

When the public hearing opened, Mosley, the village's former director of waste-

water collection, accused officials of misusing the gross receipts funds by padding the costs of the water department operations with unrelated administrative charges.

According to Village Manager Debi Lee, Mosley stopped working for Ruidoso "about four years ago," before taking a similar position with the city of Ruidoso Downs, where he is married to the city's finance director, Terri Mosley.

Mosley said he couldn't understand why the village simply didn't pay off the \$100,000 settlement with Capitan with SMGRT funds as "that's what they're there for," and challenged the village's inclusion of payment of a settlement with the Forest Guardians, which essentially forced the \$40 million upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, in the refinance.

Still listed as a \$1 million liability, Mosley asserted "that amount should be down. I paid on that myself."

Yet another challenge was leveled at the village over a clause allowing village departments to be exempt from paying for water use - a condition Lee insisted has always been in place and never utilized.

At that point, Lee responded to Mosley, saying she had "repeatedly invited you to come talk with me," but instead, Lee charged, Mosley chose to "badger us" publicly.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant, Financial

Advisor Mark Valenzuela and Muirhead all insisted the village had conducted due diligence in the refinance and everything was above board.

Bryant said the only administrative costs charged to the water department "are those associated with the capital projects," adding that he and village officials "we're being careful, thoughtful ... and scrupulously complying with the law" when putting the refinance package together.

When Mosley continued to criticize the board, Alborn closed the public hearing and asked for council discussion.

As Councilor Jim Stoddard was remarking that the refinance was "a cost savings," and a "common sense measure," Mosley again began hurling comments from the audience section, prompting Alborn to evict him from the chamber.

Alborn also said he had directed Bryant to "not respond" to future Mosley complaints.

Despite Mosley's concerns, the Village Council granted unanimous approval to move forward with the refinancing.

The issue, however, is clearly not over. Alborn has already criticized Ruidoso Downs for naming Mosley as the city's alternate to the Joint Use Board, the authority that has oversight on the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Ruidoso Downs officials, however, said Mosley's appointment is within the bylaws of the agreement creating the JUB, and he will serve as the city's duly-appointed alternate.

The JUB is next scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. April 20 in the Ruidoso Council Chambers.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT

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over the past couple months, Mark Boyd, director of economic research and analysis with the Department of Workforce Solutions, said that Lincoln County is doing OK when compared with other counties in the state.

"Most of the jobs in Lincoln County are in the leisure and hospitality industries," said Boyd, "and a lot of the layoffs we are seeing are seasonal positions when tourism dips. That should change there when tourism picks up."

Boyd added that because the economy in Ruidoso and the surrounding areas is driven by tourism, the price of gasoline in the coming months will play a major role in how many will be employed in the service-oriented industry. He suggested that if people drive into the area rather than travel by airplane to a larger populated destination, there's a greater chance those travelers will end up in places such as Ruidoso that cater to seasonal tourists and spend money, which might push business owners into hiring, even if only on a temporary basis.

Boyd said that the filing of unemployment insurance claims should play a factor into forecasting job growth. The number of those continuing claims without earning in Lincoln County was at 213.

"As far as unemployment rates go," said Boyd, "Lincoln (County) is in the bottom quarter, which is not bad."

Sue Stockly, an associate professor of economics at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, agreed.

"Even a little bit of increase in employment in Lincoln County is good news for the area because the economy is tourism-driven," she said.

However, Stockly also said that because the national unemployment rate has decreased and that the jobless rate in New Mexico and Lincoln County both rose, it's an indication that the state is still in a recession.

Stockly said that huge government spending cuts at the national level would lead to a stunt in employment growth and possibly more job losses, especially in light of recent budget cuts proposed at the state level.

"Unless we get stimula-

tion from the federal government, the local economy will not improve," she said.

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# BUSINESS

## Step inside to Second Hand Heaven

By Eugene Heathman  
Reporter

The flamboyant colored new store at the entrance to Midtown has been turning heads and bringing the curious into Denise Lowe's newest retail endeavor, Second Hand Heaven.

Second Hand Heaven is much more than a gently used, second hand shopping experience. Lowe is stocking the store with a variety of antique furniture, jewelry, clothing and delectable accessories for the home and business.

"I wanted to do something different and fun with colors and the theme of the store," said Lowe, a 30-plus year veteran Midtown retailer. Lowe is not only making a statement with the vibrant exterior color scheme but wants to keep later store hours of operation during peak periods when Ruidoso visitors and locals alike are looking for the elusive Midtown, "after-five" shopping experience.

"During the many years I have operated a business around here, the common question I hear from people is, why does everyone close so early?" Lowe said. Lowe is experimenting to find the right mix of extended hours and hopes more midtown retailers will follow.



Eugene Heathman/  
Ruidoso Free Press

Second Hand Heaven storeowner Denise Lowe stands before her abundant inventory of clothing, jewelry, household items and antiques.

## Ooodles of Noodles arrives in Ruidoso

By Eugene Heathman  
Reporter

An express noodle house called 'Ooodles of Noodles' recently opened in the Mountain Top Plaza at 1009 Mechem Dr. Owners Nana and Ryan Cheng, who also own and operate the legendary Great Wall of China, thought Ruidoso was long overdue for a good noodle house.

Nana Cheng said, "We have wanted to open up another place in town but not a full sized restaurant. Noodle houses are popping up all over the country in larger cities and our customers have wanted one for a long time."

Ooodles of Noodles hours of operation are from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Covered patio seat-



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press  
Chef Ryan Cheng

Chef Ryan offers Chinese, Taiwanese, Japanese, Vietnamese, and vegetarian noodle bowl selections. Traditional noodle bowls tempt the palate with udon and egg noodles; fresh spinach, bean sprouts, potatoes, vegetables and a variety of meat options. Vegetarian noodle bowls feature Chef Ryan's Portabella Burgundy Pasta and Kais Vegan Pasta Salad. The menu even includes a spicy noodle choices, Italian marinara and spicy southwestern fettuccini Alfredo options.

"We love providing something different with the express lunch atmosphere, its fast and easy and best of all, no dishes! Chef Ryan has taken cooking experiences from all of his travels and assembled a nice variety of authentic noodle recipes" Cheng said.

ing, dine-in and take out offer a variety of lunch options. One can stop in for lunch and a drink for less than \$10. Ooodles of Noodles can also be found on Facebook.

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## Senior citizen volunteers honored

By Eugene Heathman  
Reporter

Lincoln County senior citizens were recognized for their volunteer service during the Village of Ruidoso RSVP annual appreciation banquet April 15. The celebration was held at Ruidoso High School with dinner and dessert prepared by the culinary arts students of the Teepee Lounge.

RSVP stands for Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs, a subsidiary of Senior Corps. Senior Corps is a program for the corporation for national and community service, an independent federal agency created to connect Americans of all ages and backgrounds with opportunities to give back to their communities and their nation. RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for people age 55 and over.

In Lincoln County, nearly 250 senior citizens participate in a variety of volunteer efforts for approximately 25 local organizations.

According to Senior Center/RSVP Supervisor Sandee Jourden, "These exceptional volunteers give back to the com-

munity more than twenty five thousand volunteer hours valued at approximately \$384,750 per year, based on \$15.39 per hour."

The hourly wage is comprised of the average pay for the various jobs performed by the volunteers. Jourden hopes to keep senior volunteerism alive in Lincoln County by subscribing volunteers and organizations to the RSVP program.

"Senior Citizen Volunteers provide a valuable resource to sustain many essential organizations in Lincoln County such as the Ruidoso and Capitan Public Libraries, Lincoln County Food Bank, Lincoln

County Head Start Program and the Humane Society of Lincoln County," just to name a few," Jourden said.

"Our funding primarily comes from the State of New Mexico and we have been operating with approximately \$35,000 per year. Unfortunately, the state budget crisis is going to dramatically reduce our funding," Jourden said. Jourden is not sure what to expect but believes the community will come together and recognize the positive impact the senior citizen volunteers have on the community by supporting RSVP.

Sandee Jourden can be reached at: 257-4565 or by email: SandeeKJourden@ruidoso-nm.gov The Village of Ruidoso Senior Center is located at 501 Sudderth Drive.



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# Rotary program links people with prosperity

By Eddie Farrell  
Editor

## What's in a footbridge?

A connection to prosperity, education, employment and overall improvement in the quality of life for those who, in some cases, have gone decades without access to a simple means of spanning a natural feature, such as a canyon or river.

One group of New Mexico and Colorado Rotarians, however, is dedicated to providing that link to humanity so desperately needed by residents of impoverished countries.

Norm Arnold of the Alamogordo Rotary Club and Tammy Bean of the White Sands Rotary Club, gave a presentation Saturday at Rotary district convention about their recent travels to El Salvador, where they were involved in building a narrow but stable walking span across a river as part of Rotary International's Bridges to Prosperity program.

Working together with local townspeople, the 16-member group of volunteers labored side by side with the beneficiaries of the new bridge, needed because of the dramatic increase in flow of the near-river.

So desperate was the

need for a new footbridge, pregnant women were known to give birth on the riverbank, unable or unwilling to risk their lives trying to ford the raging water.

Gaining the participation of the local residents is crucial, Arnold said; indeed, Bridges to Prosperity will not even consider a project unless the cooperation of the local population is assured, a condition that helps ensure the bridge, once completed, will be properly maintained and used for the benefit of the area's residents.

Bridges to Prosperity estimates as many as 500,000 such bridges — typically wide enough to only accommodate one person at a time over a framework of cable and local materials, are needed across the world.

Since the Bridges program was started in 2001 by Rotarian Ken Frantz, Rotarian volunteers have assisted in constructing some 75 spans.

According to Bean, the impacts of a new span are both immediate and dramatic.

Trade with people and villages that could once take weeks to reach immediately increases by as much as 10 times; foot traffic will grow by as much as 500 and increases are seen in such critical areas



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

Tammy Bean and Norm Arnold presented a slide show of their work on a recent visit to El Salvador with a group of New Mexico and Colorado Rotarians to build a desperately needed footbridge across a raging river.

as health care visits, school attendance and retail businesses.

Bean said the Bridges program actively recruits native women, both in the construction of the spans, but because of their influence in the economic decision making of their families.

Women that can gain employment in these countries, Bean said, will typically invest their savings into the education of their children.

Aside from the volunteers — Arnold, for example, is an engineer who not only helps in the construction of the bridges but also inspects previously built spans — Rotary Interna-

tional provides only plans, guidance and cable, the cornerstone of footbridge engineering.

"The rest of the materials must be provided by the local population," Arnold said.

Materials such as sand, rock and timber are gathered and excavation work is done to provide footings for small towers used to anchor the cable.

Due to the remoteness of some of these locations, groups of native people and volunteers must sometimes carry in cable, stretched from person to person, as much as 15 miles to the bridge site, Arnold said.

One bridge Arnold was involved with, constructed in Peru, spans 115 meters, or more than the length of a football field, over a rag-

ging river.

To build the El Salvador bridge, Bean visited local Rotary Clubs and sought donations.

Rotarians in Ruidoso provided \$2,500; the Boulder, Colo. District gave \$4,000; Alamogordo and White Sands \$5,000 each and Boulder Valley and Rotary District 5520 each contributed \$10,000.

Armed with \$36,600 in local contributions,

Rotary International provided a \$25,000 match and with a total of \$61,600 the bridge was started in January 2011.

Bean said local Rotarians are already making plans to build a 50-meter bridge in Nicaragua.

"People there must swim across a piranha-infested river to retrieve a canoe and bring it back across the river," Bean said.

## Pearce returns to Ruidoso

Congressman Steve Pearce will attend a Rotary meeting in Ruidoso on Tuesday, April 26. The meeting will be held at noon at Cree Meadows Country Club, at 301 Country Club Drive.

Congressman Pearce plans to discuss the ongoing budget and federal funding negotiations in Congress, the national debt, and jobs in New Mexico. He also plans to address the proposed listing of the Sand Dune Lizard as an endangered species. This listing would have a devastating effect on jobs and economic growth across southeastern New Mexico.

Congressman Pearce will also answer questions from attendees. The visit is part of a two-week district work period during which Mr. Pearce is meeting with constituents and providing updates on his work in Washington.

For more information about the meeting, telephone 1-855-4-PEARCE, (1-855-473-2723), or visit [www.pearce.house.gov](http://www.pearce.house.gov).



## Pearce announces opening of service academy selection process

Congressman Steve Pearce Monday announced the opening of the application process for the service academies. These include the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. Students applying to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, do not need a Congressional nomination.

Interested students must submit their completed applications to Congressman Pearce's office no later than Friday, October 21st, 2011. In November, Congress-

man Pearce will hold Board Academy reviews. Congressman Pearce will then submit his nominations to the Academies.

The application process is open to all interested high school juniors and seniors in New Mexico's Second Congressional District.

Students are encouraged to research the specific academies on their respective websites for further information on the nomination and selection process. Detailed information and a downloadable application are available at [pearce.house.gov](http://pearce.house.gov).

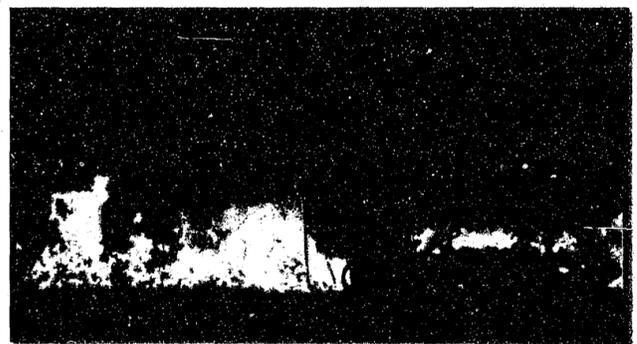
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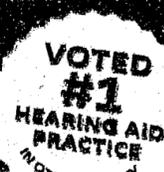
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# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

And my fellow Capitians:

It is late afternoon on March 29, 2011 and I tell you I am disgusted. I have spent the afternoon listening to the Capitan Planning Board, which is supposed to make recommendations to the Village Council on matters of planning and zoning. Half of what is discussed by Board Members is in "stage whispers" which I am unable to understand. The subject of the discussion, as I can figure out, is the size of the lots as adopted in the present Subdivision Ordinance of the Village of Capitan. The lot size is described as no less than 3 acres. The authors of this ordinance must not have lived in Capitan: the subdivision where I live and many other adjacent subdivisions have an average lot size of 2 acres.

So, why is there a problem changing it? Very simple: in the times these subdivisions were established, in the late 1960's to the early 1970's, nobody cared about lot sizes. It was the first time that the Village extended beyond its core area substantially. It changed the character of the Village. It was also the first time that the Village

had serious water problems. The National Guard had to bring potable water to the Village as I remember.

And here is the problem that is hidden in the question: what size should the lots be? The problem with development of a substantial area of land added to the Village is that the smallest lot size; the more profit the developer makes and the more services the Village has to provide to the development as the number of residents in the Village increases.

The much more important problem I see is in the population increase. Is it necessary for the existence of the Village? In the existing subdivisions, the average dwelling is a mobile home, which is a relatively inexpensive route to home ownership.

As it currently stands, there are already a number of homes not occupied in the subdivisions; as well as quite a number of unimproved lots. Many of the roads in the subdivisions are still just graded dirt roads, which make the existing subdivisions somewhat rural. The Planning Board did not ask the question of how many lots will there be and what kind

of roads will be built? The question was raised as to whether there will be water and sewer lines, but the question was not asked as to where the sewer waste will go.

The constructed Wetland Treatment Plant was designed just for the core area of the Village; the majority of homes in the subdivisions are on septic systems. Smaller lot sizes negate the use of septic systems. Another very important question that remains opens is from where does the water for this subdivision come?

The Mayor of the Village thinks that the allocated amounts of water will be sufficient. Yes, we do have water rights; but that does not mean that there is water. Water rights are also dependent on age; earlier rights must be acknowledged first. The aquifer of the area of Capitan itself is not enough water for all of us. We currently rely on water that comes from the Stock and Lapolith (Sierra Blanca) basin outside of the Village. Should there not be enough snowmelt in this so-called Alpine zone, like this past year, the earlier rights supersede Capitan's claims and Capitan runs dry. Way back in the spring of 1968, I came to

the little village of Hope, located at the east end of the Sacramentos, from Carlsbad. There was a combination of an inn, pharmacy, and fast food store. Other buildings were boarded up. At the door of the only open building was a large sign: "Will the last one leaving please turn the light off!" This building was the last one which had some water.

Is an increase in population desirable? It would require the Village to use more personnel for the maintenance and quite possibly result in higher taxes. Who will benefit from the increases? Certainly the developer. The Mayor? He was once in the development business. You or I? My fellow Capitians, start thinking and acting now before the fact of this development is shoved through our thoughts.

*Dr. Bernhard E.F. Reimann  
Property owner and resident  
of Capitan since 1972*

### "Hold Their Feet To The Fire!" starts at home

I just returned from a week in Washington D.C. with Roger Hedgecock's "Hold Their Feet To The Fire" 16th season.

Each team visited more than 27 Representatives and 10 Senators. We brought our message of decreased spending and cost containment. In our follow-up meetings it was emphasized that we should also start in our own back yard.

I arrived home to find that overnight Shell gas went up \$.10 to put it well over the national average again. It is my understanding that when Mr. Brewer was interviewed some time ago about his high gas prices his answer, along with transportation cost excuse, was that he would go as far as he could in pricing.

Not only does he not care, his local gas station owners follow suit to make sure they too get as much of the price gouge as they can in this down economy.

It takes approximately 30 days for a barrel of oil to process and reach gas tanks, yet these opportunists raise prices overnight as soon as the word is out of a per barrel increase.

Where is the decrease when oil drops \$5 per barrel as it has done in the last 48 hours?

*Debbie Perkins  
Ruidoso, NM*

# County officials call for water conservation

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Municipalities throughout New Mexico are answering the call of severe drought conditions with more restrictive ordinances, proposals for expensive infrastructure improvements and desperate pleas for conservation at the individual level.

Lincoln County, the Village of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs each have comprehensive 40-year water plans with notations calling for collaboration to effectively conserve and manage water use.

The call for such collaboration by Lincoln County Chairwoman, Eileen Sedillo was ignored in the heat of the moment by Village of Ruidoso Village officials at the beginning of the most recent County Commissioners meeting.

Ruidoso dignitaries showed up in force to protest a letter drafted by Commissioner Jackie Powell on behalf of Lincoln County, protesting the renewal of a special use permit to operate wells in the Eagle Creek basin on national forest land.

Sedillo called for a summit, which the county would sponsor as a regular meeting conforming to the open meetings act at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The purpose of the summit, possibly the first of its kind in the recent history, would be to discuss and take action for long-term water conservation and management of water use throughout Lincoln County.

"The importance and long term impact of this topic cannot be feasibly managed under the umbrella of a regular meeting with over 30 additional agenda items, I suggest we arrange for a single combined meeting with water use alone as the topic," Sedillo said.

According to the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, Lincoln County has 3,537 registered wells and 1,282 unregistered wells. Lincoln County does not have an entity to manage surface irrigation water use or a collective monitoring system in place for irrigation wells.

"The surface water and well irrigation in the Rio Hondo watershed has been self-

regulated for generations and I am confident Hondo Valley water users are not pulling more water than they are allowed," Powell said. Powell agrees that it is far beyond the time to actually inventory and establish a county-wide management plan for long term water conservation.

"Having all of these studies performed is a great starting point but it's now time to act upon those studies and conform water use to what we actually have, not what we want to have," Powell said.

Las Vegas, NM recently enacted a total ban on outdoor watering and may increase water rates 500 percent to make necessary improvements to an ageing and water wasteful infrastructure.

The City of Albuquerque is now patrolling neighborhoods and implemented a water waste hotline to curtail wasteful water use with heavy fines for ordinance violations. Albuquerque has also taken steps with a campaign encouraging rainwater collection which offer education documents and water bill rebates.

Farmers in the Lower Rio Grande valley are planting more cotton than chile in response to reduced irrigation water allotments due to the drought.

"Achieving the community's ambitious water conservation goals will not come easily. Doing so will require that we as a community adopt a "water ethic," and that everyone make conservation part of our daily lives. Water conservation and management plans need to survive the current county and village administrations. Over the years, water management has been lost in the shuffle of change," Powell said.

Powell contends the message has somehow been lost in the heat of battle over the Eagle Creek water rights and thinks the easiest and most immediate impact would be demand-side management techniques, increasing the supply of water while simultaneously promoting demand-side reductions.

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

2040. In addition, there is a current short-term crisis that will remain for the near future during the existing drought situation.

Long-term water shortfalls will be largely due to projected population growth over the next 40 years. The first step to remedying this issue is creating a long-term plan followed by appropriate actions. Local municipalities, outlying communities and the County will need to collaborate to create such a plan and prepare ways to develop a potable water system for the region.

According to the Lincoln County Master Plan, a water conservation program should address various alternative methods of water recovery, storage, and watershed

restoration. Other areas of involvement would be in developing a watershed management plan, investigating desalination of the abundant Tularosa Basin Aquifer, and developing leak-proof, long-term storage catchments at the base of canyons with perennial streams and flood flows in order to reclaim water. These are several alternatives that the county could explore to secure a sustainable potable water supply for its residents.

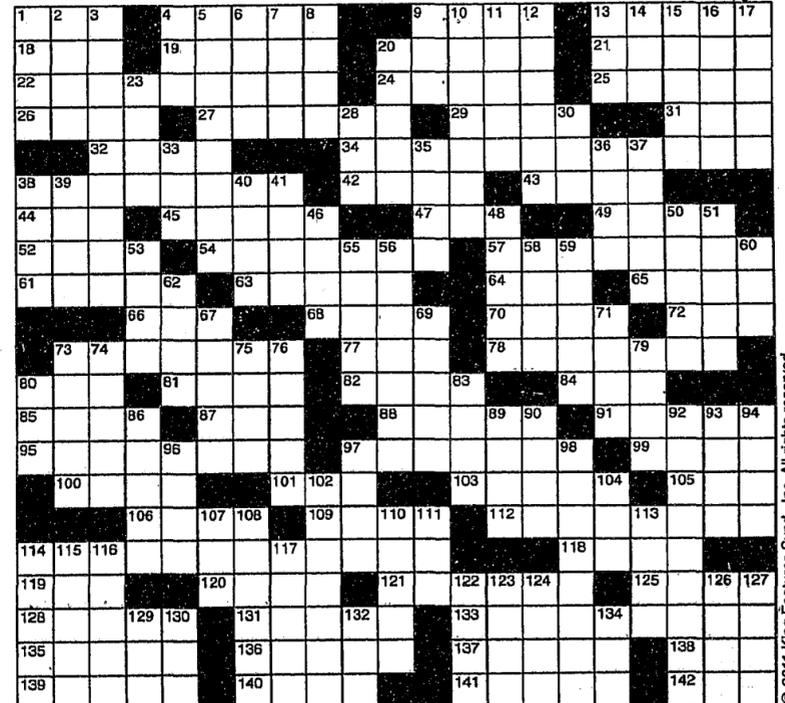
At the same time, it will be necessary to reduce local water consumption through conservation and find ways to limit the water usage impacts of future growth and development.

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## Pearce backs Ryan over Obama

Congressman Steve Pearce voted April 15 in favor of the Ryan Republican budget.

The Ryan budget will cut \$6.2 trillion over 10 years, compared to President Obama's proposal, and puts America back on the path to economic solvency. However, Pearce emphasized the fact that cutting spending alone will not restore economic growth, and that job creation must remain the top priority in Washington.

"I applaud Chairman Ryan and my colleagues for recognizing the severe-

ity of our nation's looming debt crisis," Pearce said. "But with deficits in the trillions, cuts alone will not close our budget gap. Washington needs to reverse decades of burdensome regulations and

oppressive taxes that are destroying our small businesses and killing jobs. It is only through job growth that we can hope to put America back on the path to financial recovery and fiscal responsibility."

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# EDUCATION

## School Board one step closer to going paperless

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Going paperless will not only save the Ruidoso School Board time and money while increasing efficiency, but will give the general public full-time access to RMS business.

On April 12, the Ruidoso School Board unanimously decided to proceed with utilizing the web based Blackboard Learning and administrative system. The crossover will not cost the district any money because Blackboard is already provided to the school district by the State of New Mexico.

The public will also have access to archived school board meeting information and immediate access to complete meeting agenda packages. RMS currently provides printed copies of school board business but only at the request of the public.

RMS Superintendent Bea Harris gave a brief presentation of the new platform during the meeting. Harris demonstrated the ease of accessing documents. "There will be a platform for the public to use, at no charge, and there will also be a password protection for school board members and other levels of administration," Harris said.

The Capitan Municipal School administration and school board have been using the Blackboard system with heralded success. Capitan School Board Vice-President Ed Vinson presented how much his district benefits from the no-cost program to the new school board last month. "Our efficiency from an administrative level and the ease for the public to use the Blackboard system have really streamlined the way we conduct business," Vinson said.

School board members concurred during discussion before the vote, the new platform is a long time coming and one step closer to transparency while easily providing the public with 24/7 access to RMS business matters.

In other business, the board approved a literacy program proposal for RMSD K-5 for the school years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. The program will focus on restructuring early grades to build a higher learning capacity for students. The initiative is a two-pronged K-5 literacy proposal to improve reading instructional practices in re-

sponse to various student needs in the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

A proposed action item to record and publish meetings was tabled. School board members agreed more research needs to be performed as to the method of delivery and additional costs which may be incurred.

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

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

Consideration for approval of architect services selection committee recommendations was also tabled.

Board member Curt Temple said, "There has been an overwhelming response to the request for bids to perform the recently passed GoBond projects and I think we are getting closer to working with the committee recommendations, I would just like to see this done right rather than hurrying through. We should have a better handle on this by the next meeting."

A cost saving measure to offer a \$10,000 incentive to instructional assistants for early retirement was officially scrapped. "There are components to the incentive and issues that put this offer in trouble from the onset. The district won't be able to work this in without getting into trouble," Harris said.

## RHS reaches out to victims of White Fire

By Elena Barrera

Student reporter

Students from Ruidoso High School are working together with the community to help raise money for the families who lost their homes during the White Fire.

The White Fire, an estimated ten thousand acre grass fire, started April 3 and was reported to have burned five homes and several other buildings but is now 95 percent contained according to recent updates.

Immediately, Ruidoso's youth stepped up to help.

Students from the band department requested to start a fund for the families. In response, Gary Shaver, the band director, organized a collection along with Student Council.

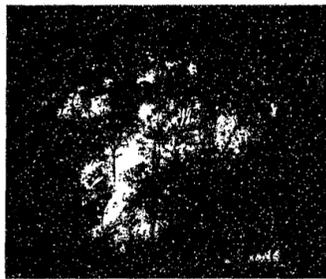
"Losing ones home to fire is a devastating event, and I hope you will encourage the students to take part in this chance to give back to the community," Shaver said.

Like the wild fire itself, word spread quickly throughout the school. Other students and teachers have taken initiative and have already be-

gun setting out collection jars around the school. Genuine need to help has brought together these students and hopefully this feeling will spread throughout the community.

"I think it is an extremely important fundraiser that they are involved in and I think it is a great representation of how we are all a community and need to take care of each other," Ruidoso High School Principal Pauline Staski said.

Students are asking any businesses willing to help take a donation jar for their building and they will be making weekly collections of the jars. Anyone wishing to donate directly or has any questions can contact Gary Shaver at shaverg@ruidososchools.org, or at the high school at 575-630-7901.



## ENMU-RUIDOSO BRIEFS

### Spring Student Art Show

The ENMU-Ruidoso Spring Student Art Show opens tonight with a reception in the Library and Student Commons Area from 6 to 7 p.m. Each semester art students in drawing, painting, photography, and ceramics classes exhibit their work. The art may be viewed during business hours, and many pieces are for sale. For more information, call 257-3006.

### Third Thursday Talk

Dr. Lynn Willard will share his experience helping to build a foot bridge in a one-hour presentation on April 21 from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 105 at the campus of ENMU-Ruidoso. Dr. Willard, his wife, Donna, and 12 other volunteers from Alamogordo and Ruidoso traveled to El Salvador as part of a Rotary International project to assist Bridges for Prosperity build a desperately needed suspended foot bridge. Dr Willard's PowerPoint presentation includes pictures of the country, its people, and the actual building of the bridge. The Third Thursday Talk is free and open to the public. Bring a lunch and a friend. For more information, call ENMU Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

## ENMU-R STUDENT COMPOSITIONS

### Osage chief is 'good ol' cowboy'

By Cpl. Vincent Kent

English 102, ENMU-R

At the golden age of 93 years old, George Eves Tall Chief, is the oldest living member of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma. Not only is "Chief" or "Coach" as he is affectingly referred to, a member of the nation, but was once a Chief of this great and powerful nation. Long before Chief would ever become the great leader he is to this very day; he would endeavor to persevere.

Belonging to one of the many tribes that had been displaced or forced marched by the government to Indian Territory, Chief's family would help pioneer the northeast plains of Oklahoma. Shortly after arriving, to what the government would consider the wasteland, oil would be discovered. Upon this discovery, the greed of many white men in the 1920's, Chief and his family would find themselves in the middle of the "Reign of Terror". This was a mass murder plot to gain control of oil royalties, which many wealthy Osage natives owned and controlled. Chiefs' father, Eves Tall Chief, was not only a shareholder, but also a key witness for the federal government in one of the murders that took place. Before Eves could take the stand, he too would be murdered.

At the age of 9, after the death of his father, Chief and his four brothers would have guardians take control of their well being and inheritance. The guardians would send all five brothers to St. Johns Military Academy in Texas. In 1927 the guardians would bring all five of the boy's home; they would be forced to sign away roughly 7,000 acres of land and an estate of about 45,000 dollars. (The estimated value of the estate today would be in the millions.)

Sadly at his young age, Chief would not only lose his father, and estate in the same year; he would lose the most valuable thing to a Native American man, and that is his culture and native language. In spite of all the atrocities at such a young age, Chief became an outstanding stu-

See OSAGE CHIEF, pg. 14

## Buzzy Bees for April



Courtesy photo

Back Row: Ethan Romero, Guiliana McAlister, Catalina Lopez, Leslie Medrano, Alexis Rue, Oscar Enriquez, Mayra Ramos, Kody Hough. Middle Row: Caren Herrera, Jacoby Graham, Joshua Gonzalez, Aasa Flores, Kylah Chavira, Tyler Whipple, Olivia McCoy. Front Row: Christopher Warren, Abby French, Montana McMinn, Nathaniel Morales, Ma' Kiyha Jones, Gabriel Adams

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# VETERAN PROFILE: Sgt. Valdemar de Herrera

## A lesson in honor

By Kori Lorick

After talking with Sergeant Valdemar de Herrera, the word "honor" becomes easier to understand. De Herrera served in WWII as part of the 200th Coast Artillery that deployed to the Philippines in 1941. He spent the next three and one-half years facing the unimaginable as a prisoner of war. His journey is one of courage, sacrifice, and determination that the community will recognize at the upcoming Military Appreciation Weekend where he will serve as a guest of honor.

It was 1940 and de Herrera had been farming in Wyoming when the U.S. initiated the draft. He returned home to New Mexico to register and several months later was called to serve his country. At Fort Bliss, the military assigned him to a New Mexico National Guard unit that was part of the 200th Coast Artillery.

After only a few months in the Philippines, the Japanese attacked in December 1941. He recalls, "We had been promised more gear, but we had nothing. We had to fight with what little we had. Only five P40s (fighter planes), a couple of trucks ... we had nothing."

De Herrera escaped the infamous Death March that followed the capture of Bataan because he was defending Corringes. However, in May 1942, General Jonathon Wainwright surrendered to the



Valdemar and Consuela "Connie" de Herrera pictured at their home.

Japanese and de Herrera became a prisoner of war.

The Japanese sent de Herrera and the other troops to a POW camp in Manchuria. There, de Herrera survived the next 40 months suffering from malnutrition and terrible atrocities. During this time his family was left wondering about the fate of their son, "My family didn't know if I was alive or not. I wasn't reported ... so, I didn't get to call and talk to them until I was released three and a half years later," de Herrera said.

In 1945, when the Japanese surrendered, de Herrera's journey home began. "They had been ordered to kill all of us, all the POW. But special forces parachuted into our camp and let us know the war was over."

De Herrera and the others had to remain at the camp for another month until the U.S. would begin sending them home. At this point, "The camp was chaotic," de Herrera remembers, "we were required to sign in and out of the camp whenever we "escaped" into the town for food."

They returned to the U.S. through the Philippines, spending two months there. Once back on U.S. soil, de Herrera and the others were quarantined in San Francisco for weeks. With a smile, he recalls, "We

would escape; The MPs would come pick us up in town in our pajamas because that's all we had."

Severely malnourished and sick from his time in the camp, de Herrera finally returned home. He received discharge orders but he and two of his friends from New Mexico wanted to reenlist. After encountering problems, they went to see their former General and request assistance. "At first we encountered problems ... as they were turning us away, General Wainwright came down the hall ... you see, he recognized the markings on our uniforms. He put an arm around us and said to come on in."

General Wainwright helped them figure out a way to reenlist, and after a three-month furlough, de Herrera reported to a veteran's hospital in Santa Fe and was eventually discharged at 60 percent disabled. Among his medals, de Herrera received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for his courageous service.

De Herrera's story continues with a lifetime full of memories. He began a farm in Costilla and on Nov. 1, 1949, he married his wife, Connie. After 61 years of marriage, they have six children, 15 grandchildren, 19, great-grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

His daughter, Cathy Taylor, describes her father as a great man, "I still find myself in awe (about his story). He has always been a very strong man, a strong father. He is always there for his whole family, always encouraging us, never letting us accept failure. ... I think a lot of this attitude comes from what he went through over there ... he is a great father."

Millie Woods, President of Military Appreciation Weekend (MAW), B. G. Jack Fox, US Army, NM National Guard, ret. MAW Director of Military Affairs, and VOR Mayor Ray Alborn extend the following invitation —

"Because you are important to MAW, the Village Hall, and to this community, I am deviating from proper etiquette and military protocol and making this an open invitation to the signing of the Community Covenant between Ruidoso Greater Lincoln County and the surrounding military installations and New Mexico National Guard.

"The Community Covenant signing will be Saturday, April 30, 6:00 PM in conjunction with the MAW 2011 Awards Banquet, Ruidoso Middle School, 123 Warrior, Ruidoso, NM.

Please RSVP by Friday April 15, 2011  
Banquet Tickets \$12.00

For more information, please call (575) 336-2828  
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### MAW 2011 Demonstration Field Schedule



Thursday, APRIL 28  
GOLF TOURNEY, The Links

Friday, APRIL 29

- 10:00 AM Holloman AFB convoy arrives. (Parade)  
Sudderth to Mechem to Airport Rd. to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, ETA 10:30 AM. Group hugs with children. Begin erecting Military City
- 11:30 - 1:30 Lunch - Feed The Troops shelter School children will eat their sack lunches with the Airmen.
- 11:30 AM NM National Guard, Cannon AFB, and Roswell contingency arrives at Airport.
- 1:00 PM Ft. Bliss & WSMR convoy arrives. (Parade)
- \*\*Public, there to watch Military City going up. Public allowed in only certain areas.
- 5:00 PM Close Demonstration Field - Night Security on duty - 2 golf carts
- 6:00 PM FLYING J RANCH
- 6:30 PM Gun Fight
- 7:00 PM Complimentary chuck-wagon dinner for all troops, their family members, honored guests and their family members and all MAW volunteers and their family members. Public invited, \$25 Adults; \$15 children

Saturday, APRIL 30

- 7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast - Feed The Troops shelter
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Rappelling
- 9:30 - 11:30 AM Canine Training
- 10:00 AM OPENING CEREMONY - Demo Field  
HAFB Steel Talons Present Colors - 44th Army Band Ensemble plays - Marilyn Orr sings National Anthem as Civilian Fly-Over - Massey Supercub, King Tri Pacer
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch - Feed The Troops shelter
- 1:00 - 3:00 PM Rappelling
- 1:30 - 3:30 PM Canine Training
- 4:00 PM Close Demonstration Field - Night Security on duty - 2 golf carts
- 5:30 PM Guests arrive at Ruidoso Middle School
- 5:45 PM All guests should be seated
- 6:00 PM **MAW Awards Banquet & Community Covenant Ceremony**  
Ruidoso Middle School, 123 Warrior Drive. \$12 Dinner Tickets
- 8:15 - 8:30 PM Ceremony is Over

Sunday, MAY 01

- 7:30 AM Breakfast - Feed The Troops shelter. Sack lunches distributed for lunch
- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Break Camp - Hugs, Hand-shakes, Convoy out of town - Thank you for your service!

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# Ruidoso Downs on Stage 1 water conservation

By Todd Fuqua

Reporter

In the wake of the 10,000-plus acre White Fire which burned across the northern edge of Ruidoso Downs, and in the face of continued drought conditions, the Ruidoso Downs City Council voted Monday to enact Stage 1 water conservation conditions for residents.

By city ordinance, the rationing goes into effect when the flow at Griffith Spring – the main spring for the city's water supply – drops below 290 gallons per minute.

City Public Works Director Cleatus Richards reported the flow at the well has dropped to 287 gpm, and pumping of the Denton Well is now at three days per week to maintain tank levels.

"We expect the drought conditions to continue through the spring and summer and residents need to be made aware of this," Richards said. "We all need to conserve water."

The Stage 1 restrictions allow for odd numbered addresses to water their yards Monday, Wednesday and Sunday, while even numbered addresses water Tuesday,

Thursday and Saturday.

All watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the hottest part of the day. Also, no new pools can be filled, although pools which were already filled prior to Monday can be topped off.

Richards also pointed out flowers and small plants can be watered daily, but only with a watering can and not directly from an outdoor hose.

City parks can still be watered on a regular basis, but that would cease if the dry conditions persist and a move to Stage 2 is required.

Councilor Dean Holman asked if the Riverside well can be used to equalize the levels of the city tanks.

"We can draw on any of our springs, but we have to be very careful of our use of water rights," Richards replied.

The White Fire was also a source of discussion, mainly featuring Mayor Tom Armstrong and other officials praising the quick and efficient response of various firefighting agencies which worked hard to minimize the damage to the city from the blaze.

"I know our local firefighters were doing all that was humanly possible to handle this," Armstrong said. "My

thanks go out to them for saving lives, homes and our town."

In other business, the council:

- Voted to approve a request by Relay for Life to use All American Park for this year's fundraising event, to be held July 8-9.

Cindy Parkinson, representing Relay for Life, explained the use of a facility with lights in place will cut down on the costs, and explained the use of music throughout the event.

"We've been in trouble before, but it's the music that keeps our walkers moving," Parkinson explained. "We try to tone it down at night, with no live bands after midnight, and we try to keep it quieter."

Parkinson said she would like to see the event in Ruidoso Downs for some time to come;

- Approved a special dispenser permit for the annual Hubbard Museum of the American West Foundation fundraiser, scheduled for July 23 at the museum.

Director Jim Kofakis stated the even raised more than \$100,000 last year, most of which was kept in the museum foundation to pay for exhibits.

## Lincoln County Renewable Energy weekend scheduled for April 21-23

The 2nd Annual Renewable Energy Conference and Trade Show will be the cornerstone event of the upcoming three-day Lincoln County Renewable Energy Weekend April 21 through the 23 in Ruidoso and across Lincoln County. Kicking off the three-day event will be a Ruidoso Board of Realty "Green 101" continuing education course for realtors, lenders, title company and appraisal industry personnel in Lincoln County and south-central New Mexico. The course is followed on Friday by the 2nd annual Renewable Energy Conference at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Capping the three-day event will be the 3rd annual Lincoln County Solar Tour of homes and businesses with renewable energy production and other sustainable living features. Last year's conference saw 273 residents participate from across the county and state. Always a busy tourism weekend in the area, April 21-23 in Lincoln County offers visitors and residents alike another set of to visit Lincoln County.

"It's no surprise that education is the key to developing more renewable energy economic base. This informative conference is designed to highlight those that have already begun to expand into this emerging technology and also to educate the public

about probable impact high performance building will have on us all" states Jim Miller, conference coordinator.

He continued, "Lincoln County is well-positioned for renewable energy. We've got more than six wind energy farms in various stages of development in the northern portion of this county. Two others were announced this past week in Roosevelt and Curry Counties. Others are in development in western Chaves County. It is imperative we aggressively support this type of development in Lincoln County in order to broaden our economic base. It also strengthens our energy security as a nation in all forms of regionally-produced energy, resulting in economic development, job growth and wealth creation."

Thursday April 21 features the Ruidoso Board of Realty sponsored continuing education course, "Real Estate Green 101" a Realtors Association of New Mexico-approved course for realtors, lenders, title company and appraisal industry personnel. The course provides an overview of high performance building developments including renewable energy on residential properties. Pre-registration has been continuing since early March. With the Thursday morning section already closed, some

seats are available for Thursday afternoon 1 to 5 p.m. A third section, Friday 8 a.m. to 12 Noon, may be opened if needed. Call 258-04750

to register through the Ruidoso Board of Realty. The course will be held at ENMU-Ruidoso. The course instructor is Barbara Madaras, Associate Broker, Coldwell Banker Real Estate of Albuquerque, a certified 'high performance building' real estate instructor.

Friday, April 22 - "Earth Day" - is highlighted by the 2nd Annual Lincoln County Renewable Energy Convention and Trade Show at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The Conference, a valuable and resources for businesses and residents in Lincoln County, will not only host a trade show, but workshops and speakers. The trade show, free to the public, is open to organizations that have renewable energy products for sale, jobs available in the renewable energy field and training for those needing to select or switch to a new career field. Join the likes of these national and regional companies: Otero Electric Cooperative Inc. Sacred Power Corporation, First Wind, Southwestern Power Group, Public Service Company of New Mexico, and Zia Natural Gas. With over 60 booths and speakers from the NM Department of Agriculture, PNM, Energy Concepts Inc. and the NM Energy Conservation & Management Division, the event will address the energy needs of individual residents, the military, business professionals and land owners. The Conference is free to the general public. Trade Show booth spaces are available for \$50. For more information calling ENMU-Ruidoso Continuing Education at (575) 257-3012.

The one-day conference and trade show at the newly remodeled Ruidoso Convention Center is expected to bring together nearly 500 interested residents, tourists, and regional leaders from across the

government, military, energy industry, and agricultural community, plus interested local residents and Easter-weekend tourists to the area to discuss and create new ideas for renewable energy economic development in the area. This year's conference has widened its reach to residents and businesses from neighboring Chaves and Otero counties.

A new conference activity this year will award two \$500 scholarships to one Region IX and Mesalero secondary school student, and one current ENMU-Ruidoso college student who attends, registers and spends at least half day involved in the conference.

Saturday, April 23 features the 3rd Annual Solar Tour of Lincoln County, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour is self-guided, of homes, schools and businesses with PV solar systems, solar thermal systems, or solar hot water systems from Ruidoso Downs, to Capitan, onto White Oaks and Corona. Rainwater harvesting, greywater use and other sustainable features for homes and businesses are also featured. The tour is an opportunity to talk with Lincoln County home and business owners about the process of designing, installing and paying for solar and other sustainable systems. Maps are available by April 16 at the Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso and Carrizozo Chambers of Commerce. For more tour information, contact Dan Ray at [dayray1970@yahoo.com](mailto:dayray1970@yahoo.com) or Jim Miller at [jamespmiller@windstream.net](mailto:jamespmiller@windstream.net).

For additional information on the Lincoln County Renewable Energy Weekend, contact Coda Omness at ENMU - Ruidoso Continuing Education, (575) 257.3012 or Jim Miller at (575) 937-2873.

## Picnic for the Planet launches week's Earth Day celebrations

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Wingfield Park was the place to "Picnic for the Planet," celebrating the launch of a week's worth of Earth Day, conservation, recycling and renewable energy events in Lincoln County Sunday.

Local musicians entertained the crowd on a warm and breezy afternoon. Belly dancers performed several Earth Day related routines between Zumba fitness dance demonstrations and door prize giveaways. Event organizer Andrea Reed of Common Ground celebrated the turnout.

"Thank you everyone for coming out and making this event a success. We chose to do this event today because next weekend is the Easter Holiday, Military Appreciation Weekend and the annual Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference, we couldn't have done it without everyone's enthusiastic participation," Reed said.

Several vendors were on hand providing face painting for all ages and free recycling bins for the home. ENMU students manned a booth offering birdhouses constructed by Ever Troughet, with recyclable materials retrieved during a recent

river cleanup, and seeds for spring planting.

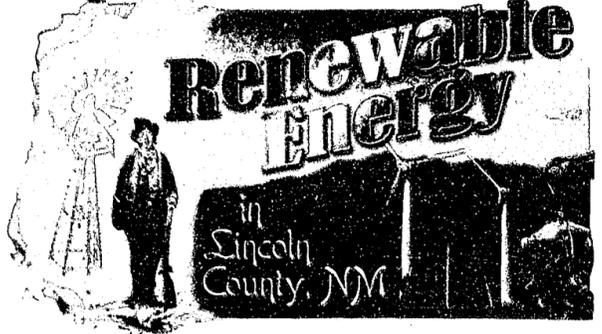
Participants were flying kites, listening to music and playing lawn games while enjoying an afternoon of fun in the sun celebrating Earth Day.

For more than 40 years, Earth Day — officially April 22 — has inspired and mobilized individuals and organizations worldwide to demonstrate their commitment to environmental protection and sustainability. Earth Day Network's year-round mission is to broaden, diversify and activate the environmental movement worldwide, through a combination of education, public policy, and consumer campaigns.



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

ENMU students celebrate Picnic for the Planet, a celebration of Earth Day, with a booth featuring bird houses constructed from materials recycled from a recent river cleanup and seedlings for spring planting.



## Commissioner Ray Powell to speak at energy conference, trade show

NM State Land Commissioner Ray Powell will be a panelist at the 2011 Lincoln County Renewable Energy and Trade Show Friday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

He will join speakers from the NM Department of Agriculture, PNM, Energy Concepts Inc. and the NM Energy Conservation & Management Division addressing the impacts of this emerging technology.

Commissioner Powell will speak on the development process of sustainable energy in New Mexico and how New Mexico attracts Renewable Energy projects such as wind, solar, biomass and transmission to produce the optimal ben-

efit to the state Trust and our local communities.

The Trust benefits our schools, universities and hospitals. He will also be visiting with local citizens and elected officials on other issues related to State Trust Lands while in Ruidoso as well as visiting with Moon Mountain Conservancy.

The New Mexico State Land Office provides the Energy for Education Program to elementary schools throughout the state teaching students about the importance of alternative methods of energy and offers student/adult tours to Wind Farms and Solar Farms. Log on to [www.nmstatelands.org](http://www.nmstatelands.org) for further information.

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# SPORTS

## RESULTS

**April 11**  
**Baseball**  
 Capitan 24, Lake Arthur 0  
**April 12**  
**Softball**  
 Capitan 15, Lordsburg 0  
 Capitan 18, Lordsburg 4  
**Tennis**  
 Portales d. Ruidoso, 9-0  
**April 14**  
**Tennis**  
 NMMI d. Ruidoso, 9-0  
**April 15**  
**Baseball**  
 Capitan 29, Dora 1  
 Capitan 15, Dora 5  
**Softball**  
 Capitan 43, Mescalero 0  
 Lovington 14, Ruidoso 1  
 Lovington 18, Ruidoso 8  
**April 16**  
**Baseball**  
 Portales 2, Ruidoso 0  
 Portales 7, Ruidoso 3  
**Softball**  
 Cobre 19, Ruidoso 2  
 Cobre 19, Ruidoso 2

## SPORTS UPCOMING

**April 18**  
**Baseball**  
 Capitan at Valley Christian, 3 p.m.  
**Tennis**  
 Lovington at Ruidoso, 3 p.m.  
**Golf**  
 Ruidoso in Spring Classic at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, 9 a.m.  
**April 19**  
**Baseball**  
 Ruidoso at Sandia Prep (2), 4 p.m.  
**Softball**  
 Capitan at Mesilla Valley (2), 3 p.m.  
 Portales at Ruidoso (2), 4 p.m.  
**Golf**  
 Ruidoso in Spring Classic at Spring River golf course in Roswell, 9 a.m.  
**April 20**  
**Softball**  
 Mescalero at Alamogordo freshmen (2), 4 p.m.  
**April 21**  
**Softball**  
 Mesilla Valley at Mescalero, 3 p.m.  
 Capitan at Dexter (2), 4 p.m.  
**Track and field**  
 Capitan, Carrizozo, Mescalero, Hondo, Corona in Tiger Relays at Capitan, 3 p.m.  
 Ruidoso at Artesia Invitational, TBA  
**April 22**  
**Baseball**  
 Capitan at Gateway Christian (2), 11 a.m.  
 Lovington at Ruidoso (2), 1 p.m.

## LITTLE LEAGUE

Ruidoso Little League			
Majors			
	W	L	
Cubs	2	0	
Red Sox	1	0	
Rays	1	1	
Dodgers	1	1	
Tigers	0	3	
Minors			
	W	L	
Tigers	2	0	
Cubs	2	0	
Astros	1	0	
Red Sox	1	1	
Phillies	0	1	
Blue Jays	0	2	
Dodgers	0	2	

**April 9**  
**Minors**  
 Tigers 10, Red Sox 7  
**Majors**  
 Cubs 10, Rays 0  
 Red Sox 14, Tigers 2  
**April 11**  
**Minors**  
 Cubs 12, Dodgers 9  
**April 12**  
**Minors**  
 Red Sox 13, Blue Jays 6  
**Majors**  
 Dodgers 14, Tigers 2  
**April 13**  
**Minors**  
 Tigers 13, Phillies 12  
**April 14**  
**Majors**  
 Cubs 5, Dodgers 2  
**April 16**  
**Minors**  
 Astros 15, Dodgers 1  
 Cubs 15, Blue Jays 8  
**Majors**  
 Rays 17, Tigers 1

## More qualifying marks for Ruidoso

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

This year's Ruidoso Warrior track invitational may have been disappointing from a participation standpoint. Only three schools – Ruidoso, Carrizozo and Manzano – were involved after as many as 14 had committed to coming.

But several individual performances kept Ruidoso coach Colt Harrelson happy.

There were five qualifying or re-qualifying marks for the Warrior team, and several others were literally inches away from a state berth.

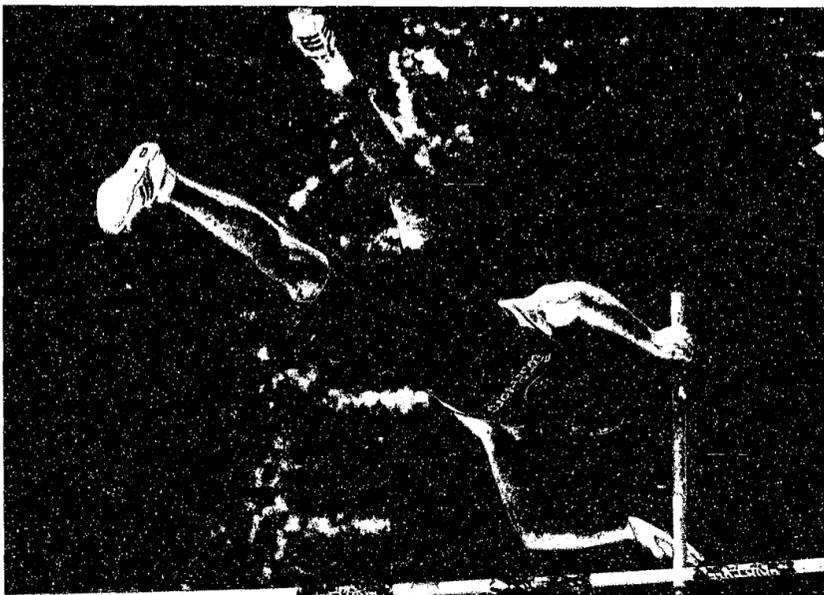
TyLynn Smith leapt to a victory in high jump with a mark of 5 feet even, better by two inches over last week and an improvement on her state seeding. Harley Bonnell added a qualifying mark in the triple jump with a leap of 32 feet, 4¾ inches, marking the third week in a row Bonnell has gone past 32 feet.

Jordan Ashcraft again dominated in pole vault, topping out at 12 feet-6 inches and bettering his state qualifying mark by a full foot from the week before at a windy Moriarty meet.

The boys 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams also secured or solidified berths to state. The sprint relay time of 43.99 seconds was particularly pleasing to Harrelson.

"That's not our best time this year," said Harrelson, as the Warriors have put in a time of 43.87 seconds.

Harrelson said that mark was set with Gage Whipple on the track, and Whipple was unavailable Saturday due to playing the title part in *Peter Pan*, showing that same afternoon at the Ruidoso Schools Performing



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Ruidoso's Jordan Ashcraft easily clears the bar in the pole vault competition at the Ruidoso Warrior Invitational Saturday. Ashcraft had already qualified for state in the event, but his height Saturday was a full foot better than the week before.

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"We had to run with different personnel," Harrelson said. "I won't say they're the No. 2 runners, but it was different. It was nice to see we can still run a sub-44 second time, and it shows we're deep in that race."

Others came close to qualifying, including Echo Gilmore, who won the girls shot put competition with a throw of 30 feet, 9

inches. Gilmore's throw was still 9 inches short of a state qualifying mark, but it was still three feet better than last week's meet.

"It's frustrating," Gilmore said. "I had another girl throwing with me earlier in the year, but she doesn't throw now and isn't there to push me on. Now, I have to learn to push myself."

The Warriors will have to push themselves hard at the Artesia Invite April 21.

## Warrior golf earns two more individual legs

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The competition at the annual Leroy Gooch Invitational is always strong, so the Ruidoso Warriors had their work cut out for them on their home course.

Individually, no Warrior was able to break into the top 10 – although Jared Davis was five strokes away from that list, and No. 3 golfer Tony Nanz was able to earn an individual qualifying leg to the state tournament with a score of 78 Tuesday during the tournament's second and final day at the Links at Sierra Blanca.

"One of our deals was to be competitive with the groups we were playing with, and as far as that's concerned, I'm happy," said Ruidoso coach Eric Eggleston.

As a team, the Warriors were fourth in Class 1A/3A with a two-day score of 672. Their score of 328 Tuesday was good enough for their first state qualifying leg.

"Getting a leg is just a bonus," Eggleston said. "Getting better is really the goal."

The top individual for the tournament was Las Cruces Oñate's Isaac Merry with a two-day score of 143, including a 1-under par 71 on Tuesday. The lowest score of the tournament belonged to Steven Willis of Goddard with a spectacular 69 on the second day.

### Denney earns leg

Hannah Denney shot a 93 for the Lady Warriors Tuesday at Cree Meadows, becoming the first Ruidoso girl to earn a leg this year. Allie Thompson and Melissa Mota were close to qualifying scores themselves, and coach Me-



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso's Tony Nanz chips onto the green at the Links at Sierra Blanca, Tuesday, during the final day of the Leroy Gooch Invitational. Nanz shot a six-over-par 78 to earn his first qualifying leg to the state tournament.

lissa Miguez believes they'll do well at the Spring Classic in Roswell next week.

"Hopefully, Hannah can get her next two legs there," Miguez said. "The other girls weren't that far off, they just need to have a good day all around."

The Spring Classic starts next Monday at the New Mexico Military Institute course and concludes the following day at Spring River.

"As long as the weather cooperates with us, we should do well," Eggleston said. "Monday's weather is supposed to be nice, which works out well for us. NMMI is a good course for us to get a qualifying leg."



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso outfielder Brandi Guevara connects for a home run Friday.

## Ruidoso softball team faltering

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Ruidoso softball coach Sal Beltran is at a loss to explain his team's recent tailspin.

"I don't see the killer instinct right now," Beltran said of the Lady Warriors. "There's no fight in them."

Beltran's comments came after Ruidoso dropped a doubleheader to Cobre Saturday by the twin scores of 19-2. Friday, Ruidoso lost to District

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## Hits just not there for Warriors

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

There's one thing more frustrating than not getting hits in baseball – not getting hits with men on base.

The Ruidoso Warriors left numerous runners stranded in their doubleheader at Portales Saturday, dropping 2-0 and 7-3 decisions.

The first game was even more frustrating for starting pitcher Kayle Frierson, who got the loss despite holding the Rams (11-9, 5-3 District 4-3A) to just five hits in a complete game performance.

"He pitched probably the best game I've seen him throw since I've been here," said Ruidoso coach Gilbert Alvarado. "Those two runs against us shouldn't have been scored, but the real story is that we just couldn't hit."

The offense was a little bit better in the second game for the Warriors (8-11, 2-4), as they pushed one run across to start the game, then watched as Ryan Schmidt

hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the inning to make it 2-1 Rams.

That's how the score stayed until the fifth. Portales then scored five runs in the fifth and sixth to widen the lead to 7-1.

Ruidoso still had a chance to win it – or at least tie – having loaded the bases with one out in the top of the seventh. But two runs was all the Warriors could muster.

"It was just one of those days when we left a lot of guys on base," Alvarado said. "We didn't have many strikeouts, we were putting the ball in play. But we were hitting them right at people and their outfield did a really good job of running the balls down."

Ruidoso still has a chance to finish first in district and earn the right to host the district tournament April 30, but will need some help. Ruidoso needs to sweep Lovington when the Wildcats come to visit this Saturday at 1 p.m., and Lovington needs to sweep Portales to knock the Rams out of the top spot.

# Capitan golf second at Dexter Invitational

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Capitan's boys golf team hasn't had many days on the golf course in competition, so the fact that none of the members have any qualifying legs for state yet shouldn't come as too big a surprise.

The Tigers' latest outing was at the Dexter Invitational April 11 at the Roswell Country Club. Capitan shot 413 as a team, finishing 24 back of tournament host Dexter.

"We did alright, but we'd won this one two years in a row," said Capitan coach Royce Brown. "Chase (Morel) and Tyler (Neill) were second and third, so from an individual standpoint it was good, but I was still a little disappointed."

Morel shot an 88, just one stroke behind individual winner Anthony Dobbs of Jal. Neill was third at 89, while Matt Porter was seventh overall at 101 and Cayde Haynes 10th at 135.

"We're inexperienced overall, but Chase and Tyler can both shoot in the mid to low

80s," Brown said. "But Tyler's main focus is track. Chase is my lone senior and has done a good job, he's just not over the hump yet."

The Tigers are at the Spring Classic at Spring River golf course today, having played the first round of the tournament at New Mexico Military Institute Monday.

These were the last two chances for the Tigers to get any qualifying legs for state before the district tournament in Las Cruces, and the lack of playing time is what Brown said may keep any of his players from the state tournament.

"It's been a really hectic year, and there have been things that have been difficult to deal with on our schedule," Brown said.

**Dexter Invitational results  
At the Roswell Country Club  
Dexter 389, Capitan 413**

**Individuals**  
1, Anthony Dobbs, Jal 87; 2, Chase Morel, CHS, 88; 3, Tyler Neill, CHS, 89; 4, Jaden Amaro, DHS, 91; 5, Nathan Fuller, DHS, 93; 6, Andres Ramos, DHS, 100; 7, Matt Porter, CHS, 101; 8, Jacob Salcido, DHS, 105; 9, Isaac Salayandia, DHS, 108; 10, Cade Haynes, CHS, 135.



Photo by Karen Boehler  
Capitan's Chase Morel tees off during the Dexter Invitational at the Roswell Country Club, April 11.

# Warrior tennis showing flashes of brilliance

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Ruidoso's rough tennis season continued April 12 with a sweep by Portales, and this was after the Warrior boys and girls lost every match they were in at the Portales tournament April 8-9.

But Ruidoso coach Dennis Johnston said there are still moments that he sees a bright future for the Warrior tennis program.

"There are flashes of brilliance now, and there weren't any at the beginning of the season," Johnston said.

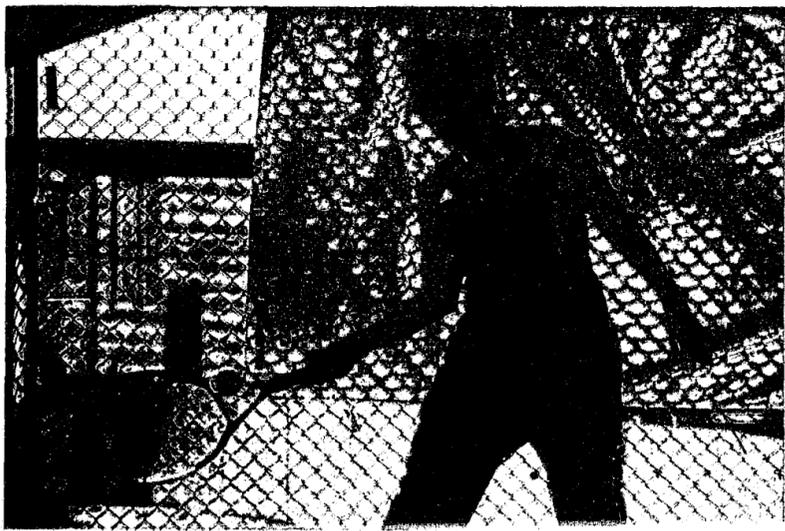
Matthew Davis is one example Johnston cited of the team's improvement. He's been shoved into the spotlight, playing above his usual level due to small numbers on the team.

"He's been hitting the ball very well," Johnston



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
Ruidoso's Saul Rojas returns to the ball to Portales' Ryan Wood during the No. 2 singles match April 12.

said. "It's been amazing (Portales) but he was really what he's been able to do. killing the ball and hitting as hard as his opponent." He didn't win a game (at



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
Ruidoso Lady Warrior Lina Espinosa returns a serve by Portales' Kim Spotswood April 11.

# Tigers steamroll to wins over Lake Arthur, Dora

By Todd Fuqua

Ruidoso Free Press

For Capitan baseball coach James Weems, the biggest challenge facing him may be just keeping his kids focused.

Winning hasn't been a problem. The Tigers won three games this past week - one against Lake Arthur, two against Dora - and all three were blowouts. The real challenge is keeping the kids on task when they're riding a huge lead.

"We'd have liked to work the ball on defense, but they didn't put the ball into play that much," Weems said of his team's 24-0 shutout of Lake Arthur April 11. "We've been hitting the ball pretty well the last few weeks, so I'm pleased with that."

Logan Eshom held the Panthers to one hit in the five-inning game and struck out 11 of the 16 batters he faced.

Pretty much everyone got into the hit parade as the Tigers (11-3, 8-1 District 4-1A) racked up 21 hits. Rudy Chavez was a single short of the cycle, having hit a home run, triple and double. Bobby Hughes also did well, going 4-for-5.

The story was similar against Dora Friday, as Capitan won 29-1 and 15-

5. Chavez was the winning pitcher in game one, throwing a three-hitter and striking out 12.

There were six Tiger doubles, with Ruben Mendoza and Tracker Bowen hitting two each. The pair also had a triple each, while Chavez hit two 3-sackers.

Raul Villegas and Jacob Wilcox each hit home runs.

Senior Dustin Blowers got the start in game two, getting some valuable time on the mound for the Tigers.

"He'd only thrown one inning this year, but he's a lefty and we'd like to get him as much work as possible," Weems said.

Blowers game up three hits and four runs in three innings, then was relieved by Bowen, who gave up only one run.

"He's solid and we'll rely on him in the future," Weems said of the freshman Bowen.

The Tigers were in Roswell Monday, taking on Valley Christian in a single game. To date, Valley is the only team to have defeated Capitan in district play.

The Tigers are also at Roswell this Saturday with a doubleheader against Gateway Christian, then will be at home April 25 for a single game against Elida at 3 p.m.

## Bowling

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**Tuesday Senior team standings, week 30 of 32**

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Serious Not	33½	22½	606	215
Larry Larry's	33	23	671	150
Old Timers	33	23	547	262
Twisted Sisters	32½	23½	652	168
Sus Amigos	27	29	637	181
Misfit Bowlers	26	30	610	205
The Who?	26	30	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, Harry Allwein 780, Spud Mitchum 755.  
Men's handicap game - Richard Dixon 299, Tom Bivens 291, Wayne Viltanen 284.  
Women's handicap series - Pat Townsend 736, Rose Bivens 713, Donna Viltanen 697.  
Women's handicap game - Ursula Eckersley 295, Lucy Servies 274, Martha Chavez 268.  
**Individual high averages**  
Men - Tom Douglas 217.28, Gene Nitz 206.55, Jim Clements 185.43. Women - Lucy Servies 160.97, Donna Viltanen 155.80, Pat Townsend 150.82.  
**Most improved average**  
Men - Jim Clements +23.23, Larry Hjndes +21.13, Richard Dixon +18.55. Women - Rose Bivens +17.23, Jan Wilson +14.2, Donna Viltanen +13.8.

**Tuesday Mixed team standings, week 30 of 32**

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Old Farts & A Kid	38	18	745	88
Rhino Rose	36	20	631	187
Hornies	32	24	581	232
Living Energies	29	27	574	237
Pioneer Bank	28	28	536	272
Knight Riders	27	29	539	269
Energy 2 Spare	21	35	594	219
Wild Ride	13	43	443	356

**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, Etlenne 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 214.06, Gene Nitz 205.6, Ronnie Wright 192. Women - Pam Bernard 171.33, Lucy Servies 159.4, Millie Cimaron 136.35.  
**Most improved average**  
Men - Tom Douglas +20.06, Ronnie Wright +13, Gabriel +11.54. Women - Millie Cimaron +9.35, Diane Willoughby +5.88, Pam Bernard +3.33.

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# Capitan boys first, girls third at Grizzly Relays

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Capitan boys earned 94½ points to win this year's Grizzly Relays at Carrizozo, while the Lady Tigers took third Saturday.

The boys won their title thanks to numerous first-place finishes, including Tory Padilla, who won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:09.73, and was longest in the triple jump at 38 feet and ½ inches. Padilla was second to Tularosa's Emery Coleman for the most individual points, hauling in 18 for the Tigers.

Other first-place finishers included Caleb Uzell, first in pole vault with a state qualifying height of 12 feet; John Goodwin, who won 110 meter hurdles and qualified in 16.38 seconds; and Thomas

Fields, first in the 400-meter dash at 57.28 seconds.

The Tiger medley relay team also qualified, winning with a time of 3:50.81, while the 4x200 meter relay team won with a time of 1:36.67.

The Capitan girls 1,600 medley team also won with a time of 4:37.57, while the 4x400 relay won with a time of 4:19.79, both more than fast enough to qualify for state.

Dusty Rae Eldridge was first in pole vault, reaching eight feet even and qualifying by four inches, while Georgia Lynn Eldridge won the triple jump with a state qualifying distance of 31-6.

Meet host Carrizozo was third in boys and sixth in girls. Andrea Beltran won discus with a qualifying throw of 96 feet, 5½ inches, while Jenna Schartz took

first in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 14:12.4.

For the Grizzly boys, Mark Vigil earned a qualifying mark in high jump, winning with a height of 5-10, while Zachary Zamora was first in discus with a throw of 103-4.

Vigil also won the high jump the following day at the Warrior Invite in Ruidoso, leaping for 5-8, while Andrea Beltran was second in discus at 82-8. Sister Alicia Beltran won the event with a throw of 89.6.

## Local finishers

Taylor Huey again paced Corona with 33 total points, earning the top individual spot overall. Hondo's Stephanie Gomez was a close second with 21 points.

Huey got her points with wins in the

100, 200 and 400-meter dashes, a second in long jump and a win in the high jump competition. Her marks in the dashes and high jump were all good enough to qualify her for state.

Gomez was a member of the 4x200 meter relay for Hondo, which won with a time of 2:04.19. She also placed second in the 1,600 meter un and 100-meter hurdles.

Jesus Martinez won both distance runs for the Hondo boys, running 5:11.5 in the 1,600-meter and 11:12.44 in the 3,200-meter.

Godfrey Cordova again won the javelin throw for Mescalero, winning with a state qualifying mark of 158-8.

The same teams are set to run this Thursday in the Tiger Relays at Capitan, starting at 3 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

Capitan shortstop Maritza Nava connects for a hit in the first inning against Mescalero Friday.

# Capitan softball opens district with big wins

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Capitan Lady Tigers are on a roll, and just in time. They began the District 4-1A/2A season April 12 with a doubleheader against Lordsburg, and won both games, 15-0 and 18-4.

They then made short work of Mescalero Friday, scoring 25 runs in the first inning en route to a 40-0 victory in the first game at Mescalero.

Coach Rodney Griego played his junior varsity in the second game, and the Lady Tigers won 17-2.

For all the runs Capitan (6-9, 4-0 district) has been scoring, Griego felt his team could have done a bit better against Lordsburg.

"We can always get better," Griego said. "Our pitching is slow, and that always seems to get us. But we still scored some runs."

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Golf fundraiser

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association and the Ruidoso High School golf teams will host the final of six benefit scrambles at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, April 23, 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.

### Hershey meet

This year's local Hershey's youth track meet will be held May 7 at 2 p.m. at Ruidoso High School. The meet is open for all kids ages 9-14. Come to run, jump and throw for ribbons, health and a chance to qualify for state.

Entry is free of charge. For more information, call 257-5030.

### Senior Olympics

Qualifiers for the 2011 Senior Olympic season are being held throughout Ruidoso and Lincoln County. The age minimum for participants is 50 years as of

Kymbra Espinosa and Maritza Nava led the Lady Tigers in hitting, combining for eight hits in both games.

Scoring wasn't a problem at all against Mescalero, as every Lady Tiger scored at least one run in that 25-run inning. Espinosa again led Capitan with five hits, including two home runs and a triple, while Maritza Nava went 4-for-4 with three home runs.

Defensively, pitcher Sidni Hughes struck out eight through three innings. She also struck out six of the 12 batters she faced in game one against Lordsburg.

"She's doing pretty well for a sophomore, but she needs to be able to pitch in two straight games well," Griego said. "She's only pitched a handful of games, but she's getting there."

Capitan is at Mesilla Valley today for a 3 p.m. doubleheader, then play at Dexter and Lordsburg before hosting Mesilla in the regular season finale May 7.

Dec. 31, 2011. A \$5 registration fee entitles the entrant to participate in all events.

You must compete locally to be eligible for state and national Olympic Games. Deadline early state registration is May 31 for \$45. Regular registration deadline is June 15 for \$60. Deadline for late registration is June 30 for \$70. There is also an extra fee at the local level for bowling, golf, swimming and racquetball.

The 2011 New Mexico State games are July 27-30 in Las Cruces. For further information, call Lincoln County Coordinator Sandee Jourden at 257-4565.

Local events offered are:

- Bowling - April 19-21, 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Bowling Center;
- Billiards (8-ball pool) - April 26, 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center;
- Golf - May 14, 1 p.m., Cree Meadows Country Club. A \$25 green fee includes cart;
- Swimming - May 10, 10 a.m. at Ruidoso Athletic Club pool;
- Recreational events - May 20, 10 a.m. at White Mountain Athletic Complex. Events include Frisbee accuracy and distance, softball throw and soccer kick;
- Basketball free throw and three-pointer - May 21, 1 p.m., Ruidoso Middle School outdoor courts;
- Track and field - May 21, Ruidoso High School. Field events begin at 9 a.m., track events at 10 a.m.;
- Horseshoes - May 23, 10 a.m., Smokey Bear Ranger Station;
- Racquetball - call Sandee Jourden for details at 257-4565;
- Tennis - Call Sandee Jourden at 257-4565 for details.

## SOFTBALL

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4-3A foe Lovington by similar scores.

Same as with Friday, both of the Lady Warriors' losses could be traced to one bad inning. The Lady Indians (12-8) scored 14 runs in the top of the fourth inning in game one and had a 13-run second inning in game two, and both games came to an end early.

Destri Vincent was the hard-luck starter in both games and took the losses for the Lady Warriors (8-10). Walks were her biggest enemy, as she put 15 Lady Indians on base without a hit, but by the end of game two.

While Cobre was tearing it up at the plate, their pitching and fielding were doing a fine job of shutting down the Lady Warrior offense.

Ruidoso didn't get any runs until the very end of both games. Catherine Landry led off the bottom

of the fourth with a first-pitch home run well over the center field fence, and Brandi Gutera singled and was driven in on a ball hit by Amanda Bryant.

In game two, Shelby Walker drove in Marissa Gonzales in the third inning, then scored on a single by Vincent.

That was it for Lady Warrior scoring, and Beltran was left questioning whether his team is ready to face district foe Portales today at Gavilan Canyon Field.

### Losses to Lovington

One good inning was all Lovington needed in each game of their doubleheader at Ruidoso Friday, as the Lady Wildcats took 14-1 and 18-8 victories.

The team were tied in game one through two innings, as Lady Warrior starting pitcher Destri Vincent survived seven walks

and gave up only one run. Brandi Guevara tied things up in the bottom of the second with a solo home run over the left field fence.

But Guevara's homer turned out to be the only run for Ruidoso (0-2 district), and Lovington (9-8, 2-0) started hitting. Ailenz Villareal led off the top of the third with a first-pitch double, then Vincent loaded the bases with walks and eventually walked in a run.

She still might have been able to get out of the inning relatively unharmed after striking out Aiphany Iglesias, but Monique Lujan followed with a first pitch triple which cleared the bases, and the hit parade was on.

Krischelle Marquez and Jordyne Young followed with two singles on two pitches, and by the end of the third, Lovington had an 8-1 lead.

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## Shepherd of the Hills Easter services schedule

**Easter Sunday, April 24**  
Sunrise Service: 7 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast: 8 a.m.  
Sunday School/Bible Class: 9 a.m.  
Festival Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

## Community United Methodist Easter services schedule

5 p.m. Wednesday, April 20: Wednesday night meal and worship service with communion  
7 p.m. Good Friday, April 22: Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness)  
6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 24: Sunrise Service at Two Rivers Park  
8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 24: Sunrise Service at Two Rivers Park  
11 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 24: Sunrise Service at Two Rivers Park

## Capitan United Methodist sets Easter Services

The public is cordially invited to attend a special Easter Sunrise Service on April 24, 6:30 a.m. at the Smokey Bear State Park pavilion in Capitan. The sunrise service is open to all faiths. Rev. Jean Riley of the Capitan United Methodist Church will preside over the service. Refreshments will be served. The sunrise service will be followed by a breakfast for everyone prepared by church volunteers at the Methodist church, 354 White Oaks Avenue in Capitan. The traditional Easter worship service will be held at 9:10 a.m. at the church.

A Good Friday evening service will be held at the church beginning at 5:30 p.m. April 22.

For more information on the Easter Sunrise Service in Capitan, contact the Capitan United Methodist Church at 354-2288.

## Church News

The Ruidoso Free Press will soon be adding a calendar of events to this church page. Pot luck lunches, special singing groups, upcoming baptisms, the Lord's Supper, guest preachers or an old fashioned revival — no matter what you have going on, the Free Press wants to help you tell about it.

If your church has a special event or any upcoming event you would like to notify the public about, please call our offices at 575-258-9922. You can also email your events to eddie@ruidosofreepress.com

# OSAGE CHIEF

dent and football player. He would make all-conference and all state. Because he moved around so much at a younger age, Chief would be 21 on the night of his last high school football game; he was not allowed to play. Not having the money for his college tuition, Chief would put the pads back on to earn his way to a higher education. He played for North Eastern Oklahoma in Miami, Oklahoma and finishing at the University of Central Oklahoma, where he would walk away with is Bachelors in History and Masters in Education.

As a teacher and coach, he would strive to bring the very best out of his students and athletes. Loving to compete and the challenge of the game, Chief became one of the most winning coaches in high school history in the state of Oklahoma. Achieving this more than 55 years ago, it is not known why; but for

some reason Chief has never been recognized by the Oklahoma State Coaches Association and has never been named to be inducted in to the Oklahoma High School Football Hall of Fame. He would retire after 45 years of teaching and coaching. Within a few months, chief headed up the local school board as president, he held this position for more than 10 years. When the head football coach suddenly quit in mid-session, "Coach" once again was able to step back on to the field, filling the job until a replacement was found.

Seeing the changes that needed to be made with in the Osage Nation, Chief jumped on the campaign trail that covered most of the western United States. Winning the election, he became chief of the Osage Nation, not just for one term but two. After serving 8 years as chief, he established the first Osage Nation Constitution; he presided over the congress of

the Osage Nation. Later when the nation was granted sovereignty he was unanimously voted president of the Osage Nation. It is during this time the Osage Nation would go from a small, bingo revenue to a multi-million dollar enterprise where its tribal members rely less on the federal government, and look more to the tribe itself.

After all the unjust events that Chief endured as a child, and faced the adversities, growing up as a Native American in the 30s and 40s, he harbors neither hatred nor hurt for anyone. He is a man of great stature and is held in a place of great respect and honor, not only among his own people, but throughout the United States and Canada.

George Eves Tall Chief has held many titles, but if you were to ask him which one he likes the best, he would tell you that "I am just good ol' cowboy."

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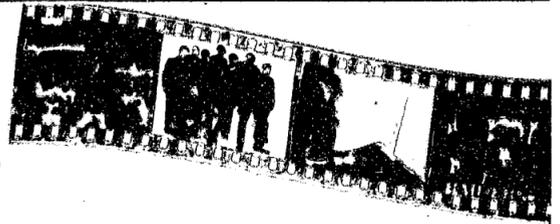
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# Teen sensation to perform at Spencer

**By Patrick Jason Rodriguez**  
Reporter

Hampstead, Quebec, native Nikki Yanofsky has come a long way since her professional singing debut at age 12 at the Montreal International Jazz Festival, the youngest performer to headline what some have called the world's largest jazz music festival.

In the five years since, Yanofsky, now 17, has appeared on a tribute album to Ella Fitzgerald, recorded a song for the soundtrack to the Disney film *High School Musical 2*, started her own production company, A440 Entertainment, earned two Juno Awards (presented annually to Canadian musical artists), recorded her first studio album, released on Decca Records, collaborating with Grammy Award-winning producer Phil Ramone and Grammy Award-winning songwriter Jesse Harris, and sang the theme song "I Believe" for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

She will be performing at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Spencer Theater. Tickets are \$59 and \$56. For more information, call the Spencer Box Of-

ice at 336-4800.

Yanofsky recently answered some questions from the *Ruidoso Free Press*.

**Ruidoso Free Press:** You started your professional singing career at age 12 (at the 2006 Montreal International Jazz Festival). In which ways did you prepare for this? Did your parents identify your singing talent at a young age and push you toward this profession? Did you feel overwhelmed singing in front of such a large crowd of people?

**Nikki Yanofsky:** I basically just listened to the songs that I was going to perform non-stop and transcribed them until I had them off the record, and then I would make them my own. My parents never, ever, ever pushed me, ever. They have only loved and supported me from the beginning. I could not have done this without them. I didn't feel overwhelmed, the whole experience was a pleasant one; I wasn't even nervous, just so excited.

**RFP:** You're from the Montreal area. The city is known for its jazz history. In what ways has growing

up there influenced your singing and music?

**NY:** This city is the home of Oscar Peterson, so I guess it is known for its jazz history. We have one of the most renowned jazz festivals in the world and I used to go every summer when I was little. Growing up here has influenced who I am because I'm very proud to be from Montreal and who I am influences my singing and music, so I guess it's the domino effect.

**RFP:** Who are your favorite singers, either past or present, in any genre?

**NY:** I have so many. I love Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Anita O'Day, Paul Simon, John Legend, John Mayer – the list really goes on.

**RFP:** You released your first studio album last year, working with producer Phil Ramone and songwriter Jesse Harris. What was it like working with either of them? And how was this project different from collaborating with different artists on

See **YANOFSKY**, pg. 16



## Tech thrills, music highlight *Peter Pan*

**By Boo Inks**

Special to the *Ruidoso Free Press*

Saturday night was the fourth and final performance of the Red Feather Theater Company's presentation of J.M. Barrie's 1904 play *Peter Pan*. The company's most technically challenging show ever finally all came together in front of an estimated 175 audience members at the Ruidoso High School's Performing Arts Center. The production of the beloved story involved flying Peter, Wendy, John and Michael across the stage, sword fights between Captain Hook and his pirate crew versus Peter and the "lost boys" on a pirate ship, row boats at sea, mermaids, a stranded Indian maiden plus Nana, the nanny dog and a crocodile with a clock.

The show ran Thursday, Friday and two performances on Saturday. Each performance involved more than fifty Ruidoso High School students on the stage and behind the scenes. In addition, dozens of parents and other Red Feather supporters helped with sets, costumes, make-up, publicity, programs, ticket sales and all the myriad details required in a production this complicated. It truly takes a village to teach our high school students to fly.

The flying stunts were created by RHS Instructor Joe Avalos and his Technical Theater class with the assistance of RHS Science Instructor David Shriver. Using a concept similar to flying a camera over football fields, Avalos and crew devised cabling across the proscenium with student operators controlling the actors movement both left/right and up/down.

With seven set changes, dozens of sound effects and lighting cues, the Saturday night performance by the RHS student tech crew was nearly flawless. This was the fourth and final show for the company this school year. The other shows were *The Importance of Being Ernest*, *A Cowboy Christmas* in association with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse and *The Fallen*, a play written by RHS senior Mercedes Espinoza.

Most of the major speaking roles were double cast to give more students the opportunity for a major role, and to insure there was always a back-up in place. Peter Pan was played by Ryan Parsons and Gage Whipple, Wendy was played by Carly Reynolds and Barbara Welch. However, Captain Hook was always played brilliantly by William Wenner. Alex Blue not only directed, but played the narrator and the playwright. In addition he was the stage manager backstage and provided, with the assistance of Alexander Mazon, entertainment during the scene changes.

One of the highlights of the show was Alexander Mazon, "The Muse of Music." Mr. Mazon wrote and performed live musical accompaniment throughout the shows on bass tenor flute, clarinet, tom-toms, bongos and trash cans. It was thoroughly delightful and very effective.

Georgene Inks, RHS Theater Instructor notes, "bringing students through a challenging theater production process offers unique learning challenges on many levels, not just theater and social skills, but also significant time management skills. The skills learned in the performing arts are the same skills students will need throughout their life; reading, writing, speaking clearly, thinking creatively and working cooperatively towards a shared vision."

The Thursday and Friday performances were video taped by Paradime Pictures and a DVD will be available soon. Contact Mrs. Inks at [inksg@ruidososchools.org](mailto:inksg@ruidososchools.org) for more details.

*17-year old Canadian singing sensation!*



**EASTER WEEKEND**

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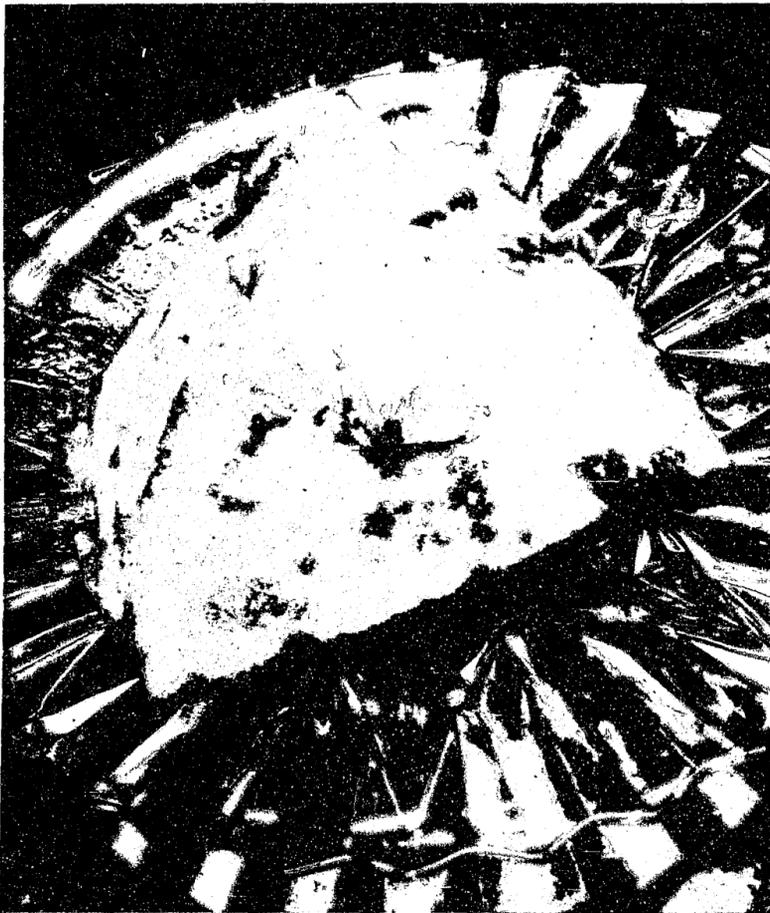
*Dining*

## Say 'oui oui' to Crêpes Suzette

This week my kids wanted me to make some Crêpes Suzette, and I always tend to give in to their culinary cravings, but my crepe pan was one of things that was lost during the move to our new house. The thing is, you can't make crêpes with just any pan, and it needs to be a shallow, nonstick pan made of steel that will heat rapidly. So, I went to one of my favorite midtown shops, Heart's Delight, to pick up a new one. I always feel like a kid in a candy store there, and of course they had just what I was looking for and lots of other fun stuff too. So now I had my pan, and a few other 'can't cook without' items and was off to make some crêpes!

Just about every culture has its version of a crêpe, but the French have made it into an art form. One of the great things about crêpes is that you can fill it with sweet or savory fillings. Some of the first crêpes were made with buckwheat flour because white flour was very expensive and was reserved only for the rich and for royalty. This week's recipe is a classic Crêpes Suzette.

But first, here is your culinary history lesson for the week. A 14-year-old French cook, Henri Charpentier, invented this dish accidentally, while making a crêpe dessert for the Prince of Wales who was soon to be King Edward VII of England. When Henri was almost finished preparing the crêpes for the prince, he accidentally spilled some liquor in the hot pan, setting it on fire. Once the fire went out, he tasted the changed recipe and found that it was one of the most delicious melodies of sweet flavors he had ever tasted. So, he went ahead and served it, and to no surprise the Prince loved the crepes and called the chef out to the dining room. The Prince asked the young cook what the name of this dish was and Henri answered with "Crêpes Princess." The Prince requested that he change the name of the dish to Crêpes Suzette after the beautiful young lady who was the Prince's date that night. Of course Henri changed the name, and the Prince gave Henri his hat, a ring, and his cane for making such a delicious dessert. Henri went on to become a very well known and successful chef.



**Crêpes Suzette**  
Makes 10 crêpes

#### Ingredients

1 cup flour  
4 large eggs  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ stick unsalted melted butter  
1 ¼ cups milk  
1 pinch sugar  
For the sauce  
½ stick unsalted butter  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1 cup orange juice  
Zest of two oranges  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/3 cup Grand Marnier

#### Directions

Combine flour, milk, salt, sugar, and eggs in a blender and blend very well, making sure there are no lumps in the batter and that it is very smooth. Next, add melted butter and blend until well combined. Place in refrigerator for at least one hour.

After the batter rests in the refrigerator, it's time to start making crêpes. Place your crepe pan over medium heat. You want the pan hot but not smoking. Wipe the pan with a lightly butter coated paper towel and place ¼ cup of batter into pan. Roll the pan until the bottom of the pan is coated with batter. Cook



*Brendan Gochenour*

for 60 seconds, gently flip crêpe over with a rubber spatula, and cook other side for another 30 seconds. Place on a clean plate and repeat until you have used all the batter.

For the sauce, place butter in a large skillet and melt over medium heat. Once the butter is hot, add sugar. When the mixture starts to bubble, add orange juice, orange zest, and vanilla. Next, fold the crêpes in half and then fold again in half. Carefully place crepes in sauce and allow them to become hot. Once they have been well heated, take the pan off the stovetop and add the Grand Marnier. Place pan back on stovetop, and with a long match, carefully light the Grand Marnier on fire, keeping the pan away from you. Once the fire is out, the crêpes are ready to serve. Place crepe on a plate and pour a little sauce over top. You can also top it off with a little homemade ice cream.

I hope you will enjoy this recipe! It goes great with a scoop of ice cream or some fresh fruit diced over the top and with the weather warming up a little more every day, this will be a perfect treat to serve on a cool night spent on the patio!

*Happy cooking!*

## YANOFSKY

other albums?

**NY:** The two people you just named are two of my favorite people ever. They're the sweetest, most enjoyable people to be around, and I loved working with them. They're so talented, and just their knowledge and experience were priceless. This project was very different from collaborating with different artists on other albums because this was my own album, and it was my own creativity and expression, although I do love guest appearing on other albums as well.

**RFP:** Which of your live performances really stands out in your memory?

**NY:** I mean, I always say every performance stands out equally because they are all learning experiences, but if I had to pick one that I will literally remember every instance of it would be the Winter Olympics. It was just a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I was so proud to represent my country.

**RFP:** Do you prefer to be called a jazz singer, or a pop singer, or both?

**NY:** I always just say "I'm a singer," no need for the genre ahead of it. I don't want to pigeonhole myself into one specific genre because if I decide to venture into a different one. I don't want to confuse people, so I'm being straight forward right off the bat. I'm just a singer.

**RFP:** How have you handled your career as a singer with your studies as a student?

**NY:** My school is extremely flexible, so it hasn't been hard at all.

**RFP:** I have read that you help the underprivileged. Please tell me more about this and any special projects that you have participated in.

**NY:** I think it's very important to lend my voice to those who can't speak up for themselves, which is why

From page 15

I'm very heavily affiliated with the Children's Wish Foundation. I'm the ambassador for the Montreal Children's Hospital, and I do work for the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

I just think it's very important to acknowledge how lucky you are on a day-to-day basis but also keep in mind that not everyone is, which is why I try to help as much as possible.

### Library will be closed Saturday

The Village of Ruidoso Public Library will be closed Saturday, April 23.

We will be open again Monday, April 25, with regular hours and days.

Located at 107 Kansas City Road, the Ruidoso Public Library regular hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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# AmeriCorps NCCC team rebuilds trails near Fort Stanton



On March 16, a 12-member AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), began an eight-week project building and repairing Kit Carson Loop and Capitan Overlook, among other tasks. Working in cooperation with Eco-Servants, their sponsoring organization, the team has built 10,000 feet of trail in their first seven days of work.

Ecoservants is a non-profit organization that began with a focus on cave stewardship, but has expanded its mission to serve broader environmental and educational needs in the community. Corps Members will assist with a variety of tasks, including trail building and restoration, park facilities improvement, cave

mapping and restoration, giving public presentations on caves and bats, and assisting with Graduate New Mexico, a program that will help 300 people go back to high school or get a GED.

Ecoservants is based out of Ruidoso and work in Lincoln County. The trail work AmeriCorps NCCC has accomplished to date made use of pick mat-



stocks, McCleods, and a digital leveler. Two members are trained per week to use the SK650 Mini Skid Steer, or "Ditch Witch," a high powered trail shaping machine, as well. Of the 10,000 feet done so far, the Ditch Witch has contributed 3,000.

"This team is awesome. They are the best AmeriCorps team we have sponsored. Trail building is phys-

ically intensive and exhaustive. This team has done over 1,000 feet of trail a day and that is great," said Stephen Carter, Executive Director of EcoServants.

The AmeriCorps NCCC team will complete their work in Ruidoso on May 5, and will depart for the AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region hub in Denver to prepare for their fourth and final project during their 10-month term of service.

The team is excited for the work they are accomplishing in Ruidoso and their time here so far has been a positive experience. They look forward to further serving communities in the southwest region of the United States.

## On the Town entertainment calendar

### TUESDAY APRIL 19

**ENMU-Ruidoso Student Art Exhibit** at ENMU-Ruidoso, from 6 to 9 p.m. This is the opening of a display that will go through May 9.

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

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 20

**Preschool Story time** every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. Bunny stories — and bunny 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/](http://www.yousemore.com/ruidosopl/)

**Farmer's Market** at SBS Wood Shavings in Glencoe from 9 to 11 a.m.

**Julio Iglesias** at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, 8 p.m. Come hear the best-selling Latin singer and one of the top ten best-selling artists in history! Be



sure to get your tickets early to reserve the best seats. More Info: 575-464-7777 Web: [www.innofthetmountaingods.com](http://www.innofthetmountaingods.com)

**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 21

**"Real Estate Green 101"** ENMU-Ruidoso - Room 119. Realtors Association of New Mexico-approved course for realtors, lenders, title company and appraisal industry personnel. Overview of green developments including renewable energy on residential properties. Two registration options: 8 a.m. to 12 Noon, or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Each session limited to 30 participants: \$25, non-re-

fundable. Register through the Ruidoso Board of Realty. More Info: 575-257-4750

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

### FRIDAY APRIL 22

**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.

**The 2011 Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference, Trade Show**, Ruidoso Convention Center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Conference at Ruidoso Convention Center. One of the few if not only renewable energy conferences in New Mexico in 2011. National keynote speaker. Topical workshops, trade show, secondary school student activities. Afternoon state leader panel on status of current renewable development in New Mexico and opportunities in Lincoln, Chaves and Otero counties. More Info: Coda Omness: 575-257-2120 ext. 367

**Cantina. Night** at Laughing Sheep Farm, 1 mile west of Lincoln, Hwy 380, mm 96, from 5 to 9 p.m. Live music with guitar and fiddle playing Western Swing.

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

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

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

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

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

**The 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 23

**3rd Annual Solar Tour of Lincoln County**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Self-guided tour of homes, schools, and businesses with PV solar systems, solar thermal systems, or solar hot water systems. An opportunity to talk with our Lincoln County neighbors about the process of designing, installing and paying for solar systems. Maps will be available by April 16th. More Info: Jim Miller: 575-937-2873

**White Oaks Pottery Tour** 445 Jicarilla Rd. White Oaks, NM. Paintings, woven metal, and functional and nonfunctional porcelain. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More Info: 575-648-2985

**Easter at the Park** Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan. For kids 12 years old and younger. The park will be divided into age groups and there will be a prize for every participant after the hunt. Bring your own basket and don't be late! The event starts promptly at 11 a.m. and the hunt goes quickly. Event Sponsored by Capitan Volunteer Fire Department Smokey Bear's Hometown Association & Smokey Bear Historical Park. More Info: 575-354-2748 Web: [www.sbhacapitan.org/default.aspx](http://www.sbhacapitan.org/default.aspx)

**Easter Egg Hunt** at Cedar Creek Cedar Creek Rd., Ruidoso, NM, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Four Age Groups, Fire Engine Rides, Visit with Smokey & Easter Bunny, Refreshments. More Info: Parks & Recreation 575-257-5030

**"Jazz Kitten" Nikki Yanofsky** performs at the Spencer

### 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 (better known

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

**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.

**Nikki Yanofsky at the Spencer** ... Saturday, April 23 7 p.m.



Theater for the Performing Arts, 7 p.m. \$59 & \$56. Her latest album, *New To Me*, includes jazz standards like "God Bless the Child" as well as tunes that she co-wrote with songwriter Jesse Harris, whose song "Don't Know Why" launched the career of Norah Jones. Brian Williams of NBC Nightly News noted, "It's hard to believe that this voice comes from this tiny person." More Info: 1-888-818-7872 Web: [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com)

guitars and vocals performs at Zocca Coffee from 2 - 4 p.m.

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

### SUNDAY APRIL 24

**Outdoor Easter Sunrise Services**, 2 Rivers Park (behind Ruidoso Visitors Center, 720 Suddeth). Service provided by Community United Methodist Church. 6:30 a.m. More Info: 575-257-4170

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

### MONDAY APRIL 25

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

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### RUIDOSO POLICE REPORTS

#### Angry male

After investigating a domestic situation, police arrested Stanton Chechliu, 31, of Ruidoso, for arrest for aggravated battery against a household member and taken to the Ruidoso Police Department for booking. Bond was set at \$7,500 and he was later taken to Lincoln County Detention Center.

#### Identity theft

A couple from Ruidoso that had vacationed in Mexico returned home to find several checks from their account had been forged. It was determined that when their vehicle was burglarized while in Mexico, some papers with personal information may have been stolen. At this time, there are no known suspects.

#### The camera never lies

Police pulled over a vehicle, April 10, with Miles Smith, 30, Kenneth Kayitah, 18 and Julius Mendez, 19, all of Mescalero, after the truck they were in had been

reported in a shoplifting case at a local grocery store. Officers found several bottles of alcohol and cans of beer in the vehicle, and a quick look at the store's surveillance footage showed Smith and Kayitah actively stealing the alcohol in question. Smith and Kayitah were arrested for shoplifting, while Smith was further charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Kayitah and Mendez were also charged with minor in possession of alcohol. Kayitah was booked and released to his mother, while Mendez posted bond and was released. Smith was unable to post bond and taken to LCDC.

#### A powerful drink

A 17-year-old female student at Ruidoso High School was suspended from school and issued a juvenile citation after she was found to have a miniature bottle of alcohol in her purse April 5. She admitted it was "left over from a couple of days ago and decided to pour the contents into her Pow-

erade bottle and drink it." She would not say where she got the alcohol in the first place.

#### More restroom vandalism

The public restrooms located at the intersection of Sudderth and Eagle Drives were vandalized, April 6. Red paint had been smeared by hand on the walls, stall door and floor.

#### Restraining order

Police arrested Larry Gandy, 48, of Lovington for violation of a protection order, April 8, after he was observed sitting in the passenger side of a truck parked in the driveway of a house where the victim was staying at and waving to her.

Gandy was placed under arrest and booked at RPD. He was later released on bond.

#### Was it worth it?

While a delivery truck was parked at a business on the 700 block of Mechem

Drive, April 12, 17 cans of Natural Light beer were stolen from a broken case in the truck.

#### Stolen bike

A mountain bike was reported stolen, April 12, from a home on Wingfield Drive. Approximate value of the bike is \$96.

#### Crime spree

Five units at Innsbrook Village were reported broken into April 11, and several items were stolen from several units in the resort complex. The items taken were mostly electronic items and alcohol and total almost \$19,000. Police expect further items will be added to the list as the owners con-

tact them with serial information. Two other units were found to be damaged with their windows were broken, but no entry was gained.

#### Socket stealer

A set of sockets was stolen from a tool box in a Village of Ruidoso vehicle while it was parked at Grindstone Dam, April 12. Value of the set is estimated at \$300.

#### Break, no enter

A business on the 300 block of Sudderth Drive was reported damaged, April 9, after a window had been broken by thrown rocks. No entry was gained, and the business owner stated nothing seemed to be missing.

### RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE REPORTS

#### The poop scoop

Mark and Kelly Sansom of Ruidoso Downs were issued an illegal dumping citation, April 11, after police found dog feces dumped on the neighbor's yard.

### Solar energy: affordable but still subsidized

By Eugene Heathman

#### Reporter

Solar energy, once heavily subsidized by the government, is slowly becoming an affordable residential renewable energy source. According to Dr. Jim Miller, of the Lincoln County Renewable Energy initiative, "The myths of expensive rooftop solar are rapidly evaporating. Recent developments in the world-wide solar industry suggest quite the opposite."

Home solar packages which serve outbuildings, garages, gates, and portions of a home's lightly used electrical circuit can be found at Home Depot online with packages starting at approximately \$1,400.

Common objections to solar electric applications have been the expense, return on investment and maintenance of solar electric systems.

"Commercial and residential solar costs for have been falling dramatically, according to recent industry reports, led by a 50 percent drop in wholesale photovoltaic [PV] panel prices in 2010, while the solar market grew 67 percent," Miller said.

Miller contends that's good news for homeowners and small business owners since panels are 50% of the cost of a residential or small scale commercial rooftop PV solar array.

However, during a recent Chamber of Commerce presentation by Ron Darnell, VP of PNM Regulatory Affairs, "solar electric applications at the commercial and industrial level is still a very expensive renewable energy, compared to wind, and continues to demand heavy subsidies," Darnell said.

Examples of those subsidies have come in the form of grants, particularly with the installation of solar arrays on public school buildings in Corona and the Ruidoso Middle School which amounted to approximately \$325,000.

### LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORTS

#### April 8

9:41 a.m., Carrizozo, 400 block 14th Street, burglary

10:31 a.m., Alto, Rain-makers, animal call

2:51 p.m., Carrizozo, Del Sol, auto burglary

4:44 p.m., Nogal, Campground Ranger Road, unknown trouble

7:59 p.m., Nogal, Highway 37 mile marker 7, arrest

8:31 p.m., Rancho Ruidoso, Little Creek Road, suspicious activity

10:18 p.m., Hondo, Highway 70/380, animal call

#### April 9

10:33 a.m., Capitan, 400 block Smokey Bear Boulevard, 911 hang up

1:01 p.m., Ruidoso, 100 block Half Circle, suspicious activity

9:25 p.m., Ruidoso, 500 block Gavilan Canyon Road, disturbance

11:13 p.m., Ruidoso, Lincoln County Medical Center, battery

#### April 10

3:15 a.m. Alto, 200 block Highway 220, alarm

9:04 a.m., Capitan, 100 block Aspen Road 9, animal call

9:39 a.m., Ruidoso, 100

block Half Circle Drive, animal call

9:44 a.m., Alto, 100 block Deer Park Drive, welfare check

4:09 p.m., Rancho Ruidoso, 300 block Crazy Horse, welfare check

5:53 p.m., Rancho Ruidoso, 300 block Crazy Horse, peacekeeping

6:35 p.m., Alto, 400 block High Mesa, animal call

9:15 p.m., Alto, 200 block Wyatt Earp, animal call

11:42 p.m., Capitan, 300 block Lincoln Avenue, suspicious activity

#### April 11

8:32 a.m., Capitan, Highway 54 mile marker 154, motorist assist

9:09 a.m., Alto, Mulligan Road, accident

10:36 a.m., Alto, Highway 48 mile marker 12, accident

10:47 a.m., 500 block Enchanted Forest Loop, welfare check

4:48 p.m., Alto, Angus Hill, traffic hazard

5:02 p.m., Oscura, 10000 block Highway 54, shots fired

#### April 12

8:43 a.m., Ruidoso, 100

block Jack Little Drive, fraud

9:36 a.m., Hondo, 280000 block Highway 70, animal call

9:40 a.m., Alto, Little Creek Road, fire/burning without a permit

10:23 a.m., Ruidoso, Alpine Village Road, larceny

10:48 a.m., Bonito, Bonito Lake Road, trespassing

11:02 a.m., Carrizozo, Highway 54, mile marker 115, larceny

12:04 p.m., Nogal, Highway 37 mile marker 3, littering/dumping

1:21 p.m., Alto, 100 block Sun Valley, alarm

2:10 p.m., Hondo, Chavez Canyon Road, fire

6:33 p.m., Ruidoso, 200 block Lookout Drive, fire

7:28 p.m., Capitan, 100 block East Cedar Street, disturbance

8:35 p.m., Alpine, 100 block Bobsled, opened door

#### April 13

8:35 a.m., Carrizozo, 300 block Brick Road, larceny

9:39 a.m., Ruidoso, White Mountain Trailer Park, warrant service

10:04 a.m., Glencoe, 26000 block Highway 70,

domestic battery

1:29 p.m., Picacho, Bonny Canyon Road, welfare check

1:40 p.m., Nogal, 1000 block Highway 37, animal call

5:47 p.m., Ancho, County Road A035, accident

9:16 p.m., Bonito, FR 107/Trail Head 36, missing/lost person

April 14

11:19 a.m., Capitan, 100 block Last Road, animal call

12:16 p.m., Capitan, 100 block West Grandview Road, suspicious activity

2:47 p.m., Nogal, 100 block Ruth Road, disturbance

5:10 p.m., Capitan, 100 block Connor Court, harassment

6:54 p.m., Capitan, Highway 48 mile post 13, accident

April 15

10:30 a.m., Ruidoso Downs, 100 block Rancher Road, animal call

10:35 a.m., Capitan, Highway 246 mile marker 26, accident

12:54 p.m., Carrizozo, 400 block Birch, larceny

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**120 LEGAL NOTICES**

**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING** - Thursday, April 21, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - REC IX Executive Director's Office. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include budget approval and adjustments, program updates and resignations/recommendations for employment. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Cathy Jones at (575)257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.  
/s/ Cathy Jones, Executive Director

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Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on IFB #11-015.

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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 29, 2011. Submitted bids will be transported and opened at the Village of Ruidoso Annex Building located 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 informalities as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

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Salary \$9.00 hourly. Applications will be accepted until 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2011.  
**Temporary Airport Cashier**  
Salary \$7.55 hourly. Applications will be accepted until 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2011.  
Complete job descriptions and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax 258-5848. Website [www.ruidoso-nm.gov](http://www.ruidoso-nm.gov). "Drugfree Workplace." EEOE.

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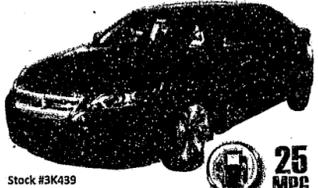
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<p><b>2001 FORD FOCUS WAGON</b></p>  <p>Stock #56322 <b>\$6,995</b></p> <p>SE, A/C, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt, Cruise, Low Miles!</p>	<p><b>2007 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE</b></p>  <p>Stock #56161 <b>\$14,975</b></p> <p>GS, Moonroof, Rockford Fosgate Sound, Alloys, Low Miles!</p>	<p><b>2009 JEEP WRANGLER 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5667 <b>\$299/mo.</b></p> <p>X Pkg, Alloys, Auto, Sound Bar, A/C, Tilt, Cruise, CD, Clean!</p>	<p><b>2007 FORD F-250 4x4 CREW CAB DIESEL</b></p>  <p>Stock #8K0661 <b>\$420/MO. / CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>Lariat Pkg., FX4 Off Road, Grill Guard, Chrome Step Bars</p>
<p><b>2003 MITSUBISHI LANCER EVO AWD</b></p>  <p>Stock #7K0615 <b>\$299/mo.</b></p> <p>Moonroof, Alloys, Spoiler, CD, A/C, Full Power, Low Miles, Hard To Find!</p>	<p><b>2006 NISSAN SENTRA</b></p>  <p>Stock #56221 <b>\$10,950</b></p> <p>1.8S, Tilt, Cruise, A/C, Power Windows, Locks, Great Economy!</p>	<p><b>2005 DODGE RAM 2500 CREW CAB DIESEL</b></p>  <p>Stock #5K441 <b>\$26,425</b></p> <p>SLT, 5th Wheel Hitch, Full Power, Only 33k Miles!</p>	<p><b>2006 MERCEDES 350 AWD</b></p>  <p>Stock #7K0611 <b>\$25,395</b></p> <p>Navigation, Moonroof, Harman Kardon Sound, Loaded, Like New!</p>

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<p><b>2007 MERCURY MILAN</b></p>  <p>Stock #9K0481 <b>1.9% / CERTIFIED</b></p> <p><b>\$15,820</b></p> <p>Premier, Leather, Traction Control, Safety Canopy, 6 CD</p>	<p><b>2009 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5656 <b>1.9% / CERTIFIED</b></p> <p><b>\$45,833 / CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>Elite Package, Navigation, DVD and more Lincoln Luxury!</p>	<p><b>2008 FORD EXPLORER 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5666 <b>1.9% / CERTIFIED</b></p> <p><b>\$23,270</b></p> <p>XLT, 7 Passenger, Dual A/C, Moonroof, Full Power, Low Miles!</p>	<p><b>2008 FORD MARINER 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5630 <b>1.9% / CERTIFIED</b></p> <p><b>\$19,995</b></p> <p>Moonroof, Navigation, 6 CD, AdvanceTrac, Full Power!</p>

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