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White Fire delay

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Almost three full weeks after the White Fire erupted April 3, claiming five homes and blackening nearly 11,000 acres, the U.S. Forest Service has still not released an official statement as to the cause of the fire.

On April 21, the *Ruidoso Free Press* learned the case has been referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Elizabeth Martinez, executive assistant U.S. Attorney in Albuquerque, confirmed her office has the case but would not disclose what the status of the case is.

"Our office is responsible for litigation and/or criminal prosecution," Martinez said, adding that she could not release any specifics of the case.

Several sources led the *Free Press* to the U.S. Attorney's office after concerns were raised that the U.S. Forest Service, which assumed control over the fire within 24 hours of its start, had reached a determination of cause but was refusing to release that information.

Speculation as to the cause of the White Fire has run rampant, with much of it focusing on Ruidoso Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent's role in the early moments of the fire.

Vincent addressed the allegations, chiefly that his father-in-law, Tommy White, caused the conflagration while illegally burning trash, calling them "ridiculous," and insisting that he and his family were anxious for the Forest Service to release the fire-cause information.

When contacted April 20, Vincent said he had not heard the USFS was withholding a public release of the fire's origin, but again stressed that he had no personal knowledge of

Hunting the elusive Easter egg



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

Hundreds of children converged on the Cedar Creek Campground Saturday to participate in a festive Easter Egg hunt. Children searched for the coveted holiday treasures in age groups that allowed them to hunt against their same-age peers.

the cause of the fire, nor was he involved with withholding information.

"There's nobody out here, I promise you, that wants the public to know the cause of that fire more than myself and my family," Vincent said.

The refusal by federal authorities to release the cause is only fueling further speculation, Vincent said.

"I'm a pretty tough guy," Vincent said, "but I have feelings too, and I know I have to grow thicker skin when it comes to things like this."

Vincent attributed the ongoing allegations to "a small handful of people in the community," and noted that the stories first began shortly after the fire started with a posting on social media site Facebook.

Mayor Ray Alborn addressed the ongoing talk last week at the Village Council by

clarifying that the village had no role whatsoever in determining the cause of the fire or releasing information.

"If it were a village issue, there would be nothing swept under the carpet," Alborn said.

Councilor Angel Shaw admonished Vincent for speaking publicly on the matter, saying it was ill-advised for any village employee to talk during an active investigation.

On April 21, Alborn again expressed his frustration with the delay in releasing information on the fire, noting that while there might be plausible reasons for not addressing the cause of the fire publicly, the community and Vincent's family was paying the price.

Alborn was clear, however, that he stood in support of Vincent.

"Absolutely," Alborn said. "I am 100 percent behind Harlan."

USFS weighs closing Forest

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Reporter

Smokey Bear District Ranger Dave Warnack says that his district could soon be off limits to the public.

Warnack told county commissioners at their meeting on April 19 that because of a lack of precipitation and looming threat of more wildfires he would soon have no choice but to authorize the closure of the forest "for public safety reasons." The forest has not been closed to the public since 2008.

His announcement comes on the heels of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, having elevated the fire danger in Lincoln County to extreme. And county commissioners on Tuesday approved a proposal by County Manager Tom Stewart declaring the county in a state of fire emergency and authorize open burning restrictions for the next 30 days. Stewart said that the federal, state and some municipal governments have enacted similar bans and it was time Lincoln County followed suit.

"We can't just put in restrictions," said Stewart, of his proposal, "we have to have an order."

The motion passed unanimously.

Warnack also told commissioners that the closure of his district would also prevent the

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Feds tour treatment plant

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

To listen to Tammye H. Trevino, head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Housing and Community Facilities Programs, the \$8.75 million in funding provided by her agency to assist in the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant in Ruidoso Downs could not have possibly been spent more appropriately.

Trevino toured the facility along with Terry Brunner, New Mexico's State Director for USDA Rural Development, and a handful of municipal leaders from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

Prior to touring the new plant, Trevino and Brunner - both of whom were appointed to their posts by President Barack Obama - were guests on "New Mexico in the Morning" talking about their agency's role in providing funding for vital community projects as well as how special it was to be observing their work come to fruition on Earth Day in Ruidoso.

"I was pleased to tour Ruidoso's new wastewater facility and see how stimulus funds are being put to use to invest in infrastructure and address envi-



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

Tammye H. Trevino, Administrator for Housing and Community Facilities Programs for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency and Terry Brunner, USDA Rural Development State Director, toured the nearly completed wastewater treatment plant in Ruidoso Downs April 22. USDA provided \$8.75 million in funding assistance for the project.

ronmental issues," Brunner said.

"Being here on Earth Day was especially significant because by funding this project, it dem-

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Aguilar abruptly resigns from Chamber of Commerce

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Sandi Aguilar, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce since May 2008, tendered her resignation, effective immediately.

Aguilar declined to talk specifically to the *Ruidoso Free Press*, saying only that the Chamber would issue a press release April 21.

The statement, issued shortly after noon, quoted President-Elect Anne Reveley as saying "we thank Sandi for her hard work at the chamber and throughout the community. She has been a very good public figure representing us."

Aguilar is quoted in the release as follows: "It was time to move on and explore some new opportunities for me and my family. I have enjoyed my



Sandi Aguilar

time at the chamber and being a part of an organization that has such a positive effect on the community."

Prior to coming to Ruidoso, Aguilar was national tourism sales manager for the Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau and held an executive position with the Tourism Association of New Mexico.

The latter part of Aguilar's tenure with the chamber sparked at least two public incidents; one in February when Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn publicly chastised Aguilar for statements

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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 Schoollhouse 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 at 5 p.m. from then on.

AVWSD meeting

The next meeting of the Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will be May 2 at 4 p.m. at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail. The agenda may contain discussion regarding a drought contingency plan, capacity assessment and revising of bylaws and regulations. All residents of the district are welcome to attend. For more information, call 257-7776 or 973-0324.

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.

Sacramento Mountain Village is a network of older adults in Ruidoso and surrounding communities who support independent living by offering services and activities that keep seniors healthy and happy in their own homes. Benefits of membership include art and yoga classes, weekly walking and discussion groups, social functions and monthly member breakfasts at Cree Meadows Country Club, on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Membership is open to any Lincoln County resident 55 years or older.

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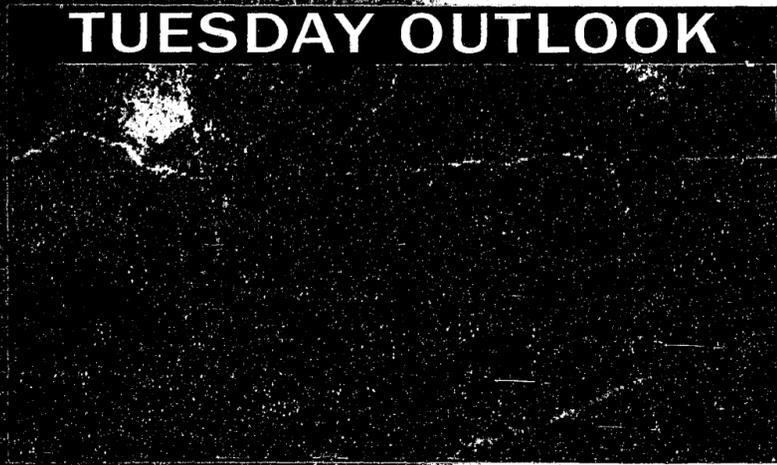
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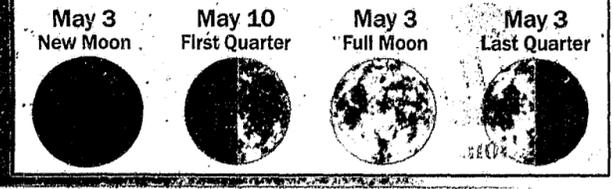
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Avg Low	34°	34°	34°	34°	35°	35°	35°
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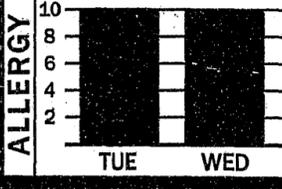


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Altrusa Club International meets at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road.

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

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

Daughters of the American Revolution meet at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Ruidoso Library.

The 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.

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet the fourth Monday of each month at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 11:30 a.m.. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call 430-7258.

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

The Lincoln County 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.

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

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

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

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

The Ruidoso Noon 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.



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23 events apply for Lodger's Tax funding

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Twenty-three events applied for a total of \$86,250 in funding from the Ruidoso Lodger's Tax Committee, but with a budget initially pegged at \$60,000, few can look forward to receiving their requested amount for events planned for 2011-12.

Only five events – the Alto Arts Studio Tour (\$500), the Aspen Cash Motorcycle Rally (\$5,000), the Region III EMS Annual Conference (\$5,000), the Mountain High Fly In and Car Show (\$1,000) and Oktoberfest (\$2,000) – received recommendations for full funding approval by the committee.

Many events saw their requests pared down considerably as the four members – Chairwoman Cindi Clayton-Davis, Vice Chairman Tom Wood, Sunny Hirschfeld

and Lynn Crawford – debated for three hours not only on the worthiness of the event, but the event's likelihood of future growth with continued funding assistance.

The panel withheld funding for two events, the Billy the Kid Chute Out and the Miss New Mexico Pageant – both requests were for \$5,000 – deciding to hold the funding in reserves until information from upcoming 2011 versions of the events can be considered.

The Billy the Kid Chute Out has already received \$4,000 to assist in its publicity campaign for the upcoming 2011 event, set for June 3-4 at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track; the Miss New Mexico Pageant, which will be held June 22-25 at the Spencer Theater, lacks a contract for future pageants, and the panel decided to hold the funding in reserve until the contract for future dates can be finalized. After discussing initial grant allocations, the panel found itself needing to make \$6,500 in cuts — \$16,500 if the Billy the Kid Chute Out and Miss New Mexico Pageant figures are included — to meet their pre-determined budget of \$60,000.

Lodger's Tax funding can only be used to assist events in their publicity efforts.

While some agencies were seeking funding for more than one event, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Golden Aspen Rally Association and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse each sought assistance for two events.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Clayton-Davis made it clear that the funding levels finalized by the panel were only recommendations that would be forwarded to the Ruidoso Village Council for final approval.

The complete funding list, with requested and final recommendations, is as follows:

- The Alto Artists' Studio Tour**, Aug. 4-7, requested \$500, recommended \$500;
- Art Expo**, June 22-24, requested \$4,000, recommended \$1,500;
- Art Loop**, July 8-10, requested \$5,000, recommended \$750;
- AspenCash Motorcycle Rally**, May 17-20, requested \$5,000, recommended \$5,000;
- Billy the Kid Chute Out**, June 4-5, requested \$5,000; recommended to hold funding;
- Chamber Music Festival**, July 27-30, requested \$5,000, recommended \$2,000;
- Christmas Jubilee**, Nov. 11-13, requested \$2,500, recommended \$2,000;

- Cowboy Ball**, December 2011, requested \$2,500, recommended \$500;
- EMS Region III Annual Conference**, April 23-29, requested \$5,000, recommended \$5,000;
- Festival of Lights**, November 2011 to January 2012, requested \$5,000, recommended \$4,000;
- Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally**, Sept. 14-18, requested \$5,000, recommended \$4,500;
- Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium**, Oct. 7-9, requested \$5,000, recommended \$4,500;
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride**, Aug. 5-7, requested \$2,000, recommended \$250;
- Miss New Mexico Pageant**, June 2012, requested \$5,000, recommended to hold funding;
- Mountain High Fly In and Car Show**, Oct. 15, requested \$1,000, recommended \$1,000;
- New Mexico State Open Chili Cook Off**, Oct. 1, requested \$3,000, recommended \$750;
- Ruidoso Art Festival**, July 22-24, requested \$5,000, recommended \$2,500;
- Ruidoso Mountain of Blues Festival**, June 2, request \$5,000, recommended \$4,000;
- Oktoberfest**, Oct. 14-15, requested \$2,000, recommended \$2,000;
- Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon**, June 9, requested \$3,250, recommended \$2,500;
- Ski Run Road Challenge**, Oct. 29, requested \$2,000, recommended \$1,500;
- Tour de Ruidoso**, Sept. 24, requested \$6,000, recommended \$2,250.

JUB and grease traps

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Ruidoso Downs officials said April 20 they have achieved complete compliance with local restaurants and other facilities that are required to uphold grease trap regulations, while Ruidoso officials said they are still struggling to get village eateries to comply.

Village engineer Bob Decker told the Joint Use Board that some village businesses, to date, "have not been working with us."

The issue is critical as the two municipalities are nearing opening the new \$40 million waste water treatment plant that could be heavily impacted by grease flowing into the facility through sewer lines.

Membranes used to filter out grease and other non-biological matter are easily damaged by grease buildup and costly – as much as \$200,000 each – to replace.

Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards, who serves on the JUB, said "we have no problems at all with restaurants and other businesses in Ruidoso Downs" complying with the city's regulations.

Richards specifically cited the Ruidoso Downs Race Track as being "definitely in full compliance. They are serviced regularly and fully maintained."

Decker, who noted the village has considerably more – approximately 60 to 12 in Ruidoso Downs – grease traps or businesses impacted by the regulations, said it has been such a struggle to gain complete cooperation that the village is

considering toughening its ordinance to include penalties for non-compliance.

"We're working on beefing it up," Decker said.

At a recent meeting of the village council, at least one member, Councilor Jim Stoddard, told Decker that it was his hope that shutting off water to the reluctant business was an option that would be included in any amendment to the ordinance.

On April 20, Stoddard said he was still off the opinion that after two years of trying to seek cooperation with businesses, that shutting off the water was a reasonable option.

"We have a sewer plant that uses membranes that aren't tolerant of the grease," Stoddard said. "If we're talking about causing the citizens of our community to pay out that amount of money because some people aren't willing to comply, then yes, I'd be in favor of shutting off their water if that will bring them into line."

"The problem is the smaller, little restaurants with grease traps inside the business," Decker said. "We can't always get inside to inspect them, which is why we're trying to encourage businesses to locate their grease traps outside."

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong said the problem of grease entering the system goes beyond just restaurants.

"We feel there could be some problems from mobile home parks as well."

Decker said he agreed, and that all residents should be careful not to pour grease down their drains.

FEDS TOUR

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onstrates how this administration has worked hard to make sure future generations living in this area have clean, healthy water to drink."

Brunner said local officials had been lobbying hard to gain funding assistance for the new plant, following the damaging flood of 2007 and when federal stimulus money, via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, became available for so-called "shovel-ready" projects, the wastewater treatment plant was deemed an ideal prospect.

"It's all about conservation," Trevino said. "Everything we do, whether its housing or community facilities such as this wastewater treatment plant, we're trying to provide the means necessary for these projects

while improving the environment."

Trevino said she was especially pleased to see what her agency's assistance was able to provide for Lincoln County.

"This facility is going to make a difference, not only for this community, but for the region," she said.

Trevino also praised local officials for having "the vision and leadership to address the needs of the region."

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Aspects of a "green" home

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

The Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference showcased an abundant variety of green education classes and seminars for business and homeowners.

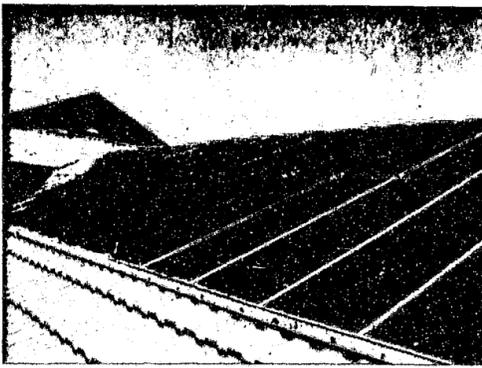
Barbara Madaras, a National Association of Realtors GREEN designee, Certified EcoBroker and Realtor Liaison for Build Green New Mexico put the "green" into perspective during two sessions of Green Real Estate 101.

"Green means different things to different people and is generally accepted as meaning concepts, products and philosophies that result in reduction of the impact of society on the environment," Madaras said.

In the course, Madaras cautions against a practice known as "green washing", which is making claims of being green without producing a verifiable positive effect to the environment.

"Some green marketing is intended simply to make the consumer feel good about the purchase," Madaras said.

Aspects of a green home include solar energy, high efficiency heating and cooling,



construction and insulation materials and techniques, indoor air quality, lighting, appliances and water conservation.

"Performing an energy audit on your home and business is a step in the right direction," Madaras said. "Forty-eight percent of energy is consumed with the construction of buildings and 40 percent of electricity used in this country is for building operations. 65 percent of the trash in our landfills comes from residences versus business."

Going green on the home front does have an effect on the housing economy. "Energy efficient mortgages have 40 percent less foreclosure rates and lower the energy volatility risk results with increased ability to make mortgage payments. Lenders are more eager to lend on green homes," Madaras said.

Madaras encourages people to green their homes and their lives one step at a time by simply "walking the talk."

LC unemployment dropped in March

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

New figures say that the unemployment rate in Lincoln County dropped by more than a percentage point in March.

A report released Thursday by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions shows that the county had a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6 percent last month, down from 7.4 percent in February. The unemployment rate in the county was at 7.5 percent in March 2010.

According to the department, 9,963 of 10,598 individuals in the labor force were employed in Lincoln County during the month of March.

The report also shows that the state unemployment rate declined by six-tenths of a point to 8.1 percent from February to March.

Luna County had the state's highest unemployment rate in March with 20.9 percent of the labor force out of work, according to the department. Meanwhile, Los Alamos County recorded the state's lowest unemployment rate last month with 3 percent.

Although a slight change from the previous month, the national unemployment rate dropped by only one-tenth of a point to 8.8 percent from February to March, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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made regarding the village's response to the chilling freeze that left some villagers without water for several days.

In March, the chamber board reportedly learned that Aguilar had transferred money from one chamber account to another, and later returned the money back to the original account.

City officials such as Village Manager Debi Lee said the matter was brought to their attention, but that no one thought, or was even suggesting that Aguilar had done anything improper.

Former chamber boardmember Cynthia West told the *Free Press* April 21 that she, and at least three other boardmembers, resigned from the chamber at or about the same time as the money transfer allegations were made public, but denied that she terminated her position because of Aguilar.

"Sandi was very professional and very capable," West said. "But she tried to run the chamber herself, while the chamber is a board-driven organization."

Trouble began, West said, when boardmembers were told that Aguilar was withholding financial statements from her reports.

"I'm not saying there was anything done that was inappropriate," West said, adding that she left the chamber shortly thereafter due to being "overcommitted" with other responsibilities.

"I wish Sandi the best and the chamber the best," West said. "It's a great organization."

Unlicensed real estate activities penalty increased; includes fine, imprisonment

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

Governor Susana Martinez has signed into law the bill that increases the penalty for unlicensed real estate activity from a misdemeanor to a fourth-degree felony carrying a \$5,000 fine and 18 months imprisonment.

The new law, which goes into effect July 1, 2011 would allow the Commission to direct a person found guilty of unlicensed activity to deposit commissions

received from such activity in the Real Estate Recovery Fund, a fund established in 1980 to compensate consumers who suffer financial loss resulting from fraud, misrepresentation, or wrongful conversion of funds by a real estate broker.

Although Section 61-29-01 NMSA of the New Mexico Real Estate License Law prohibits the practice of unlicensed real estate activity for others and exerts jurisdiction over unlicensed practitioners, policing and enforcing unlicensed activity remains difficult because of the small likelihood of criminal prosecution of unlicensed activity, the lack of meaningful sanctions for such activity, and the proliferation of real estate activity conducted on the internet.

However, increasing the penalty for unlicensed real estate activities from a misdemeanor to a felony in addition to stiffer fines and imprisonment will put some teeth into the law to discourage would be offenders, particularly in tourist-driven communities such as Ruidoso where a large number of vacation home owners are exposed to

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Cloudfcroft student turns lesson into reality

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

It started as an assignment from her eighth grade language arts teacher: What the world needs now.

And while her classmates were thinking on a more global scale — for instance, wondering what people in Africa or Haiti might need — Chanupa Gallerito put the focus of her project on somewhere closer to home.

During a Google search on charity organizations in the area, the Cloudfcroft Middle School student from Mescalero stumbled upon the Nest, a domestic violence shelter, located at 512 E. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. And the more she read about the place, the more she wanted to help out. So she organized a charity drive that resulted in two large moving boxes filled with stuffed animals and toys for the children and diapers and baby wipes for the mothers staying at the shelter.

Carrie Calkins, director of operations for the Nest, was taken aback on the evening that Chanupa and her mother showed up with the materials in tow.

"About two weeks ago she visited us just as we were about to close for the day," recalled Calkins, "and there she was, dropping off these two boxes filled with supplies. I was totally surprised."

Kathy Miller, the teacher who dished out the assignment, which she originally intended to be a challenge to her students to become more involved in the community, was also surprised, if only by what

she saw as her student finally "coming out of her shell."

"Chanupa is shy, a very quiet student in the classroom," said Miller. "This project made her come out of her comfort zone, forced her to interact with other students and other teachers."

Chanupa, 15, agrees that she is a quiet student, admitting that the most difficult aspect of the project was the interaction that took place between her and the other students, their parents and the teachers at her school. But she also says that she has always considered herself to be the kind of person who helps out others in need.

"I'd like to do more for children," she said. "I came across a lot of information on foster and adopted children in the state. I want to throw parties for them."

Soon after finding out more information about the domestic violence shelter, Chanupa said that she spoke to some of her fellow students at Cloudfcroft and put up flyers asking for people to help her collect materials for the nonprofit organization.

When asked what she would like do



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Chanupa Gallerito, left, and Carrie Calkins of the Nest domestic violence shelter

for a living later in life, she responded by saying, "It's kind of ironic, but I'd like to be an EMT."

Calkins said that it isn't all that rare for children to come into the offices at the Nest and donate a few items or maybe some loose change, but not many individuals donate as many supplies for the women and children staying at the

shelter.

Said Calkins: "When we asked her how she found out about us and she said that she had done all this research on the Nest and that she organized this charity drive for us to get people to donate toys and supplies, I just had this great feeling inside me. We are just so appreciative of the work she did for us."

Greentree's new recycling program receives grant

Lincoln County has made the Keep New Mexico Beautiful [KNMB] grant program "Winners Circle" again.

Late last week, KNMB announced award of an \$800 grant to underwrite the Greentree Solid Waste Authority's [GSWA] new Steel Can Recycling Program.

The award will purchase the first of many three cubic yard blue recycling collection dumpster for steel cans, also known years ago as "tin cans."

The award is the fourth consecutive grant in support of Authority recycling efforts for County residents. The project is expected to steadily increase the amount of clean steel can recycling in the region.

Steel can recycling has been a Lincoln County resident option for the past several years. Clean steel cans may be recycled with labels, but cleaned out with a light rinse.

Cans may be deposited in blue recycling containers throughout the county and Ruidoso.

For more information on steel can recycling, the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, extension 13, or toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. General recycling information is available on the Authority website at www.greentreeswa.org.



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interference of vegetation recovery work in the aftermath of the recent White Fire that burned 10,384 acres in and around the Lincoln National Forest, including some residential sections of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. The fire was contained April 10.

Commissioners mentioned residents living in the foothills of the mountain could potentially face the threat of mudslides once monsoon season arrives this summer. Commissioner Jackie Powell, in particular, said that she's worried about the effects of drainage resulting from run-off flowing into the Rio Ruidoso.

A local Burned Area Emergency Response team, established at the Smokey

Bear Ranger District in the wake of the White Fire, has constructed a model showing potential flooding hazards leading out of the burned area and into commercial and residential zones, said Warnack.

"Ruidoso Downs, a little bit of Ruidoso, would be hit hardest by drainage," Warnack said.

The U.S. Forest Service, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service has been working on efforts to assuage potential damage from major flooding. The Forest Service will soon present findings on damage to the forest area, while the NRCS will soon have an assessment of possible damage done to residential areas.

Stewart said that the both the Forest Service and the NRCS would like to see the county involved in the some of these efforts.

In the meantime, Stewart recommended that business owners and homeowners purchase flood insurance as soon as possible.

Public information workshops put together by the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will soon be scheduled, said Warnack.

Regarding possible flooding, Powell said the county should be "prepared for the worst, hope for the best."

Said Warnack: "After the rains, hopefully we'll see a different landscape."

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OPINION

Feds could put end to White Fire speculation

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom hit the nail on the head when he announced at a Village Council meeting that he would no longer read or even consider unsigned letters and e-mails addressed to him.

Albom didn't directly connect the anonymous correspondence with the continuing onslaught of rumors regarding the cause of April 3's White Fire, but he did clarify ... or perhaps further muddied the waters ... by insisting the village had no role in the releasing of information regarding the cause of the blaze that claimed five homes and nearly 11,000 acres before being contained due to the heroic actions of firefighters who struggled for days to protect the area's people and possessions.

As sad as the human toll of the White Fire was, an even darker element has risen out of the ashes — ugly asides and accusations aimed at the man who has been repeatedly credited and

applauded for his actions in the earliest moments of the fire, and whose command of the situation undoubtedly, according to state and federal officials, saved homes and perhaps lives.

For whatever reasons, Ruidoso Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent and his family have been targeted by a small group of character assassins who lack the courage to come out and publicly own up to their accusations.

Is it any wonder so many people refer to our beautiful community as "Rumordoso?"

Unfortunately our culture has evolved into one where unfounded, baseless and hurtful innuendo can rapidly be spread with the originator being able to comfortably hide behind a cloak of anonymity.

Some of the ugliest statements imaginable find their way onto local blog sites, at least one of which is sponsored by a media outlet, where people routinely spew hate and venom namelessly,

and it is exactly such correspondence Albom was talking about.

Newspapers perform many vital roles for a community, but one of them should never be to allow for the propagation of false information.

Readers of the *Ruidoso Free Press* are encouraged to share their views with the community at large by sending us their thoughts, ideas, complaints and concerns in a letter to the editor.

While we will always reserve the right to edit such letters, there is only one hard and fast rule: No name, or no way to contact the author, no publication.

It's as simple as that; if you want to express your views in the *Ruidoso Free Press*, you will not do so anonymously.

Along that same vein, what is transpiring by federal officials regarding the White Fire is no less reprehensible.

The latest bit of gossip, but one which bears lots of identifiable smoke, is that the U.S. Forest

Service has not only determined the cause of the White Fire but that they are deliberately withholding that information from the public.

Repeated inquiries with local, state and federal officials failed to turn up one single person who would publicly admit such actions have occurred, but none denied the allegation either, offering only that the decision to release such information rested with an agency above them in the pecking order.

Thursday, the *Free Press* tracked the White Fire to Albuquerque, where the U.S. Attorney's Office now possesses the results of the investigation ... and is, in fact, refusing to release that one key piece of information — the cause of the White Fire — which is contained in the report.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Martinez would only confirm her office had the case, and that the role of her office was to

"pursue litigation and criminal investigations."

Martinez was unsympathetic to the notion that withholding vital information — information this community deserves to know — was not only fueling speculation, but continuing to allow the village's top firefighter to be blindsided by totally unfounded accusations.

Talk does indeed spread fast in a small town, Martinez said, but it was not the role of her office to put such matters to rest.

We beg to differ on that point.

It's long past time for the cause of the White Fire to be released to the public, whatever that cause might turn out to be.

Justice demands it. This community deserves it. And one good man and his family are aching for the truth to come out.

Further delays will only erode any confidence in the information when it does become public.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

To everyone who saved our community from the big fire:

On the Sunday afternoon of April 3, we saw a lot of smoke coming from the west side of the Hondo Valley. We were scared. Some of us were in Ruidoso at the time and had to go the long way home. Some of us saw the fire when we came out of Walmart. It was so big.

Some of us had to leave our homes and were very thankful to see our houses still standing when they allowed us to return. If

it had not been for you, many more people in Ruidoso Downs and the surrounding area could have lost their homes.

We appreciate all the hard work you do. You risked your lives to save ours, our homes, our livestock and our beautiful valley and forest. You are so brave, strong and helpful. We hope you will continue to serve our community because no one can do it better than you. We will continue to pray for you.

Our best thanks,
The students from Hondo Elementary

To the Editor,

Who says crime doesn't pay? In Lincoln County it sure does. I pay \$674 yearly for vehicle registration, license and insurance. Ruidoso and the Downs police and state police do their jobs catching and arresting motorists who have no insurance, registration or driver's license. The county District Attorneys plea bargain everything that comes across their desks, then the three bleeding heart female county judges let them walk with a small fine and court costs. This same procedure also applies to DWI, DUI and illegal drug possession and usage.

Then these same offenders set up a payment schedule with the courts to pay their fines, then skip the county and you will see their names again in the warrants column for failure to pay their fines.

Yes, law-abiding citizens, crime does pay in Lincoln County and we pay the bill.
Donald W. Grab, Sr.
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County looks to 'tighten up' indigent health fund

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners last week that the Indigent Health Care Fund claims have increased significantly and the county needs to take action to "tighten up the program to maintain its viability."

Stewart proposed tougher restrictions on income eligibility and setting limits on usage as a way of curbing habitual clients and saving costs for the program, which was established in 2000.

There have been 679 claims approved year to date (from July 2010 through March 2011), costing \$346,966.53. By comparison, last year there were 532 claims approved at a total cost of \$314,818.20.

At the beginning of the year, the estimated total cost for the Indigent Health Care Fund for 2011

was \$416,000. The county had budgeted for about \$517,000 in total spending for the program for 2011.

Stewart cited a tough economy and lower unemployment rates as the cause for the increase in claims this year.

The county received some good news on that front on Thursday when the latest figures released by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions said that Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was at 6 percent in March, down from 7.4 percent in February.

Still, with three months

left in the current fiscal year, Stewart knows that the coffers on the program are running dry.

"We're looking at the money that's left in the fund and we can spend only about one-eighth of what's in there," he said.

Scott Annala, Indigent Health Care administrator for the county, told commissioners that other counties in the state are spending much lower for similar programs because of annual income stipulations.

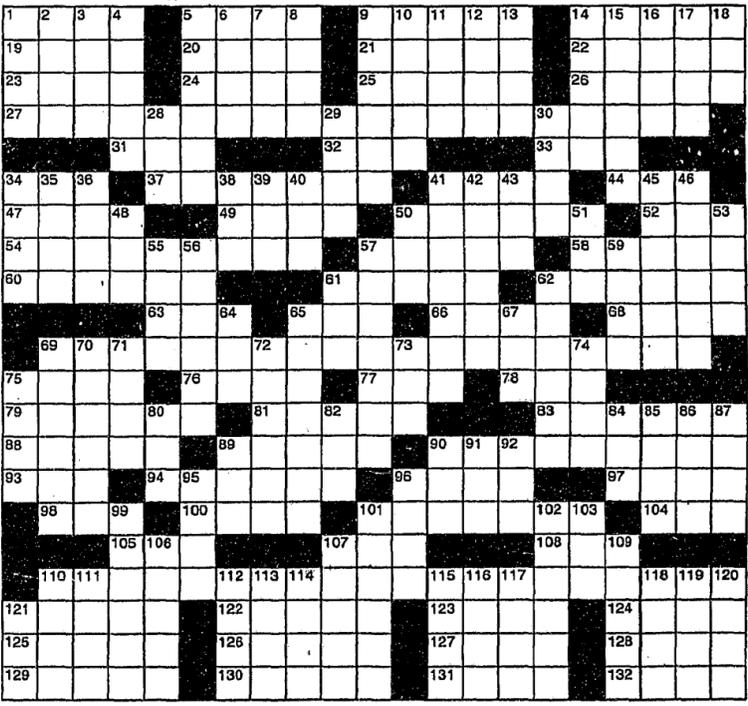
"We're going to have to take a serious look at this program next year," he said.

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EDUCATION

Commissioners side-step ENMU-R BRT proposal

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

County Commissioners struck down a scheduled agenda item from ENMU-Ruidoso proposing discussion to fund textbooks for Lincoln County college and high school students enrolled in dual credit courses at the school.

The proposed textbook program would be funded with excess revenue from the recently enacted business retention, gross receipts tax. ENMU-R is an approved recipient of the 3/16 of one cent per dollar of collections exceeding \$750,000 of gross receipts tax collected by the state from the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, then redistributed to the county.

At the March county commissioners meeting, roads and infrastructure improvements were discussed as potential uses for excess BRT revenues.

ENMU-R President, Dr. Clayton Alred expressed concern with the commissioner's decision to reject discussion of the agenda item and subsequent comments made by the commissioners and county manager

thereafter.

"I am puzzled with the decision of the county commissioners not wanting to discuss the proposal because during last month's meeting, commissioners discussed possible uses for excess BRT revenue," Alred said.

County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners the ENMU request was premature but later suggested the commission should discuss allocating the potential revenues for county administration to "consider a property tax break in proportion to the amount of business retention GRT refunded by the state, even if the amount is only equivalent to 0.125 mills of property tax, estimated to yield \$124, 201," Stewart said.

Commissioner Mark Doth proposed removing the item from the agenda, followed by a 4-1 vote in favor of removing the item, "It's way too premature for discussion," Doth said. Commissioner Tom Battin voted not to remove the discussion item.

Alred said he intends resubmit the proposed discussion item on the next county commission meeting agenda. "I don't be-

lieve it's ever too early to start a dialogue about public policy."

The first distribution of funds generated by the business retention tax from the State will occur in September of 2011.

According to the proposal the first round of textbook purchases and distribution of books would take place prior to the beginning of the spring 2010 semester. Subsequent distributions from the state, if forwarded to ENMU, would then be utilized to build the library collection for the following semesters.

According to the project overview, approximately 51 percent of ENMU-R students receive financial aid.

"The average full-time ENMU-R student spent \$742 on tuition and \$1,100 for textbooks, the rise of textbook costs has dire consequences for ENMU-R's dual credit program at the high school level, the number of high school students taking both high school and college classes. The cost of textbooks jeopardizes the entire program," Alred said.

Participants in the program would be limited to Lincoln County residents without

other forms of support for textbooks. With the inclusion of a nominal fee for book usage, it is predicted that over the lifetime of the imposition of the BRT, the program could become self-funding.

"Given that ENMU-R is a viable economic engine for Lincoln County, this proposal is reasonable, advisable and consistent with the enabling legislation outlined in New Mexico House Bill 203," Alred said.

Not everyone agrees. According to a Dec. 14 posting on the "Friends of Mark Doth Lincoln County Commissioner" Facebook page, the author refers to a Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce event in December, 2010 with local leaders lobbying legislators for ENMU-R's share of state funds.

"This was a truly pathetic meeting put on by the Chamber of Commerce. Many people still think that ENMU Ruidoso is providing economic development. A \$1 million subsidy is provided by the taxpayers of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. Let's get real people; this is nothing more than a glorified high school! It's time to cut the fat," the author said.

Baby signing, breast feeding topics at Public Library

Wouldn't it be wonderful to know what your baby wanted before she or he talks? Just think — both of you would be less frustrated. With sign language, you and your baby can start

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On Wednesday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., pre-

schoolers and parents with babies can enjoy an introductory signing. Pacasha Younger shares simple, basic hand signs to get you started teaching sign language to your baby. Younger will also

read one story using sign language. The preschoolers attending story time will enjoy learning the signs to "talk" silently with each other and their guardians.

Also in the Children's

Library on May 4 at 10:30 a.m., Stephanie Lott, the breast feeding advocate from WIC, will be available with information for mothers on breast feeding. After the sign language presentation, mothers are welcome to participate in "Feeding your baby discussions" and also take home a breastfeeding grab bag. This is a mother's chance to meet other families with babies. WIC is a federally funded health and nutrition program for women, infants, and children provided by the NM Health Department.

The rest of the month for preschoolers follows: Wednesday, May 11:

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Summer stories and interactive day

Wednesday, May 18: Sign up for Summer Reading Program 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Children's Dept.

Wednesday, May 25: No preschool story time scheduled.

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. Visit our website at <http://www.yousemore.com/ruidosopl/> or <http://ruidosopubliclibrary.blogspot.com/>

A "shredding" graphic

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Ruidoso/Lincoln County Crime Stoppers a non-profit 501(c)3 recently had a design competition to select the artwork for the upcoming Shred Day. Ruidoso High School student Jason Navarrez was awarded \$50 for his artwork design to be used on the Shred Day poster. Crime Stoppers is have the "Shred Day" to help stop identity theft in Lincoln



County. Total Destruction LLC of Alamogordo will be at the Lawrence Bros. IGA parking lot on Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone in Lincoln County is encouraged to bring any documents that they would like destroyed to avoid identity theft. This is a fundraiser for Crime Stoppers and a \$5 minimum donation is suggested for destruction of the documents. Crime Stoppers is dedicated to helping law enforcement solve crimes in our area, and funds go to pay rewards. Pictured left to right: Crime Stopper Coordinator Detective Art Nelson, Lincoln County Under Sheriff Robert Shepard, RHS student Jason Navarrez, City of Ruidoso Downs Chief Doug Babcock, Village of Ruidoso Chief Joe McGill.

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Pearce announces opening of service academy selection process

Congressman Steve Pearce 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, Oct. 21. In November, Congressman 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.

Questions may be directed to Barbara Romero, Deputy District Director for Congressman Pearce, at 575-835-8979.

History conference set for May 5-8

The 2011 New Mexico History Conference takes place in Ruidoso, Lincoln, and at the Hubbard Museum Thursday through Sunday, May 5-8.

Panel discussions highlighting Lincoln County history are scheduled at the Ruidoso Convention Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. A book auction and Annual Awards banquet will be held Friday night.

Workshops emphasizing the statewide com-

memoration of the Statehood Centennial are open to teachers at the Lincoln State Monument on Saturday, May 7. A tour of White Oaks will take place on Sunday, May 8.

Conference registration is open to the public. Pre-registration is available online, on Thursday, May 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum, and at the Ruidoso Convention Center during the panel discussions.

For more information, go to www.hsnm.org.

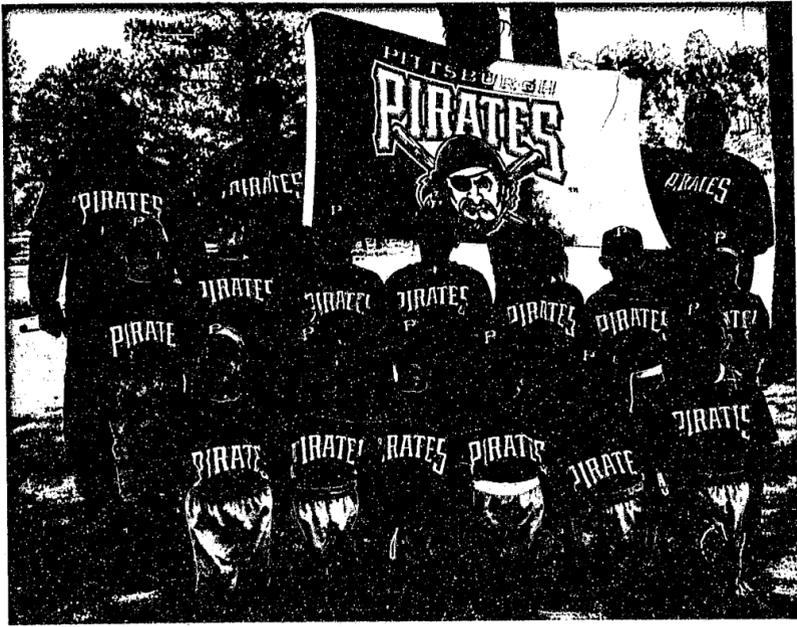
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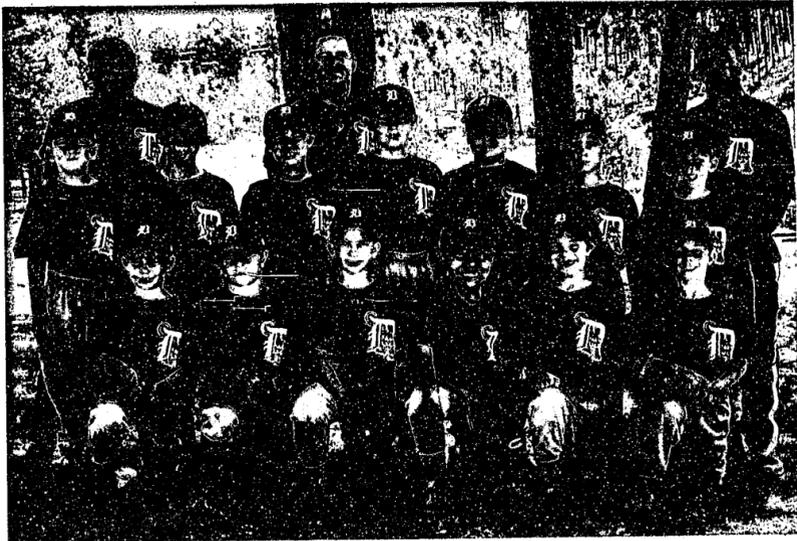


*This week's featured teams:
Farm League Pirates, Farm League Tigers, T-Ball League Cubs, Minor League Cubs and Minor League Dodgers.*



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Farm League Pirates: Front row (l-r), Daniel Lopez, Steven Norvell, Dominic Brown, Brynn Martinez, Elena Sainz, Nehemiah Sainz. Middle row (l-r) Robert Gonzales, Julius Espinoza, Jameson Bush, Lukas Flores, Erik Guerrero, Ayrian Rojas, Ethan Glass. Back row (l-r) Assistant coach Robert Lopez, assistant coach Sergio Guerrero head coach James Sainz.



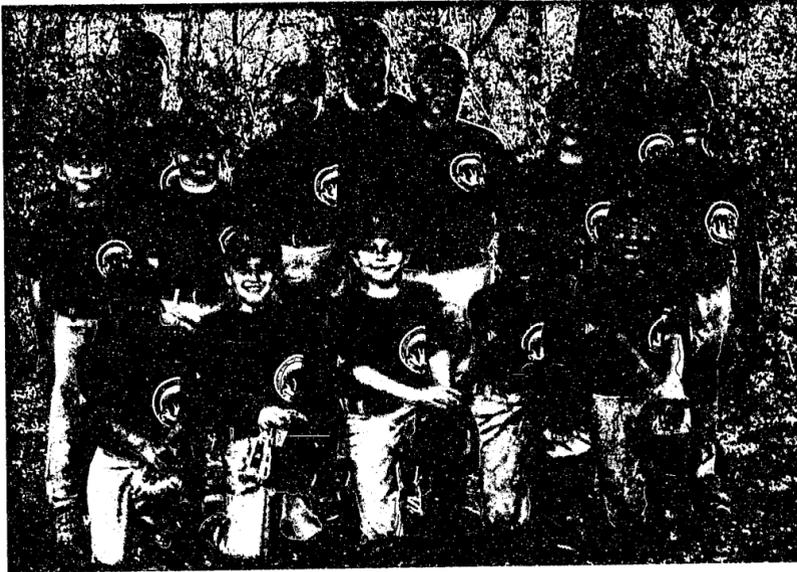
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Farm League Tigers: Front row (l-r) Trayce Minter, Braden Gonzales, Jacob Smith, Johnnie Smith, Britney Baca, Braxton Hall. Second row (l-r) Isaak Ogden, Jadeyn Vela, Dalton Lewis, Taj Kellogg, Nathaniel Dominquez, Mac Ogden, Dylan Herring. Back row (l-r) Assistant coach Paul Baca, head coach Cade Hall, assistant coach Steve Gonzales



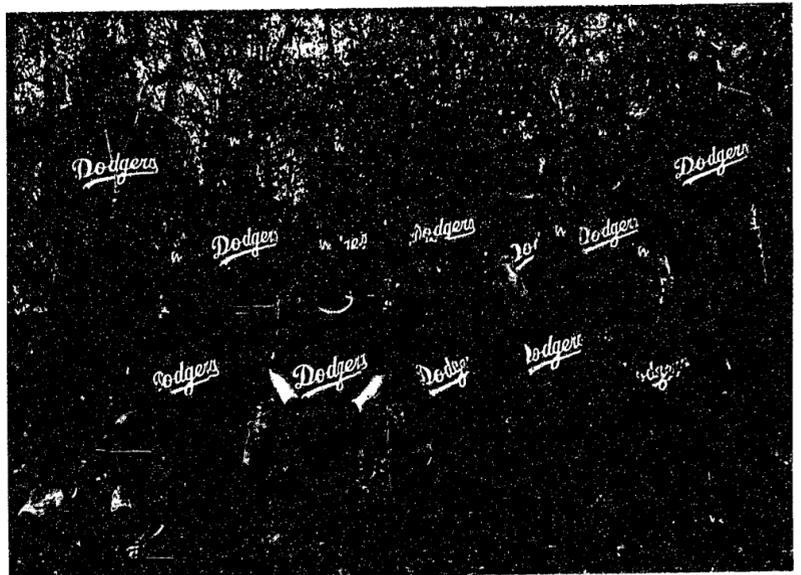
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T-Ball League Cubs: front row (l-r), Jason Klein, Andy Candelaria, Nittalai Patel, Adrianna Sanchez, Ryan Friberg. Second row (l-r), Jaxon Draper, Tylee Whipple, Michael Candelaria, Billy Welty, Michael Friberg. Back row, (l-r) coaches Dallas Draper, J.P. Whipple and Mike Friberg



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Minor League Cubs: Front row (l-r), Danielle Thompson, Gavin Garcia, Kyle Weaver, Rylan Tercero, Annani Rojas. Second row (l-r), Joseph Salcido, Takoda Moorhead, Andrea Valenzuela, Dustin Tidwell, Aaron Forster, Vlad Valdez. Back row: (l-r), coaches Jerold Tercero, Derek Moorhead and Chuck Tidwell



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Minor League Dodgers: Front row (l-r), Julien Polaco, Tadd Dictson, Gage Sosa, Crystal Beaver, Mark Graves. Second row (l-r), Coach Manny Guardiola, Julie Slaten, Brandon Espinoza, Macai Garcia, Gage Guardiola, Seth Temple, coach Curt Temple.

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Evacuation planning for wildfires

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

During wildfire season, residents may be forced to evacuate their home or business in the event of a forest fire. According to the American Camp Association, most fire evacuations provide at least a three-hour notice.

However, residents should be prepared to evacuate with shorter notice due to the intensity, speed and direction of the fire. Every fire is different as with the wind-driven White Fire which residential evacuations were ordered.

Research suggests that 50 percent of homeowners will evacuate without being told to do so. Residents need to evacuate as soon as possible after becoming aware there is a fire, residents in the fire zone will only slow efforts to fight the fire. Obvious signs include smoke, flames, and word of mouth news from neighbors.

Lincoln County residents should take precautionary steps before and during an evacuation to reduce anxiety and avoid injuries. Quick compliance to an evacuation order is critical. Every vehicle, home and business should have an emergency evacuation checklist readily available, with a clear understanding of evacuation procedures.

Keep family members together. Gather pets and secure them in a safe location - ready to go. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and boots or sturdy shoes for protection from the heat. Identify escape routes and safety zones - stay away from flammable vegetation. Follow posted evacuation routes, unless the location of the fire compromises the safe use of a designated route.

If necessary, choose an alternate route. Arrange temporary housing at a friend or relative's home outside the threatened area. Leave a note posted in the home telling where and how the occupants can be located. Prepare for a safe, rapid, organized evacuation. Listen to a battery-operated radio for reports and evacuation information.

It is recommended to closely follow instructions of law enforcement and fire personnel. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Exit safely and watch for changes in speed and direction of fire and smoke.

All homeowners in wildfire areas should catalog their belongings either by listing them and their value, taking pictures, or videotaping. Send copies to friends or family who live in a safe area.

Each person should decide what essential items to gather depending upon the time given to evacuate. Suggested items include; pets and food for them, prescription medicines, pictures and photo albums, baby supplies (diapers, food, etc.), personal hygiene supplies and glasses/contact lenses, cash, checks, and credit cards, personal files and computer hard drives, sleeping bag and pillow, cell phones and contact numbers.

County pitches in for new boiler for center

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

Lincoln County commissioners on April 19 approved the allocation of funds to help pay for a new boiler at the county's only care facility for developmentally disabled adults.

New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo requested and received \$9,100 from the county to replace a boiler that broke down three times this past winter. The center occupies land and buildings that are owned by the county.

Chris Schneider, executive director of New Horizons, told commissioners that the cost for a new boiler at the center would be about \$14,000. He said the center has applied for a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development office for the remaining \$3,900.

Schneider said that a repair person had

recently worked on the boiler, which has been in operation at the center since 1972, and was unable to sufficiently fix it.

"The repairman couldn't find parts (for the boiler)," recalled Schneider. "He had to jury-rig it so that it could run."

New Horizons currently has 17 residents and 30 staff members, Schneider said that none of the residents or staff sustained any injuries or illnesses due to the malfunctioning of the boiler, though he mentioned that there were "numerous inconveniences," in particular during the February freeze.

Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo said the funding to help replace the existing boiler at the center would be an investment for the county.

"New Horizons is a good employer, and the residents and staff give back to the community," she said.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter, however,

wanted to know why New Horizons was asking the county for funding when the center receives money from Medicare and Medicaid to provide care for the residents.

Schneider replied that any money the center receives from Medicare and Medicaid are used to pay the salary of the staff and offset the cost of utilities at the facility. The center is a non-profit and relies mostly on charitable donations for repairs done to equipment, he said.

Church News

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Sandia Prep 11, Ruidoso 1

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Portales 24, Ruidoso 11

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Softball
Capitan 10, Dexter 4

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Ruidoso 20, Lovington 7

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Track and field

Carrizozo in 'Zozo Qualifier at Carrizozo, 2 p.m.

April 28

Baseball
Capitan at Lake Arthur (2), 3 p.m.
Golf
Capitan at Socorro tournament, 9 a.m.

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Baseball
District 4-3A Tournament at Portales

Ruidoso vs. Lovington, 11 a.m.
Ruidoso vs. Portales, 2 p.m.

Softball

Ruidoso at Portales (2), 4 p.m.

Golf

Ruidoso in Last Chance Qualifier at Roswell, 9 a.m.
Capitan at Socorro tournament, 9 a.m.

Tennis

Ruidoso in District 3-1A/3A tournament, TBA

Track and field

Ruidoso in Ross Black Relays at Lovington, TBA

Mescalero in District 8-1A meet, 4 p.m.

April 30

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Mescalero at Mesilla Valley (2), 11 a.m.

Track and field

Carrizozo, Hondo, Corona in District 7-1A meet at Carrizozo, 8:30 a.m.

Capitan in District 5-2A meet at Cloudcroft, TBA

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Warriors sweep Lovington

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

It may have taken until the end of the season, but the Ruidoso Warrior baseball team is truly playing to coach Gilbert Alvarado's expectations.

The Warriors ended the regular season with convincing victories over District 4-3A rival Lovington, 19-17 and 20-7, pounding out 34 hits in the two games.

"They've been hitting like that the last four games, but today they didn't hit the ball right at them," Alvarado said.

Ruidoso (10-13, 4-4 district) wasted little time getting on the scoreboard, as David Kacena started things off with a solo home run in the first inning. The Warriors added seven runs on five hits in the second inning, and it turned out they needed all the runs they could get.

Lovington scored eight runs of their own in the top of the third, chasing Ruidoso starter Brendan Flack with six hits.

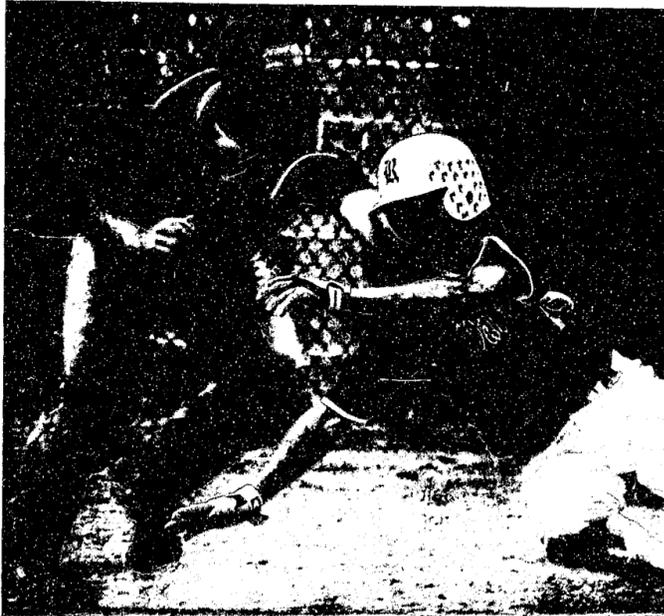
That's the way the rest of the game went, with the Wildcats making a run, and the Warriors pulling further away.

Lovington almost stole the game at the very end. With Julian Lopez on in relief in the seventh inning, the Wildcats scored six runs, including a stretch of three straight doubles and a triple.

In came Kacena, who was able to stop the Wildcat onslaught for the save.

Game two was much more one-sided.

Ruidoso scored 10 runs in the first three innings — almost



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso's Brendan Flack, right, dives past Lovington catcher Jaden Swenson to score Saturday at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

all of them with two outs — and could have had more. The Warriors left the bases loaded in every inning and left 10 men on for the game.

It didn't matter too much. Lovington was able to score six runs in the top of the fourth, with the big blow being a two-run home run by Jaden Swenson.

But Kacena again was able to put out the fire for starter Kayle Frierson, and Ruidoso poured it on in the bottom of the fourth with 10 runs to put the game completely out of reach.

"We probably didn't have the best day pitching, but we were good enough to win, and

that's what's important," Alvarado said.

There were plenty of hits to go around for Ruidoso, with Flack leading the way. He went 6-for-7 with a triple, three doubles and three runs batted in, all while scoring nine runs. J.B. Lewis also went 6-for-7 with five RBI and five runs scored.

"When we tack that many runs on, that means everyone is hitting in our lineup," Alvarado said. "They weren't worried about standings, stats, seeding or anything else. They were only looking to the next pitch and inning. This was the most focused I've seen them all year."

With the wins, Ruidoso secures the second seed in next week's District 4-3A tournament at Portales. Lovington starts the day April 30 with a 9 a.m. game against top seed Portales. Ruidoso and Lovington play at 11 a.m., and the Warriors face host Portales at 2 p.m.

Swept by Sandia

Alvarado wanted a test for his team against a top-ranked squad, and that's exactly what he got April 19.

The Warriors were swept by Sandia Prep in a doubleheader at Albuquerque, 14-2 and 11-1, but the first game could have been a Ruidoso win, if not for a terrible first inning.

Ruidoso gave up 13 runs in that first frame and burned through three pitchers before Julian Lopez took the mound and put a stop to the Sandia Prep onslaught.

"Other than that inning, we'd have won the game 2-1," Alvarado said.

The Sun Devils spread out their scoring more in the second game, but Ruidoso still would have been in it if they had been able to find the holes in the Sandia Prep defense.

"They were hitting the ball right at people, and we couldn't get hits with people on base," Alvarado said. "They were getting some strong line drives, but when it you it right at them, what more can you do?"

Capitan nine remains dominant

Karen Boehler

For the Ruidoso Free Press

ROSWELL — Capitan's baseball team continued to show why it's the No. 1-ranked Class 1A team in the state Saturday, sweeping Gateway Christian in a doubleheader, 21-3 and 18-0.

The Tigers (14-3, 11-1 District 4-1A) went up 3-0 in first inning of game one thanks to four singles and a Gateway error, but the Warriors came back with one in the bottom of the first when leadoff hitter Jacob Moody was hit, advanced on an error and scored on a sacrifice by Cody Raines.

The Tigers added two in the top of the second on two straight doubles by Raul Villegas and Rudy Chavez, but Gateway came back with one in the bottom of the stanza on singles by Garrett Gill and Luke Grant and a Tiger error.

The big blow came in the third, when Capitan sent 21 batters to the plate, scoring 16 runs on eighth hit, four walks, one hit batter and two errors.

And although the Warrior pitchers allowed no more runs for the remainder of the game, that was more than enough to end the game under the mercy rule, as the only other Gateway run came in the fourth when Grant singled, advanced on a walk and came home on a single by Moody.

Those three hits were the only ones allowed by Capitan starter Chavez, who struck out seven Warriors.

With Tiger ace Logan Eshom on the mound in game two, the Warriors only got two hits — by Grant in the second and Stephen Bechtel in the fifth, but starter Austin Wulf only allowed one Tiger run in the first and three in the third, keeping the game close at 4-0 Capitan.

After a two-run fourth inning by the Tigers, three Gateway pitchers couldn't get the last out in the fifth. Capitan sent 19 batters to the plate, scoring 12 runs on one hit, one hit batter and eight walks.

While Eshom was shutting down Gateway's offense, he was producing plenty of his own at bat, going 4-for-9 with a triple, double and six runs batted in.

Chavez added a triple in game one and had five hits and five RBI on the day.

Garrett Gill couldn't get anyone out in relief of Ramirez, with Grant finally closing things down after loading the bases but not allowing any runners to cross the plate.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Capitan pitcher Logan Eshom allowed just two hits in the second game of his team's sweep of Gateway Christian Saturday at Roswell.

For Capitan coach James Weems, the game was a chance to get everyone — including his eighth graders — in the game, and prepare for the playoff, which will come after one more week of district play.

"I said we had to focus and that's what we did," he said. "The kids came out. We've been discussing that more than anything else. We've got the pitching. We've got the hitting. So far so good."

Revenge on Valley

The Tigers got revenge for their only district loss April 18 with a six-inning 14-2 decision over Valley Christian.

Weems said the game wasn't as easy as it looked.

"No, it wasn't easy," he said. "I was real worried coming down here. I really was. I didn't get a lot of sleep last night. This was an important game and the Line kid beat us the last time."

This time, Valley pitcher Tyler Line couldn't, but it was close for two innings.

Capitan got two runs to open the game on a walk, error and a double, but VCA came back in the bottom of the first on a two-out home run by Bryce Breedyk.

Neither side scored anything in the second — there were six strikeouts between the two pitchers — and it looked like Weems might be right to worry.

But the Tigers broke things open in the third despite three Ks by Line.

In between the strikeouts, Raul Villegas singled and Rudy Chavez brought him in with a home run. Two more singles and a hit batter and Capitan was up 6-1.

The story was similar in the bottom of the stanza, as Eshom struck out the side but Valley scored in between, once again plating Breedyk on a single, stolen base and third strike passed ball that saw Breedyk come home.

But after that, the Lions couldn't score and Capitan added two in the fourth — Line went out with one out and two runs scored in the fourth with a shoulder injury and Dominic Dunlap wrapped up on the mound — three in the fifth and three in the sixth.

With two out in the bottom of the sixth and VCA down by 10, Dylan Davis hit a long shot to deep center that just missed going out. Then Eshom intentionally walked Logan Rader, giving the Valley fans some hope, but a strike out by Dunlap ended the game.

Boys golf team headed to state



Courtesy NMMI Sports Press

Ruidoso's Brandon Lewis chips onto the green at hole 16 of the New Mexico Military Institute golf course, April 18, during the Spring Classic at Roswell.

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

The goal has been reached – the Ruidoso Warrior boys golf team are assured a spot at this year's Class 1A/3A state tournament.

The Warriors earned their last remaining legs with scores of 329 and 326 at this year's Spring Classic in Roswell April 18-19.

Ruidoso coach Eric Eggleston said getting the score at New Mexico Military Institute Monday was somewhat expected, but the lower score at Spring River golf course the following day was a pleasant surprise.

"I wasn't so sure about getting the score at Spring River," Eggleston said. "But that score was by far their best of the season."

Jared Davis also had a good tournament, shooting a one-under 71 at NMMI the first day, good enough for second place overall.

A shaky start at Spring River the following day could have meant disaster, but Davis played even par the rest of the way after bogeying a few holes in a row and salvaged a fourth place

finish with a two-day score of 146.

As a team, the only small school with a score lower than Ruidoso was Lovington, who's 607 was good enough to win the whole show. The Warriors were better than Sandia Prep, Socorro, NMMI, Portales and Mesilla Valley.

"To beat Socorro, and with them in our district, was nice to see," Eggleston said.

Ruidoso has three more tournaments before state; the AAA invitational at the New Mexico State University golf course in Las Cruces Monday, the Last Chance qualifier in at NMMI April 29, and the District 4-1A/3A tournament at Picacho Hills golf course in Las Cruces May 2.

All of them are now tune-ups for the big show May 9-10, also at NMSU.

"The AAA Invitational will be good for us to get a look at the course where we'll be playing the state tournament," Eggleston said. "The Last Chance is now just gravy."

Girls close to qualifying

The two-day Roswell tourna-



Photo by Karen Boehler

Ruidoso's Hannah Denney makes a putt at New Mexico Military Institute golf course, April 18, under the watchful eye of coach Melissa Misquez at the Spring Classic in Roswell.

ment was also a boon for the Ruidoso girls, as Allie Thompson's 96 on day one was good enough for her first state qualifying leg. Thompson and teammate Hannah Denney both shot 91 at Spring River the following day to each earn their second legs.

Lady Warriors show some fight against Portales

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

The scores may not reflect it, but Ruidoso softball coach Sal Beltran believes his team came to play against Portales April 19 at Gavilan Canyon Field.

The Lady Warriors lost both District 4-3A games against Portales, 16-6 and 24-11, but Ruidoso (8-12, 0-4 district) was at least hitting the ball, rapping out 16 hits in the two games and constantly fighting back when it seemed the Lady Rams (13-5, 1-0) were ready to deliver the knockout punch.

"We played way better

tonight than we did against Lovington or Cobre," Beltran said. "We were determined and it showed."

What really hurt Ruidoso was pitching and errors. Of the 16 runs Portales scored in the first game, only three were earned. Fourteen Lady Rams walked in the game and Ruidoso committed 10 errors, many of them of the throwing variety attempting to cut down Portales baserunners.

"We missed some routine plays, and those errors were the difference," Beltran said.

The first game was actually a close contest through the first two in-

nings, as the Lady Warriors answered a two-run first inning by Portales with two runs of their own in the bottom of the frame on a two-run double by Brandi Guevara.

Ruidoso also scored two runs in the third and fourth innings, including a two-run home run by Catherine Landry.

But that was all the runners the Lady Warriors could put across the plate, and Portales was able to score in every inning en route to the victory.

Game two was pretty much the same story, although the Lady Warriors squandered a few chances to make it interesting.

After spotting the Lady Rams a 10-0 lead through two, Ruidoso got back five runs in the bottom of the second on two hits and four walks by Portales starter Kelsey Laurenz.

Claudia Morales drove in the final run of the inning with a two out single, then advanced to second on a throwing error. But then she was picked off when she strayed too far off the bag.

That pretty much summed up Ruidoso's night offensively. After being overpowered by Laurenz in the first game, they starting rapping out the hits in game two – 11 in all – but the rallies were always stopped by a strikeout or poor baserunning.

Portales almost brought things to an end in the fourth inning after pushing across eight runs to take a 21-6 lead, but Ruidoso scored three runs in the bottom of the frame on two straight doubles



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso pitcher Destri Vincent, center, ducks below the throw of third baseman Marjanel Vigil during the Lady Warriors' game against Portales April 19 at Gavilan Canyon Field.

by Marissa Gonzales and Alatia Enjady to stave off a 15-run game-ending rule. "They didn't give up. They kept hitting no matter what," Beltran said. "They weren't intimidated."

The doubleheader marked the final regular-season home date for Ruidoso. The Lady Warriors are at Lovington today, then play at Portales this Friday. A non-district twin bill at Dexter May 5 brings things to a close.

Capitan softball on win streak

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

As the end of the regular season – and the beginning of the post season – looms for the Capitan softball team, so does the specter of the Lady Tigers' state ranking.

Currently, they're No. 7 in the state – according to coach Rodney Griego – and they need all the games and wins they can get.

They got a pair of victories Tuesday at Mesilla Valley, winning 12-0 and 15-7 to remain undefeated in District 4-1A/2A.

"We did pretty well, but we could've done better," Griego said. "But then, I complain after every game."

One thing that did please Griego was the pitching of Sidni Hughes, who started – and finished – both games for the win.

"She pitched two solid, good long games," Griego said. "She had more walks in the second game, and you could tell she was getting tired by the sixth. But I told her to fight through it and she finished strong."

Hughes had 19 strikeouts in the two games and didn't even allow a hit in the first contest.

Capitan, meanwhile, was hitting at will. Maribel Villegas had an inside-the-park home run in game one to lead the Lady Tigers (9-9 overall), while Maritza Nava was 3-for-5 in game two with a single, triple and another inside-the-park home run. Hughes also did well at the plate with four hits, including two doubles.

Another win over Dexter

The Lady Tigers took advantage of numerous errors and bad defense by Dexter, April 21, to defeat the Lady Demons 10-4.

Dexter actually was leading 3-2 through four innings, but the Lady Tigers scored eight runs in the next two inning to put the game away.

Capitan hosts Mescalero in a twin-bill today, starting at 3 p.m., then hits the road for an April 30 doubleheader at Lordsburg beginning at 1 p.m.

Bowling

RUIDOSO BOWLING CENTER
Tuesday Senior team standings, week 31 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Old Timers	37	23	547	262
Larry Larry's	36	24	671	150
Serious Not	34½	25½	606	215
Twisted Sisters	32½	27½	652	168
Misfit Bowlers	30	30	610	205
The Who?	30	30	547	262
Sus Amigos	27	33	637	181

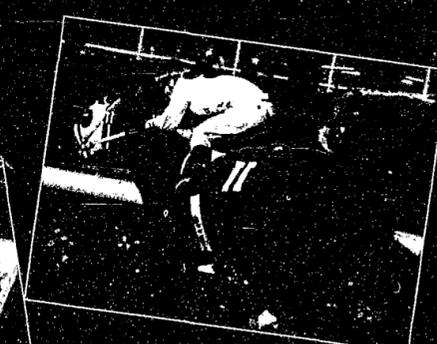
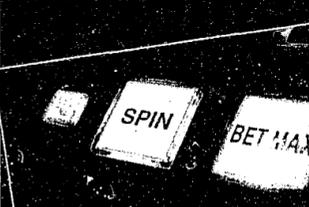
Tuesday Mixed team standings, week 31 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Old Farts & A Kid	41	19	745	88
Rhino Rose	37	23	631	187
Living Energies	33	27	574	237
Homies	32	28	581	232
Pioneer Bank	29½	30½	536	272
Knight Riders	29½	30½	539	269
Energy 2 Spare	21	39	594	219
Wild Ride	17	43	443	356

Season high scores
Handicap series – Misfit Bowlers 2718, Serious Not 2702, Sus Amigos 2672.
Handicap game – Larry Larry's 954, 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, Arden Eckersley 285.
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 216.46, Gene Nitz 207.1, Harry Allwein 185.21, Women – Lucy Servies 160.02, Donna Viltanen 154.88, Pat Townsend 150.52.
Most improved average
Men – Jim Clements +22.41, Larry Hindes +21.97, Richard Dixon +18.05, Women – Rose Bivens +16.97, Jan Wilson +15.01, Donna Viltanen +12.88.

Season high scores
Handicap series – Old Farts & A Kid 2697, Rhino Rose 2681, Energy 2 Spare 2628.
Handicap game – Knight Riders 1008, Living Energies 997, Pioneer Bank 950.
Men's handicap series – Andrew Ramirez 756, Tom Douglas 749, Etienne Turner 730.
Men's handicap game – Max Cimaron 290, Gene Nitz 279, Ronnie Wright 275.
Women's handicap series – Millie Cimaron, Diane Willoughby, Lucy Servies 700.
Women's handicap game – Pam Bernard 284, Brianna Velasquez 274, Christina Wall 271.
Individual high averages
Men – Tom Douglas 214.11, Gene Nitz 204.31, Ronnie Wright 192.38, Women – Pam Bernard 170.84, Lucy Servies 159.13, Millie Cimaron 136.3.
Most improved average
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Capitan boys win Tiger Relays

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

There's only two meets left before the Class 1A and 2A state track and field meets, so it's crunch time for local teams to get as many of their athletes qualified as possible.

The Capitan boys may not have qualified an awful lot of their members at the Tiger Relays April 21, but coach Sam Lee is happy with their determination to win.

That determination gave the Tigers 118 points and the meet title.

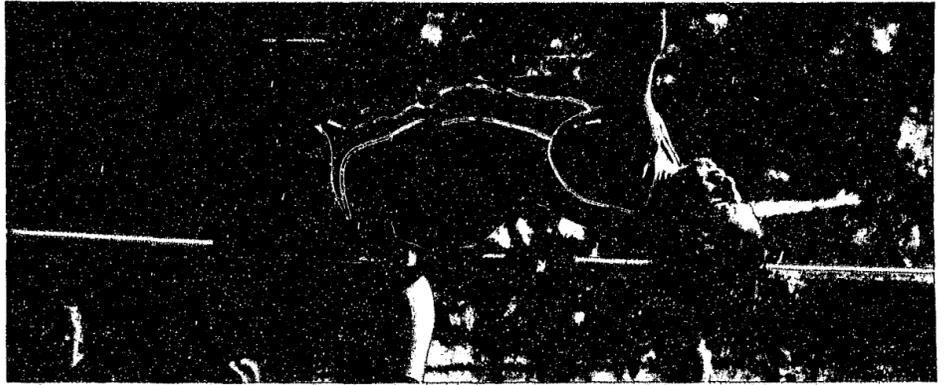
"I've been happy with them all season long. This is my first

year with them and I'm happy to see what they're like," Lee said. "They hate to lose and are a joy to coach."

Among the Tigers already qualified for state are John Goodwin in the 110 hurdles, Tyler Neill in the 100-meter dash, Caleb Uzell in pole vault, and the medley relay team of Goodwin, Neill, Tory Padilla and Tim Dickinson.

"We're real close to qualifying in other events, and hope to do so in Carrizozo," Lee said, referring to the Carrizozo Qualifier April 26 at 2 p.m.

Padilla was the high-point individual boy at Capitan, earning 23 points while helping his



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Taylor Huey of Corona leapt 4 feet, 10 inches to win the high jump at the Tiger Relays in Capitan April 21.



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Capitan Tiger Tyler Neill strains at the finish of the final heat of the boys 100-meter dash April 21 at the Tiger Relays in Capitan.

team to a win in the medley relay and winning the triple jump and 800 meter run and finishing third in the long jump.

Mescalero's Godfrey Cordova was a close second in a three-way tie with Tularosa's Jim and Emery Coleman with 21 points.

Cordova - still the only Mescalero athlete to earn any state qualifying marks - was second in the 200 meter dash, fifth in the 100 and won the shot put and javelin competitions.

His time in the 200 of 22.88 seconds was good enough to earn him a spot at state.

Other qualifiers were Jordan Huey of Corona, Uzzell and Cole Hubbard of Carrizozo, all in the pole vault. Uzzell and Huey were locked into a battle to see who could best 11-foot-6, but neither could.

Huey, Gomez dominate

The big story on the girls side may have been the individual performances of Corona's Taylor Huey and Hondo's Stephanie Chavez, who finished 1-2 as the high-point earners for their school, but there were other stories out there.

The team standings were dominated by Tularosa and Magdalena, which finished with 109 and 95 points respectively to finish 1-2 in the standings. Hondo, Carrizozo, Capitan and Corona were bunched closely together in spots 3-6.

Dusy Rae Eldridge again earned a qualifying mark in pole vault with a height of 9-foot-6, while Corona's Allysanne Huey added a state mark of her own at 7-foot-6.

Georgia Lyn Eldridge was first in the triple jump at 19 feet, 7½ inches, and won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:42.21.

Carrizozo's Jenna Schartz showed her talent at distance running with wins in the 1,600 and 3,200 meter runs, while Dulce Silva of Hondo finished second and third in the events. Kylee Osborn of Capitan was second in the 3,200 meter and fifth in the 1,600.

Hondo's third place finish in the girls team standings is somewhat surprising, considering Hondo schools have no track on which to practice.

"It would be nice to have a track, we have to use these meets as practice," said Hondo coach Brad Holland. "I figure if we did have a track, we'd probably overtrain"

Mitchell only Ruidoso qualifier at Artesia

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Every track coach's goal is not necessarily to win as many meets as it can, but get as many athletes to state as possible.

Looking at it that way, Ruidoso's showing at the Artesia Invitational April 21 was a letdown on both fronts.

Only one Lady Warrior - Staci Mitchell in the 400-meter run - was good enough for a state qualifying mark, and there were no Ruidoso boys that earned new marks.

Warrior coach Colt Harrelson may be disappointed, but he still has hope.

"We ran a faster time in the 4x200 boys relay, and others were close to qualifying, so they're improving," Harrelson

said. "We still have a couple more meets, so we'll still get our chances."

Jesse Scarafioti's time of 11.43 seconds in the 100-meter dash was achingly close to a qualifying mark, as were times put in by Devin Carr and Kalama Davis in the 200-meter dash.

Additionally, Tylynn Smith improved her time in the 300-meter hurdles to 52.55 seconds, but it was still less than a second short of a state qualifying time.

The invitational featured the two top boys teams in Class 5A in Carlsbad and Hobbs - Harrelson feels Hobbs is a shoo-in for a state title - and the girls standings were dominated by Carlsbad as well.

The only 3A school ahead of the Ruidoso boys were defending champion

Lovington and Socorro, however, meaning things should be much more even once the Warriors get to Albuquerque.

"When you get this late in the season and go against that kind of competition, it's pretty heavy," Harrelson said. "But

that's by design. We just want to get more kids qualified right now."

Ruidoso will be at the Ross Black Relays in Lovington this Friday, then will be back in Lovington a week later for the District 4-3A meet.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

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 even 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 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:

- 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.

Health fair

Ruidoso Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Lincoln County Community Health Council, New Mexico Department of Health and the Ruidoso Free Press, will host the fifth annual Passport to Health fair, June 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wingfield Park on the corner of Center and Wingfield streets.

There will be more than 25 health and safety booths, health screenings, door prizes and much more. The event is free to the public. For more information, contact Aimee Bennett in the Ruidoso Health Office at 258-3252, ext. 6720.

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Gen. Fox to serve as MAW keynote speaker

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Reporter

Retired Army Brig. Gen. Jack Fox will serve as the keynote speaker during the awards dinner banquet for Military Appreciation Week on Saturday.

Since retiring last October as Deputy Adjutant General of the New Mexico National Guard, Fox has been appointed as director of the Bataan Memorial Museum and continued on as an advisor for the New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy, a youth program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.

It's his involvement in the latter program that he spoke about at length during a recent telephone interview from his home in Santa Fe.

The NMYCA, located in Roswell, is a residential program for 16- to 18-year-olds who have dropped out of high school and are at a high risk of entering into the juvenile or adult prison systems. Fox has been involved in the program since 2007. He added that those who enter this program reside in barracks and attend classes at the Eastern New Mexico University Roswell campus, working toward a high school diploma during the 22-week program, after which they must continue with their education, enter the workforce, or join the military.

"This is a program that is intended to help them achieve the values, life skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens," he said.

The son of an Army veteran who served in Europe and North Africa during World War II, Fox attended high school and junior college at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. Afterward, he continued his education at New Mexico State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in government.



"I remember being in grade school, even at that age, knowing that I wanted to be a soldier," said Fox.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1969 after completing an infantry officer basic training course. He served in a variety of positions while on active duty: Training officer, 2nd Combat Training Brigade; Executive Officer and Commander, HHC, 171st Infantry Brigade; Brigade S-1, 2nd Infantry Division; Project Officer, Leadership Committee U.S. Army Infantry School; Operations Officer, 4th Battalion (Airborne), and Company Commander, 43rd Company (Airborne) Fort Benning, Ga. He also served as S-2, for the 2nd Battalion 6th Infantry in Berlin, Germany.

It was his work as an intelligence officer keeping tabs on the movements of the Soviet Union while stationed in Berlin during the 1970s, which at the time was a city literally divided between communism and democracy, which Fox says had been an eye-opening moment.

"I saw the horrors of the reality of the communist system," he recalled, "seeing how the people lived, it didn't seem right."

He joined the New Mexico Army National Guard in 1980, later serving in a variety of positions.

Fox retired from the New Mexico Army National Guard in 1995. He was recalled from the retired reserve in 2007, assuming the duties as Deputy Adjutant General, where he was directly responsible for the training and readiness of the New Mexico National Guard.

Fox had been on the committee for Military Appreciation Weekend last year. He said he was impressed by how Lincoln County has embraced the military.

"Ruidoso, and all of Lincoln County for that matter, has always given us a lot of support and opened their arms to us," he said.

RUIDOSO POLICE REPORTS

Car got away

A vehicle which had been involved in a property damage accident on the 100 block of Sudderth Drive was reported as having been stolen, March 25 from a resident on the 100 block of Upper Terrace Drive.

The owner of the vehicle claimed when he returned home from Capitan, the vehicle was missing and the front door of his residence was open. Further, the owner had left the keys in the vehicle and it was uninsured. Damage from repairs caused by the vehicle is estimated at more than \$12,000.

Deck on fire

After responding to a deck fire on the 100 block of Umbrella Drive, April 17, police issued citations to Joshua Wheeler, 28, of Ruidoso for improper use of fire after several cigarettes had been found in what was left of a trash bucket on the deck.

No smoking

Police cited Kenny Garcia, 37, of Clovis for improper handling of fire after he was seen walking in Midtown lighting a cigarette. When told by his friends to put the cigarette out when they approached a Ruidoso Police officer, he did so by "flicking ash onto

the sidewalk."

Threatening behavior

An argument over a cell phone and other issues led to a 14-year-old female being arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after an altercation on 100 block of Jerry Shaw in what was left of a trash Place, April 17. The juvenile was taken to Ruidoso Police Department for booking, and was later released into the custody of her father.

Telephone harassment

A local man reported he has been receiving harassing telephone calls from a restricted number beginning April 14. There are no suspects at this time, and RPD is continuing to investigate.

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
- Lunch - Feed The Troops shelter
- Rappelling
- Canine Training
- 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 Ceremony is Over

Sunday, MAY 01

- 7:30 AM Breakfast - Feed The Troops shelter. Sack lunches distributed for lunch
- 8:30 AM Worship Service
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The operas being discussed will include Puccini's "La Boheme" and "Faust." There will be video clips of opera productions done all over the world in this **Opera IS Fun Evening!**




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Dean Torrence at the Spencer

By Eddie Farrell
Editor

What do you do when you're one-half of a legendary music duo and your long-time partner passes on?

If you're Dean Torrence, you honor your late friend, Jan Berry, and the music itself by continuing to tour, pretty much the same way you have since the early 1960s.

Torrence and his hand-picked band, The Surf City All-Stars, will bring The Jan and Dean Show to the spectacular Spencer Theater on July 8, with a concert event that will offer unique insight into a slice of rock and roll history that is still hanging 10, cruisin' in the woody, and seeking out the long-promised two girls for every boy.

Torrence, now 71, was remarkably circumspect when talking with the *Ruidoso Free Press* about music without Berry, who died in 2004 at the age of 63 after years of suffering from the effects of a near fatal car accident that occurred just miles away from the namesake of one of the duo's biggest hits, "Dead Man's Curve."

"The truth is for the first couple of shows, it was actually quite liberating," Torrence said, quickly adding that while he deeply missed performing with Ber-



Jan & Dean

ry, doing so was often fraught with challenges due to Berry's aphasia and paralysis resulting from the 1966 accident in which Berry plowed his Chevrolet Corvette into the back of a truck.

"We always had to keep an eye on Jan, because you just never knew when he might fall down or whatever," Torrence said.

In their last years together, Torrence said Berry's failing body usually performed from a chair, a sight that didn't always go over well with the fans.

Audiences, he said, were often torn by the experience of watching Berry haltingly perform the complicated songs that once came so easily to the former medical school student with a near-genius IQ.

"I tried to pace us so it didn't use him up physically," Torrence said of the friend he'd been singing with since their high school days in California.

While Torrence and other friends spent much of their spare time in Berry's home studio, participating in marathon recording sessions that Berry would later spend countless hours splicing by hand, their first hit record didn't come until 1963, with "Baby Talk," a nifty little record that would be easy to label as novel-



ty, but which in truth featured several key elements that would serve as the foundation for what would become surf rock.

The pair incorporated the be-bops and doo-wops of street-corner anthems with multi-layered harmonies to spin a tune about a five-year-old crooning to his three-year-old companion.

Still, "Baby Talk" was a huge hit nationwide, paving the way for a literal wave of songs influenced heavily by the sights and sounds of southern California—surfing, pretty girls and hot rods.

Partnerships with another local band, the Beach Boys, yielded Jan and Dean's biggest hit, "Surf City," and a number of collaborations in which members of the two groups would participate in each other's recordings.

Ironically, the duo did most of this on what amounted to a part-time basis as both were full-time students working on college degrees during the week.

"It actually helped out in both worlds," Torrence said. "After a week of school, by the time Friday came around we were ready for a break. A weekend of performing, we were ready to go back to class. It was actually a pretty nice balance."

The hits continued to pile up, many with the now-familiar themes of fast cars and waxed-up boards—"Ride the Wild Surf," "Honolulu Lulu," and "Drag City."

Some of the duo's hits, however, strayed from the basic surf and turf topics. "Heart and Soul," "Linda," "Tennessee," and "Popsicle" showcased the pair's ability to move their songs away from the beach and drag strip.

One of their most successful songs, which is still a mainstay of oldies radio stations, "The Little Old Lady From Pasadena" was inspired by a popular car commercial of the time.

Then came April 12, 1966 when Berry

nearly died and Torrence's life was turned upside down in the blink of an eye.

Torrence stood by his friend, and despite occasionally going on the road with other acts, continued to work with Berry through his rehabilitation.

After a long 10 years, Jan and Dean again resumed their touring careers, frequently as guests of their long-time friends, the Beach Boys.

Today, Torrence says he and the Surf City All-Stars perform about 35 shows a year, a comfortable pace that allows for an energetic performance of all the classic tunes.

Yet Torrence will admit there is still one thing missing: a spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

"I don't mind so much for me, but I really wanted it for Jan," Torrence said of the enshrinement that continues to elude him and his late partner.

"I think it all goes back to the early days when the agents and the Hollywood types couldn't get hold of us. We didn't eat and drink the kool-aid of Hollywood and we may never get in. If it were just a matter of numbers, we're way ahead of a lot of them (already inducted into the Hall)."

Torrence might take the Spencer stage alone, but the spirit of Jan Berry will be right with him.

"It's a Jan and Dean set," he said. "Jan and I were friends. We became friends in high school, even before the music. It wasn't like we hooked up because of the music and that's all there was to it. He's still with me today."

Ticket prices for The Jan and Dean Show are \$66 and \$69, and there will be a special pre-show Tilapia Beach Buffet for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the Spencer box office or on-line at www.spencertheater.com.

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On the Town

Vodka cream sauce is porch perfect

Dining

The sun is starting to shine a little hotter lately. There are little armies of birds lining up outside waiting for my wife to fill up the bird feeders. And just last weeks I counted twenty deer in my backyard. All of this tells me... it is just about summertime! I love the summer. I love the hustle and bustle around town with all of the hungry tourists, having my kids at home ready to go on an impromptu picnic or hike at a moment's notice, and the abundance of fresh garden fruits and vegetables ripe and ready to be used in some amazing recipes. Most of all, I love my deck. I know, it may sound funny, but our porch is the best place for family togetherness at my home. There is nothing better than spending a warm, perfect evening in our beautiful mountain village having a delicious meal with my family. It doesn't matter if you are having tuna fish salad or steak and lobster, outdoor dining makes any food seem gourmet.

This week's recipe is definitely a meal that would be porch-perfect. With a creamy

sauce, flavorful chicken, and hearty pasta, this meal is bound to become a summer time favorite!

Vodka Cream Sauce with Grilled spicy Chicken and Penne Pasta

Serves 4

- Ingredients**
- 4 4-oz. chicken breasts
 - 1 pound penne pasta
 - 2 tablespoon cayenne pepper
 - 2 coffee filters
 - 1 tablespoon granulated garlic
 - Cajun seasoning for chicken
 - ½ cup vodka
 - 1 shallots finely diced
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - 3 medium sized tomatoes seeded and diced
 - 2 cloves garlic minced
 - 2 tablespoon butter
 - 1 teaspoon chicken base
 - 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
 - ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
 - 1 bay leaf
 - ¼ cup olive oil
 - Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

The night before or at least 3 hours before making the sauce, place cayenne pepper and granulated garlic into the coffee filters and tie with a little string or a rubber band. Place the coffee filter sachets into the vodka, but note- if you're using a rubber band, be sure to keep it out of the vodka.

After at least 3 hours of the spices soaking in the vodka, add olive oil to a medium sauce pan and add shallots and tomatoes. Sauté them over medium heat for four minutes, stirring the whole time until they become tender but not brown. Next, take out coffee filter and carefully squeeze all the vodka out of the filter and then carefully add vodka and garlic to the shallots and tomatoes and continue to sauté until it reduces by half. Add heavy cream, chicken base, bay leaf, crushed red



Brendan Gochenour

pepper flakes, parsley and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a low boil for 2 minutes, then turn off and set aside. Season Chicken breast with Cajun seasoning, and in a large skillet place 2 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Place chicken in skillet and cook on both sides until it's golden brown and cooked completely through.

Next, bring a large pot of salted water [do not add oil to the water] to a boil, and once it's

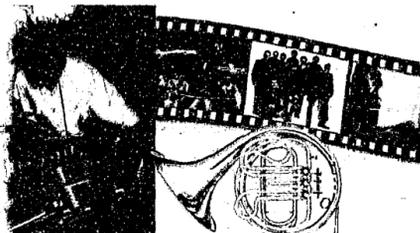
boiling, add pasta and stir. Cook until pasta is al dente. Drain and mix with vodka cream sauce.

To plate, place 4 oz. pasta mixed with vodka cream sauce in warm bowl, slice chicken breast and place over the pasta. Top with a little parmesan cheese and enjoy!

I hope you enjoy this recipe! For more recipes and many picture tutorials, add my page, Chef Brendan, to your Facebook likes! *Happy Cooking!!*

On the Town

entertainment calendar



TUESDAY APRIL 26

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27

Preschool Story time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. Spring stories and interactive day! 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.yousee-more.com/ruidosopl/

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

Karaoke with DJ Pete at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant in Midtown from 9:30 p.m. to close.

The Sterilizers perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

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

THURSDAY APRIL 28

Military Appreciation Golf Tournament The Links at Sierra Blanca. More Info: 575-491-7046 E-mail: indulgence@windstream.net Web: www.ruidosomaw.org

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

FRIDAY APRIL 29

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.

Military Appreciation Weekend at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Holloman Air Force Base will be the lead Support with significant participation from Ft. Bliss, White Sands Missile Range, Cannon Air Force Base, Kirtland Air Force Base, and NM National Guard. More Info: 575-336-2828 Web: www.ruidosomaw.org

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.

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SATURDAY APRIL 30

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Schoolhouse Park, Ruidoso. Meet at the park at 8 a.m. to register. Gloves trash bags, and t-shirts provided. Lunch, refreshments and door prizes for volunteers. Come join us and take pride in Ruidoso. More Info: 575-257-5030

Ruidoso LC Crimestoppers Inc. Identity Theft Shred Day in the Lawrence Bros. IGA Parking Lot, 8 a.m. - 12. Come and shred your personal documents! There is a suggested donation of \$5 or more for shredding. All proceeds will benefit Lincoln County Crimestoppers. More Info: Total Destruction L.L.C.: 575-434-1066

Annual Kite Festival Corner of Hull and White Mountain, near Kidz Connection Park. ENMU-Ruidoso and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department say "GO FLY A KITE!" at the White Mountain Sports Complex, Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A fun-filled event for the entire family. More Info: Beth at 575-



257-3006 Web: www.RuidosoKiteFestival.com

Annual Fundraiser for Ruidoso Hospice at the Flying J Ranch. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$25 adults and \$15 Children (12 & under). Admission includes an Old West Gunfight at 6:30 p.m., Chuck Wagon Supper at 7 p.m., The 'Flying J Wranglers' Stage Show at 8:20 p.m., and a silent auction from 6 - 8 p.m. Tickets available at: Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, Prestige Cabinets, The Wild Herb Market and Ruidoso Home Care. Proceeds will go to the Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation to assist Lincoln County residents with end of life care. More Info: 575-258-0028.



Military Appreciation Weekend 2011 Awards Banquet at the Ruidoso Middle School, 6 p.m. \$12 for dinner, Open to the public. To give honor and tribute to the survivors of the Bataan Death March, to Ike Camaco, first American to escape the Viet Cong, and Joshua Bullis who lost both legs and an arm in Afghanistan, Sept. 19. More Info: 575-336-2828 E-mail: loftyheights@windstream.net Web: www.ruidosomaw.org

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet at the Inn of

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.

the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, 5 - 10 p.m. There will be silent and live auctions, games and lots of raffled items. Great food by Inn of The Mountain Gods. Drawing from the best ideas and methods of the scientific and conservation community - and from the best traditions of hunters, conservationists and philanthropists - the Elk Foundation protects and stewards the most important and threatened wildlife habitat in elk country. More Info: 575-937-5253 or 575-937-5628 Web: www.rmfef.org

Opera for Dummies at the Community Youth Center Warehouse, 200 Church Dr. behind Cornerstone Bakery from 7 - 9 p.m. Free admission. The topics will be about *La Boheme & Faust*. A free seminar of analysis of operas for this summer season of The Santa Fe Opera 2011. These seminars are meant to make opera user-friendly, to focus on the fact they are only life in another language.

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

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SUNDAY MAY 1

Hondo Valley Iris Festival: Hondo Iris Farm, Hondo Valley. Every day in May, 10 a.m. - 5

p.m. One of New Mexico's most beautiful gardens, 500 varieties of Iris in full bloom. Visit the Iris Farm Gallery. Free Admission. Picnic Tables. Pet Friendly (leashes). More Info: 575-653-4062 Web: www.hondoirisfarm.com

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MONDAY MAY 2

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Super Crossword

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100 PUBLIC/SPECIAL NOTICES

Community United Methodist Church
220 Junction Road, Ruidoso (behind Conco/Stone Bakery & LaGrange Funeral Chapel)

WWF2
Every Wednesday - Worship - Food & Fellowship
5:00 PM Meal provided by church
6:00 PM Worship - Informal - Come as you are!
Enjoy the band! Be excited by Pastor Todd's "format!"
7:00 PM Youth Group, Bible Studies, Choir
Join us to bring back an old tradition - Wednesday night at church!

120 LEGAL NOTICES

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso conducted a public hearing on April 12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in a regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2011-09: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 22-1 AND 22-152, TO UPDATE WORDING REGARDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER; AND AMENDING APPENDIX A FEES, FINES AND PENALTIES."

Copies of Ordinance 2011-09 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 26th day of April, 2011.

(SEAL)

Irma Devine, CMC
Municipal Clerk

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico will hold a public hearing, in conjunction with the regular scheduled meeting on May 10, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The public hearing is concerning the approval of a new Off-Site Wine Growers Liquor License. The State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Alcohol and Gaming Division has given preliminary approval of this license.

The name of the applicant is Noisy Water Artwear, Inc., whose ad-

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dress is P.O. Box 2356, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, to be used at the business located at 2332 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, to be known as The Cellar Un-Corked. Comments or inquiries should be directed to the Village Clerk, Irma Devine, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 258-4343, Ext. 1002 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Village of Ruidoso is requesting competitive sealed proposals for Professional Engineering Services for Water and Sewer Improvements. Sealed Proposals will be received by the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 for RFP #11-007.

Proposals will be received at the Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Department, c/o Vicki Eichelberger, 311 Center St., Ruidoso, NM 88345 until Friday, May 20, 2011, 4:00 pm local time. Submitted proposals shall not be publicly opened. Any proposals received after the stated closing time will be rejected and returned unopened. The fact that a proposal was dispatched will not be considered.

Copies of the Request can be obtained in person at the office of the Purchasing Agent at 311 Center St. or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Vicki Eichelberger, Purchasing Agent, at 575/257-2721.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and waive all informalities as deemed in the best interest of the Village. (513-1-131, NMSA, 1978)

Vicki Eichelberger
Village of Ruidoso
Purchasing Agent

130 EMPLOYMENT

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The name of the applicant is Robert F. Reed whose address is 136 Corrida de Rio, Alto, NM 88312, to be used at the business known as Noisy Water Brewing, located at 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345. Comments or inquiries should be directed to the Village Clerk, Irma Devine, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 258-4343, Ext. 1002 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The name of the applicant is Ruidoso Sacred Grounds Coffee, LLC, whose address is 2825 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, to be used at the business known as Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House, located at 2825 Sudderth Dr., Units B & C, Ruidoso, NM, 88345. Comments or inquiries should be directed to the Village Clerk, Irma Devine, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 258-4343, Ext. 1002 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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