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## Golden Aspen rally moves to IMG

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez  
Reporter

When the annual AspenCash Motorcycle Rally kicks into gear at the Ruidoso Convention center on Thursday, it will mark the only event organized by the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Association that still remains in Lincoln County. The more popular Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally held annually in September is moving to the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero starting this year, after having been held previously at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

While both motorcycle events bring in a considerable amount of tourism dollars to help lift the economy, as local lodgings and eateries see an increase in customer spending, the larger Golden Aspen Rally typically draws about 30,000 spectators annually. This has left some people complaining about the loss of revenue for the city and county generated from gross receipts taxes, which in New Mexico the rate is anywhere between 5.125 and 7.875 percent, due to the event moving to nearby Otero County.

Patric Pearson of CP6 Solutions, organizers of both motorcycle rally events, said he understands that there are some who feel frustrated with the Golden Aspen Rally moving to Mescalero, but he insisted that there were many factors that came into play when the decision to move the event was made. During a telephone interview, he cited a litany of reasons for the move:

Weather issues in Ruidoso Downs. More covered pavement at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. A chance to bring in more vendors.

"I knew people were going to have questions about the move," said Pearson. "But the goal I have with the (Golden Aspen Rally) is to increase attendance and bring in better vendors. It won't change the dynamics. The

people coming to the event are still going to stay in hotels in Ruidoso, are still going to eat at restaurants in Ruidoso."

That sentiment is shared by at least a couple of members of the village of Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee, which recommended \$9,500 total disbursement for both events (\$5,000 for AspenCash; \$4,500 for Golden Aspen).

"I can understand the logic behind the move, because definitely room for growth potential," said Cindi Clayton-Davis, chair of the village's Lodgers Tax Committee, adding that she didn't see the relocation of the event negatively affecting local businesses.

Meanwhile, although Lodgers Tax Committee member Lynn Crawford backed Pearson's decision to move the Golden Aspen Rally, he was wary of how vendors wouldn't have to pay gross receipts taxes.

The four-day AspenCash Motorcycle Rally, which, according to Pearson, usually draws about 10,000 annually, runs through Sunday. The highlight of the event is the \$10,000 Poker Run half-day

ride, which requires registration. Registrants may choose which days they wish to ride. There's also a trade show, held inside the convention center during all four days of the event.

The Golden Aspen Rally was named the highest occupancy generated event annually by Lincoln County Lodgers Association. The AspenCash Rally was named the third highest occupancy generated even annually by the Lincoln County Lodgers Association.

For more information about either the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Association events, call 800-452-8045

## Child abuse hotline makes huge impact

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez  
Reporter

The number to report child abuse and neglect in New Mexico has already made a huge impact on juvenile safety, says Children, Youth and Families Department Secretary Yolanda Deines. This news couldn't have come at a better time, as the state was ranked 48th in overall child vulnerability, according to a report released last month by the Every Child Matters Education Fund, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit group.

In the first week of April, CYFD put into service #SAFE (#7233), a direct call telephone number to the Statewide Central Intake Unit in Albuquerque. The goal, according to Deines, is to reduce the amount of time a caller stays on the telephone from up to 10 minutes to anywhere between a few minutes and 15 seconds. The convenience and shorter wait time have garnered more statements, as CYFD has reported an increase of about 300 calls per day reporting child abuse and neglect since the new number went into effect, according to Deines.

"This program already has done so much to raise awareness of child abuse," said Deines. "The worse thing we can have happen is that adults look the other way when abuse happens. This new number will make it easier for them to report abuse anonymously."

Calls may be made from anywhere in the state. Once a call is received, a caseworker will ask the caller questions to determine the type of support that is needed. Information is then reviewed by a supervisor, assigned a priority level and then turned over to the county office where the case is located.

Some calls have been screened out for various reasons, including calls that are not allegations of child abuse. Calls are also rerouted to the

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## Imagination Iris



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Kathy Seeley and David Hall have painstakingly cultivated more than 550 varieties of Iris, which can be visited all throughout May at the Hondo Valley Iris Festival. (See story page 5)

## Downs Council crunches numbers

By Todd Fuqua  
Reporter

Finances topped the items of discussion at the May 9 Ruidoso Downs City Council, as budget season is looming.

To start off, the council voted to rescind a motion the council voted on at its last meeting regarding billing of water and sewer customers due to a procedural snag.

At the April 25 meeting, the council ended up tied 2-2 when voting to approve the proposal, and Mayor Tom Armstrong did not cast the tie-breaker on the advice of City Clerk Carol Virden.

Virden later admitted she was at fault when she said state law required a super-majority for such an ordinance to be approved, and that a vote by the mayor would not have mattered.

"I'm sorry about that, but I'm human," Virden said.

The proposed billing requirements will be discussed at a special budget workshop, which the council set for next Wednesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. each day.

Bids for road improve-

ments to North Central, River Lane and Nevada Lane were rejected because - according to Public Works Director Cleatus Richards - the bids left several Community Block Development Grant and coop funds untapped.

"Badly underutilizing the funds we have is a bad start for us," Richards said. "If we don't use these funds, we lose these funds."

Virden added underusing funds already awarded to the city could hamper any future applications.

"If we don't use the rest of these funds, we'll lose about 40 percent of the funds for which we've been approved," Virden said. "If we give that money back, we probably won't get the same funding we did before when we apply next year."

The bids will go back out for bid with new parameters to use the full funds, and Richards assured the council the construction work would start on the projects near the beginning of July.

Overdue bills also con-

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## Village to get tough on water

By Eddie Farrell  
Editor

The Village of Ruidoso is poised to address pressing water issues on several fronts, including updating its Water Drought Contingency Plan and address serious needs on how to capture and distribute water to residents and businesses.

Likewise, the Village Council appears ready to finalize measures to enforce compliance among businesses related to FOG - fats, oils and grease - that harbor potential and costly dangers to the new \$36 million-plus Ruidoso Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

At its May 10 meeting, the council removed from its agenda discussion for the purchase of a \$1 million liner that would, according to Public Works Director Randy Camp, allow for maximum utilization of the village's reservoir at Grindstone Lake.

Mayor Pro-tem Jim Stoddard asked that the item be pulled from the agenda, stating that he wanted more information before proceeding with action on such a major project.

Councilor Gloria Sayers concurred, stating the

project was "way too big to hurry through."

According to Camp and Village Manager Debi Lee, the liner purchase was before the council in an effort to meet a deadline set by the Office of the State Engineer, Dam Safety Bureau, in which the village stood to be reimbursed between \$500,000 to \$650,000 if the liner was purchased prior to June 10.

Following the council action, Camp told the Ruidoso Free Press that he "fully understood and agreed with" the council's decision, but said he would continue to recommend the village purchase the liner, even if no state or federal assistance were available.

According to Camp, utilizing Grindstone at its maximum capacity is critical for the village to finally get control over water consumption.

The dam, built in 1986, has been plagued with leaks since the first time the reservoir was filled.

According to Camp and Village Engineer Bob Decker, legal challenges prevented the reservoir from being filled for nearly two years, a delay which irreparably damaged the curing process of the concrete used in the dam's construction.

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Representatives in town**

New Mexico Senator Rod Adair, District 33 and New Mexico Representative Nora Espinoza, District 59, will be speaking at the May meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County. The May 23 meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring a sack lunch and use the side entrance. The FRWLC meets the fourth Monday each month at the aforementioned time and location. For information, call 430-7258.

**RHS reunion**

Attention – all classmates and graduates from Ruidoso High School class of 1991. Our 20-year reunion has been set for June 24-25 in Ruidoso. For more information, contact Elyn Clarke at 575-532-6872 to be added to the mailing list, or visit our Facebook page at 1991 Ruidoso High School Reunion.

**Tennis fundraiser**

The first annual "Raise a Racket" senior doubles tennis tournament – to benefit the Ski Apace Disabled Skiers' Program – will be held June 27-July 1 at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club; Kokopelli Golf, Tennis and Social Club; and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation courts.

The tournament is for players ages 50 and over and will feature tournaments for women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$40 per event. To obtain an entry/donation form, email Janice Fisher at fisheta@aol.com. The entry deadline is June 15.

**Community Warehouse fundraiser**

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

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

**Humane Society cookbook**

You can help your Lincoln County Humane Society by sending your favorite recipes of any category. The society is compiling a cookbook of your favorites for a fundraiser. Include your name and a story to go with the recipe, if it has one. Submit recipes to Lindabl65@gmail.com.

**Search and rescue**

The White Mountain Search and Rescue team, located in Ruidoso, is looking for new members. The team, in cooperation with police and sheriff's department's

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**Ring disappears from Elk Foundation fundraiser**

A ring created specifically for the annual fundraising auction for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, April 30, was taken from its box before it could be auctioned off.

Foundation co-chairman Slick Graham said the ring, created by artisan Simon Gomez, was worth approximately \$1,600, and likely would have fetched at least a grand in the auction for the foundation.

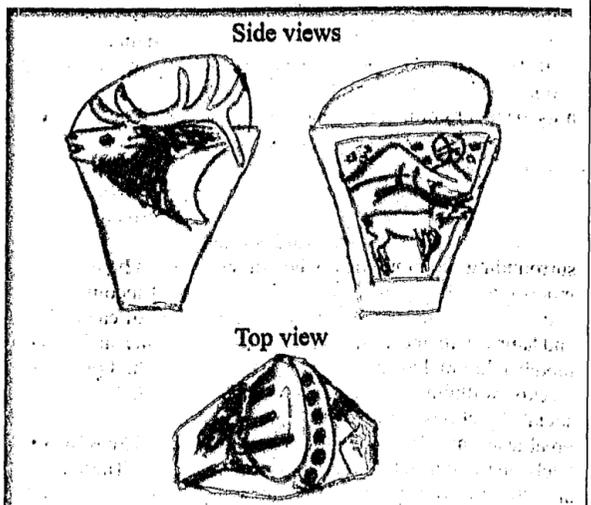
"We had a great banquet, but this was a real downer," Graham said. "I feel the public really needs to know about this."

The ring features seven yellow diamonds along its top inset in ivory and features an elk's head on one side and a moun-

tain range on the other. The ring was in its box on the auction table during the dinner at 7 p.m. that evening, but when the auction began 90 minutes later, the ring was gone.

Information on the ring has been placed on the foundation's Facebook page.

Sierra Blanca chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation raises money for wildlife and elk habitat preservation in the Lincoln National Forest, working with ranchers and the for-



A drawing of the ring provided by Slick Graham

est service.

"We're here to preserve the habitat for these animals," Graham

said: "We help to thing forests and improve the overall environmental health."

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 1216 Mechem at 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily; Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.

**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](http://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.

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cerned the council, specifically a number of overdue water accounts owed the city.

Terri Mosley, finance and procurement director for the city, said several residents have fallen so far behind because of the penalties incurred.

"Many pay by the month, but the penalties are usually more than the monthly rate," Mosley said. "This would give them a grace period to pay up what they owe in full, and all penalties would then be waived."

Councilor Dean Holman pointed out the partial listing of customers with outstanding balances which were provided to councilors, stating the \$16,000 shown as owed for services represented only a fraction of the total money owed the city.

He also said he had a problem with the city waiving fees.

"When we give people who habitually have problems paying their bills a break, then we penalize people who pay their money every month. We have to get people's attention on this," Holman said. "I say we turn off the water now, and they decide how long they want to have no water. If they pay in 30 minutes, then they have water again in half an hour. If they want to wait 45 days, then they have no water for 45 days."

Mosley was uncomfortable with shutting off water to customers right off, saying the customers would be informed they would lose water service if the outstanding

balance was not paid at the end of 45 days. The full council agreed and approved the agreement.

## Called to task

All the financial machinations earned the council a tongue-lashing from concerned citizens Pam Williams and Joyce Gustafson during public comments. The pair urged city officials to conduct next week's budget workshops with the goal of greater efficiency and fiscal responsibility.

"We heed wise and honest people to fix the disrepair," Williams said from a prepared statement. "We need both improved services and decreased costs to our residents. In looking at previous budgets and audits, it is obvious that revenues are inflated to balance expenditures."

In other action, the council:

- Approved an ordinance which cleans up the city's personnel policies to comply with the personnel policy manual - changing and clarifying job descriptions and requirements for the Chief Purchasing Officer, City Clerk, Director of Public Works and Fire Chief;

- Recognized Utility Clerk Emma Herrera as the employee of the quarter;

- Approved a memorandum of agreement between the city, the Village of Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County for a DWI prevention program funded by a grant paid for by DWI court convictions;

- Approved adjustments to the yearly budget to reflect extra money received for some projects, and;

- Named Joyce Gustafson to the Economic Development Board, and;

- Discussed the Lodgers Tax Committee recommendations for special events in 2011-2012.

Councilor Gary Williams suggested a major portion of the \$5,000 recommended for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally - which will relocate to the Inn of the Mountain Gods after several years at Ruidoso Downs Race Track - and increase funding to the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, Ruidoso Chili Cookoff, and the Billy the Kid Casino Chute Out bullriding event - all of which will be held at the track.

"We won't be receiving as much gross receipts tax from the rally now that it's moved, so I think it's fair we fund events that are still in Ruidoso Downs," Williams said.

Holman was concerned about the council going over the Lodgers Tax Committees head, who made the recommendations in the first place.

"I agree with what Gary is saying, but I'm sure the committee discussed this very thing when they made their recommendations," Holman said.

Williams moved the funding be tabled until they could be discussed at next week's budget workshop, giving members from the Lodgers Tax Committee a chance to offer input.

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# OBITUARY

## Bobby Dan Crenshaw 1944 - 2011

Trainer and former professional football player Bobby Dan Crenshaw of Carrizozo died May 11 after a prolonged battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 67.

Crenshaw was very active in horseman's associations as a board member of Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association and a longtime member of the horseman's committee at Ruidoso Downs. He was honored with the 2009 Jim Curry Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award by the New Mexico Horse Breeders Association.

Crenshaw was born in Fort Sumner and then raised in White Oaks, New Mexico. His high school athletic career gained national prominence when he was honored as a national all American football player and set state records competing in hurdle events on the track. He was also active in rodeos.

He then continued his football career at New Mexico State University and played weak-side linebacker for the Philadelphia Eagles from 1967 through 1969.

After his football career, he taught physical education and science in Arkansas while also coaching the football, track and basketball teams.

He then returned to New Mexico and was the administrator at Fort Stanton Hospital and the mayor of Carrizozo.

In the early 1980s, Crenshaw followed his father into the business of training racehorses on the New Mexico circuit.

He is survived by his wife Darla and four children - Kenneth Crenshaw, Lisa Crenshaw, Chuck Goodman and Cash Spanhanks. He is survived by five grandchildren.

Services were held on Sunday, May 15 at 1 p.m. in White Oaks.

## Man shot in robbery attempt

A 39-year-old Ruidoso man was treated for a gunshot wound May 10 after being shot in what Ruidoso police are calling "an attempted armed robbery."

According to police, the incident occurred around 7:45 p.m. at the intersection of University and Ranier drives.

The victim, according to police, reported he was walking near the intersection when "he was approached by two Hispanic males in a tan colored truck. The two men

allegedly demanded his wallet," and when the man refused, "one of the suspects shot him at close range with a small caliber firearm which was wrapped in a towel."

The victim was transported to the Lincoln County Medical Center for his injuries.

Ruidoso police said the investigation into the shooting is continuing, and ask that anyone with any information on the crime contact the police department at 575-258-7365.

## VILLAGE

Grindstone reservoir was not allowed to fill until spring of 1988, and by June 1988 was leaking in excess of two million gallons a day.

Subsequently, the village, in agreement with the Dam Safety Bureau, has kept Grindstone's water levels at a minimum of 16 feet below the spillway, or at about 65 percent of the reservoir's capacity.

Camp said that while Grindstone currently supplies about 30 percent of the village's municipal water - Alto reservoir and Eagle Creek provide the most of the remaining 70 percent - full utilization of Grindstone is essential in future plans to link the village's various water delivery systems as well as to maximize its effluent water rights.

Purchasing the liner, Camp said, is only one portion of repairing Grindstone; installation of the impermeable barrier could, depending on circumstances, cost as much as another \$2 million or more.

Meanwhile, the village is eyeing other, more immediate measures to ensure water conservation, including toughening ordinances that would give village officials greater power of enforcement in drought or emergency conditions, such as those experienced in the freeze last February.

One proposal under consideration would, in a state of emergency, ban the washing of vehicles and force commercial car washes, dry cleaners and laundries to close, and would provide that in cases of repeated viola-

tions, water could be turned off to the property in question.

Another proposal under consideration acknowledges that "water pricing can be an incentive" to customers to make improvements to reduce water consumption.

"The current water rates are cumbersome and don't provide an incentive to conserve," reads one staff report. "A new rate structure needs to be developed that is fair and encourages conservation."

Village staff has been directed to provide the council with a comprehensive list of drought contingency measures for the council's May 31 meeting, and in such a format that the council can take action and implement the measures immediately.

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## HOTLINE

appropriate law enforcement agency.

Statewide, there are 561,318 children under the age of 19, and, CYFD typically receives more than 30,000 calls per year, according to a press release from CYFD. About 18,000 are investigated further and nearly 5,000 are substantiated cases of abuse or neglect. The majority of cases, about 72.7 percent, involve "physical neglect," while 25 percent involve physical abuse and 1.6 percent of cases are sexual abuse.

According to a 2010 report by CYFD Protective Services division, in Lincoln County 203 reports of abuse or neglect were accepted for investigation. After an investigation was conducted, 50 (22.5 percent) of the reports were substantiated. The report also showed that the county's reoccurrence rate of substantiated maltreatment within six months of prior maltreatment was 9, or 14.5 percent.

Pat Briggs, project director for the New Mexico Citizen Review Board, a project of New Mexico Child Advocacy Networks, agrees that the new telephone number will be a welcome addition. "It's

great that they have come up with a new number for people to remember," she said, adding, "Even though it's everyone's responsibility to look after kids, not everyone does."

"While there's no doubt that the new system will be effective in getting new calls coming in, we'll have to wait and see what kind of positive effect it will have on providing evidence of child abuse."

Deines would like it known that CYFD discourages the use of the new telephone number to get someone else in trouble for unfounded reasons, such as during a custody dispute or because they are unhappy with their neighbors.

Gov. Susana Martinez, a former prosecutor in Dona Ana County, declared April Child Abuse Awareness Month and has encouraged New Mexicans to be vigilant about reporting child abuse. In a statement coinciding with the launch of the program, the governor said, "We owe it to all the children out there, who right now may be living in fear, scared of the adults in their lives who are supposed to love and protect them. Preventing child abuse and

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neglect, protecting our kids, it is up to us."

Deines has been traveling statewide since the beginning of April and will continue reaching out to communities through May, alerting them of the new reporting number. The secretary said she will be making a trip to Lincoln County this week to speak with staff at the CYFD field office in Ruidoso about the new number.

If you know or suspect a child is being abused, dial #SAFE (7233) or call 855-333-SAFE (7233).

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# BUSINESS

## Imagination blossoms at Hondo Iris Farm

By Kori Lorick  
Reporter

In a property that once belonged to the legendary William Brady of Billy the Kid fame, Alice Seeley and David Hall are cultivating their passion — Irises.

Seeley has been smitten with irises since she was a teenager. She was visiting Santa Fe with her grandmother and saw a striking dusky salmon colored iris. "Since then, I have been on the hunt to track down that iris... And, in the meantime, I've collected quite a few others," Seeley says.

"Quite a few others" translates to approximately 550 different varieties the duo cultivates on the iris farm today. Strolling

through the garden, it is difficult not to remark the many salmon and peach colored irises Seeley has collected along the way.

Seeley says her inspiration for creating an iris farm came from seeing an entire yard full of iris at someone's home. "I thought, I could have an iris farm! David, who is always optimistic about my ideas, and who I couldn't do this without, thought it was great, so we started."

The event kicked off in 2002, and now draws crowds in the thousands. Visitors can stroll the gardens, picnic on the grounds, and visit Seeley's art gallery. A variety of irises are on sale and Seeley is often

on hand to share her infinite supply of horticultural knowledge.

She says that one of the best things about the garden is seeing the impact it has



For sheer beauty, few flowers can top the iris, and Alice Seeley and David Hall have nurtured more than 550 different varieties of the flowers which can be seen daily during the Hondo Valley Iris Festival.

Kori Lorick/Ruidoso Free Press

on others, "A wife dragged her husband here one year. The next time he came back, he was full of questions about irises and wanted to talk to me about everything.

Now he loves irises!" In addition to being avid horticulturists, Seeley and Hall operate a jewelry factory nearby that crafts jewelry for National Parks

and Museums across the country. Seeley is also a painter, sculptor, and textile designer, all of which are featured in the farm's gallery.

The iris farm will be open until Oct. 1 with free admission and is located at mile marker 284 on Highway 70. See [www.hondoirisfarm.com](http://www.hondoirisfarm.com) for more details.

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## Teacher layoffs eminent due to budget cuts

By Eugene Heathman  
Reporter

Statewide education budget cuts are now affecting the Ruidoso Municipal Schools District which is now faced for the first time with conducting employee layoffs and non-renewal of certain contracts.

The harsh reality was delivered by District Superintendent Dr. Bea Harris's presentation to the school board May 10. Several one and two-year teacher contracts will not be renewed next school year and seven instructional assistant positions will likely be cut.

Harris contends the cuts come as Federal Reinvestment and Recovery funds which supported the positions are depleted so the 37 teaching assistants this year will be trimmed to 29 for the coming school year.

Statewide, school districts are desperately exploring various contingency plans in the wake of budget cuts. The Cloudcroft Municipal School District is seriously considering a four-day school week to help save money. Other districts, including Ruidoso have been slowly consolidating special education, advance placement and extra-curricular activities programs.

"Over the last three years we've trimmed and cut and tightened our belts. This year we're cutting stipends for department chairs, stipends for tech people and stipends for the School Advisory Council chairs and teams, stipends for tech people," Harris said.

The school board even considered offering early retirement incentives during last month's meeting but determined there would be too many legal implications in doing so.

Technological solutions exist by combining resources with neighboring school districts such as the possible use of Blackboard for on-line instruction or Skype for video classroom solutions.

Although two positions at Sierra Vista Primary School were cut, the teachers will be moved into other grades. Approximately 10 retiring staff members will not be replaced. "The district will shuffle staff around to fill necessary slots," Harris said.

The Ruidoso Municipal School District

has approximately 250 employees, including non-education staff employing approximately 160 teachers. "The teaching staff will be cut by about seven or eight," Harris said.

The necessary cuts will save the district

about \$1 million and will also avoid having to access the district's emergency fund. The recently passed general obligations (GO) bond assist specifically with capital improvements projects but does not apply for district salaries

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# Groups face funding struggle

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Reporter

Upon learning that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern New Mexico had recently been left off the list of external agencies to receive funding as part of the 2011-12 fiscal year budget approved by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, the organization's director, Steve Duffy, wasted little time brooding about the decision. "It was a big blow not getting that money from the county, but now we have to focus on getting funding from other places," he said.

Victor Montes, the director for the Community Youth Center Warehouse in Ruidoso, which was established three years ago, he said, to provide area children with a myriad of after-school activities, had pretty much the same reaction after his organization was denied by the county a funding request for \$10,000. "I understand their budget is tight, that a lot of people need money," he said.

At a time when government budgets are strained and the economy is only slowly nursing back to health in Lincoln County, external organizations that aid in the betterment of youth and families that in years past could rely on help from the county for funding are shifting their focus on finding money in other places.

The Lincoln County Juvenile Justice Board, a program that is managed through a contract with Juvenile Community Corrections, was approved by county commissioners for its request of \$8,000 in funding.

Duffy, who is a grant writer, had already begun working on grant proposals for Big Brothers Big Sisters well before he found out that the county had denied his orga-

nization's request for funding. The organization recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Hubbard Foundation. The organization also produces a series of annual fundraising events, including a musical show at the Spencer Theater in July.

Likewise, Montes is in the process of soliciting funds from municipal governments, as well as asking money from private donors. The organization receives about \$12,000 annually from private donations. And like Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Community Youth Center Warehouse also received a grant from the Hubbard Foundation, in the amount of \$5,000.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, the largest provider of one-to-one youth mentoring services in the county, had requested \$7,500 from the county to support the costs of adding five new mentoring relationships. The amount sought was more than double than what the organization had requested and received from the county in each of the past two fiscal years (\$3,000 in 2009-10; \$3,600 in 2010-11). The organization requested more money this year due to the growing population of children in the county that require youth mentoring services, said Duffy.

At a county Board of Commissioners preliminary budget hearing May 3, Duffy told commissioners that the Lincoln County branch of Big Brothers Big Sisters boast the highest number of adult-youth mentoring matches (44) in the southeastern region, which consist of Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Quay and Roosevelt counties. He said 70 matches would be the goal of the organization, including a new mentoring program for Mescalero involving Native American children matched with Native adults. Commissioners Mark Doth and Kathryn Minter each questioned Duffy about the organization's

funding from outside Lincoln County, including those from private donations. And in light of the Mescalero connection, Doth specifically asked Duffy if the organization had requested funds from Otero County, which Duffy said he had not because Otero County is not part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters southeastern region.

The money that the Community Youth Center warehouse had sought from the county, according to Montes, was to help keep the center operating, which it does on an annual budget of about \$22,000. The center not only provides area youth with after-school activities but offers adults and children exercise classes and martial arts training. The center also organizes two to four dances per month that are attended by about 150 middle school and high school students.

The lack of monetary support from local government for these types of organizations could be detrimental, according to Dinah Hamilton, a professor of sociology and chair of the social sciences department at Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso.

"When mentoring programs are done well, they really do have an impact on at-risk youth," said Hamilton, adding that it seems that when we have budget cuts, no matter the level of government, programs aimed at children are typically the first to be slashed. But she also said she understood how the county could deny funding for these types of organizations; not only because of the current economy and governments want to be conservative with funding, but rather that it's hard to show on paper statistics on how money for these types of programs is being spent for the benefit of society.

Still, she said, "In a small town environment like we have here, there isn't much for kids to do after school."

## Hubbard Foundation steps up for agencies

The RD and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation is pleased to announce grants to a number of Lincoln County charitable organizations.

"We recognize the strain the economy has placed on the revenues that support our local governments in Lincoln County," said Robert Donaldson, Executive Director of the Hubbard Foundation, "With the Lincoln County Commission's decision to eliminate funding for a number of Lincoln County charities that provide services to many of our citizens, the Hubbard Foundation has decided to provide one-time grant funds to these organizations during this period of transition as they look for new sources of funds for future operations."

The following grants are being awarded: Lincoln County Food Bank \$7,500, Lincoln County Big Brothers and Big Sisters \$5,000, Sacramento Mountain Village \$1,500, White Mountain Search and Rescue \$2,500 and the Community Youth Center Warehouse in Ruidoso \$5,000.

"It is our sincere hope that these funds are helpful for the survival of these organizations, which provide so much help to the citizens of Lincoln County. These funds

will be in addition to our 2011 Southeastern New Mexico Grant Program which we will be awarding next fall", stated Mr. Donaldson.

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom, who serves as president of the Lincoln County Food Bank, called the grant "a great, great thing," adding that the donation "speaks volumes about Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard and the generous works of the Hubbard Foundation."

Albom said he was confident the grants would "literally keep alive" some of the agencies to receive the unexpected funding.

Lincoln County Commissioner Tom Battin called the grants "clear evidence of the Hubbard Foundation's commitment to the humanitarian needs of our community. Over the years, I've seen this organization, totally unsolicited, step up to address these issues, and I'm very grateful to them for

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- Commissioner Tom Battin

this."

Added County Commissioner Kathryn Minter: "I think this is wonderful. This is what we on the Commission wanted, for private citizens and organizations such as the Hubbard Foundation, to help address these community needs. The Foundation is being very, very generous with this ac-

The Southeast New Mexico Grant Program each year awards grants to deserving 501(c)3 non-profit organizations in the seven county area of Southeast New Mexico. Last year the Hubbard Foundation awarded 47 grants totaling \$234,896. Over the years, the Program has awarded 343 grants totaling \$1,819,542. The 2011 Southeast New Mexico Grant Program will begin accepting applications on May 15. The deadline is August 1. If your organization is interested in the grant program, please contact the Hubbard Foundation at 575-258-5919 or at info@hubbardfoundation.com for an application.

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# OPINION

## Sagebrush lizard threatens oil, gas industry

Steve Henke is President of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, a 50-year resident of New Mexico, and has extensive experience working with the Endangered Species Act.

The recent press releases by the Wild Earth Guardians and the Center for Biological Diversity criticizing the claim that an Endangered Species Act listing for the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard will cost jobs and decrease economic activity in southeastern New Mexico is yet another orchestrated attempt by these groups to mislead the public while hiding their real agenda. To suggest that placing the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard on the Endangered Species List will not affect jobs or the economy is wrong, and these groups know better.

Wild Earth Guardians and the Center for Biological Diversity cite recent lease data from the Bureau of Land Management as justification for their arguments. Such a position is disingenuous, at best. The Bureau of Land Management, through their planning process, has permanently withdrawn thousands of acres from future leasing. This decision, in and by itself, removes the resource developmental opportunities, jobs, taxes, royalties and economic activity associated with new drilling on these off-limits lands.

In addition, the lease offerings by the Bureau of Land Management cited will require extensive analysis and mitigation, if located in lizard habitat. The required mitigation, whether it be directional drilling, avoidance, timing limitations, or some other restrictions, may make these new leases less attractive and less likely to be developed, adversely impacting jobs and the economy of southeastern New Mexico.

The most troubling aspects of endangered species listing for the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard is the reality that over 95 percent of the species' known habitat in New Mexico and Texas is currently leased for oil and gas de-

velopment. There are thousands of existing leases with over 30,000 producing wells within Dunes Sagebrush Lizard habitat.

The Wild Earth Guardians and the Center for Biological Diversity don't like to talk about their plans if they are successful in having the lizard listed as an endangered species. However, the track record and tactics used by these groups is well established. If the lizard is listed as endangered, any action proposed on these existing leases will have to be evaluated for potential impacts under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Impact evaluations are reasonable when taken at face value. The problem is that the Wild Earth Guardians and the Center for Biological Diversity routinely challenge reasonable and well evaluated impact determinations, and aggressively challenge government agencies over actions involving existing and proposed projects.

An endangered species listing for the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard combined with the established practices of the Wild Earth Guardians and the Center for Biological Diversity will likely result some reduction in future development on existing leases, and quite possibly, forced curtailment and even suspension of current oil and gas production.

Under an endangered species listing, the Wild Earth Guardians and Center for Biological Diversity will be one step closer to their goal of slowly strangling the oil and gas industry with continuous lawsuits against Federal agencies. When these cases are settled, legal fees are awarded to these groups and paid with taxpayer dollars. The funds received are then used to fund another round of lawsuits. This scenario plays itself out repeatedly – until more companies finally abandon projects because of the time and expense of compliance with ever-tighter restrictions, and the burdensome cost of environmental analysis, mitigation, and litigation. The loss of jobs and tax revenue for the State of New Mexico will be the ultimate

result of an endangered species listing.

The impacts of listing are difficult to quantify, but the pattern and progression are easily recognizable. Is a 10 percent reduction to a \$20 billion a year industry in the Permian Basin possible? I would say not only possible, but probable, given the track record of litigation and restrictions imposed under the application of the Endangered Species Act in other areas of the country.

There is a more balanced path forward, short of listing the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard under the Endangered Species Act. That is continuation of the Cooperative Conservation Agreement program, whereby ranchers and oil and gas operators have voluntarily agreed to proactive conservation measures to protect the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard and the Lesser Prairie Chicken. Under existing Cooperative Conservation Agreements, over 800,000 acres have been enrolled in the program where landowners and lessors agree to conduct their operations in a manner that benefits both species.

Under these Cooperative Conservation Agreements almost \$1 million has been raised from the private sector to restore habitat and further study the best methods of protecting these species. In addition to providing real dollars for conservation, the Cooperative Conservation Agreement program requires operating practices in the oil and gas industry that reduce or eliminate adverse effects on the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard and Lesser Prairie Chicken while promoting the economy of the Permian Basin.

Cooperative Conservation Agreements are the win-win path forward. These agreements should not only be allowed, but promoted, as the best hope for the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard and the people of New Mexico.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I am pleased to report that the April 22 Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference in Ruidoso drew an estimated 288 participants from Lincoln County and adjoining counties, slightly better than attendance at the 2010 conference. Several participants were Easter weekend tourists visiting from Texas. The accompanying tradeshow had an additional 40 vendors from across New Mexico. High School and college students were visibly in attendance this year. Two received college scholarships from the Conference. The overall numbers were an encouraging sign of continued interest in this promising form of economic development for the region.

The purpose of this second conference was to stimulate new regional economic development. It already appears to have done so. Trade show vendors are already reporting follow up sales, new business contacts and additional expansion opportunities. Several large scale renewable energy projects in the region involving several different types of renewable energy including natural gas are moving forward. Attention too was brought to bear during the Conference on the seven wind energy projects under development in the northern part of Lincoln County. The Friday conference was flanked by training on Thursday for more than 50 realtors through the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of Realtors and by scores of regional residents touring Lincoln County on the Saturday 3rd Annual Solar and Sustainability Tour. Realtors now have another tool with which to sell real estate. Tour participants viewed existing renewable energy systems from Ruidoso Downs to Corona. The Conference appears to have met its goal, that of providing additional education and motivation for new energy-related industrial and small business economic development in this region.

Conference sponsors really made this event happen and enabled participants to attend without charge. Sponsors included Zia Natural Gas Company, PNM, Otero County Electric Cooperative, Sacred Power Corporation, New Mexico Workforce Connection – Lincoln County, Carrizozo Works Inc., the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, the Lodge at Sierra Blanca, the Ruidoso / Lincoln County Association of Realtors, and ENMU-Ruidoso. The support of the Village of Ruidoso was also particularly significant in the success of the Conference. Numerous local businesses also contributed door prizes or manned trade show booths.

The good news is that progress is being made on the expansion of electrical transmission. Jeremy Turner, Executive Director of the NM Renewable Energy Authority [and a Ruidoso High School graduate], announced at the conference that five transmission projects are now in various stages of planning and development in New

Mexico. A sixth project, Tres Amigas near Clovis, will integrate most of these systems as well as the national three-part grid. Most projects are not located in Lincoln County; however, the County and the three-county region will benefit from their development.

Our sincere thanks to sponsors, vendors, participants. A third renewable energy conference and trade show is being scheduled for April, 2012 in Ruidoso. Hope you can make it.

Jim Miller  
Lincoln County Renewable  
Energy Initiative  
Alto

To the Editor:

I read the article regarding the funding requests from several service organizations asking for monetary assistance in order to continue assisting residents and animals of Lincoln County.

I am very concerned how "cut and dried" the commissioners were with several of these organizations, particularly the Food Bank, PAWS spay/neuter vouchers, Miracle Paws for Pets and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

These organizations are providing a very vital service in their respective areas. These groups are making a difference in this county and should have received at least partial if not the full funding requests they asked for.

Yes, the county budget is balanced and didn't touch the reserve fund, but really, how good does it make you feel? Was it the totally right thing to do? Not in my opinion nor to my gut feeling was it the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

Susan Carter-Hoffer  
Ruidoso Downs

To the Editor:

Nonprofits develop from societal needs which are not met by other civic organizations, individuals, community or government entities; their intent, both humanitarian and practical, is to resolve the need and provide funding to handle the solution.

Often only a few volunteers contribute time, energy and personal funds to the sometimes 24 hour a day mission.

Four of five Lincoln County Commissioners – Tom Battin was absent – responded to 21 funding requests from Lincoln County service organizations in a budget hearing on May 3.

The Lincoln County Food Bank, which served an estimated 7,172 people in 2010, in a county of about 20,000 people, did not receive funding. The agency's clients are predominantly elderly, live on Social Security income, and some are disabled.

In two other "courageous" decisions, Partnership for Animal Welfare and Miracle PAWS were not funded. Their goals

are complimentary, not a duplication of the work of the Lincoln County Humane Society. Together these vital organizations save the Lincoln County taxpayers thousands of dollars in disease prevention and animal population control. The root of prevention of animal abuse is education and support, not denial, which perpetuates the problem.

For the fiscally conservative Lincoln County Commissioners: Do the math. A suggestion might be to divide the amount of available funding by the number of non-profit requests; the resulting amount would be distributed to each organization.

The final budget proposal will be voted on by the commissioners in a public hearing on Tuesday, May 17, at 2:30 p.m. Nonprofits and volunteers should use this opportunity to present their appeals for funding.

Virginia Watson Jones  
Capitan

To The Editor,

In response to a May 10 letter to the editor, unfortunately Dick Mastin didn't identify which service agencies will be impacted by loss of funding but as a taxpayer, I'm glad that our County Commission chose not to grant funding based on "tradition" (regardless of what was to be funded). It is unfair to suggest that the County doesn't want to fund ANY charitable activities simply because they reduced or eliminated funding for a handful. With our huge Federal and State deficits, it's refreshing to see a governmental body with money "left

over" in a budget exercise or one unwilling to "find" money when a budget is exceeded.

Community Service in its purest form is a donated service performed by individuals or groups for the benefit of the public (no funding required). Charitable services on the other hand normally expect to include fundraising as part of their existence. Many local charities are having to get more creative this year due to both State and Federal budget cuts. Established operations and existing funding has recently been reshaped in many an organization. Survival speaks to strong leadership within those organizations.

Why would the County Commission be expected to clarify the question "what does your agency do?" and subsequently be expected to provide guidance on how service agencies should transition to private funding? With regard to Mr. Mastin's comments on leadership, true leaders don't "love" to explain themselves and give reasons for their actions... they simply lead. We have great leaders within our community and our local residents are extremely generous and supportive. I trust that these leaders will rise to the challenge, obtain necessary funding through creative measures and continue the work of agencies that perform viable services to our community. I also trust that this set-back will not defeat the hearts of dedicated volunteers who always give generously of their time.

Laurie Welty  
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## ENMU-Ruidoso confers diplomas, degrees

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

At the age of 16, Barbara Perine became a statistic – a high school drop out.

For 33 years, she remained a drop out, doing her best to raise three children and always aware of the difficulties of trying to support a family without benefit of at least a high school diploma.

That all changed Thursday night as Perine was recognized at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts as being the designated student speaker in her class of ENMU-Ruidoso students who successfully completed their General Educational Developmental requirements.

Now 53 years old, Perine spoke of the challenges of trying to earn her GED so many years after leaving school, and of her struggles to even complete the GED requirements.

After successfully passing four of the five areas of the GED, Perine encountered her greatest challenge – the mathematics examination.

A dyslexia sufferer, Perine said she failed her first attempt at the test – by one question. After studying for another month, Perine retook the math exam, only to fail a second time, by two questions.

Another month of study, another attempt at the math exam.

"This time I passed ... by three questions. YEAH!" Perine shouted out to her fellow GED recipients. "If I can do it, so can you."

For her efforts, Perine not only earned her GED, but also is now enrolled as a full-time student at ENMU-Ruidoso, working on her AA degree, and maintaining a 3.75 grade point average, which she hopes to eventually turn into a new career as a preschool teacher.

Joining Perine in receiving their GEDs Thursday night were: Abrah Aguilar, Briana Aguilar, Paul Bennett, Ciji Bingerman, Leigh Bishop, Amanda Boggs, Amber Buster, Stephen Chino, Luana De Luca dos Santos, and Todd DePalma.

Gesar Gomez, April Gonzalez, Calvin Griffin, Stella Harris, Dana Haynes, William Head, John Hobbs, Brooke Holey, Johnna Holey, Trina Jimenez, Billy Kinder and Ihleen Klinekole.

Sebastian Lane, Ramiro Lopez, Leticia Monreal, Jacqueline Montes, Jeremy Nunnenkamp, Johnny Olivas, Kevin Parker, Christian Rodriguez, Rhylan Romack, Dylan Small, Ricardo Valdez, Marriah Ventura, Brianna Wall, Stephanie Wood and Chambrie Yates.

Following the GED presentations, ENMU-Ruidoso President Dr. Clayton Alred conferred a number of Certificates of Completions and Associates degrees to graduates of ENMU, as well as several Bachelor and Masters degrees.

Recipients of Certificates of Completion were: Vickie K. Matheny (Computer and Network Security); Sean P. Wilson (Apprenticeship Program); Kateri Carpenter, Sara L. Chapman, Christian S. Madden and Sarah J. Pullen (Human Services Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies).

### Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse announces scholarship winners

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse has announced that the following five students have each received a \$500 college tuition scholarship.

Gage Barnett is the scholarship recipient from Ruidoso High School. Gage has a 4.47 GPA, is number one in his senior class of 138 and plans to study international relations at Oral Roberts University. He is a member and office holder in the National Honors Society and Student Council. Many of you may know Gage as he has worked at the Casa Blanca Restaurant, the River's Edge Eatery and Zocca Coffee and he also gives back to his community by volunteering with HEAL, Oktoberfest, the Ruidoso High School Thanksgiving food drive, Angel Tree, Lincoln County Humane Society, Grace Harvest Church, Rio Ruidoso River Cleanup, W.A.T.S. UP Community Outreach, Ruidoso Blood Drive and student tutoring. In letters of recommendation, Gage is described as a responsible and mature young man with a natural ability to lead who has won the respect and admiration of both the staff and students at Ruidoso High School. Gage comes from a very solid and loving family that has taught him the concepts of work, manhood and social responsibility – all lessons Gage has learned very well. His intellect, motivation and creativity



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ENMU-Ruidoso awarded 38 General Educational Development diplomas May 13 at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts

Recipients of Certificates of Occupational Training were: Summer A. Armstrong, Nicholas M. Baker, Erik M. Bearer, Carrie A. Billy-West, Martin S. Carrillo, Kaleb M. Cordova, Hannah-Xiao C. Duke, Emily K. Fisk, Anna-Marie Friberg, Atman O. Kostendenous, Teri-Ann E. Miles, Alfred J. Richardson, Javier D. Rubio, Jonathan C. Scholtz, Eloy J. Sedillo, Rocky Solis, David M. Stetter, Eric R. Walls, Karen C. Wilson and Jessica T. Wood (Emergency Medical Technician-Basic).

Nicholas M. Baker, Kaleb M. Cordova, Anna-Marie Friberg, William H. Green III, Teri-Ann Miles, Alfred J. Richardson, Javier D. Rubio, Michelle L. Schmidt and Karen C. Wilson (Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate I).

Ashley A. Abramson, Breccias D. Addison, Rose E. Archly, Danielle C. Bowers, Cathy A. Cahill, Gail M. Carter, Sarah J. Chambers, Dorene Cly, Meilani Crespini, Joy W. Cude, Stephanie J. Di Paolo, Sarah K. Easter, Emily K. Fisk, Devon B. Harvey, Sandra Herrera-Rue, Ashley A. Ivins, Michael F. Kokaly, Renee I. Lopez, Heather L. McDougal, Lee A. Mitchell, Stephanie M. Nevarez, Shawn M. Nunn, Travis S. Nunn, Jeannette M. Otero, Justine Peralto, Melissa M. Prewitt, Charlene A. Rooffe, Meshia Rue, Eloisa Sanchez, Melanie M. Smith, Amber L. Thompson, Beth M. Trochet, Cynthia D. Trujillo, Laura D. Tyler, Anthony L. Vallejos, Leticia Villanueva, Sara M. Wade, Colinda M. Whipple and JoAnn Wolfe (Nursing Assistant).

Associates of Arts degrees were conferred upon:

Business Administration – Cheryl D. Gerthe, Margaret M. Madruga, Lawrence J. Mancha and Darrin L. Young.

Criminal Justice – Elizabeth B. Hub-

bard and Robert T. Lopez.

Early Care and Education – Glydia M. Sainz.

General Studies – Teri-Ann E. Miles.

Psychology – Morgan D. Gibbs and Beth Trochet.

Teacher Education Transfer Program – Garrett P. Born, Sandra Herrera-Rue, Genifer L. Warren and Sharon L. Wilson.

University Studies – Brittanie A. Ashcraft, Sara L. Chapman, Kristie A. Garcia, Loni P. George, Phillip A. Goad, Lawrence J. Mancha, Toby M. Smith, Charlsy C. Strange Affuso and Samantha J. Yetley.

Associate of Applied Science degrees were conferred upon:

Computer Technology – Julie A. Rocha.

Hospitality and Tourism – Alexandria J. Chavez, Stacey R. Trapp and Jennifer D. Webb.

Associate of Science degrees were conferred upon:

Natural Resources – Racheal R. Headley, Katherine L. Hudson and Crystal P. McClellan.

Jamie A. Estes received a Bachelor of Science in Early Education degree, Summa Cum Laude.

Michael A. Swanner received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree.

Edwina Swearingin and Karrie L. Wren received Bachelor of University Studies degrees.

LeAnn R. Mladek, Susan A. Morss and Lawana C. Price received Masters of Education degrees.

Posthumous degrees were conferred upon Sarah Lynne DiPaolo and James L. Sheets.

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# Leadership Lincoln seeking applicants for 2011-2012

Student enrollment applications for the tenth class of Leadership Lincoln are available now and due by May 23. Applications are available by emailing Todd Russell at leadershiplincolnapplication@yahoo.com or by calling Todd at (575) 257-5555. Leadership Lincoln Board Members will also have applications.

The Leadership Lincoln student class will be selected in June 2011 and sessions will begin on the second Thursday of every month from Sept. 2011 through May of 2012.

More than 100 Lincoln County and Mescalero Apache Reservation residents have graduated

from the program in the first nine years of the program.

Leadership Lincoln is one of more than 2,000 nationwide programs designed to develop emerging leaders. Our mission is to identify, enlighten, encourage, and retain leaders of diverse backgrounds, occupations, and cultures for the purpose of enhancing the quality of leadership in our communities. Our program exposes leaders to the realities, problems, and opportunities of Lincoln County, the Mescalero Apache Reservation, and, in general, southeastern New Mexico.

Below is the 2011-2012 Leadership Lincoln schedule. Generally, our one day sessions occur on the second Thursday of the month. The February 2012 session includes an over-night stay in Santa Fe. This schedule will be updated prior to the Sept. 8 Class Orientation.

February 2012 (TBA)  
Operation of State government, including a trip to the State Capitol in Santa Fe, NM  
Thursday, March 8, 2012  
Mescalero Apache Tribe and Reservation  
Thursday, April 12, 2012  
Environment and natural resources  
Thursday, May 10, 2012  
Class wrap-up and graduation

Thursday September 8, 2011  
Class orientation  
Thursday, October 13, 2011  
Public and private education  
Thursday, November 10, 2011  
Quality of life issues  
Thursday, December 8, 2011  
Municipal and county government 101  
Thursday, January 12, 2012  
Economic development and

Lincoln County history  
February 2012 (TBA)  
Operation of State government, including a trip to the State Capitol in Santa Fe, NM  
Thursday, March 8, 2012  
Mescalero Apache Tribe and Reservation  
Thursday, April 12, 2012  
Environment and natural resources  
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teamwork in any community; identification and observation of special interest groups; how the region is affected by and contributes to national and international trends; how a strong vision can be created; methods of identifying and soliciting resources for assistance; methods of dealing with public opinion and the media; vital issues impacting our area; avenues to promote networking; and leadership skills development.

Graduates of Leadership Lincoln are expected to assume active roles as Leadership Lincoln alumni by attending alumni activities and supporting Leadership Lincoln endeavors.

The Leadership Lincoln Program includes: group dynamics and methods used to promote

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ness in the fall. In his own words, Marshal states: "The thing I am most proud of is my heritage, and being able to do God's work here on the family ranch. I learned most of my life lessons here that, I believe, I could never have gotten a taste for if I had lived elsewhere. I learned values, morals and ethics from situations that are usually only presented to a kid of a rural background. I learned what it meant to take care of the animals and land you depend on, and that they, in turn, will take care of you. I built many philosophies on this ranch and it has been my greatest educator." Marshal is intelligent, well organized, self-driven, friendly, articulate, reliable, empathetic and self-motivated to accomplish his goals. It is without a doubt that Marshal will attain great success that will benefit all.

From Corona High School, the scholarship recipient is Judith Torres who will be attending Oklahoma Panhandle State University in the fall, studying animal science where she already has earned 34 hours of college credit. Active in the National Honor Society, FFA, Student Council, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, track and yearbook activities, Judith also participates in her community through Vacation Bible School, child screening and book recycling. She has worked at both the Corona Public Schools and Village of Corona. Judith's math teacher at Corona High School states that: "Judy's great attitude and strong work

ethic will take her very far in life. She will accomplish any task put in front of her, no matter how challenging it may be. She is always willing to help anyone in any way possible." Focused, self-directed, resourceful and a great problem solver - these characteristics plus a wonderful sense of humor will serve Judy well in the future.

Stephanie Gomez is the scholarship recipient from Hondo High School and she will be attending New Mexico State University in Las Cruces in their pre-med program. In her own words, Stephanie says: "A big decision that I have planned out is coming back into my community after I become a doctor. Helping the people that I love and care about the most is where I want to be. My beautiful community of Hondo and Ruidoso is where I grew up, and I would love to come back here someday and make a difference for the people around me. Becoming a doctor is a huge step in life, and I know that my self-discipline will help me get through it and fulfill my greatest dreams. I am excited to get started down the road to success." The oldest of six children, Stephanie has been active in volleyball, basketball, track and field, FFA, Student Council, 4-H, and fiesta dancing. She has also worked at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant and the Tinnie Silver Dollar. Stephanie's strength of character, her motivation, dedication, and discipline will make her very successful in college.

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## Carrizozo teacher recognized

Alpha Delta Kappa International Organization for Women in Education recently recognized Mrs. Germaine Joseph-Hays on the completion of her first year as a full-time teacher. A gift bag containing a variety of teacher items was presented to Mrs. Joseph-Hays by representatives of Eta Chapter along with her principal at Carrizozo High School Patty Nesbitt.

Located in Lincoln County, Eta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa is made up of women in the field of education who recognize and support the professional efforts of outstanding women educators.



Courtesy Photo  
Left-right: Dottie MacVeigh, Eta member, Patty Nesbitt, Carrizozo High School Principal; Germaine Joseph-Hays; Becca Ferguson, Eta member; and Sarah Ball, Eta member.

## Thompson named to Dean's List

Scott G. Thompson, son of Gary and Karen Thompson of Ruidoso, has been named to the Dean's List at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y. for the Winter Quarter. Thompson is a first year student in RIT's

Gleason College of Engineering and is majoring in computer engineering. He is a 2010 graduate of Ruidoso High School.



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# Mastin is up for Democratic challenge

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez Reporter

Dick Mastin's involvement with the Democratic Party of Lincoln County started easily enough shortly after moving to area in the fall of 2001.

"I just started showing up," said Mastin, who moved to Alto shortly after retiring from Raytheon Company. "I wasn't really active in politics before moving here. I never did anything beyond helping people register to vote."

In due time, the Mastin became more and more involved with local Democrats, attending not only meetings but showing up at events sponsored by the group. He eventually accented toward a leadership role, becoming vice-chair of the organization in 2009.

In February, the 71-year-old former aircraft engineer was elected chair of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County. He's got a tough task ahead of him. Figuratively speaking, Democrats in southeastern New Mexico are about as rare as precipitation in the area. Literally speaking, registered Republicans outnumber them by a 2-to-1 margin (58 percent to 27 percent).

Like any good political party chief, Mastin has a way of spinning those statistics. "Not all Republicans are the same; not all Democrats are the same," he said, adding that, in his opinion, there are some in Lincoln County who register as Republicans just so that they can get ahead politically. "I'm sure in Santa Fe or Taos, the opposite happens."

Whether or not Mastin, who describes himself as fiscally conservative and socially liberal, is correct in his assumption, countywide there are no Democratic elected officials currently in office. Not the county clerk. Not the sheriff. Not the treasurer. Not a single member of the Board of Commissioners. The closest being Democratic state Sen. Tim Jennings, who's 32nd Senate District (where Democrats have just enough of a majority, 43 percent to 37 percent) overlaps the southeastern portion of Lincoln County. Municipal elections are nonpartisan in New Mexico.

"It's overwhelming," said Mastin of the fact that there are more than twice as many Republicans than Democrats in the county. "It's going to be really challenging getting our voices heard, but I'm up for the task. My goal is to highlight the accomplishments made by Democrats - health care reform, improving the economy, fighting to keep Social Security and Medicare, making sure that women have a right to choose."

Officers from the Republican Party of

Lincoln County declined to be interviewed for this story.

In Lincoln County there are 3,586 registered Democrats compared to 7,421 registered Republicans. There are also 1,916 who when they registered declined to state a political party. These statistics are pretty much the same in the region, even though statewide registered Democrats have the edge, 49 percent to 32 percent.

Delbert Jenkins, an adjunct professor of political science at Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso, seems to have an explanation as to why Republicans outnumber Democrats in the southeastern region of the state.

"It's comes down to the nature of the industry," he said. "Cattle and oil are huge, and those involved tend to lean conservative on issues, which translates into more people registering as Republican."

Mastin was born in Wichita, Kan., but moved with his family to Albuquerque when he was 9. He says he is the only registered Democrat in his family.

After graduating from high school, he went back to the Midwest and attended Wichita State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and then an MBA. He also has a Master of Divinity degree from the San Francisco Theological Seminary (he is the lead organizer for the Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Fellowship).

Mastin is a strong believer in having a balanced budget, which he says can be accomplished with tax increases, especially in regard to the wealthiest Americans, and without taking away the funding for social entitlement programs. He's also in favor of having more government regulations.

"We need government in order to function," he said. "Lobbyists have suppressed the process of government and have been given too much control."

When Maria Quintana resigned as chair of the DPLC last year, Mastin was reluctant to take over the reigns. One of his biggest supporters early on was Alicia Lopez, who is now the organization's secretary.

"I'm very happy that (Mastin) became chair," said Lopez, adding he was originally reluctant to accept the job. "He was hesitant at first and didn't feel he could do the job well. I was the one who pushed him to campaign for the position. I'm glad he did, because he's been very good for the Democratic Party here."

The percentage of those registering as Democrats in Lincoln County has fallen every year since at least 1998, back when Democrats made up about 34 percent of the registered voters in the county.

And not only does Lincoln County have the lowest percentage of registered Democrats in the state, the party lost control of some very important statewide offices during the last election, including the governorship and the office of the secretary of state, the department in charge of monitoring elections statewide.

But Mastin is confident that with the Presidential election coming up in 2012, along with prediction that President Obama will be re-elected, the local Democrats will do more favorably in elections next time around. Lopez agrees.

"When you look at the numbers, there are a lot of Democrats in this county," she

said. "But we wouldn't think from just looking around. When I moved here a few years ago, I wasn't even sure there was a Democratic Party, and I am sure I am not the only one who has felt that way about this place. We need to make our presence known."

When asked if he'd ever consider running for office, Mastin shrugged off the suggestion.

"It would take too much work and too much of my time," he said, adding that he is involved in five organizations, in addition to the Democratic Party of Lincoln County. "I love the situation that I am in now, I love trying to help others."

## Chapter closed



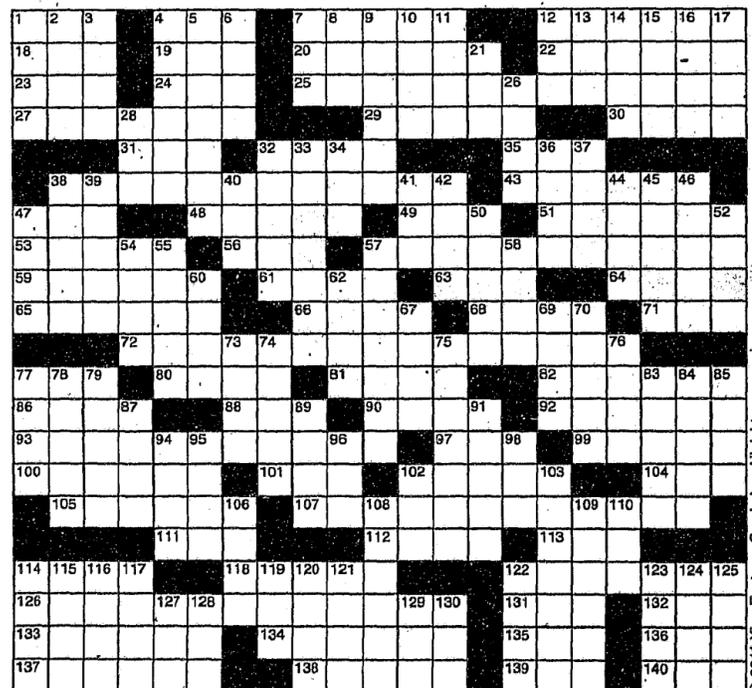
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A number of well-wishers turned out to help Ruidoso Librarian Beverly McFarland close the book on a 32-year career as a librarian, the last three in Ruidoso

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  - 22 Herbivorous reptile
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  - 24 Indefinite pronoun
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  - 49 He'll give you a squeeze
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  - 56 Slippery character?
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  - 6 Very, in Versailles
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  - 11 Starch source
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  - 13 Give it a try
  - 14 '87 Streisand film
  - 15 Base stuff?
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  - 17 Ulrich of Metallica
  - 21 Tin Tin
  - 26 Lucy Lawless role
  - 28 April initials
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  - 37 "David Copperfield" character
  - 38 She brought out the beast in men
  - 39 Oriental
  - 40 Equal an opponent
  - 41 Cops' org.
  - 42 Forever, so state
  - 44 Jeopardize
  - 45 Dynamite philanthropist?
  - 46 Stowe sight
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  - 50 Hersey
  - 52 Way out
  - 54 Gator's cousin
  - 55 "Salome" role
  - 57 Hale or Revere
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  - 60 Knight's better half?
  - 62 Believe
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  - 73 Compote component
  - 74 Metropolitan
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  - 77 Ostentation
  - 78 React to a pun
  - 79 Intense
  - 83 South African province
  - 84 Pottery defect
  - 85 Thornfield governess
  - 87 Poker stake
  - 89 Inland sea
  - 91 Notre Dame's river
  - 94 Fuss
  - 95 Moflo or Magnan
  - 96 Fit - fiddle
  - 98 RN's
  - 102 Coach Parseghian
  - 103 4 p.m. vehicle?
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  - 108 Inflicts
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  - 110 Scrape by, with "out"
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  - 116 Em or Bee
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  - 120 Recipe
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  - 122 London district
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  - 124 "The People's Choice" pooch
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## Greentree to discuss rate increase

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority Board will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, May 24, to discuss the possibility of rate increases at the regular Greentree Solid Waste Authority Board meeting in the administrative offices of the Greentree Solid Waste Authority Ruidoso Downs.

The facility is located at 26590 US Highway 70.

The public is invited to attend the Board meeting.

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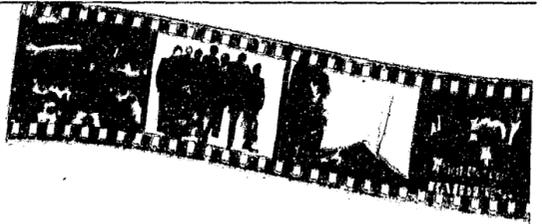
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# On the Town

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Bluegrass legend performs at the Spencer Theater May 28

# Ricky Skaggs



By Eddie Farrell

Editor

It might not do much to ease the area's drought conditions, but country and bluegrass great Ricky Skaggs is promising to release a major dose of Kentucky Thunder at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts May 28 that he guarantees will lift the hearts and spirits of those in attendance.

A 14-time Grammy Award winner, Skaggs is bluegrass royalty, and he has dedicated his life to the advancement of the genre, in what he told the *Ruidoso Free Press* was a fulfillment of a promise he made to the founding father of bluegrass, Bill Monroe.

By any definition a musical prodigy, Skaggs was six years old when he shared the stage with Monroe, who personally placed his treasured mandolin into the youngster's hands and stood back in amazement as the child virtuoso stole the scene.

Within a year, Skaggs made his debut at the Grand Ol' Opry as a guest of Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs.

Video of young 7-year-old tow-headed Ricky Skaggs performing with Flatt and Scruggs can be viewed on YouTube.

"It's all right there for anyone to see," Skaggs said, laughing at his own distinguished start in the business.

To say he honed his craft with the blessings of the true powerhouses of bluegrass would be a massive understatement.

"That's why I love this music, and the older I get, the more I fall in love with it," Skaggs said.

"It was a promise I made to Mr. Monroe way back when that I would do my part to keep this music alive, and I think I've done my part."

Over the years, Skaggs tested the waters of Nashville with pure country recordings, including partnerships with some of the biggest names in music, and along the way earned his place as one of the most successful acts ever.

But, he said, it wasn't always the happiest of rides.

"A lot of that was back when my career was running me," Skaggs told the *Free Press*. "These days, I'm running my career, and I couldn't be happier."

Complete freedom was realized when he formed his own record company, Skaggs Family Records, in 1997.

"I wanted to be able to pass along all that knowledge I'd acquired on to the younger musicians, the future of bluegrass," Skaggs said. "It's been wonderful being able to help some of these younger musicians — among them Cherryholmes and The Whites — get their own careers up and going."

Skaggs admits that championing bluegrass and its up-and-coming starts has, at times, amounted to swimming against the current, but he's proud of the role he has played.

"I think it makes you stronger, more resolute, when you go against the current trends."

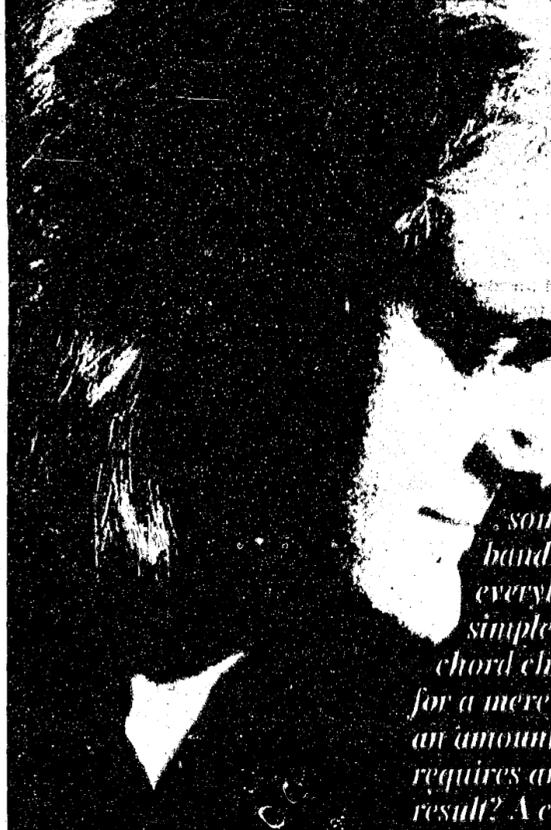
Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder "will play a whole bunch of bluegrass, some of the country hits, and few off the latest album, "Mosaic," a gospel album Skaggs said he is immensely proud of.

"It was my first pure gospel album, but it has been one of the most unusual albums I've ever been involved with. I've never before experienced having people call up the office and ordering 100 copies of one of my albums. It's obviously touched a lot of people."

Tickets for Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder are \$79 and \$76 and are available at the Spencer Theater box office or on line at [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com)

A special pre-performance fried chicken buffet will begin at 6 p.m. with tickets set at \$20.

Memorial Day Weekend 8PM Sat May 28



"Between songs, the soft-spoken, 56-year-old bandleader would share bits and pieces of his life story, talking about the importance of his father in his life, or how he ended up performing in a bar for Ralph Stanley when he was 15, or how a friend and fellow songwriter passing away was 'sad for us, and happy for him.' ... There's something about a percussionless band, whose fiddle stands parallel to everybody else, singing these fabulously simple mountain tunes over tempos and chord changes that often sound impossible for a mere mortal to play. While it takes quite an amount of talent to pull it off, it also requires an equal amount of modesty. The result? A concert that blows you away, family-style." *Buffalo News, April 2, 2011*

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# On the Town

## Fresh on the side: Jicama Slaw

The extreme fire danger and lack of rain has really put a hold on one of my favorite warm-weather activities – grilling. Just recently I found out that gas grills are OK to use, so I am planning on taking advantage of that this upcoming graduation weekend. Congrats to my daughter, Sara Gochenour, and the class of 2011!

Now, grilling meats, veggies, and even certain fruits are easy enough. The hard part of hosting a BBQ get together is deciding what to serve to compliment the sweet, smokey, and savory flavors of the grilled goods. I tend to serve more cold sides because they are more complimentary and cooling than hot dishes. The fresher the ingredients, the more refreshing the dish, so what could be more fresh than raw?

This week's recipe is for an amazing jicama slaw. Not only is it a great side, it can also be used as a bed for your crab cakes, served with fish tacos, grilled fish and lots more.

Enjoy your summer safely! If you grill, use gas only and always be careful. Be sure you check with the forest service or other local officials to make sure grilling is ok, even gas grilling. Let's keep our village safe!



Brendan Gochenour

very thin slice and cut those slices into very thin matchsticks, do the same with the carrot, shallots and jalapeño. Mix all the ingredients together and place in the refrigerator for at least an hour.

You can find me on facebook at the 'Chef Brendan' page, or you can reach me at askchefbrendan@gmail.com.

Happy Cooking!

### Jicama Slaw

#### Ingredients

- Juice of 4 large limes
- Zest of 2 limes
- 1/2 Tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 2 shallots sliced

- 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1 large carrot cut into very thin matchsticks

- 4 cups Jicama peeled and cut into matchsticks
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 jalapeño seeded and cut into matchsticks

#### Directions

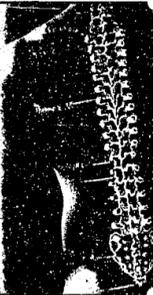
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## RESULTS

**May 10**  
**Pro baseball**  
 Ruidoso Osos 18, Roswell Invaders 13

**May 11**  
**High school baseball**  
*Class 1A State Tournament at Albuquerque*

Capitan 10, McCurdy 0

**Pro baseball**  
 Ruidoso Osos 16, Roswell Invaders 10

**May 12**  
**High school baseball**  
*Class 1A State championship at Albuquerque*

Capitan 15, Gallup Catholic 4

**Softball**  
*Class 3A State Tournament at Rio Rancho*

Sandia Prep 15, Ruidoso 2

*Class 1A/2A State Tournament at Rio Rancho*

Capitan 16, Tucumcari 0

Estancia 8, Capitan 6

**May 13**  
**Pro baseball**  
 Roswell Invaders 6, Ruidoso Osos 5, 10 innings

*Class 1A/2A State Tournament at Rio Rancho*

Capitan 14, Jemez Valley 4

Capitan 10, Laguna-Acoma 9

Capitan 15, East Mountain 5

Loving 16, Capitan 3

**May 14**  
**Pro baseball**  
 Roswell Invaders 3, Ruidoso Osos 2, 11 innings

## SPORTS UPCOMING

**May 18**  
**Pro baseball**  
 Ruidoso Osos at White Sands Pupfish, 7 p.m.

**May 19**  
**Pro baseball**  
 White Sands Pupfish at Ruidoso Osos, 4 p.m.

**May 20**  
**Pro baseball**  
 Ruidoso Osos at White Sands Pupfish, 7 p.m.

**May 21**  
**Pro baseball**  
 White Sands Pupfish at Ruidoso Osos, 4 p.m.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

Pecos League		
	W	L
Alpine.....	4	0
Las Cruces.....	3	1
<b>Ruidoso.....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Roswell.....	2	2
White Sands.....	1	3
Carlsbad Bats.....	0	4

Ruidoso Little League Majors		
	W	L
Cubs.....	8	0
Rays.....	5	3
Red Sox.....	4	4
Dodgers.....	4	5
Tigers.....	0	9

**May 9**  
 Cubs 5, Red Sox 3

**May 11**  
 Red Sox 8, Tigers 2

Cubs 20, Dodgers 12

**May 14**  
 Dodgers 15, Rays 13

**May 17**  
 Cubs vs. Rays, 6 p.m.

**May 20**  
 Tigers vs. Cubs, 6 p.m.

**May 21**  
 Dodgers vs. Rays, 3 p.m.

Minors		
	W	L
Tigers.....	4	2
Cubs.....	4	3
Red Sox.....	5	2
Dodgers.....	4	3
Blue Jays.....	3	4
Phillies.....	4	3
Astros.....	0	5

**May 10**  
 Red Sox 23, Astros 20

**May 12**  
 Phillies 12, Dodgers 2

**May 14**  
 Dodgers 14, Cubs 11

Phillies 14, Tigers 9

Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 5

**May 16**  
 Cubs vs. Blue Jays, 6 p.m.

**May 18**  
 Red Sox vs. Tigers, 6 p.m.

Dodgers vs. Red Sox, 6 p.m.

**May 19**  
 Astros vs. Blue Jays, 6 p.m.

**May 21**  
 Red Sox vs. Phillies, Noon

Tigers vs. Cubs, 3 p.m.

Dodgers vs. Astros, 6 p.m.

## CLASS 1A STATE BASEBALL

# CHAMPIONS

## Capitan wins first-ever baseball title

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

ALBUQUERQUE — Mission accomplished. That's probably the best way to describe the Capitan Tigers' march to the Class 1A baseball title this season. It was a march that ended with a 15-4 victory over nemesis Gallup Catholic May 12.

It was the first time any Capitan boys team had won a title in any sport since a football championship in 1982, and was the culmination of a lot of hard work and sacrifice by players, their parents, the coaching staff and school in general.

"This year, we knew we could be champions," said Tiger first baseman Josh Bellin-Gallagher, who recorded the final out of the game as part of a 6-3 double play. "From the beginning of the year, everyone bought into it. We knew we were going to win the title."

The Tigers (20-3) had made their mark this year with lots of runs in the early innings, but for the first two frames there wasn't any scoring by either side. Capitan had a chance to put runs on the board after Logan Eshom singled and eventually advance to third base on a wild pitch. But he and teammate Dustin Blowers were stranded after Gallup Catholic starter T.J. Lopez got back-to-back strikeouts to end the inning.

Capitan came live in the following frame, send six straight players across the plate on four hits — all singles. In fact, not one of the Tigers' 11 hits in the game went for extra bases.

They scored in every inning after that — taking advantage of seven Panther errors and 11 walks — but it turned out five runs was all that was needed.

Capitan starter Rudy Chavez held the Panthers (15-7) to four runs through 4 1/3 innings before being lifted for fellow senior Eshom — who was the complete game winner against McCurdy the day before.

"I'd have liked to have stayed in there, but Eshom is a senior, too," Chavez said. "He wanted this win as much as I did."

"We anticipated about an 80-pitch count with Rudy," said Capitan coach James Weems. "And we

knew we'd finish with Logan. Rudy proved he's a terrific pitcher today, and Logan did a great job."

The win was payback for the Tigers, who lost to Gallup Catholic in last year's state semifinal game. The Panthers went on to win the state title over Floyd.

"We felt we were ripped off," Chavez said. "That should have been a championship for us."

Capitan's lack of scoring in the first two innings might have been a source of anxiety, but Eshom wasn't worried.

"We kept them from scoring, too," Eshom said. "We had to have heart to get those bats going again."

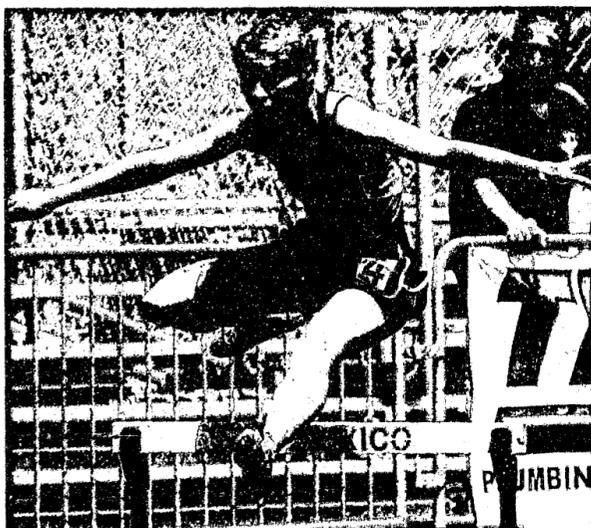
"Against our pitching, we figured we could keep them down."

Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
 The Capitan Tigers lift up the championship trophy after they won the Class 1A state title at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque with a 15-4 decision over Gallup Catholic May 12.

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## CLASS 3A STATE TRACK



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso's Staci Mitchell clears a hurdle during the 300-meter hurdles Saturday in the Class 3A State meet at Albuquerque. Mitchell just beat out St. Michael's Maya McGowan to win a state title in the event.

## Ashcraft, Mitchell win individual titles

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

ALBUQUERQUE — It isn't every day the same athlete runs in back-to-back races at the same track meet — at least not as grueling as the 400-meter run and 300-meter hurdles.

But that's just what Ruidoso's Staci Mitchell did Saturday at the Class 3A State track meet, and she had just enough in the tank in the 300 hurdles to win a state title.

"I would much rather run the 300 hurdles, but coach (Colt) Harrelson and (Mandi) Padilla feel I'm strong in the 400-meter run, so I do it to spread the points out for the team," Mitchell said.

Mitchell's title marked only the second time a Ruidoso athlete stood atop the podium this year. Jordan Ashcraft

won the boys pole vault with a height of 13 feet, 6 inches to begin the meet on Friday.

After finishing fifth in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:01.02, Mitchell had about 15 minutes to prepare herself for the 300.

"During the first couple of hurdles, the legs were still shaky from the 400," Mitchell said. "But then I heard coach Padilla yelling at me, and I knew I had to run. That's when the adrenaline kicked in."

That adrenaline gave Mitchell the boost she needed to speed up down the stretch and just nip St. Michael's Maya McGowan at the end, finishing with a time of 48.21 seconds — just 3-tenths of a second in front.

"It's not everyone that can run those races back-to-back like that," Harrelson said.

## Osos split series with Roswell

By Todd Fuqua and Karen Boehler

For the Ruidoso Free Press

The Roswell Invaders may be the favorite to win the inaugural Pecos League title, but games are won on the field, not on paper.

The Ruidoso Osos proved that May 10 in the season opener at White Mountain Athletic Complex, braving both the wind and Roswell hitting to win 18-13.

The teams each had 16 hits, but Ruidoso also took advantage of 10 Invader miscues in the game.

"At an elevation like this, you're never out of a game," said Roswell manager Chris Patterson. "But the fast playing field also took its toll."

Ruidoso also defeated Roswell the following day, 16-10, but then dropped a pair of extra inning contests at Roswell May 13 and 14, 6-5 and 3-2.

"Errors killed us but that's the game. It happens," said Ruidoso manager Kevin Griffin, of the two losses. "That's tough. That was a dog fight. They're a good team. Like I told our guys, we'll probably see them at the end of the year in the playoffs. So hat's off to them. They're a good team. They beat us."

The errors made their mark early in the game on opening day, as Ruidoso left fielder Drew Peterson opened the bottom of the first with a grounder to second, and was safe on a throwing error by Brian Ramirez. He later scored on a single by Case Rigby as the first of several runners the Invaders allowed to score following miscues.

Roswell was able to tie the game in the top of the second on a home run by Matt Palko — one of five in the game — and then took the lead in the top of the third on a two-RBI single by Troy Fraizer.

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Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso's Case Rigby, far right, makes a face as he welcomes Oso teammate Chris Davis (2) across the plate following Davis' 2-run homer Tuesday against the Roswell Invaders.

# Training races deemed a success

By Ty Wyant and Todd Fuqua

For the Ruidoso Free Press

The first-ever training races at Ruidoso Downs concluded their 3-day run May 11 with the fastest time from the 38 dashes for 2-year-old quarter horses established during the final session.

Patty and Buddy Newsome's homebred Feature Mr Who covered the 330 yards in 15.938 seconds in the 10th of 13 training races on Wednesday for the quickest time from 195 training-race entrants. The second fastest time from the three days was set on Tuesday when RW Red Wave was clocked in 15.938 seconds. All three days of training races were contested into gusting headwinds.

A son of Feature Mr Jess and the Corona Cartel mare Whosleaving Corona, Feature Mr Who is eligible to the Ruidoso, Rainbow and All American futurities at Ruidoso Downs. He could make his career debut in the Ruidoso Futurity trials on opening day of the summer season May 27.

## CLASS 1A/3A STATE GOLF

# Ruidoso boys golf finishes fifth at state

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

It may have been a disappointing finish to the season for the Ruidoso boys golf team, but their fifth-place finish in the Class 1A/3A State tournament at the New Mexico State University course in Las Cruces may have inspired the Warriors to practice harder and more often in the future.

"We finished fifth, and I'm not too happy with that," said Ruidoso coach Eric Eggleston. "We're looking at lots of practice

this summer."

Ruidoso shot 346 for a day-two score — "not great, but not bad," according to Eggleston. While that wasn't an earth-shaking score, it was still 18 strokes better than the 364 the Warriors posted the day before.

Individually, Jared Davis finished tied in 15th place with a 2-day score of 167 — a frustrating score both for him and Eggleston.

"Neither one of us was happy with his performance," Eggleston said.

"He got off to a real shaky start day two.

Davis had what looked like a great tee shot to start Tuesday — Eggleston even commented on how good it looked — but it ended up embedded in a yucca plant on the course.

"That was frustrating, especially since he hit it so well," Eggleston said. "There's no questions he can shoot 153 in two days on that course, and that's the score that won the state title (for Silver's Brendan Shannon)."

Teammate Tony Nanz

was 19th overall with a score of 173. As a junior, he represents the future of Warrior golf. It's a future that includes a lot of practice for all involved.

"We're looking to get back into playing some fall golf again," Eggleston said. "We'll have five seniors, and they all have to get better."

## Flying solo

Allie Thompson was the only Lady Warrior at this year's tournament, and she and coach Melissa Misquez both had to get used to seeing each other

all over the course.

"I was with her on every hole since she was the only one there," Misquez said. "It was a long day for both of us."

Thompson shot a 98 the first day, taking advantage of the close attention she received.

"I was able to show her some things she could do to get out of situations that I might not have been able to help her with at other tournaments," Misquez said.

Things went south for Thompson the second day, as she shot a 113.

The problem — ironically — is that she had finally straightened out her shots.

"We started hitting it straight, but we had calibrated everything to her hitting it crooked," Misquez said. "We fixed her swing, but it hurt her game."

Thompson and several other girls will be back next year, and Misquez is hoping the experience her golfer received at state will be a great help.

"She should come out of this tournament a lot better and pass that on to the other girls," Misquez said.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Horse trainer Carl Draper, in red jacket, watches a training race with wife Freda, far right, and associates Donnie Sandoval (camo hat), Chad Casson, far left, and Ray Willis May 10 at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

"He's a big, stretchy colt who is like a 6-foot, 12-year-old playing basketball," said trainer Russell Harris. "We're not in a hurry with him. He's had five works and they are each about a month apart.

He gets better and better every day and I think he's more of a Labor Day kind horse."

The \$2.4 million All American Futurity, the world's richest quarter horse

race, is contested every Labor Day at Ruidoso Downs.

The races over three days at the track gave trainers and owners a chance to look at horses that need gate work. The talented but untried horses were able to run in a race situation without the pressure of any stakes on the line.

"I'm tickled to death they held these here," said trainer Blane Wood. "This really helps us to see if these horses are ready. Remington Park (in Oklahoma) does these all the time, and I'm glad to see them here."

Carl Draper, a winner of the All American Futurity with DM Shicago in 2004, said any chance he gets to see horses run, he'll take.

"When you're addicted to horses — like you have to be if you're in this business," You're enthusiastic about any good horses running," Draper said. "I've got some good horses, but they need the schooling, and we'll know if they need more schooling after this week."

## British coach leads summer soccer camps

Americans love their football, but the rest of the world loves the "other football" — soccer. Since Team USA made it to the second round (the last 16) of The World Cup last summer, American interest in soccer has gotten a fresh kick. In fact, it's the fastest growing sport in America.

In Ruidoso, interest has been growing for some time, long enough to sustain a Youth Soccer League. The Village has also hosted a British-led soccer camp, Challenger Sports Soccer Camps, for about six years. This summer, former Challenger coach Kelly Brown (formerly Hurst) is leading additional camps for youths ages 2-14.

"Ruidoso's Youth Soccer League has grown over the years, and parents have expressed an interest in having more soccer camps," Brown

said.

Brown was an assistant with the girls' varsity team at Ruidoso High School last season. She noticed that as more young players get involved in the sport early, the RHS teams continue to improve. It's also a great sport for developing children's social and fitness skills.

Brown's soccer camps take place June 20-24 and July 18-22. Early registration is strongly encouraged since space is limited. Brown invites parents and kids to meet her at the White Mountain Elementary soccer fields between 6 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, to get signed up. Players who register with Brown on May 25 get a \$10 discount. To learn more about these camps, or to request a registration flyer, call Kelly Brown at 575-973-3451.

## CLASS 3A STATE SOFTBALL

# Ruidoso girls fall in first round

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Just getting to the Class 3A State softball playoffs was a struggle for the Ruidoso softball team this year.

Lady Warrior coach Sal Beltran had hoped the selection committee would look kindly on the competition they had faced and give them a shot in the post-season. He got his wish, but Ruidoso fell to No. 2 seed Sandia Prep, 15-2, in the opening round Thursday in Rio Rancho.

"We got to state, we just didn't take advantage of it," Beltran said. "We had good practices all week, but our bats just didn't come around."

Playing the No. 2 seed in the first round was also a factor in the Lady Warriors' loss.

"It got into their heads, maybe they were a little intimidated," Beltran said.

## OSOS

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But the Osos answered with six runs in the bottom of the third on three errors and only two hits, and the see-sawing began.

Roswell scored seven in the top of the fourth — the big blow was a grand slam by Jake Brunns — but then watched the Osos put up eight runs on the board in the bottom of the fifth, including a 3-run homer by Kip Masuda.

Jerome Dunning had the best day for the Osos, going 4-for-5 at the plate on three singles and a double, while Brian Ramirez and Adrian Martinez each had three hits and combined for four runs batted in.

## Extra innings

If the Osos and Invaders keep playing the way they did in their games at Joe Bauman Field Friday and Saturday, local baseball fans are going to have to learn to do without sleep.

Roswell gave first-night fans their money's worth Friday with a 6-5 extra-inning win over Ruidoso at Joe Bauman Stadium, then won a 3-2 pitching duel in 11 innings the following night.

"Well, the fans pay some decent money to come out here," laughed Invader manager Chris Paterson. "We want to make sure they get their money's worth."

Unlike Friday's game, Saturday's 3-2 Invader victory belonged to the pitchers, with errors the cause of three of the five runs, including the winner in the 11th inning.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Hershey meet

This year's local Hershey's youth track meet will be held June 4 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:

- Swimming — May 19, 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.

### Tennis fundraiser

The first annual "Raise a Racket" senior doubles tennis tournament — to benefit the Ski Apaca Disabled Skiers' Program — will be held June

27-July 1 at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club; Kokopelli Golf, Tennis and Social Club; and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation courts.

The tournament is for players ages 50 and over and will feature tournaments for women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$40 per event. To obtain an entry/donation form, email Janice Fisher at fisheta@aol.com. The entry deadline is June 15.

### 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 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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# CAPITAN



*Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press*  
 Capitan starter Rudy Chavez got the win during his team's victory over Gallup Catholic in the Class 1A State championship at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque.

Weems said. "That's why I wasn't concerned in those first two innings. Our lack of scoring was just nerves."

"This team has come back from all sorts of things all year long," he added.

### Shutout of McCurdy

Capitan advanced to the title game with a 10-0 defeat of McCurdy in the state semifinal the day before at Lobo Field.

"It was sour grapes that motivated these kids," Weems said. "These kids knew they had a team last year that should have been in the championship."

The Tigers (19-3) put together a 10-hit attack against McCurdy pitcher Josh Lovato, including two triples by catcher Raul Villegas.

"I was a little nervous at first, but after I saw him in practice, I calmed down," said Villegas, who went 3-for-4 with three runs scored. "As the game went on, I got more confidence."

Weems knew Capitan needed to score early and often if it wanted a legitimate chance at a state title. The Tigers were

able to score four runs in the first two innings — taking advantage of Bobcat errors as much as their own hitting.

"Scoring four runs isn't 'jumping' on them, but any runs that early is good," Weems said. "Our defense and pitching was solid, and I knew our hitting would come around and make the difference in this game."

Eshom pitched a complete game and held the Bobcats (14-9) to just three hits in five innings. The only McCurdy baserunner to get past first base was Lovato, who hit a double to lead off the top of the fourth, then was thrown out on a fielder's choice.

That play illustrated the Tigers' defensive soundness in the game. Capitan shortstop Rudy Chavez could have allowed Lovato to move to third while throwing out Ron De Vargas at first, but the play at third got the lead runner and kept a double play in order with one out.

The plan came to fruition when Manny Jaramillo then hit into a 5-4-3 double play to get the Tigers out of the inning.

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# TRACK

"We're all very proud of her."

The boys 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams made it to the finals, and made it to the podium — just not as high as Harrelson might have wanted.

The 4x100 team was fourth with a time of 44.47 seconds, while the 4x200 team was sixth with a time of 1:34.91.

"Our handoffs in the 4x100 were the best we'd done all year, but they were running through some injuries," Harrelson said. "Still, their effort was there."

Gage Whipple was one of those running in the relay teams, and his injury — a bruised heel — also contributed to his seventh-place finish in javelin.

"I didn't do very well," Whipple said. "I really should be way ahead of all these guys."

### Ashcraft on top

Ruidoso's Jordan Ashcraft might have been the favorite to win the pole vault competition at this year's Class 3A State track meet at the University of New Mexico Stadium, but he was almost out of the competition more than a full foot below his best vault.

He missed twice at 12

feet, and felt a great deal of pressure on his last attempt.

"There was a lot of pressure there," Ashcraft said. "It's my senior year, and my grandparents had driven here from Oklahoma to watch me compete."

He made the vault — "I knew I would make it as I was running down the track," Ashcraft said — and eventually vaulted to 13 feet, six inches and the state title.

"I was pushed by the Lovington guy," Ashcraft said, referring to Wildcat E.J. Stock, who had a vault of 12-foot-6 and was Ashcraft's main competition. "He had leaped 13 feet earlier in the year, he just didn't do it here."

Ashcraft wasn't the only one gunning for a state title. Sophomore Ty-Lynn Smith came into this year's meet looking to defend her state title in high jump, but found achieving a height of five feet even was too much.

She still had a high enough leap to put here in fifth place overall, but had to watch as Portales' Jenna Sievers won the competition with a leap of 5-foot-5.

Not necessarily one to make excuses, Smith said her inability to even match

her top jump from last year — she won the title with a height of 5-2 — was the result of a late start in training for the spring.

"I was part of a foreign exchange program this year in Mexico, and didn't get back until January," Smith said. "I was out of shape when I got back, and tried to get ready as best I could. But I just couldn't get back into it."

As a sophomore, Smith knows she's still got two more years to prove she can win another title in the event.

"I wouldn't take back my trip to Mexico at all, but next year, I'll work hard and you'll see me jump higher," Smith said.

Harrelson wasn't upset that neither the boys nor girls teams scored a whole lot of points at the meet — he was just glad to see as many Warrior athletes at this year's meet as he had, given their overall youth.

"We'll miss what seniors are graduating, but we have a lot of kids coming back," Harrelson said. "If they stick with it, I think we can get 40 to 50 kids to state in the next few years. I'm pretty excited about the future of this program."

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*Photo by Yelena Temple*  
 Ruidoso senior Jordan Ashcraft clears the bar during the pole vault competition Friday at the Class 3A State meet at the University of New Mexico track stadium in Albuquerque.



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## CLASS 1A/2A STATE SOFTBALL

# Lady Tigers' season ends in state semis

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

RIO RANCHO — Capitan's bid for another shot at a Class 1A/2A State title ended Friday against the very team it lost to last year — Loving.

The Lady Tigers finished the year at 18-11 after falling 16-3 to the Lady Falcons in the final game of the loser's bracket of the double elimination tournament — one game shy of a shot at the state title against Jal.

The loss came at the end of a long, grueling day for Capitan, which had defeated Tucumcari in the opening round, then fell to Estancia on Thursday. As a result of that loss, the Lady Tigers had to open Friday with an 8 a.m. start against Jemez Valley at Cleveland High School.

Capitan won that game 14-4, then squeaked by Laguna-Acoma 10-9 and beat East Mountain 15-5 to set up their rematch with Loving.

"We left the hotel at 5 this morning and haven't been anywhere else but the softball fields today," said Capitan coach Rodney Griego. "It's been a long day for us."

The Lady Tigers were still dealing with the effects of an injury to Maritza Nava, who was effectively out for the season following her team's win over



*Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press*  
 Capitan's Teyna Montoya fouls off a pitch from Jemez Valley pitcher Kalainia Waquie Friday during the Class 1A/2A State softball tournament at Cleveland High School in Rio Rancho.

Tucumcari. As a result of the injury, Griego had to shuffle players all around in the lineup.

That lineup ended up working for the most part through their victories in the loser's bracket, and was working against Loving until one bad inning.

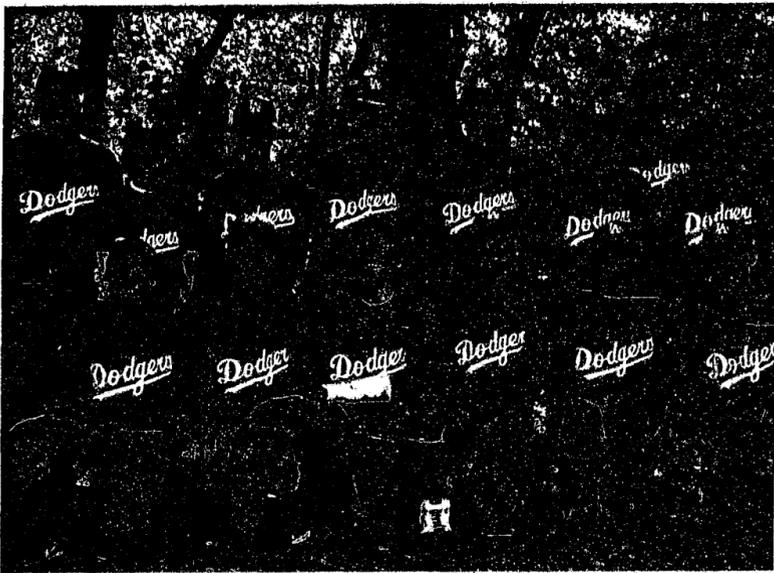
"We were up by two runs and then our defense deserted us," Griego said. "It was one of those games."



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Major League Dodgers: Front row (l-r) Jerod Candelaria, J.P. Sosa, Josh Duncan, Branden Ingle, Anthony Montes, Tyler Davis. Second row (l-r) Jerod Espinoza, Monique Blair, Haden Frierson, Saul Marmalejo, Cheyenne Roller, Isaiah Otero. Back row (l-r) Coaches John Duncan, Paul Blair, Steven Otero.

This week's featured teams:  
Major League Dodgers, Minor League Red Sox, Minor League Tigers and Farm League Cubs

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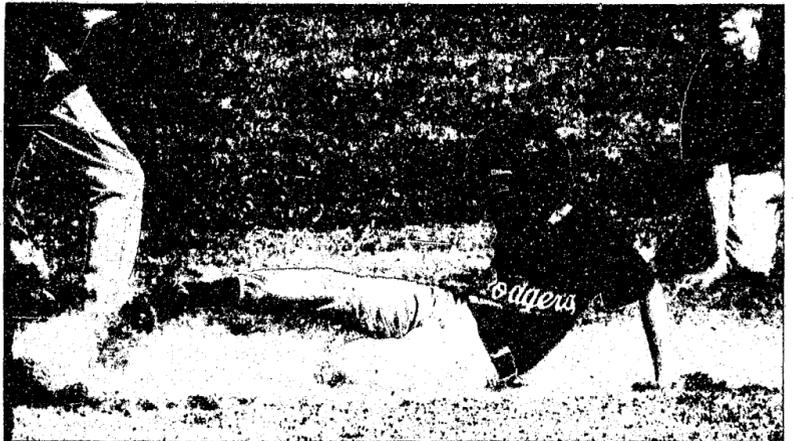
Minor League Red Sox: Front row (l-r) Celeste Arnold, Josh Mirelez, Ezra Gonzales, Mason Taylor, Justin Mirelez. Middle row (l-r) Payton Barnett, Max Merritt, Lance Easter, Lance Ament. Back row: (l-r) Coaches Kirk Taylor, Russell Easter, Shane Barnett. Players not pictured: Eric Orosco and Gage Moody.



Minor League Tigers: Front row (l-r) Garrison Weems, Price Bowen, Aaron Fish, Bo Perry, Julian Buechter. Second row (l-r) Katlynn McSwane, Shane Barnwell, Dustyn Carpenter, Caleb Hightower. Back row (l-r) Coaches Wayne McSwane, Ben Carpenter, Andrew Buechter. Not Pictured: Kyle Baker.



Farm League Cubs: Front row (l-r) Destiny Garrett, Hayden King, Lauren Jarvis, Adtikus Payne, Layton Mains. Second row (l-r) Jacob Ratliff, Zachary Rich, Luciano Gutierrez, James Bowers, Phillip Garcia. Third row (l-r) Coaches Justin King and Dennis Rich



J.P. Sosa of the Major League Dodgers slides in to 2nd base in a May 7 game against the Capitan Tigers. Final score Dodgers 7, Tigers 5.



Jared Guevara of the Major League Carrizozo Rays, left, tries to tag Tyler Davis of the Major League Dodgers at third base during a force play May 14. Final score of the game 4-3, Dodgers.

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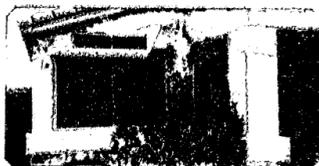


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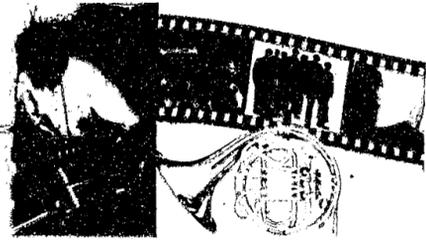


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## entertainment calendar



**TUESDAY  
MAY 17**

**Full Moon Night at White Sands**, White Sands National Monument (Ask the Rangers at the entrance to the Monument where the Program Area is located), 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Native American Flutist Randy Granger will fill the moonlit night with his unique blend of instruments, interpretation of traditional melodies, and heartfelt music. Join this native New Mexican for a relaxing summer evening. Contact Information: 575-679-2599 <http://www.nps.gov/whsa>. There is a fee of \$3 per person. 16 years and older.

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

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 18**

**Preschool Story time** every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. Theme for this month: "Getting Ready!" Preschool Sign up for Summer Reading! Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/](http://www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/)

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY  
MAY 19**

**AspenCash Motorcycle Run & Trade Show**, Ruidoso Convention Center, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Welcome to the Motorcycle Rallies of the Southern Rockies! This is a cycle jam worth attending! Ride the high roads where the sky meets the horizon...beat the heat and find yourself riding the shaded pines of the Sacramentos. You've heard of the Big

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**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.

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

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

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

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**Ruidoso Oso Baseball**, 4:05 - 7 p.m. at White Mountain Park. White Sands Pupfish vs Ruidoso Osos. Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. \$200 for season or \$6 per game. Contact Information: Park and Recreation 575-257-5030, <http://www.ruidosoosos.com>

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

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

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

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

**SUNDAY  
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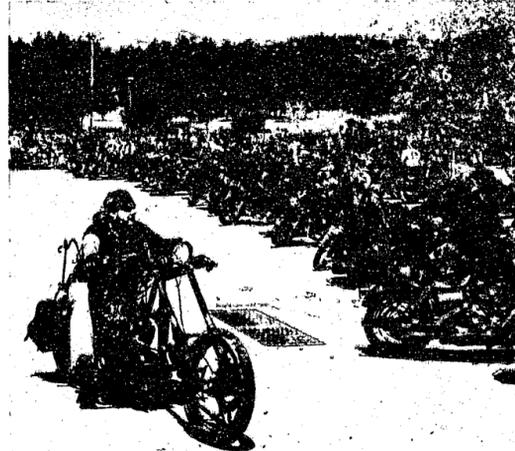
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# Scouts to host new member rally

"Be prepared for the greatest year of Scouting ever!" according to Jack Shuster, chair of the Sierra Blanca District, BSA. The district is organizing a school recruiting effort this month, culminating in a Ruidoso-wide New Member Rally at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 26 in Fellowship Hall at the Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Road in Ruidoso.

Over two thousand flyers are being distributed in Ruidoso schools. Each Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop in Ruidoso will participate. The Boy Scout programs

(the "Family of Scouting" - Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers) provides a structured program for leadership, for boys from grades 1 through age 18 years, and young men and women in high school. The program methods include values, adult role models, outdoor activities, community service, peer leadership, and awards. Program support is provided by Sierra Blanca District volunteers and professional staff. The Conquistador Council, and the Boy Scouts of America provides outdoor program facilities such as Wehinahpay Moun-

tain Camp and Philmont Scout Ranch.

Cub Scouting is a family and neighborhood-centered program with activities that develop character values and practical skills. Parents work with their son on requirements to earn awards. The program is intended to provide parents with structured "quality time" doing what young boys are interested in and providing time for parents to teach their son family values, history, and important practical skills. With community and neighborhood activities, the Cub Scout learns good citizen-

ship habits. The program is for boys in grades 1 through 5.

Boy Scouting is the outdoor adventure program for boys from age 10 1/2 through 18. The program teaches lifetime values, skills, and responsible leadership. Boy Scouts work on awards from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout and through the merit badge program learn about careers and hobbies. Boy Scouts plan and lead weekly meetings, campouts, hikes, and community service projects.

Venturing is an outdoor adventure program for high school age young men and

young women. The program provides leadership training and application and uses outdoor activities and service to develop personal values and habits of good citizenship. Venturers can earn special awards in a variety of categories for learning skills, teaching others, and for providing service.

The Sierra Blanca District encompasses all of Lincoln County and District Commissioner Craig Maldonado points out, "Bringing new members into Scouting in the spring provides new members the opportunity to get right into the outdoor ad-

venture and introduces parents to the program and leadership needs for the fall." If there isn't a Cub Pack, Scout Troop or Venturing Crew in any prospective member's neighborhood, we invite you to make a major difference in your community, in your church, in your civic or fraternal organization, by helping to organize a Scouting program."

For more information on Scouting's New Member Rally in Fellowship Hall at the Community United Methodist Church on May 26, contact Jack Shuster at 257-0871

## High winds sparks fire in Ruidoso

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

High winds toppled a tree into power lines, sending sparks into grass in a residential neighborhood of Ruidoso Monday afternoon.

Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent said the fire was sparked at about 4 p.m. May 9 on Cibola Street when the tree fell across a power line, causing an arc that showered sparks onto grass.

Vincent said crews had the small, but potentially devastating fire under control within 10 minutes.

"That's why I'm so proud of my guys," Vincent said. "They are on the top of their game right now."

Vincent said Monday's high winds, reportedly sustained at 40 to 45 miles per hour at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, combined with under-dry conditions added to what he already considered "the worst fire season" he had encountered in his 20-plus year career.

Vincent said he conferred with Village Manager Debi Lee several times Monday as to whether to send firefighters to assist in another wildfire that erupted around 1:30 p.m. in the Mayhill area.

Vincent said he and Lee concurred that the extreme fire danger present in Ruidoso precluded offering any assistance to Mayhill - a decision that proved to be correct given the 4 p.m. Cibola fire. "On a good day, we've only got about 19 people available," Vincent said.

Vincent said three Ruidoso units responded to the Cibola fire, along with one Lincoln County unit and three U.S. Forest Service units.

### Mayhill fire update

After burning 31,861 acres, the Mayhill Fire is now 85 percent contained, but fire officials are warning that area residents could continue to see smoke for weeks to come due to "smoldering interior pockets of fuels."

Officials estimate the fire will be completely contained sometime Tuesday.

The cause of the fire, which was detected at about 1:30 p.m. May 9, remains under investigation.

There are 481 personnel assigned to the fire, with some demobilization planned over the next couple days, according to the New Mexico Type II Interagency Incident Management Team.

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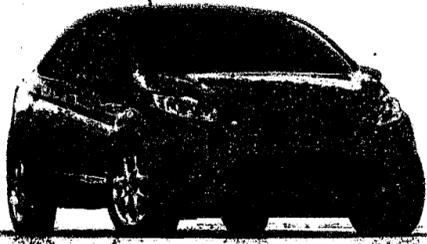
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