



Ruidoso rumbles as thousands attend 2011 AspenCash Rally

By Eddie Farrell
Editor

Thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts wheeled their way into Ruidoso last week, taking advantage of good weather for the AspenCash Motorcycle Rally, but also having to deal with an ill-timed road-paving job that turned traffic in the vicinity of the Ruidoso Convention Center into a near gridlock over the weekend.

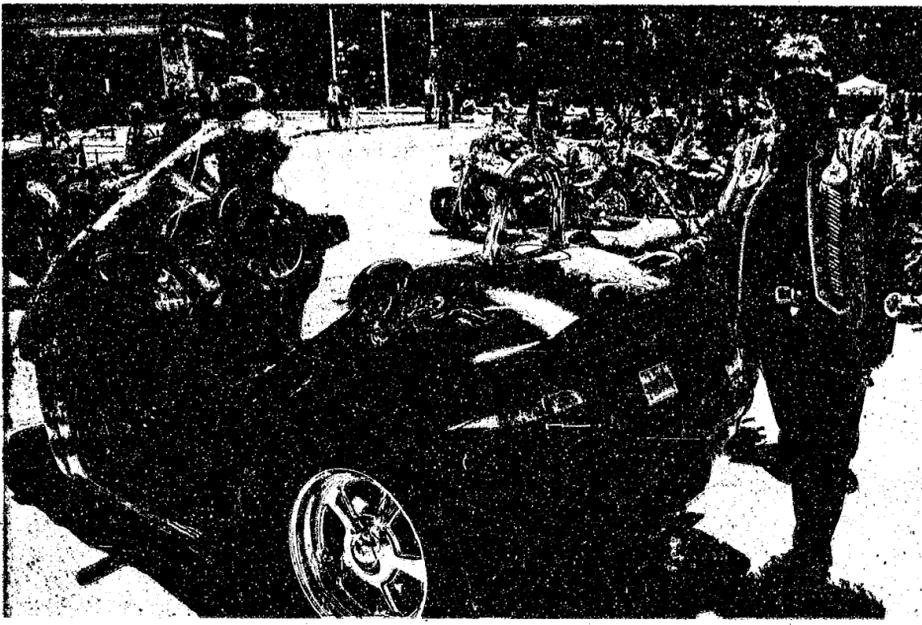
Riding everything from cruisers to crotch-rockets to trikes, the focus of the rally was a poker run and merchandise sales at the Convention Center.

And a good deal of fellowship among the bikers, many of whom have made every Ruidoso rally.

"I've been to five of these," said Mike Rogers of Roswell, who rode over with friends William and Jennifer Mang.

"It seems to be getting bigger and better, but it's still not as big as the Golden Aspen (set for September at Inn of the Mountain Gods)."

The Mang's said they enjoy the Ruidoso rallies because



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Lynn Morgan of Ruidoso rode to the Ruidoso Convention Center on her custom "Stallion" manufactured by Thoroughbred Motorcycles.

they're low-key and family-oriented.

"And it's just a really nice ride," Jennifer Mang said.

Richard and Pat Hoover also made the ride over from Roswell – for the third time in less than a month.

"We also came over for the Square Dance festival," Richard Hoover said. "We like the ride over here, and this is a nice rally."

Raul Gonzales rode down from Santa Fe with a group of friends – all repeat visitors –

but it was his first AspenCash rally.

"This is very nice," Gonzales said. "It's a relaxed atmosphere and very friendly and a good opportunity to meet with other motorcycle enthusiasts."

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County again refuses to fund feral cat program

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

The unwanted feline population in Lincoln County will increase drastically if county funding for a spay and neutering program that specifically targets feral cats is removed, says the founder of a local animal advocacy group.

Barbara Culler of Miracle Paws for Pets, a Carrizozo-based group that provides low-cost spay and neuter coupons for feral cats, warned the Board of County Commissioners during a public hearing on May 17 that without supplemental funding from the county her organization will no longer be able to help reduce the feral cat population in the county.

Commissioners denied Miracle Paws' funding request of \$5,000 following a preliminary budget hearing on May 3.

At its May 17 meeting, the Board decided not to have a motion to reconsider funding for the organization.

Since its inception in 2008, Miracle Paws has received funding from the county in the amount \$11,500. The organization has given out 534 coupons in that time, according to Culler. She could not say how many kit-

tens have not been born because of the coupons, but estimated that one female cat is capable of giving birth to about 18 kittens per year.

"Spay and neuter help is needed to not increase the feral cat population," Culler said, adding that the funding that county approved for Miracle Paws in the past has helped caretakers of feral cats by providing them with a coupon in the amount of \$20 to help offset the cost of spay or neutering. "Having a feral cat spayed or neutered not only helps the population go down, it is a chance to have the cat's health checked. This may be the first time the feral cat has been seen by a veterinarian.

"I talked to Dr. (Becky) Washburn (a veterinarian in Capitan) the other day and she had three calls just last week from people who have many (feral cats) needing spaying and neutering – What do they do?"

Culler said that the cost of spaying or neutering a cat in Lincoln County without the coupon cost between \$45 and \$85.

Denise Willis, who recently moved to Carrizozo, agrees that something must be done to lower the population of feral cats. "There are so many little mutant kitties running around

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LC renews Stewart's contract

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

The county's chief administrator will remain on the job for at least another year. Beyond that is anyone's guess.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on May 17 approved a contract renewal for county Manager Tom Stewart. The contract

will consist of the same conditions as his current one, and his annual salary will remain at \$110,000.

Stewart, 62, was first appointed as county manager in October 1998.

The position of county manager is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Stewart's contracts have always been approved on a See STEWART, pg. 4

Aguilar to head Hubbard PR team

By Eddie Farrell
Editor

Former Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sandi Aguilar has accepted the position of Director of Public Relations for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

"We are very excited to have Sandi as part of our team," said Jean Stoddard, general manager of the track. "Sandi brings a high level of professionalism and knowledge of the Ruidoso community with her, and her expertise will allow us to continue doing our part in promoting the great Ruidoso community."

Aguilar said a big part of her new job will be "to strengthen the relationship between Hubbard Incorporated

properties and businesses in the community."

In addition to the racetrack and casino, Hubbard Incorporated owns MTD Media, parent company of the Ruidoso Free Press, and is an owner of The Links golf course.

"I am thrilled to be working for Ms. Stoddard and her strong team," Aguilar said.

"With Mr. Hubbard's commitment to Ruidoso, he has hired me to assist his many tourism businesses with strengthening the market, and with my relationships in the community, I am well-suited to help with cooperative marketing and cross-promotion with these businesses and those in the community," Aguilar said.

Aguilar resigned her position with the Chamber April 21.

Business community: No butts about fire restrictions

By Kori Lorick
Reporter

On the brink of summer tourist season, Ruidoso remains at level III fire restrictions and extreme fire danger. But, local businesses and citizens have united behind the fire restrictions in order to protect the community and to educate the public about fire safety.

Since the Village implemented Level II fire restrictions on March 18, the Ruidoso Police Department has handed out ten citations for violating statute 58-46, improper handling of fire.

According to court records, five of the 10 violators resided in Lincoln County, three in other parts of New Mexico, and two in El Paso, Texas.

Ruidoso Municipal Judge Beverly Rankin, who is hearing these cases, said most of this year's violations involve smoking and grilling. Rankin said she tries to determine if the violators were aware of the fire danger and restrictions prior to the incident, and in the majority of cases, the violators have confirmed they were aware of the restrictions.

Rankin said she believes violations may decrease this year compared to the 2008 fire season, when 20 citations were issued, five of which were to out-of-state violators.

Rankin cited the proactive community and business support in posting restrictions and educating people about the risks as a major in-

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Dean Fowler stands next to an old school bus parked in front of his business in Midtown Ruidoso that is used as a haven for smokers needing to quench their nicotine urge during the Village's Level III Fire Restrictions.

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The will be a garage sale May 27-28 in the parking lot of Capitan High School, to benefit the CHS of 2014. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days.

There will clothing, books, games, household items, sporting goods and much more. For more information, contact Anna Marie Bymoen at 354-9729.

Alpine district meet

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, June 6 at 4 p.m. in the District's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail. This meeting is being held to conduct regular business for the District, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

Additionally, the agenda may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the Bylaws and Regulations.

All residents of the District are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time. All regular monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 4 p.m.

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.

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 statewide, helps to search or rescue people who are sick, injured or just plain lost in the mountains, deserts or even underground. Searches are conducted on foot, horseback, aircraft, skis or snowshoes.

Anyone interested in joining can call 336-4501 for more information.

Sacramento Mountain Village is a network of older adults in Ruidoso and surrounding communities who support independent living by offering services and activities that keep seniors healthy and happy in their own homes. Benefits of membership include art and yoga classes, weekly walking and discussion groups, social functions and monthly member breakfasts at Cree Meadows Country Club, on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Membership is open to any Lincoln County resident 55 years or older. For more information, call 258-2120 or visit www.sacmtmvillage.org.

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 F. Second St. in Capitan. Meetings are held 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 354-6026

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

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

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

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

The Kiwanis Club of Ruidoso meets

every Tuesday at noon at K-Bobs.

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

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

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

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

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

Ruidoso Evening Lions Club meets

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each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook.

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

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

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

Activities at the Community Youth Center Warehouse:

Mondays - After-school club from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Chess club 4-5:30 p.m. Zumba classes 6-7 p.m. Classes are \$5 per session. A 10-session card can be purchased for \$40.

Tuesdays - After-school club, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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Fridays - After school club, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Zumba class 6-7 p.m.

For more information on Warehouse activities, contact Victor Montes at

Golf marathon



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Eric Eggleston, golf pro at the Links at Sierra Blanca, recently completed 100 straight holes of golf for a fundraiser for youth golf in Ruidoso.

630-0318, 808-3267 or ules and events. The Ru- idoso Community Youth Center Warehouse is lo- cated at 200 Church Drive, Ruidoso. Visit www.ruidosoyouth-warehouse.org for sched-

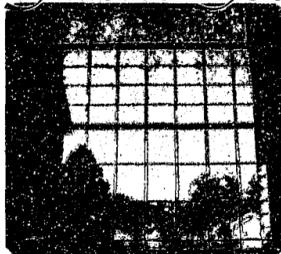
Benefit concert Friday at RHS

Acoustic guitar virtuoso Thomas P. Radcliffe and stand-up comedian Jay McKittrick will perform a duel concert May 27 at 7 p.m. to benefit Ruidoso High School's Performing Arts department.

Guitar virtuoso, multi-instrumentalist and humanitarian, Thomas Radcliffe is an extraordinary acoustic musician whose artistic talent is worthy of the finest stages and highest accolades. Performing contemporary folk compositions with classical influences, Radcliffe makes music that is original, technically advanced and exquisite to experience. His performances are full of positive and up-lifting energy. Audiences are guaranteed to smile, tap their feet and, most likely sing along, and leave a performance humming a new or familiar melody.

Stand-up comedian and Ruidoso local, Jay McKittrick is an up-and-coming entertainer who is earning the respect of critics and gaining in popularity with audiences that span generations. Best known for his southwest persona and relatability, McKittrick tells jokes that are family-friendly and refreshing. Working "clean," he refrains from using off-color humor on stage. An evening with Jay is a friendly and humorous experience you will always remember.

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RALLY

Jackie and Linda Kirk made the put over from Lubbock, Texas, with their four-year-old grandson, Kolton.

"We come over for all these rallies," Jackie Kirk said. "It's a great family get-away for us."

Longtime Ruidoso resident Lynn Morgan drew a crowd when she rolled up on her custom Thoroughbred Stallion trike, which she said she purchased, essentially on a whim, at the 2010 AspenCash.

"I've lived here for 25 years and watched this, but this my first year to ride in the rally," she said.

As a crowd gathered around her beautiful machine, Morgan — who manages Pine Cliff Village — explained that as soon as she saw the custom motorcycle last year, she snapped it up.

"I knew right away that it was something I'd be able to handle," she said.

While all acknowledged that



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Four-year-old Kolton Kirk cheers as another group of motorcycles putt past his grandparent's, Jackie and Linda Kirk, trike Saturday at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The Kirks are from Lubbock, Texas.

Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

the would likely return in September for the Golden Aspen Rally — which is traditionally larger than the AspenCash, at least one person question the wisdom of moving the event away from the Ruidoso

Downs Race Track to the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

"I don't know if that's good idea," noted Rogers. "I'm wondering if they've got enough room out there to handle it."

RESTRICTIONS

fluencing factor in the reduction of violations.

"I've heard stories of people going up to someone violating the restrictions, informing them, and asking them to stop," she said. "We don't want to chase anyone away, but our job is to protect our community and we are being proactive about this. I urge people to be vigilant, but not vigilantes."

Being Vigilant, Not Vigilantes

Driving through Ruidoso, Judge Rankin's theory on the community's involvement is apparent. Businesses are not required to post the Village's restrictions, but over 80% of shops in the Midtown sector have them posted on their storefronts, and some have created larger, handwritten posters with the warnings.

When asked why Michelena's chose to display the restrictions, manager Romy Carr said, "The number one reason is that we care about our community. It was devastating what happened to the people who lost their homes (in the White Fire). We want to make sure locals and tourists understand how crucial it is not to smoke outside."

Local business owner Dean Fowler and his father and business partner, Eddie Fowler, implemented a creative option to help protect the community and allow a safe alternative for people who would like to smoke. Outside of The Quarters and Win, Place and Show is an old school bus the Fowler's own and maintain for the community to use as a smoking refuge.

"We've got to take care of our community and the smartest way is by following the fire restrictions," Dean Fowler said.

STEWART

yearly basis.

County commissioners, who praised the county manager for his work, in particular his efforts on the 2011-12 fiscal year budget, inquired about his plans beyond next year.

Commissioner Mark Doth, who was elected to the board last November, was encouraged by Stewart's vow to stay on as county manager. "I'm very satisfied with your performance," he told Stewart, before asking, "And just so I'm sure, for planning purposes, what do you see yourself doing next year?"

Stewart was not specific about his

plans, but replied, "When I decide to do something else, I will give the board plenty of time to find a new manager."

Although his contract calls for him to give at least two months notice to the Board of County Commissioners, he stated that he would let the board know at least five months in advance in the event that he wishes to step down, to allow them to find a "qualified" replacement.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter, also elected to the board last November, told Stewart, "I appreciate the financial situation we are in. You've made (Lincoln County) one of the top counties in the state."

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CATS

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in the streets these days," she said. "It's just sad — they're sick, they're hurt. It's a game now for people to run them over — I am the one who has to take them out of the streets. I'm spaying as many as I can with the coupons — I can't afford a feral cat?"

Some of the Board members' reservations about approving funding for Miracle Paws had to do with concerns that other organizations, such as the Lincoln Humane Society and the group People for Animal Welfare, could provide the same services in the county. But the Lincoln County Humane Society will soon begin a pilot project for offering spay and neuter coupons for feral cats in Ruidoso Downs only, and while People for Animal Welfare does have a spay and neuter program, it is aimed at domesticated animals.

"I feel for this issue, because I've tried to adopt feral cats," said Commissioner Kathryn Minter. "But I don't know if we have the money to (fund Miracle

Paws). I really think the private citizens should be stepping up and doing this."

Commissioner Jackie Powell agreed, adding that she would not vote to give Miracle Paws any funding.

Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo told Culler that she would support giving the organization funding if the Board were to have a motion. "It's a good program, a needed program," she said, "but it's obvious that it's not going to be supported (by the Board). I just hope that you can go out and raise funds like you've been done before."

Commissioner Mark Doth said that the Board has gone overboard with the issue. "I think that if you have an animal population of any kind, specially feral, they need to be euthanized," he said. Culler said that euthanasia would be useless on feral cat populations because they are territorial creatures. "Only through spaying and neutering programs do feral cat populations fade out," she said. "The more cats you kill, the more cats you get."

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BUSINESS

Leadership Lincoln welcomes nine new grads

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

The worst of times can bring out the best in people, producing an inspired group of innovative entrepreneur's and civic leaders who will collectively strive for the overall good for the community.

On May 19, Leadership Lincoln did just that, graduating a diverse class of future leaders for Lincoln County with a dinner and ceremony held at the Alto lakes Country Club. The celebration acknowledged the achievements of Leadership 9 graduates; George Douds, Bart Byars, Clayton Alred, Diane Harmon, Susan Weir-Ancker April Rue, Taryn McCain, Aimee Bennett, Carol Howard, Georgia Underwood, Holly Braden, Debbi Jo Almager and Coda Omness.

Keynote speaker and outgoing Leadership Lincoln Treasurer, Rich Lurix delivered a candid yet inspirational perspective regarding the rewards and challenges of leadership. "When Nelson Mandela was released from nearly a lifetime incarcerated as a political prisoner in his home coun-

try of South Africa, he was riding in a small airplane which was encountering severe turbulence to the point of passengers becoming frightened the plane might crash. Mandela quietly read a newspaper, acting as if nothing were wrong. This had a calming effect on the passengers. After the plane landed and Mandela was riding home in bullet-proof BMW, he turned to his assistant and said, I have never been so terrified in my entire life!"

Quoting Mandela, Lurix said, "Courage is not the absence of fear — it's inspiring others to move beyond it."

The graduates each took a moment to share and reflect upon individual inspirational experiences they received through Leadership Lincoln. Bart Byars said, "For so many years, I came back and forth here and finally made this my home. For so long, life was about me, about my business. I now understand that it is not. The Leadership Lincoln program opened my eyes. I have learned the value and gratitude of giving back to and serving the community, it's time for me to step up."



Courtesy Photo
Leadership Lincoln Class 9 members: Back row L to R: George Douds, Bart Byars, Clayton Alred, Diane Harmon, Susan Weir-Ancker. Front row L to R: April Rue, Taryn McCain, Aimee Bennett, Carol Howard, Georgia Underwood, Holly Braden, Debbi Jo Almager, Coda Omness.

LC clinics get electronic medical record systems

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) announced that all six medical clinics managed by Presbyterian Medical Group installed and began utilizing a new electronic medical record system in May.

Electronic medical records, or EMR, are computerized medical records in an organization that delivers care, such as a hospital and doctor's office. Electronic medical records are usually part of a local stand-alone health information system that allows storage, retrieval and modification of records.

Practice Administrator Terry Riehl encourages patients to allow extra time during the implementation and deployment of the EMR system.

"The EMR system is new to us. It is very detailed and to ensure that our providers and staff input quality information, we are going to spend more time with every patient to verify everything we're doing," said Riehl. "We are asking for everyone's patience and understanding. While the typical visit may be 15-30 minutes, I would expect initial visits to be between 30 to 45 minutes from registration to walking out the door."

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

"The implementation of EMR represents our commitment to improving services to our patients throughout Lincoln County," said Santos. "This system will improve the tracking of wellness and preventative encounters, as well as better monitor chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure."

Santos added that the comprehensive system will open a dialogue between the providers and patients so the patients can better manage their health.

Riehl agreed that this is a major investment for a rural community hospital.

"Electronic medical record systems are quite rare in rural communities," said Riehl. "This implementation represents quite an investment and specifically, this new EMR system will allow providers to spend more time on improving an individual's overall health compared to responding to an individual's acute care issues."

Riehl said this new EMR system incorporates the latest technology through the use of hard-wired computer monitors and keyboards with a customized, comprehensive software program. She added that a temporary provider will be added in Ruidoso from mid-May through mid-June to ensure patients are seen in a timely manner.

LCMC opens new lab

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) is pleased to announce the grand opening of a new outpatient laboratory drawing location across from the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso.

The outpatient laboratory will collect samples during the same hours as the inpatient laboratory, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday.

Hospital Administrator Al Santos said this new laboratory draw site will assist in increasing lab efficiencies as well as lowering healthcare costs for patients.

"This new laboratory draw site is intended for patients with lab orders only," said Santos. "The office has its own registration staff to expedite draws and create more efficiency."

Santos said that patients with multiple physician orders, such as x-ray and lab orders, are encouraged to use the hospital based lab so patients would only have to go to one facility.

Both laboratories are managed by TriCore Reference Laboratories, an Albuquerque-based firm.

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Vacant lot becomes a nuisance

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Reporter

A vacant lot in Bonito currently owned by a European financial institution has accumulated enough trash to cause public outcry.

Deutsche Bank National Trust, a mortgage bank based out of Frankfurt, Germany, however, has failed to respond to correspondences to clear the mess, according to one Lincoln County official.

The bank has not acknowledged the property due to a lack of a physical address, said county ordinance administrator, Renee Santos. "Since I started, this case has gotten worse," she said. "People have been using (the property) as a dumping site. It's been compiling more and more trash. Even if it had an address now, they wouldn't have a record of it."

One resident of Nogal, meanwhile, has offered to help with the matter.

Mathew Midgett told the County Board of Commissioners on May 17 that he and other members of a group called The Clean Team, which participates in clearing illegal dump sites, would volunteer to clean up the property, an empty lot located across from Bonito Lou's, a bait shop and market on Bonito Lake Road.

"It looks like a health hazard," Midgett said of the property. "It looks like a fire hazard. It's just wrong." He added that, because of wind, some of the trash has blown off the property and landed along the banks of the nearby Bonito River.

Commissioner Mark Doth asked Midgett if he's witnessed anyone physically dumping trash on the property. Midgett replied that he has not, but that over time he has noticed that more trash has accumulated on the property.

Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo commended Midgett for expressing a desire to take action.

The county, though, might not have the authority to allow private individuals access to the property, which is about eight-tenths of an acre in size, according to county Attorney Alan Morel. He said he became aware of the property in October 2008, and since that time the county has not received any cooperation from the bank.

Morel said the county has two options on how to deal with the property: one, the county could pay to have the debris removed and then issue a lien for the cost, which could be several thousand dollars; or two, since no property taxes have been paid for the past three years, it could go on property tax sale and sold by the end of the year, after which the county could send out a 30-day notice to clear the mess, or otherwise face the same legal action as the previous owner. The total amount owed in back taxes is \$269.68. In July, the property will be added to the list of properties to be sold for delinquent taxes next year.

A tax sale, according to Morel, does not guarantee a title to the property. Instead, what is issued is a tax deed, which the holder would take subject to whatever is on county record, such as a lien.

County Assessor Paul Baca cautioned that if you put a lien on a property for more than it's worth, it might not sell at a tax sale.

The county has valued the land at about \$11,000.

"We just need a live body to deal with," Morel said.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter asked that if the county removed the trash from the property, would there be a guarantee that trash would not accumu-

late on the property again. There would be no guarantee, replied Santos, adding, "But clean properties don't bring in illegal dump sites."

According to Santos, Deutsche Bank National Trust has been difficult with local governments across the country. "This is not just a Lincoln County problem, it's a national problem," she said.

Before making a decision on the property, Sedillo said she would like to know the total cost of cleaning the lot. Morel offered to contact contractors and obtain estimates on how much it would cost to clean the mess.

Commissioner Jackie Powell acknowledged that the trash was a problem, but she thought Deutsche Bank National Trust had a right to clean up its own mess and doesn't feel it is right that the county encroach on to their land and take matters in its own hands. Minter agreed, however she also said the county has an ordinance against trash and has been trying to enforce, especially in residential areas. Midgett asked that the board look into the matter as soon as possible.

"I think we have an obligation to the environment, to ourselves and to visitors to the forest to clean it up," he said. "We need to look into the issue and see what we can do," said Sedillo.

"It's not going to be a fast fix."

Hubbard Foundation seeks grant proposals

The R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation is proud to announce the "Southeast New Mexico Grant Program" for 2011.

Since this program was created in 2000, over \$1,819,542 has been awarded to a total of 343 organizations in Chaves, Curry, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Otero and Roosevelt Counties.

Grant proposals will be accepted from counties, municipalities, public schools and all 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in any of the above mentioned seven counties.

We are now accepting applications with a deadline of July 30, 2011.

Proposals should explain how each project can improve the quality of life in a specific area. Successful grants will be awarded in November 2011.

Grant amounts may vary from \$20,000 to \$1,000.

Requests for general operation, personnel costs or requests from individuals for personal grants do not qualify.

In 2010, more than \$200,000 was

awarded to such groups as the Chaves County J.O.Y. Centers, the Food Bank of Eastern New Mexico and Melrose Municipal Schools, Carlsbad Community Kitchen and St. Edward Catholic School, The Boys & Girls Club of Hobbs and CASA of Lea County, the Lincoln County Food Bank and Capitan Public Library, the Tularosa Elementary School and New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales.

Since its inception in 1986, the Hubbard Foundation has given \$29,726,508 in grants nationwide. Mr. & Mrs. Hubbard's business interests in New Mexico include Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, The Links at Sierra Blanca, and horse breeding operations in New Mexico as well as real estate development.

Organizations that qualify may contact the Hubbard Foundation for an application or information at P.O. Box 2498, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355 or by phoning (575) 258-5919 or email at info@hubbardfoundation.com.

Soldiers' Angels campaign continues through May

As more American service members deploy or redeploy with the Global War on Terror, Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino is partnering with nonprofit, Soldiers' Angels throughout the month of May to provide continued support for the more than 300,000 soldiers deployed around the world.

The resort has developed a casino promotion that will enable patrons to donate non-perishable items to Soldiers' Angels in exchange for points and/or match play in the casino. All items collected from a wish list will be shipped overseas to the men and women serving the country.

"We're so pleased to support our troops on the front lines," said Scott Eldredge, COO of Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. "We hope that with the help of our guests, the volunteers of Soldiers' Angels can continue to work tirelessly for veterans and their families."

The Soldier's Angels promotion is valid May 1-31, Tuesdays through Thursdays, at Inn of the Mountain Gods casino and the Casino Apache Travel Center.

Guests have the opportunity to simply donate three non-perishable items and other necessities on the wish list in exchange for 5X points or \$5 table games match play to be used in the casino (must be an Apache Spirit Club member to receive points/match play).

"As the drawdown continues in Iraq, the remaining troops have fewer ameni-

ties and are extremely grateful for home front support like this," said Soldiers' Angels Executive Director Toby Nun.

"The need also remains high in Afghanistan. Soldiers' Angels is thrilled to see great companies like Inn of the Mountain Gods step up to help us support all of these heroes and ensure they are not forgotten."

Established in 2003, Soldiers' Angels is an award-winning 501(c)(3) with hundreds of thousands of volunteers providing aid and comfort to the men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, as well as veterans and military families through a wide variety of hands-on projects and volunteerism. Soldiers' Angels is dedicated in supporting the military during and after their deployment.

Soldiers' Angels has sent countless letters and packages to our troops since it began in 2003.

Patti Patton-Bader was inspired to found Soldier's Angels when her son wrote home from Iraq, expressing his concern that some soldiers did not receive any mail or support from home. Within a few short months Soldiers' Angels had grown from a mother writing a few extra letters, to an Internet community with hundreds of thousands of Angels worldwide.

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OPINION

As gas prices rise, White House clings to empty rhetoric President continues to say one thing, do another in Domestic Energy Policy

By Congressman Steve Pearce

The average price for a gallon of gas was up to \$3.97 last week, more than double the \$1.84 national average when President Obama took office. In New Mexico, gas prices continue to rise, people struggle to make ends meet, and unemployment continues. But in Washington, the White House seems unaware of these challenges, saying one thing and doing another. We hear the President talk about domestic energy and American jobs, but we see his policies putting Americans out of work and sending prices still higher. He has proposed tax after tax on our domestic energy industry. He has advocated drilling in other countries while imposing a moratorium on our drilling jobs at home.

In fact, his policies stray so far from his rhetoric that one must wonder what's really going on.

After all, we can't forget that the President's own words contradict his supposed agenda. When running for president, he advocated higher oil prices as a means to different energy sources.

Months later, we saw this policy confirmed when President Obama selected Steven Chu for Secretary of Energy. Secretary Chu summed up the Administration's energy agenda when he stated in an interview, "somehow we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe."

Soon after taking office, President Obama advocated cap-and-trade, a policy that would have had devastating consequences for domestic energy. The Wall Street Journal called the program "a tax on the working class," and cited a bipartisan Congressional Budget Office study to suggest that cap-and-trade would cost the poorest 20% of Americans about \$680 per year. Again, this Administration doesn't seem to be putting its money where its mouth is in terms of energy policy.

Then there's the gulf oil moratorium, which has continued for almost a year now. The moratorium has reduced domestic oil production by 240,000 barrels a day, and has put 12,000 Americans out of work. Those aren't just numbers—that's more than the population of Artesia, suddenly wondering where their next meal will come from. And if things don't change soon, five times that number—another 60,000—will be left without a job. Some estimate that the moratorium will leave 100,000 people out of work.

Soon after it was introduced, a court overturned the ban. Then, in February, another court held the U.S. in contempt for continuing the moratorium. Over the last few weeks, the House of Representatives passed several bills to end the moratorium. Recently, the White House indicated that it will take action to return some of these jobs to the gulf and promote domestic drilling, but if the President is really interested in restoring our energy jobs,

he could have done so all along. It should not take an act of Congress to get him to do so.

Now, as gas prices continue to spike, the White House has no plans for how to lower them. In fact, President Obama has advocated raising taxes. Our federal government is facing a debt crisis, our people are unemployed, and our president is leading a relentless attack on an industry that provides \$90 million a day in revenue and supports paychecks for 9.2 million Americans.

If the President wanted you to pay less money at the pump, he could let our thousands of oil workers in the gulf go back to work. He could abandon plans to tax our energy jobs out of existence. He could protect American workers against environmentalists and special interests groups.

But the President wants you to pay more at the pump. He said so.

Call the White House and hold the President accountable to keep his promises and protect America's energy jobs. Call your Representatives and Senators and tell them that you do not support any plan designed to raise your costs at the pump. Write your newspapers and tell them that higher gas prices and fewer American jobs is not a policy that's good for any American.

You have the power to lower gas prices, protect American jobs, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. But to be heard, you have to speak out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The Lincoln County Food Bank Board and volunteers regret the Commissioners' response to our May 3 request for funding. In spite of rising food and gasoline costs, the Commission's response to our Vice President Chris Carusona's plea for funding was "no motion to fund." In the past few days, the Commissioners' rejection of the County's non-profit agencies has prompted reactions from this generous community.

All 60 LCFB volunteers and nine board members will continue to serve those in need as long as it is financially feasible. Those who are disabled, unemployed or have insufficient income for the necessities can come in monthly for free boxes of food.

The time spent purchasing, sorting, recording donations, hauling and distributing

boxes does not leave the volunteers time for "creative fundraising" as one citizen suggested.

Our program must also not be labeled "entitlement" but rather as fulfillment of a hopefully temporary need for sustenance. The box requirements will continue to be only a photo ID and proof of residence in Lincoln County with a utility bill. We are here because Lincoln County citizens have supported the Food Bank with donations and volunteerism for 25 years.

To ask for food is a humbling experience for anyone. At Lincoln County Food Bank, our volunteers always treat our clients with respect and concern for their dignity.

The board would like to express their gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. R.D. Hubbard and the Hubbard Foundation for their compas-

sionate interest and support of LCFB along with the other 501-C3 agencies left unfunded on May 3.

Lincoln County food Bank will survive and thrive with the generous support of the County's citizens. We are open MWF, Noon - 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs. Come volunteer.

In gratitude,

LCFB Board and Volunteers

To the Editor,

Responding to John Hawker's letter to the editor (May 17, 2011) "In support of the county commission," you tend to forget that there are many indigent, poor and lower-middle class citizens who are taxpayers and in dire need of help from non-government organizations.

Are you saying that over half of the county taxpayers are of the same ilk as

you? You also state "the government should not be giving out tax dollars to non-government organizations, no matter how feel good they may be?"

John, you and I and everyone else is the government.

Why didn't you have the backbone to say what you really mean: The elderly, the Food Stamp program, the county food bank, SPCA and all other organizations that help dogs and cats.

You also state "in our household we support those we choose with our dollars throughout the year." John, that is commendable and keep it up. But don't write a letter trying to sway the "good feel people" toward your self-indulgent, small-minded type of thinking.

No man is an island.

Donald W. Grab, Sr.
Nogal

Water a hot topic in the Downs

By Todd Fuqua
Reporter

In the midst of a drought and hard economic times, the Ruidoso Downs City Council took a long, hard look at proposed changes to the city code regarding the water department during a special workshop Wednesday.

The biggest sticking point was the re-vamping of procedures the city uses to collect on delinquent water accounts.

Councilor Dean Holman started the conversation, pointing out several accounts come from tenants that are transient, and may leave a property without having paid the water bill for several months.

"I want to amend part of this, stating the property owner is responsible for the tenant," Holman said. "We don't hold individuals accountable for the acts they've done. If a renter runs up a bill and leaves, we shouldn't hold the home owner accountable."

Holman also had a problem with a proposed policy which would place a lien on the property in the event of a large unpaid bill.

"Even if the bill is paid in full, an owner trying to sell that property can be derailed by that lien," Holman said.

Under the proposed ordinance, deposits for new connections are being increased between \$25 and \$100, depending on whether the customer is commercial or residential, owner or renter. Holman indicated he'd like to see those deposits raised even further to help protect the homeowner if a renter skips out on an unpaid water bill.

The real issue is several bills that have gone unpaid, yet the service was never shut off. This has resulted in extremely high bills with penalties and fees tacked on.

Wayne Williams, a resident who rents out property in the summer, said if a renter is behind on his bills, chances are he's behind on his rent, too.

"If the city comes to me and says my tenant has not paid his bill in a month, I immediately look at his rent and tell them to move out if they aren't paying," Williams said. "I don't think a property owner will be mad at the city for losing him a tenant if the water is turned off, because chances are they got rid of a bad tenant in the first place."

"My grace period is 10 days, and if they're a day late with the rent, I'm knocking on their door immediately," he added. "I don't see why the city can't have the

same attitude I do with delinquent tenants."

Landlord Pete Baca, Jr., suggested a rental agreement be required for renters to have service turned on at their residence — just as they're required by other utilities.

"If people sign a contract, they have to stick to it or the water is turned off. If they leave, it's probably for the best," Baca said. "But you can't punish the homeowner. Other utilities get a cutoff notice after two months, and the deposit covers those two months."

"It should never be allowed to get to a \$1,000 water bill," he added. "If you shut off water when they don't pay, they'll be mad, but it's not your fault or our fault. It's their fault for not paying their bill."

In the end, the language on liens was removed and a paragraph which had been removed stating outstanding bills incurred by a renter are not the responsibility of the owner was reinstated.

Also, the council agreed a rental agreement must be provided by the customer for service to be turned on, and owners will notify the city when a tenant moves out.

Other proposed changes to fees include a drastic increase in connection fees — as high as \$800 for residential taps. Also, regular service rates will be increased annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

"This is a much more equitable way of figuring out increased costs to our customers," said Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director. "The CPI shows in the last 10 years that increases in cost go up about 2 percent per year."

Lodgers tax changes

The Council also changed funding which had been recommended by the Lodgers Tax Committee for promotion of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, which is moving this year from Ruidoso Downs Race Track to the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Otero County.

The committee had recommended \$5,000 for the rally — as it had the year before and was the full amount requested. But with the event moving from within the city limits, the council decided to lower that amount to \$3,500. It also voted to allocate \$2,500 to be used for radio spots promoting the City of Ruidoso Downs.

The overall budget, the new water policies, and the lodgers' tax allocations will be voted on by the full council at its next official meeting May 23 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Super Crossword TIME WARP

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EDUCATION

Hubbard Foundation awards scholarships

The R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation, in Ruidoso, New Mexico, is proud to announce the award of the three Hubbard Foundation's "Lincoln County Scholarship Awards" to the following outstanding Lincoln County High School Seniors:

Gage Barnett of Ruidoso High School

Alexandra Doth of Ruidoso High School

Matthew Joe Ferguson of Carrizozo High School

Gage Barnett is the son of Tay and Kathy Barnett of Ruidoso.

Gage is the 2011 Valedictorian of the graduating class of Ruidoso High. Mr. Barnett will be attending Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Alexandra Doth is the daughter of Mark and Laura Doth of Ruidoso. Lexi was rated third in her class at Ruidoso High. Miss Doth will be attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Matthew Joel Ferguson is the son of Matt and Bella Ferguson of Carrizozo, New Mexico. Joel is the 2011 Valedictorian of the graduating class of Carrizozo High. Mr. Ferguson will be attending New Mexico State University

in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Since 1990, when the Hubbard Foundation established the scholarship awards program in Lincoln County, 4 Carrizozo, 1 Corona, 11 Capitan and 42 Ruidoso High School graduates, have received this prestigious award for a total of 58 Lincoln County students, with assistance over \$400,000 from The R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation.

Each of these scholarships will generate \$16,000 over a four-year period toward the Scholarship Award recipi-

ent's education expense. Graduates of all five county high schools are eligible to apply each year. Eligibility requirements call for individuals to have maintained a minimum first seven-semester high school GPA of 3.5 or better. This year, thirty one students applied for the three scholarship awards.

Vice President of the Hubbard Foundation, Joan Dale Hubbard said, "We are very pleased to recognize and assist the top graduates of Lincoln County in attaining their college educations."

Local Realtors honor top students

**By Eugene Heathman
Reporter**

The Lincoln County Association of Realtors has awarded its 2011 scholarships.

The RLCAR scholarship committee reviews all applications judging the following criteria: Community Service; Honors, Academic and Personal Awards and future goals of the student accompanied by a brief essay explaining why the applicant should receive the RLCAR scholarship.

The RLCAR recipients:

Gage Barnett, Ruidoso High School – Gage is planning on attending Oral Roberts University and will be majoring in International Relations and a minor in Spanish. Gage is Valedictorian, involved in community service, member National Honor Society, the High Honor Roll and student council just to name some of his accomplishments.

Alaitia Enjad, Ruidoso High School – Alaitia is planning on attending the University of New Mex-

ico and will be majoring in Health Science. Alaitia was on the volleyball and soft ball teams, member National Honor Society, involved in community service, Principal's list, and High Honor roll to name a few of her accomplishments.

Matthew Joel Ferguson, Carrizozo High School – Joel is planning on attending New Mexico State University and will be majoring in Civil Engineering. Joel is a member of National Honor Society, attended New Mexico's National Student Leadership Conference, member FFA, played varsity football, basketball and track, and is involved in community service to include junior rotary member are some of his accomplishments.

Kylie Erin Gaines, Carrizozo High School – Kylie is planning on attending New Mexico State University and will be majoring in Agriculture. Kylie is a member of National Honor Society, Junior Rotary, FFA, Lincoln County 4H, played on the volleyball team, ran track, and is involved in community service.

Lindsey Anne Power, Ruidoso High School – Lindsey is planning on attending Colorado State University and will be majoring in Wildlife Biology with a minor in Music. Lindsey is a member of National Honor Society, Chess team captain, attended National Young Leaders Conference in Washington DC, Principal's list, involved with her church youth group, community service, plays the guitar and was on the track and field team to list a few of her accomplishments.

Cynthia Schleck, Ruidoso High School – Cynthia is planning on attending University of New Mexico with her major to be in Health Science. Cynthia not only attended class at Ruidoso High and enrolled in several courses at ENMU-Ruidoso. Cynthia has done an internship with Dr. Arlene Brown, involved in community service, cheerleading, National Honor Society, Chess Club, attended Rotarian Youth Leadership Camp, track and field, soccer, Principal's list, High Honors and was a published poet in 2008 are some of her highlights.

Upcoming ENMU-Ruidoso classes

Digital Photography with John T. Soden

On Thursdays in June, professional photographer and videographer John T. Soden teaches digital photography from both practical and artistic perspectives. The class covers the basic features of the digital camera, whether to flash or not, how to download and make minor adjustments to photos, and culminates in a field trip where composition, lighting, and subject matter are explored. The class meets at ENMU-Ruidoso on June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and the fee is \$145 or \$125 for seniors.

Dog Obedience

Tired of having your dog walk you, bolt out an open door, not come when called, or jump on you and your guests? This beginning-to-intermediate dog training class is for pets 6 months and older. Stephanie Dubois is a licensed dog trainer with over 20 years of experience and a long-time Community Education instructor. The class takes place on Saturdays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Schoolhouse Park. The fee is \$99 or \$79 for seniors.

"ArtThrive" with Rodney Wood

Geared towards art professionals and those who are interested in a career in art, this class will cover marketing, portfolio development, artist statements and biographies, gallery representation, long and short goal setting, business plans, and innovative ways to incorporate business practices and methodology into the discipline of art. Rodney Wood teaches this interactive, non-lecture based class for part-time, emerging, mid-career, or in-transition artists. The class takes place on Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$70 or \$60 for seniors with a \$10 materials fee to be paid to the instructor.

Alcohol Server Class Date Change

Due to a scheduling conflict, this month's alcohol server class will be held on Monday, June 6 rather than the listed date of June 13. The class will still be on a Monday and will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next class will be on July 11. The New Mexico Liquor Control Act mandates that "every liquor licensee, lessee, or server who manages, directs, or controls the sale or service of alcohol for consumption on or off the licensed premises must satisfactorily complete an alcohol server program every five years." The fee for the class is \$40. It is not necessary to be currently employed, but participants must be at least 19 years old and have valid photo identification.

Parliamentary Procedures Made Fun

Welda Grider, member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, will lead a short and fun workshop on the rules of parliamentary law. Rules of procedure provide a universal structure to meetings while considering the rights of all involved. This workshop is particularly relevant for officers and members of organizations and governmental agencies. The class will be held on Thursday, June 9 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The fee is \$10.

Introduction to Excel

Learn how to build a worksheet from scratch, set up pages, use templates, format cells, use formulas and functions, link data from one worksheet to another, and create charts in this three-day class with Robert Walshe. A working knowledge of Microsoft Windows and Word is required. The class takes place on June 10, 17, and 24 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the computer lab on campus. The fee is \$69 or \$59 for seniors.

Black and Blue and Blue Again: New Devices for Old Timers

Confused by the new gadgets everyone (including the President) seem to own? This one-day class is designed to answer questions like "What is a Blackberry, an Android, i-Phone, or Bluetooth?" and "What is the difference between a Blu-Ray disc and a DVD?" The class is scheduled for Thursday, June 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. The fee is \$39 or \$29 for seniors.

Fabulous Faux for Boring Walls Class

Have you ever wanted to have professional looking faux-painted walls but just couldn't afford to have it done? It's not as hard to do as you think. If you've ever thought of doing this yourself, set aside June 11 on your calendar. That's when Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso brings Linda Coffman in to teach her very popular class, 'Fabulous Faux for Boring Walls'. This one-time seminar is all you need to get started and is designed for beginners. The class is taught with two styles in mind. "Fabulous Faux - Classic, Tuscan, Metallics" from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. covers faux marble, granite, and old plaster walls. The "Fabulous Faux - Suede, Rustic, Modern" class is taught on the same day immediately following from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and is an informal look that fits well with western, southwestern, and cabin styles. Coffman's method reveals secrets of the pros. She has been in the wallpapering and faux-painting business for over 18 years. Her work is featured in businesses, hotels, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and fine homes throughout the Minnesota area and now in Arizona. Hundreds are now using her two-color techniques to create their own professional looking faux-painted walls. By taking this class, students will be able to have perfect edges, make your own glaze, and learn how to 'rescue' your wall without starting over. Combine this with money-saving hints and tricks of the trade, and you will amaze yourself and your friends. (They may want you to do their walls!) Need an idea of the class? Go to twistonwalls.com for a short video. The fee for each class is \$25. A \$29 kit in each class has a unique roller and unique to the class 60 minute DVD, special pan, and brushes. Bring a paint shirt!

Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People

Some music teachers may not want you to know this, but you don't need years of weekly lessons to learn piano. In just a few hours, you can learn

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Nob Hill May Buzzy Bees



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Back Row: Christopher Gardner, Hayden Casson, Aldo Miramontes, Evelyn Bravo, Sergio Medina, Bianca Hernandez, Malina Leach, Madison Price.
Middle Row: Robert McCarty, Kaylee Cavazone, Jason Klein-Kinnick, Franklin Torres, Kaila Hester, Yareli Soto, Kole Sparks
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RHS art students excel in duck stamp contest

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

Ruidoso High School sophomore, Faith Gonzales placed third in the grades 9-12 division of the 2011 New Mexico Junior Duck Stamp Contest against nearly four hundred other competitors throughout the state.

Four freshman students — Kalen Freed, Catherine Cory, Marikka Temple and Lea Zoller — earned honorable mention. The students in Mrs. Marilyn Lyons art class used acrylic and watercolors on canvas for their art.

"I encourage my students to enter their art in contests every year to help them gain self-esteem from their work while representing Ruidoso in a state-wide competition. I am very proud of what they accomplished," Lyons said.

The Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is an educational program sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, designed to teach wetland habitat and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school.

Using scientific and wildlife observation principles, the Junior Duck Stamp Program helps students

communicate visually what they have learned by creating an entry for the Junior Duck Stamp Program art contest.

This non-traditional pairing of subjects brings new interest to both science and the arts. The program crosses cultural, ethnic, social, and geographic boundaries to while teaching students a greater awareness of our Nation's natural resources.

Preparation for the Junior Duck Stamp contest and involvement in the program requires students to learn the fundamental principles of anatomy and environmental science, and can be a valid barometer of a student's grasp of these topics. The program



also provides an opportunity for students to express, artistically, their knowledge of the diversity, interdependence, and beauty of wildlife.

The first place art from the national contest is used to create a National Junior Duck Stamp each year. The stamp is sold by the U.S. Postal Service and Amplex Corporation consignees for \$5 per stamp. The Junior Duck Stamp cannot be used for postage; proceeds from its sale support conservation education and provide awards and scholarships for participating students, teachers, and schools.

Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press
New Mexico Junior Duck Stamp Program 3rd place finisher Faith Gonzales (10th) and 4 Honorable Mentions: Kalen Freed (9th), Catherine Cory (9th), Marikka Temple (9th), Lea Zoller (9th) of Mrs. Marilyn Lyons Art class, end the school year on a high note. At left, Faith Gonzales's 3rd place winning duck stamp entry. Faith used acrylic paint and watercolor techniques on canvas for award winning piece.

Annual Textbook Recycling Week set for June 6 - 10

Recycling of discarded textbooks and library books will kick-off at the Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) during the 3rd annual Textbook Recycling Week, June 6 - 10. All books must be transported to GSWA Recycling Center 26590 US Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. The center will be open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. during these dates for textbook and library book drop-off. Covers may be left

on the discarded books for recycling. All hardback or soft cover books will be accepted.

For more information on textbook recycling, contact the Greentree Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.greentreeswa.org.

Garden club officers seated



Photos by Marilyn Barnes

Officers for the Lincoln County Garden Club were installed Tuesday, May 17 at historic Dolan House in Lincoln. Officers received colorful flower arrangements in miniature watering cans as they agreed to fulfill their duties. Pictured above, Officers for 2011-2012 are Judy Preston, President; Gloria Powers, Vice-President; Nannette Tanner, Secretary; Gail Crites; Treasurer and Jordan Cameron, Parliamentarian.

Beverly Strauser, co-owner of the restaurant told the story of Jimmy Dolan's life, the history of the house and its restoration. Pictured below are Beverly Strauser, holding the photograph of the original structure with Judy Preston.

The objective of Lincoln County Garden Club is to promote community beautification and conservation of natural resources. Garden club meets the third Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is June 21 at Sanctuary on the River at 9:45 a.m.



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Pictured left to right are HEAL staff members Dana Gelsomino, DeeDee Lamb, Carrie Calkins, Betty Polaco, Marianna Baker, Kori Lorick, Miriam Moreno, Christina Sanchez, Celina DeLaGarza, Corina Montoya, Fusion Medical Spa licensed esthetician Morgan Ingram, Dr. Stephen Rath, Coleen Widell, Reyna Flores, Estella Cardoza and Terry Thompson.

Dr. Stephen Rath, MD, of Fusion Medical Spa is offering free scar removal for victims of domestic violence at the Nest.

Rath and his staff welcomed the addition of Nest brochures in the waiting room of Fusion Medical Spa. After discussing his services with HEAL staff, Dr. Rath offered to assist women who have suffered body scars or tattoos from their abuser.

Facial and body scars are not uncommon among victims of physical abuse. However, according to

HEAL's Executive Director Coleen Widell, "It is also not uncommon for many victims of domestic violence to be tattooed by their abuser, to 'mark his territory' in a sense. We have seen victims with profanity or the abuser's name tattooed across their throats. You can imagine how difficult it is for these women to get out and find a job so they can break free of that relationship."

Rath has worked with domestic violence victims in the past during his residency at University of Texas, Galveston.

Todd Ware named to NMMI Hall of Fame

Renowned coach Todd Ware, Jr., has been named to the New Mexico Military Institute Hall of Fame.

Ware's passion for sports is legendary. He began playing football almost before he could walk, and his love for the game and his players has been his inspiration.

As a high school athlete, Ware won a District championship in the 100-yard dash.

Following high school, he attended NMMI Junior College, class of 1957-58, and was a member of the school's Honor Board.

In 1958, the Broncos were the only undefeated team in NMMI history, and won the National Junior College championship. The team was ranked No. 1 in five categories, and Ware was a co-captain.

After graduating from NMMI, Ware began his coaching career with the

Ysleta Independent School District. He later transferred to Eastwood High School, where in 1968, he became head coach for the B-Team, which became the first squad in the school's history to go undefeated, with an 8-0 record.

From 1969 to 1979, Ware was head track coach and won multiple district championships. In 1979 he was named head football coach and earned Coach of the Year honors.

In the 1980s, Eastwood won three district championships and another four in the 1990s. Ware retired as head football coach in 1998.

Ware now lives in Ruidoso with his wife, Estrada.



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quired materials fee of \$29 will be collected in class by the instructor for the workbook and practice DVD.

How to Play Piano by Ear

Learn one of music's deepest mysteries: how to play songs without relying on music. A very practical presentation of music theory that includes predicting chord progressions, learning from recordings, and transposing—all expressed in everyday language. This is an ideal follow-up to the "Instant Piano" class and is open to anyone who has a basic understanding of chords on any instrument. Topics include: How to find the starting note, how to determine when chords change, how to predict the chord progression, how chords help you find the correct melody, how the melody helps you find the correct chords, how to learn songs from recordings in all keys, how to transpose, the Universal Key Signature, how to use the

Circle of Fifths, and how to recognize the most common chord patterns. Expand your musical horizons, and free yourself from sheet-music dependence, and be the life of the party! Prior experience with chords recommended. The fee is \$25 plus an additional materials fee of \$29 for the "How to Play Piano by Ear Book" and practice CD to be collected in class by the instructor. The class will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the college.

Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People

Have you ever wanted to learn the guitar but simply find it difficult to find the time? In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Bring your acoustic guitar. Top-

ics include: How chords work in a song, how to form the three main types of chords, how to tune your guitar, basic strumming patterns, how to buy a good guitar (things to avoid), and how to play along with simple tunes. The class will be held on Friday, June 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$25 plus a required materials fee of \$29 to be collected in class by the instructor for workbook and practice DVD. For ages 13+.

New Mexico Movie

This month's New Mexico movie will be shown on Wednesday, June 8 at 7 p.m. in Room 111. *Coyote County Loser* is a romantic comedy centering on the antics of a small radio station as a traveling DJ accepts the challenge of helping the county's biggest loser. Filmed in Roswell and released in 2009, the film is rated PG. There is no fee for the film, but registration is requested.

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Police: Robbery 'victim' shot himself

The alleged victim of a reported armed robbery has now been arrested by Ruidoso police and charges of negligent use of a firearm and filing a false police report will be filed.

According to Officer David Gallegos, Kenneth Bloomquist, 39, of Ruidoso, initially told police on May 10 he was approached by two Hispanic men in the area of University and Ranier, who Bloomquist said attempted to rob him. When he refused to hand over his wallet, Bloomquist told police, he was shot once in the chest with a handgun wrapped in a towel.

On Wednesday (May 18), police said the investigation has now determined Bloomquist actually shot himself in the shoulder with a .22-caliber rifle, left his residence, walked down the street and made the false police report about the two Hispanic men.

Gallegos said he understood the shot that hit Bloomquist was "purposeful" in nature and not an accidental discharge of the rifle.

Bloomquist will be formally charged in Ruidoso Magistrate Court, according to police.

Charge dismissed when officer is no-show

A case of verbal assault against Gary Garland of Alto, regarding an incident from March 31, was dismissed in Municipal Court, April 27 when Ruidoso Police Officer Chris Bryant was not present for trial. The case was dismissed with prejudice.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Caught (on camera)

Several suspects were caught on camera in the vicinity of a vandalism incident at Sierra Mall, May 7, but further review was needed by the police to determine the identity of the suspects.

Anger management

An incident at a local hotel led to the arrest of Cindi Young, 43, of El Paso for domestic battery, May 7. She was taken to Ruidoso Police Department for booking.

Stolen plate

A license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle, May 8, while it was parked on the 100 block of Starlight.

Criminal damage

Police secured an arrest warrant for Skylar Reed, 18, of Ruidoso for criminal damage after he allegedly kicked out the class on a door at a business on the 300 block of Sudderth Drive, May 9.

No fire!

Jay Herd, 20, of Capitan was cited, May 10, for smoking a cigarette outside on the 200 block of Carters Lane. The charge was improper use of fire, and when asked if he knew about the current fire restrictions in the area, Herd replied "yes." He was summoned into Ruidoso Municipal Court.

Window broken

A resident returned home, May 11, from a day trip to find the window of her vehicle broken out and contacted police. Only the face of the car stereo appeared to be missing.

Video burglary

A home on the 300 block of Walnut Dr. was reported as the site of a burglary,

May 11. Several DVDs and video games and a laptop computer were among the missing items.

Hole in the wall

An enterprising thief broke into a business in Midtown through a wall in another business and took approximately \$50,000 worth of merchandise, May 12.

Home break-ins

The owners of a home on the 1100 block of Main Road returned, May 12, to find a window broken and a few items missing. The suspects had searched through the house thoroughly.

Another residence was reported broken into May 13 on the 100 block of Bishop Drive. A bottle of alcohol was the only thing reported missing, but cost of damage to the house is estimated at \$300.

Don't speed (or drink)

After being pulled over for speeding, May 14, Jose Gonzales-Romero, 44, of Ruidoso, was also found to be intoxicated and had marijuana in his car. He was arrested for possession and DUI, booked at RPD and later bonded out.

Broke brake light

Police pulled over Sheila Heinemann, 21, of Ruidoso Downs May 14 for having a tail light out, and later found she had marijuana on her person. She was cited for possession.

Who am I?

Police, on the lookout for a male

Woman dials 911 over officer's 'bad teeth'

By Todd Fuqua
Reporter

Police responding to a reported domestic incident on the 100 block of Grant Drive, May 12, found Nancy Aubrey, 52, at the home alone. Investigation revealed she had called the non-emergency line several times, demanding to speak to the chief of police and later dialed 911 because "an officer of the Ruidoso Police Department drove by her house . . . and he has bad teeth."

While placing Aubrey under arrest for raising a false alarm, Aubrey resisted, stating "I'm sorry. Let's just forget this. Isn't this just a citation?" She was further charged with resisting arrest and later posted bond.

who may have been involved in a domestic incident May 15, located the suspect on Carrizo Canyon Road. He gave police the wrong name, and police were eventually able to determine he was Kenneth Kauley, 38, of Mescalero. He was arrested for concealing his identity and taken to RPD for booking. He was later taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Dogs on the loose

Three dogs found running loose, May 15, in the area of Juniper and Ivy Lane were traced to the home of Kathleen Robb, 50, of Ruidoso, who was issued a citation for dogs at large before the dogs in question were returned to her.

Picky thief

A suspect which broke into a home on the 100 block of Excalibur Road, May 16, took only a laptop computer and shotgun, despite there being several other weapons and ammunition throughout the home.



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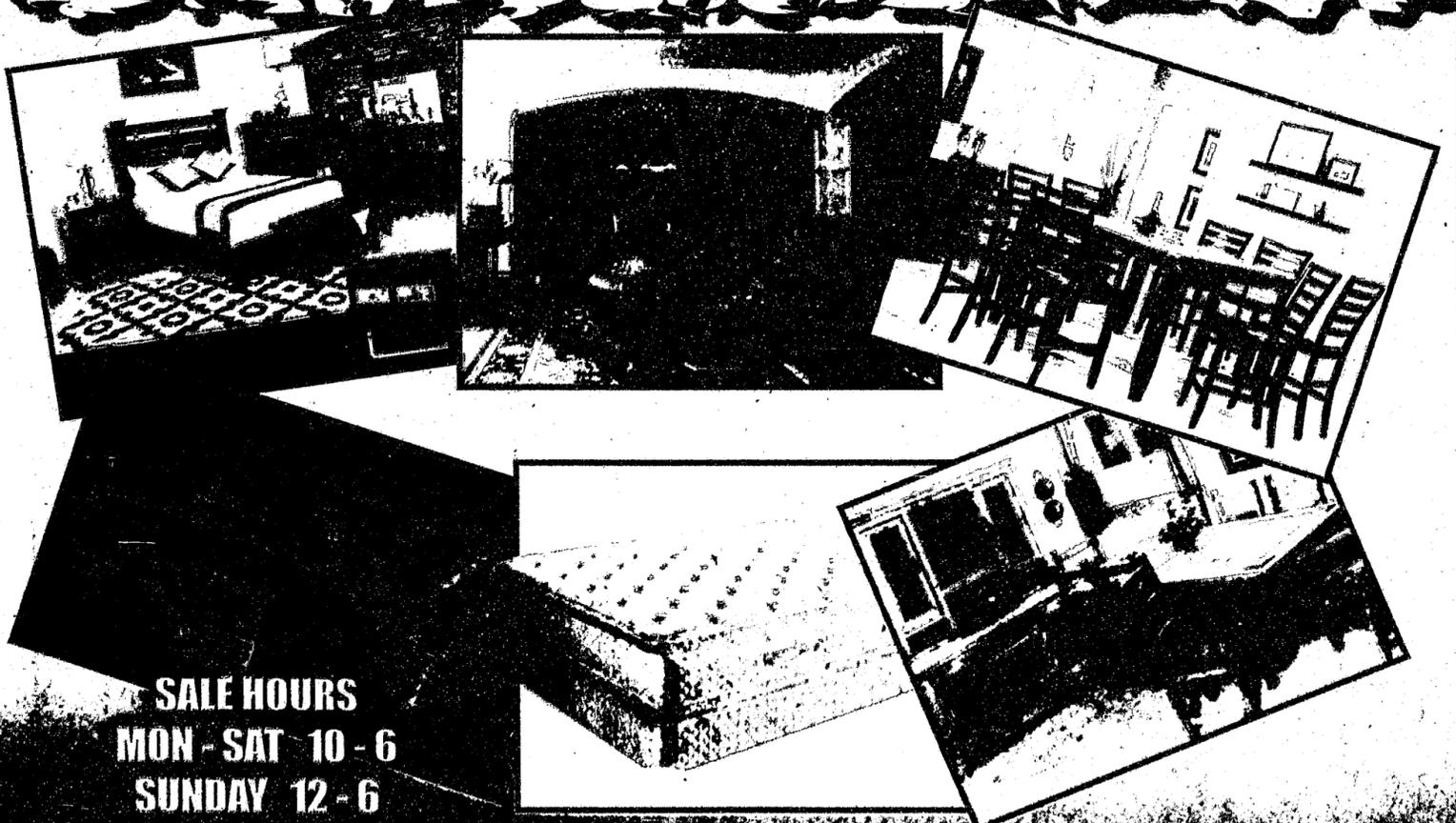
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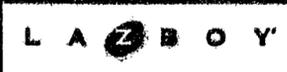
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May 20

Softball
Sierra Blanca Opener
Women's C
 Coronitas 32, Lady Quarters 5

May 21

Softball
Sierra Blanca Opener
Men's D
 El Paso Bad Boys 18, Thunder 17
 Thunder 19, Los Chavos 11
 Bad News 26, Quarters Softball 4
 Young Guns 23,
 Quarters Softball 17
Men's E
 Homeboys 20, Elevation 16
Women's C
 Lady Quarters 15, Holloman
 Women's Varsity 11

May 22

Softball
Sierra Blanca Opener
Men's D
 Holloman Men's Varsity 22,
 Thunder 10
Men's E
 Homeboys 18, Banditos Softball 5
 Danger 16, Homeboys 8
Third Place
 DTP Alamo d. Homeboys
Women's C
 Fully Loaded 18, Lady Quarters 6

SPORTS UPCOMING

May 27

Horse Racing
 Ruidoso Futurity trials at Ruidoso Downs, 11 a.m.

Baseball

USSSA King of the Mountain Global Sports qualifier at Ruidoso Downs, Mescalero, Gavilan Canyon, White Sands Athletic Complex

May 28

Horse Racing
 Ruidoso Derby trials at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Baseball

USSSA King of the Mountain Global Sports qualifier at Ruidoso Downs, Mescalero, Gavilan Canyon, White Sands Athletic Complex

May 29

Horse Racing
 Fine Loom Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Baseball

USSSA King of the Mountain Global Sports qualifier at Ruidoso Downs, Mescalero, Gavilan Canyon, White Sands Athletic Complex

May 29

Horse Racing
 First Lady Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Ruidoso Little League Majors

	W	L
Cubs	10	0
Rays	5	4
Red Sox	5	4
Dodgers	4	6
Tigers	0	10

May 17
 Cubs 11, Rays 1

May 18
 Red Sox 6; Dodgers 4

May 20
 Cubs 15, Tigers 8

May 23
 Red Sox vs. Cubs, 6 p.m.

May 24
 Rays vs. Tigers, 6 p.m.

May 25
 Cubs vs. Phillies, 6 p.m.
 Dodgers vs. Tigers, 6 p.m.

May 31
 Cubs vs. Red Sox, 6 p.m.

Minors

	W	L
Tigers	5	2
Red Sox	5	2
Dodgers	5	3
Blue Jays	5	4
Phillies	4	3
Cubs	4	5
Astros	0	7

May 16
 Blue Jays 10, Cubs 7

May 19
 Blue Jays 15, Astros 10

May 22
 Tigers 16, Cubs 6
 Dodgers 1, Astros 0

May 23
 Blue Jays vs. Dodgers, 6 p.m.

May 24
 Astros vs. Red Sox, 6 p.m.

May 31
 Cubs vs. Dodgers, 6 p.m.

Ruidoso Downs to start meet

By Ty Wyant

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Valiant War Hero makes his first start since setting a world record while winning the West Texas Futurity when he heads the 201 entrants in the 21 trials to the, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity on Friday, the opening day of the summer season at Ruidoso Downs.

There will be a special 11 a.m. first post time to accommodate the 350-yard trials for 2-year-old quarter horses. Racing then continues through Monday afternoon with the usual 1 p.m. first post time.

The horses with the 10-fastest times from the Ruidoso Futurity trials become eligible to race in the Ruidoso Futurity June 12.

The Ruidoso Futurity is the first leg of the All American Triple Crown. Completing the series are the \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity July 24 and the \$2.4 million All American Futurity. If a horse can sweep the three futurities then that horse's connections earn the \$4 million All American Triple Crown Bonus, the richest in quarter horse racing.

Valiant War Hero, the nation's second-ranked 2-year-old quarter horse in the weekly AQHA/Horseplayernow.com national poll, earned that lofty ranking after his world-record upset victory in the West Texas Futurity April 17. The gelded son of Valiant Hero pulled away to win by one length in 14.594. That lowered the previous Sunland Park track and world record of 14.667.

Owned by Dena Pitts and Pam Baber, who race under the Texas Broads moniker, Valiant War Hero has been pointing towards the Ruidoso Futurity trials since his West Texas Futurity score.

"We've just been galloping him and stood him in the gates once," said trainer Trey Wood. "The post position and everything is fine. Let's just load them and go."

Valiant Valor is a full brother to Valiant War Hero and has the same ownership and trainer. He also returns in the Ruidoso Futurity trials after competing in the West Texas Futurity and finishing in fourth place.

Valiant War Hero competes in the seventh trial with the seventh post position while Valiant Valor races in the fifth trial with the sixth post position.

Trainer Jackie Riddle sends out West Texas Futurity third-place finisher Twilight B in the 13th trial. The gelded son of All American Futurity winner Teller Cartel overcame a troubled start to win his West Texas Futurity trial by a nose in his career debut.

The star of the West Texas Futurity trials was Fredda Draper and Lola Willis' RC Black Mamba, who races in the 10th Ruidoso Futurity trial.

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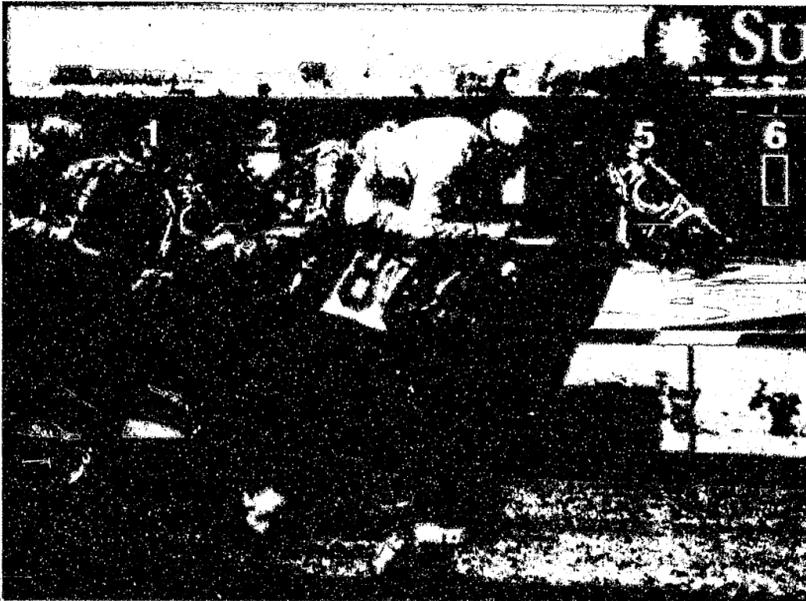


Photo by SureBet Racing News
 Valiant War Hero, seen here winning this year's West Texas Futurity April 17 at Sunland Park, is among the 200 horses entered into Friday's Ruidoso Futurity trials at Ruidoso Downs.

Improvements ready for track opening

A completely renovated racing surface and numerous upgrades to the grandstand and All American Turf Club await racing fans at Ruidoso Downs.

For the first time, racing will be conducted on a Friday through Monday schedule at the track in southern New Mexico's Sacramento Mountains.

Fans will first notice the improvements when they drive into the track. The road and asphalt parking has been resurfaced and restriped and there is new signage throughout the facility.

Upon entering the grandstand, there is new stucco on the outside of the grandstand and the grandstand interior has been painted with new signs above the concession areas.

The All American Turf Club underwent extensive upgrading with new carpet and painting.



Ruidoso Downs Race Track
 An improved racing surface to contribute to the safety of horses and jockeys alike is among the numerous changes this year at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

The safety of the racing surface underwent a renovation before the track opened for training this spring.

Osos split with White Sands

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The week was a wash for the Ruidoso Osos, as they split in their four-game set with White Sands in an odd home-and-away series over four days.

The home team was the winner each time, as Ruidoso lost on the road 11-6 and 5-4, while winning easily at home 15-6 and 15-2.

"Obviously, we're all comfortable here," said Oso catcher Kip Masuda of his team's ability to win at home but not on the road. "It's just working well for us."

That the Osos' losses have been close ones - including two extra-inning contests in Roswell - should be some sign of hope for fans as their team hits the road this week to face Pecos League-leading Alpine, Texas in a four-game series.

Still, the fact that they haven't been successful on the road should be a source of concern. But manager Kevin Griffin is still confident in his team.

"I'm not concerned about it, we've still got a long ways to go in the season," Griffin said. "I still feel confident we can win with any nine players I put on the field."

Hot and cold

After losing to White Sands



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
 Ruidoso shortstop Eddie Browne gets the toss from second baseman Sean Proni to retire White Sands' Michael Hur May 21 at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

May 18 they were leading going into the bottom of the eighth inning, the Osos rebounded Thursday thanks to better hitting and more errors on White Sands' part.

"We hit the ball more and made less errors," Griffin said. "That's all there is to it."

White Sands took the initial lead in the first with two runs on three straight singles by Lammar Guy, Ernie Munoz and Andrew

Riddick, but then Oso starter Alan Gatz settled down and held his opponents to two runs through the fifth inning - including one on a home run by Justin Smith.

Ruidoso, meanwhile, went on a tear, scoring at least one run in every inning. Sean Proni led the way with four hits, including his first home run of the season off White Sands starter JJ Potikus in the third inning to give his

team the lead for good.

Drew Peterson also had a home run for Ruidoso as part of the Osos' 15-hit attack.

Gatz got the win, allowing six runs through five innings and striking out six Pupfish in the game.

On May 20 in Alamogordo, Ruidoso had a chance to take the lead in the top of the ninth. Trail-

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OSOS

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ing 5-3, Oso left fielder Anthony Phillips walked, then moved to third on a single by pinch hitter Jerome Dunning, who was thrown out at second trying to stretch it to a single.

Phillips later scored on a single by Case Rigby, but then Ben Gorang — representing the go-ahead run — struck out to end the game.

All this happened against White Sands pitcher Jack Winters — and the drama might not have been there if the first inning had gone differently.

After spotting Ruidoso a run in the top of the first on an RBI-single by Sean Proni, the Pupfish scored four runs off of Ruidoso starter Mike Jackson.

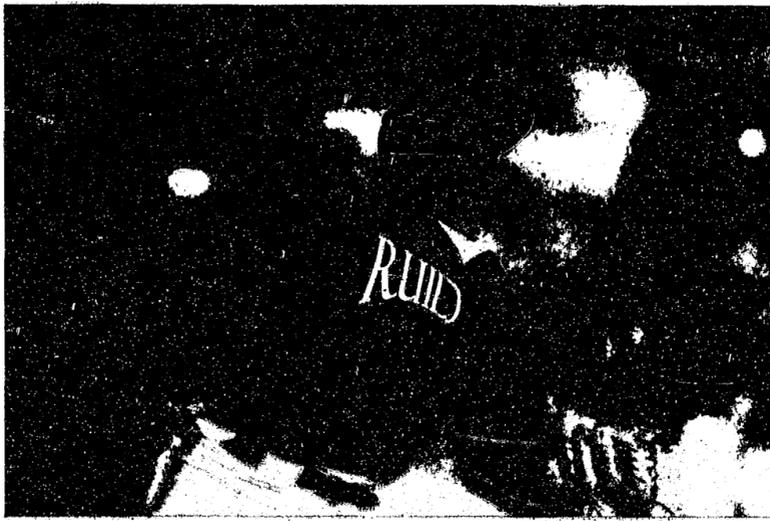
After that inning, Jackson settled down and didn't allow another White Sands run before being relieved by Alex Fernandez in the sixth inning.

Despite getting the loss, Jackson was happy with his performance after the first inning.

"I calmed down the rest of the way," Jackson said. "I was able to get my pitches down and felt I did a good job."

As good as Jackson was, White Sands starter Chris Nyman was better. He went eight innings, allowing three runs on seven hits and walking no one.

"He's a kid that knows how to pitch, and he did a great job," Essary said. "He



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso starter Mike Jackson took the hard luck loss after allowing four runs in the first inning of a 5-4 loss at Alamogordo May 20.

was up there in the pitch count, but was still competitive."

A home run by Oso David Holcombe in the sixth brought Ruidoso within one run, but the Pupfish scored in the bottom of the seventh on a sacrifice fly by Andrew Riddick. That run turned out to be the difference.

runs in a 15-2 victory to split their series.

Just as important as the hits was the pitching of Ruidoso starter Joe Scumaci, who went seven innings and gave up one run on a homer by Lammar Guy in the third inning.

"He's a competitor, and knows what works for him," said Oso catcher Masuda, who called the pitches for Scumaci in the game. "For him, he's not just throwing what I signal to him, he's agreeing with me."

Scumaci had allowed six hits and struck out nine in keeping the Pupfish offense from getting untracked.

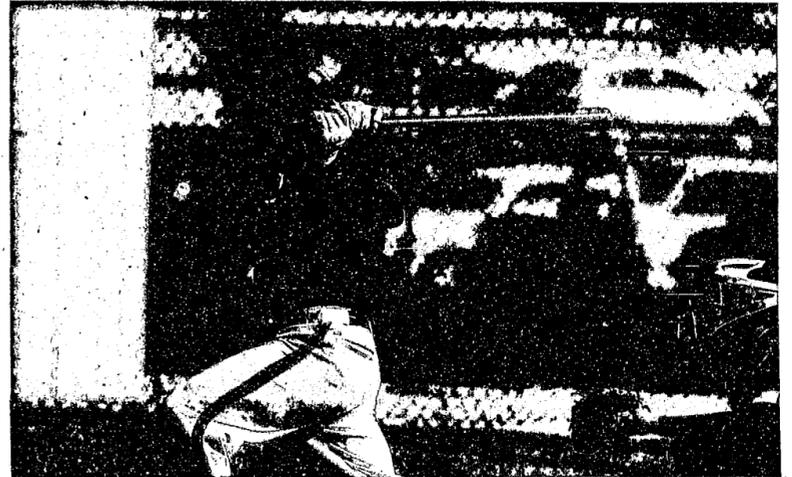
Ruidoso, meanwhile, scored in every inning but the eighth, roughing up White Sands starter Brandon Glazebrook for eight hits and seven runs — five unearned.

Masuda led the hitting with two doubles and scored three runs, but almost every Oso that came to the plate got a hit.

That included Drew Peterson, who hit a 3-run home run in the second inning and tripled in the fourth — Sean Proni who had a triple and had three hits, and even Scumaci, who had an RBI single in a five-run sixth.

Back to winning

Ruidoso's bats got hot again the following day at home, as the Osos put together a 17-hit attack and racked up the



Todd Fuqua/Sports Editor

Oso third baseman Sean Proni watches his home run in the third inning of Ruidoso's win over White Sands May 19. Proni had four hits on the day to help lead his team to victory.

Wednesday, May 18

Pupfish 11, Ruidoso 6

Ruidoso 200 010 021 - 6 11 5
White Sands 300 101 06- - 11 15 3
Rui - Erick Cuppos, Josue Iniguez (6), Leo Madrid (7), Chris Welborn (7) and Masuda. WS - Chris Kirk, Steven Lemmon (7), Jack Winters (9) and Ernie Muñoz. W - Lemmon. L - Madrid. HR - Rui (Chris Juarez). 2B - Rui (Case Rigby, Jerome Dunning), WS (Lammar Guy, Muñoz, Jerome McCollum). LOB - Rui 8, WS 9.

Thursday, May 19

Oso 15, Pupfish 6

White Sands 200 111 001 - 6 11 3
Ruidoso 111 413 31- - 15 15 2
WS - JJ Potikus, Brandon Muser (5), Tim Aucoin (6) and Keirin Bradford. Rui - Alan Gatz, Madrid (6), Andrew Plotkin (8), Billy Robbet (9) and Masuda. W - Gatz. L - Potikus. HR - WS (Justin Smith), Rui (Proni, Drew Peterson). 3B - Rui (Eddie Browne). 2B - WS (Guy, McCollum), Rui (Masuda, Chris Davis). LOB - WS 11, Rui 9.

Friday, May 20

Pupfish 5, Oso 4

Ruidoso 110 001 001 - 4 10 3
White Sands 400 000 10- - 5 6 1
Rui - Mike Jackson, Alex Fernandez (6), Iniguez (8) and Masuda. WS - Chris Nyman, Winters (9) and Muñoz. W - Nyman. L - Jackson. Sv - Winters. HR - Rui (David Holcombe). 2B - Rui (Browne), WS (Kolby Peterson). LOB - Rui 5, WS 6.

Saturday, May 21

Oso 15, Pupfish 2

White Sands 001 000 001 - 2 8 3
Ruidoso 131 225 10- - 15 17 3
WS - Brandon Glazebrook, Brandin Muniz (5), Lemmon (6), Alex Casillas (8) and Muñoz, Derek Luque (8). Rui - Joe Scumaci, Osequiera (8) and Masuda. W - Scumaci. L - Glazebrook. HR - WS (Lamar Guy), Rui (Drew Peterson). 3B - Rui (Peterson, Sean Proni). 2B - Rui (Kip Masuda), Chris Juarez). LOB - WS 6, Rui 8.

Pecos League standings

	W	L
Alpine Cowboys	7	1
Las Cruces Vaqueros	7	1
Ruidoso Osos	4	4
Roswell Invaders	3	5
White Sands Pupfish	3	5
Carlsbad Bats	0	8

May 18

Las Cruces 16, Carlsbad 9
White Sands 11, Ruidoso 6

May 19

Las Cruces 11, Carlsbad 9
Ruidoso 15, White Sands 6
Roswell 7, Alpine, Texas 0

May 20

Las Cruces 3, Carlsbad 1
White Sands 5, Ruidoso 4
Roswell 6 Alpine, Texas, 3

May 21

Alpine 3, Roswell 1
Alpine 2, Roswell 0
Ruidoso 15, White Sands 2
Las Cruces 9, Carlsbad 3

May 23

Roswell at San Angelo (ex-

hibition, 2), 2:30 p.m.

May 25

Carlsbad at White Sands, 7:05 p.m.
Las Cruces at Roswell, 7:05 p.m.

May 26

Carlsbad at White Sands, 7:05 p.m.
Las Cruces at Roswell, 7:05 p.m.

May 27

Carlsbad at White Sands, 7:05 p.m.
Las Cruces at Roswell, 7:05 p.m.

May 28

Ruidoso at Alpine, Texas, 7:05 p.m.

May 28

Ruidoso at Alpine, Texas (2), 5:05 p.m.

Carlsbad at White Sands, 7:05 p.m.

Las Cruces at Roswell, 7:05 p.m.

TRIALS

oso Futurity trial. She was the fastest qualifier to the West Texas Futurity and looks to rebound from her eighth-place finish in the West Texas Futurity for trainer Carl Draper.

The horses with the two fastest times from the three days of training races held at Ruidoso Downs on May 9-11 make their career debuts in the 14th Ruidoso Futurity trial.

Buddy and Patty New-some's Feature Mr Who, trained by Russell Harris, had the quickest time from

the three days of trials when he won his 300-yard dash in :15.93 on the third day of training races.

RW Red Wave, one of 33 trial entrants from the Paul Jones stable, turned in a 15.95 mark for the second-fastest overall time and fastest time of the second day of training races. The \$9,500 Ruidoso Select Sale yearling purchase is owned by Jones, Terry Thompson, Linda Pura and Jim Peterson.

Those two first-time starters will challenge

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Silver For Me, the lone \$15,000 supplemental nominee, from the Riddle barn. The gelding was second in the Sam Houston Juvenile in his most recent start.

Saturday's racing at Ruidoso Downs will be highlighted by the trials to the Ruidoso Derby. The \$30,000 Fine Loom Handicap at 870 yards is on Sunday afternoon and opening week culminates on Monday afternoon with the \$40,000 First Lady Handicap over six furlongs.



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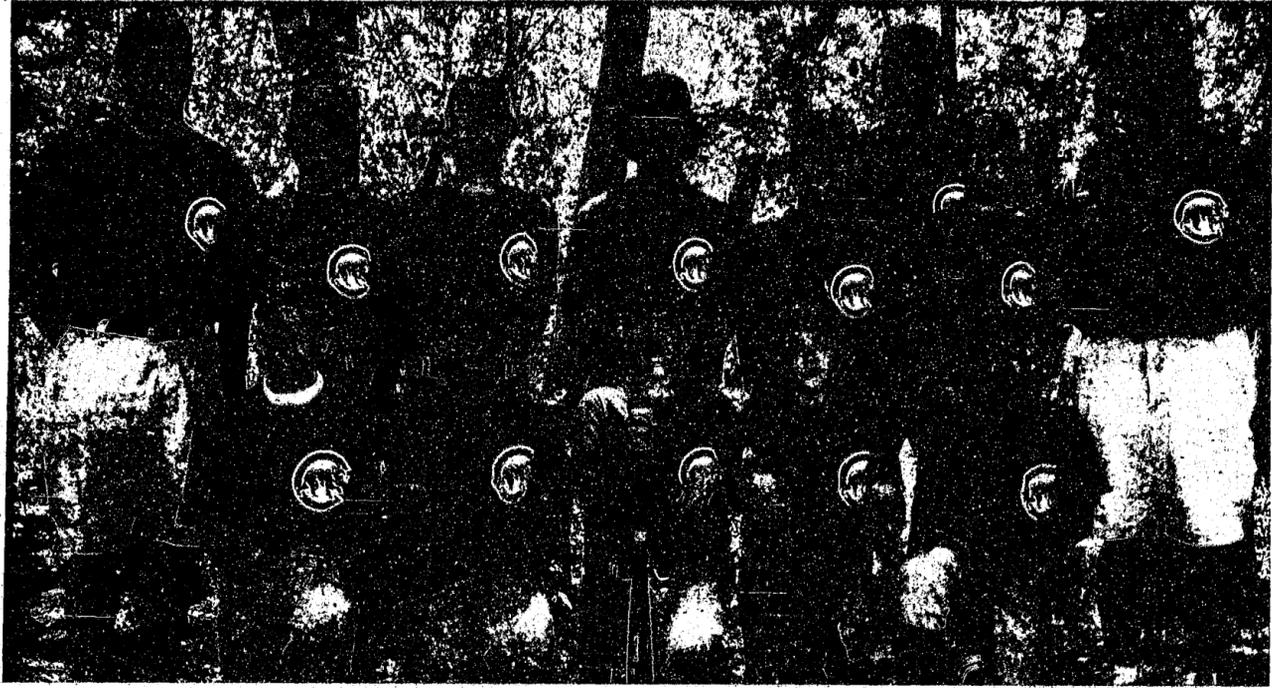
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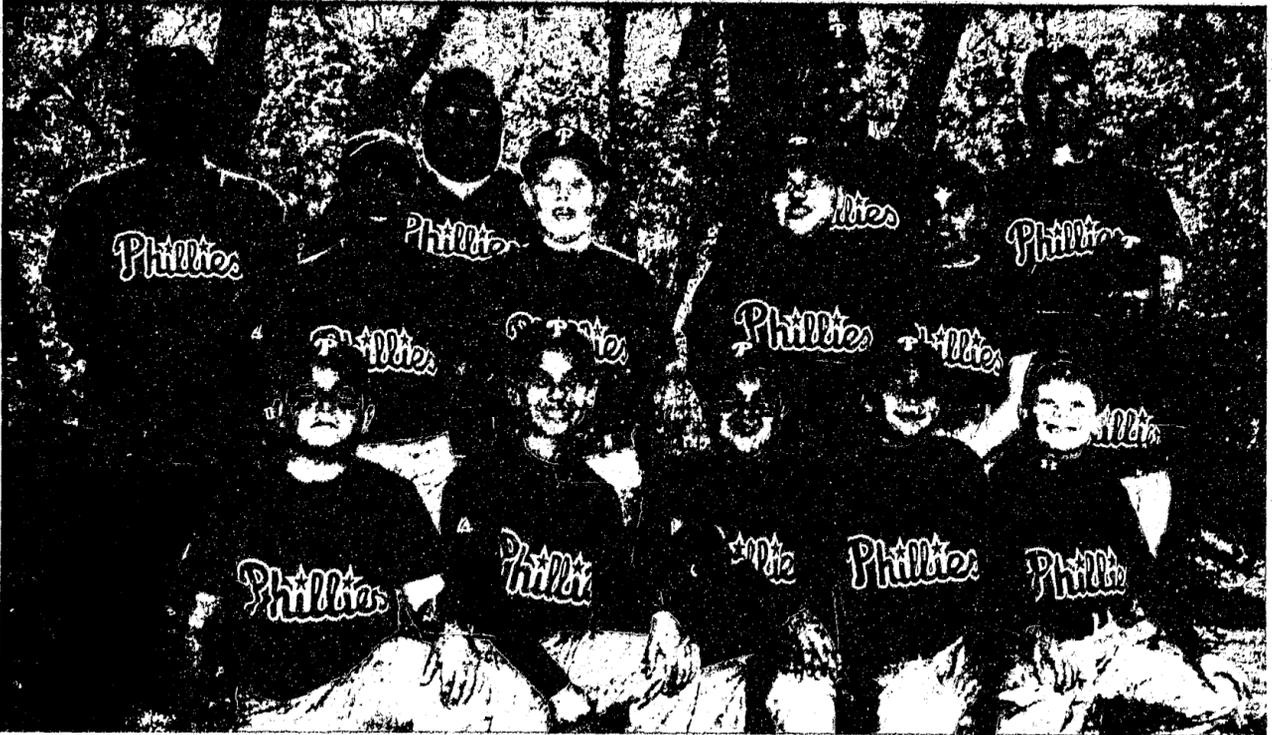
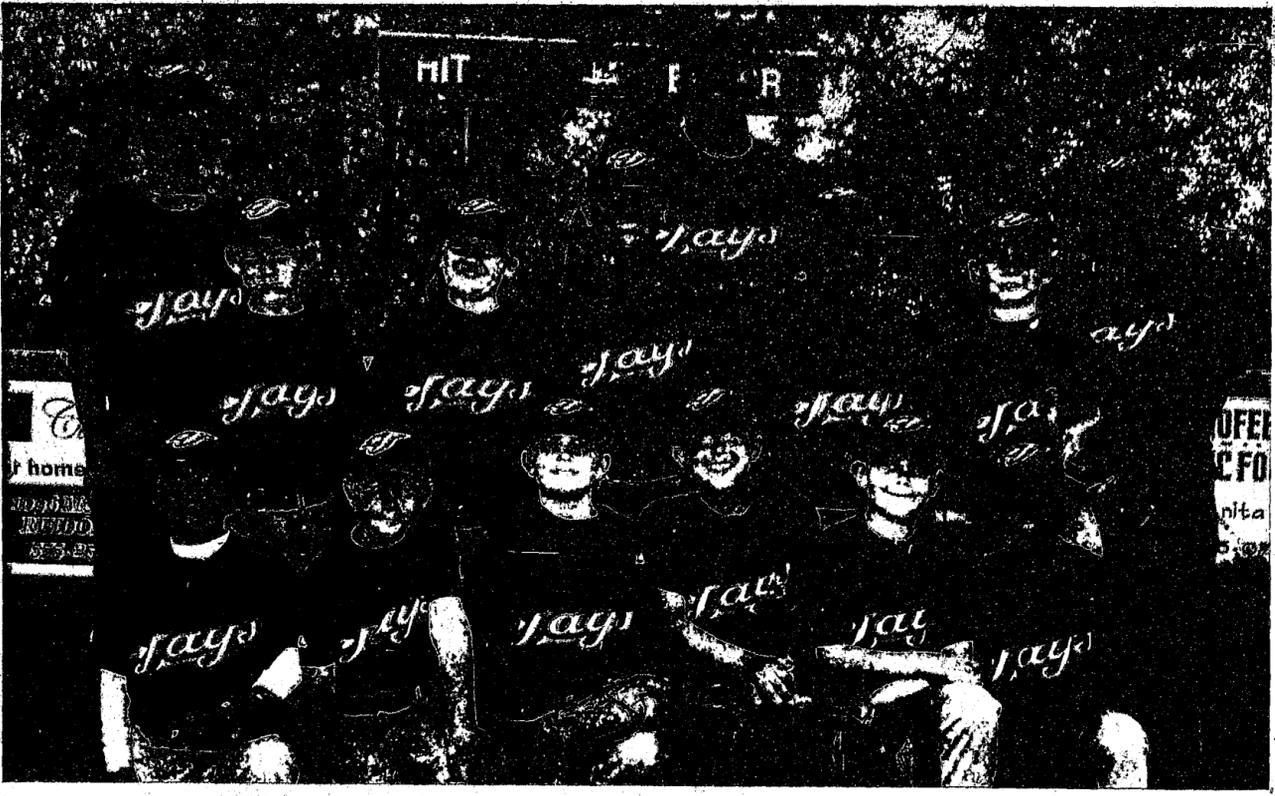
Brandon Espinoza of the Minor League Dodgers scores during a game against the Tigers, May 14.

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*Major League Cubs:
Front row (l-r) Nathan Bryant, Felix Martinez, Grady Woodul, Gabriel Taylor, Kalani Davis.
Back row (l-r) Coach Matt Bryant, Tyler Woodul, William Green, Francisco Mayville, Oscar Guillen, coach Chris Woodul, Brent Figeroa, coach Kalama Davis.*

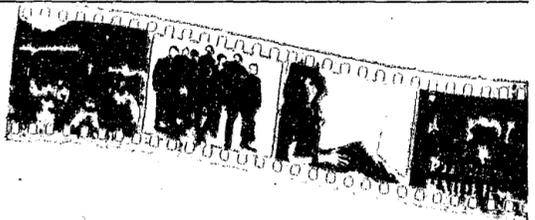
*Minor League Blue Jays: Front row (l-r) Abran Pena, Steven Temple, Sam Glasgow, David Marshall, Logan Kelley, Xavier Otero.
Second row, (l-r) Aidan Huey, Jenna Dement, Tyler McClendon, Philman Pike, Connor Jameson.
Back row, (l-r) Coach Rodney Pena, coach Justin Sergeant, manager Tricia Jameson.*



*Minor League Phillies: Front row (l-r) Ivan Velasquez, Gabriel Dorame, Elijah Dominguez, Hunter Edmister, Jackson Hanna.
Second row (l-r) Chris Shalley, Reilly Bennett, Seferino Pena Jr., John Robinson, Mikeisha Sago.
Third row (l-r) Coaches Freddy Velasquez, Gustavo Domiguez, Ron Hanna, and manager Tripp Bennett.
Not pictured: Ella Glass.*

On the Town

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Ruidoso Dance Ensemble to perform

Don Quixote

Beautiful dancing and extraordinary costumes will be on display as the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble performs "Don Quixote" June 4 at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts

Don Quixote will be presented by the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble June 4 at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

This beloved romantic comedy tells the story of a delusional Don Quixote and his sidekick, Sancho Panza, as they set out on an adventure to find Quixote's imaginary lost love, Dulcinea. The pair encounters young lovers Kitri and Basilio and intervenes to save Kitri from an arranged marriage to a wealthy, but foppish, Gamache.

Don Quixote is regarded as one of the most vibrant and entertaining ballets performed today,

with technical dancing, elaborate sets, and a lively score. The stage explodes with one show-stopping dance after another in this feast of choreographic fireworks. *Don Quixote* is the perfect ballet for artistic director Deborah Rogers to showcase the abilities of RDE's dancers. Included in the cast is guest artist and world class dancer Georgi Rusafov, dancing the part of Basilio.

Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's production takes the audience on the fun and fanciful adventures of the eccentric Man of La Mancha, the frolics of village barber Basilio, and the passions of Basilio's beautiful young lover, Kitri.

Don Quixote, the spirited 19th century classic originally choreographed by Marius Petipa to music by Ludwig Minkus, is full of Spanish flair, passion, and comedy. *Don Quixote* is perfect for audience members of all ages. Ruidoso Dance Ensemble will present two performances at the Spencer Theater of the Performing Arts.

Tickets for *Don Quixote* are \$28, with discounts available for groups, at the Spencer Theater box-office or at www.spencertheater.com.



Courtesy photo

Classic rockers **KANSAS** at IMG June 2



One of America's greatest and most successful progressive rock bands, Kansas - known for such hits as "Carry On Wayward Son" and "Dust in the Wind," will perform at Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino on Thurs., June 2 at 8 p.m.

Thirty-five years have passed since the release of the group's debut album "Kansas" and yet they are still a highly respected and constantly in-demand group. Tickets start at just \$25 at can be purchased at www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

Kansas' first public statement appeared on their self-titled album in 1974, "From the beginning, we considered ourselves and our music different and we hope we will always remain so." Little did this legendary rock group realize that back in the early 70s, what "seemed to be different," was actually ahead of its time.

With their self-titled first album released in 1974, Kansas went on to become one of the decade's most popular rock acts - issuing classic rock albums such as 1976's *Leftoverture* and 1977's *Point of Know Return* along with the hit singles "Carry on Wayward Son" and "Dust In the Wind," and "Point of Know Return." The band - which in addition to Phil Ehart, is comprised of singer/keyboardist Steve Walsh, guitarist Rich Williams, bassist Billy Greer,

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"Music, to me, has always been very, very precious," said the 14-time Grammy winner. "All music comes from God. I think all music is created in heaven first and we catch a glimpse of it and we create it after the fact."

This marks the 52nd year since Ricky struck his first chords on a mandolin. His most recent CD is the gospel song "My God."

While all music may come from God, the fact is there are some performers that are listening a little closer than others. Ricky Skaggs is one of them. Bring your spirit in for a family to enjoy a night of Saturday night at the Spencer.

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In restaurants, pastry chefs are worth their weight in gold because they will usually make the first impression and the last. Usually, one of the first things you will eat during a nice meal is some type of dinner roll or bread, and the last thing you will eat is dessert. There is nothing like well baked bread or a decadent dessert that will leave a lasting memory of your dining experience.

Bread is such a significant part of our history and culture. Before man even knew how to cultivate land for wheat and other grains we were a nomadic people, but after we figured out this mystery we became a more stationary and domesticated people. Ever since we have discovered how to make bread, it has been a staple in every culture. Bread has even helped win wars! In World War II, there was the 110th Quartermaster Baking Company, which was a mobile baking unit. This unit marched across Italy in the last two years of the war baking close to fifty million pounds of bread and other pastries in order to feed the troops. They were always on the move breaking down the 48 ovens, pans, mixers and everything else you need to run a high volume bakery. And we all know an Army marches on their stomachs.

You can also think about all the expressions we use that involve bread. For example: "The best thing since sliced bread". Bread is also a term we use for money, and in ancient Egypt they actually used bread as currency. A "breadwinner" means the one who makes the most money in the household. "Bread upon the water" means using all your resources without expectation of return.

This week's recipe is my wife's own recipe for a great, savory garlic cheese biscuit that is perfect with any BBQ, entrée, or just by itself!

This recipe makes a dozen biscuits, or a baker's dozen- if you don't make them too big... Just in case you are unaware, a baker's dozen means 13 not 12. This term dates back to the middle ages when some bakers cheated customers with undersize loaves, so they would have to throw in an extra loaf to make the client happy!



Brendan Gochenour

Garlic Cheese Biscuits

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed and at room temperature
- 1 cup milk (whole, 2%, or even buttermilk)
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons chopped garlic (remember, the finer you chop it, the stronger the flavor)
- 1 1/2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 Tablespoon chicken base (I use "Better than Bullion" brand. Never use bouillon cubes for this recipe!)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Grease

a cookie sheet well with shortening or non-stick spray. Mix together flour and baking powder. Cut butter into flour mixture until crumbly. Dissolve bullion in milk and add to mixture. Add garlic and cheese and mix well. The batter should be thick and sticky, like paste. The batter should not be at all runny. If it is, add 1 Tbs flour at a time until it reaches proper consistency.

Drop heaping spoonfuls of dough onto cookie sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown.

In our house, we love our garlic and

cheese... Feel free to adjust these two items in the recipe to your liking, although I am almost certain you will be satisfied with the recipe as it is!

Thank you to the readers who drop me lines at askchrefbrendan@gmail.com and those who are fans of my facebook page, 'Chef Brendan.' Your encouragement and friendship mean a lot! Happy Cooking!



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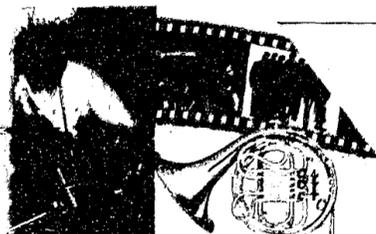
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MAY 24**

Brendan Dawes Band at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 25**

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.

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**THURSDAY
MAY 26**

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How Does the Economy Work, Anyway? 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Presented by David P. Higgins, Ph.D. In this presentation the model of the economy is developed step-by-step using a sequence of slides. This understanding is helpful to anyone who wants to grasp the pro and con arguments about stimulus spending. The model is easily understood by anyone who is at ease with basic analytical thinking. Policy questions will not be discussed until development of the model is complete. Prior knowledge of macroeconomics is not necessary. For more information, contact Ruidoso Public Library: 575-258-3704 http://www.yousemore.com/RuidosoPL/ Free admission.

Business After Hours at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca from 5 to 7 p.m. Mingle with Chamber members in the Grand Lobby and Back Patio. They will have a Carving Station serving prime rib with horseradish, baby-ears of roasted corn with jalapeño butter, spiced potato wedges and rolls. Desert will be bread pudding with whiskey sauce. Come out for a great evening!

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**FRIDAY
MAY 27**

Ruidoso Swimming Pool opens for the season, weather permitting. The pool, located at Schoolhouse Park on Sudderth Drive, is open from 12 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday for all swimmers, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for adults only. Admission is \$4 per day for swimming, \$8 per day for swimming and the slide. Season passes are available for \$60 per person without the slide, \$90 per person with the slide, \$135 per family without the slide, \$210 per person with the slide. Family passes for immediate family only. For more information, Spécial group swim events, pool parties and swim classes call Ruidoso Parks and Recreation at 575-257-2795.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**SATURDAY
MAY 28**

212th Anniversary Celebration of Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Cemetery from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. The cemetery is located a short distance from historic Fort Stanton on State Road 220 in Lincoln County. 22nd annual Veteran's Memorial Service. This historic cemetery is part of the Ft. Stanton State Monument. Its history began in 1899 as the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital Cemetery. At the present time over 1725 merchant mariners, armed forces veterans, their families and staff have found this cemetery as their final resting place either by choice or fate. For more information, call Larry Holt 575-354-3421. Free

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Billy the Kid Trail Ride Ft. Sumner, NM to Lincoln, NM. The Billy the Kid Trail Ride begins in Ft. Sumner, and travels 125 miles to Lincoln over the same route that Billy the Kid used to move between Lincoln and Ft. Sum-

ner after his infamous escape from the Lincoln County Jail in April 1881. With historically accurate reenactments, story telling, chuck wagon dinners and safe horsemanship, the Billy the Kid Trail Ride, through its host ranches, offers a true western experience while preserving lands and landmarks. For more information, contact Beth MacQuigg, 505-550-9508

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Chuck Mardosz & Eric Michaels Two Man Show Long-Coat Fine Art, 2825 Sudderth, Suite E, Ruidoso from 12 - 5 p.m. Personal reception with the Artists one day only. The Two Man Show runs through May 31. For more information, Gallery 575-257-9102; http://www.longcoat-fineart.com

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Rendezvous Outdoor Fair from May 28 - 30, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Outdoor arts & crafts fair with tent vendors, gift shops and a cafe. On a beautiful day find beautiful woodwork, metalwork, jewelry, purses and gourds. Great food and live music. Located at River Rendezvous, 524 Sudderth. For more information, contact Dolly at 575-258-3409

Flying J Ranch Opens! 6:50 - 9 p.m. Open May through Sept. Hwy 48 N, Alto. Chuck wagon dinner and stage show. Reservations are strongly suggested. The Flying J Ranch Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show, offering



great food and excellent family entertainment. Since the opening some 28 years ago, we have fed and entertained over 630,000 guests! Explore our pony rides for kids, an "old west town" with gift shops, a pistol range, and gold panning. Enjoy a great cowboy dinner featuring the Flying J's beef and chicken, potato, cowboy beans, biscuits, spicecake, chunky applesauce, coffee, tea and lemonade. Sing along with the after dinner performance—a Western Stage Show featuring the Flying J Wranglers! The Wranglers are comprised of Cindy Hobbs - National Champion Yodeler, James Hobbs - singer songwriter, and rhythm guitar, Randy Jones is a multi-instrumentalist and plays lead and rhythm gui-

tar, mandolin, banjo and sings baritone, Roy Black plays bass guitar and also sings baritone and the bass parts, and Corinna Ripple plays the fiddle and sings. We provide a great family show with songs from the old west, the singing cowboy, mixed with comedy and cowboy humor. A must for your Ruidoso visit. Information Gates Open: 5:30 p.m.; Gunfight Begins: 6:45 p.m.; Dinner Bell Rings: 7 p.m.; Western Stage Show: 8 p.m.; Contact Information 1-888-458-3595 or 575-336-4330 http://www.flyingjranch.com. Admission \$24 for adults (13 years and older), \$14 for children. Children 3 and under do not require a ticket or reservation.

Things to do every day

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

From Parlor to Pad-dock; A life of collecting at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. The exhibit will run now through June 12.

1 and 2 Hour Guided Trail Rides in the Lincoln National Forest from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., from Cowboys Riding Stables in Ruidoso Downs. Call 575-378-8217 to reserve

your ride time.

Smokey Bear Park is open in Capitán. The Smokey Bear Historical Park is located on highway 380 (better known as 118 Smokey Bear Blvd.) in the heart of the Village of Capitán and is open everyday of the year except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's day. Entrance fees into the park are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children 7-12. Children 6 and under are free. Smokey Bear Historical Park is operated by EMNRD-Forestry Division.

Simulcast Horse Racing at Billy the Kid's Race Book at Ruidoso Downs Race Track

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

Flying J Chuckwagon Supper and Show at the Flying J, on Highway 48 north of Ruidoso (every day except Sunday). Gates open at 5:30 p.m., Gunfight in the street of Bonita City at 6:45 p.m., Dinner bell rings at 7 p.m., and the Flying J Wranglers take the stage at 7:50 p.m. Dinner and the show is \$24 for adults, \$14 for children 4-12.

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Sundays Under the Stars Inn of the Mountain Gods. It's summer and we're celebrating with top-notch outdoor entertainment at Inn of the Mountain Gods! Every Sunday night there will be live music starting at 6 p.m., followed by a movie! Did we mention it's free? Make sure to bring chairs and blankets. Weather permitting. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tonight's Music: The Mixx Band; Movie: Field of Dreams. For information, call the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 575-464-7777; http://innofthemountain-gods.com/events/sundays-under-the-stars-2/

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Thunder at the Spencer Theater, 8 - 9:30 p.m. Enjoy a fried chicken buffet before the performance. This marks the 52nd year since Ricky struck his first chords on a mandolin, and this 14-time Grammy Award winner continues to do his part to lead

the recent roots revival in music. Early on Ricky set off to try new forms and crossed over into the mainstream country hit parade, and then returned back to his roots again, most recently with his spiritual CD, *Mosaic*. The album's producer called it a work that will, "Wake up your spirits." Ricky Skaggs continues his musical pilgrimage at the Spencer Theater Memorial Day Weekend accompanied by his band, Kentucky Thunder. For more information call the Spencer Theater: 1-888-818-7872 or log onto www.spencertheater.com. Crystal Lobby buffet @ 6 p.m., \$20. Tickets are \$76 & \$79.

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and violinist David Ragsdale — continue to tour in front of large and enthusiastic audiences and to this day remain a fixture on classic rock radio.

The band has produced eight gold albums, three sextuple-Platinum albums (*Leftoverture*, *Point of Know Return*, *Best of*), one platinum live album (*Two for the Show*) and a million-selling gold single, "Dust in the Wind." Kansas appeared on the Billboard charts for over 200 weeks throughout the 70s and 80s and played to sold-out arenas and stadiums throughout North America, Europe and Japan. In fact, "Carry On Wayward Son" was the #2

most Played Track on classic rock radio in 1995 and went to #1 in 1997. In 1998, Kansas released an orchestral CD, *Always Never the Same* recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra at Abbey Road Studios in London. They followed with an orchestral tour accompanied by top-caliber symphony orchestras.

In 2000 Kansas went back into the studio with original band member and song writer Kerry Livgren to produce *Somewhere to Elsewhere*, the first CD featuring all six of the original players in 20 years. The ten new songs were written by Kerry Livgren

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Pearce honors Native American combat vet

Congressman Steve Pearce presented a number of military medals and recognitions to WWII and Korean War veteran Lieutenant Nicholas T. Redeye during a ceremony held May 19 at VFW Post 9767 in Los Lunas.

"I know that I speak not only for my fellow New Mexicans, but for a grateful nation, when I say that Lt. Redeye has made us proud," said Pearce. "He is a model of service to his nation, and his courage has made him a true inspiration for future generations. It is an honor to recognize such a hero, to whom we owe so much."

Pearce presented Redeye with the Air Medal with three gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V," the American Campaign Medal, the Discharge Button, and the Honorable Service Lapel Pin.

Redeye, a highly accomplished fighter pilot, and has been recognized as the only Native American to make 1,000 carrier landings, as well as the only Cayuga Iroquois to have been a carrier fighter and torpedo bomber pilot in both World War II and Korea.

In 1958, his F9F-6 Cougar experienced a flameout while taking off near Denver. Redeye maneuvered his aircraft to an empty field in order to protect local residences. As a result of the crash, Lt. Redeye received permanent spinal injuries and was released from duty.

In January, Pearce was contacted by Major Larry L. Richardson, who outlined Redeye's accomplishments in hopes of "recognizing and honoring this one-of-a-kind hero."

Pearce contacted the Navy and secured long-overdue recognition for Redeye.



Courtesy photo
Congressman Steve Pearce awards a number of medals to former Lt. Nicholas T. Redeye during a ceremony at VFW Post 9767 in Los Lunas.

Flag Day ceremony planned

The Lincoln County Flag Day Celebration will be held at 6 p.m. on Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14 at Wingfield Park in Ruidoso.

Patriotic, fraternal, civic and veterans' organizations are asked to participate. The purpose of this celebration is to honor our country's flag, to celebrate the anniversary of its birth and to recall the achievements attained beneath its folds.

The flag of the United States of America is an honored symbol of our nation's unity, its hopes, its achievements, its glory and its high resolve, according to Jack Shuster of Ruidoso, who is putting together the event.

Federal law provides that "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Boy Scouts of the Sierra Blanca District retired over one hundred US flags at last year's Flag Day event sponsored by the Republican Party of Lincoln County.

Participating so far this year are the Republican Party of Lincoln County and the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County, Elks Lodge #2086, and members of Cub and Boy Scouts from Pack 58, Pack 59, Troop 59 and Troop 107.

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County will provide hot dogs and lemonade.

The Village of Ruidoso will provide two 55-gallon drums for the flag retirement ceremony, which will be under the supervision of Interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent.

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The Independent Living Resource Center in Alamogordo is happy to announce that Alicia Rios, Independent Living Specialist, will be meeting consumers at the Workforce Connection office, 707 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso (inside Compass Bank).

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting on May 31, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The public hearing is concerning the approval of a Transfer of Ownership and Location Liquor License. The State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Alcohol and Gaming Division has given preliminary approval of this license.

The name of the applicant is TIR na NOG, LLC whose address is P.O. Box 840, Artesia, NM 88210, to be used at the business known as Sheanigans, located at 2331 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345. Comments or inquiries should be directed to the Village Clerk, Irma Devine, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 258-4343, Ext. 1002 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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