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Military Appreciation Week 'dissolved'

By Eddie Farrell
Editor

After three years of "delivering hugs to the military," Millie Woods, chair of Ruidoso's Military Appreciation Weekend committee, announced Thursday that her organization's board of directors has agreed to "dissolve" MAW, "effective immediately."

MAW 2011 was held April 29-30 at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and resulted in a low civilian turnout and military participation that was hampered by the then-undetermined federal budget which officers from area military bases said restricted their ability to participate.

In a press release, Woods said the MAW directors "have determined that the organization's goals have been met and the mission has been accomplished. The MAW organization is being dissolved ..."

In a May 26 interview, however, Woods said her organization was es-

entially pushed aside by a newer, Village of Ruidoso-backed Military 365 Committee.

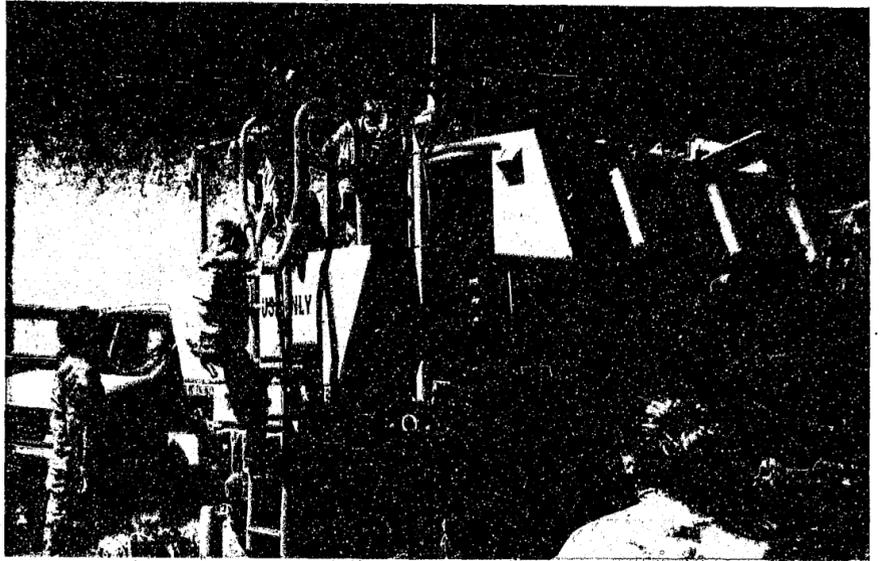
Woods said when she went before the Ruidoso Lodger's Tax Committee to seek funding for MAW 2012, she was told there was no funding available to allocate at the time, but was also told that given Military 365's broader scope, it was likely that funding would be allocated to the newer organization.

Military Appreciation Week was founded in 2008 and Military 365 was formed by Mayor Ray Alborn in 2011.

"Rather than continue to go before the Lodger's Tax Committee to grovel for money and knowing the money would go to Military 365, I realized this just wasn't working out," Woods said.

Woods also said she had recently received correspondence from military officials at Fort Bliss, Texas, that "MAW was no longer sanctioned and

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Hands-on exhibits, such as this Buffalo Armored Vehicle shown at MAW 2011, will no longer come to Ruidoso with the end of Military Appreciation Weekend.

Lincoln County joins list against protecting lizard

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

Citing mostly economic reasons, the Board of County Commissioners last week voted to approve a resolution in opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listing the sand dune lizard as an endangered species, joining other area local governments, regional business leaders and Congressman Steve Pearce in dissent.

The lizard is listed as endangered by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. It has been a candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act by the Fish and Wildlife Service since 2001, and last December the Service proposed to list the lizard as endangered under the ESA.

WildEarth Guardians, a wildlife advocacy group, filed a formal petition in 2008 to have the sand dunes lizard listed as endangered. No species as been listed as endangered by the Fish and Wildlife Service southwest region, which includes New Mexico, since 2005.

The approved resolution by the commissioners is purely ceremonial and has no immediate effect on determining the sand dune lizard's status as an endangered species, ultimately decided by the U.S. Department of Interior. However, according to county Manager Tom Stewart, the resolution was proposed to support the area's efforts in keeping the lizard off the list.

The sand dune lizard grows to about two inches in length and has an average lifespan of 18 months. It lives primar-

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Slumber disturbed...



Photo courtesy of Mike Elrod

This young bear was caught napping behind a home on Monjeau Drive in the Pinecliff subdivision at about 12:30 Saturday afternoon, May 28. The bear jumped up and ran away when the residents came home and is estimated to be approximately 6 feet tall and in the 300 pound range. Bears have been raiding dumpsters and hummingbird feeders in the Pinecliff subdivision during the past couple of weeks as extremely dry conditions have sent wild animals from the Lincoln National Forest into populated areas in search of food and water.

County tightens belt on indigent care

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

On advice from the county's chief administrator, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners last week agreed to tighter restrictions on reimbursements provided through the county's Indigent Health Care fund, in order to keep the program afloat.

The IHC fund is "on a path of insolvency in the next year if a path of action is not taken," County Manager Tom Stewart told Commissioners on May 17, prior to their approval of a \$100,000 lifetime cap on per patient compensation claims. There is currently no lifetime limit on compensation claims per patient.

Commissioners also approved to limit out-of-county hospital claims from \$12,500 to \$5,000, and air and ground ambulance service claims from \$5,000 to \$500, while decreasing income eligibility restrictions for each group of family members by \$5,000.

Changes to the program will go into effect July 1, when the 2011-12 fiscal year starts.

"It is felt that a lifetime limit imposition

tells applicants that the county should not be counted on forever to meet their healthcare needs," Stewart said.

How this situation is handled in other counties in New Mexico varies. Roosevelt County, which has roughly the same population as Lincoln County, imposes a \$60,000 lifetime cap on payments through its Indigent Health Care fund. Meanwhile, Eddy and San Juan counties each have a \$250,000 limit.

The Lincoln County IHC fund began in 2000 to provide assistance for the payment of medical expenses arising out of emergency or life threatening circumstances incurred by low-income county residents.

Funding for the program is generated through a voter-approved one-eighth of 1 percent gross receipts tax.

Eligibility for the IHC fund is based on income in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, used by New Mexico, and varies by county.

Fifty to 55 percent of the IHC funds, ac-

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Racetrack opening launches busy tourist season

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

Opening day at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack was not just another day at the races. According to Public Relations Director Sandi Aguilar, "The Memorial Day weekend breathes life with fervent anticipation of a new racing season. The entire property has been bustling with activity preparing for opening weekend and the re-creation of more than 300 summer seasonal jobs."

Aguilar was recently hired as public relations director and aspires to connect the activities at the racetrack with local businesses. "My goal this summer is to create the same unbridled enthusiasm we have here at the track with area businesses for a dynamite summer tourist season," Aguilar said.

Aguilar contends the anticipation of opening weekend and the high spirits of hundreds of people coming back to work is very contagious. Although the racetrack is a large contributor to the summer economy, Aguilar clearly understands the people who visit the racetrack also participate in many other summer activities such as golf, fishing, shopping, shows at the Spencer Theater, dining, hiking and mountain biking, when the forest reopens.

Tracking the variety of daily tourist activities and expenditures has been an elusive and under reported task in the community. "The track has committed to identifying what visitors are looking for in the total quality experience and I have been surveying people all weekend with the goal of finding out what is working and what

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The Ruidoso Osos are facing Alpine in a crucial 4-game Pecos League series starting Wednesday. The Osos are just a game back from the lead, and you can turn to ruidosofreepress.com nightly to get the latest scores and updates.

Racing continued Monday at Ruidoso Downs with the running of the First Lady Handicap. This and many other daily results from Ruidoso Downs can be found online.

Off-site adoption set for Saturday

The Lincoln County Humane Society is hosting an off-site adoption program Saturday at Lawrence Brothers, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pets up for adoption are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on shots. Micro-chipping is also available.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 By-laws 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.

Community Warehouse fundraiser

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

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

(575) 494-1033 or (575) 808-3267 for more information.

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

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.sacmntvillage.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Federated Re-

publican 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Third case of Hantavirus found in NM

The New Mexico Health Department announced that a 39-year-old man from McKinley County is hospitalized at University Hospital in Albuquerque in critical condition with laboratory-confirmed Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome.

This is the third case of Hantavirus in New Mexico this year. The two previous cases are a 51-year-old woman from McKinley County reported in January and a 35-year-old man from Torrance County reported in May. Both cases were fatal.

"Hantavirus can be a serious and sometimes deadly disease, so I am advising all New Mexicans to follow our prevention guidelines to keep themselves and their families safe, especially starting this holiday weekend when we enjoy our state's beautiful outdoors," said Department of Health Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Catherine Torres. "Cases of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome usually increase during the warmer spring and summer months when rodent activity increases and human activity that can put people in contact with rodents."

Early symptoms of Hantavirus infection are fever and muscle aches,

possibly with chills, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and cough which progresses to respiratory distress. These symptoms develop within one to six weeks after rodent exposure. Although there is no specific treatment for Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome, chances for recovery are better if medical attention is sought early.

"Most exposures to Hantavirus occur in or around people's homes, especially when cleaning out enclosed areas that have lots of mouse droppings," said Dr. Paul Ettestad, the department's public health veterinarian. "Exposures also occasionally occur while people are out camping, so it is important to avoid rodents and their droppings while recreating outdoors also. Avoid bringing food inside your tent or sleeping area so mice aren't attracted and come inside. Avoid disturbing areas of rodent infestation, including nests and droppings."

People can become infected and develop disease from Hantavirus when they breathe in aerosolized virus particles that have been transmitted by

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MAW

Military 365 was now the officially-approved organization to deal with in Ruidoso.

Woods further suggested that "politics" was behind the shift in funding, adding that "politics has never touched MAW. We never let it happen."

Military 365 chair Lynn Crawford said he was sorry to hear that MAW had been dissolved, but disputed Woods' assertion that the Lodger's Tax Committee had denied funding.

Crawford, who also serves on the Lodger's Tax Committee, said funding simply was not available at the time of the MAW request, and that Woods was assured that MAW would be given the same consideration as all other organizations and events.

The significant difference between the two organizations, Crawford said, is that MAW was essentially a special event and Military 365 is a committee charged with developing a marketing strategy to, through the use of discounts and packages offered by local businesses, to attract active-duty, retired and disabled military, veterans and their families to Ruidoso.

Because of Military 365's larger base, Crawford said it was easier to network with military officials, especially senior officers, who are familiar with the village.

Military 365 is also working closely with Ruidoso's Parks and Recreation Department's "M-Games," which invites teams from area bases to participate in athletic endeavors.

Woods said from her perspective, MAW's intent was simply to "give the military a hug," and Military 365 is "out to make money off the military."

She said she doubted anyone would try to resume the MAW tradition given the established clout of Military 365.

"It takes a passion to do something like MAW," Woods said. "If you're just in it for the money, it's not going to work. There's got to be a genuine concern for the troops."

Mayor Ray Albom suggested that while Woods' intentions may have been good, the resulting event was not up to what the village was seeking to achieve in its relationship with area military bases.

"Military 365 promotes Ruidoso and the military 365 days of the year," Albom said, adding "there is no doubt" MAW and Military 365 could co-exist "with proper leadership."

"I've had several veterans approach me with concerns," Albom said.

"The big thing was if you're going to appreciate our veterans, then show them appreciation," Albom said.

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"Don't bring them up here for a weekend and make them work and then give them a barbecue sandwich and a beer and say thank you."

Crawford said Military 365 was created, in part, "because of all the confusion the military was receiving about Ruidoso," and a recognition of the need "to provide a single voice to the military about Ruidoso."

And Crawford did not dispute the ultimate goal is for local merchants to make money off the active duty and retired vets and their families - but not in a underhanded or uncaring fashion.

"There soon will be 60,000 soldiers at Fort Bliss alone," Crawford said, "and it is true they are going to spend their money somewhere, and why not Ruidoso?"

But, he insisted, no one is trying to cheat veterans and their families.

"We've got an extensive list of merchants, lodgers and other businesses that are offering significant discounts to the military," Crawford said, adding that in many cases discounts of up to 25 percent are the norm.

By approaching the marketing of Ruidoso in such a fashion, it was hoped the community's businesses, and visiting military, would both benefit year-round as opposed to just one weekend a year.

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needs to be improved, not just here at the racetrack but with their overall experience in Lincoln County," Aguilar said.

One astonishing figure Aguilar refers to is that 75 percent of all the people who visit Ruidoso return for multiple visits. "With my many years of experience in tourism, chamber of commerce and visitor & convention bureaus, that high percentage of return visits is staggering. I see an opportunity for the community to capitalize upon and master what is being done right by businesses supporting each other with the same goals for the common good," Aguilar said.

The Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino is one of Lincoln County's largest employers, particularly during the summer season with nearly 350 employees, which does not account for the employees of businesses who benefit from the summer season at the Racetrack.

Operations at the racetrack and casino are highly regulated by the State of New Mexico with many of the jobs here requiring a racing license requiring extensive background checks finger printing and compliance audits. Those serving alcohol are required to be certified and operate under state law.

"Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino is also a drug-free workplace. Not only must a person pass a drug test prior to employment but employees are subject to random testing. Even with the strict compliance guidelines from the state and company regulations, we receive at least a dozen applications per day," Aguilar said.

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LIZARD

ily among the shinnery oak trees in southeastern New Mexico and southwestern Texas, an area known for its oil and natural gas production and vast recreational offerings.

Last month, Pearce, who represents the state's 2nd Congressional District, appeared at two events, one in Artesia and another in Roswell, to voice his opposition to federal protection of the sand dune lizard. In a statement coinciding with those events, the Republican from Hobbs warned that listing the species has the potential to jeopardize nearly all the oil and gas jobs in southeastern New Mexico and compromise future development of Urenco USA, a uranium enrichment plant in Eunice.

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, according to Stewart, requested that

neighboring local governments support the organization in disputing the lizard's addition as an endangered species at the federal level, due to a presumed negative impact on job growth in the energy, agricultural and utilities industries.

According to the resolution, the listing of the sand dunes lizard as an endangered species in accordance with the ESA will adversely affect a wide range of recreational and responsible commercial activities across hundreds of thousands of acres of public and private lands. It would be excessive and harmful to working families and local industries, according to the resolution.

The resolution also contends that without robust industry, energy sector jobs may be lost.

The SENMEDD is a nonprofit organization dealing with economic planning

and comprising of 26 local governments, including the counties of Lincoln, Otero, Chaves, Eddy and Lea.

According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, threats to the lizard include habitat removal, destruction of land as a result of oil and gas development, and the removal of shinnery oak trees.

Threats to the species are on the rise, according to WildEarth Guardians, due to toxic fumes emitted from oil and gas drilling in the vicinity of the lizard's habitat.

Attempts to reach the Fish and Wildlife Service southwest region office for comment were unsuccessful. The Service website, however, says that there are 582 animals listed as either endangered or threatened, and 470 of those are currently involved in a recovery plan.

Commissioner Mark Doth said he felt the entire

process of having to have a vote on the proposed resolution opposing the lizard's federal protection status as "ridiculous."

"Here we are spending our time and energy (voting on the proposed resolution)," he said, "and yet if we don't, the environmentalists are bound and determined to shut the land down. And here we are passing a resolution that hopefully allows some common sense to enter the picture."

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INDIGENT CARE

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cording to Stewart, are allocated to hospitals outside of Lincoln County.

Stewart had warned Commissioners regarding a need to reduce spending on the IHC fund.

During a previous motion, Commissioners approved 65 of 76 IHC fund claims submitted in April worth \$41,604.08, raising the year-to-date total to \$388,570.61. The average monthly payment is \$35,324 and the end of the year projection is roughly \$423,894. The program budgeted for about \$517,088 for the current fiscal year, which ends on June 31.

"The trend is not good," Stewart said of the amount of year-to-date spending on the IHC fund. "It's time to adjust entitlements downward to maintain the viability of the program going forward."

Stewart said that he and Scott Annala, the IHC administrator, determined that the

proposed changes to the program would help it sustain feasibility while not impacting local providers or "truly indigent patients."

Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo asked if anyone has claimed more than \$100,000 from the fund in their lifetime. Annala replied that he wasn't aware of any claimants having reached that amount, adding that repeat claimants make up about 20 percent of cases.

Stewart said he expects providers to accept the revised limits. "With continued monitoring," he said, "the program can be adjusted again in the future based on budgetary projections and reserves."

In related news, Commissioners approved 67 of 71 Sole Community Provider claims submitted in April worth \$88,016.41, raising the year-to-date total to \$1,021,347.14. SCP funds are subsidized through mill levy taxes.

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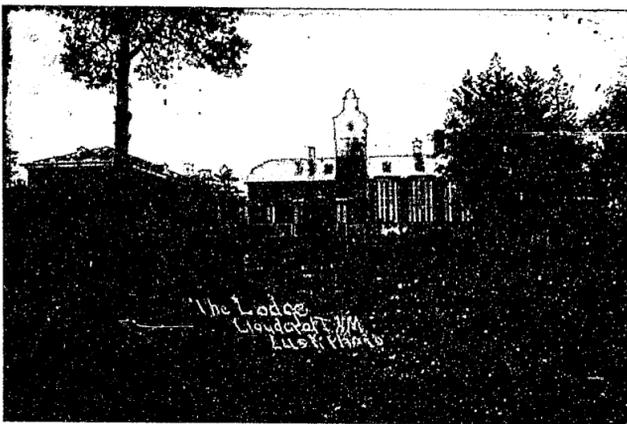
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Historic Lodge in Cloudcroft celebrates 100-year birthday

She is very well known throughout the Southwest, and many would argue, the world. The grand lady of Cloudcroft is celebrating her 100th birthday this June. As befits a milestone of this stature, the Lodge Resort and Spa is planning a number of events that will run throughout the month of June.

Originally constructed in 1899 by the Alamogordo and Sacramento Mountain Railway as a by-product of the railroad's search for timber and railway ties, the resort of Cloudcroft became an immediately successful mountain retreat...a cool reprieve to thousands of overheated Texans. Owned and operated by the railroad, the resort's initial building was a pavilion. As the actual log-constructed Lodge neared completion in 1899, an article in the *Albuquerque Journal-Democrat* reported, "This beautiful building will be known as Cloudcroft Lodge and its interior will be furnished with a lavish hand, yet in keeping with the character of the place. Fireplaces, with wide, hungry mouths, will sparkle, crackle and dart forth, welcome tongues of flame to hundreds of merry guests, who will find a new pleasure in life during the long, sultry summer."

In 1908, the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad System, the resort's new owner, advertised that the hotel, restaurant, dancing pavilion, tennis court, golf links, bowling alley, billiard parlor, burro trips and children's playground were accessible for weekend rates of \$3 per round trip. Lodge rates were \$12.50 and up per week.



opened on its current, more scenic site. Since then it has undergone numerous renovations, but the initial appearance remains almost unchanged. It is this building that celebrates its 100th birthday in June. General Manager, Lisa Thomassie is excited about the upcoming festivities. "This is such an exciting time to visit the Lodge at Cloudcroft. She seems suspended in time with one foot in the old world and one in the new."

Among the many events scheduled for June is a special Centennial Celebration Dinner at the Lodge's four-diamond restaurant, Rebecca's. The finely-crafted meal will be available from June 1 - 5. The Lodge management has also commissioned a book on the colorful history of the Lodge. Written by renowned New Mexico author, Sabra Brown Steinsiek, the full book will be available in November. A short anecdotal history will be available on June 1, offering readers a brief glimpse of what's to come. A book signing will be held in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration Dinner June 1. A wine dinner in collaboration with award winning Gruet Winery will be held June 10 followed by a special wine maker's seminar on June 11. The summer calendar is packed full of activities commemorating the Lodge's 100th birthday. For a complete listing of available activities and special lodging packages available throughout the summer visit www.thelodgeresort.com.

"The Lodge holds a special place in so many lives," said Thomassie. "We invite everybody to come up and celebrate her 100th birthday with us." Previous guests can also share their personal stories about their Lodge experiences by emailing Chrystal Watters at Chrystal.Watters@thelodgeresort.com.

New Mexico author to help celebrate The Lodge's anniversary

As the Lodge Resort and Spa sets the stage for their 100th birthday, the celebration will include a special historical narrative by New Mexico author, Sabra Brown Steinsiek. A native of Carlsbad, Steinsiek lives in Albuquerque with her husband, son, and two cats. The historic book on the Lodge was commissioned by the Lodge Resort and Spa and covers the colorful stories behind her rise as the queen of the Sacramento Mountains.



Sabra Brown Steinsiek

Sabra Brown Steinsiek was excited to be chosen as the next historian for the Lodge Resort in Cloudcroft. She is fairly sure she saw the building on family picnics to the mountains from her childhood home of Carlsbad, knows she dined there on her honeymoon, but her current obsession with the Lodge began when she wrote a freelance article on it in March 2006. A couple of other articles followed and she began to discuss the idea of a new book on the Lodge with General Manager, Lisa Thomassie.

Those conversations led to a two-part project. A special booklet will be released during the Lodge's birthday celebration June 1. Steinsiek and illustrator, Linda Mahoney, will be on hand for a special book signing. A longer, more comprehensive book is set for a December release. The book will contain more history, stories about Rebecca, recipes, and pictures. This is Steinsiek's first foray into non-fiction (other than magazine articles) and she already realizes there is a lot of work ahead. The previous recorded history ended in 1969, so she is delighted to record the history of the Lodge from that point to the present. She hopes to give a little more insight into the shenanigans of Rebecca, the Lodge's resident ghost.

Sabra Brown Steinsiek's first novel, *Timing Is Everything*, was originally published in 2000. That was followed by two more books in her Taylor Morgan Trilogy, *When That Time Comes*, and *Til The End of Time* and a bonus book to the trilogy, *Annie's Song*. *Timing Is Everything* and *Til The End of Time* have both won New Mexico Book Awards. *Til The End of Time* was an Eppie Finalist. Her latest book is a children's tall tale, *The Tale of the Pronghorned Cantaloupe* (yep, cantaloupe!) which won the New Mexico Book Award for Children's Picture Book in 2010.

Joining Ms. Steinsiek at the June 1 book signing will be noted illustrator, Linda Mahoney, from Beeville, Texas. Designing the cover of the special historical booklet wasn't a stretch for Mahoney. She often teaches art classes at the Lodge Resort and Spa in Cloudcroft.

Mahoney began her career as an artist right out of college working for the *Houston Chronicle*. That only lasted a few years, and life took her down other roads until she picked up colored pencils and paintbrushes again in 1997. Her tastes are varied as is evident by her painting styles and finding a favorite is difficult. For a complete listing of available activities and special lodging packages available throughout the summer visit www.thelodgeresort.com.

Over the history of The Lodge, thousands of Southwestern families have called The Lodge and Cloudcroft their second home. The Lodge has entertained and hosted hundreds of politicians, artists, entertainers and business leaders, including such notables as Pancho Villa, Judy Garland and Clark Gable. Gilbert Roland was known to frequent The Lodge. Both U. S. and Mexican government officials have long visited the historic hotel. Military leaders, scientists and astronauts from all over the world have made The Lodge a retreat during their visits to Sunspot National Solar Observatory, Apache Point, White Sands Missile Range, Holloman AFB and Fort Bliss. And, in fact, the most famous hotelier in the world was once associated with The Lodge; Conrad Hilton managed it in the 1930's.

On June 13, 1909, a disastrous fire destroyed The Lodge. By 1911 The Lodge had been rebuilt and re-

OBITUARY

Nora True Johnson Henn

Nora Henn, of Lincoln, New Mexico, passed away on Friday, May 13, at 7:20 a.m. She was born on May 23, 1925, to Albert Johnson and Nora Murray Johnson at Dallas, Texas. Nora attended high school at Dallas before moving to California to care for relatives. It was there that she met and married Walter Henn on June 27, 1945 at Los Angeles. The couple lived for a time in Rochester, N.Y., where they worked for Kodak and then Cannandaigua, N.Y., where they operated a news stand and soda shop.

Nora and Walter Henn were instrumental in organizing the Lincoln County Historical Society, as well as the historical ordinance that keeps Lincoln in the pristine condition that tourists delight in finding today. Walter was the first director of the Lincoln County Heritage Trust and both

he and Nora were largely responsible for the restoration of the Dr. Woods House and Montano Store. Walter passed away in 1999 at 82.

"Nora True" as she was known to her many friends, was the mentor and friend of many who came to Lincoln to study its history, some of whom still live here, among them Lynda Sanchez, Herb Marsh and Drew and Elise Gomber.

Nora and Walter Henn came to Lincoln in 1965, and after Walter's passing, Nora continued work on her book about the history of Lincoln County, a detailed work that will probably never be equaled. In the words of her friend, Frederick Nolan, of London, UK, "Nora not only knew the history of Lincoln County and its wars, she even knew the gossip from the period!"

Nora is survived by her niece,

Rebecca Leger of Canada, and her family. While Nora never had any biological children, it can truly be said that Nora did, in fact, have many children - those mentioned above as well as many others. "For many years, Nora and I had breakfast every Sunday to discuss history and just to socialize, and I will treasure those memories to the end of my days," says historian Drew Gomber. "She had probably forgotten more of Lincoln's history than I will ever know."

A memorial service will be held at the San Juan Mission in Lincoln at 2 p.m. On Sunday, June 5. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the Henn-Johnson and History Archives Foundation, P.O. Box 141, Lincoln, NM, 88338 or the Lincoln County Historical Society at PO Box 579, Lincoln, NM 88338.

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Wastewater oversight panel reaches budget deal

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

In what some might sarcastically deem a surprising development, the four members of the Joint Use Board, which oversees the Ruidoso Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant, managed to reach an agreement May 25.

The rare unanimous vote came after Angel Shaw, one of Ruidoso's two representatives, brokered an on-the-spot compromise that all parties could sign off on.

Initially, it appeared that discussion on the treatment plant's preliminary budget was destined to fall in the same quagmire most JUB issues languish; Ruidoso Downs representative Cleatus Richards, reading from a prepared statement, stated there were several "requirements" that must be agreed to before he and Ruidoso Downs Tom Armstrong would vote in favor of the budget.

The demand threatened to derail the budget process, which, according to state law, must be completed and the budget delivered to Santa Fe by June 1.

The meeting began on an ominous note when Ruidoso Finance Director Nancy Klingman announced that Ruidoso Downs was "delinquent in payments," to the village, and that while Ruidoso had paid "100 percent" of the current waste water treatment plant-related debts, Ruidoso Downs was \$55,000 in arrears.

"In other words, we're operating as a bank," noted Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn.

Ruidoso Downs Finance Director Terri Mosley countered that the village had not sent invoices in a timely manner, and once the paperwork did arrive, "needed to be verified."

"The payment will go out," Mosley said.

Following the financial report jousting, Richards announced he had a statement to make, and began by commenting on the budget proposal: "At no time were we (Ruidoso Downs) allowed to participate or discuss it," prior to being asked to vote on the matter.

Richards said Ruidoso Downs did not agree with including Ruidoso Public Works Director Randy Camp's salary as an operational cost; questioned a \$40,000 payment to Parametrix, a monitoring firm that Richards insisted had already been paid off; an \$18,000 payment to Stream Dynamics, another water-quality company; and the budget's overall conclusion that Ruidoso Downs' fair share of administrative charges amounted to 11.6 percent.

"Traditionally that figure runs about 7 percent," Richards said.

Richards also called for a doubling of the proposed expenditure for chemicals, from \$60,000 to \$120,000.

"These are changes we are requiring before we will approve this budget," Richards said.

Richards then immediately made a motion to approve the budget - with the "requirements" he had listed as a condition of approval.

Armstrong seconded

the motion and the vote ended in a 2-2 tie.

The JUB is chartered to have a fifth member, normally a representative of the Lincoln County Commission, but that seat, which typically serves as a mediator/tie-breaker, has been vacant as neither of the two municipalities can reach agreement on a suitable candidate.

When Alborn and other village officials responded that Ruidoso Downs were "afforded every opportunity to participate" in the budget process, Richards told Alborn to "quit interrupting me."

After additional discussion, which included Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee insisting that the bills had already been paid and it was only a matter of Ruidoso Downs paying its share, Richards countered that he "still had not seen proof" of the 11.6 percent figure.

When offered the budget's detailed calculations, Richards waved off the document: "I've seen the list and I'm still not convinced."

Following the deadlocked first vote, Shaw reopened discussions, suggesting that she saw no problems with removing the payments to Parametrix and Stream Dynamics - budget amendments could be made at a later period if needed; and Shaw noted she was in "complete agreement" with Richards about purchasing additional chemicals.

Shaw offered to "split the difference" between the 11.6 percent administrative cost of the budget and the 7 percent Richards "required," and when that appeared to not gain traction, agreed to the lower figure.

"This is just to get this budget approved," Shaw said.

When Shaw made her formal motion, it initially appeared the matter would die for lack of a second, but Richards finally took the procedural step that allowed for the 4-0 vote in favor of the modified budget.

LC extends open burn ban

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Reporter

A resolution banning open burning approved last month by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has been extended for an additional 30 days.

In a request to prolong the fire danger emergency declaration, county Manager Tom Stewart told the Board, as of May 11, the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, as listed the fire danger designation for Lincoln County as "extreme."

The resolution passed on April 19 bans all burning of open flames, fires, campfires (not including those in designated areas), trash and shrubbery, except by permit. The declaration also asks that the sale and use of display fireworks, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices within affected unincorporated drought areas be prohibited.

Within the county, both the village of Ruidoso and the Lincoln National Forest, which has been closed to the public since May 12, already have restrictions outlawing the use of fireworks. Before the resolution for the extension was passed, Commissioner Mark Doth asked for clarification of what types of fireworks would be banned. "Is there a description of those? It just sounds like an oxymoron," he said.

The state doesn't allow local governments to ban all fireworks, however those deemed non-flammable are typically permitted, according to county Attorney Alan Morel.

This resolution may be extended for another 30 days next month. In April, Stewart mentioned that he would like to have the open burning ban extended until monsoon season, which in New Mexico typically begins in the middle of July.

Sprint Triathlon premier a youth division for 2011 race



Courtesy photo

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

The fifth annual Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon on Saturday, June 11 for the first time, will incorporate a youth division for kids to compete.

According to Joe Coakley, owner of the Ruidoso Athletic Club, "We are proud for the 5th annual Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon & Kids Triathlon to be included in the Southwest Challenge Series - a Duathlon & Triathlon Championship series in New Mexico & West Texas regrouping over 40 events. The races will be sanctioned by the USA Triathlon."

Age groups for the kids division are: 6 & under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12. A \$5 fee is required by the USAT for insurance purpose. A parent or legal guardian will be required to sign a waiver & bring a photo ID at registration. The kids Triathlon will start after the awards ceremony, around 11:45 am. Medals will be given to all kids who enter and participate.

"The kid's triathlon allows young athletes to experience the fun and excitement of triathlon. It's a morning of friendly competition and physical activity that can lead to a lifetime of fitness," Coakley said.

The swim distances for ages 6 and under is 25Y, 7-8: 50Y, 9-10: 100Y, 11-12: 150Y. Kids are allowed to use swimming aids for the event. For the bike segment: 6 and under: 1M, 7-8: 2M, 9-10: 2M and 11-12: 4M. Most kids will use two wheeled bicycles although bikes equipped with training wheels are permitted. The run distances

for the competition are: .25M for kids 6 and under, 7-8: .5M, 9-10 .5M and 1M for kids 11-12.

Event coordinator Frederic Mora emphasizes safety for the kids are the top priority. "The kids participating are insured under the umbrella and criteria of USA Triathlon, so this is a nationally sanctioned event. The kid's triathlons are an emerging trend nationwide and are typically coordinated with an adult triathlon," Mora said.

Organizers of the event noticed the national trend and decided to make the overall experience more diverse and competitive as the event grows by adding the kid's event. "We really want to make this a family-oriented atmosphere and encourage more competition from local kids while promoting a safe competition environment and healthy lifestyle," Mora said.

The swimming portion will be held at the Ruidoso Athletic Club pool with the running and cycling segments of the competition held at Wingfield Park.

Proceeds from the Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon will benefit the Ruidoso Trails Coalition. The Ruidoso Trails Coalition Fund is a local effort sponsoring and supporting the creation of a network of mountain bike trails in the area

Deadline for registrations for the kid's triathlon is June 8. Frederic Mora can be reached at 575-937-7106 or adults and kids can register online at: www.bicycleruidoso.com in the Sprint Triathlon section or stop by the Ruidoso Athletic Club, 415 Wingfield St.

Grant provides new plants to Smokey Bear Historical Park

Smokey Bear's Hometown Association and Smokey Bear Historical Park are pleased to announce two new projects for the Park.

During this past winter with the severe freeze, the desert zone plants in the Park suffered substantial damage. Through a grant provided by *Keep New Mexico Beautiful, Inc., New Mexico Clean and Beautiful, a division of the New Mexico Tourism Department*, the area was expanded. New plants in more diversity were added throughout the area.

Luckily during planting some of the damaged plants that were slated for removal were found to be growing from their roots. This will create a more diverse

presentation.

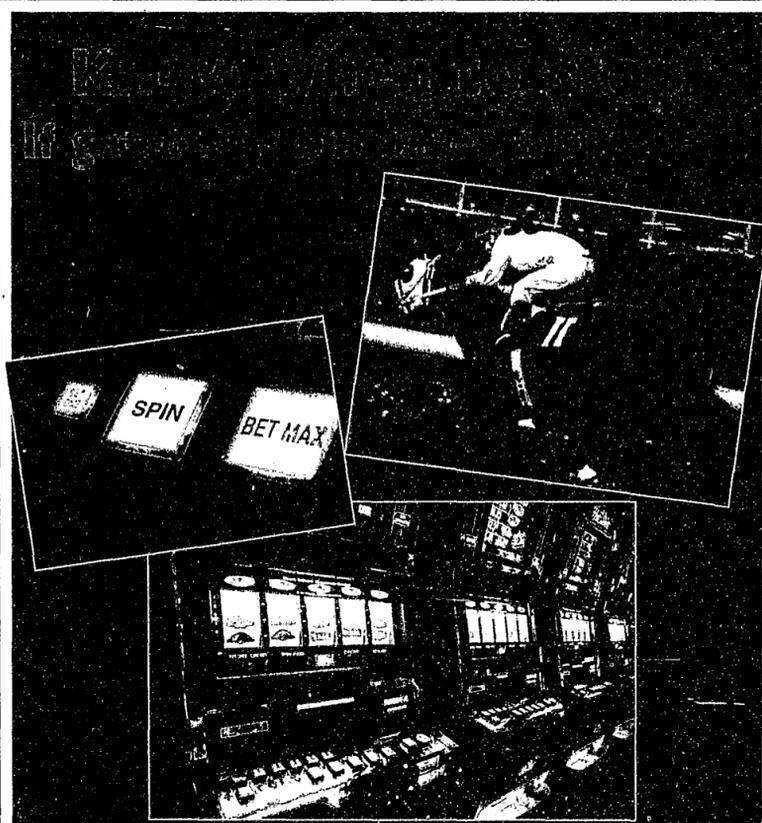
A second grant was awarded to add plants to the amphitheater which at the time was stark, hot and somewhat inviting. Shade trees were placed along an east wall. A shrub species called fernbush were added around the pavilion. To create a border between the pond area and the amphitheater, red-osier dogwoods were planted. Behind the seating area, native plums were planted to create a break between the seating area and the greenhouse. Plants used within the Park are native to New Mexico.

Through the *Keep New Mexico Beautiful* grants, new and diverse species were added to showcase the beauty in what New Mexico has to offer

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OPINION

A day at the races

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

The best way to start this is to frankly admit prior to Friday, I'd never really thought much of horse racing. I'd occasionally watch the Kentucky Derby, but even though I've lived near tracks most of my life, I'd never attended a race in person.

Well, as editor of the Ruidoso Free Press, I felt I could blend obligation and curiosity into one story about a first time visitor to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and experiencing up close and personal the visceral joy of watching hundreds of quarter horses sprinting 350 yards at mind-boggling speeds.

The excitement at the track is palpable - in between races people are kept busy plotting out the next bet or tossing a spent betting slip to the ground, or heading again to the mutuel booth on a hunch, or a finely-honed educated risk.

Betting on a horse if you've never done it before is an experience unto itself, but let's face it: Would any visit to the track be complete without at least tapping into the very key that fulfills a day at the races?

People are said to have any number of reasons for a horse - they like the name, or the jockey's wearing a favorite color - it doesn't take much to decide on where to place a bet.

The friendly staff at the track insisted I must have a program and suggested buying a couple of tip-sheets. From that point I was determined to see what an unassisted first-timer could do.

After scanning the program and comparing the tip sheets, I made my selections and laid \$20 on the counter and made quinnella bets on the first ten races. For the uninitiated, a quinnella is when you pick two horses, which must place first and second, but in either order. It's a basic bet that proved to be depressingly unsuccessful Friday.

In 10 races, I think two of my picks actually won their races, and several placed second, but the second pick in each race failed to pull its part.

It was time for the second test - by working on instinct alone I worked my way down the remaining 11 races making picks by looking at the odds and the plethora of information the program provides.

Just to spice things up, I picked several winner-only bets, and beefed up my participation to the \$5 level.

Amazingly, I won on two \$5 win bets. Both were heavy favorites, but hey, the feeling of picking a winner - twice - really goes far to explain why so many people enjoy a day at the Downs.

But there's more than just betting. The people I met were all surprisingly friendly to lend a first-timer a tip or help about what was going on.

I also learned that horse racing is family-friendly. I was genuinely surprised at how many families were on hand, kids frequently lining the track rail to watch as the quarter horses sped by.

And the rail is truly an experience. Surprisingly, at Ruidoso Downs what I think are the best seats in the house are absolutely free. One can sit literally within yards of the track and watch the field race by.

But standing at the rail, your feet feel the incoming horses, the ground pulsating with hooves digging for bite in the manicured dirt.

The roar of onlookers builds as the leaders break for the finish line, the horses a blur as they blast pass sending clods of dirt into the onlooking rail watchers.

All I can say is if you've never been to a horse race, give yourself a thrill and go down to Ruidoso Downs. It's an amazingly exciting experience, the people are friendly, and you'll see some of the most beautiful animals alive running for everything they've got.

But if you're really going to live the experience, you've got to go stand right down on the rail pulling for a two-year-old gelding that you've got a \$5 to win bet on - and watch him win in a photo finish.

When you're part of the excitement, you'll understand what horseracing is all about.

GUEST COLUMN

An open letter to Mayor Ray Alborn:

I am sad about the disbanding of MAW. This was a very important group that, I am sure you know, was something I supported with my volunteer service. When I read the article in the Ruidoso Free Press that said "The big thing was if you're going to appreciate our veterans, then show them appreciation," Alborn said, "Don't bring them up here for a weekend and make them work and then give them a barbecue sandwich and a beer and say thank you," showed me just how much misinformation you may have gotten. I would have gladly talked with you about the things I have done with the group with the intention of teaching the school children and the general public about the respect our military deserved and which is lacking in many cases.

For three years I have tirelessly tried to provide examples to the school children to help them think about life outside of our comfortable village. Two years ago the NM National Guard came into town with a great speaker who talked about school and children in Afghanistan with a Kiowa helicopter in the background. This last year we had CSM Davenport from Fort Bliss come to the middle school and talk about the importance of education in life.

I think we were getting the point across... and now this has come to an end.

Why is it that none of the other group affairs have oversight committees? The many different arts and crafts affairs, motorcycle weekends, Blues Festival and the Aspenfest weekend are all sponsored by private groups and require no oversight by the village. Yet, as I believe to be an egregious error on the part of the Military 365 committee, they chose to take control away from MAW on the very planning of the one event that the MAW Board of Directors founded for nothing more than a publicity control. I believe it was the Lodger's Tax group that requested that the event be held in different locations around town so as to not "spot light" one place more than another. Unfortunately budget constraints to the military and the WIND had a direct effect on this year's event.

Yes, there is (was) one weekend that the troops from different bases and posts brought equipment to town and the pub-

lic was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to learn directly from them how things worked. In essence to get a view into their lives. They were provided lodging, meals and love from all of us. The guys and gals who came up loved having the opportunity for some "down" time to just be able to teach about their jobs.

Then in the fall there was another weekend where free lodging was found for as many as possible and they were supported with a free weekend to just enjoy. Not the officers, who could afford it. On many occasions, the officers insisted that the enlisted men and women be given the first rooms because they knew that the pay scale of an enlisted person did not usually give them enough extra to pay for an expensive room in a resort town.

And now this has all ended. There will not be the passion of a non-paid volunteer who has no interest in the monetary aspects of visitors to the village. There will be instead someone who has alternative interests in mind, the almighty dollar. The personal attention of the couple who invited the family to stay with them in the fall is now gone. Or the Cook Canyon Ranch who welcomed so many families and with many volunteers from around the community provided a fun, game filled weekend for many.

MAW was a two-fold, ever-evolving endeavor that had the service personnel and their families close at heart and now that personal touch that only someone with no alternative motive in mind can provide...is gone! Sadly this has evolved from an endeavor to support and praise troops and families for their service into how their money is spread throughout the community.

As Isaac Comacho said during the MAW Banquet and Covenant Signing ceremony he loved the way the public treated the military personnel in our area, because not one of the men and women today have to live with the way the Vietnam Veteran's were treated when they came back from their war.

It is with great sadness that I close this letter-

Dana Lenzo

Member, Military Appreciation Weekend Committee, Ruidoso

Time for a realistic Middle East policy

By Rep. Steve Pearce

On May 24, I participated in a joint meeting of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to receive Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. This should have been a positive meeting with America's strongest ally in the Middle East. Instead, the tension in the room was palpable, because everyone there was conscious of President Obama's speech on Israel last week.

I was shocked to hear the President make the unprecedented suggestion that Israel should revert to its 1967 borders. Israel is not only our best friend in this volatile region, but the freest nation. In fact, Freedom House, an independent organization, which rates countries based on their protection of political and civil rights, rated Israel as the only "free" country in the Middle East last year.

That the President outlined such a troubling policy with regard to our friends in Israel defies imagination. It goes against our belief in freedom to ask this tiny beacon of human liberty, alone in an area known for violence and chaos, to retreat. It goes against our responsibility to the world to ask our strongest ally in the region, a nation that has fought for its right to exist from its very creation, to withdraw to indefensible borders. As Mr. Netanyahu said in his speech, "Imagine that right now we all had less than 60 seconds to find shelter from an incoming rocket. Would you live that way? Would anyone live that way? Well, we aren't going to live that way either."

Under the 1967 borders, the Israelis would be shut out of East Jerusalem, which contains some of the holiest sites for Christians, Jews and Muslims—including the Temple Mount, Western Wall, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This is unacceptable. The Prime Minister pointed out that only in Israel have Jews, Christians and Muslims been free to worship as they please. Jerusalem must never again be divided!

The 1967 borders are significant because that year saw hundreds of thousands of Egyptian, Syrian, Jordanian, and Iraqi troops massed along those borders, intent on invading and destroying Israel. It is disturbing that the President would even speak of forcing our ally back into such a position.

The President expects Israel to reduce its security while Iran is building a nuclear weapon and has made clear that Israel is its preferred target. Iran ships missiles and

weapons to Hezbollah in Lebanon, supporting a heavily armed hostile force on Israel's northern border. Iran supports Hamas in the Gaza strip, from which rockets and missiles are launched into Israel daily.

Israeli children wait in bomb shelters for the school bus. Rocket and missile attacks are a constant and reliable terror. Recently, as Mr. Netanyahu told the President, one such rocket hit a school bus and killed a 16-year old boy. We would not tolerate such a thing in our country, and it is unthinkable for us to ask our ally to do so. Now is not the time for political fantasy, it is the time for policies that will bring about peace and stability.

The President spoke of the advancement of democracy in Egypt, but failed to recognize concerns that the Muslim Brotherhood should seize power. This group poses a serious threat to global security and especially to the safety of our ally Israel. The President continues to talk about our intervention in Libya, but the fact is that President Obama risked American lives there needlessly and without congressional authorization.

Gaddhafi remains alive, and the situation has become a stalemate. The President's own Secretary of Defense admits that we had no pressing political or security interests in Libya.

The President stated that his outline on Israel's border is a starting point for negotiations. But I would prefer that negotiations start not with massive and dangerous concessions, but with each side recognizing the other's right to exist in peace. Israel has done this. But Hamas, Hezbollah, and others have not. As Mr. Netanyahu pointed out, when Arab states expelled their Jewish populations in 1948-49, Israel gladly took them in. Meanwhile, over six decades later, many Arab countries still leave their Palestinian populations in refugee camps. It is completely unacceptable that the President expects massive sacrifices from the only nation who has acted responsibly in the matter.

During his meeting with President Obama last week at the White House, Prime Minister Netanyahu said that "a peace based on illusions will crash eventually on the rocks of Middle Eastern reality." He's right. It is time for the White House to shape a policy based in reality. Americans and our allies deserve a policy that will protect us from the very real dangers and threats in the Middle East.

Super Crossword STATED

ACROSS

- 1 Brent Spiner role
- 5 Greenhouse items
- 9 Novelist Jong
- 14 Future officer
- 19 Mideastern gulf
- 20 "Typee" sequel
- 21 Reveal
- 22 Put up with
- 23 ARIZONA
- 26 "The Boys From Brazil" author
- 27 Zola or Durkheim
- 28 Elvis, for instance
- 29 "Holy cow!"
- 31 Lennon's lady
- 32 SASE, e.g.
- 34 WASHINGTON
- 40 He engages in brute force
- 45 "Porgi" (Mozart aria)
- 46 Tallow source
- 47 Demolish dessert
- 48 Composer Khachaturian
- 50 "Night" ('80 film)
- 52 "In Search of..." host
- 56 OKLAHOMA
- 61 Hold forth
- 62 Tijuana little
- 63 Lodge brother
- 64 Podiatric problem
- 66 Actress Hagen
- 67 Cabbage cousin
- 70 Shoe part
- 73 Master
- 74 Strauss—"Rosenkavalier"
- 75 Clump
- 78 VIRGINIA
- 82 West
- 83 Pindaric
- 84 Hog
- 85 "My word!"
- 86 Sounds like a Shorthorn
- 88 "Mazel—"
- 89 Sense
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- 92 Carve a canyon
- 96 The Little Mermaid
- 98 INDIANA
- 104 Nobelist Sachs
- 105 "Aida" river
- 106 Ahmedabad attire
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- 108 Draft status
- 111 Arbitrary order
- 113 Sluggish
- 116 IDAHO
- 120 Phillips of "UHF"
- 121 Chicken—king
- 122 Dollop
- 123 Melodious
- 127 "Archie" character
- 131 Fit for a king
- 134 FLORIDA
- 139 "My Friend Flicka" author
- 140 Spine-tingling
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- 143 Uncovered
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- 145 Certain Semite
- 146 Draft device

DOWN

- 1 Joan Sutherland's title
- 2 Hoss' big brother
- 3 Actress Austin
- 4 Leg joints
- 5 Taro concoction
- 6 Word form for "all"
- 7 Barber Sweeney
- 8 Medlocre
- 9 TV Tarzan
- 10 Part of BEAR
- 11 Klugman co-star
- 12 Michael Crichton work
- 13 Patrons
- 14 Hubbard or Tjader
- 15 Vigoda of "Fish"
- 16 St. Andrews club
- 17 Minnesota city
- 18 Tauber or Thill
- 24 Time to give up
- 25 Soprano Gluck
- 30 Aussie walker
- 33 Hammer feature
- 35 Word on a fuse
- 36 Actress Singer
- 37 River reptile
- 38 Vacuum-tube gas
- 39 "Crazy" ('80 film)
- 40 Networks
- 41 Uncommon founded in 1440
- 43 Significant years
- 44 "Monsieur Verdoux"
- 49 2,059, to Tibertus
- 51 Jungle bird
- 53 "All in the Family" spin-off
- 54 Playful fisherman
- 55 Long for NASA
- 57 AFFAIR
- 58 "Confound it!"
- 59 Order of the czar
- 60 Resident
- 65 Try again
- 68 — majesty
- 69 Record
- 71 EPA concern
- 72 Bandleader
- 75 Valhalla VIP
- 76 Venerate
- 77 Paster
- 79 Windbreaker today
- 80 Effluvia
- 81 Kind of pitcher
- 87 — Lanka
- 89 "Captain Blood" star
- 91 Senator Cochran
- 93 Christianity, today
- 94 Gloomy
- 95 Soviet
- 97 Wells
- 99 Ride creatures
- 100 Literary pseudonym
- 101 Exploit
- 102 Onassis' nickname
- 103 Annoy
- 109 Souffle ingredient
- 110 Climax
- 112 Amos or Spelling
- 114 Snowballs, sometimes
- 115 Like some smiles
- 116 Nobleman
- 117 Hilo hello
- 118 Palindromic pirogue
- 119 Some woodwinds
- 124 Jane Austen novel
- 125 Gentle Ben, for one
- 126 Actress Nielsen
- 128 Rock's — Players
- 129 Pursue material
- 130 Mahler's "Das Lied von der —"
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EDUCATION

ENMU-Ruidoso students named to President's List

The following ENMU-Ruidoso students were named to the President's List for the Spring 2011 semester. To be placed on the President's List, students must have earned a 3.25 or higher grade point average while enrolled full time, taking 12 credit hours or more.

President Clayton Alred stated: "These students excelled in their studies because of their determination and commitment to further their education. They are to be congratulated and recognized for their hard work and dedication."

Frank Gandarilla 4.00	Dawn Huddleston 3.94	Shanna Smith 3.75	Brenda Weatherford 3.54	Jennifer Friberg 3.29
Stephanie Garrison 4.00	Christi Gonzales 3.93	Arnold Perez 3.73	Stephanie Brown 3.50	David Berryhill 3.25
Cheryl Gerthe 4.00	Eddie Sanchez 3.92	Chonito Caswell 3.73	Hannah-Xiao Duke 3.50	Dustin Bolden 3.25
Melissa Haynes 4.00	Samantha Yetley 3.92	Melissa Largo 3.70	Erick Garcia 3.50	Stephanie Di Paolo 3.25
Lesley Kring 4.00	Eric Castillo 3.83	Alicia Hargrove 3.69	Michelle Ingle 3.50	Emma Farris 3.25
Yickie Matheny 4.00	Cody Jones 3.81	Carrie Remund 3.69	Adriana Martinez 3.50	Angela Fernandez 3.25
Lucera Montes 4.00	Tabitha Ewen 3.80	Tara Harris 3.67	Allouette Moquin 3.50	Jane Hanners 3.25
Jeana Moore 4.00	Victoria Ramirez 3.80	Gifford Morgan 3.67	Nicole Nava 3.50	Mathew Hernandez 3.25
Monique Morales 4.00	Joanna Woods 3.80	Casey Williams 3.64	Christopher Odeh 3.50	Kora Lofton 3.25
Jessica Ortiz 4.00	Luana DeLuca 3.79	Kimberly Rapp 3.63	Summer O'Neal 3.50	James Miller 3.25
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Stacey Parker 4.00	Ariadne Eckerd 3.79	Belinda Badachi 3.60	Earl Turcotte 3.50	Carlos Morales 3.25
Simon Pawlak 4.00	Marie Garcia 3.79	Patricia Vallejos 3.58	Karla Yarborough 3.50	Frederick Soele 3.25
Jessica Price 4.00	Anna Kuykendall 3.79	Rose Aichley 3.57	Samantha West 3.46	Everardo Trochet 3.25
Rosa Reyes 4.00	Peggy Lu Jane 3.79	Michael Dunn 3.57	Eduardo Rojas 3.42	Mariah Vallejos 3.25
Jalyn Romero 4.00	Katharine Hudson 3.77	Edward Segobia 3.57	Roberto Lopez 3.40	Joline Whitaker 3.25
Bethany Shouse 4.00	Mirna Polendo 3.77	Jack Boese 3.56	Dolores Lamb 3.33	Jennifer Word 3.25
Janella Stinnett 4.00	John Affuso 3.75	Tamara Jones 3.56	Melanie Smith 3.33	
Michael Swanner 4.00	Wesley Garley 3.75	Alexandria Chavez 3.54	Jacob Stallings 3.33	
Cynthia Trujillo 4.00	Michael Glass 3.75	Johnna Holey 3.54	Karrie Wren 3.32	
Dennis Trujillo 4.00	Racheal Headley 3.75	Allyson Piedmont 3.54	Raven Stewart 3.30	
Lori Villafane 4.00	Carolee Jones 3.75			
Zachary Vinson 4.00	Ihleen Klinekole 3.75			
Jennifer Webb 4.00	Lee Mitchell 3.75			
Brad Paul Wenzel 4.00	Michael Robinson 3.75			
Karen Wilson 4.00	Glydia Sainz 3.75			
Mo Chi Zhang 4.00	Gary Skin 3.75			

For more info contact Coda Omness at 575-257-3012.

Altrusa encourages "Reading for Fun"

As part of their "Reading for Fun" project, Altrusa Club of Ruidoso presented checks for \$300 each to school librarians in Capitan Elementary School and Hondo Elementary School. The donations are part of Altrusa's ongoing effort to promote literacy in the community, and will help the school librarians buy books that the children enjoy reading. This will help to encourage children to read more at an early age and help give them an appreciation for the pleasure of reading.



Courtesy photos
Above, Robert Castro, Capitan School librarian, accepts a check from Altrusa member Denice Vincent. Below, Vincent presents a check to Martha Perez, Hondo School librarian.



Literacy is a worldwide initiative of Altrusa International, and is of particular concern in Lincoln County. New Mexico has one of the highest poverty rates in the nation, and one of the highest rates of adults with no high school diploma or equivalent. In Lincoln County it is estimated that as many as 45 percent of adults have attained only a Literacy Level of 2 or below (on a scale of 1 to 5), while nearly two thirds of all jobs today require literacy skills beyond level 2.

For more information about the state of literacy in New Mexico, go to The New Mexico Coalition for Literacy, www.nmcl.org. For adults needing to improve their reading skills, Lincoln County Literacy Council, part of ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education program, offers free literacy tutoring. Interested in helping someone improve his or her reading skills? Or, do you know someone who needs help reading? Call Susie Morss at Lincoln County Literacy Council, (575) 630-8181.

The Altrusans of Ruidoso are committed to serving the citizens of Lincoln County. If you are interested in helping your community, contact Judy Griffin, (575) 937-5437, or go to www.AltrusaRuidoso.com for more information about Altrusa's community service projects.

Summertime fun at the Library

Preschool Story Time; Wednesday mornings 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

June 1: Animal Stories from other countries. Craft: Parrot/Toucan

June 8: China & hat stories. Craft: Make a Chinese New Year Hat

June 9: (Thursday) come find out about "Build an International House/ Monument/ Structure" Contest. 2 - 3 p.m.

June 15: Tea Party Stories with a storybook tea party held in the classroom after story time.

June 22: Potpourri of Stories from Different Countries. Interactive day-watercolors, play dough, beads, puzzles & toys.

June 24: (Friday) Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.!

June 29: Multicultural Stuffed Animal Fashion Show: (10:30-noon)

6 - 12 year old Summer Reading Programs

June 7: Family Movie — *Speedway* (2 - 2:45 p.m.)

June 9: Come find out about "Build an International House/Monument/ Structure" Contest 2-3 p.m. 3 prizes awarded for best house and three prizes awarded for best monument.

June 16: "The Amazing Journey — Get a Taste of the World" (2 - 3:30 p.m.)

June 23: Belly Dancing Demonstration (2 - 3 p.m.)

June 24: Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary, 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.

June 28: Dutch Craft for 6-9 year olds. This is a dot art craft. (2 - 3 p.m.)

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Rotary awards scholarships



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Rotary recognized five scholarship recipients at a recent meeting. They are: Francesca Gavin, Lexi Doth, Gage Barnett, Taryn McAlister and Cynthia Schleck.



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BUSINESS

Tree House offers wholesome menu items

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

Residents in the Alto area and those travelling Ski Run Road now have the Tree House, located at 118 Lakeshore Dr. to fulfill the coffee and tea house experience the area has lacked for decades.

Jim and Carol Brophy, who also own Coyote Ridge Construction, converted the building they own at the location into a soothing yet contemporary eatery featuring a healthy minded menu consisting of wraps, salads, Panini bread sandwiches and scrumptious desserts.

For many years, Carol Brophy has wanted to open a coffee house at the location. "Jim and I really felt there was a need for a nice coffee and tea house with

a light menu for people in the Alto area. It's been a long time in the making, a labor of love, so to speak, and we are delighted to be here," Brophy said.

The Tree House décor features an elegant environment accented with magnificent red cedar logs imported from British Columbia, contemporary metal craft, spacious ceilings, lakeside patio dining and of course, free Wi-Fi.

Needless to say, the menu consists of a refreshing and moderately priced variety tempting breakfast and lunch dishes in addition to an extraordinary compliment of exotic coffee and tea, which are also available for purchase.

Hours of operation are: 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday, 575-336-8444.



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

Tree House owner Carol Brophy greets some of the first customers during opening day.

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.

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

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.

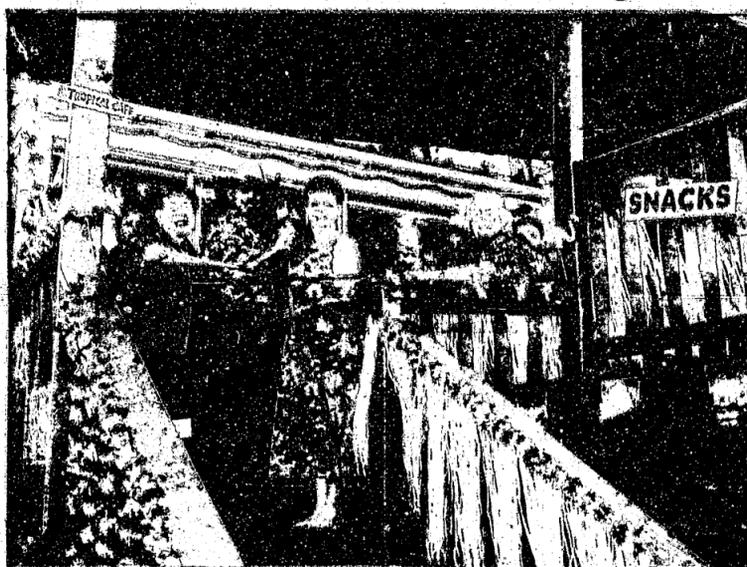
In 2010, more than \$200,000 was awarded to such groups as the Chaves County J.O.Y. Centers, the Food Bank of

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

Island Sno ribbon cutting



Courtesy photo

Sharon and David Carter, owners of Island Sno, at their ribbon cutting hosted by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters. Sharon owned Ski Run Express last year however due to the lack of snow she has put her efforts into the snow cone shop. Sharon was a volunteer firefighter and medic for the Downs. David owns a welding business in the area.

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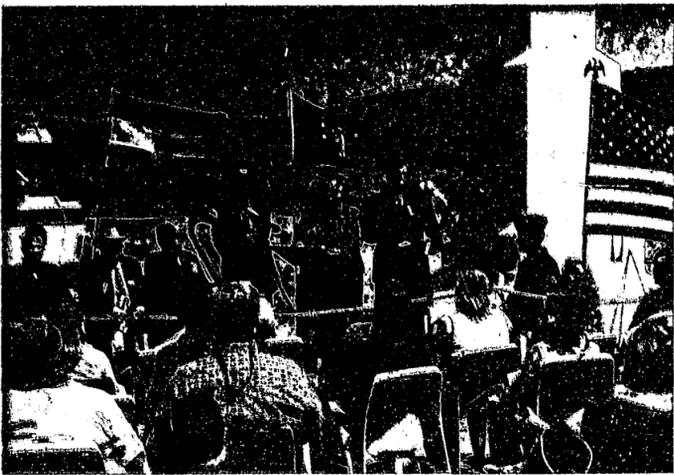
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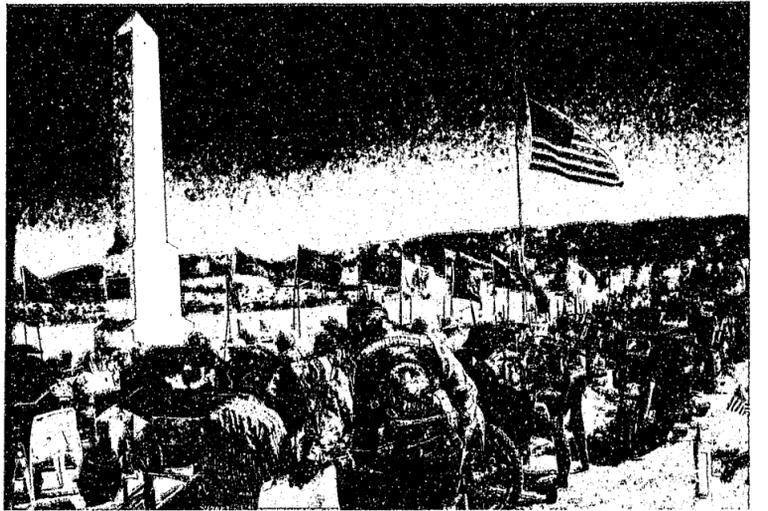
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Vet memorial at Fort Stanton



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The 22nd Annual Veteran's Memorial Service was held May 28 at the Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery at Fort Stanton. The solemn ceremony included a keynote speech by USAF Col. Timothy Hale (ret.), cabinet secretary for New Mexico's Department of Veterans Services; USAF LTC William Toguchi, a chaplain at Holloman AFB; and USAF CMSgt Timothy Servati of Holloman AFB. A large contingent of "Legion Riders" were present, providing a "rolling thunder" honor to the ceremony. While many looked on directly at the speakers, some like this family, rendered honor to the fallen in their own, individual way.



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RESULTS

May 26

Pro baseball

Ruidoso 14, Alpine, Texas 11 (10 innings)

May 27

Pro baseball

Alpine, Texas 13, Ruidoso 2

May 28

Pro baseball

Ruidoso 1, Alpine, Texas 0 (7 innings)

Ruidoso 1, Alpine, Texas 0 (7 innings)

SPORTS UPCOMING

May 31

Pro baseball

Carlsbad at Ruidoso (exhibition), 4:05 p.m.

June 1

Pro baseball

Alpine, Texas at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

June 2

Pro baseball

Alpine, Texas at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

June 3

Pro baseball

Alpine, Texas at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

Horse racing

Mountain Top New Mexico Bred Futurity trials at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Bull riding

Billy the Kid Chute Out at Ruidoso Downs, 7 p.m.

June 4

Pro baseball

Alpine, Texas at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

Horse racing

Free Spirits Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Bull riding

Billy the Kid Chute Out at Ruidoso Downs, 7 p.m.

June 5

Pro baseball

Roswell at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

Horse racing

Maiden and claiming racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Ruidoso Little League

Majors

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cubs	11	0	1.000	-
Rays	6	4	.600	4½
Red Sox	5	5	.555	5½
Dodgers	4	6	.400	6½
Tigers	0	11	.000	11

May 23

Cubs 8, Red Sox 7

May 24

Rays 12, Tigers 6

May 31

Cubs vs. Red Sox, 6 p.m.

June 4

Rays vs. Red Sox, 3 p.m.

Dodgers vs. Tigers, 6 p.m.

END REGULAR SEASON

Minors

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tigers	5	2	.714	-
Red Sox	5	2	.714	-
Dodgers	5	3	.625	½
Phillies	4	3	.571	1
Cubs	4	5	.571	1
Blue Jays	5	4	.555	1½
Astros	0	7	.000	7

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.

June 1

Phillies vs. Astros, 6 p.m.

June 2

Tigers vs. Tigers, 6 p.m.

June 3

Red Sox vs. Dodgers, 6 p.m.

June 4

Capitan Tigers vs. Astros, Noon

Blue Jays vs. Phillies, Noon

June 6

Astros vs. Cubs, 6 p.m.

June 7

Phillies vs. Dodgers, 6 p.m.

END REGULAR SEASON

Jones horse flies to fastest time

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

To no one's surprise, Valiant War Hero won his race in the trials to this year's Ruidoso Futurity on opening day at Ruidoso Downs Race Track Friday.

What was surprising was his time — 17.818 seconds. It was just the tenth fastest when he ran and ended up too slow to get into the futurity's final.

Valiant War Hero — a favorite to make it into the Futurity after having won this year's West Texas Futurity at Sunland Park — broke badly from the gate in the seventh trial, then recovered enough to win the race by a full length over JD.

But that stumble kept Valiant War Hero from challenging Fly First Down, a sorrel colt piloted by G.R. Carter to a time of 17.502 seconds in the 11th race.

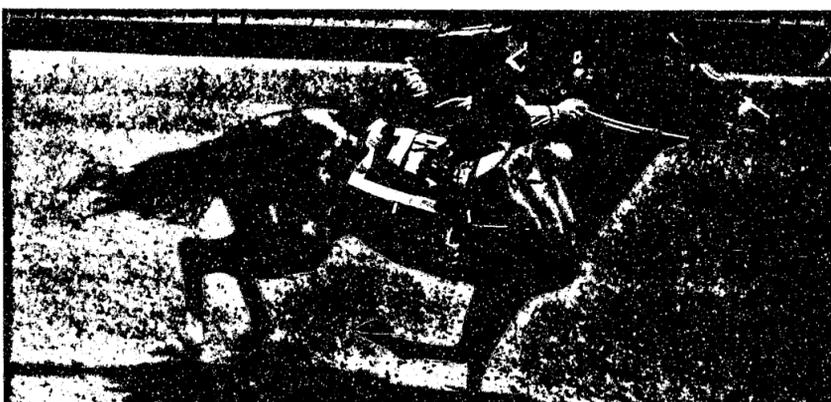
Valiant War Hero was then knocked out of the top 10 when Ocean La Jolla won the eighth trial with a time of 17.726 seconds. Ocean La Jolla was eventually knocked out as well.

"That's just horse racing," said Valiant War Hero trainer Blane Wood. "He was actually moving when they opened the gate and had a bad start. But the good news is he's still unbeaten."

"We could enter him in the Rainbow Futurity, but he's such a good horse, we just might point him straight to the All American."

Fly First Down, ridden by G.R. Carter and trained by Paul Jones, was making his first-ever official start from the gate — having run a 300-yard training race May 11 at Ruidoso Downs.

The horse was one of several entered by



Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Fly First Down stays true to his name, racing to a win in the trials of the Ruidoso Futurity and earning the fastest time Friday at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Jones in the trials, almost all of which had little or no gate experience at the beginning of the month.

"Those trial races really helped us out quite a bit," Jones said. "Most of the horses we face have already raced, so that's a big advantage over us."

Wood may have been unlucky enough to see Valiant War Hero shut out of this year's Futurity, he still guided full brother Valiant Valor to the final.

While Fly First Down's time was a full 10th of a second faster than TMF Cash Dynasty in second, the final race is wide open, with a different trainer leading each horse to the gate June 12.

Jones — who won last year's Ruidoso Futurity with 2010 2-year-old champion American Runaway — usually tries to point his horses to the All American Futurity, but

having the fastest qualifier this year is a plus.

"You can be good early at this meet, or good late, but you can't do both," Jones said. "Our horses usually catch up come All American time. The schooling races really helped us in these trials. Our focus is still on the All American, but if we win this, that's just icing on the cake."

Ruidoso Futurity qualifiers

Name, jockey, trainer, qualifying time
 Fly First Down, G.R. Carter, Paul Jones, 17.502
 TMF Cash Dynasty, Abdel Torres, Albert Franco, 17.602
 Sure Shot B, Jacky Martin, John Stinebaugh, 17.605
 Silver For Me, Carlos Madeira, Jackie Riddle, 17.629
 Ochoa, Jacky Martin, Dwayne Gilbreath, 17.630
 Back in the Pack, Cody Wainscott, Bradley Bolen, 17.634
 Separate Cartel, Esgar Ramirez, Felipe Quintero, 17.666
 Tex Cartel B, Jacky Martin, John Stinebaugh, 17.670
 Valiant Valor, Ricky Ramirez, Blane Wood, 17.674
 Feature This Cold, Jacky Martin, Luis Villafranco, 17.697

The beginning of a dynasty?

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Capitan seniors Logan Eshom, left, and Josh Bellin-Gallagher celebrate after the Tigers won the Class 1A state title against Gallup Catholic.



The Capitan Tigers look back on this year's first-ever state baseball title, and look ahead to more success in the future.

There were no easy outs."

Capitan's mission was accomplished this year when, on a beautiful May afternoon in Albuquerque's Isotopes Park, the Tigers got the state title they felt they deserved — and they did it against rival Gallup Catholic.

"We were prepared to see them in the championship game," said freshman Ruben Mendoza. "That's who we wanted to play."

The Tigers wasted little time in pounding out hits and scoring runs against the Panthers in the final, and the end of the game took everyone a little by surprise.

It finished on a double play that involved — appropriately — three of the four seniors on the squad.

With Eshom pitching and a runner on first base, Gallup Catholic's Justin James hit a line drive to Chaves at shortstop, who then threw it to Gallagher at

first to double up Xander Parker to end the game.

It happened so quick, some of the Tigers were caught by surprise.

"Even though I knew the last out was good, it still didn't hit me the game was over until I saw the umpire's signal," Gallagher said. "It was kind of a surprise when it was over."

With the Tigers up by 11 runs, it would have taken a Herculean effort by Gallup Catholic to come back for the win against Eshom, who was Capitan's ace all year. So his teammates in the dugout were preparing for what looked like an inevitable celebration in the center of the diamond after the last out was recorded.

"I had a bet with Dreamer (Whipple) that I'd beat him to the mound," said freshman Josh Hernandez. "When that last out was recorded, I thought it was

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By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

CAPITAN — It was unfinished business that inspired this year's Capitan Tiger baseball team.

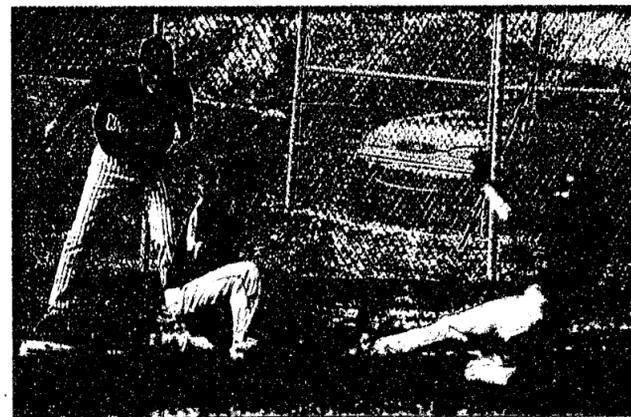
They began the year with the bitter memory of a loss in the state semifinals a year before to Gallup Catholic, a game the Tigers had trailed by as much as 9-1 before roaring back with six runs in the final two innings.

It wasn't, enough, though,

and all Capitan's coaches and players could think of was getting back to state and proving they're the best Class 1A team in the state.

"Knowing the talent we had gave us what we needed to win," said Rudy Chaves, who — with Logan Eshom, Josh Bellin-Gallagher and Dustin Blowers — formed the senior quartet of the team. "Everything was solid."

"Our offense was strong too," added Gallagher. "Everyone was strong in our lineup.



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As a Gateway coach yells encouragement, Warrior Cody Raines is tagged out by Capitan third baseman Jacob Wilcox.



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Capitan's Bobby Hughes, left, welcomes teammate Jacob Wilcox across the plate during the Class 1A state title game against Gallup Catholic.

TIGERS

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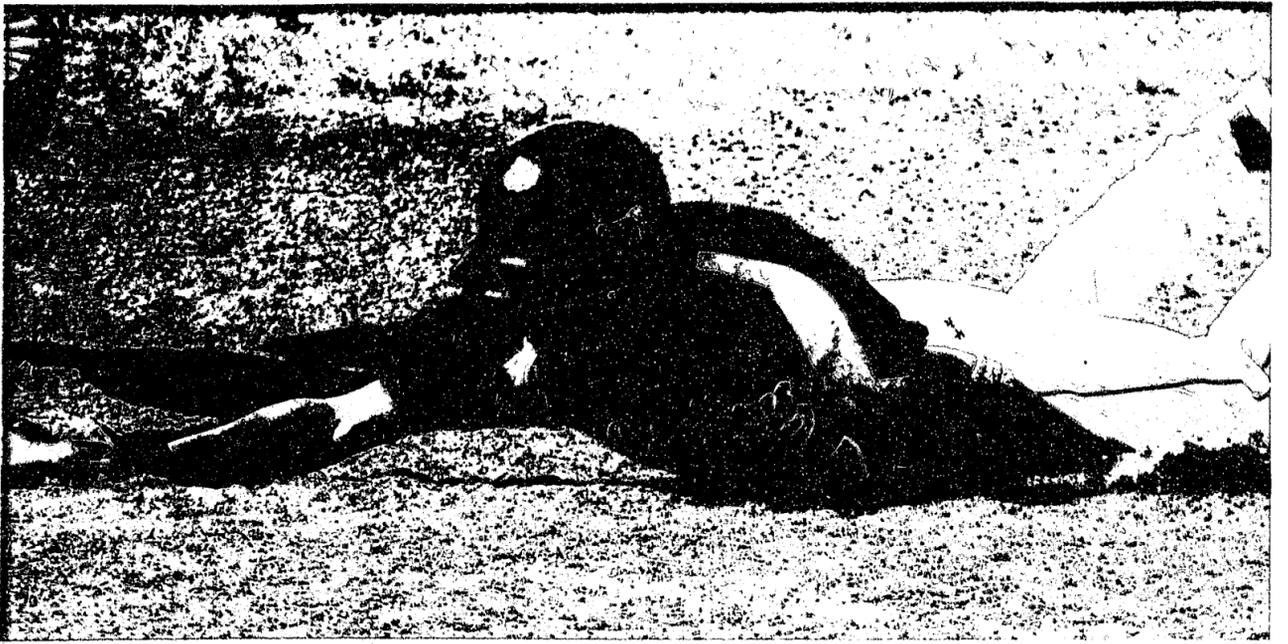
just the second out. Then I realized the game was over and Dreamer was already on the field. I lost a dollar."

Capitan came into the state playoffs as the number one team in the state with good reason. They had won 13 in a row before their first state game against Melrose, and had only fallen three times all year.

Those three losses – to New Mexico Military Institute, Dexter and Valley Christian – all came in a short span near the beginning of the season. NMMI beat the Tigers in the Sertoma Classic in Roswell, just a week after Capitan had swept the Colts to start the season on NMMI's home field.

The Dexter loss – a 15-5 decision – also hurt, but the district loss to VCA is what really got Capitan's juices flowing.

"That loss was ridiculous," said freshman Bobby Hughes.



Capitan catcher Raul Villegas dives back to first during his team's win over Elida at Alpine Field.

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Capitan High School 2011 baseball results		
Opponent	Result	Record
NMMI	W (15-0)	1-0
NMMI	W (13-2)	2-0
Lordsburg (NMMIT)	W (12-7)	3-0
NMMI (NMMIT)	L (5-4)	3-1
Dexter (NMMIT)	L (15-5)	3-2
Dora*	W (16-0)	4-2, 1-0
VCA*	L (5-3)	4-3, 1-1
VCA*	W (26-9)	5-3, 2-1
Gateway*	W (12-6)	6-3, 3-1
Elida*	W (17-8)	7-3, 4-1
Elida*	W (25-5)	8-3, 5-1
Lake Arthur*	W (24-0)	9-3, 6-1
Dora*	W (29-1)	10-3, 7-1
Dora*	W (15-5)	11-3, 8-1
VCA*	W (14-2)	12-3, 9-1
Gateway*	W (21-3)	13-3, 10-1
Gateway*	W (18-0)	14-3, 11-1
Elida*	W (13-3)	15-3, 12-1
Lake Arthur*	W (10-0)	16-3, 13-1
Lake Arthur*	W (13-1)	17-3, 14-1
Melrose**	W (14-0)	18-3
McCurdy***	W (10-0)	19-3
Gallup Catholic****	W (15-4)	20-3

*District 4-1A game
**Class 1A quarterfinal
***Class 1A semifinal
****Class 1A championship

"After that, we started to make all the little days in practice count. Everything was important."

"Those losses were a wake-up call for us," Whipple said. "We knew after that if we played to our potential, we could be anyone."

Beat anyone is just what they did. After losing to VCA 5-3, the closest any team got to the Tigers rest of the season was six runs in a 12-6 victory over Gateway Christian at home. Capitan thrashed VCA in the rematch in Roswell, 14-2.

"It was extremely gratifying to see them win that way,"

said Jason Hightower, who with Steve Dirks assisted coach James Weems in leading the team. "It's what every school strives for, is a state championship."

"We became more than coaches to these kids, we were father figures," he added. "It's fantastic to see your 'children' build something that's otherwise unattainable. It was spectacular to see them grow from children to young men and be state champs."

To do so at a school as small as Capitan – with the challenges that come from a small budget and limited resources – is particularly gratifying, said Weems.

"Our budget consists of what the school board allows us to have," Weems said. "When you win a state title, it comes almost completely from the kids' will to win."

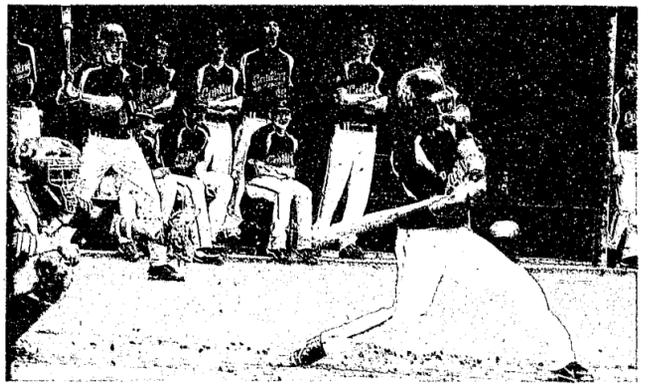
With only four seniors graduating and the rest of the team,

very young, the question is now raised – can Capitan repeat, or even three-peat?

"We're pretty much upperclassmen on this team," said sophomore Jacob Wilcox, referring to the fact there were no juniors on this year's squad. "We know we can play and win any-

where."

"I expected us to win and do well, I just wasn't expecting to see it this early," said fellow sophomore Raul Villegas. "With this team coming back, I feel we can win district again, at least. We want to get back to state."



Ruben Mendoza gets a hit against McCurdy in the Class 1A State semifinal.

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Giorgino fastest in Ruidoso Derby trials

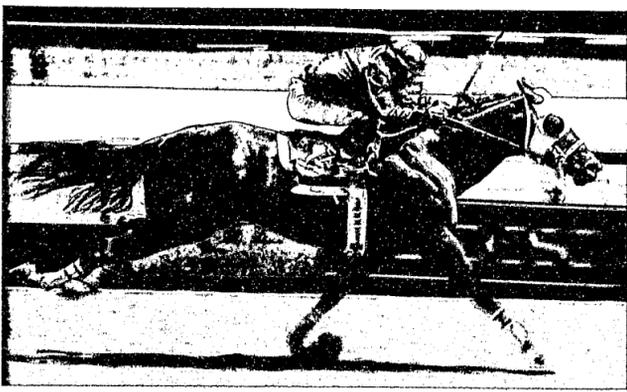
By Ty Wyant

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Jorge Haddad's homebred Giorgino could be a horse with a bright future at Ruidoso Downs after winning his local debut with the fastest-qualifying time to this year's Ruidoso Derby Saturday.

The winner's share of \$351,324 this year is more than the total purse just two years ago. The horses with the 10 fastest qualify to race in the Ruidoso Derby June 11 for the record purse.

Giorgino will be among the Ruidoso Derby favorites after winning his trial by one length in 19.638 seconds, the quickest clocking from the seven trials. It was his first start for trainer John Stinebaugh and his 2011 debut after a stakes-winning 2-year-old



Ruidoso Downs Race Track
Giorgino, with Jacky Martin aboard, was the fastest qualifier to this year's Ruidoso Derby.

campaign at Sunland Park with a one-half length victory in the Sunland Winter Futurity at Sunland Park, his third stakes win of the year. He also counted the TQHA Sires Cup Futurity and the John Deere Delta Downs Juvenile Challenge among his six wins from 10 starts last year.

Champion jockey Jacky Martin was aboard Giorgino and he also rode second-fastest qualifier Prospect To The Top.

Joel Tavarez's Prospect To The Top impressed in his trial with a one-length win over Golden State Million winner One Sweet Jess, who was making his first start away from Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California. Prospect To The Top raced to a 19.698-second time while One Sweet Jess reached the Ruidoso Derby finals with the 10th-fastest qualifying time

of 19.836.

Prospect To The Top, a son of Coronas Prospect, has been on a roll since qualifying for the All American Futurity last summer. He won the Hobbs America Futurity and was third in the Southwest Juvenile Championship last fall at Zia Park. He came into the Ruidoso Derby trials after winning the West Texas Derby at Sunland Park.

"We rested him at Sunland Park (over the winter) and freshened him up," said trainer Ralph Muniz. "After the Ruidoso Derby, we'll pass on the Rainbow Derby and point at the All American Derby."
Llano Teller made his first 2011 start in the Ruidoso Derby trials and raced in sharp form to score the fourth-fastest qualifying mark of 19.708 under jockey G.R. Carter Jr.

campaign.

Throughout his juvenile season Giorgino was conditioned by owner-breeder Haddad. "I got him about three months ago," said Stinebaugh, who won

last year's Ruidoso Derby with champion Double Down Special. "He needed this race and I should step forward."

Giorgino, a son of Apollo, wrapped up his freshman cam-

Osos take three of four from Alpine

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

If the Ruidoso Osos could have just got a split at Alpine over the weekend, manager Kevin Griffin might have been happy.

What he got instead was wins in three of the four-game series which

put Ruidoso just a game back in the league standings, with the Cowboys coming to Lincoln County starting Wednesday to play on a field where the Osos have yet to lose.

That's good news for the Osos and their fans, but the story could have been radically different May 26

in the series opener.

Ruidoso had an 11-2 lead going into the bottom of the sixth inning, having opened the game with eight runs in the first two frames.

But Alpine - which came into the series tied for the league lead with a 7-1 record - wasn't go-

ing to lie down, and came back in the bottom of the sixth with nine runs on five hits to tie the game and deny a win for Ruidoso starter Erick Cuppos.

"We just had a bad inning, they got their hits against us," said Ruidoso manager Kevin Griffin. "Our pitcher tired a little bit, but anything and everything that could have happened to us, happened to us in that inning. But we got the win, so I was still happy."

From then, both teams were scoreless until the Osos were able to put up three runs in the top of the 10th inning to secure the 14-11 victory.

Edgar Correa got the win in relief, shutting the Cowboys down in the bottom of the 10th.

After an exhibition match against the Carlsbad Bats Tuesday, Ruidoso will face the Cowboys again this week at White Mountain Athletic Complex in a four-game series starting Wednesday.

Pecos League standings			
	W	L	Pct.
Alpine Cowboys	8	4	.667
Las Cruces Vaqueros	8	4	.667
Roswell Invaders	7	5	.583
White Sands Pupfish	7	5	.583
Ruidoso Osos	7	5	.583
Carlsbad Bats	0	12	.000

GB	May 23
	San Angelo 12, Roswell 2
	San Angelo 14, Roswell 2
	May 25
	White Sands 11, Carlsbad 2
	Roswell 4, Las Cruces 1
	May 26
	White Sands 10, Carlsbad 2
	Las Cruces 15, Roswell 14
	Ruidoso 14, Alpine, Texas 11 (10 innings)
	May 27
	White Sands 12, Carlsbad 2
	Roswell 10, Las Cruces 9
	Alpine, Texas 13, Ruidoso 2
	May 28
	Ruidoso 1, Alpine, Texas 0 (seven innings)
	Ruidoso 1, Alpine, Texas 0 (seven innings)
	White Sands 9, Carlsbad 7
	Roswell 8, Las Cruces 5
	May 30

GB	May 31
	New Mexico Collegiate League at Las Cruces (exhibition), 7:05 p.m.
	May 31
	Carlsbad Bats at Ruidoso (exhibition), 4:05 p.m.
	New Mexico Collegiate League at White Sands (exhibition), 7:05 p.m.
	June 1
	Alpine, Texas at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.
	White Sands at Roswell, 7:05 p.m.
	Carlsbad at Las Cruces, 7:05 p.m.
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	White Sands at Roswell, 7:05 p.m.
	Carlsbad at Las Cruces, 7:05 p.m.
	June 3
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	Carlsbad at Las Cruces, 7:05 p.m.
	June 4
	Alpine, Texas at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.
	White Sands at Roswell, 7:05 p.m.
	Carlsbad at Las Cruces, 7:05 p.m.
	June 5
	Carlsbad at White Sands, 1:05 p.m.
	Roswell at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.
	June 6
	Alpine, Texas at Las Cruces (2), 5:05 p.m.
	Ruidoso at Roswell, 7:05 p.m.
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Don Quixote

at The Spencer June 4

Ruidoso Dance Ensemble will present the full-length ballet Don Quixote June 4 at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

This production incorporates the talents of more than 70 dancers and actors.

The leading role of Kitri will be performed by Emily North of Roswell. Ms. North has danced with the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble for the past eight years, starring in roles such as Cupid, from Don Quixote; the Firebird, from The Firebird; Clara, Marzipan lead, Chinese lead, Jester Doll, Sugarplum, and Dewdrop, from The Nutcracker; and many other soloist roles in various performances. Emily will be attending Oklahoma University in the fall and plans to continue dancing while there.

The leading role of Don Quixote will be performed by George Timmons of Alamogordo. Don Quixote is George's second performance

with the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble. He was the Burgomaster in our 2007 performance of Coppelia. George returned to the stage after a 30-year interruption spent serving the country in the United States Air Force. Retiring in January of 2007, his Air Force career took him and his wife Brenda, (the barmaid in the tavern scene), all over the world. He achieved the pinnacle of the enlisted ranks as Chief Master Sergeant at Holloman Air Force Base New Mexico.

The leading role of Basilio will be performed by world-class dancer, Georgi Rusafov. Rusafov is a graduate of the National Dance High School in Sofia, Bulgaria studying under Peter Koldamov. After graduation he joined the National Opera and Ballet of Bulgaria. Rusafov received advanced education for teaching ballet and choreography at the Bulgarian National Music Conservatory - "P. Vladigerov" - Sofia, Bulgaria.

Rusafov won second prize in the National Competition "Anastas Petrov" in Bulgaria and was a participant in the International Ballet Competition - Varna 2002. He was also invited to compete in the International Ballet Competition - Helsinki 2005, as well as the International Ballet Competition - Varna 2006. Rusafov has toured Spain, Greece, Germany, Holland, and Italy with Bulgarian National Opera and Ballet; and Egypt as principal guest artist with Roberta Ballet.

For information on tickets please contact the Spencer Theater 575-336-4800.

Courtesy photos Don Quixote, right, danced by George Timmons, and his faithful squire, Sancho Panza, danced by Sara McMasters. Below, village maiden dancers.



Muddy River String Band to perform in Carrizozo

Carrizozo Music in the Parks is sponsoring a free concert on Sunday, June 12, from 5-7 p.m. at McDonald Park in Carrizozo. Muddy River String Band is an Albuquerque-based group that plays an eclectic mix of Americana. From folk to blues, bluegrass to old-time, Celtic to Cajun, their music is bright and energetic, with the occasional moody tune. Their unusual instrumentation includes the hammered dulcimer and the cello.



The Muddy River String Band draws the listener down a dusty lane echoing with acoustic memories of lonely mountain melodies. Rousing bluegrass tunes cause toes to tap of their own accord.

Art Garcia leads the Muddy River String Band with his smooth vocals and driving mandolin picking. His original music journeys to a folksy, sepia-toned vision of bygone days. Diane Prior's liquid, bluesy voice adds power to the ensemble, while her hammered dulcimer fulfills a longing for simpler times. Ben Prior adds the unique sound of the cello with his rhythmic, pulsing accompaniment and unusual, improvised leads.

Lynda Garcia on bass rounds out the band. Please join us to hear these award-winning musicians!

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will sell sodas, food and baked goods to benefit the maintenance fund for their 1939 historic clubhouse. The historic galleries along 12th street will be open before the concert, so come early and browse the shops. Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy a delightful evening in the park.

Music in the Parks sponsors a series of free community concerts in a variety of musical genres including classical, bluegrass, folk, brass and jazz.

For more information please check our website at www.carrizozomusic.org or call Elaine at 575-648-2757. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at Carrizozo Woman's Club on 11th and D.

IMG to host country crooner Clint Black June 23 at 8 p.m.

Grammy nominated singer-songwriter Clint Black will perform on Thursday, June 23, 8 p.m. at Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. Black has scored more than 30 singles on the U.S. Billboard country charts, 22 of which have reached Number One. He was the Country Music Association Male Vocalist of the Year in 1990 and the Academy of Country Music's Top Male Vocalist in 1989. Black has also acted in film and on television.

Clint Black has long been heralded as one of country music's brightest stars, inspiring a return to the more traditional sounds of the genre. To date, Black has written, recorded and released more than 100 songs — a benchmark in any artist's career — and sold more than 20 million albums worldwide. Black's continued success can be attributed in part to his deep sense of country music history, and his humble gratitude in being an important part of it.

"A Better Man," Black's first single, was released early in 1989 and it quickly became a number one hit — making Black the first new male country artist to have a number one song with his debut single in 15 years. Black became an immediate country music sensation with the release of his debut album, *Killin' Time*, which went

gold within six months and spawned four other hit singles, including the number ones "Killin' Time," "Nobody's Home," and "Walkin' Away." At the end of 1989, he won the Country Music Association's (CMA) Horizon Award, as well as the CMA's Best Male Vocalist Award. He also won Best Album, Best Single, Best Male Vocalist, and Best New Male Vocalist awards from the Academy of Country Music. By the end of 1990, *Killin' Time* sold over two million copies in America and the album has now earned a place on CMT's list of the 100 Greatest Albums in Country Music.

Since then, Black has had nearly two dozen #1 hit singles, and almost as many Top 5 and Top 10 hits - all of them his original compositions, which is itself a notable rarity in popular music. The overall number of his awards, including a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, surpasses the number of his hit records, while he has performed for a staggering number of dedicated music fans in concerts through the years.

Tickets for Clint Black start at just \$25 and can be purchased online at www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com. For more information on Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino or its associated enterprises, visit or call 888-262-0478.



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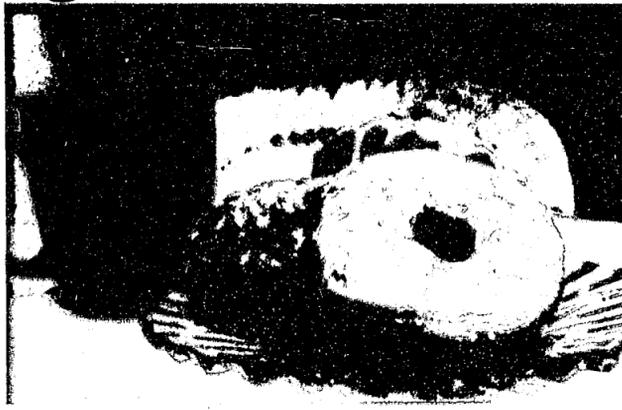
June is finally here! If you are thinking I am ONLY excited because it is going to be Father's Day, the day where dads everywhere get spoiled and catered to, you would be wrong. There are a lot more holidays to celebrate in the month of June. For instance, June 2 is 'National Bubba Day', which honors anyone named or called Bubba... For what reason I don't know, but it's a great excuse to change your name to Bubba and host a Bubba BBQ for you and a group of your closest Bubbas. Or, June 4 is 'Hug Your Cat Day'. On that day, cat lovers everywhere can give their cats an extra hug (sorry dog lovers). I must add, if you don't have a cat, don't sneak over to your neighbor's house to try to hug their cat. Instead, head over to the Humane Society of Lincoln County and pick out a new friend or two (you too dog lovers!) because the whole month of June is 'Adopt a Cat Month'. Then you will be able to hug your own cat without your neighbors calling the cops, plus you will be giving a homeless animal a new lease on life... or nine lives.

While these are great reasons to celebrate, my favorite day in June (next to my son Jude's birthday and of course Father's Day) is National Doughnut Day, which is always the first Friday in June. It's not a day to honor the doughnut, but those who made them so popular - the Salvation Army. In WWI, women who worked for the

Salvation Army were sent to the front lines of the war. These Lassies, or 'Doughnut Girls' as they were called, would make home cooked meals for the troops, and doughnuts were the most popular item they cooked. Oftentimes, the women would even cook the doughnuts right in the metal helmets the soldiers wore. Outside of military personnel, the Salvation Army Lassies were the only ones allowed to visit the front lines.

Once the War was over, the Salvation Army continued this practice and in 1938 in Chicago they established the first Friday in June as National Doughnut Day. They used this occasion to raise much needed money for the Great Depression and to honor the work of the WWI Salvation Army volunteers who braved the front lines to give the soldiers a little joy.

This week's recipe is, of course, doughnuts or donuts. I know you're trying to get in shape for the summer, but think of it this way; you're making AND eating these treats to honor the Salvation Army Lassies and to show them that we still appreciate all that they did for our guys in WWI. When I make these, I always feel the pressure of being on the front lines... Not because I have ever experienced them (Bless those who do) but rather because my kids get so excited to have homemade doughnuts - it's a battle just to keep them out of the kitchen until they are ready!



Doughnuts
Makes about 8 medium-sized doughnuts

Ingredients
2 ¼ cups AP flour [¼ for dusting]
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
½ tablespoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons melted butter
1 egg, lightly beaten
Shortening oil for frying heated to 350 degrees

Directions
Combine 2 cups of flour and the rest of the dry ingredients in a mixer and mix well. Slowly add melted butter, milk and egg to dry mix and continue mixing until all ingredients are well incorporated. Let the dough rest for about 10 minutes. Preheat oil in fryer or on stovetop to 350 degrees. Please be safe! Use the back burner if

possible and point any pot or pan handles so they are not sticking out. Like I said, the kids can be so excited for fresh doughnuts, it is important to keep them safe and out of the way!

After letting the dough set, place it on a floured cutting board and knead for about one minute. With a lightly floured rolling pin, roll dough out to about ¼ inches thick. Using a doughnut cutter cut out the doughnuts as close together as you can without overlapping - that way you can use as much dough as possible with little waste. If you don't have a doughnut cutter, just be creative! Use a clean tin can or a coffee percolator tube... whatever it takes to get the job done.

After cutting out all of your doughnuts (don't forget to keep the holes), carefully place one doughnut at a time, away from you, into the hot oil. Fry dough-



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nuts on one side for about 2 minutes, or until golden brown, and then turn. The other side will not take as long - about a minute and a half. Once the doughnut is completely cooked, remove it from the oil and place on an old newspaper or paper towel to let it cool for a minute or two. This is a good time to sprinkle a little sugar on top, or you can do a glazed doughnut. To glaze your doughnuts, thoroughly mix 4 tablespoons of powdered sugar and 1 tablespoon milk, and then dip the doughnut in the glaze set aside to cool.

Let me encourage you on this year's National Doughnut Day, and every other day of the year, to take a moment to remember those who have lost their lives fighting for our country and pray for those who are still fighting.

Ideas? Requests? Email me at askchefbrendan@gmail.com or find my page 'Chef Brendan' on Facebook.

Happy Cooking!

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR • 5-31 thru 6-6

TUESDAY MAY 31

Ruidoso Oso Baseball, White Mountain Park, 100 White Mountain Dr., 4:05 - 7 p.m. NM Collegiate Baseball League, NM Hitman vs Ruidoso Osos. Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. \$200 for the season or \$6 per game. Contact information: 575-257-5030; <http://www.ruidosoosos.com>

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

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1

Preschool Story time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. This week is Animal Stories from other countries. Craft: Parrot/Toucan. Story time usually ends around 11:15 a.m. Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. www.yousemore.com/ruidosopl/

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY JUNE 2

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Kansas at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 8 - 10 p.m. The American rock band was formed in 1970 and is known for classic hits like "Carry on Wayward Son" and "Dust in the Wind". Since then, the group has remained a classic rock radio staple and a popular touring act in North America and Europe. Come enjoy this incredible show! For more information call 575-464-7777; <http://www.innofthemountaingods.com>. Tickets start at \$30.

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

FRIDAY JUNE 3

Queen of the Mountain Softball Tournament, Eagle Creek Baseball Complex, Ski Run Road. Girls 16 & Under, 12 & Under, 10 & Under, and 8 & Under. For more information, call Debbie Jo Almager, 575-257-5030; <http://www.ussa.com>

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Ruidoso Mountain of Blues Festival, The Quarters, 2325 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. The Bad News Band kicks off the 14th Annual Mountain Ruidoso Mountain of Blues Festival. Visit RuidosoBlues.com for the complete performance schedule for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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.

Billy the Kid Chute Out Bull Riding Tournament, Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Billy the Kid Casino, 7 p.m. More than 40 professional (PBR, PRCA, and CBR) ranked bulls and bull riders will be competing at the Horse Sale Pavilion for two nights of exciting events. Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, 575-378-4431; www.raceruidoso.com. Prices are \$20; kids under 6 are free.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY JUNE 4

Kid's Fishing Day, Grindstone Lake, Ruidoso, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For boys and girls, age 12 and under. The event will include friendly competitions divided by age groups for prizes. Canoe rides, lectures and refreshments will be provided. Smokey Bear will also be making an appearance. For more information, call Parks and Recreation: 575-257-5030. Admission free.

Make-A-Wish Car Show, The Lodge at Sierra Blanca, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact Katie Kmetz: 575-258-5500 for more information.

St Joseph Apache Mission Parish Bazaar, 626 Mission Trail, Mescalero, 12 - 5 p.m. Games, arts & crafts, entertainment. For more information, contact St Joseph Parish: 575-464-4473; <http://www.stjosephmission.org/> Admission is free.

Ruidoso Mountain of Blues Festival, Wingfield Park, 501 Wingfield Drive in Ruidoso - one block from Midtown, 12 - 8:30 p.m. The 14th Annual Mountain Ruidoso Mountain of Blues Festival - visit RuidosoBlues.com for the complete performance schedule of C.W. Ayon, The Unknowns, Kate Becker and the Zodiacs, the Bad News Blues Band and headlining Blues Diva E.C. Scott! For more information, call 575-257-9533; <http://www.ruidosoblues.com>. \$20 in advance; \$22 at the gate; Military discount available. Tickets available at The Quarters at 2325 Sudderth Dr. in Midtown or the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 720 Sudderth Dr. Also performing at the Quarters: Festival Musician's Jam - Kate Becker & the Zodiacs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Hershey's Track and Field Meet at Ruidoso High School, Warrior Drive, 2 - 5 p.m. Boys and Girls ages 9 - 14 (Age on 12/31/11). Participants will be put into events according to age. Registration forms available for download on www.ruidosonm.gov or come by the Parks and Recreation Office. Contact Debbie Jo Almager at Parks and Recreation: 575-257-5030. Admission is free.

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Artistic Art from Wood & The Lincoln County Photographic Society Show, Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, 1712 Sud-

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 Padlock: A life of collecting at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. The exhibit will run now through June 12.

Pillow's Funtracker - Open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 101 Carrizo Canyon Road just off Sudderth. Pillow's Funtracker is the premier family fun center in New Mexico. We have been providing fun to thousands of families for over twenty years. Our park includes three gokart tracks, miniature golf, arcade, Mountain Maze, and seasonal attractions such as Bumper Boats, Panning for Gemstones, Rock Climbing Wall, Extreme Air,

derth Dr., 5 - 7 p.m. Opening reception at the RRCA Gallery for the month-long running of this exciting combo! Yes, get two for the price of one (it's really free). This exhibition will feature the art and fine craftsmanship of Madeline and Steve Sabo with their artistic art from wood and numerous photographers who currently comprise the Lincoln County Photographic Society. For more information, contact Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts: 575-257-7272; <http://www.ruidosoarts.org/> Admission is free!

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Ruidoso Dance Ensemble presents Don Quixote, Spencer Theater, 108 Spencer Rd., Alto. Performances are 2 and 7 p.m. Returning this summer with her talented dance troupe of students and visiting professional dancers is Deborah Roger's Ruidoso Dance Ensemble. They will dance the classical ballet version of the Cervantes' novel from the Spanish Golden Age, The Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote of La Mancha. The performance includes over 50 dancers, lavish costumes and a beautiful score by Ludwig Minkus. Deborah's company always brings a visu-

ally stimulating performance to the Spencer stage with sets expertly designed by the theater's technical staff. Tickets are \$28. For more information, go to Spencertheater.com or call 1-888-818-7872.

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

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

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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.

Live Horse racing continues at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack through Labor Day weekend, culminating in the All American Futurity, Sept. 5. Post time is 1 p.m. with the exception of some holidays, special meets, and horse sales. This year the races will be held Friday through Monday, instead of the Thursday through Sunday schedule they have ran in the past, with the exception of Thursday, Aug. 18 through Sunday, Aug. 21 to accommodate the trials for the All American Futurity. Visit Raceruidoso.com for more information.

Cowboys (Alpine, TX) vs Ruidoso Osos. Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. \$200 for the season or \$6 per game. Contact information: Parks and Recreation, 575-257-5030; <http://www.ruidosoosos.com>

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: Edmund Amaran. Movie: League of Their Own. For information, call the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 575-464-7777; <http://innofthemountaingods.com/events/sundays-under-the-stars-2/>

Ruidoso Mountain of Blues Festival, The Quarters, 2325 Sudderth, Ruidoso, Sunday Blues & Bar-B-Q with Mark Kashmar from 3 to 7 p.m.

**MONDAY
JUNE 6**

Kids College at ENMU-Ruidoso. Classes designed for children ages 5 to 11. Runs through Friday, June 24. Activities vary by day. They include cooking, field trips, art, science projects, lessons in computers, kite flying, and physical education. Fee is \$125 for one week or \$350 for the whole month. More Info: 575-257-2120.

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Car show to benefit Make-A-Wish

Classic cars, cool demonstrations and a great cause will all be on display June 4 at the Ruidoso Convention Center for the 1st Annual New Mexico Classic Car Show.

All proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: "Driver's Choice, People's Choice, Muscle Car, Antique (pre-1946), Original (post-1946), Truck, Street Rod and Custom.

To show off a custom hot rod or truck, there is a \$35 registration fee and all revenues - registration fees, silent auction, t-shirt sales, Wishmaker pledges and donations - are dedicated to Make-A-Wish New Mexico.

The New Mexico chapter of Make-A-Wish has granted approximately 1,500 wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions since its inception in 1986, and anticipates granting 90-plus wishes in 2011-12.

To become a Wishmaker, show participants and visitors will be afforded the opportunity to pledge \$20 a month to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which will entitle the donor to a special pin, a 2011 NMCCS t-shirt, special parking and additional benefits.

In addition to participants, sponsors for the show are also being sought to help defray the costs of the show itself - facility rental, trophies, t-shirts and miscellaneous expenses - in order to enable all money from registration, t-shirt sales, raffles, auctions, etc. to go directly to

Make-A-Wish." For sponsorship donations of \$500 or more, space will be allotted at the show for a sponsor booth. In addition, \$500 sponsors will be designated "Wishmaker Sponsors." Wishmaker Sponsors donating \$1,000 or more will be recognized as a "founding sponsor" in all car show advertising.

Registration forms are available on-line at www.newmexicoclassiccarshow.com

For more information on sponsorship, contact Terry A. Williams at 512-848-3044 or 575-336-2241.

HANTAVIRUS

infected rodents through urine, droppings or saliva. The deer mouse is the main reservoir for the strain of Hantavirus that occurs in New Mexico, Sin Nombre virus.

To protect yourself, avoid contact with mice and other rodents. Other important steps are:

- Air out closed up buildings before entering.
- Seal up homes and cabins so mice can't enter.
- Trap mice until they are all gone.
- Clean up nests and droppings using a disinfectant.
- Put hay, wood, and compost piles as far as possible from

your home.

- Get rid of trash and junk piles.
- Don't leave your pet's food and water where mice can get to it.

In 2010, there were two cases, both from McKinley County and both recovered. In 2009, New Mexico had four cases of Hantavirus, none fatal, from Santa Fe, Taos, San Miguel, and Rio Arriba counties. In 2008, New Mexico had two cases of Hantavirus, both fatal, from Taos and Otero counties.

For more information about Hantavirus, check out the Department's website: <http://www.health.state.nm.us/ERD/HealthData/hantavirus.shtml>.

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June 29: Multicultural Stuffed Animal Fashion Show: (10:30 a.m. - noon).

Program is for children ages 2-10.

June 30: Dutch Craft for 10-12 year olds. (2 - 3 p.m.)

Sign-up continues for Summer Reading Program until July 16. Come by & pick up a brochure. Teen summer reading program available.

Get Graphic @ your Library! Tuesday, June 14th from 10am-12pm a discussion about graphic novels with Rick Geary, illustrator/author of over 20 graphic novels. Why are Graphic Novels so hot now? Today's society, libraries & movies seem hooked on this trend. Let's talk about it & look at sample graphic novels.

Art in Public Places on display @ the library: Original artwork of Rick Geary, renowned illustrator. Remember *Dark Horse Comics*, *MAD*, *National Lampoon* & *Heavy Metal* magazines? Rick contributed to all these and more.

e-Books @ YOUR Library! We've joined the virtual world through our online magazine supplier, Gale. We've chosen a select group of travel, health & eyewitness books to accompany the reference e-book selection provided free by the New Mexico State Library. Access these free e-books through the our library's website at the e-Branch tab, click on Magazines, then choose Virtual Reference. You can download a chapter or the whole book into your computer or your favorite electronic reading device. Questions? Ask a librarian. (Before you ask, Fiction is not available on this location.)

Anytime - 24/7 Universal Classes offered @ YOUR Library Your Library provides FREE on-line continuing education courses. Universal Class offers up to 560 courses to further your education. Ask a librarian for details.

The Village of Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. For more information about the library or programs, call 575-258-3704 or go to www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl



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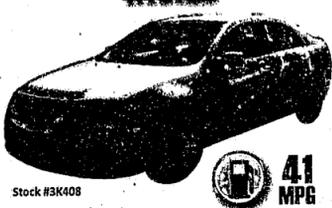
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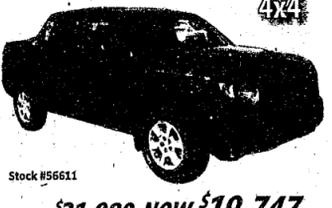
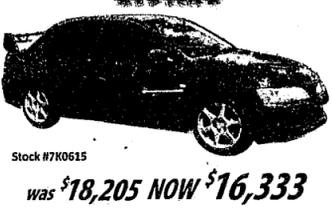
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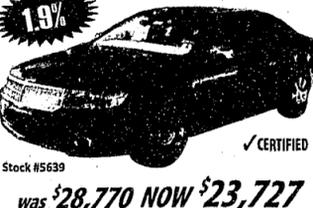
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<p>2010 LINCOLN TOWN CAR</p>  <p>Stock #5631 1.9% CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$32,320 NOW \$27,679</p> <p>Signature Limited, Full Power, 100k Factory Warranty</p>	<p>2008 LINCOLN MKZ AWD</p>  <p>Stock #5639 1.9% CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$28,770 NOW \$23,727</p> <p>AWD, Lincoln Luxury!</p>	<p>2011 FORD MUSTANG</p>  <p>Stock #5K4471 1.9% CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$27,070 NOW \$25,464</p> <p>Leather, Shaker 500W Sound, Alloys, Traction Control, Custom Exhaust, Cold Intake, Loaded!</p>	<p>2007 FORD EDGE AWD</p>  <p>Stock #5629 1.9% CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$25,095 NOW \$21,757</p> <p>SEL Plus, Leather, Vista Roof, AdvanceTrac, 100k Factory Warranty!</p>
<p>2010 FORD ESCAPE 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #5658 1.9% CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$24,245 NOW \$22,747</p> <p>XLT, Safety Canopy, Full Power, Auto, Economy! Several to Choose From!</p>	<p>2010 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #5663 1.9% CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$47,120 NOW \$43,727</p> <p>Climate Controlled Seats, Powerfold 3rd Row, Power Running Boards, Thx Audio, Lincoln Luxury!</p>	<p>2008 FORD EXPLORER 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #5666 1.9% CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$23,720 NOW \$21,977</p> <p>XLT, 7 Passenger, Dual A/C, Moonroof, Full Power, Low Miles!</p>	<p>2008 FORD TAURUS AWD</p>  <p>Stock #9K0765 1.9% CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$17,745 NOW \$16,747</p> <p>Safety Canopy with Side Airbags, Traction Control, Full Power, 5 Star Safety!</p>

It's Simple. Buy from us and pay ZERO for Maintenance.