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Swallow Fire claims 10 acres, 9 homes

By Eddie Farrell
Editor

Smoldering hot spots kept the Swallow Fire from being considered fully contained until Sunday, but in the first four hours following 2:30 p.m. on June 16, the raging fire claimed nine homes in the Pinecliff addition of Ruidoso.

Authorities are still looking for a "person of interest," believed to be a homeless man that was encamped in the area and last seen wearing a white shirt and backpack and reportedly spotted fleeing the area about the time the flames started roaring up the canyon behind the Travelodge and K-Bob's Steakhouse.

Village Manager Debi Lee, in a live interview Friday morning on New Mexico in the Morning on AM 1490 and 105.1 W105, said if the fire "was human-caused, hopefully we can have swift justice."

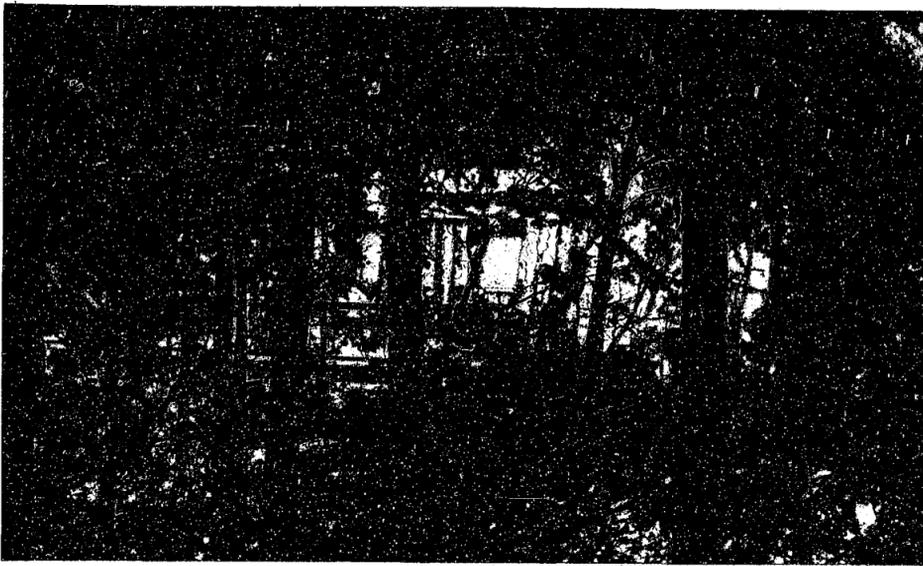
Lee also proclaimed, "Lord help him, whoever it was, if (the fire) was human-caused."

The Swallow Fire, whipped by high winds, climbed up the slope into the Pinecliff addition above the retail area, blackening 10 acres before being fully contained at 6:30 p.m.

The speed of the fire's assault was matched only by the response of area firefighters; Ruidoso firefighters, with only six men on duty at the time of the first sighting of smoke, immediately issued an "all call" alert, which resulted in approximately 150 firefighters fighting the blaze within minutes.

Ben Hudson, who lives at 110 Cliff Court, said he watched as the fire roared toward his neighborhood and caught a nearby house aflame.

"My wife was out there with a water hose," Hudson said, when firefighter arrived.



Photos by Don Hudson
Above, reader Don Hudson shot this picture of a neighbor's home fully engulfed in flames while his wife, Christine, sprayed down their own home with a water hose.

At right, the heroes of the Swallow Fire were the 150 firefighters who responded to the blaze within moments, limiting the losses to nine homes and 10 acres of land.

"I can't say enough about our fire department," Hudson said. "They did a wonderful job. It was incredible."

The fire burned literally to the driveway of Ruidoso Free Press reporter Eugene Heathman's home (see Heathman's personal account on this page).

Four SEAT aircraft, currently assigned to the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, were dropping 800-gallon loads of slurry on the fire almost immediately, and a heavy-duty helicopter, engaged in aerial reseeding efforts

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Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
New Mexico State Police were among the many officials in the Pinecliff neighborhood attempting to hose down homes in the area. A home on Cliff Drive starts to burn in the Pinecliff addition of Ruidoso.

Ruidoso pair charged in Alamogordo murder

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

Alexias Torres, 27, and Jonathan Montoya, 18, both of Ruidoso, along with Melissa Mathis, 28, of Alamogordo, are accused of murder in connection with a fatal shooting of an Alamogordo woman early Wednesday at a Burger King in Alamogordo, said Detective Mark Esquero of the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety.

APDS officers arrived at the scene to find 33-year-old Shavon Twitty with multiple gun shot wounds, said Esquero. The victim was then taken to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center in Alamogordo, where she later died, said Esquero.

An investigation by APDS revealed that Torres, Montoya and Mathis were also involved in a burglary at a home in Alamogordo shortly before the shooting incident, according to Esquero.

Torres, Montoya and Mathis have each been charged with one open count of first-degree murder, second-degree felony conspiracy to commit murder, second-degree shooting at or from a motor vehicle, third-degree conspiracy to commit a shooting at or from a motor vehicle, third-degree residential burglary and fourth-degree conspiracy to commit residential

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Smoke in the air, slurry on the streets

A community battles a vicious wildfire to save their homes

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

Fire engines raced by my office in the early afternoon during the onset of what is now named the Swallow Fire. I reside on Swallow Drive. After the first fire crews passed, even more were heading down Sudderth Drive, the office staff simultaneously muttered, "This can't be good."

Immediately I joined the caravan of emergency crews. The further down Sudderth we travelled, the tighter the knot became in my stomach and throat upon approaching the Pinecliff subdivision. From the looks of the scene from below, the neighborhood was engulfed in flames, and likely my home.

I circumvented the not yet secure roadblock by way of a little used side street to reach my home. The corner of Cliff Drive and Mockingbird was bedlam. An angry and relentless wall of flames towered over my good neighbors' homes, less than 100 yards away,

before completely engulfing them, one by one.

The wind-fueled flames created a torrential wind of its own, marching up the street as neighbors who may not have given more than a friendly wave before now banded together with water hoses, shovels and rakes battling flare ups on property beyond the wall of flames and in an effort to save their homes.

After screeching to a halt in my driveway, the first order of business was to retrieve my dog, pet turtles and hurriedly pack evacuation essentials learned from the now haunting White Fire. Midway through the process, the power went out. I now wondered if the fire was now encroaching upon my home.

With the truck now packed, one close neighbor was distraught over not having renters insurance as the heavy smoke and embers forced our small brigade up the street then returning home again for another defiant bout with cer-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Summer art program

An art program for the children of Capitan is being held every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at the Capitan Public Library.

The program is free to all Capitan children and is sponsored by the Capitan Women's Club. This week's Star Artists are Jaden Woodell and Bailey Wrye, whose projects were voted best in their class by fellow artists. To sign up, or to get more information, call Ivy Wrye at 973-1349.

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.

Football benefit

A golf tournament to benefit the Mes-calero High School Football team will be played at the Inn of the Mountain Gods course, June 26. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start, with two closest to the pin and two longest drive awards given out in addition to the lowest overall scores. Cost for four man teams is \$75.

To sign up, call Daniel Nunez or Philip Cordero at 464-7941 or 464-7945.

Wilderness Camp

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation department is taking registrations for the Wilderness Camp summer schedule, which runs from June 27 through Aug. 12. The camp meets every weekday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take part in nature hikes, fishing, boating, horseback riding, archery, swimming and other outdoor

sports.

The camp schedule also includes attendance at Ruidoso Osos professional baseball games. Wilderness Camp is open to kids ages 6-13. Registration forms can be found online at www.ruidoso-nm.gov - Parks and Recreation tab - or visit the office at 801 Resort Drive. Cost is \$95 for the first child and \$85 for siblings. Call 257-5030 for additional information.

Zoo and archery

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation department is sponsoring a free petting zoo and archery expo at Wingfield Park, June 25 for children ages 12 and under from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 257-5030.

Tennis fundraiser

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

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

Alpine water meeting

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will hold its regular monthly meeting July 4 at 4 p.m. in the district's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail. All district residents are welcome to attend, and agendas are available at least 24 hours before the meeting. For more information, call 257-7776 or 973-0324.

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Eagle construction underway



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

The last portions of the "temporary" Eagle Drive bridge were loaded onto trucks June 14, allowing for work to continue on a new permanent span to replace the one damaged in the 2008 floods. According to Ruidoso Special Projects Manager Justin King, the village's contractor for the project, FNF Construction, will begin diverting water from the project area, utilizing 36-inch pipe (visible in the top right hand portion of photograph) to create a "dry area." Concrete footers will then be poured and other site preparation work completed before the new pre-built structure can be placed across the Rio Ruidoso. King said he anticipates the new structure to be in place, "if everything goes well" no later than mid-July.

CORRECTION

In a story regarding the allocation of funding to the Ruidoso Police Department by the Ruidoso Lodger's Tax Committee ("Lodger's Tax to increase funding for police overtime") in the June 14 edition, one event, Ruidoso Oktoberfest, was incorrectly identified by Ruidoso Police Chief Joe Magill as being responsible for \$3,779 in overtime costs for police. The event in question was actually Aspenfest. Oktoberfest organizer Mark Doth said Oktoberfest provided 4-5 private security officers as well as the efforts of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, to minimize the impacts on local agencies. The Free Press apologizes for any confusion raised by the error.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Outlaw scramble

Local athletes looking for a challenge are welcome to take on the Ruidoso Outlaw Scramble and Shootout, July 10 at 9 a.m. at Wingfield Park. The scramble, which raises money for the Community Youth Center Warehouse, will feature a 400-meter obstacle course race with a tire scramble, bales of hay hurdles, mud crawl, log run and the dreadful wall climb.

There will be awards for male, female and co-ed relay teams, as well as prizes for ages 13 through 60 and up. A \$20 entry fee includes an Outlaw bandana if registered by 5 p.m., June 24. Registration on race day is \$40.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Youth Warehouse at 630-0318 or Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department at 257-5030.

Soccer camp

A youth soccer camp for ages 2-14 will be held July 18-22 at the White Mountain Athletic Complex.

Led by Ruidoso High School and UEFA certified soccer coach Kelly Brown, the camp costs between \$55 to \$80 per child, and range from beginning soccer to improving intermediate skills. For more information, call 973-3451.

Warehouse fundraiser

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

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

Sacramento Mountain Village is a network of older adults in Ruidoso and surrounding communities who support independent living by offering services and activities that keep seniors healthy and happy in their own homes. Benefits of membership include art and yoga classes, weekly walking and discussion groups,

social functions and monthly member breakfasts at Cree Meadows Country Club, on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Membership is open to any Lincoln County resident 55 years or older. 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.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 1216 Mechem at 7:30 a.m., noon and 5:15 p.m. daily; 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 Carrizozo Roadrunners Chapter of the Lincoln County Extension Association meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Otero county Electric Cooperative community room on 12th Street in Carrizozo. Chapter meetings are open to anyone interested. For more information, call Barbara VanGorder at 575-648-9805 or Doris Cherry at 354-2673.

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

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

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet the fourth Monday of each month at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. Bring a brown bag lunch. For the June 27 meeting, the women have invited State Representative Zach Cook and Al Santos, CEO of the Lincoln County Medical Center. For more information, call 430-7258.

The Lincoln County Garden Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Otero County Electric Coop. on

Highway 48 in Alto, at 9:45 a.m. Visitors are welcome. The Garden Club's purpose is to encourage community beautification and conservation, and to educate members in the arts and sciences of horticulture. For more information, call 973-2890.

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

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

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

The Photographic Society of Lincoln County - dedicated to the advancement of digital photography - meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Region IX offices at 237 Service

Road. Annual dues are \$15 per family which includes lectures and field trips. Contact Leland Deford at 257-8662 or Herb Brunnell at 258-4003.

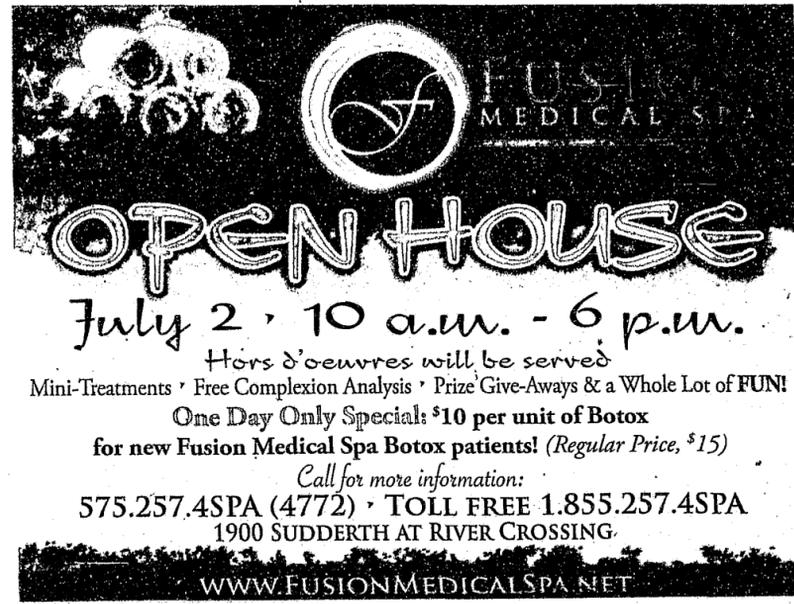
Rotary Club of Ruidoso meets at Cree Meadows Country Club noon every Tuesday.

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

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

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

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



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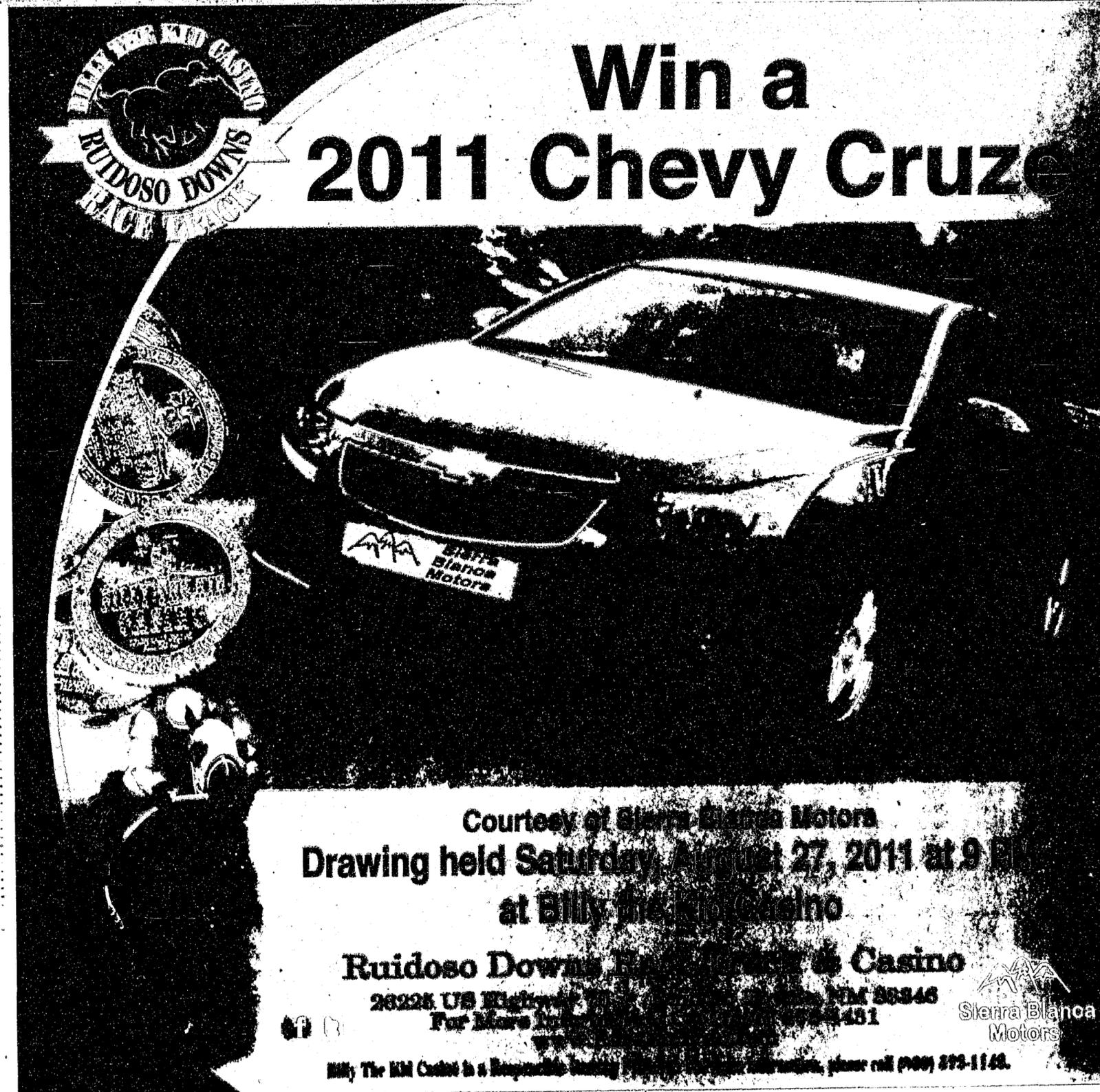
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Carrizozo once again has a police officer

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

Mayor Dennis Vega confirmed that the town has hired Steve Barnett to be the lone member of the police department. Barnett will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday.

The town had been without a police officer since March. Vega expressed a desire to hire more officers during an interview on Tuesday following his appointment as mayor

due to the recent resignation of Mike Petty. A 33-year law enforcement veteran, Barnett previously worked for the Doña Ana Sheriff's Department and the Capitan Police Department. He will be on probation during his first six months as a member of the Carrizozo Police Department.

During a telephone interview on Thursday, Vega said hiring a police chief and at least one more officer are priority. Rachel Weiser resigned as police chief

in January, Officer Darrell Chavez transferred to the Ruidoso Downs Police Department last October, and Officer Gary Lindsey stepped down in March.

Vega said the position of police chief might be close to being filled, acknowledging that the town has been in contact with Ron Bishop regarding the position. Bishop is a former police chief in Cordova, Alaska.

If hired, Bishop would become Carrizozo's seventh police chief since 2005.

Petty stepped down as mayor June 10 during a special meeting that Vega had requested to discuss hiring for the police department. Vega said there's a serious need to combat a recent string of break-ins at businesses and homes throughout the town.

"We appreciate how the (Lincoln County) sheriff's department and the state police have helped us out," Vega said on Tuesday, "but we really need to take care of our own business."

CRIME

to see the officer. After a short interrogation, the boy broke down and came clean on several infractions, including the burglarization of a home on Rio Street, flood damage to a business, an attempted break-in to a business on the 2300 block of Sudderth, a breaking and entering into yet another business on Rio Street, attempted auto burglary relating to the attempted siphoning of gaso-

line, and damage to a New Mexico State Police vehicle during a traffic stop.

The juvenile was taken into custody, and he showed police where he had stashed the money he had stolen from various businesses behind a hotel. He was booked at the Ruidoso Police Department and released into the custody of his father, with a court ruling from Juvenile Probation.

MURDER

burglary, said Esquero.

Montoya was also charged with tampering with evidence, said Esquero.

APDS officers quickly obtained a description of the vehicle that Torres, Montoya and Mathis fled the scene in and relayed the information to other law enforcement agencies, said Esquero. The ve-

hicle was later stopped in Alamogordo by deputies from the Otero County Sheriff's Department, said Esquero.

Torres, Montoya and Mathis are currently being held at the Otero County Detention Center without bond pending their arraignment in Otero County Magistrate Court.

RUIDOSO POLICE REPORTS

Home break-in

A vacation home on the 100 block of Davis Drive was reported as broken into sometime between April and June. Several pieces of electronic equipment, valued at a total of about \$1,445 was taken.

Condo theft

A condominium on the 200 block of North Eagle Drive was reported broken into, June 8. Two stereos and "several bottles of expensive wine," were reported stolen. Police continue to investigation.

Wood chucking

Police cited Iris Mortensen, 20, of Ruidoso for criminal damage to property after police were able to verify she had thrown a piece of wood through the window of a home during a June 8 incident on Wingfield Drive.

Stay, no pay

A group of softball players renting a house from May 19 to May 22 skipped town without paying for the stay. Police now have an arrest warrant for Carlos Chavez, 30, of Andrews, Texas, for falsely obtaining services.

Domestic incidents

Police arrested Drew Beck, 19, of Ruidoso for battery against a household member, June 12, following an incident in which he allegedly choked and shook a woman and destroyed a potted plant in the residence. He also admitted to cutting the work shirt of the woman because "he felt if she couldn't go to work, she would have to spend the night with him alone at the apartment."

Beck was booked at RPD and later taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center after he could not post bond.

A second incident from June 13 led police to a restaurant in Ruidoso Downs, where Marcus Barnes, 31, of Ruidoso, was found with his children attempting to speak to the mother of the children after he had allegedly attacked her. Barnes was arrested at the restaurant for battery against a household member. He later posted bond and was advised to have no contact with the victim

Criminal damage

A house on the 400 block of River Trail had two windows broken by thrown rocks, sometime between May 29 and June 3. There are no suspects at this time.

More break-ins

Police responded to the 100 block of Kirkman Drive, June 3, where another vacation home had been broken into. A sliding glass door had been shattered, several drawers throughout the residence had been opened with items laying on the floor, and fire extinguishers that had been emptied out in the living room. For all that, the only item reported missing was a clock.

Another home - this one on the 400 block of High Loop Drive - was reported broken into June 4. The residents reported a television, a computer, satellite radio receiver and a key to their vehicle had been stolen.

Probation violation

While investigating a shots fired report, June 5, police made contact with Jarvis Peso, 18, of Ruidoso, who was found with a beer. Police learned Peso was out of jail on conditions of release on a previous charge, and he was arrested for allowing himself to be served and was booked at RPD.

Domestic assault

Police arrested Casey Charlson, 23, of Ruidoso, after a domestic incident, June 5 on the 200 block of Carter's Lane. He was charged with battery against a household member and interference with communications. As it was his third battery offense, he was charged with a felony for multiple battery offenses. He was transported to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

An angry man

Wyndham Runningwater, 27, of Tularosa, was found outside a bar yelling obscenities when he was contacted by police June 11. Runningwater recognized the responding police officer and then began yelling obscenities at him as well and was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was booked at RPD and later bonded out.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE REPORTS

Stopped for speeding

Police stopped Rigoberto Ramirez, 43, on June 10 after he was observed speeding on Highway 70. During the stop, police confirmed Ramirez had an active warrant out of Tularosa and was arrested. Ramirez was cited into Magistrate Court for the June 10 traffic violation.

Wrong turn

Police arrested Burgess Johnson, 51, of Capitan, on a warrant, June 11, after he was stopped for making an improper left turn. He was also cited for driving with a suspended license while being booked at Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

Unsafe behavior

Jonna Hamilton, 27, of Ruidoso Downs, was stopped, June 11, after officers found her vehicle not maintaining a

lane of traffic on Highway 70. During the traffic stop, police observed the seatbelt was stuck in the driver's side door and hanging outside. When asked why she wasn't wearing her seatbelt, Hamilton replied she "refused to wear the seatbelt," after someone she knew had been killed in a car crash.

Police also found beer and a glass container with "a green leafy substance" in the vehicle, and Hamilton was cited for open container, no seatbelt and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Home burglary

A home on the 200 block of Friedenbloom was broken into, June 12. The home's resident claimed \$170 in cash, an EBT card, canned food and a cell phone charger were taken. Police continue to investigate the case.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S CALL LOG

June 10

9:53 a.m., Alto, 1200 block High Mesa Road, unknown trouble call
5:09 p.m., Alto, end of Incredible Lane, littering or dumping
5:32 p.m., Capitan, Deer Trail, animal call
8:25 p.m., Alto, Shell parking lot, welfare check
9:27 p.m., Ruidoso, Gavilan Canyon Road, welfare check

June 11

12:46 p.m., Carrizozo, 300 block 10th Street, larceny
4:02 p.m., Capitan, County Road C011, suspicious activity
5:26 p.m., Alto, 100 block Broadmore, animal call
5:34 p.m., Alto, TR's parking lot, traffic hazard
6:33 p.m., Capitan, Capitan Estates, civil dispute
8:32 p.m., Carrizozo, 700 block B Avenue, motor vehicle theft

June 12

6:16 a.m., Nogal, Hogal Hill, animal call
1:07 p.m., Capitan, 600 block Bogle Road, fire
2:38 p.m., Capitan, 100 block Lookout Peak, larceny
6:45 p.m., Nogal, 100 block Loma Grande, breaking and entering
7:47 p.m., Ruidoso, Gavilan Road, disturbance
8:20 p.m., Nogal, 100 block Antelope, disturbance
8:25 p.m., Capitan, Dean Road, animal call
8:59 p.m., Capitan, 200 block East 2nd Road, disturbance
10:20 p.m., Capitan, 100 block Northview, suspicious activity

June 13

5:12 a.m., Lincoln, alarm
9:08 a.m., Capitan, West Deer Trail, animal call
1:12 p.m., Carrizozo, 600 block 7th, larceny
1:38 p.m., Carrizozo, 300 block 11th Street, animal call
2:51 p.m., Alto, 100 block Sonterra, animal call
6:36 p.m., Ruidoso, 100 block Lance Trail, animal call
7:05 p.m., Capitan, 400 block West Smokey Bear Boulevard, threats
10:25 p.m., Capitan, 300 block West 4th, disturbance

June 14

7:31 a.m., Ruidoso, 100 block Lance Trail, animal call
7:39 a.m., Capitan, 100 block Bethel Court, animal call
8:50 a.m., Alto, 100 block Pine Hill Trail, animal call
9:13 a.m., Capitan, larceny
2:32 p.m., Alto, 100 block Camo Casa Blanca, criminal damage to property
5:53 p.m., Alto, 100 block Coggins, alarm
6:23 p.m., Alto, Pine Hill Trail, animal call

June 15

10:22 a.m., Alto, Country Club Drive, larceny
1:12 p.m., Glencoe, Highway 70 Mile Marker 268, fire
5:23 p.m., Ruidoso, Racquet Court, larceny
7:04 p.m., Carrizozo, 6500 block Highway 380, fire

June 16

8:29 a.m., Alto, 200 block Highway 220, littering
8:30 a.m., Carrizozo, 1000 block 12th Street, threats
10:24 a.m., Carrizozo, Lincoln County Detention Center, assault
11:12 a.m., Capitan, 200 block Bancroft, auto burglary
2:46 p.m., Ruidoso, Sudderth/Highway 70, fire
3:27 p.m., 400 block Enchanted Forest Loop, fraud
4:23 p.m., Ruidoso, Sudderth and Paradise, accident
4:26 p.m., Capitan, 100 block Mount View, larceny
7:59 p.m., Carrizozo, high school football field, shots fired
9:27 p.m., Alto, High Country Lodge, animal call

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LC seeks to replace Probate Judge Spencer

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications to fill the position of probate judge following last month's resignation of Carrie Spencer. The board made the announcement during a special meeting June 13.

Spencer stepped down from the position of probate judge May 31 with 18 months left in her current term. She had accepted an employment position out of the area, said county Manager Tom

Stewart.

County commissioners have the authority to appoint a successor to the position until the current term expires, according to state law. Spencer was re-elected to a four-year term in November 2008.

Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo said she's received "a lot" of inquiries about the probate judge vacancy since the resignation of Spencer was made public. She proposed that those interested in applying for the position should do so before the next regular board meeting on July 19.

"I would suggest we put out informa-

tion or advertisements for any of the public that's interested in this position," said Sedillo.

Stewart recommended establishing a deadline for applications to be received by July 11. He also suggested that candidates for the probate judge position present their qualifications before county commissioners at the next regular meeting so that "we can examine all the applicants in a fair way."

The probate judge is responsible for administering the estate of a deceased person by resolving claims and distributing

property under a valid will. The position pays \$20,024 annually. A Juris Doctor degree is not required for the position.

Spencer had been in office since 2005. During her time as probate judge, she was appointed as chief of the Carrizozo Police Department, as position she held for about a year.

In other news, a countywide ordinance banning open burning was renewed for an additional 30 days. On Monday, the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, listed the fire danger in Lincoln County as "totally extreme," said Stewart.

Ruidoso continues to struggle in FOG fight

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Despite several years effort to encourage businesses to install and maintain grease traps, Village of Ruidoso officials told the Village Council June 14 that they have only attained a "below 50 percent" compliance rate.

Public Works Director Randall Camp told the council "this has been a problem for the past 20 years," but noted given the new \$36 million state-of-the-art Ruidoso Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant, and that facility's reliance on a filtration system that is particularly susceptible to FOG - fats, oils and grease - in wastewater, the need to enforce compliance is critical.

"We just have to get them into compliance," Camp said of the uncooperative businesses, which according to reports number approximately 60 throughout the village limits.

"This is a threat to the membranes (the filtration system used at the wastewater plant)."

The inability to force compliance has sparked an effort by village staff to draft a comprehensive ordinance that would mandate businesses install and maintain grease traps, even though village staff, according to reports, already possess the authority to require such devices and have the authority to take punitive action, such as the disruption of utility service, to businesses that refuse to comply.

On several occasions, village officials have promised to publicly identify businesses that have refused - in some cases over a multiple year period - to install grease traps, but have backed off due to advice issued by Village Attorney Daniel Bryant.

Village Councilor Jim Stoddard, who historically has been among the harshest critics of non-complying establishments on the board, chose instead to ask if there wasn't a way possible to identify and praise businesses that have come into compliance.

Noting that council has been advised to "not publicly chastise" non-complying establishments, Stoddard said, "We've talked and talked about this. Is there anything we can do for those businesses who have spent the money to come into compliance so that the people in the

community will know?"

Councilor Denise Dean asked village staff to provide a complete list of all businesses that fall within the general guidelines of needing grease traps to be provided to the council as part of the body's next meeting agenda.

"I want this to be made into the public record," Dean said, adding: "I'm demanding" a report.

In other action, the board declined to renew its contract with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce to staff and operate a Visitor's Center.

The Chamber had requested \$122,000 to renew the contract with the village for the upcoming year.

Councilor Rifle Salas, however, made an initial motion to approve only \$100,000, which was seconded by Stoddard.

Before the council even entered into a discussion phase on the subject, Councilor Dean asked that the entire item be tabled in order to allow the chamber to provide additional financial information to support its funding request.

Becky Brooks, the chamber's interim executive director, did give a presentation on the Visitor's Center, stating that the operation had 3 1/2 employees fully dedicated to staffing the center and emphasized that Visitors Center employees rarely devoted their working hours toward normal chamber operations.

"They have separate job descriptions," Brooks said. "There is some overlap, but by and large they are separate employees."

Salas clarified that he did not necessarily intend to

slice funding to the Visitor's Center, but his motion was a reflection of not having adequate information.

"Let's see the finances," Salas said. "It might well be that we give them \$150,000."

Village Manager Debi Lee echoed the councilors' sentiments that a more comprehensive financial report was needed to support the request.

"There are challenges," Lee said, "as to (village-supported) funding," and stressed the village's need to "prioritize basic services."

Upon receiving assurance that Brooks would provide the requested statements, Salas agreed to withdraw his motion, and the matter will be rescheduled for discussion and action at the board's June 28 meeting.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant specifically directed Village Building Official Shawn Fort to not discuss his findings as to the cause of a deck collapse that occurred June 4 at a home on Snow Cap Drive.

The board also agreed that Councilors Salas and Angel Shaw will oversee the evaluation process for Village Manager Lee, whose current contract with the village expires June 22.

Mayor Ray Albom said that due to a misunderstanding, the council would not officially be able to evaluate and act upon a contract renewal for Lee until its June 28 meeting, meaning Lee will actually work for approximately a week without benefit of a current contract.

Shaw, however, said the evaluation process must be completed to ensure the village "is in compliance" with Lee's current contract.

Join author Gary Cozzens at the Capitan Library

A native New Mexican, Gary Cozzens grew up in Portales, where he graduated from Portales High School and Eastern New Mexico University, earning a double major in history and political science. Following graduation, he served in the United States Marine Corps for a total of twenty-four years, including in Operation Desert Storm, and retired as a major in 1999.

Cozzens is employed by the Region IX Education Cooperative, where he is director of career and technical education, distance education and emergency management. He is the current president of the Lincoln County Historical Society, a former board member of Fort Stanton, Inc., assistant coordinator of the Lincoln County Site Watch program and a member of the Historical Society of New Mexico.

Gary and his wife,

Shirley Crawford, live on the Nogal Mesa about a mile from where his grandparents homesteaded in 1924.

The Nogal Mesa has attracted people since the Jornada Mogollon called it home a millennium ago. The legacy and culture of those early settlers is only part of a rich history that draws visitors to the Mesa today. This was the land of a gold prospecting craze, a bloody massacre that destroyed a village, generations of ranchers, the Lincoln National Forest Ranger's Station and the annual Ranchman's Camp, which still thrives.

Local historian Gary Cozzens relates these stories and more in *The Nogal Mesa: A History of Kivas and Ranchers in Lincoln County*.

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Report:

One-third of NM seniors don't graduate

Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Nearly one-third of New Mexico public high school seniors did not graduate last year, according to the most recent figures by the state.

The statewide graduation rate in 2010 was 67.3 percent, a 1.2 percentage point increase from the previous year, according to a report released last week by the state Public Education Department.

According to a study conducted by the Education Research Center and published by the *Education Week* magazine, the U.S. graduation rate was 67.3 percent in 2008, the most recent coverage year for which statistics have been released. The magazine ranked New Mexico 49 out of 51 in the country, with only Washington, D.C., and Nevada ranking lower.

However, all five public high schools in Lincoln County fared better than the state and national averages.

Ruidoso High School's graduation rate was 80.7 percent in 2010, an increase of six-tenths of a point from 2009. Capitan High School had a graduation rate of 76.9 percent in 2010, an increase of more than 13 percentage points from the previous year.

Carrizozo High School, meanwhile, had a graduation rate of 77 percent in 2010, a decrease of about 14 percentage points from 2009. Altogether, the school graduated 22 students last year, compared with 20 the previous year.

With 10 graduates each, Corona and Hondo high schools boasted rates of 86.1 percent and 86.4 percent in 2010, respectively.

"These numbers from 2010 confirm that there is plenty of work to be done when it comes to turning around New Mexico's schools," Gov. Susana Martinez said in a statement. "Expectations must rise, and for the sake of New Mexico's young people, we must reform our education system in a way that focuses on student achievement."

In the past, the Public Education Department has taken more than a year to compile and release graduation rates, according to a statement released from the governor's office, adding that Martinez has directed the department to expedite the calculation of graduation rates to provide quicker feedback to parents, teachers, administrators, and lawmakers on the status of New Mexico's education system.

Whether it was a discussion on Community Development Block Grant funds, a fire assistance agreement between Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, or police department funding, councilor Gary Williams made his voice heard on all issues during June 13's Ruidoso Downs Council meeting.

Williams a stickler for details; road projects OK'd

Todd Fuqua

Reporter

Williams was a stickler for figures and precise language on almost every item on the agenda, not the least of which was the approval of two bids to improve North central, River Lane and Nevada Lane.

According to a memorandum prepared by Public Works Director Cleatus Richards, Star Paving Company submitted a low bid of \$433,237.07, with a majority of funds for the projects being paid for by CDBG and Co-Op funding from the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

But Williams had questions about the bidding process, particularly since the project had to be re-bid. "The cost did go up between bids, so the projects aren't be completely finished," Richards said. "We're talking about 50-60 percent done with the funds we have."

Richards said the city can go back to CDBG for further funding, while City Administrator Carol Virden said there are other sources of funding beyond that.

"But getting the award is difficult because of competing bids from other municipalities and counties in the state," Virden said.

Williams stated the agenda memorandum mentioned the city's street improvement fund has enough cash balance to award the remainder, and asked why these projects would have to be left undone until further funds could be acquired from CDBG.

"You're telling me we still can't finish these projects with those funds?" Williams asked. "There's a cash balance from the year before. We can't finish it with that?"

"There has to be some left to cover change orders and unseen contingencies," Richards answered. "All that takes up the money that's available."

Despite Williams' concerns about the funding, he voted for the bid awards in a unanimous approval.

Williams also questioned items in a mutual aid fire assistance agreement between Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, particularly the question of whether training between departments would be conducted.

Mayor Tom Armstrong, who once served as the chief of the volunteer fire department in Ruidoso Downs, said combined training between the municipalities would be a good idea.

Williams also questioned a stipulation in the agreement that states the municipality requesting assistance must provide water, food, oil and fuel for the responding department.

Williams asked if there was a budget item for that type of thing, and Armstrong said the Downs' fund for those items could be used for any fire department assisting in fighting a fire.

"But if we use that for another department, we'll have to replace it," Williams said. "Why not have a line-item fund specifically for other departments?"

Virden answered the city can go in that direction, but the agreement as it stands only allows for standing operating procedures. The council voted unanimously to approve the agreement, in light of the current extremely dry conditions in the area.

The council also approved the hiring of Ryan Frost as a temporary police officer.

"We had advertised for an open position, and Mr. Frost had made it through the background process, but then the position was frozen for the upcoming budget year," explained Police Chief Doug Babcock. "But now we've got staffing issues."

Babcock explained one officer has been deployed to Afghanistan and another is out of commission with shoulder surgery, making a new officer a necessity.

"I spoke with the candidate and he agreed to take on the job on a temporary basis. There are no benefits at all, just salary," Babcock said. "He is a certified officer from Georgia."

Before the hiring was approved, Williams brought up more concerns about the paperwork forwarded by Babcock.

In other business, the council:

- Approved an agreement between the city and the Lincoln County Humane Society to provide kennel services for animals under the society's care;

- Approved a special dispenser permit for the Hubbard Museum of the American West for a new exhibit opening July 1.

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Village, Downs still split on treatment plant costs

Eddie Farrell

Editor

The split between the Village of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs regarding how much operational costs should be paid by Ruidoso Downs continues to be a stumbling block in finalizing the budget for the Ruidoso Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant.

At the four-member panel's regular meeting June 15, Ruidoso Downs representative Cleatus Richards again proclaimed that operational costs for the facility should not exceed the historic level of 7 percent; under the terms of the operational agreement between the two municipalities, the Downs is responsible for 15 percent of all costs while Ruidoso pays the remaining 85 percent.

Richards appeared to take particular issue with the village's inclusion of Public Works Director Randall Camp's salary as an operational cost.

At the board's May meeting, Richards was successful in getting the village to submit a preliminary budget that, per a negotiated agreement brokered by Ruidoso Councilor Angel Shaw, that agreed to charge the Downs only 7 percent in an effort to meet the state's June 1 deadline for preliminary budgets.

Nancy Klingman, finance director for the village, said Tuesday, however, that overall operational costs amount to 11.6 percent, even after making some of the adjustments -- including removing Camp's salary -- requested by Richards and fellow Downs representative, Mayor Tom Armstrong.

The state deadline for final budgets, which, by law must be balanced, is August 1, according to Klingman.

When asked to approve the final budget, Richards balked, making a motion to pass the financial document, but with the operational expenses at no more than 7 percent "as was previously approved."

Downs Financial Director Terri Mosley said she had discussed the mat-

ter with Klingman, but still did not agree with the village's figures.

"We understand how the 11.6 percent was arrived at, but we have not reached agreement on the percentage," Mosley said, adding that the Downs officials simply could not understand how the percentage could increase so dramatically from historic levels.

For her part, Klingman said the village had already made several adjustments to accommodate the Downs, and felt there was no more room to negotiate.

"We've already made several compromises," Klingman said.

Armstrong said he would like to see the two finance directors continue to talk, and said he could envision a slight increase, to perhaps 7.5 percent, but even given his mayor's willingness to continue negotiations, Richards insisted on keeping the amount at no more than 7 percent.

When Richards' motion failed for lack of a second, Shaw made a motion to direct negotiations to continue in an effort to reach a figure acceptable to both sides. That motion passed 3-1 with Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom voting no. Albom did not elaborate on his vote.

In other action, the board received a presentation by Steve Vrooman of Stream Dynamics, which is seeking a contract to provide two restoration projects: To re-establish Bog Springs, a natural wetland area, in the vicinity of Ruidoso High School and to help restore and expand Two Rivers Park, which was severely impacted by the 2008 floods.

The panel also declined to ratify a "Code of Ethics" approved by the Ruidoso Village Council, opting instead for legal staff to draft a similar proposal specifically for the JUB. Ruidoso is asking all of its boards and commissions to ratify the code, but Armstrong said he doesn't feel the JUB is either a board or commission, hence the need for a special code just for the JUB.

Vega named mayor of Carrizozo

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Reporter

The Carrizozo Town Council, during a regular meeting June 13, appointed Dennis Vega as mayor following last week's resignation of Mayor Mike Petty.

As mayor pro tem, Vega had assumed the role of acting mayor after Petty stepped down from the position during a special council meeting Friday morning, citing fatigue as the reason.

Vega said during a telephone interview Tuesday morning that he would immediately like to address issues with the police department regarding the hiring of a new chief and a couple more officers, and tackle concerns about recent break-ins at businesses and homes.

"We appreciate how the (Lincoln County) sheriff's department and the state police have helped us out," Vega said, "but we really need to take care of our own business."

Petty was sworn in as mayor in March 2010, af-

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Recently, the Village of Ruidoso applied for a special use permit to continue unregulated pumping of the Eagle Creek North Fork wells. These wells have operated without a valid permit since 1995. Eagle Creek residents have an opportunity to submit comments to the US Forest Service documenting the effects of loss of stream flow in Eagle Creek due to the North Fork wells. Comments and photographs will be considered in the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by the US Geologic Survey.

Residents along Eagle Creek are urged to submit statements and photographs documenting the environmental effects on their property of the loss of stream flow. Examples of the detrimental effects documented thus far include:

- Changes in the water table requiring deepening of domestic wells
- Dead, dying, and fallen trees
- Effects on fish, wildlife, and vegetation
- Appearance of sinkholes and other evidence of environmental degradation

Statements must be submitted by July 30, 2011 to:

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Members of the Eagle Creek Conservation Association, an organization formed by Eagle Creek residents concerned about the loss of stream flow, will gladly provide examples of testimonials and assist property owners in preparing their statements. Please contact Ab Keus (akeus@valornet.com) or Bill Midkiff (billmidkiff@valornet.com) for assistance or further information. This is an important opportunity to help restore our creek and preserve the environment and our quality of life.

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

On Saturday, June 11, 235 triathletes took part in the fifth annual Ruidoso Sprint & Kids Triathlons. The event was held on a gorgeous day, staged at Wingfield Park in conjunction with the health fair, Walk in the Woods. All proceeds will benefit the Ruidoso trails coalition program.

We would like to give credit and thanks to all the local organizations, sponsors, volunteers and triathletes that supported this event.

Corporate sponsors & individuals sponsors: Hammernutrition, TriSports.com, New Mexico Sports Authority, The Ruidoso Athletic Club, Bicycle Ruidoso, Presley Printing, Holiday Inn Express (host hotel), Ruidoso Outdoor Adventures, Ruidoso Lodgers Tax, BuyRuidoso.com; Landlocked Restaurant & Bar; Therapy Associates; Lincoln County Medical Center; Brunell's; Lawrence Brothers Supermarkets; EJ Signs; Thriftway supermarket; Billy the Kid Race Track & Casino; High Country Agency; Southwest Securities Group; Zia Gas; Ronnie Hemphill CPA; Dr. Michael Spence M.D.; Dr. Jon Ogden Chiropractor; Village Ace Hardware.

Support Services: Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse; Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Commission; Ruidoso Boy Scout Troop 59; Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club, Emergency Services of Lincoln County Medical Center, Ruidoso Police Department, White Mountains Search & Rescue.

Volunteers extraordinaire: Michele Thurston & Avril Coakley registration/packet pick up wiz; emcee genius Aaron Lacombe; Eddie Cisneros equipment specialist; Craig Maldonado course marking/sag car & much more; the forever Young Bart & Mary transition marshalls; Dr. Albert Witte M.D.; Harvey Foster & Joseph Arcure photographers, the great team for the KidsTri too many to mention.

Last but not least, we would like to congratulate all the triathletes old & young that travelled from far away to our mountain community. We hope that you will be our ambassadors to promote the Ruidoso Sprint & Kids Triathlons and Ruidoso as a new destination in New Mexico for outdoor sports. If we have missed anyone who helped, please accept our apology now and know that without your help, this wonderful event would not have been possible.

See you next year in June 2012.

Frederic Moras
Ruidoso Sprint & Kids Triathlons race director

To the Editor,

"Humane" characterized by tenderness, compassion and sympathy do not currently describe our "Humane Society." The great freeze out this winter not only led to broken pipes, but many broken, cold and starving animals abandoned by their owners for whatever reason, in the worst of times. My old barn and abandoned chicken coop became home to numerous forgotten starving cats that had obviously

been in a home at one time. Food and water were all I could provide; the barn and chicken coop gave them shelter.

This brings us to springtime. In an effort to eliminate an increase in the population, I have contacted many places to inquire about spaying and/or adoption of these poor, mistreated, abandoned animals. In their wisdom, the county saw fit to only fund our "Humane" shelter. Let me tell you that if you think your gifts to this shelter would help place an animal, or be an advocate for these unfortunate leftovers of human neglect, you are mistaken. Their policy of euthanasia to feral cats, and "no kittens" rule are in line with the county's solution of "just shoot them."

I did find a glimmer of hope by investigating the "PAWS" program in Alamogordo. Now, because not enough funding has been provided to the PAWS program, they are struggling to provide truly humane care for these abandoned souls.

I still have the problem and responsibility of finding a solution, and at 73, and on a very limited income, I am writing in frustration to those more fortunate than myself. If you want to make a humane contribution, consider the policies of where you find "humane" treatment of animals.

The PAWS program not only provides neutering but finds homes on ranches, in barns and inside the house, for those animals.

Unfortunately, easy solutions such as "kill" are the mindset of the same people that dump their responsibilities for someone else to deal with.

Julia Cano,
Capitan

To the Editor,

The Lincoln County Flag Day Celebration at Wingfield Park turned out to be more successful than expected with a couple hundred people in attendance and over 600 torn and tattered American flags de-constructed and respectfully reduced to ashes.

As the organizer of this now annual event, I want to offer thanks to the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, especially Brady Park, and thanks to Chief Harlan Vincent and the officers and men of the Ruidoso Fire Department for monitoring the burning and keeping us all safe. Thanks too, to Harvey T. of KEDU for providing a sound system.

Thanks to the Veterans' Honor Guard, made up of members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, for presenting the colors to open the evening and retiring the colors to close the event.

Thanks to Pastor Tim Gilliland of Church out of Church for the opening prayer and to Julie Gilliland for leading everyone in singing the National Anthem, "She's a Grand Old Flag," and "God Bless America."

Thanks to Judi Waymire, Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge No. 2086 who led the flag retirement ceremony with presentations by the Boy Scouts of Lincoln County's Sierra Blanca District; Saint Eleanor's Cub Scout Pack 58; Community United Methodist's Cub Pack and Scout Troop 59; and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' Cub Pack and Scout Troop 107.

Thanks to Girl Scout Troop 16033 for helping with the presentation too. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, especially the Patriotic Fourth Degree, who assisted the Scouts in de-constructing the flags and reducing them to ashes.

Thanks to the Republican Party of Lincoln County and the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County for providing hot dogs and lemonade and having American flags available for folks to replace those retired. The Republicans also provided the stage.

Thanks to the Tea Party Patriots of Lincoln County for keeping things clean.

Most especially, I want to offer thanks to the citizens of the Village of Ruidoso and Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Flag Day Celebration for 2011 was truly a community event.

Jack Shuster
Ruidoso

COMMENTARY

A salute to our heroes

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Walking through the devastation of the Pinecliff addition late Friday morning, some 18 hours after the most damaging flames of the Swallow Fire were finally beaten down, feelings of sorrow and sympathy competed with hope and gratitude about the perils of life in Ruidoso.

Nine homes were destroyed in the fast-moving fire; lives were altered forever and for many it will take many months, if not years, to overcome the loss of a lifetime's possessions.

But despite the still smoking embers, the stench of smoke, and streets still showing the red slurry dumped on the neighborhood by aerial tankers, the sense of just how lucky we are overwhelmed the sadness of so much loss.

It could have been much worse. Once again, in our community's time of need, our brave firefighters and police officers selflessly moved into action to help save lives and property.

Within 20 minutes of the initial call, approximately 150 firefighters had converged on the blaze, simultaneously fighting the flames and assisting residents of the area to evacuate to safety.

Two Ruidoso police officers, Chris Bryant and Josh Snodgrass, had to be treated for smoke inhalation as they rendered assistance during the fire.

Can we possibly say enough to thank these brave individuals who risk their very lives to make our community a safer place to live?

We wish to express our gratitude to all of the police and firefighters who fought the Swallow Fire: Ruidoso Fire, Ruidoso Police, Ruidoso Downs Fire, Lincoln County Fire, the U.S. Forest Service crews, Mescalero Fire, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management who assigned special investigators to

help determine the cause of the fire.

As witnessed in the recent White Fire, area businesses immediately opened their doors to offer shelter and assistance to those who lost their homes or were otherwise dislocated by the fire.

Accounts of citizens fighting the blaze shoulder to shoulder with trained professionals are proof of how much our residents cherish their lives and livelihoods in Ruidoso.

In the upcoming days and weeks, there will no doubt be a continued outpouring of offers of assistance to those whose lives have been altered by the Swallow Fire.

And, of course, there is the still unanswered question: How did the fire start?

Unlike the White Fire, in which officials have steadfastly refused to release an official cause, there is hope that local authorities will quickly release an official determination of cause.

Ruidoso officials, including Village Manager Debi Lee and Police Chief Joe Magill have strongly intimated that the fire is human caused, and have publicly stated that a "person of interest" is being sought in connection with the fire.

As bad as it is to think that such a devastating fire could have been started accidentally, the idea that it could have been deliberately set is a chilling thought that drives home the point of just how important it is for all of us to remain vigilant of our surroundings in the midst of the most critical fire danger period that anybody can remember.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that lost their homes and possessions to the Swallow Fire, and our deepest gratitude goes out to the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to our protection and safety.

Our thanks to all who responded so valiantly to the Swallow Fire. You're deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten.



Eddie Farrell

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37 Nick of "I Love Trouble"
38 Archaic affliction
41 Cotton cloth
42 — tape
43 Cognizant
44 Spoil
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49 Bunch of bees
51 Bulldog feature
52 Shady character?
54 English statesman
56 A deadly sin
57 Masters' "River Anthology"
59 Cary of "Hot Shots"
61 Diva Renata
63 Trigger
64 Game-show giveaways
65 Part 3 of remark
69 With 6 Down, John Cleese sitcom
71 Grapefruit serving
72 Tableland
74 Tex-Mex favorite
75 Sturdy fabric
77 Goes (for) Flavius
80 TV's "Top —"
81 Trunk, in Tewkesbury
82 "She — Yellow Ribbon" (49 film)
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85 End of remark
88 Brewer or Wright
91 — Park, NJ
93 Birthday buy
94 Danson's

"Cheers" role
95 Greek poet
96 Emerson's middle name
98 Word in a Hawthorne title
99 Sell
100 Rock's — Trick

101 A swan was her swain
102 "The Gold Bug" author
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106 Notable speaker of remark
114 Plastic — Band
115 Sausage segment
116 Proofreader's mark
117 "Bewitched" role
118 Energy
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121 Sheena of song

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2 Budge
3 List entry
4 — es Salaam
5 Pig's digs
6 See
69 Across

7 Dele dele
8 — diem
9 Galena, e.g.
10 Dernier —
11 Disputed territory
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14 "— Day Now" ('62 hit)
15 NBC logo
16 Circus prop
17 Heroic Murphy
18 The yoke's on them
24 Overdramatic thespian
26 Maestro Georg
30 Velvet finish?
32 In place of
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35 Kreskin's letters
36 Stout relative
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42 Time to crow?
44 Black and white delight
45 Wine and dine
46 Hillary's

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47 Mirth
50 Author Eudora
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53 Mag. submissions
55 Govt. security
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58 Dragon of song
59 Part of Q.E.D.
60 Resided
62 — Spumante
63 Circus Barker
64 Part of a process
66 Voucher
67 Block
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69 TV watchdog
70 At the drop of —
73 Soft-palate extension
75 "Come Softly —" ('59 song)
76 Distress
77 Buck or Jesse
79 Violinist Oistrakh
81 South African activist
83 Exiled

dictator
86 Renown
87 Frog-to-be
88 Hot stuff
89 Building wing
90 Caviar
92 Gridiron position
94 Beyond balmy
95 Comic Herman
96 Complain
97 Famed fabulist
98 Little lizard
99 Harry — Zell
100 Karate blow
101 City on the Danube
102 Rose or Rozelle
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104 Archaic preposition
105 Cartoonist Lee
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FIRE

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to mitigate runoff resulting from the recent White Fire, was also made available to make multiple drops of 500 gallons of water each on the burning homes and surrounding areas.

Two Ruidoso police officers, Chris Bryant and Josh Snodgrass, were transported to Lincoln County Medical Center, where they were treated and released for smoke inhalation.

Approximately 300 homes, ranging from Pinecliff to DePalo Hill were mandatorily evacuated, but residents were allowed to return to their homes by 8:30 p.m.

Local lodgers immediately began offering rooms to evacuees, and area residents were actively involved in assisting firefight-

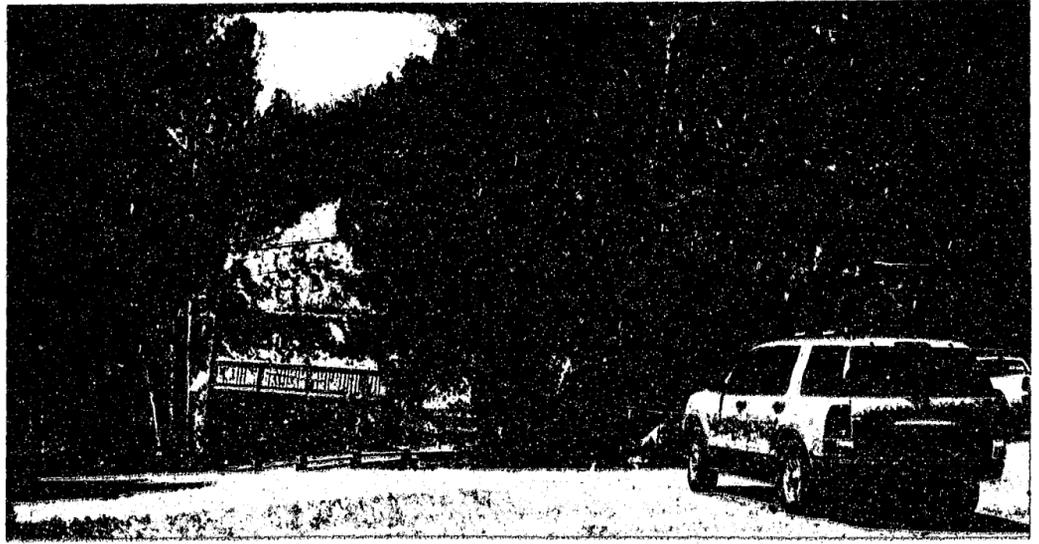
ers battle the flames. The Red Cross has established an assistance center for residents wishing to contribute to those who lost their homes or are in need of assistance.

The local Red Cross telephone number is 575-526-2631.

The Lincoln County Food Bank, located at the Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, is also extending its hours to assist fire victims who may be in need of food.

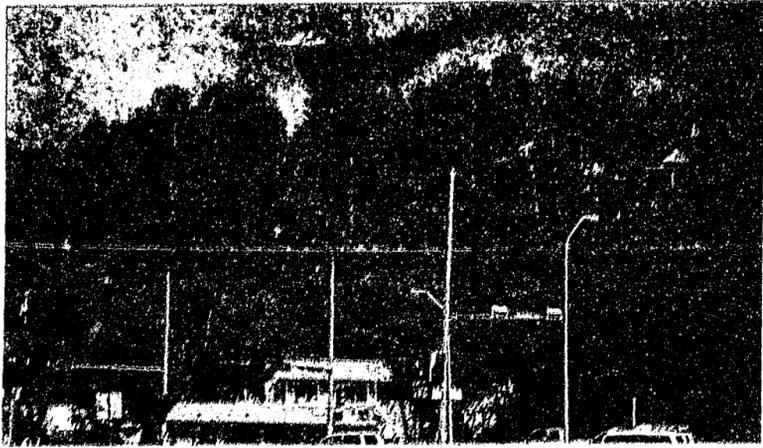
"The response to this fire was immediate, swift and seamless," Lee said. "The quick work of all the emergency personnel is what has kept this from becoming a much bigger incident."

Vincent said a U.S. Forest Service fire investigator



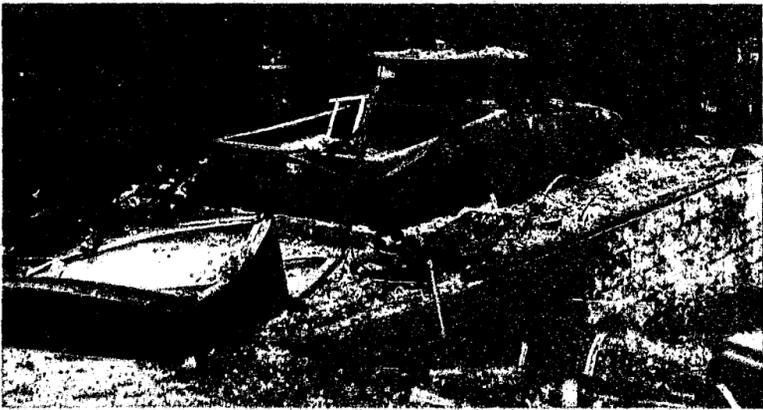
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Above, a home on Cliff Drive is engulfed by a blaze which began behind the Travelodge Motel, June 16. At left, a plane drops slurry onto the Pinecliff neighborhood, near the Y intersection of Highway 70 and Sudderth Drive.



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

Above, the Swallow Fire roared up this canyon, leaving nothing but ashes and rubble in its wake. Below, this burned-out shell of a truck is all that remained from a home at the intersection of Cliff and Swallow Drives. Below right, spires of foundation and charred appliances stand out of the ashes from what is left of a home after the Swallow Fire.



Account to help fire victims

A special account has been established at First Savings Bank in Ruidoso to assist Cindy and Luis Espinosa, owners of Hall of Flame Burgers, who lost their home, their vehicle and all of their belongings in Thursday's Swallow Fire.

"We've had a number of people come in ask if we can do this," said Richard Hall, First Savings president.

"These folks lost all of their belongings, and we and the residents of the community are just trying to help them out."

First Savings Bank is located at 2713 Sudderth Dr.

Any other financial institutions desiring to establish accounts for fire victims are asked to please contact the Ruidoso Free Press at 575-258-9922.

SMOKE

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tain disaster.

A distraught gentleman wandered away from his home clutching only a small gym bag and holding his shaking pet Schnauzer.

Firefighters, emergency personnel and animal control converged upon my driveway, the site of a fire hydrant closest to the devastation. Crews swiftly and efficiently assembled a staunch battlefront as we notified them which homes were known to be empty vacation homes and those we knew having animals needing to be rescued.

Two more homes burst into flames. Propane tank explosions jolted the block. The tinder-dry crowns of once mighty Ponderosa pines burst into flames.

Acrid smoke darkened the afternoon light and heat from the wind driven by flames singed our faces. The time had come for our small civilian brigade to completely leave the block.

Before leaving our homes in the hands of skilled firefighters, wind and fate, we suddenly found ourselves in the direct flight path of a fixed wing S.E.A. T. slurry bomber, diving on our strip of homes with

a calculated display of aggressive yet surgical air support.

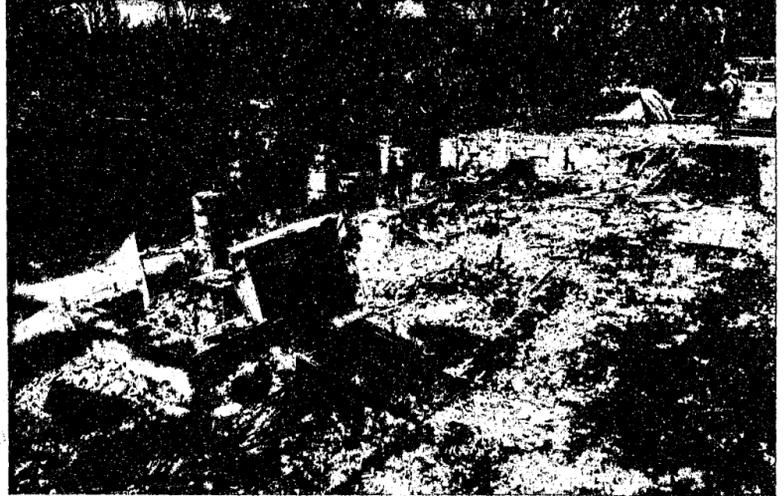
The bomber released its 850-pound payload of soggy slurry upon our homes and us, which was joyously embraced and celebrated as we would much-needed rain.

The time had come for our small civilian brigade to completely leave the block with prayers we would return to our homes intact. Indeed we did.

The fire had crept its way to the sides of my home but the repeated slurry runs and skillful effort of emergency personnel had stopped the forward progress of what was amounting to a potential total destruction of an entire subdivision.

In the eerie light of dusk, foundations of what were once fine homes were smoldering. Fire crews began mopping up operations, mitigating flare ups and keeping mindful watch upon the wind.

Although we returned to our homes intact, covered in a glaze of red slurry, others were not so lucky. Now, it is time to comfort our neighbors who are suffering, uplift their spirits and rebuild from the ashes.



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BUSINESS

County to receive \$1.5 million for federal lands

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

Lincoln County will get nearly \$1.5 million from the federal government, following an announcement June 16 by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar that more than 1,850 local governments across the country will receive payments totaling \$375 million under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes - or PILT - program this year.

The federal funding is distributed to local governments for federal lands on which they cannot collect property taxes. PILT dollars are intended to compensate counties for the lost property tax revenue.

New Mexico has 32.4 million acres of federal lands and will receive PILT payments totaling \$32,916,396 this year.

"During these challenging fiscal times, these payments will help local communities across the nation continue to fund essential services, such as firefighting and emergency response programs, and allow for additional improvements to

school, road and water systems," Salazar said in a statement coinciding with the announcement. "These communities provide significant support for federal lands throughout the year and PILT funding seeks to compensate them for the foregone revenue from these lands."

Lincoln County includes 1,103,482 acres of federal lands, including 364,371 acres of the Lincoln National Forest. That will translate into \$1,457,786 in PILT money for the county, an increase of \$38,411 from the previous year.

County Manager Tom Stewart was pleased with the extra funding this year, saying it wasn't much more than the previous year, "but we'll take anything we can get."

The county received \$1,730,491 in 2009.

Stewart said the money would be put into a general fund to be used for public improvements, such as road repairs.

The amount of PILT funding in the county has more than tripled in the past

10 years - \$472,661 was received in 2000 - mainly because the program is finally being fully funded, which hadn't happened in the past. The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 enacted a five-year authorization for full funding of the PILT program.

New Mexico's congressional delegation had nearly split on voting for that act. Reps. Heather Wilson and Steve Pearce voted no, while Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici and Rep. Tom Udall voted for its passage.

"PILT is always a very important part of local budgets in New Mexico," Bingaman said in a statement following the Interior Department's announcement. "But it has been increasingly important during the past few years, as county budgets have become tighter."

Funds for the PILT program come through about \$13 billion in revenue collected annually by the Interior Department from commercial activities on federal lands, such as oil and gas leas-

ing, livestock grazing and timber harvesting. A portion of the money is shared with states and counties; the balance is deposited in the U.S. Treasury, which pays for various federal activities, including PILT funding to counties.

Neighboring counties will also receive PILT funding.

Otero County includes about 2.7 million acres of public lands, and will receive approximately \$2.7 million in PILT revenues. Meanwhile, Chaves County's nearly 1.3 million acres of public lands translates to roughly \$2.9 million in PILT payment this year.

Using a formula provided in statute, the annual PILT payments are computed based on the number of acres of federal entitlement land within jurisdiction and its population. The lands include the national forest and national park systems, those managed by the Bureau of Land Management, those affected by Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation water resource development projects.

Business briefs

Needlepoint and sewing supply shop to open July 1

If you have been looking for needlepoint supplies, retail goods, embroidery and sewing supplies wait no more. The Stitching Post will be neighbors with Casa Feliz and the Hello Gorgeous beauty salon located at 1031 #5 Mechem Dr. The Stitching Post will be much more than a supply store. Stitching post owner Kathie

Bryant of operates a vibrant Stitching Post shop in Midland believes the Stitching Post in Ruidoso will be a good fit for Lincoln County.

"The Stitching Post will be hosting needlepoint classes while providing needlepoint enthusiasts a place to work on their projects in addition to being a one stop shop for all their supplies," Bryant said. Bryant intends to partner with organizations like ENMU to offer community education courses.

Needlepoint is a type of embroidery in which the stitches are counted and worked with a needle over the threads, or mesh, of a canvas foundation. It was known as canvas work until the early 19th century. If the canvas has 16 or more mesh holes per linear inch, the embroidery is called petit point; most needlepoint was petit point in the 16th - 18th century. Needlepoint as it is known today originated in the 17th century, when the fashion for furniture upholstered with embroidered fabrics prompted the development of a more durable material to serve as the embroidery's foundation. Wool is generally used for needlepoint, silk yarn less often. Needlepoint kits, containing canvas stamped with a design and all the materials needed for the project, were sold as early as the mid-18th century.

Farms, a family owned business located in Nashoba, Okla. and are offering a variety of pecan and candied pecan products.

"Add Pecans to your 'must have' holiday list! Pecans are most popular in desserts such as pies, cookies, or candies. They can also be a great addition to salads, stuffing's, chicken or fish coatings, and other savory dishes," Hooper said. The candied pecan product line features white chocolate dipped pecans, cinnamon crunch, and a variety of other flavors. "Please stop by if you're in Midtown. We sell pecans, pecan candies, and southwestern gifts. Use "Dr.H" to get your discount!" Hooper said.

Eating pecans can improve your overall health. They are loaded with antioxidants and contain more than 19 vitamins and minerals. They also can help lower cholesterol, help prevent coronary heart disease and gallstones, aid in weight loss and support prostate health through their high dietary fiber qualities, according to Hooper.

The building, owned by Eddie Fowler, dates to the early 1900s and has been a retail landmark for decades. Riley has operated the Wagon Wheel for several years and developed the store into a bustling retail establishment believe the new owners with their pecan products, online ordering system and previous retail experience will take the store to a new level. "I am very happy to see the excitement and energy from the new owners. The Wagon Wheel could not be in better hands," Riley said.

Retail landmark changes ownership

The Wagon Wheel, a familiar Midtown retail landmark, located at 2526 Sudderth Drive, two doors down from Win Place and Show, has changed ownership. Buddy and Myrlice Hooper purchased the business from Glenda Riley who is celebrating retirement. In addition to maintaining the traditional curios, jewelry and retail offering the Wagon Wheel is renowned for, the Hoopers are bringing something new. They own Hooper Pecan

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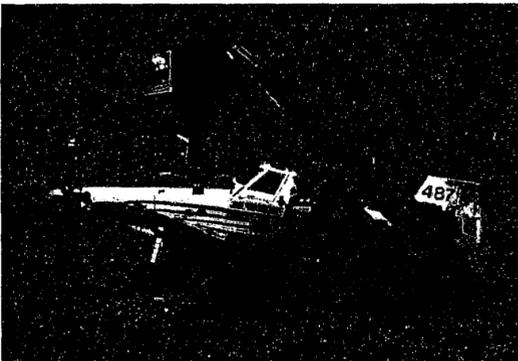
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Flood mitigation treatments continue in White Fire area

Good progress is being made in the White Fire area to reduce the impacts of monsoonal rainfall on lands and private property downstream from the burned landscape. Activities and treatments planned by the individual cooperators are on schedule for completion by early July and prior to the onset of the monsoons.

Application of a grass seed mix on 5,900 acres of Lincoln National Forest lands within the White Fire area was completed on June 15. The seed was applied by fixed wing aircraft at a rate of 53 lbs. per acre. The particular seed mix chosen for this project will germinate quickly with a small amount of moisture, and will serve to stabilize the soil, slow runoff and return vegetation to the fire area.

Also as of June 15, straw mulch is being spread on 1,800 acres of sloped lands that have been treated with seed. The straw mulch is being applied on these National Forest lands at a rate of two tons per acre using helicopters equipped with large nets. The straw mulch will protect the seed and encourage germination, as well as slow runoff and reduce erosion. Aerial straw mulching operations are on target for completion by July 1.

Lincoln National Forest is also working on National Forest land in Johnson Canyon to slow runoff and reduce impacts to Ruidoso Downs Race Track and the surrounding area including many private horse barns.

Concrete jersey barriers are being acquired as quickly as possible by Lincoln County and the City of Ruidoso Downs. Barriers have currently been placed in Highland Canyon and adjacent to other residences in Ruidoso Downs. N.M. Department of Transportation has donated additional concrete barriers and the County and the City are working hard to coordinate delivery and placement of these additional barriers despite limited equipment resources.

The City of Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County have installed drainage ditches to protect private property in Highland Canyon and along North Street in Ruidoso Downs, and will continue to build and reinforce ditches in other locations. Sand bags are available through the City and County for use by private landowners. Residents and business owners are strongly encouraged to take their own actions to protect their property.

White Fire aerial rehab



Ruidoso Downs photo by Gay Harris

A helicopter completes a straw drop near Ruidoso Downs on Saturday during the racing action.

Straw mulch is being dropped on 1,800 acres of the White Fire burn area in an effort to rehabilitate the forest. Those 1,800 acres are part of 5,900 acres that have been seeded. The straw mulch will encourage seed germination while reducing water erosion during the upcoming summer monsoon season. The White Fire burned 10,500 acres and destroyed five homes April 3.

Local Ham operators to participate in field day exercise

Members of the Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club will be demonstrating their emergency communications capability at the field on Hull Road adjacent to the White Mountain School athletic field from noon, June 25 until noon, June 26. The public is invited to attend.

This annual event allows ham operators practice their operating skills in order to be ready to provide emergency communications during natural disasters such as hurricane Katrina, wildfires or the recent Ruidoso floods. Amateur operators have demonstrated many times that they can be the only reliable means of communications when conventional infrastructure fails. Operating under the club's call sign KR5NM, operators will be in contact with other Field Day stations throughout the US in order to raise public awareness of amateur radio's capabilities. All communications are done by volunteer operators who provide their own equipment at no cost to the public.

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June 15

Pro baseball

Las Cruces 13, Ruidoso 2

June 16

Pro baseball

Las Cruces 13, Ruidoso 2

June 17

Pro baseball

Las Cruces 10, Ruidoso 9

Softball

Cool Pines Classic

Men's D

Thunder 19, Los Compas 9

Men's E

Panthers d. Off Constantly

Women's C

Coronitas 20, Lady Quarters 17

Down N Dirty 23, Haterz 11

Women's E

Diamond Pride 15, Bad-N-Tentions 0

Jackees Alamo 26, Bad-N-Tentions 6

June 18

Pro baseball

Las Cruces 9, Ruidoso 8

Softball

Cool Pines Classic

Men's D

Gamecocks 15, Quarters 5

Thunder 27, Blue Thunder 17

Dead Men Walking 16, Quarters 15

Outlaws 29, Thunder 18

Men's E

DTP Alamo 16, Panthers 14

Scum 8, Banditos 4

Masterbatters 21, Homeboys 8

Danger 19, Schmitted 9

Danger 16, Scum 7

Dukes Alamo 14, Banditos 13

Dukes Alamo 15, Panthers 4

Homeboys 20, Grizzly Electric 10

DTP Alamo 13, Homeboys 12

Women's C

Vipers 16, Haterz 10

Tailgators 27, Lady Quarters 15

Women's E

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Diamond Pride 9

Diamond Pride 17, Lady Canes 6

June 19

Pro baseball

Ruidoso 17, Roswell 17, ppd., darkness

Softball

Cool Pines Classic

Men's D

Thunder 19, Gamecocks 13

Thunder 19, Shockers 9

WTX DC 11, Thunder 7

Men's E

Danger 19, Team Stroke 9

Falcons 17, Danger 8

Danger 16, Nemesis 5

Championship

Falcons 17, Danger 7

Women's E

Diamond Pride 21, High Maintenance 11

Jackees Alamo 16, Diamond Pride 15

June 20

Pro baseball

Roswell at Ruidoso, late

SPORTS UPCOMING

June 21

Pro baseball

Ruidoso at Roswell, 7:05 p.m.

June 22

Pro baseball

White Sands at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

June 23

Pro baseball

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

June 24

Pro baseball

White Sands at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

Horse racing

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

June 25

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

Horse racing

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

June 26

Horse racing

Mountain Top Thoroughbred Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

June 27

Horse racing

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

Odd ending to Osos game

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Uncertainty and rage were the order of the day at the end of Roswell's game at Ruidoso Sunday.

Uncertain was the ultimate outcome of the game, as the contest ended in a 17-all tie after nine innings due to darkness on the unlighted White Mountain Athletic Complex field.

Enraged was Ruidoso Oso manager Kevin Griffin, who spewed his fury at the umpires when the game was called — the gist of his argument being the home plate umpire wasn't doing his job calling balls and strikes properly which allowed the game to go as long as it did.

According to the Pecos League Website, the game will be continued July 4 at Roswell.

It was an anti-climactic ending to a game that featured high-scoring innings and big comebacks.

"When you come to Ruidoso, the weather and field condition makes weird things happen," said Roswell manager Chris Paterson. "That's why being down 8-0 doesn't mean much."

An 8-0 deficit is just what Roswell faced after the first inning, as the Osos pounded Invader starter Yoshinori Machida for five hits in the frame, including two triples by Drew Peterson and Jerome Dunning.

Machida was lifted after Dunning's three-run triple, having recorded only one out, and Reed Brown was able to get his team out of the inning, but not before Peterson — batting for the second time in the frame — scored on a double by Case Rigby.

Peterson had a terrific day



Josh Bellin-Gallagher/For the Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso manager Kevin Griffin, far right, begins a furious argument with the umpires at the end of Sunday's 17-all tie between Ruidoso and Roswell at Ruidoso. Looking on is Roswell manager Chris Paterson.

at the plate, going 5-for-6, hitting for the cycle and driving in three runs. Dunning was a home run short of hitting for the cycle himself, while Rigby went 6-for-6 with three doubles in a 24-hit attack.

But Roswell still put up 16 hits of its own, led by Clifton Thomas with a pair of 3-run home runs and a run scoring double.

Roswell scored four in the third inning and eight in the fourth to take a 12-9 lead, as Brown settled down and allowed three Oso runs through the sixth inning.

But as Roswell made a comeback, so did the Osos. A five-run seventh inning featuring a three-run homer by Ben Gorang put Ruidoso back on top

16-13. Ruidoso added an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth on an unlikely RBI single by relief pitcher Lee Thompson, who did an even more unlikely thing and later stole second.

But Thompson — who was gunning for a save — seemed to worn be out by his adventures on the basepaths and allowed the Invaders to tie the game on an RBI single by Cody Fuqua and another home run by Thomas.

Andrew Miller then came on to retire the side and give his team the chance to win the game in the bottom of the inning.

With the sunlight fading behind the Sacramento Mountains, Ruidoso had one last shot to end the game, as they loaded the bases on a walk and two straight singles by Casey Kahsen and Dun-

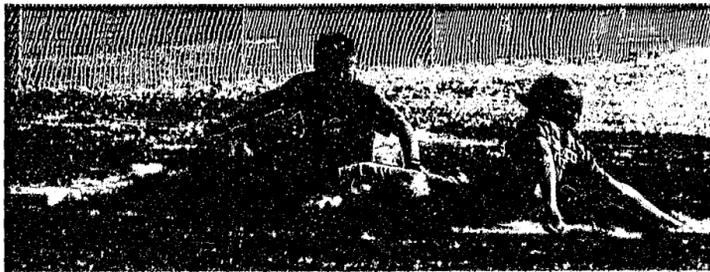
ning, but Anthony Carillo struck out pinch hitter David Holcombe and Dunning was forced out at second on a grounder by Peterson to end the inning.

Losses to Cruces

It was a disappointing end for the Osos — who were hoping to get a win and rebound from a four-game losing streak at the hands of Las Cruces on the road.

Ruidoso gave back all four games they had gained against the Vaqueros during a home stand the week before, losing 13-2, 12-3, 10-9 and 9-8.

The final game in Las Cruces was also a back-and-forth affair, with the Osos taking a 3-1 lead on a three-run homer by starting pitcher Alan Gatz, who later gave up two runs in the bottom of the third to tie the game.



Josh Bellin-Gallagher/For the Ruidoso Free Press

Cubs third baseman Felix Martinez, tags out Hayden Frierson of the Dodgers Saturday during the Major championship at Gavilan Canyon Field.

Cubs win Major title

By Josh Bellin-Gallagher

For the Ruidoso Free Press

"I don't know what to say, words can't describe it," said Cubs coach Chris Woodul after his team defeated the Dodgers 11-5 Saturday afternoon at Gavilan Park to capture the 2011 Ruidoso Little League Major Championship.

Although, the Cubs had dominated the Majors all year, they found themselves having to come from behind to win the trophy. The Dodgers jumped out to a quick 5-0 advantage lead by Hayden Frierson and Josh Duncan in the top of the second.

But the Cubs were quick to respond with seven runs in their half of the second to take the lead 7-5. The frame saw every player in the lineup except one reaching base as they capitalized on several Dodgers errors and a couple walks by the pitcher Josh Duncan.

The parade of runs was hardly just miscues by the Dodgers as the inning was punctuated by a three-run homerun over the right field fence by Oscar Guillen.

"It felt good when I hit it," Guillen said who knew it was gone immediately as he extended his arms in the air as soon as the ball left the bat.

Kyler Woodul pitched very well for the Cubs, going 5 1/3 innings while only allowing three earned runs and

striking out seven Dodgers. After the rocky second inning, Woodul put up nothing but zeros to eventually earn the win.

"I didn't think Kyler would pitch so long, but he did great," said Coach Woodul.

In the sixth, Woodul handed the ball to the early hero Guillen with two outs remaining in the game.

"I knew we'd go to either Oscar or Cisco (Mayville) late," Woodul said. "I just figured that Oscar would have the confidence after the home run."

Guillen used that confidence to strike out Dodger Tyler Davis for the second out. With just one out remaining to a title, Dodger base runner Jerod Candelaria got caught in a rundown which finally concluded with a tag out at third by shortstop Mayville as a part of a 2-5-2-6-1-5-2-6 pickoff to end the game.

The Cubs basked in the glory, celebrating by tossing their hats in the air as they completed their undefeated season to a League Championship.

"This is something special because this is my last year to coach both my kids and we finally won a championship," an emotional Coach Woodul said referring to his two sons Kyler and Grady. "It was a real pleasure coaching all these kids. We had a good draft night at the beginning of the season and it showed all year."

Red Sox win Minor championship in two

By Josh Bellin-Gallagher

For the Ruidoso Free Press

The Minors Championship started Saturday with the Phillies just a win away from winning the title. But the Red Sox had something to say about that with an 8-7 win to force a winner-takes-all Championship final on Sunday.

The Red Sox made good on their second chance in the double elimination tournament, beating the Phillies 15-8 to secure the title.

The Red Sox mounted a surging comeback Saturday in their final chance at bat. Down 4-7, the Red Sox capitalized on walks and used aggressive base running to keep their chance at a league title alive.

That base running proved to be the key as they used two steals of home in the bottom of the sixth including the winning run stolen by Ezra Gonzalez.

"I don't know, it's exciting," Gonzalez said responding to the feeling of winning the game on such a bizarre play.



Josh Bellin-Gallagher/For the Ruidoso Free Press

Red Sox pitcher Justin Mirelez throws a pitch in Saturday's Minor League playoff against the Phillies at Gavilan Canyon Field.

Top-10 finish for county racers MEET YOUR TEAM

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

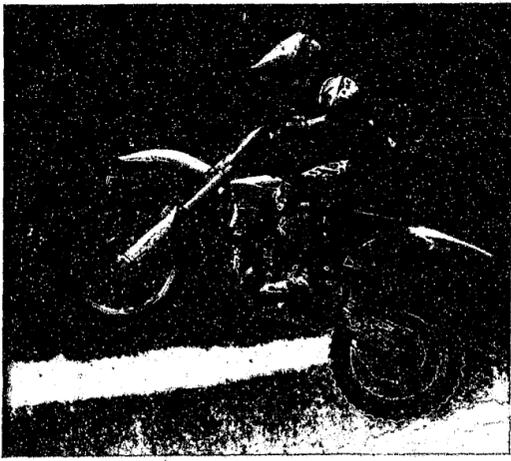
A father-son duo competed recently at the Amateur National Arenacross Championship in Las Vegas, Nev., in May, each finishing in the top 10 in their respective divisions.

Father Mark Johnston and son Kevin qualified for the national finals after a year of racing at local and area tracks. The sport is characterized by very quick turns and occasional spills.

"It's only one race at the nationals and can be very unpredictable," Mark said of his fifth-place finish in his age division. "Once you get to Vegas, it's all about the good start. If you don't get that, you're stuck behind everyone else."

Generally, the only thing that can enable someone to pass another rider is wreck, which is just what happened to Kevin in his 10th place finish.

"He was running fourth, but then washed out in a corner," Mark said. "There are some tech-



Courtesy
Kevin Johnston flies off a dirt berm during a motocross race at Tularosa earlier in the year. Johnston finished 10th in his division at Arenacross Nationals in Las Vegas, Nev. in May.

niques to pass others, but generally you're behind them the entire way."

Mark, racing in the over-40 division, is an ex-professional rider, racing against other ex-pros. Kevin, being 16, races in the novice class - featuring some racers as old as 25.

"Competition at that age is very tough, and Kevin's facing guys that

were 8-9 years older with a lot more experience," Mark said.

Mark said he began racing when he was 18, with his first race being at La Luz near Alamogordo. "I got knocked out on the start and run over," he said.

With stories like that coming out of the Arena Cross sport, one might wonder if putting your child on a bike in that venue is "the best thing to do."

But Mark said his son is eager to take part and is aware of the risk, which is key to the sport.

"If a kid is in there because they've been pushed to do it by their parents, then that's a bad thing," Mark said. "But Kevin wants to be out there. He's been banged up a few times, but hasn't broken any bones. He understands that's part of it, and it's his option to race. If he wants to do it, we'll support him."



Courtesy
Mark Johnston speeds past during a race at Tularosa.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Ruidoso graduate Abriana Herrera, sitting center, signs a letter of intent to attend Trinidad Junior College. Joining Herrera at the table are (standing, l-r); Lawrence Chavez, stepfather; Chris Chavez, mother; Nick Herrera, father; Kyla Herrera, sister; Janett Herrera, stepmother and Darlene Heinemann, aunt. Sitting with Herrera are Ruidoso High School girls basketball coach Julie Montoya, left, and grandmother Sharon Herrera.

Herrera is newest Trojan

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

Trinidad State Junior College in Colorado is becoming a familiar destination for Ruidoso High School graduates.

The latest to sign with the Trojans was Lady Warrior basketball standout Abriana Herrera, who earned a full-ride scholarship to the school.

"The coach (Rich Holden) is really cool, and I think this will be a good fit for me," Herrera said. "They focus on academics a lot, too."

Herrera will major in pre-dentistry at the college, just as classmate and volleyball recruit Justalee Johnson plans to do.

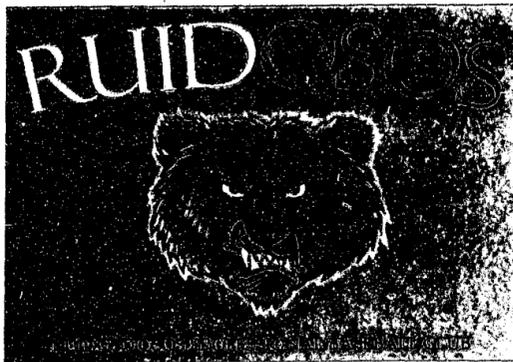
Her decision was influenced by her

visit with the coach. Herrera was impressed with Holden's drive to improve all aspects of his athletes' lives.

"His striving to always be better is what made me think I wanted to play there," Herrera said. "I don't expect to play right away, but I'll have to work hard. I could tell that just from one workout."

While Herrera may be at the school on an athletic scholarship, she's not making plans to play beyond her two years at Trinidad.

"I'll have to see about what school I'll go to after I'm done playing basketball here," Herrera said. "I might play more, but right now I'm just happy for the opportunity."



Ruidoso is fighting to stay in the hunt for the top spot in the league after dropping four straight to Las Cruces last week. They play two road games at Roswell today and tomorrow before starting a home-and-away series with White Sands June 22.

Erick Campos

Position: Pitcher
Playing experience:

Attended and played at Cerritos College located in Norwalk, Calif. The son of Cesario and Angelina Campos, Erick says he's proud of the opportunities his parents gave him. He also says he's a "fan of playing the game the right way."

Came to Ruidoso after a friend saw him play and recommended him to the Pecos League.



Anthony Phillips

Position: Left field
Playing experience:

Played four years at the University of Houston-Victoria.

The hard-playing Phillips is easy with a smile off the field and is a tough player, although he's currently sidelined with a finger injury suffered in Las Cruces.

He simply loves playing baseball and learned about the Pecos League while playing his trade in Houston.





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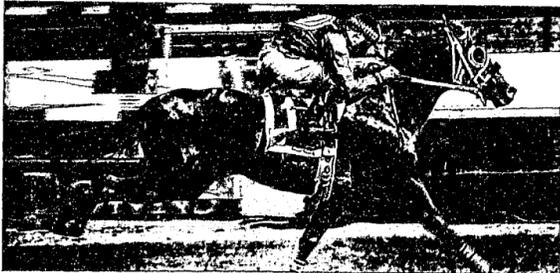


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Sammy James wins Mountain Top Futurity



Ruidoso Downs Race Track
Sammy James races to victory in the Mountain Top Futurity Sunday.

By Ty Wyant

Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Isabell Charolais' Sammy James moved to the top level of the New Mexico-bred 2-year-old ranks with an impressive daylight victory in the \$276,609 Mountain Top Quarter Horse Futurity Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.

Sammy James quickly went to the lead from the inside post position under jockey Ricky Ramirez and had the race secured 100 yards before the wire. He easily pulled

away to win by two lengths while well in hand and earned \$137,772.

The son of Jesse James Jr covered the 350 yards in 17.844 seconds while facing a gusting 35 miles per hour headwind.

Two Shine finished second by a nose over Caught On Tape.

Sammy James has shown improving form for trainer Blane Wood over his three career starts and now will be one of the hot favorites for the \$350,000 Zia Futurity on July 31 at Ruidoso Downs. The \$20,000 Ruidoso Yearling

Sale purchase crossed the finish line in fifth place in his career debut at Sunland Park and awarded fourth position following a disqualification. He then stepped up and won his Mountain Top Futurity trial by three quarters of a length with the fastest qualifying time of 17.550.

Runner-up Two Shine, owned by Beda Prieto and trained by Juan Gonzalez, is still a maiden from four starts and raced in the New Mexican Spring Futurity at Sunland Park.

Inductees enshrined to Racehorse Hall of Fame

By Ty Wyant

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Peppers Pride, trainer John Bassett, jockey Jerry Burgess and owner/breeder Johnny T.L. Jones Jr. were inducted into the Racehorse Hall of Fame,

County pair headed to nationals

Two Lincoln County residents are qualified for the National Senior Olympics currently taking place in Houston.

Tom Douglas of Alto and Christopher Carusona of Ruidoso are among the 10,000-plus competitors from 50 states who are in Houston to compete in 21 sports.

Douglas - who was the gold medal winner in doubles bowling with partner Gene Nitz in the 2009 games in San Jose, Calif. - bowled singles this year. He will team up with partner Ken Yoman of Scottsdale, Ariz., for doubles competition starting today.

Carusona has competed in the running long jump and racewalking at the last five national meets.

Both Douglas and Carusona qualified by winning at this year's 2010 New Mexico Senior Olympics.

while publisher Ben Hudson was honored with the first Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame Special Recognition Award before the all-time largest attendance for the enshrinement evening at Ruidoso Downs Friday night.

The nearly four-hour event started with the unveiling of the new inductees' cases in the Racehorse Hall of Fame and followed with dinner and the induction ceremony. Videos, each about 10 minutes in length, were shown for each honoree.

Hudson co-founded and has overseen TRACK Magazine for 35 years and is also the founder and publisher of the Monday Report. In addition to his tireless work and dedicated on-the-scene coverage of quarter horse racing events, he has been very active in volunteer causes in racing, including obtaining pari-mutuel racing in Texas and the Race Track Chaplaincy of America.

Peppers Pride is the most acclaimed New Mexico-bred thoroughbred in history. Racing for Joe

Allen and trained by Joel Marr, Peppers Pride won each of her 14 stakes races and retired with earnings of \$1.06 million. Her record of 19 wins from 19 starts is the modern thoroughbred record for wins without a defeat. She is now co-owned by Mike Stinson and has a 2011 filly by Distorted Humor and is bred to Distorted Humor for a 2012 foal.

Bassett came from the Arizona fair circuit to become one of the most important stakes winning trainers in quarter horse racing

in the past 20 years. He has earned two wins in the All American Futurity, four wins in the Los Alamitos Million/Two Million, three wins in the Rainbow Futurity, three wins in the Golden State Futurity, and wins in the All American Derby, the Los Alamitos Super Derby and the first running of the Texas Classic Futurity.

Burgess was a premier quarter horse jockey who is now a steward at Lone Star Park near Dallas and Hialeah Park near Miami. He won the All American Futurity aboard Bugs Alive In 75, the Rainbow Futurity on Mighty Deck Three and two stakes races on world champion Dash For Cash. He also rode

Cinder Leo, Mr Hay Bug, Chicory Moon and Alamitos Feature to stakes wins.

Jones has been a force in international thoroughbred racing and throughout quarter horse racing. His Walmac Farm in Lexington, Kentucky was home to leading sires Nureyev, Alleged and Miswaki and remains an important breeding operation in central Kentucky. He is actively involved with racing quarter horses and is co-owner of 2-time champion Noconi, champion Brenda Beautiful, champion My Dashing Lady, Champion Of Champions winner The Down Side and Rainbow Futurity winner Planet Holland.

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White Sands Pupfish	19	9	.679	1
Ruidoso Osos	16	11	.593	3½
Roswell Invaders	14	13	.519	5½
Alpine Cowboys	13	16	.448	6½
Carlsbad Bats	2	27	.070	17½

June 15	Roswell 7, White Sands 6
	Las Cruces 13, Ruidoso 2
June 16	Roswell 8, White Sands 1
	Las Cruces 12, Ruidoso 3
	Alpine 2, Carlsbad 1
June 17	White Sands 10, Roswell 1
	Las Cruces 10, Ruidoso 9
	Carlsbad 3, Alpine 1
June 18	Carlsbad 7, Alpine 6
	Alpine 15, Carlsbad 1
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Nice turnout for "Taste of the Spencer"

By Eddie Farrell

Editor

Several hundred people converged on that special little landmark in Alto to enjoy a "Taste of the Spencer" Saturday evening, each paying \$50 for the privilege of spending a little bit more to take home a memento, or a vacation; or a classic Jaguar sedan.

Among the treasurers with a personal touch were a pair of shoes worn by Phyllis Diller, a blouse worn by Joy Behar on television's *The View*, an autographed jacket once worn by Lily Tomlin and a Miss America poster autographed by a

number of past winners. In the live auction, a 1986 XJ6 Jaguar fetched \$6,000 and Debbie Haines-Nix, owner of Sanctuary on the River, placed the winning bid of \$3,500 on a white K. Kwai baby grand piano.

Other "items" featured in the live auction were a one-week trip to Maine for a New England Fall Foliage tour; a San Francisco/Napa Valley Wine Country get-away; a trip to Tuscan or Comedia, Italy; a vacation at the 2012 Kentucky Derby; a 6-night package tour of Ireland; three-days in Las Vegas and a Yucatan Peninsula vacation.

Local businesses were also well represented - Sanctuary on the River offered

a Tea Time party for 24; Rainmakers Golf Course offered a day on the greens literally in the backyard of the Spencer Theater; Fusion Medical Spa offered \$1,400 worth of "select laser services," and Inn of the Mountain Gods offered a golf and lunch package.

All told there were more than 85 items in the event's silent auction and bidders were able to sample delicious tastes from the Blue Goose Café, Landlocked, Rickshaw, La Sierra Mexican Restaurant, the Laughing Sheep Farm and Lincoln County Grill among others.

Portabella meets the 5-a-day need

What comes to mind when you hear, "You need 5 a day"? 5 glasses of water? 5 meals? 5 breaks per shift? The "5 a day" I am referring to is the daily amount of fruits and vegetables you should have in your diet as recommended by the CDC (Center for Disease Control). 5 fruits? Hey, who doesn't like a banana and a glass of OJ with breakfast, an apple at lunch, strawberries for a snack, and a nice fruit salad at



Brendan Gochenour

dinner? I know I could handle that every day. The veggies on the other hand... who can eat a salad EVERY DAY?

Well, have no fear. There are many ways to make your veggies the star of your meal. This week's recipe is for a portabella mushroom stuffed with veggies and cheese. It is a great 'gourmet' meal to serve your favorite vegetarian, or you could always add some chicken or shrimp and make it a little more carnivore-friendly. Anyway you serve it, you will be rewarding your body with the health benefits provided by the veggies and your taste buds with the savory and crisp flavors of the dish.

So, what exactly are some of the benefits of adding 5 fruits and veggies to your daily diet? According to the CDC's website, www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.com, fruits and vegetables contain vitamins, minerals and fiber that help reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases like heart disease, stroke, and some types of cancer. Sounds great, doesn't it? We can feed ourselves and our loved ones great tasting foods that will help keep them healthy! Imagine that, foods that can help prevent cancer!

Speaking of cancer, some friends here in Ruidoso are kicking off the Lincoln County Relay for Life 1st Annual H.O.T.T.T. Auction to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. According to the event coordinators, Ruidoso's H.O.T.T.T. est single ladies and gentlemen will be auctioned off to the highest bidder... including the Ruidoso OSOs baseball team! Not only that, yours truly, Chef Brendan and Mrs. Chef Brendan will be auctioned off as well - not as dates, but as a private chef and server for an evening. Imagine having your own private chef in your home cooking a four course dinner for you and a date or three dinner guests. Food, wine, and service included. If you can imagine it, come out to Quarters Bar June 24 at 8 p.m. and bid, bid, bid! It is for a great cause and is sure to be a lot of fun!

Spinach-Stuffed Portabella Mushrooms with Tomato and Red Pepper Coulis
Serves six

Ingredients

- 6 large Portabella mushrooms, with stems removed
- 8 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 large shallots, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound fresh spinach
- 2 tablespoons panko bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup ricotta cheese

- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmigiano reggiano
- 4 leaves fresh basil
- 3 red bell peppers, roasted, peeled and seeded
- 3 tomatoes, lightly roasted and skinned
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup heavy cream

Directions

Tomato and Red Pepper Coulis

Lightly oil bell peppers and tomatoes and roast in oven for about 30 minutes, or grill them for 10 minutes. Tomatoes will take less time than the bell peppers to roast, so keep a close eye on them. Peel and core the bell pepper and peel the tomato. Place peeled veggies in blender with 1 shallot, 2 garlic cloves, 3 tablespoons olive oil, fresh basil, sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper and heavy cream and blend very well until smooth. Place in refrigerator and allow to cool.

For the mushroom, lightly brush mushrooms with olive oil and place on a hot grill cooking both sides for 2 minutes, or just bake them in a 350 degree oven for six minutes. Remove from grill and place on clean cookie sheet, set aside. Pre heat your oven to 350 degrees. In a large sauté pan, add 3 tablespoons olive oil, 1 chopped shallot and 1 minced garlic and sauté for 2 minutes. Next, add the spinach, a little at a time, until all is wilted. Drain and then place spinach, shallot and garlic in a clean bowl and mix in 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, panko bread crumbs, all the cheeses and mix well. Equally stuff each mushroom with spinach cheese stuffing and drizzle a little olive oil over each one. Place stuffed mushrooms in the oven and bake for 15 minutes. Serve with a little tomato red pepper Coulis over each mushroom, or on the side.

I hope you love this veggie dish as much as I do. I encourage you to take a peek at the CDC's Fruits and Veggies Matter website for more information on what fruits and veggies can do for your health. And if you use Facebook, I also encourage you to 'like' my page, Chef Brendan, for more pictures and recipes and check out the 'Ruidoso H.O.T.T.T. Date Auction' event page for more information. I hope to see you all their lending support to a great cause!

Happy cooking!

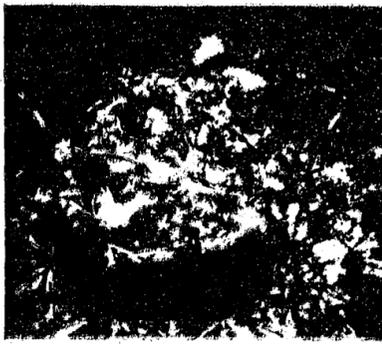


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Sanctuary on the River owner Debbie Haines-Nix, right, and Spencer Publicist Kathleen McDonald attempt a round of chopsticks on a white K. Kwai baby grand that Haines-Nix was high bidder on during the Taste of the Spencer annual fund raising event Saturday night. During an "ask" over \$32,000 was raised for a new air conditioning unit installed in the theater last week. High bid on the piano was \$3,500, while a Jaguar sedan went for over \$6,000. There were over 85 items in the event's silent auction. The total raised at the annual event is still being tallied, but is expected to break a record.

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ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR • 6-21 thru 6-27

TUESDAY JUNE 21

Summer Soccer Camps at White Mountain Elementary Soccer Complex through June 24. Led by RHS Soccer Coach Kelly Brown, UEFA Certified Soccer Coach. Ages 2-3 Soccer Activities/Games, 1 hr 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. (max 10), \$55/child - PARENTS MUST ATTEND FULL HOUR. Ages 3-5 Beginning Soccer, 1.5 hrs 9:30 - 11 a.m. (max 15), \$65/child, Parents encouraged to attend. Ages 6-10 Basic Improving Skills, 3 hrs, 11:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. (max 25), \$80/child. Ages 11-14 Improving Skills / Intermediate, 3 hrs, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. (max 30), \$80/child. Contact Kelly Brown, PO Box 2074, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

British Challenger Summer Soccer Camp at White Mountain Sports Complex, 100 White Mountain Dr. Runs through July 1. Ages 4-5: Mini Soccer, 1.5 hour, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Ages 4-5: Mini Soccer 1 hour, 10:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. Ages 6-16: Half Day, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ages 6-16: Half Day, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ages 12-18: Half day, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Anna Friberg at 575-808-5168; www.challengersports.com. Register online at the Soccer Camp website. LCYSL board members also have flyers to fill out in order to register.

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

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

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

Preschool Story time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. This week is Potpourri of Stories from Different Countries. Interactive day - watercolors, play dough, beads, puzzles & toys. 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.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/

Ruidoso Oso Baseball, White Mountain Park, 100 White Mountain Dr., 4:05 - 7 p.m. White Sands Pupfish vs Ruidoso Osos. Come cheer Ruidoso's own baseball team! Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. \$200 for the season or \$6 per game. Contact information: 575-257-5030; www.ruidosoosos.com

Miss New Mexico Pageant at the Spencer Theater of Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road. 1st Preliminary Competition, 7 p.m. For one talented New Mexico miss, the road to the Miss America Pageant next January in Las Vegas will start on the Spencer Theater stage. For the first time, the Spencer will host nearly two dozen beautiful and talented candidates seeking the Miss New Mexico 2011 crown through preliminary competitions culminating in the Miss New Mexico finals June 25. Nationally over 13,000 local contestants compete in over 1300 local and state pageants on the way to being crowned Miss America. The 53 national finalists are thought to be the most beautiful, talented and intelligent young women that America has to offer. Come join us cheer on these incredible young ladies (including Miss Ruidoso) \$29.

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 23

6-12 year old Summer Reading Programs at the Ruidoso Public Library Belly Dancing Demonstration from 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.

Miss New Mexico Pageant at the Spencer Theater of Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road. "Little Miss New Mexico" talent show at 5 p.m. and 2nd Preliminary, 7 p.m. For one talented New Mexico miss, the road to the Miss America Pageant next January in Las Vegas will start on the Spencer Theater stage. Come join us cheer on these incredible young ladies (including Miss Ruidoso) \$29.

Annual Membership Award's Party, Ruidoso Downs Race Track at the Jockey Club, 6 - 8 p.m. We will be Celebrating the New Year for the Chamber of Commerce! Heavy Hors d'oeuvres catered by Dream Catchers and Great Entertainment by "Shine On". RSVP is required (575) 257-7395. Piñon Level: \$25 per ticket; Blue Spruce Level gets 2 free tickets; Ponderosa Level gets 8 free tickets.



Clint Black, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero, 8 - 10 p.m. Prolific singer-songwriter Clint Black is one of country music's brightest stars, and he'll be performing on the Inn of the Mountain Gods stage Thursday, June 23rd! To date, Black has written, recorded and released more than 100 songs, a benchmark in any artist's career, along with selling more than 20 million albums worldwide. Contact Information: Inn of the Mountain Gods: 575-464-7777; www.innofthemountaingods.com/events/clint-black-6-23/. Tickets start at \$25

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

FRIDAY JUNE 24

Art Expo! Second Annual Gallery Art Tour, with nearly two dozen area galleries participating, this self-directed tour will be a "Don't Miss It" event. Sponsored by the Lincoln County Gallery Association. Guest artists, art demonstrations and entertainment will be at some designated galleries. Even door prizes for some lucky tour participants. Plan to spend the weekend in and about Lincoln County. Participating Galleries: Renaissance & Revolution Art Gallery; DJ's Jewelry, Ruidoso; Gallery 408, 12th St, Carrizozo; Josie's Framery, 2917 Sudderth Dr, Ruidoso; Piñon Pottery, 3 mi E of Walmart stoplight, Ruidoso Downs; Tanner Tradition, 624 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; John T. Soden Gallery, 1086 New Mexico Hwy 48 Alto; Carrizozo Clay, 12th St., Carrizozo; Mountain Arts Gallery & Framing, 2530 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; Gallery 401, 401 12th Street, Carrizozo; Avalon Gallery, 28165 East Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. For more info, contact Ruidoso Regional Council For the Arts: 575-257-7272; www.ruidosoarts.org/ Admission is free.

Advanced Silk Painting Workshop with Sandy Hopper at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, contact Jeannine Isom: 575-378-4142 for more information for participating in the workshop. Admission to the exhibit is included with the admission price to the museum. www.hubbardmuseum.org

Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary at the Ruidoso Public Library at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Ruidoso Oso Baseball, White Mountain Park, 100 White Mountain Dr., 4:05 - 7 p.m. White Sands Pupfish vs Ruidoso Osos. Come cheer Ruidoso's own baseball team! Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. \$200 for the season or \$6 per game. Contact information: 575-257-5030; www.ruidosoosos.com

Miss New Mexico Pageant at

the Spencer Theater of Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road. VIP Dinner at 5 p.m. and Performance at 7 p.m., featuring former Miss America, Kellye Cash presenting a Tribute to Patsy Cline. For one talented New Mexico miss, the road to the Miss America Pageant next January in Las Vegas will start on the Spencer Theater stage. Come join us cheer on these incredible young ladies (including Miss Ruidoso) VIP dinner & show \$50, show only \$29.

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

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

Doug Fuqua performs in Wendell's Lounge at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 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 25

Art Expo! Second Annual Gallery Art Tour, with nearly two dozen area galleries participating, this self-directed tour will be a "Don't Miss It" event. Sponsored by the Lincoln County Gallery Association. Guest artists, art demonstrations and entertainment will be at some designated galleries. Even door prizes for some lucky tour participants. Participating Galleries: Renaissance & Revolution Art Gallery; DJ's Jewelry, Ruidoso; Gallery 408, 12th St, Carrizozo; Josie's Framery, 2917 Sudderth Dr, Ruidoso; Piñon Pottery, 3 mi E of Walmart stoplight, Ruidoso Downs; Tanner Tradition, 624 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; John T. Soden Gallery, 1086 New Mexico Hwy 48 Alto; Carrizozo Clay, 12th St., Carrizozo; Mountain Arts Gallery & Framing, 2530 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; Gallery 401, 401 12th Street, Carrizozo; Avalon Gallery, 28165 East Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. For more info, contact Ruidoso Regional Council For the Arts: 575-257-7272; www.ruidosoarts.org/ Admission is free.

Petting Zoo at Two Rivers Park, Pavilion #2, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bring the kids and enjoy the outdoor petting zoo sponsored by Parks and Recreation. For more information, call 575-257-5030; www.ruidoso-nm.gov. Free admission.

Advanced Silk Painting Workshop with Sandy Hopper at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, contact Jeannine Isom: 575-378-4142 for more information for participating in the workshop. Admission to the exhibit is included with the admission price to the museum. www.hubbardmuseum.org

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.

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

Miss New Mexico Pageant at the Spencer Theater of Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road. Miss New Mexico Pageant Finals, 7 p.m. For one talented New Mexico miss, the road to the Miss America Pageant next January in Las Vegas will start on the Spencer Theater stage. Come join us cheer on these incredible young ladies (including Miss Ruidoso) \$39.

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.

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 Funtrackers 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, and Kiddie Bounce House.

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

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

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

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

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

Aaron LaCombe Band performs at Casa Blanca Restaurant and Cantina on Mechem Drive from 9 to 10 p.m.

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

SUNDAY JUNE 26

Art Expo! Second Annual Gallery Art Tour, with nearly two dozen area galleries participating, this self-directed tour will be a "Don't Miss It" event. Sponsored by the Lincoln County Gallery Association. Guest artists, art demonstrations and entertainment will be at some designated galleries. Even door prizes for some lucky tour participants. Participating Galleries: Renaissance & Revolution Art Gallery; DJ's Jewelry, Ruidoso; Gallery 408, 12th St, Carrizozo; Josie's Framery, 2917 Sudderth Dr, Ruidoso; Piñon Pottery, 3 mi E of Walmart stoplight, Ruidoso Downs; Tanner Tradition, 624 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; John T. Soden Gallery, 1086 New Mexico Hwy 48 Alto; Carrizozo Clay, 12th St., Carrizozo; Mountain Arts Gallery & Framing, 2530 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; Gallery 401, 401 12th Street, Carrizozo; Avalon Gallery, 28165 East Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. For more info, contact Ruidoso Regional Council For the Arts: 575-257-7272; www.ruidosoarts.org/ Admission is free.

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: Tonight's music: Jace N Lee; movie: Sea Biscuit. For information, call the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 575-464-7777; www.innofthemountaingods.com/events/sundays-under-the-stars-2/

MONDAY JUNE 27

Wilderness Camp, runs through July 1, Parks and Recreation Office, 801 Resort Dr., 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation.

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

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Temple: flood plain maps flawed

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez
Reporter

New flood plain maps for Lincoln County by the Federal Emergency Management Agency are set to go into effect on Nov. 16, according to county planning director Curt Temple. However, he says the maps are far from perfect.

Temple relayed the information to county commissioners June 13, explaining that the new flood plain maps that affect flood insurance rates have been updated and there now needs to be a new ordinance approved for them, possibly when commissioners convene for their regular meeting in August.

"We'll have to have a new ordinance reflecting what the maps are, new map numbers, new codes, new effective date," he said.

Citing information regarding some properties contained in documents Temple disbursed to each member of the board, Commissioner Tom Battin asked if the properties listed would be reflected accurately on the maps.

"Are there going to be exemptions?" he asked.

Temple said, "The scale is so big on the flood plain map that (FEMA) cannot delineate perfectly where all the high points are," adding that property owners who wish to object to their land's inclusion in a flood plain may have surveys conducted and submitted to FEMA to be reviewed for an exemption from carrying flood insurance for the property.

"Perhaps that's an improvement to the system," said Battin, adding that in previous years flood plain maps would show how some land that contained property where some of it fell in the flood zone areas and some did not. "It was very difficult to get recognition that the other half of the property was not in the flood zone. It really impedes development."

Commissioner Mark Doth asked if prior issues and concerns have been resolved.

"Yes and no," said Temple, adding that budget constraints on behalf of FEMA have caused the maps to show outdated information. For instance, he said the federal agency used 1972 maps of Carrizozo with only a few updates, and now residents of the town could be vulnerable to flooding even if the data on the maps show otherwise.

Temple added that at least one member of New Mexico's congressional delegation was upset enough to send a letter to FEMA addressing the issue of uncompleted areas.

"If you're going to go into remapping, do it right," said Temple of FEMA. "But they're not, and it's obvious they are constrained by money."

"What happens to the people in the areas that are in undecided areas?" asked Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo. "What about them having to buy flood insurance?"

Temple said that's a relevant issue because there are properties in Carrizozo, for example, that might be in a flood zone but are shown on the map not to be, and vice versa.

Between 65 and 70 percent of properties that

should be in a flood zone are not and the owners do not hold insurance policies, according to Temple.

A letter of map revision could cost about \$6,000, according to Temple.

Sedillo asked, "Are we going to fix the problem?"

Temple replied there are a lot of communities, counties and states concerned about "the poor mapping that FEMA does," and they pay for their own maps, which could cost "hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"Is Carrizozo the area you are most concerned with (in Lincoln County)?"

Doth asked Temple, "Yes," said Temple, though adding FEMA did provide more money for mapping to conduct an accurate survey of areas from Cedar Creek to the Rio Ruidoso to the Y in Hondo, "so we have good base flood elevations all the way down into the valley, we're grateful for that. But the rest of the county is still undetermined."

"For people in Carrizozo," Temple added, "I'd recommend buy insurance even if they're not in the flood zone because they can get it at the cheapest rate."

Commissioner Jackie Powell asked about those currently living in areas where runoff from land could be affected by the White fire. Temple suggested those property owners look into obtaining flood insurance as soon as possible due to likelihood of prolonged waiting periods.

Flood plain maps are currently on CD and in digital media format for those who wish to purchase and download from the FEMA map store online. Maps are also available at the county offices inside the Ruidoso substation located at 105 Kansas City Rd.

Outdoor service at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is holding their outdoor worship service in the church pavilion at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and would like to welcome you.

Members and visitors enjoy this service, and it is not unusual to see one of God's creation in the form of a deer joining us. This additional worship service runs from Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Led by Rev. Thomas Schoech, the outdoor service is followed by Bible class at 9:30 a.m. and the regular worship service at 10:30 a.m. held indoors. Shepherd of the Hills is located at 1120 Hull Road, Ruidoso. The church office is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. weekdays. For more information call 575-258-4191.



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