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August 5-7

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August 6-7

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Free summertime fun with movies and top-notch entertainment on the beautiful grounds of the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Live music by Larry Michaels, 6 p.m., followed by the movie, *Aladdin*. Bring chairs and blankets. (575) 464-7777.

Bataan March survivor awarded Bronze Star

By Eugene Heathman

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Capitan resident Sgt. Virgil Wallace was presented with the Bronze Star Saturday. Wallace, the oldest living Bataan Death March survivor from New Mexico, received the distinguished honor for his exemplary service on his 98th birthday during a celebration at the Church of Christ with family, friends and dignitaries.

WSMR Garrison Commander, Colonel Leo Puller USA, presented Wallace with the Bronze Star, which since his captivity in World War II, for reasons unknown, took nearly 70 years to reach his chest. Congressman Steve Pearce's Field Representative, Joe Martinez, delivered a compelling speech, reflecting upon his own family members who survived the Bataan Death March and the passionate project he undertook of having the nation's only federally funded Bataan memorial constructed in Las Cruces.

A statement from Congressman Pearce reads; "I am honored to recognize Sgt. Wallace's heroic service in the

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Colonel Leo Puller, White Sands Missile Range Garrison Commander, right, pins the Bronze Star to Virgil Wallace in recognition of his service. The 98-year-old Capitan resident is a survivor of the Bataan Death March during World War II.



Photo by David Mandell

Crystal Springs Farm manager Tom Goncharoff holds a piece of art as part of the live auction during the Hubbard Museum of the American West Fundraiser, July 23.

'I was feeling lucky'

By Sandi Aguilar
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On a whim, Glenn Smithee convinced his two children and a friend to buy into one \$200-ticket for a chance to win \$50,000. Glenn's ticket was the final one in an elimination drawing held at the Hubbard Museum Foundation Fundraiser July 23, making him \$50,000 richer.

"We just came in for the races and saw the tickets for sale. I was feeling lucky," Smithee explained in a phone interview from Odessa. This wasn't the first time Glenn has entered a drawing and won. He also recently won a car. Smithee says he is definitely entering into the raffle next year.

The drawing is an elimination in which the tickets are

pulled out throughout the evening. The final tickets are then bid on. Calls were made to the last two ticket holders who were not in the audience. The intent was for more bidding.

If Smithee had answered the phone, he could have been offered as much as \$22,000 for his ticket, but he wasn't home Saturday night.

"I wouldn't have sold it," Smithee claimed. "It was worth the risk."

Greg and Kelly Smithee and friend, Ronnie Koonce are probably glad Glenn is a risk taker — and lucky.

The \$50,000 raffle was just one part of the evening bringing in a crowd of more than 250 at the Hubbard Museum. Music by the Graham Brothers, danc-

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Downs city budget approved, LCT in doubt

By Todd Fuqua

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After years of struggles and sacrifice to make Lincoln County Transit a reality, the service may be on the chopping block.

The Ruidoso Downs City Council had to face that possibility when it came to approving the city's budget during its regular meeting Monday.

The budget — which has to be turned in to the state Department of Finance and Administration by July 31 — showed a shortfall of \$53,292.43 for LCT. According to Terri Moseley, city finance director, the state wouldn't accept the budget with any item in the red.

She mentioned a \$25,000 commitment that had been withdrawn by county commissioners — Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs have also committed \$25,000 each — but even with

that money back in, "the transit system would not be in the positive."

Councilor Dean Holman — who had expressed concerns over the viability of a transit system and Ruidoso Downs' obligations to it — again raised doubts about it.

"I know this is a touchy subject, and there are strong opinions on the council both ways," Holman said. "I know she (transit director Patty Desoto) is looking at other funding sources like Mescale-ro or the university, but that's extremely shaky. Particularly when you're dealing with a sovereign nation like Mescale-ro that can drop its obligations with little recourse."

"It looks like it's coming down to a difficult decision," he added. "I'm guessing the county dropped out because there weren't that many pas-

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Debate continues on Lincoln County Transit

By Todd Fuqua

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With the fate of Lincoln County Transit now in doubt, defenders and detractors alike have plenty to say about the beleaguered service.

LCT came under scrutiny during the Ruidoso Downs City Council meeting July 25, in which the city budget — due to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration by July 31 — had a deficit, something that had to be rectified before it could be approved by the council.

The council agreed to move money from the city's general fund and the lodger's tax fund to make up the difference on a temporary basis until a further meeting could be called to discuss whether LCT is worth saving.

It's the latest chapter in the story of a service that has had

a troubled path, and it's a story that some don't want to end.

"The service has been critical to our area because it helps so many people," said former county Commissioner Maury St. John, who took up the crusade to create LCT at the behest of a friend. "I have talked with numerous people who — before — had to depend on individuals to take them to doctor's visits or to the store to buy groceries. Now they can do it themselves."

St. John spent several years going before numerous boards and councils, trying to raise funds for the program. Eventually, she got enough funding from the Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso councils, as well as the county commission, after she left the commission.

With the funds from those three entities, LCT also had matching funds from the state.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Eagle Creek discussion

The August meeting of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will be Thursday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. at K Bob's at 157 Highway 70 in Ruidoso. Those who wish to eat before the meeting can come between 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. and order from the menu.

The speakers will be Jack Atkins, Frank Potter, and Bill Midkiff, who will provide village and Lincoln County points of view on the future use of Eagle Creek water. This is a subject of general community interest and this meeting is for the general public. All are invited.

Ruidoso River Trail meeting

A public meeting for the Ruidoso River Trail will be held Thursday, Aug. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Council Chambers at Village Hall. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the River Trail project can attend. The trail's preliminary design recommendations will be. For more information, call 257-6171.

Amnesty month

For the whole month of August, librarians at the Ruidoso Public Library will waive late fees on overdue items. Bring back your overdue books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines - any item checked out from the library - and your late fine will be waived.

Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. 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.

Butterfly release

Join Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation for the 7th annual live butterfly release Saturday, Aug. 13 at the White Mountain Meadows subdivision on Gavilan Canyon Road from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is a life affirming expression of hope and remembrance that honors and memorializes loved ones. Reserve your butterfly by Aug. 8. Butterflies at \$12 each and quantities are limited.

The release is a fundraiser for the Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation, a non-profit organization that assists Lincoln County residents with end-of-life care. To reserve your butterfly, call 258-0028 or visit www.rhch.org for an order form.

HEAL benefit tournament

The second annual HEAL charity golf tournament - dedicated to prior board member Deacon Bob Racicot and now known as the Deacon Bob Racicot Open - will be held Aug. 13 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. All proceeds from this tournament benefit the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs.

To sign up for this event, visit healgolftournament.eventbee.com.

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.

Creativity workshop

There will be an "Opening to Your Creativity" workshop Aug. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., coordinated by Sandi Browne at Sanctuary on the River, 207 Eagle Drive. To register, or for more information, call 630-1111.

CORRECTION

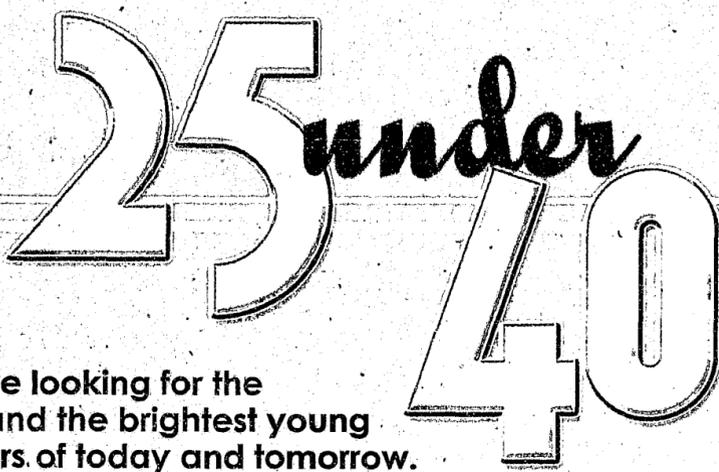
In a story published July 26 about a new county probate judge named, the *Ruidoso Free Press* reported erroneously that one of the candidates for the position, Douglas Fuqua, would not seek re-election if chosen as probate judge.

Fuqua actually said he would run for the office of probate judge during the 2012 election regardless if he were chosen for the position on an interim basis or not.

Fort Stanton volunteers

Anyone interested in members of Fort Stanton to preserve its history can call Charlotte Rowe, 336-4015 or Peggy Whittemore at 336-1436. They would wel-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sweet Charity Ball

Help End Abuse for Life will hold its inaugural Sweet Charity Ball – "A Night of Hope, a Celebration of Survival," Oct. 1 to benefit the Nest domestic violence center. The ball will be 6:30-11 p.m. at the Alto Country Club, with Mariachis greeting guests during a cocktail reception, followed by fine dining and dancing to music from the High Society Orchestra.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the ball or participating on the planning committee can contact Celina DeLagarza at 937-9898.

Community yoga

Yoga Joy, a 1½-hour gentle practice, is now being offered to the community at a reduced rate July through December. The program – ideal for beginners and intermediate students – includes strength and flexibility postures, restorative poses, meditation and an aromatherapy final.

Classes meet Fridays from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Blue Lotus Healing Arts Center at 2810 Sudderth Drive in room 207, above Schlotzsky's. Cost is \$5 or a further donation, and mats and props are provided. For more information, call Marianne Mohr 802-3013.

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.

The Arid Group of 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.

The Sunny Spirit Group of Alco-

holics Anonymous meets Monday and Thursday at noon and Friday at 5:30 p.m., while the women's group meets Wednesdays at noon in the parish hall of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount at 121 Mescalero Trail.

Al Anon of Ruidoso – for family members of alcoholics – meet at 1216 Mechem Dr. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 258-8885.

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 will next meet at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21; at the Ruidoso Library.

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

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

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

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

ticulture. For more information, call 973-2890.

The Lincoln County fibromyalgia and chronic pain support group meets on the third Thursday of each month from noon-1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic, 439 Mechem Dr. For information, contact Mary Barnett at 257-9810.

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.

A grief and bereavement group, offered by the Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation, begins meeting today and will meet every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. at the organization's headquarters at 592 Gavilan Canyon Road. The focus of the group is on education about managing grief and developing a network of support with others who have experienced loss. For more information, call Lyn Shuler at 258-0028.

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.

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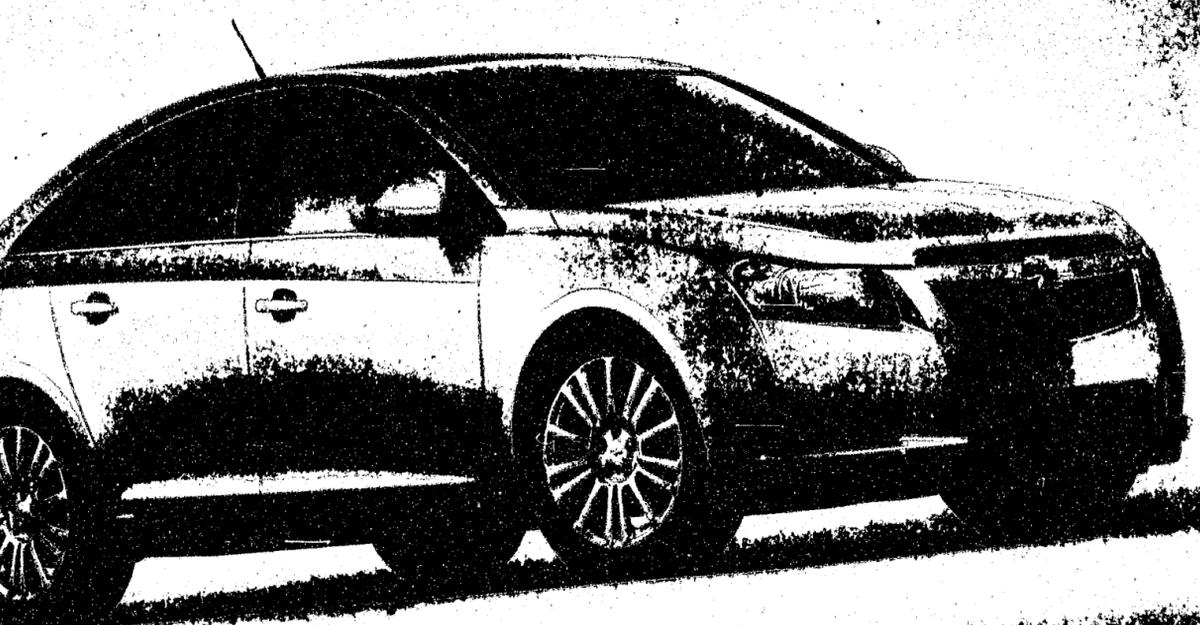
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

In the editorial on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, residents of Ruidoso were urged to contact police or crime stoppers if they "spot homeless encampments." I support this action for the sake of public safety and potential non-adherence to fire restrictions.

However, nowhere in the editorial were residents informed as to the illegal nature of these "homeless encampments"; furthermore, readers were left to assume that all homeless people are a threat to our community. While the cause of the June 16 Swallow Fire was not released at the time of publication, the tone of the editorial lead readers to presume guilt to a homeless person. Additionally, other unproved speculations were cited resulting in dehumanizing language.

If our homeless neighbors are "seasonal residents of Ruidoso" as the title of the editorial suggest, then I am of the opinion that we should treat them with hospitality. Certainly we should conclude that referring any of our residents as "moles" is inappropriate. Our homeless neighbors are people; some choose their transient lifestyle; others are forced into it for a variety of economic and/or mental health reasons. Regardless of why they are homeless, these are human beings.

May Ruidoso be known for its hospitality to all its residents and not for its discrimination between homeowner, renters, visitors, and transients.

Ryan Arnold,
Fellow resident

Thank you to generous neighbors

To the Editor:

We would like to thank all who made our 2011 Friend Raiser at Cree Meadows Country Club a success. Our sponsors were Home Health Unlimited, Therapy Associates, Inc. and Advanced Hearing Care.

Generous people in the community donated to our Silent Auction: Alto Café, Brewer Oil Co, Candle Power, Dales Furniture, Desert Wind, Earth-N-Stone, Evergreen Cleaners, Josie's Framery, Pinon Pottery, the RAC, Joyce Sanders, Season's Nursery, Stagner Landscapes, TR's Market, Village Ace Hardware, Village Buttery, Wild Herb Market, Mim English, Karen Owens, Jennifer Chadwick, Bear Tiews, Ginger Gipson, Barbara Cosentino, Freddie Mabry, Nikki Murphy, Kathleen Engstrom, Glenna Foster, Owen Houston, Betsy Seiler, Renee Hall, Pat Fraser.

Thomas Radcliffe provided us with wonderful music as well as donating to the

auction. Thanks to our great volunteers!
Sacramento Mountain Village

Work together, not apart

To the Editor,

I despair, as I'm sure most Americans do, at the lack of across-the-aisle cooperation in Congress. If they have taken this much time and media attention to raise the federal debt limit, how can they solve the many issues facing our country today?

Steve Pearce, our local congressman, seems to be mired in the blame game being played in Congress, and is willing to cut programs that are vital to getting us out of this recession. He is concerned about taxes on corporate jet owners and their impact on employment. I don't think there are many New Mexicans working on building corporate jets.

Is Mr. Pearce aware of the New Deal program which created funding for artists from 1934 to 1943? These federally funded programs put 3,600 New Mexico artists to work painting murals on selected public buildings throughout the state. This was a visionary way to employ people and enhance New Mexico's cultural heritage and artistic reputation that still lives on today.

Is there any way that these types of programs can be created today in a partisan Congress that seems primarily focused on getting re-elected so they can keep their health benefits, life-long pensions, and pay raises while so many Americans make do with so much less?

Was FDR given a "blank check?" No, I think not. He and many other patriotic Americans worked together to fund and implement real programs that put people to work.

Our president, Barak Obama, has strived for the same goal with his stimulus package with little effort and support from any in Congress whose only goal is to see him fail. Why hasn't anyone in the house or senate come up with constructive alternatives to help the people of this country? Why is it more important for some members of Congress to extend tax loopholes to Exxon Mobile with their reported 45 million dollar profit increase and to the 1 percent of Americans who might buy corporate jets?

As a citizen of New Mexico and an American, I sincerely ask my elected representatives to come up with policies that truly are effective for working class people. Let's stop the "hell no" attitude and start working on real solutions.

Linda Ziegler
Ruidoso, NM

Pearce votes against debt limit increase

As time wound down on the deadline for the nation's debt, New Mexico congressman Steve Pearce voted against a defeated debt limit increase Saturday.

"Americans have been clear: no more budget tricks, no more accounting gimmicks, no more empty promises," Pearce said. "Now is the time to change our course and get our debt under control."

"(This) legislation simply does not show that Washington is listening. It contains accounting gimmicks to exaggerate its savings, and it does not provide the lasting, structural reform we need," he added. "The House has passed two bills for long-term debt solutions. Now is the time for the Senate and President to set aside party politics and join the House in finding a solution to our crushing debt crisis."

Pearce stated he hoped an agreement could be reached before today's deadline, but would not support a debt limit increase that does not include fundamental, lasting solutions to America's debt crisis.

Last week, he joined colleagues in the House to pass the "Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011," and voted in favor of another plan, the "Budget Control Act of 2011," on Friday.

"Job creation, not temporary cuts, will be the key to truly solving our national debt problem," Pearce explained. "We need to reform the burdensome taxes and unnecessary regulations that are preventing small businesses across America from creating the jobs we need. Only by putting Americans back to work can we hope to truly solve our debt crisis."

EDITORIAL BOARD

Don't get around much anymore

The title of that song was meant to represent lack of mobility caused by a broken heart – the pain of rejection being so powerful that the owner can't leave their own house.

The immobility we're concerned with comes in much different forms and is much more real, but it's not one that's easily remedied.

That's been made obvious by the recent funding problems with Lincoln County Transit.

It's plainly clear such an endeavor can't survive without some sort of government subsidy – much like the Rail Runner or Amtrak. The real question is whether all Lincoln County taxpayers should help pay for something that relatively few residents have been using.

It's our opinion that we should. Lincoln County Transit was created for those who can't afford a vehicle of

their own or are handicapped from driving in some way – either temporarily or permanently.

Some might feel it's asking a lot from county residents – many of whom are fairly well-off – to help foot the bill for LCT. The problem is, anyone, at any time, can find themselves in need of public transportation at some point.

A collision can suddenly deprive you of your car, an injury can keep you from being able to drive. Suddenly, the prospect of a transit system that can help you remain independent doesn't sound like such a bad idea.

It's our hope that our elected officials in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County – as well as some very generous private interests – can band together to save this important service to the community. Any one of us might need it someday.



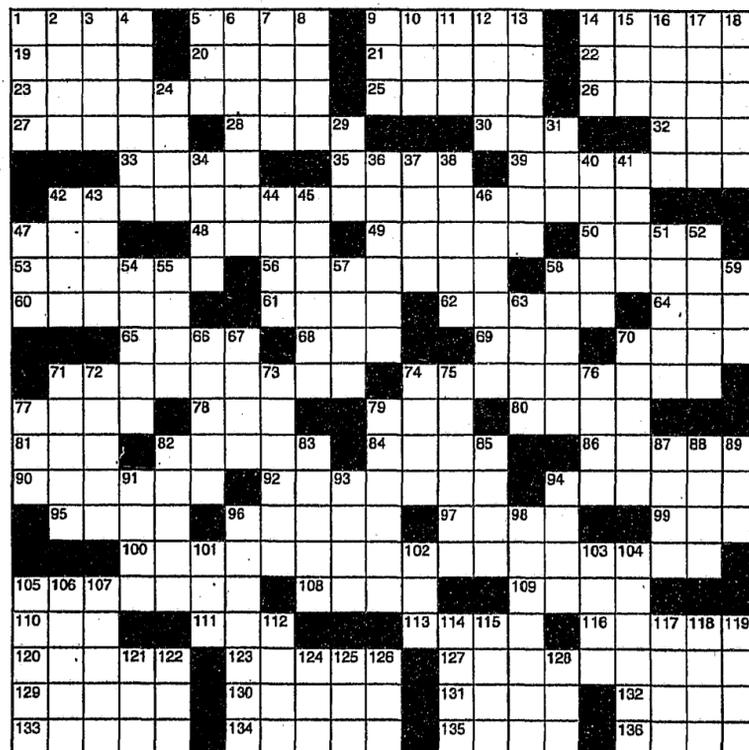
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200/515 Coast Artillery. His brave and selfless actions provide inspiration for all those in our armed forces, and I am thankful for the sacrifices he made to defend our freedom. He faced horror in the name of liberty and deserves recognition."

The Bronze Star is awarded to a member of the U.S. Army who "distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service." The award was established by Executive Order 9419 on Feb. 4, 1944 and awarded to deserving men and women who served after Dec. 6, 1941.

Sgt. Wallace's citation for the medal, signed by the Secretary of the Army, reads: "His exemplary performance of duty in combat was in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and re-

flects great credit upon himself, the 151st Antiaircraft Artillery and the Army of the United States." Sgt. Wallace served in the U.S. Army from May 25, 1946 to March 19, 1951 as a fuse setter for the 200/515 Coast Artillery.

New Mexican military service personnel were among the first to see live combat in World War II, defending the Bataan Peninsula and enduring what is known as the Bataan Death March then subsequent grueling captivity under the Japanese Imperial Army.

The Bataan Death March was the forcible transfer of approximately 75,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war following a three-month Battle for Bataan in the Philippines at the onset of World

War II. The 60-mile march was characterized by grueling physical abuse and murder which resulted in very high fatalities inflicted upon prisoners and civilians alike.

Of the eighteen hundred New Mexicans serving in the Philippines, only nine hundred returned home. In fact, New Mexico had the highest casualty rate of the 48 states as 49,579 New Mexicans served and had the highest volunteer rate of any state during World War II, (2006 Roberts & Roberts, New Mexico). New Mexicans have continued dedicated service through Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan.

German and U.S. forces square off

By Eugene Heathman

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Visitors entering historic Fort Stanton last weekend saw WWII re-created military checkpoints as German and U.S. military history re-enactment groups took to the battlefield, complete with jeeps, tanks and military armaments.

The old museum building was the site of the German Army headquarters where visitors signed in and received a guided tour of an authentic, fortified WWII German Army radio communications bunker. Both armies were encamped along the main entrance road.

Further down the road was a U.S. Army

roadblock where visitors were required to prove they were not enemy spies. Saturday morning, July 29 at 0800 hours, U.S. and German troops mustered near the Fort Stanton Parade Grounds and developed their battle plans.



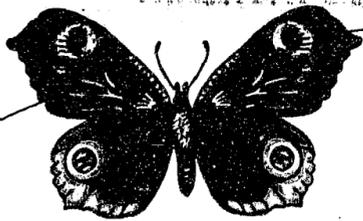
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A re-enactor poses as a German nurse on the front lines Saturday during World War II re-enactments at Fort Stanton.



Virgil Victor Wallace

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Virgil Wallace's Bronze Star joins several other decorations he's earned in his years of service in the military.



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But those matching funds disappeared when the county withdrew its \$25,000 share of the burden last year.

"I was so disappointed that the county dropped it," St. John said. "They saw that most of the riders were in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, and not many were county residents. But what did they think residents in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs are?"

For their part, current county Commissioners Kathryn Minter and Mark Doth - who both voted to stop the funding - said they didn't see the system able to pay for itself, and didn't see the need to subsidize it with public funds in a poor economy.

"Even with the matching federal funds, none of this money was free," Minter said. "All taxpayers eventually have to pay for that."

Minter and Doth also questioned those who come to this area with a small population and limited revenue resources and expect the same type of public service they would find in larger population areas.

"If you are expecting to depend on that service, don't live here," Doth said.

Least people judge him too harshly for that statement,

Doth pointed out the time they spent shuttling around town his late brother, who was severely handicapped. "It's a sensitive and complex subject, because there's a lot of people who want it," Doth said. "But who's going to pay for it, and is it being utilized the way it was intended?"

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong said he hopes the service can continue, and is looking into options to fund it other than with federal funds.

"One of the options is to get Ruidoso to pay a bit more because they use it more, but we're still just discussing it," Armstrong said. "I've talked to (Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom), and he says he'll support it. But we all live in the real world. I don't think Ruidoso or Ruidoso Downs can do it by themselves."

Another option that's been discussed is Ruidoso taking on responsibility as the fiscal agent. Ruidoso Downs has filled that position to this point, much to the concern of Ruidoso Downs Councilor Dean Holman.

"Us being the fiscal agent always concerned me, and that's why I've been adamant about not hiring full-time transit drivers as city employees," Holman said. "If the transit goes away, we'd have a lot of full-time employ-

ees we'd be obligated to keep employed in the city."

While Ruidoso Downs officials have insisted the money to balance the budget will be returned to the general and lodger's tax fund as soon as the transit's fate is decided, Holman still feels uneasy about the situation.

"The money is supposed to go back to the original funds, but it might not happen. I've seen that happen many times," Holman said. "But the budget had to be right, and that's why I voted for it. I think we'll get that money back, but it's that 'I think' that concerns me."

Albom - who grew up in Houston - knows what it means to need a service like public transportation.

"I know Houston is a much larger city than here, but my mother and I had no car, so that transit was the only way we could get around," Albom said. "It's a very important service here, and it's my experience that those who haven't had to depend on it don't understand the need. I think it's vital."

Vital enough for Ruidoso to become the fiscal agent?

"If we do that, we'd have to get a letter of commitment from the other parties involved stating exactly how much we'd be expected to pay," Albom said.

sengers from the county, and it makes sense they would drop out. Also, this seems to be benefitting the village of Ruidoso more than anyone else."

Mosley said the funds to at least place the transit system at zero in the budget could be transferred from the general fund on a temporary basis, an idea that Village Clerk Carol Virden agreed with.

"You can't just remove the transit system without notifying all the parties involved," Virden said. "We need to meet and discuss this with Patty, and see where she's finding the extra resources. But until then, we can do the temporary transfer, because we have to have a budget approved tonight."

Holman also expressed concern over the possible ramifications of the city removing all support for the transit system, given that Ruidoso Downs has provided a home for the system's headquarters and all employees of the system are also city employees.

"I remember Mickey Compton, who started this and was the first director, saying we could withdraw from this agreement with no penalties," Holman said. "Is that still the situation?"

Mayor Tom Armstrong confirmed that was correct but that the city still

needs to give Desoto and the transit employees a chance to discuss it.

In the end, the council voted to move an equal amount from the general fund and a non-promotional line-item from the lodgers tax fund to make up the transit shortfall in the budget. The transfer is only temporary, until a further meeting with transit officials can be held to determine LCT's fate. Regardless of the final decision, that money would be moved back to the original funds following that meeting.

In other business, the council:

- Passed a resolution approving the final budget adjustments for 2010-2011. Mosley stated most of the changes reflected revenues collected during the year.

- Voted to enter into a working agreement with the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District to put together grant requests to bring money into the city coffers. Armstrong said the work that Director Hubert Quintana and his staff do to find money for municipalities is well worth the \$1,000 fee paid to the SENMEDD annually.

"They have done a great job in the past," Armstrong said. "Without their work, it would be difficult to get a grant anywhere. What we pay is nothing com-

pared to what we get back."

- Waived temporary licensing fees for organizations wanting to set up booths at the

- Approved the appointment of Robert Gustafson to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Heard a report from Mosley on efforts to collect on delinquent water bills through a recent amnesty program. Mosley said 50 accounts took advantage of the program, and outstanding bills had dropped from \$118,000 to \$57,000 as of July 22.

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Progress in area public schools low

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

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Most of the public schools in New Mexico failed to meet the standards imposed by federal guidelines, according to figures released by the state.

The Department of Public Education last week revealed that only 13 percent of public schools, including just two in Lincoln County, made Adequate Yearly Progress for 2011-2012 under the No Child Left Behind Act. The federal law, in effect since 2001, evaluates school performance in the United States.

More alarming, the number of schools meeting the standards has declined every year since the 2007, when 46 percent of the state's schools made AYP. Last year, 23 percent of schools across the state, including eight in Lincoln County, achieved AYP.

But educators are warning that the changes made this year by the Public Education Department should be considered when assessing the most recent AYP results.

To meet AYP, a school with kindergarten through eighth grade needed 65 percent of its students to be at proficiency or above in math, up from 51 percent last year. Seventy-five percent needed to meet the performance standard in reading, up from 64 percent last year.

Bea Etta Harris, superintendent for Ruidoso Municipal Schools, said that her school district had not been aware of changes made by department Secretary Hanna Skandera.

"The secretary never notified school districts that the standards were raised from the previous year," Harris said during a telephone interview on Thursday.

Attempts last week to reach the superintendents of school districts in Carrizozo, Capitan, Hondo and Corona were unsuccessful.

The AYP considers 37 subgroups — including ethnicity, English language learners, students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged — in giving a school a pass or fail designation. "When you fall out of just one of those subgroups," explained Harris, "you don't meet AYP."

Some smaller schools were given fewer than 37 subgroups. Ruidoso Municipal Schools, for instance, has 25 subgroups.

Regardless of the new standards, Harris said that she wasn't satisfied with Ruidoso's results of the AYP, mentioning that the district was taking steps — a K-5 literacy program, for example — to improve its scores. The district — with 2,237 students, the largest in the county — has not had at least one of its schools achieve AYP since the 2009-2010 school year.

Hispanic students and 28 percent of Native-American students, while 41 percent of those considered economically disadvantaged were proficient.

Capitan High School and Corona High School were the only public schools in the county that met the requirements this year for AYP. For Capitan High School, 57.7 percent of students were proficient in math and 65.4 percent were proficient in reading. For Corona High School, the figures were 47 percent and 59 percent, respectively.

Overall results varied by district. Capitan Municipal Schools: 46.3 percent of students were proficient in math and 63.4 percent were proficient in reading. Carrizozo Municipal Schools: 43.3 percent of students were proficient in math and 43.3 percent were proficient in reading. Hondo Valley Public Schools: 25.6 percent were proficient in math and 32.1 percent were proficient in reading. Corona Municipal Schools: 53.5 percent were proficient in math and 51.2 percent were proficient in reading.

The two other school districts that are members of the Region IX Education Cooperative, Cloudfcroft Municipal Schools and Tularosa Municipal Schools, performed on par with the rest of the state, with only Cloudfcroft High School meeting AYP.

Last year, all schools in Carrizozo, Capitan and Corona achieved AYP.

Statewide, 42 percent of students perform at grade level in math and science, while about half are proficient in reading, according to the department.

The federal law has raised its goals annually since its inception in 2001, with the target of all school districts reaching 100 percent proficiency by the 2013-2014 school year.

The state this past year updated the way it scores the annual standards-based assessment tests given to students in grades 3 to 8 and grade 11, used by the department to determine AYP designations. This means the percentage of students who are proficient in math or reading should not be compared to last year.

However, the department has suggested that the pass or fail nature of No Child Left Behind makes it difficult to get a clear picture of each school's performance. This fall, the department will submit a waiver to the U.S. Department of Education to replace the No Child Left Behind accountability rankings with the state's own A through F grading system.

In a statement released last week following the results of this year's AYP, Skandera said: "The message couldn't be clearer: our children need education reform now."

"These rankings show we're not getting the job done, and that's not acceptable for our children," Skandera said. "We now have an opportunity to be honest about what our kids need and acknowledge that what we've done in the past isn't working."

Darr: Water comes and goes

By Todd Fuqua

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Water — the lack of it and where it can be found beneath our feet — was the topic of the day Thursday at a panel discussion sponsored by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

On hand were Dr. Alexander Fernald from New Mexico State University, Geoffrey Rawlin, a field geologist with the state Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, and Michael Darr, a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey New Mexico Water Science Center who has been preparing a report on water in the Ruidoso basin.

The point was to give the public an idea where water is and where it goes when it falls from the sky.

Darr's study won't be completed until 2014, but he was able to present some interesting findings.

"It's hard to see what normal precipitation is anymore," Darr told the audience. "A 30 to 40 percent change yearly is actually normal now. Also, there's a huge variation across the water table from Sierra Blanca to the Hondo valley."

While there's been a great variation in precipitation since the study commenced, Darr was able to give an average of 21,000 acre-feet of water that flows out of the Ruidoso basin each year, and pointed out that periods of high and low rainfall were typical for the area — dating to the 1850s, when records were kept at Fort Stanton.

"Storage is the key," said Howard Hutchinson, moderator of the panel and a 15-year member of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission. "That comes from precipitation events and in managing vegetation growth."

"Also, averages really mean nothing," Hutchinson added. "You need to plan for the drought periods, not those of plenty."

Former minister remains free

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CARRIZOZO — A former local minister accused of stealing at least \$20,000 from his church and other houses of worship, and a ministerial organization, remains free on bond following his arraignment Friday in 12th District Court in Carrizozo.

Kevin Krohn, 50, of Ruidoso, is facing charges of second-degree felony embezzlement and fourth-degree felony conspiracy. He spent 20 years as pastor for the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church in Ruidoso, and he served 10 years as the treasurer for the Lincoln County Ministerial Alliance.

Judge Karen Parsons ordered Krohn to post \$1,000 to secure a \$10,000 bond, and be photographed and fingerprinted by the sheriff's department, before being released.

Assistant District Attorney Reed Thompson said last week Krohn might have embezzled as much \$150,000 from his victims, adding that a third-party accountant working on behalf of the Ministerial Alliance had verified the missing funds.

Thompson said that Krohn committed the embezzlement between January 2000 and September 2010. No other suspects have been charged.

Dan Bryant of the Bryant, Schneider-Cook law firm in Ruidoso represented Krohn in court

on Friday. A message left with Bryant seeking comment was not returned as of Monday afternoon.

John Brown, president of the congregation at Shepherd of the Hills, said during an interview last week that Krohn left his position at the church last September without notice.

Brown said that many members of the church had grown wary of Krohn's behavior over an extended period of time prior to his leaving Shepherd of the Hills, though he didn't go into further comment regarding such allegations.

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County lifts burn ban

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Lincoln County Commissioners last week lifted a ban on open burning in unincorporated areas within the county, following similar action taken by the Bureau of Land Management and the New Mexico State Forestry Division.

Fire restrictions across the county have been in effect since April.

County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners during a special meeting Thursday in Ruidoso that the county has received a "good pattern of humidity and moisture," adding that the BLM and the state forestry division have each taken away their fire restrictions and that the city of Ruidoso Downs might do so this week.

The U.S. Forest Service still has its open burning ban

in effect, but Stewart said the agency takes a while to lift those restrictions, and after discussing the matter with some people – including the county's emergency services manager, Travis Atwell – he decided to recommend that the fire restrictions be rescinded.

Commissioner Tom Battin asked if the county would still permit controlled burns. Stewart replied that controlled burns would be allowed, but only if notification through the sheriff's office was done ahead of time. In the meantime, charcoal grilling is allowed, said Stewart.

After Commissioner Kathryn Minter offered a motion to lift the fire restrictions, Commissioner Mark Doth commented that the county is still pretty dry.

"It's very spotty, extremely spotty," Doth said, prompting Stewart to say that people wouldn't have a

problem delaying the lifting of the fire restrictions.

Battin said that he would prefer to delay a motion to rescind the fire restrictions and have the item added to the commission's next regular meeting, scheduled for Aug. 16.

Nonetheless, Commissioner Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo called for a vote on Minter's motion, which eventually passed with Battin and Sedillo dissenting.

Afterward, Sedillo asked Doth if he understood the motion, seeing as how he voted for the motion to pass despite his earlier comment.

"I only made an observation," said Doth, referring to his comment about the area being dry.

Officer-involved shooting results in death

By Eugene Heathman and Todd Fuqua

A small, tranquil setting in an old adobe home was shattered by violence and gunfire late in the night July 28.

Lincoln County sheriff's deputies and officers from the Capitan Police Department responded to a domestic dispute at 9261 Highway 380, about five miles north of Lincoln, and the incident ended with the death of 60-year-old James Latham.

New Mexico State Police were called in to investigate, according to Lieutenant Matt Broom, and the identity of the officer involved in the shooting has not been released.



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A New Mexico State Police investigator picks up a bullet casing at the scene of an officer-involved shooting in which James Latham was killed, July 28, on Highway 380 north of Lincoln.

Filing period opens for Native Americans

Native American farmers and ranchers can now file claims through Dec. 27 under a Keepseagle class action settlement, according to Janie Hipp, Senior Adviser to the Secretary for Tribal Relations.

"Now that the claims process is open, Native American farmers and ranchers who believe they are entitled to funds under the Keepseagle settlement must file a claim within 180 days," Hipp said.

The Keepseagle settlement comes out of a lawsuit alleging the United States Department of Agriculture discriminated against Native American farmers and ranches in the way it operated its farm loan program. The lawsuit was settled last year and has now been approved by the court.

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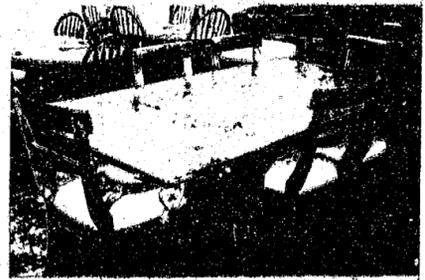
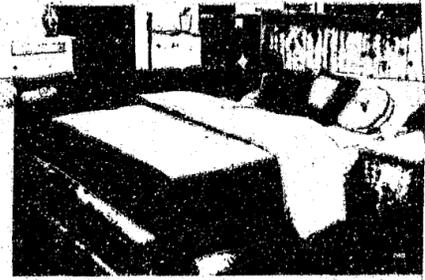
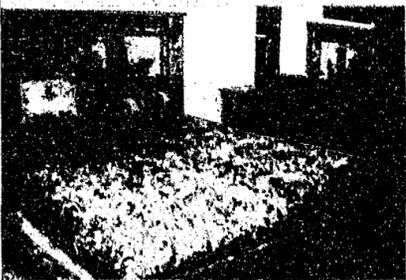
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Local radio personality coaches HEAL committee

Perry Champion, KBUY Morning Show radio host, provided the newest members of the HEAL team with media training in preparation for their upcoming fundraisers. Champion emphasized to the staff, "Prepare" and "Practice," for all public speaking events.

"The media training was in preparation for promoting HEAL's premier signature fundraiser, the Sweet Charity Ball: A Night of Hope, A Celebration of Survival.

According to Susanne Francis, HEAL's new Office Manager, "Perry Champion has long been a supporter of HEAL and a friend of the Nest. We appreciate his professional coaching as our

committee begins releasing some monumental surprises offered at the Sweet Charity Ball... like the keynote speaker."

The Sweet Charity Ball is an elegant benefit for the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter and will be held Oct. 1 to inaugurate Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

For more information on the Sweet Charity Ball or to purchase tickets, please visit www.sweetcharityball.eventbee.com or call Georgia Underwood at (575) 973-1385.

For further information about the free and confidential services at the Nest, please call (575) 378-6378.



Courtesy photo
Pictured seated from left to right: KBUY Morning Show radio host Perry Champion, Lynn Myers, Celina De La Garza, Coleen Widell and Georgia Underwood. Standing is Sue Francis.

JUB compromises on final budget

By Todd Fuqua

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Compromise was the order of the day at the Waste Water Treatment Plant Joint Use Board July 28, but the meeting still ended with a slight bit of contention.

On tap was the board's budget, which needed to be approved before being sent to the state Department of Finance and Administration by July 31. The biggest sticking point had been how much Ruidoso Downs would pay in administrative fees.

At a previous meeting, Cleatus Richards - public works director for Ruidoso Downs and a JUB member - had pushed hard for a 7 percent level, well below the 11.5 percent that had been agreed upon before.

In the end, Ruidoso Downs offi-

cialists agreed to the 11.5 percent number, with the city receiving credit for the work done on the treatment plant by city employees.

"This is what compromise is," said JUB member and village Councilor Angel Shaw of Ruidoso. "It's amazing what can happen when people meet at the table."

"For a few thousand dollars, (Nancy Klingman, Ruidoso finance director) and I are very happy with that compromise," said Debi Lee, village manager for Ruidoso.

Before the meeting adjourned, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn brought up a concern over the contentious nature of the board in recent years.

"We can't take action now, but I think the JUB needs to be dissolved or reorganized," said Alborn. "There seems to be so much fighting over

who pays what and some are choosing what they want to pay. When I get the bills, I have to pay all of them."

John Underwood, city attorney for Ruidoso Downs, was heartened by Alborn's candid talk, but emphasized he wanted to see the JUB returned to a five-member organization, with the fifth member a disinterested party from neither Ruidoso nor Ruidoso Downs.

"We need another member, as required by law," Underwood said. "I don't support picking and choosing what to pay, either, but people argue over every payment when they feel they're being overbilled."

"We need to discuss that, and I'm glad you approve of that, because that's now on the record."

In the end, the board approved the budget 3-1, with Alborn dissenting.

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Paranormal history to be showcased at Fort Stanton Live!

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter
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A different style of history will be presented to visitors of Fort Stanton Live! Saturday Aug. 6. Kevin and Sheilah Junge of Capitan are the co-founders of the Lincoln County Paranormal and Historical Society and are excited to announce a new event at Fort Stanton Live this year.

LCP is a group of Paranormal Investigators and Historical Society founded in Lincoln County roughly two years ago. The group has recently accomplished several paranormal investigations at the fort. The Junges will be presenting the evidence they have captured, as well as sharing some of Fort Stanton's ghostly history throughout the weekend.

"One of the questions people always ask us is why we do what we do; the answers are long and many but simply put, paranormal study is our passion; we wish to share with others who've experienced the paranormal as well as educate those who don't understand it," Kevin said.

The presentations offered by LCP are focused on raising awareness while developing interest in the organization. Based in Capitan, the LCP consists of a small group of friends who share the passion of investigating anything deemed paranormal, from ghosts and spirits to UFO's, crypto-zoology and are interested in anything out of the ordinary.

"In the case of Fort Stanton, we hope to bring new interest and support to the fort and its rich history; we love our past and hope to see it well preserved," Junge said. "Perhaps a different perspective on the past will inspire others to see and learn the fascinating things we've come to know personally; perhaps the mystery of the unknown will capture the imaginations of people who might otherwise view history as uninteresting."

The Junges, both longtime residents of Lincoln County, have been interested in the paranormal based on both personal experiences and stories they heard from various people regarding unexplainable events

in the area.

Paranormal investigations require a multitude of sensory equipment. The LCP utilizes multimeter, voltmeter, digital and IR thermometers, trail cameras, infrared or IR lights, camcorders, voice recorders and night-vision equipment during their investigations. One piece of sophisticated equipment in the LCP arsenal is an EMF meter, a scientific instrument for measuring electromagnetic fields. Most EMF detectors measure the electromagnetic radiation flux density (DC fields) or the change in an electromagnetic field over time.

"Modern science is able to prove that some paranormal happenings are real and occur without any reasonable explanation, while other things are uncovered as natural occurrences with logical explanations," Junge said. "We like to use as many methods as we can in our quest to understand the truth of these matters."

The Paranormal Society presentations will be at Fort Stanton Saturday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press
Kevin and Sheilah Junge, shown with their son Connor at the cemetery in Capitan are the co-founders of the Lincoln County Paranormal and Historical Society. The Junges are hosting presentations regarding paranormal investigative findings at Fort Stanton Live! this Saturday.

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OBITUARIES

Kevin Cox

Kevin Devore Cox, 42, of Hondo, passed away Wednesday, July 20.

Kevin was born June 9, 1969 in Dover, Del. to Robert Lee and Vivian R. (Poulson) Cox Sr. Kevin had lived in Hondo for the past two years having previously lived in Moriarty.

He married Rebecca "Becki" Hoehn on Aug. 8, 2008 in Peralta, N.M. Cox was saved at the age of 12, graduated from Moriarty High School in 1987 and was employed by Perry Supply since 1988. He was an accomplished saddle bronc rider and a member of the PRCA since 1997.

Cox was preceded in death by his brother, Lee Cox. He is survived by his

parents, Robert Lee and Vivian R. Cox of Moriarty; wife, Becki Cox; sons, Tyler and Coy; stepdaughter, Chaeli; brother, Robbie Cox; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. There was a viewing Sunday, July 24 at Harris Hanlon Mortuary in Moriarty. The Funeral Service was held at the Heritage Rodeo Arena in Moriarty on July 25, with George Briscoe and Pastor Rodney Campbell officiating.

Pallbearers were Casper Baca, Forrie Smith, Casey Pavioni, Travis Briscoe, Will Cline, and J.J. Sanchez. Honorary Pallbearers were Bob Cox, Robbie Cox, Lane Cox, Tyler Cox and Jake Broom. A private family burial will be held at a later time.

Suzanne Germany

Suzanne Germany, 78, passed away July 19, in Las Cruces. She was born Nov. 18, 1932, in Marseilles, France, and spent 25 years as a resident of Ruidoso.

Survivors include her son John Robert Germany, of Joshua, Texas, and daughters Blanche Germany and Andree Germany.

A memorial service was held, July 22, at the Alamogordo Funeral

Home chapel with Father Bryant Hausfeld, O.F.M., officiating.

The Germany family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Alamogordo Funeral Home to direct the arrangements. Cremation will take place locally at PCS.

To sign the online register book, please visit www.alamogordofuneralhome.org.



Businesses highlighted on Business Buzz

Business Buzz, the New Mexico in the Morning show which airs Wednesdays on KRUI 1490AM and KIDX 105.1FM at 9 a.m. highlights business in Ruidoso, Lincoln County and the Southeastern New Mexico region. The first airing on July 27 featured the RAC, Sweet Charity and Zia Festival vendors. To listen to the show, logon to www.MTDradio.com.

The Ruidoso Athletic Club is Ruidoso's only full venue health club with an Olympic sized pool, racquetball, spinning, weight room and an array of exercise classes. Cindy tells us their secret to doing business in Ruidoso is to have a little of everything to appeal to the diverse needs of our residents.

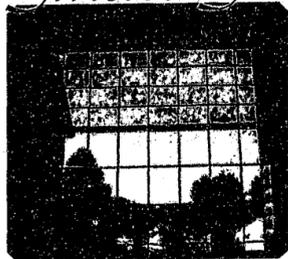
Celina manages Sweet Charity resale shop benefiting The Nest, Lincoln County's shelter for abused women. Having a shop with designer named clothing, prod-

ucts for the home, and toys for children provides the resale market with a greater quality and variety of things to buy. Just look for the purple VW bug.

The Zia Festival is in its 11th year at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and brings New Mexico bred horses to the track and New Mexico made products to the grandstands. Leslie with Gypsy Hound, one of the dozens of vendors, has been doing the show for several years and finds the excitement and eagerness of the visitors the most beneficial aspect of doing this show. Nancy of Mitchell's is trying Zia Festival for the first time, but knows location, location, location is critical and is extremely pleased her booth is near the bar and the restrooms.

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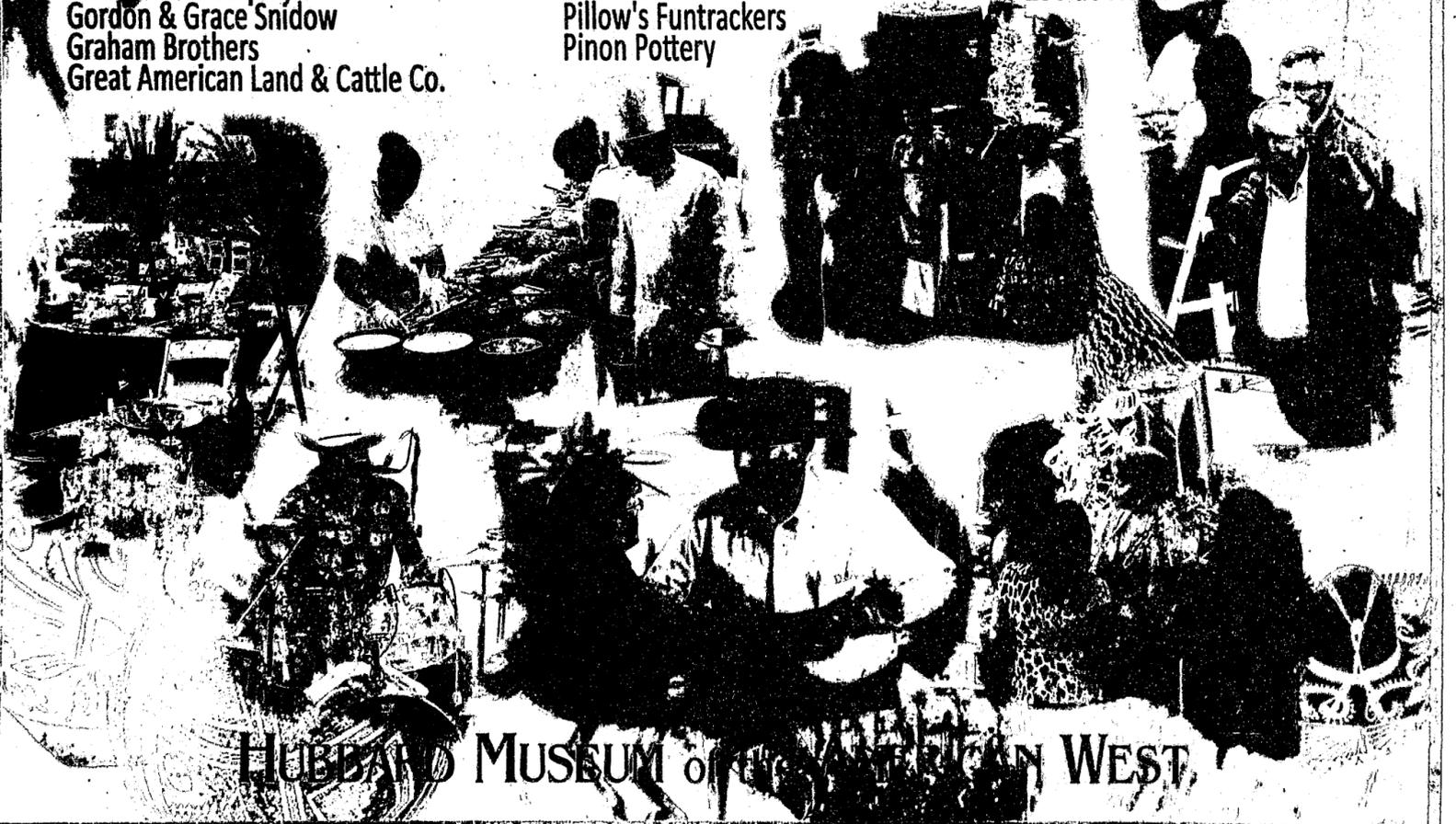
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SPORTS

A good time to win

Maiden win comes at the right time for Call Me A Blazn Chic

By Ty Wyant

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Call Me A Blazn Chic picked a good time to score her first career victory when she won the \$348,080 Zia Futurity, the richest race on Sunday's Zia Festival program at Ruidoso Downs.

The Zia Festival offered \$1.1-million on the stakes-filled 10-race program dedicated to New Mexico-bred racing.

Owned by J and M Racing and Farm, Call Me A Blazn Chic raced 400 yards in 19.59 seconds under Alonzo Rivera to win her maiden in her fifth career start in the Zia Futurity for two-year-old quarter horses.

Call Me A Blazn Chic held off Erasmus B Dragon, who was then disqualified from second and placed fifth for interference. That moved Caught On Tape to the runner-up position from third place and Fly Olivia Fly was awarded third place after finishing fourth.

The Roberto Sanchez-trained Call Me A Blazn Chic came into the Zia Futurity with a second and a pair of third-place runs from four starts. She was also seventh in the Mountain Top Futurity.

Call Me A Blazn Chic was purchased for \$15,000 at the Ruidoso New Mexico-bred Sale last summer and earned \$184,334 in the Zia Futurity.

Land of Enchantment

The \$50,000 Land Of Enchantment, the final race on the card, at seven-and-one-half furlongs was one of the most anticipated races with Fullofenergy coming off an 11-month layoff in search of an unprecedented fifth-straight victory in the race. It was not the eight-year-old gelding's day as he raced in contention until the final turn and then not pushed when he faded out of contention.

Frank Sumpster's Lota Talent, a 17-1 outsider, followed pacesetter Lesters Secret and then gained the lead at the top of the stretch. The Casey Lambert-ridden gelding then held off Our Choice to win by three quarters of a length. Lesters Secret held on for third place.

Trained by Joel Marr, who also trains Fullofenergy, Lota Talent prepared for the Land Of Enchantment with a win over five-and-half furlongs at Ruidoso Downs on June 6.



Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Call Me A Blazn Chic, background, narrowly defeats Erasmus B Dragon for the Zia Futurity victory Sunday at Ruidoso Downs. Erasmus B Dragon was later disqualified and moved to third place.

so Downs on June 6.

Zia Derby

In the \$121,219 Zia Derby for quarter horses, 12-1 longshot New Mexico Streaker surged at the midway point of the 400-yard test to get a convincing victory under jockey Oscar Rincon.

The Rancho Dos Los Potrillos-owned New Mexico Streaker raced 400 yards in 19.453. He

won by one length over Talleys First Shake while EBW Getusum finished third, a neck behind Talleys First Shake.

The Ralph Muniz-trained New Mexico Streaker scored his first win in more than 13 months when he won his Mountain Top Futurity trial at Ruidoso Downs. However, he has been consistent with nine top-three finishes from 11 outs.

Rio Grande Seniorita

In the \$156,290 Rio Grande Seniorita Futurity for 2-year-old thoroughbred fillies, Our Flying Angel backed up her stunning trial win with a professional two-and-one-quarter length score under Jimmy Ray Coates.

In her Seniorita trial, which

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RESULTS

July 27

Pro baseball

Ruidoso 12, Roswell 4

July 28

Pro baseball

Roswell 10, Ruidoso 7

July 29

Pro baseball

Ruidoso vs. Roswell at Pueblo, Colo., cancelled, rain

July 30

Pro baseball

Ruidoso 2, Roswell 0

Roswell 6, Ruidoso 2

Aug. 1

Pro baseball

Las Cruces at Ruidoso (2), late

SPORTS UPCOMING

Aug. 3

Pro baseball

Carlsbad at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

Aug. 4

Pro baseball

Carlsbad at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

Aug. 5

Horse racing

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

Pro baseball

Carlsbad at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

Aug. 6

Horse racing

Mr. Jet Moore Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Pro baseball

Carlsbad at Ruidoso, 4:05 p.m.

Aug. 7

Horse racing

John Deere Juvenile Ruidoso Challenge at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Aug. 8

Horse racing

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

Pro baseball

Ruidoso at Alpine, 7:05 p.m.

Aug. 9

Horse racing

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

Pro baseball

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

Aug. 11

Pro baseball

Pecos League playoffs, time and site TBA

Aug. 12

Horse racing

Merial Ruidoso Distaff Challenge trials at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Pro baseball

Pecos League playoffs, time and site TBA

Aug. 13

Horse racing

Aspen Cup at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Pro baseball

Pecos League playoffs, time and site TBA

Aug. 14

Horse racing

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

Aug. 15

Horse racing

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



Josh Bellin-Gallagher/For the Ruidoso Free Press

Darrell Winter, center, leads jockeys in Bible study at Ruidoso Downs race track.

Racetrack chaplain making an impact

By Josh Bellin-Gallagher

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Past the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino is a world that is generally unseen to the casual spectator. Barns and stables overrun the area that most regulars have come to call "the backside".

Roughly 50 barns house the horses that fans flock to see on race day, but they also shelter workers, trainers, jockeys, as well as all of their children and family who have no other place to live during the racing season. In these barns it is hot, smelly, and can be extremely uncomfortable to those inside.

But in that same area are a man and a church willing to spread hope and faith into the lives of the those living in these demanding situations.

In order to accommodate these hard working people's religious needs, the Ruidoso Downs Race Track established a chaplain as a part of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America. This specialized church organization has been in existence for more than 40 years and has been a pillar in spreading the Christian faith in Ruidoso Downs since the 1980s.

Darrell Winter has been the designated Track Chaplain since 2001.

"We're here to spread the Christian light and help people to come to faith in Christ," says Winter.

Winter was previously a resort missionary and interim youth pastor at the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso and used to own race horses.

In 2002 the chaplain expanded so quickly that Winter and the track had to move the church services into the old

track kitchen.

"We started with eight people in church and now we have close to 150 in the summer," says Winter, who has taken the project from a one room worship service to an entire building holding dinners, bingo nights, summer kid's camp, and more.

Most Sunday services consist of Christian music, followed by announcements, preaching, and finished with a meal. The chaplain even suits the needs of the non-English speaking members with assistant and translator Mark Green helping in Spanish services and Bible studies.

The chaplain also serves those who may not be affiliated with the track.

"The services are open to the public," Winter says. "We usually get about fifty-fifty between track workers and locals."

But perhaps the most commendable act by Winter, Green, and the chapel is the prayer services they offer to jockeys and workers just before the day's big races.

Every race day, at 12:30 p.m. you can find them reading a pre-selected passage from the Bible and leading whoever will join in the Lord's Prayer. This staple of every race day tradition is called Jockey's and Gate Crew Devotion, providing these men and women with strength and faith to perform admirably and remain safe.

The giving does not stop there. The chaplain also supports local charities and ministries including assisting a budding campus minister at UNM, Moriah Enjady, a Ruidoso High School graduate. They also help many under privileged workers

see CHAPLAIN pg. 15

You can grow at little too fast

As the inaugural Pecos League season winds down, and the playoffs are set to begin, the question has come up as to whether professional baseball will be able to continue in Ruidoso.

The Osos have had an unsteady season — both in the standings and in the stands, which

have been fairly empty due to a lack of lights at White Mountain Athletic Complex and some seismic changes in management over the year.

The fact that they're in playoff contention and still in

business is a testament to the volunteers that have given their time and effort to see the team continue.

Also at issue is the continued survival of the entire league. Alamogordo is the crown jewel — with relatively high attendance numbers and enthusiastic fans — but the rest of the teams have struggled a bit.

This past week, Ruidoso played an odd series with Roswell that saw the teams starting in Roswell, then playing games in Clovis and Pueblo, Colo.

Those last three games were meant to showcase the Pecos League in cities where Dunn wants teams to play next season.

While expansion is an admirable goal — anything to increase revenue — I question the timing and the amount of expansion.

I'm reminded of an ice cream shop that opened in my hometown of Portales when I was in college. It served a gaping void in the town — the nearest ice cream place was 19 miles away in Clovis — and I figured it would last a while, given the need it was serving.

But the owner — after a spectacularly good start — changed direction, deciding he needed to serve sandwiches and salads as well.

Not a good idea.

With two sandwich shops right across the street — one a nationally-known chain and the other a well-established local business — there was no need to frequent the ice cream shop for a sub. The owner had added a whole bunch of overhead with little return, and the business went under in less than a month.

That, I fear, could be happening to the

see GROWTH pg. 15

On the ddot



Todd Fuqua

Ruidoso hanging on to playoff hopes

By Karen Boehler
For the Ruidoso Free Press

It was a wild and woolly week for the Ruidoso Osos, as they played a series against Roswell that took them to the high plains of New Mexico and ended in Pueblo, Colo.

The series – which doubled as a promotional tour of the league to prospective cities in Pueblo and Clovis – ended in a split.

The Osos are still a game ahead of Alpine in the race for the fourth and final playoff spot.

The series began July 27, with Ruidoso earning a 12-4 victory with a late-inning surge at Roswell. The Invaders were able to bounce back in Clovis with a 10-8 victory that snapped an eight-game win streak for the Osos.

It was then time to make the long trek north to Colorado, where – after a rainout July 29 – the teams split a twin-bill July 30. Ruidoso won game 1, 2-0, while Roswell rebounded with a 6-2 victory in the nightcap.

Start in Roswell

The first game was a contrast in styles, with Ruidoso manager Tim Ferguson more than happy and Roswell coach Chris Patterson more than disgusted.

“We played a terrible game,” Patterson said. “This might have been our worst performance of the year. Offensively we looked really bad. Defensively we looked even worse. It was a mess. We just really didn’t come together. We came out flat. We just looked terrible.”

“Our guys did a good job,” Ferguson said. “First of all, we pitched great and I’m a pitching guy and I said if we want to come in here and win this league we’ve got to pitch. We’ve got a pretty potent offense, and if we can hold teams to three, four runs a game we’ve got a chance to win a lot. That’s what we did tonight. Mike Jackson did a great job. Alex Fernandez did a great job out of the bullpen. And then we got in Mike DeVito to finish it out and he did a good job.”

Ruidoso got on the board in the first inning, scoring on a solo home run by Case Rigby off starter Matt McCreavy and never looked back.

The Osos added four more runs in the second, scoring Chris Juarez, Kip Masuda, Jerome Dunning

and Sean Proni on one hits, two walks and two of Roswell six errors.

Even with all of this, Roswell is still only down by two runs through eight innings, but then came the fireworks.

The Osos scored seven runs on four hits, three walks – one intentional – and yet another error.

Normall solid Adam, Polston could do nothing to stop the bleeding, with Yoshinori Machida finally getting the last two outs, but not before that error brought in two more runs.

And while Roswell scored one more run in the bottom of the inning off DeVito – Thomas scored on a fielder’s choice, wild pitch and single by Justin Uribe – it was way too little, too late.

Long road trip

Ruidoso’s winning ways came to an end at Mike Harris Field in Clovis, as the Invaders started and ended strong, getting a 10-8 victory over the Osos.

Roswell went up 2-0 in the first when Clifton Thomas singled and stole second and Justin Uribe hit an RBI single. Adrian Martinez singled and Brian Ramirez got an RBI on a sacrifice fly.

The Osos’ big inning was the second, when Joel Carranza doubled, Chris Juarez walked, Jerome Dunning reached on an error and Sean Proni singled to score two with Dunning coming home on another miscue. Proni scored on a ground out, then the Osos added one in the third on a double by Case Rigby who advanced and scored on outs.

Roswell closed the gap to 5-4 in the fourth when Brycen Bell doubled and stole third, Uribe walked and Bell came home on a putout. Uribe scored on a single by Ramirez.

The Invaders then added solo runs in the fifth and sixth.

Ruidoso again took a lead in the fifth, scoring when Chris Davis walked, Drew Peterson doubled in Davis and Carranza scored Peterson.

The seventh gave the Invaders the lead for good when Thomas walked and Adrian Martinez hit a shot cleared the fence. The final Roswell runs came in the eighth on singles by Josh Cakebread and Joey Friedman and a double by Bell.

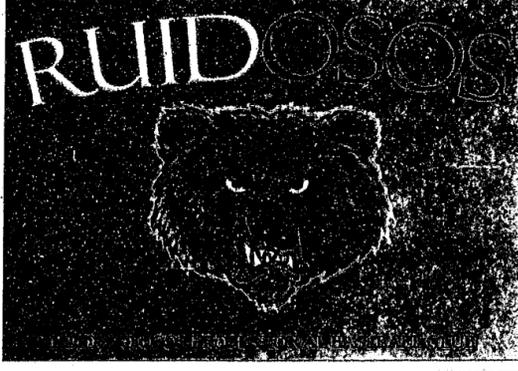
Following the July 29 rainout, the teams combined for a doubleheader



Ruidoso’s Sam DiMatteo looks back to see if he’s safe after trying to steal third July 31 at Pueblo, Colo. Roswell third baseman Clint Stottlemire missed the tag.

Photo courtesy Karen Boehler/For the Ruidoso Free Press

MEET YOUR TEAM



Ruidoso’s win streak was snapped, but the Osos are still in the hunt for a playoff spot. They’ve got make-up games against Las Cruces and Roswell this week, and host Carlsbad starting Wednesday.

Edgar Correa

Position: Pitcher
Playing experience:

Correa has been playing since the tender age of 8, and has played in the Little League World Series. Played high school ball in Southern California and college ball at Los Angeles Valley. He’s a hard working athlete that will do whatever it takes to make his team better.



Andrew Plotkin

Position: Pitcher
Playing experience:

A tall right-hander from California, Plotkin played at Los Angeles Harbor College and West Los Angeles College before landing at Northwestern State University in Louisiana. He learned about playing opportunities in the Pecos League from the Internet.



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was her career debut, Our Flying Angel was simply faster than her rivals and she drew out to the more than 11-length victory. In the Senorita, she handled tougher completion by showing speed from the gate and then handled pressure by Sandia Sonata. Our Fly Angel, the 1-2 favorite, showed her class inside the eighth pole when she drew out for the win in 1:05.55 over 5½ furlongs.

Our Flying Angel is owned by the partnership of Pierre and Leslie Amestoy with Mike Abraham and is trained by Ross Amestoy.

Sandia Sonata saved second place by one-and-one-half lengths over Roll Bloomers Roll.

Rio Grande Senior

In the \$149,250 Rio Grande Senior Futurity for 2-year-old thoroughbred males, trainer Todd Fincher scored his third win of the afternoon when Desert Road rolled by favored That's Who in the stretch.

Under Ricardo Jaime, Desert Road raced to the expanding three-and-one-quarter-length win in 1:05.47 over 5½ furlongs.

That's Who, the 3-2 favorite, held second while Band Of Glory was third.

Owned by Dale Taylor, Carey Taylor and Jon Hogg, Desert Road won his maiden at first asking and then finished just a neck behind Boy Ego in his Senor Futurity trial.

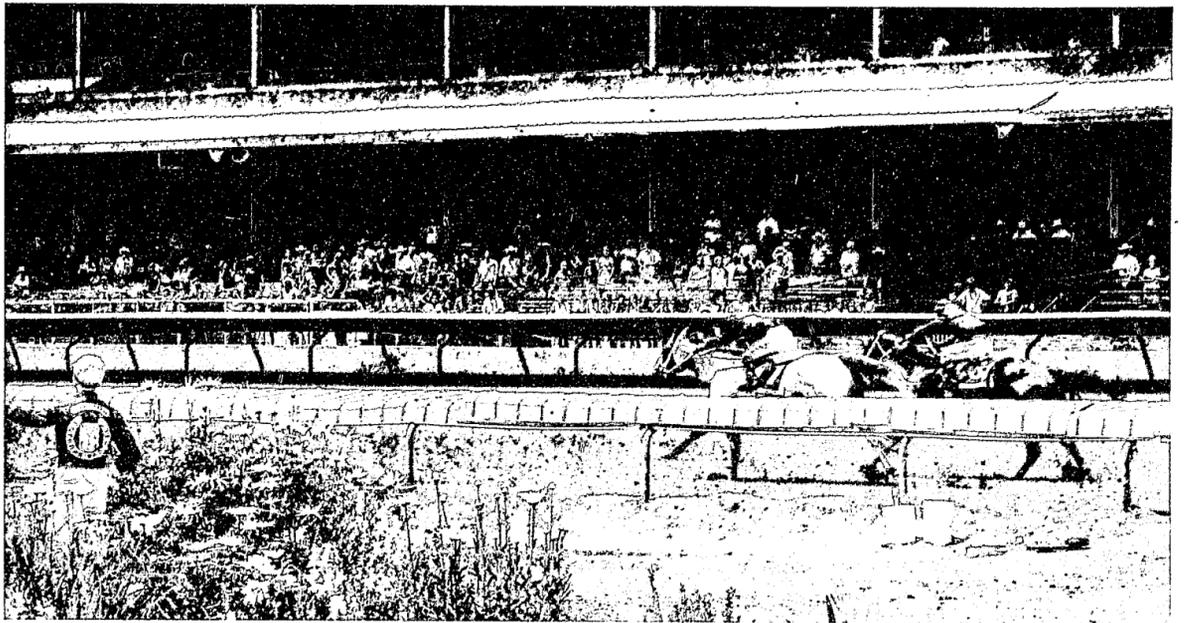
Road Runner Handicap

In the \$50,000 Road Runner Handicap, Raymond Simpson's Thenew Normal defeated the best three-year-old thoroughbred sprinters with a 11-1 upset win under Juan Ochoa, his third winner of afternoon.

Thenew Normal covered the five-and-one-half furlongs in 1:04.48 for his first stakes win and third victory from four starts. He previously won his maiden against winning company and took a conditioned allowance race.

Mostly Dust finished second while River Grade Trick was third.

The Weston Martin-trained Thenew Normal raced in a striking position and caught pacesetter Mostly Dust at the top of the stretch. The two duelled for most of



Ty Wyant/For the Ruidoso Free Press

BRT Opulence, left, ridden by Esgar Ramirez, streaks to the finish line in the Zia 870 Championship Sunday during the Zia Festival races at Ruidoso Downs race track.

the final eighth mile before Thenew Normal kicked clear for the one-and-three-quarter length win.

Lincoln Handicap

In the \$50,000 Lincoln Handicap for older female thoroughbred females, favored Fan's Cat made a long move around the turn and through the stretch of the six-furlong race for the convincing two-and-one-half length victory in 1:10.44.

Dale Taylor's Fan's Cat, under Ochoa, raced behind the front-running Shemoves down the backstretch before making her winning bid. I Am Lesters Gal also caught Shemoves to grab second place. Shemoves settled for third.

The 4-year-old Fan's Cat, from the Todd Fincher barn, raced to her fourth win from eight 2011 starts and had a pair of second-place finishes in her two previous outs, including a runner-up effort in the Foutz Distaff on April 24.

Sierra Starlet

In the \$50,000 Sierra Starlet for three-year-old thoroughbred fillies, Helen Nave's Comicsperfectstorm made a stun-

ning return to racing after a year-long lay-off with a dominating five-length victory under Ochoa for his first winner on the program.

The Fincher-trained daughter of Comic Genius raced 5½ furlongs in 1:05.32.

Charleston Bound was second and Squall Wilbud was third.

The odds-on favorite, Comicsperfectstorm's career started in winning style last year when she won three of her four starts, capped by a more than four-length win in the Rio Grande Senorita Futurity as the 7-10 favorite.

Zia Handicap

In the Grade 2, \$50,000 Zia Handicap for quarter horses, trainer Carl Draper's horses took the top two spots with 2-1 favorite Jenuine Joy getting the win over stable mate Genuine American.

Lethal Delight finished third in the full field of older quarter horses.

Fredda Draper's Jenuine Joy wore

down Genuine American in the final 100 yards to get her eighth win from 11 starts. She raced the 400 yards in :19.302 to win by one-half length.

The Genuine Strawfly daughter won two stakes at Sunland Park last winter and came off a win in the Tommy "Duke" Smith Handicap at SunRay Park.

Zia 870 Championship

In the \$50,000 Zia 870 Championship, trainer Martin Orona swept the top-two spots with BRT Opulence, the 17-10 favorite, and Bullets Brother.

Bullets Brother set the pace from the inside post position and BRT Opulence was lapped on his side until he made his winning bid in the final 200 yards. He won by one length with a 45.026 time.

Bonndaddy's was three lengths behind Bullets Brother for third.

Rogelio Carrasco Sr.'s BRT Opulence earned his strong favoritism after winning the New Mexico Horseman's 870 Handicap in his previous start.

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Pecos League.

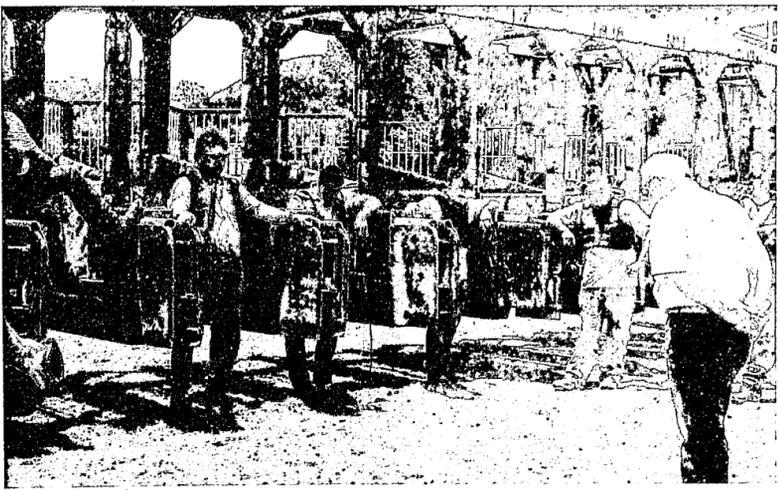
Expansion into some markets - Artesia, Clovis, Portales, Carlsbad - is a natural for this league. But Pueblo? Del Rio, Texas? That's a long ways away from the Highway 70 corridor. With teams

strapped for cash as it is and road trips a drain on the budget, putting teams in such far-flung venues doesn't seem like a wise move.

There is such a thing as growing too fast. That said, I've left

little doubt of my support for the Osos and this league. I'm not trying to disparage what has been accomplished. I'm just raising a concern.

And I really really really really hope I'm wrong on this one.



Josh Bellin-Gallagher/For the Ruidoso Free Press

Darrell Winter, far right, leads the gate crew in prayer before another race day at Ruidoso Downs race track.

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with rent and other aid.

"There a lot of people in need here, as there are in any community, and we need to help any way we can," says Winter.

The Race Track Chaplaincy has been able to stay afloat by some just-as-generous donations from the community as well as \$10,000 per year from the Hubbard Foundation.

"We really appreciate the support from everyone especially the track providing us with help and a facility," Winter says.

This year the chaplain received the Noon Lions Club Appreciation award in acknowledgment of their acts. This selfless establishment is providing helpful word to those who normally would not have a way to receive it and that

is what makes the Ruidoso Downs Race Track Chapel a supremely chivalrous organization.

Services are on Sunday morning at 10:45 as well as a Bible study every Thursday night.

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July 30
White Sands 13, Las Cruces 8
Ruidoso 2, Roswell 0
Roswell 6, Ruidoso 2

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Aug. 7
Carlsbad at White Sands, 1:05 p.m.
Roswell at Las Cruces, 7:05 p.m.

Aug. 8
Roswell at Las Cruces, 7:05 p.m.
Ruidoso at Alpine, 7:05 p.m.
Carlsbad at White Sands, 7:05 p.m.

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White Sands Pupfish	36	24	.593	2½
Ruidoso Osos	33	24	.579	4½
Alpine Cowboys	33	27	.550	5½
Las Cruces Vaqueros	30	28	.526	7½
Carlsbad Bats	7	53	.117	30½

July 27
Las Cruces 8, White Sands 2
Ruidoso 12, Roswell 4

July 28
White Sands 10, Las Cruces 2
Alpine 12, Carlsbad 4
Roswell 10, Ruidoso 7

July 29
Alpine 4, Carlsbad 1
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Oso fantasy game a big hit with fans

By Josh Bellin-Gallagher

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso Osos hosted their first fantasy game, July 24, attracting locals from all over the area to lace up the cleats and compete in a nine-inning game against the Osos.

All of Sunday's proceeds benefited the Ruidoso Osos Baseball Club. The day earned the team more than \$1,000 dollars to finance road trips, uniforms, and other expenses.

The afternoon began with traditional batting practice with locals grouping up with Osos to take some cuts before the game that shortly followed.

The "Orange team" was arranged with ten local, non-professional, players and Osos



Players and fans alike took the field at White Mountain Athletic Complex July 24 during the Oso fantasy game.

Courtesy

second basemen Eddie Browne. They faced off with the "Brown team" which was comprised of Osos pitchers, who hit, as well as catcher Joey Raubenheimer and center fielder Drew Peterson,

who pitched. Along with healthy competition the game also featured some hysterical antics. With Jerome Dunning's officiating, Alan Gatz's left handed curveball,

Chris Juarez's announcing, and resident umpire Sean Mawdy's goofy play of the day was a lot of fun for both players and locals participating.

At the end of the game the

Brown team downed the Orange 13-7. After the competition everyone came together for some barbecued burgers and hot dogs courtesy of Osos General Manager Billy Page.

Sunday's participants received an Osos T-shirt as well as tickets to the final home series of the regular season August 3-6 against the Carlsbad Bats following a long road trip to Roswell, Pueblo, and Alamogordo. The Osos currently sit tied in the loss column for second place in the Pecos League with the White Sands Pupfish.

The entire day was an enjoyable and exciting spectacle for those playing and viewing. Special thanks would like to be extended to Tim Ferguson and the rest of the Ruidoso Osos Baseball Club along with Page Sports Promotion and KBUY's Perry Champion.

Kineticat Yankee holds on to win Master Salls Handicap

By Ty Wyatt

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Kineticat Yankee turned the tables on Tactful to narrowly win the \$30,000 Master Salls Handicap at 870 yards Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

In their previous encounter, a 1,000-yard optional-claiming race July

18 at Ruidoso Downs, Tactful was able to run down Kineticat Yankee for a neck win.

Kineticat Yankee gained his revenge in the shorter Master Salls Handicap when the wire came in time for him to secure the diminishing neck victory. The Tale Of The Cat-sired gelding turned in a

quick 44.947-second time under veteran jockey Joe Martinez.

The quarter horse La Especial Corona was more than four lengths behind the two thoroughbreds for third in the eight-horse field.

The Weston Martin-trained Kineticat Yankee made a long five-wide move from

the seventh post position and appeared to be rolling to a decisive win when he entered the stretch. Jockey Alfredo Juarez Jr. hustled Tactful through the stretch and they nearly scored the win at 5-1 odds.

Runner-up Tactful was third in the Free Spirit Handicap June 4 after pushing the early pace.

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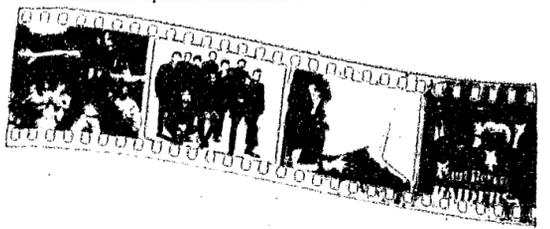
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On the Town

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Local karaoke champ debuts new television series

By Eugene Heathman

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Ruidoso is home to the 2009 National Karaoke champion, Brian Scott. Co-owner of the Blue Goose Cafe on Eagle Drive, Scott is now starring in ABC's new summer series, Karaoke Battle USA premiering Friday, Aug. 12.

Karaoke Battle USA, will be hosted by Joey Fatone of 'N Sync, and judges include Carnie Wilson, music journalist Joe Levy and 2009 karaoke champion Brian Scott.

According to Patrick Preblich of ABC Entertainment Group, "A judging panel will travel to the regional competitions at House of Blues locales, semi-finals and finals, along with officials from the pre-eminent Karaoke World Championships USA organization, which crowns one male and one female U.S. Champion each year."

Scott's Karaoke roots originated in Orange County, Calif., near Palm Springs, and his rise to karaoke stardom was somewhat unexpected.

"I was looking for a way to get my name out there, find my style and practice my stage presence after graduating college with a degree in theater," Scott said. "I wasn't really in to acting or typical stage production and discovered karaoke as an excellent venue to find my way."

Scott relocated to Ruidoso for the love of the

small town atmosphere, temperate climate and the surprisingly underrated artistic and theatrical talent in Lincoln County. Scott and his partner opened The Copper Bear gallery and subsequently, the very successful Blue Goose Cafe.

In early 2009, Scott was encouraged by his partner and friends to participate in a state qualifying karaoke competition at Lucy's Café and Cantina.

"I reluctantly agreed to enter the contest, which was somewhat out of my comfort zone. I was already having fun hosting karaoke nights at various establishments around town," Scott said.

Scott won the competition at Lucy's, singing his favorite country-western tunes and soon found himself in Truth or Consequences competing in the state karaoke championship.

"I won the state title in T or C and suddenly, off I go to Houston for the regional competition in Houston," Scott said.



Photo courtesy of ©ABC/Donna Svennevik

Who will be the next singer to leap from the karaoke circuit to superstardom? Karaoke Battle USA shines the spotlight on the best karaoke singers across the country in 6 1-hour episodes, hosted by Joey Fatone (*NSYNC, Dancing with the Stars) and premiering Friday, Aug. 12, at 9 p.m. (ET) on the ABC Television Network. Pictured are Joe Levy, Carnie Wilson and Brian Scott with one of the contestants.

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Milsap makes pure love at the Spencer

It's rare that an artist with more than four decades of accolades, 40-plus No. 1 hits, sales of 35 million records and seven Grammy Awards to his credit would continue to seek out new challenges, but that's precisely what country soul legend Ronnie Milsap has done.

His newest release *Then Sings My Soul: 24 Favorite Hymns and Gospel Favorites* is his first foray into gospel music, a genre in which he's proven to be a natural. The uplifting double-disc finds Milsap revisiting his North Carolina childhood for a collection of songs that capture a remarkable spirit — one sure to resonate with listeners regardless of their musical and cultural back-

grounds.

"For a long time, I was shy about recording gospel music because I didn't necessarily want to show the inside of my soul but now, the spiritual side of me is really shining through."

To illuminate that side, Milsap went back to the deep, rich, gospel tradition of hymns like Holy Holy Holy and Amazing Grace — both presented in breathlessly ethereal fashion — and transported himself to more modern times with a sweetly soulful "People Get Ready" and "Rock of Ages" (a showcase for his ever-pristine piano stylings).

"Music has a way of making you feel something in your heart, in your

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If you're looking for something other than potato salad to bring to a BBQ, or just looking for something new to try, then I have two recipes this week that you are certain to like, and one of the ingredients has not been around for too long in our neck of the woods. The ingredient that I'm talking about is quinoa.

Quinoa, which is pronounced keen-wah, originally from South America and is grown in the Andes Mountain above at least 5000 feet. Quinoa was a staple for the ancient Incas. They called it Chisaya Mama, or the mother of all grains, but it's really a seed. Each year, the first seeds were planted by the Incas high priest with a shovel made of solid gold, so it goes without saying that this crop was considered very sacred to the Incas. After the Spanish conquest there was huge decline in this crop, and for the most part it had become peasant food. But in the 1980's, some entrepreneur from Colorado planted crops in the high fields of the Rockies and the rest is history.

Quinoa cooks just like rice, with 1 part quinoa to 2 parts liquid, and will take on the flavor of whatever liquid you choose to use. It has a mild and nutty flavor and can be added to soups, stir-fry, casseroles, breads, salads, and desserts. You do need to rinse the Quinoa to remove the bitter coating called saponin. A simple quick rinse will wash away the powdery residue. Quinoa also comes in a variety of colors like orange, red, black, pink, white and even purple. You can really have fun with inventing new ways to cook and serve it!

Quinoa is loaded with nutrients and is a complete protein because it has all eight essential amino ac-

ids. It is packed full of magnesium, iron and is also high in fiber. It's also gluten free and has the highest amount of protein than any other seeds, so if you don't eat meat or you just trying to cut down, you would be hard pressed to find anything as good and as complete a protein as quinoa. You can find quinoa at most health food stores. If you are here in Ruidoso, you can find both the red and white quinoa used in these recipes at the Wild Herb Market.

This week's recipe is for a salad and a dessert that I often make for my kids. One day my son Jake asked me if I would make some "Candy's from the Andes," which I thought was very clever, hence the title of the dessert dish!

Quinoa Summer Salad

Serves 6

Ingredients

1 cup red Quinoa
2 cups Vegetable stock
½ small yellow onions, diced
1 bell pepper, diced
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 bunch asparagus, tips only
1 cup grape tomatoes, left whole
1 ear of sweet corn, kernels removed
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 cup artichoke hearts, marinated in olive oil
1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
1 teaspoon kosher salt
5 fresh basil leaves, cut chiffonade
2 tablespoon fresh parsley chopped
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 juice of one lemon

Directions

Rinse quinoa well and drain. In a medium sauce pan over medium high heat, add quinoa and 2 cups vegetable stock.



Bring to a boil and cover. Check it once in a while to make sure it has enough stock and to stir it. It only takes 15 minutes to cook, so you don't want to walk away from it.

Next, in a large sauté pan over medium heat, add olive oil. Once the oil is hot, add onions and bell pepper. Sauté for 2 minutes and add mushroom, asparagus, sweet corn, artichoke hearts, and grape tomatoes. Sauté for 8 to 10 minutes or until the vegetables become al dente. Then add the soy sauce, parsley, salt and pepper. After 15 minutes, check the quinoa. There should be no liquid left. I always turn the

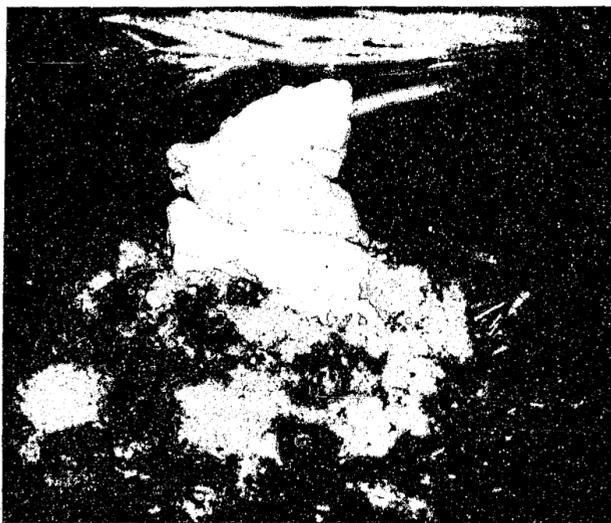
pan on its side to see if any liquid comes out; if so just cook it a little bit more. Once it's done, set it aside and let cool. Once the vegetables are done, toss them with the quinoa and the fresh basil in a large bowl and let cool. It's best to make this the night before. This will allow the flavor

to really develop overnight. This dish is a great side or an entrée and is perfect on a hot day... enjoy!

Candy's from the Andes

Ingredients

1 cup white quinoa
1 cup fresh squeezed orange juice
1 cup water



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1 cup dried cranberries
1 cup dried apricots quartered
½ cup walnuts chopped
Juice of one lemon
1 tablespoon honey
Pinch of salt

Directions

Rinse quinoa well and drain. In a medium sauce pan over medium high heat, add quinoa, 1 cup water and 1 cup of orange juice. Bring to a boil and cover. Cook for 13 minutes, stirring occasionally. During the last 2 minutes of cooking, add the rest of the ingredients. Mix well and cover for 2 more minutes, or until liquid is gone. To serve, scoop ½ cup onto plate and place a scoop of ice cream or vanilla yogurt on top. This is also great served just by its self or for a cereal substitute at breakfast, too!

No matter how you serve it, quinoa is a great addition to your family's diet!

Happy cooking, and don't forget to drop me a line at askchefbrendan.com, or you can find my page, Chef Brendan, on Facebook.

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soul," he says. "The old hymns are just like that; they still hold up, and they still make people feel something — they inspire everybody."

Appearing with his five-member band, Milsap will share some of these traditionals together with his slew of country classics and bluesy hits (including "I Wouldn't Have Missed It For the World," "Pure Love," "Any Day Now," "Smoky Mountain Rain" and "Your Cheatin' Heart") during his two concert appearance at the Spencer Theater at 2 and 8 p.m. Aug. 6. Tickets are \$79 and \$76. Call the Box Office at 336-4800 or visit www.spencertheater.com for information.

Milsap spent the first six years of his life in a small rural town in the Great Smoky Mountains hamlet of Robbinsville, N.C. before moving to Raleigh to attend a school for the blind — where he began 12 years studying violin and piano. Music's lure proved powerful for the young Milsap, and while he'd pursued his academic studies to make the grade at law school, a chance meeting with Ray Charles prompted him to take another path.

"I went to a Ray Charles show while I was in college and somehow they let us backstage," he recalls. "I said, 'Mr. Ray

Charles, you're my hero. You're the man I look up to. I emulate your music, but I'm faced with a dilemma. I'd love to be in the music business, but all my advisors tell me I have to have an academic life. So I'm going on to study law and become a lawyer."

"And there was a piano in the dressing room, and Ray said, 'Well, play me something.' So I played him three songs, and Charles said, 'Well, son, you can be a lawyer if you want to, but there's a lot of music in your heart. If I were you, I'd follow what my heart tells me to do.'"

Milsap did just that, recording a handful of singles in Atlanta before moving to Memphis, where he joined forces with super-producer Chips Moman and, by 1969, with Elvis Presley — for whom he played piano on hits like "Kentucky Rain" and "Don't Cry Daddy." Although he was making a name for himself as a versatile studio musician, Milsap was set on being at center-stage, rather than in the supporting cast.

That's a goal he'd achieve by 1974, when he scored his first number-one country single, "Pure Love." His chart-topping hits have continually sounded forth with each passing decade, a creative joy that's apt to continue for decades to come.

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

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

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

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

Hubbard Museum of the American West, Ruidoso Downs - the first New Mexico museum to be granted "affiliate" sta-

tus with the Smithsonian Institution. The Museum is home to an extensive permanent collection of magnificent carriages, wagons, saddles, firearms and Indian artifacts, as well as ever-changing traveling exhibits. Located just east of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track on Highway 70, the entrance to the Museum features the landmark bronze "Free Spirits of Noisy Water," one of the largest equine sculptures in the U.S. with eight larger-than-life horses, representing seven different breeds. The Museum is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission begins at \$6 for adults with discounts available for seniors, military and youth. The Hubbard Museum of the American West is owned and operated by the City of Ruidoso Downs. To find more information on the Hubbard Museum of the American West, please visit www.hubbardmuseum.org or call 575-378-4142.

Weekends - Ski Apache Summer Activities invites you to Beat the Summer Heat with Gondola rides from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (Pricing: \$16 adults, \$10 children, \$10 seniors, \$16 military \$10 military children.) Enjoy lunch and incredible views at the top of the mountain in the Gazebo. (Lunch package: \$27 adults and \$21 for children.) Hiking trails with a variety of wildlife such as deer, elk, turkey and more are available. For more information visit www.SkiApache.com or call 888-262-0478.

centuries until recently. Baron will present a brief history of human culture in the Southwest and discuss the connection of the ancient Mogollon culture of southern New Mexico to the culture and lifestyle of the modern day Tarahumara in Copper Canyon. The presentation will be held in the Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center. No additional charge other than regular admission fee to the museum. The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 26301 Highway 70, and open daily from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$6 for adults, and reduced admission is available for senior citizens, military personnel, and youth. Visit www.hubbardmuseum.org or call 575-378-4142 for information.

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

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Ronnie Milsap, Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Rd., Alto, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. BBQ Brisket buffet at 6 p.m. From his country soul origins, this humble and overtly friendly talent was one of the most influential forces that moved country music from its rural roots to the modern mainstream of entertainment. Steeped in the mountain music of the North Carolina hills and schooled in classical piano, Milsap's heart is hard core country and rhythm & blues. In his career he scored over 40 number one hits, sold 35 million records, won seven Grammys and a truck full of awards. For more information, contact the Spencer Theater: 1-888-818-7872; www.spencertheater.com. Buffet: \$20, Performance: \$76 & \$79.

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TUESDAY AUGUST 2

Wilderness Camp, Parks and Recreation Office, 801 Resort Dr., Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., runs through August 12. Sponsored by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation. "Back to Basics, Back to Nature". Activities include horseback riding, fishing, canoeing, hiking, biking, disc golf, nature walks, nature crafts, archery, outdoor sports, golf, tennis, swimming, etc. Youth ages 6 - 13 (Entering 1st - 7th). Provide your own snacks (2) and lunch. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation: 575-257-5030; www.ruidoso-nm.gov/ParksRecreation/ParksRec.html. Fees: \$95 per week or \$32 a day for the 1st child, \$85 or per week or \$30 a day for additional children within the same family. Registration continues throughout the summer on a first-come basis. Space is limited to the first 36 registrants.

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Preview of Alto Artists Studio Tour and Business After Hours, Spencer Theater, 108 Spencer Rd., Alto, 5 - 7 p.m. Art preview showcasing the Artists of Alto. Silent Auction. Food, fun, and networking. Come and check out some of the art from the tour and have some great food. Beautiful art in a beautiful location. For more information: Spencer Theater: 575-336-4800; www.spencertheater.com. Free admission.

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Fort Stanton Live! Fort Stanton, Aug. 5 - 7. Candlelight tour is Friday night. (book early—this sells out!) Wild West Show with Civil War reenactments, Buffalo Soldiers, and Mountain Men. Vendors, food, and entertainment. For more information contact Fort Stanton Museum: 575-354-0341; www.fortstanton.com. Admission is \$5 per person, children 16 years and younger are free.

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

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Old Lincoln Days, Hwy 380, Lincoln, Aug. 5 - 7. Street vendors, food, parade & mountain man camp. Activities happen throughout the day. Join us for the "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" folk pageant. The episodes of the pageant are based on historical facts of the notorious Lincoln County War, and in particular its focus is centered upon the best remembered of its fighters, Billy the Kid. For more information, contact Lincoln State Monument: 575-653-4372; www.billythekidpageant.org

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Larry Baron presents "The Tarahumara/Mogollon Connection" at the Hubbard Museum at 2 p.m. Anthropologist Larry Baron gives a multi-media presentation on the Tarahumara Indians, an indigenous people of northern Mexico, living in Copper Canyon since the 16th century, where they remain a primitive people, living in isolation and preserving their way of life with very little change for

BUSINESS

Realtors award scholarships to local students

By Eugene Heathman

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The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of Realtors® has been awarding scholarships to high school seniors of Lincoln County for many years. The scholarship fund was originally set up for the children of Realtor® members of the Ruidoso association. The Lincoln County Association of Realtors awarded its 2011 scholarships to a select group of honor students at The Sanctuary on the River July 26.

Several years ago the association decided to open up the opportunity for the RLCAR scholarship to all Lincoln county high school seniors.

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

Scholarship recipients this year are:

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

Alaitia Enjady, Ruidoso High School – Alaitia is planning on attending the University of New Mexico and will be majoring in Health Science. Alaitia



Courtesy

Students gather with Lincoln County Realtors during a ceremony in which the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of Realtors® awarded its 2011 scholarships at The Sanctuary on the River, July 26.

was on the volley ball and soft ball teams, member National Honor Society, involved in community service, Principal's list, and High Honor roll to name a few of her accomplishments.

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

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

Lindsey Anne Power, Ruidoso High

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

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

Village Council renews economic development district membership

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter
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Village Council members voted unanimously to approve the \$2,155 membership fees for services offered by the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments.

The Resolution and membership agreement provides the village with a variety of regional economic development services including scenic by-way and road improvement project assistance.

Mary Ann Burr of Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments presented to the council a summary of services the district provides to members pending final approval of the district budget.

The SENMED/Council of Governments will assist its members with undertaking studies to collect data and develop regional plans and programs pertaining to such subjects as: human and natural resource development, community facilities and the general improvement of living and working environments.

The district will also furnish technical and management assistance in the development of planning activities, coordinate local planning with that of other Members of the District and the State. Additionally, the SENMED/Council of Governments will assist its membership with community development and public works projects assist member govern-

ments with their legislative activities and assist in the preparation of applications for funding under various state, federal and private grant programs.

One of the most important functions of the SNMEDD/COG involves the optimal utilization of regional capabilities. Projects included are water and wastewater system improvements, business retention, business assistance, business development, solid waste, public buildings, industrial parks improvements, job development and assistance, and transportation related initiatives.

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District was formed in 1971, in order to increase local government understanding of federal programs and to provide planning and development management services on a regional basis. The SNMEDD/COG along with the federal Economic Development Administration and the State of New Mexico entered into agreements with the municipal and county governments of Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero counties. The SNMEDD/COG is an instrument of local government jurisdictions. It is the largest planning district in New Mexico covering over 26,000 square miles.

In December of 2010, the Village of Ruidoso and the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments (SNMEDD) hosted the Mayors' summit at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

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Local unemployment rate up

By Patrick Jason Rodriguez

Reporter
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The local jobless rate rose slightly last month, ending three consecutive periods of decline.

The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate in Lincoln County was 5.4 percent in June, up nine-tenths of a point from May, according to figures released Thursday by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

The labor force in the county increased by nearly 400 from May to June. According to the department, 10,759 of 11,379 individuals in the labor pool county-wide were employed in June.

Statewide, however, the unemployment rate dipped slightly to 6.8 percent in June, down one-tenth of a point from May, according to the department. The state jobless rate stood at 8.4 percent in

June 2010.

The national unemployment rate also grew by one-tenth of a point to 9.2 percent in June, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor.

Neighboring counties also saw their unemployment rates increase in May, some by as much as 2 percent.

Otero County had a jobless rate of 7.3 percent (23,821 of 25,865 of the labor force employed), Chaves County had a jobless rate of 7.7 percent (24,692 of 26,742 of the labor force employed), and Socorro County had a jobless rate of 6.3 percent (8,717 of 9,308 of the labor force employed).

Luna County had the state's highest jobless rate at 17.2 percent in June, while Los Alamos County yielded the lowest rate at 3.7 percent for the month.

Employment figures for specific municipalities were unavailable.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Vehicle breakins

A vehicle parked on the 2900 block of Sudderth Drive was reported broken into July 19, and a purse was taken.

A second vehicle was broken into July 24, while parked on the 700 block of Mechem Drive. A baseball cap, sunglasses and a bottle of cologne were reported stolen.

Home burglary

A home on the 100 block of Butler Street was burglarized July 25, with a laptop computer taken. Police are investigating.

Another home, this one on the 1100 block of Mechem Drive, was reported broken into July 22. There didn't appear to be anything taken, and police were attempting to contact the home's owner.

No beer here

Police responded to a business on the 2800 block of Sudderth Drive, July 19, in reference to a male subject "approximately 18-22 years of age" entering the store and attempting to steal a case of beer. The subject was stopped at the door, dropped the beer and left by foot.

Poking around

A report was made, July 13, that two subjects were seen in the parking lot of a business on the 100 block of Chase Road, looking into vehicle windows. While investigating, police stopped a car being

driving by Jermain Vigil, with a minor child as his passenger.

During questioning, police determined the two had found an unlocked car with the keys inside and decided to take it. Both were arrested. The juvenile was issued a juvenile referral for the unlawful taking of a vehicle, burglary of a vehicle and conspiracy to commit the unlawful taking of a vehicle. He was later released to his mother.

Vigil was booked at Ruidoso Police Department and taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center for the same charges, adding the charge of delinquency of a minor.

Window breaking

A home on the 100 block of Porr Drive had a window broken, July 23. There were several rocks found about the residence, and cost to replace the window is about \$150.

Another home had already been attacked, July 16, on the 26000 block of Highway 70.

Taking some alcohol

Police arrested Steven Spall, 60, of Ruidoso for shoplifting a \$7.59 bottle of alcohol from a grocery store, July 24. Spall was also found to be on probation with Lincoln County Magistrate Court. As he was unable to post bond, he was taken to LCDC.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S CALL LOG

July 22

11:21 a.m., Capitan, 400 block Smokey Bear Boulevard, unknown trouble
2:59 p.m., Hondo, Border Hill Road, fire
3:59 p.m., Palo Verde, Sagebrush/Rancher, animal call
4:24 p.m., Lincoln, Behind Lincoln Cemetery, fire
6:07 p.m., Capitan, east of Block Ranch, fire
6:11 p.m., Glencoe, 27000 block Buckhorn Loop, criminal damage
7:29 p.m., Glencoe, 100 block White Angel Lane, harassment
10:22 p.m., Alto, 200 block Ski Run Road, disturbance/disorderly conduct
July 23
11:16 a.m., Carrizozo, 1000 block E Avenue, welfare check
2:16 p.m., Alto, Highway 48/High Country Lodge, warrant service

7:55 p.m., Alto, West of Buena Vista, fire
8:19 p.m., Rancho Ruidoso, Chisolm Trail, fire
8:34 p.m., Nogal, FR 400 past cattle guard, littering/dumping
8:54 p.m., Alto, 900 block Highway 48, disturbance
10:19 p.m., Capitan, Highway 246 mile marker 1, animal call
July 24
1:54 a.m., Oscura, Three Rivers Campground, disturbance
8:15 a.m., San Patricio, 27000 block Highway 790, animal call
9:48 a.m., Glencoe, Hale Lake Road, disturbance
11:19 a.m., Alpine, 100 block Toboggan Road, alarm
1:35 p.m., Glencoe, 100 block Hale Lake Road, shots fired
2:57 p.m., Lower Eagle Creek, animal call

5:43 p.m., Alto, 100 block Stag, suspicious activity-vehicle
7:29 p.m., Capitan, 200 block Dean, shots fired
8:05 p.m., Alto, Highway 48 mile marker 1, accident
10:08 p.m., Capitan, Highway 256 mile marker 7, accident
10:19 p.m., Carrizozo, 400 block 11th Street, suspicious activity
10:29 p.m., Alto, 100 block Midiron, threats
July 25
4:13 a.m., Alto, 100 block Eagle Ridge, animal call
7:16 a.m., Gavilan, 600 block Gavilan Canyon Road, welfare check
10:46 a.m., Carrizozo, E Avenue, domestic battery
12:06 p.m., Alto, 100 block Chisolm Trail, animal call
1:38 p.m., Carrizozo, Highway 380, fire

7:08 p.m., Bonito, Sundance RV, peacekeeping
7:42 p.m., Alto, 100 block Half Circle, animal call
July 26
6:33 a.m., Carrizozo, 700 block D Avenue, accident
8:07 a.m., Alto, Holden Road, shots fired
11:23 a.m., Alto, behind Nazarine Church, shots fired
12:57 p.m., Capitan, 100 block Skyview, welfare check
1 p.m., Alpine, 100 block Alpine Village, burglary
1:16 p.m., Capitan, 400 block 4th Street, welfare check
2:37 p.m., Ruidoso Downs, Turkey Canyon Road, agency assist/shots fired
3:34 p.m., Capitan, E. Creek Road, disturbance
5:10 p.m., Rancho Ruidoso, Holden Drive, peace

keeping
5:59 p.m., Alto, Peebles Road, traffic offense
8:14 p.m., Carrizozo, Highway 380, Nike Bar, suspicious activity
July 27
11:49 a.m., Bonito, Southfork Trail 19, welfare check
3:08 p.m., Ruidoso Downs, 26000 block Highway 70, harassment- phone
5:15 p.m., Capitan, 100 block Long Road, verbal assault
5:37 p.m., Capitan, 100 block Valley View Road, animal call
7:12 p.m., Alto, 100 block Buena Vista Drive, fire
8:45 p.m., Hondo, 28000 Highway 70, suspicious activity-vehicle
July 28
7:51 a.m., Alto, 1400 block Little Big Horn, animal call

9:28 a.m., Corona, 100 block Quintana, civil dispute
11:01 a.m., Carrizozo, 500 block D Avenue, animal call
11:27 a.m., Glencoe, Forrest 443, suspicious activity-vehicle
12:36 p.m., Capitan, Highway 246 mile marker 14, fire
4:04 p.m., Hondo, JEH Stallion Station, peace keeping
4:39 p.m., Alto, TRs Market, suspicious activity
5:06 p.m., Palo Verde, 100 block Pajarita, animal call
9:31 p.m., Capitan, 4/ Nogal, disturbance
11:06 p.m., Carrizozo, by football field, disturbance-disorderly conduct
July 29
2:18 a.m., Alto, 1200 block Little Creek, interference with communication

KARAOKE from pg. 17

On a roll and going with the flow, Scott stepped onstage and won the regional competition which launched him to the National Karaoke Championships held in Ohio.

"In Ohio, things were moving pretty fast. I was competing against approximately sixty of the best karaoke singers in the nation, this was an entirely new experience for me," Scott said.

After a compelling country-western rendition of Elton John's "Candle in the Wind", Brian Scott, representing Ruidoso, was crowned as the 2009 national karaoke champion.

"This was even better than a dream come true because I never dreamed of being the national champion of karaoke and I was now going to Finland for the world competition, representing my country. The experience was amazing, I had an idea that karaoke was quite popular but not this big. The trip to Finland really opened my eyes," Scott said.

Scott finished ninth in the world championships and returned home with an entire new perspective of the path set before him. Scott was then approached by the ABC television network and asked to co-star in a new television karaoke talent search series. Scott gladly obliged.

Some of America's biggest singing sensations started with karaoke. Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood and others began that way. The series will search for who will be the next singer to leap from the karaoke circuit to superstardom. Karaoke Battle USA will shine the spotlight on the best karaoke

singers across the country in six one-hour episodes.

The best male and female performers at each regional competition will move on to the Los Angeles House of Blues, where they will square off for the titles of King and Queen of Karaoke. In addition to those bragging rights, winners will also receive a prize package that includes a recording released by Hollywood Records and a trip to compete at the Karaoke World Championships in Ireland later this year.

Scott would like to see Ruidoso capture some of the stardom by hosting the state karaoke championship.

"Things like this are exactly what the late Jackie Spencer had envisioned in her legacy to establish the Spencer Theater and surrounding areas as a fine arts capital of the world," Scott said. "This is just one more thing we can do to attract talent and help Ruidoso become a renowned destination for the arts."

This year's state competition will be held in Roswell.



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Karaoke Battle USA - from L-R, Joe Levy, Carrie Wilson, Brian Scott and host Joey Fatone.



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Ms. Wilson completed her undergraduate degree in Physiology, with a minor in Chemistry, from the University of Arizona in Tucson. She earned a master's degree in the Physician Assistant Program from the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ms. Wilson is conversational in Spanish.

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International musicians take in local flavor

By Kathleen McDonald
Spencer Theater

While introducing the Czechoslovakian folk influenced composition "Piano Quintet in A. Major, Op. 81" by Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904), the impeccable violinist Sarah McElravy commented that she and fellow Linden String Quartet members - as well as the internationally renowned pianist Di Wu - decided to take in some local cowboy country folk music by visiting the Flying J Ranch the night before their concert at the Spencer Theater on July 30.

"It's just been so wonderful getting to know Di Wu," McElravy told the audience about the finalist in the 13th annual Van Cliburn International Piano Competition during the Chamber Music Festival. "We've bonded! In fact, we went to hear the Flying J Wranglers last night (who are excellent musicians by the way) and ate a lot of beans... and believe me, beans make you bond!"

The performance of the Dvorak piano quintet was the culmination of the 2011 Chamber Music Festival in Ruidoso, which featured The Linden String Quartet in works by Mozart and Ravel and piano works by Debussy, Ravel and Liszt.



Photo by Kathleen McDonald

Pictured in the lobby of Spencer Theater during the Ruidoso Chamber Music Festival are (l-r) Board Vice President Dan Hood, Linden cellist Felix Umansky, violinist Sarah McElravy and Catherine Cosby, pianist Di Wu, violist Eric Wong, Chamber Music Festival Board Secretary Lyn Kidder and Festival Board President Mary Lea Lane.

New men's bible study

Join the men of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for their kick off breakfast and Bible study Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. The group is open to all ages of men (and women) to discuss men's issues and will meet regularly throughout the year. The meeting will be held at El Paraiso at 721 Mechem Dr. Located in the Sierra Mall. Contact Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 575-258-4191 for any assistance.

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.

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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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School bus contractors must submit proof of the following with proposals:

1. Ability to provide CDL Examiner Certification to drivers
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CONTRACT LENGTH: School days from September 6, 2011 through May 17, 2012, and in accordance with the Head Start calendar.

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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: All sealed and complete proposals must be received at the REC IX office by Wednesday, August 3, 2011 @ 4:00 pm. Proposals will be opened at 4:00 pm., Thursday, August 4, 2011 - Region IX office. For additional information, contact Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett, REC IX; 575.257.2368

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