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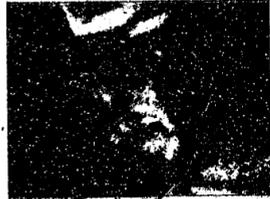
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**November 22**  
**Don Williams at the Inn of the Mountain Gods**



The country singer is known for his smooth bass-baritone voice, soft tones, and an imposing build, which earned him the nickname "The Gentle Giant" of country music. Without a doubt Williams, whose hits with the likes of "Good Ole Boys Like Me," "I Believe In You," "Love Is On A Roll," "Amanda" and "Tulsa Time" have always had knack for finding songs that speak directly to people's hearts. 8 p.m., Tickets starting at \$25. 575-464-7777. [www.innofthemountaingods.com](http://www.innofthemountaingods.com)

**November 24**

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**Thanksgiving buffets around town:**

**Billy's Sports Bar & Grill**  
Traditional Buffet, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$16.95 adults, \$9.95 children. 575-378-4431

**Cree Meadows Country Club**  
Traditional Buffet, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$20.95 adults, \$10.95 children. 575-257-2733

**Laughing Sheep Farm**  
6-Course Fine Dining meal, \$38 adults \$8 children. 12 noon with the last seating at 3 p.m. Live music. Reservations required: 575-653-4041.

**Wendell's at Inn of the Mountain Gods**  
Classic buffet, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$44.99 adults, \$35.99 seniors, \$17.99 children. Reservations: 575-464-7842.

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## Racetrack officials report on BRT to county

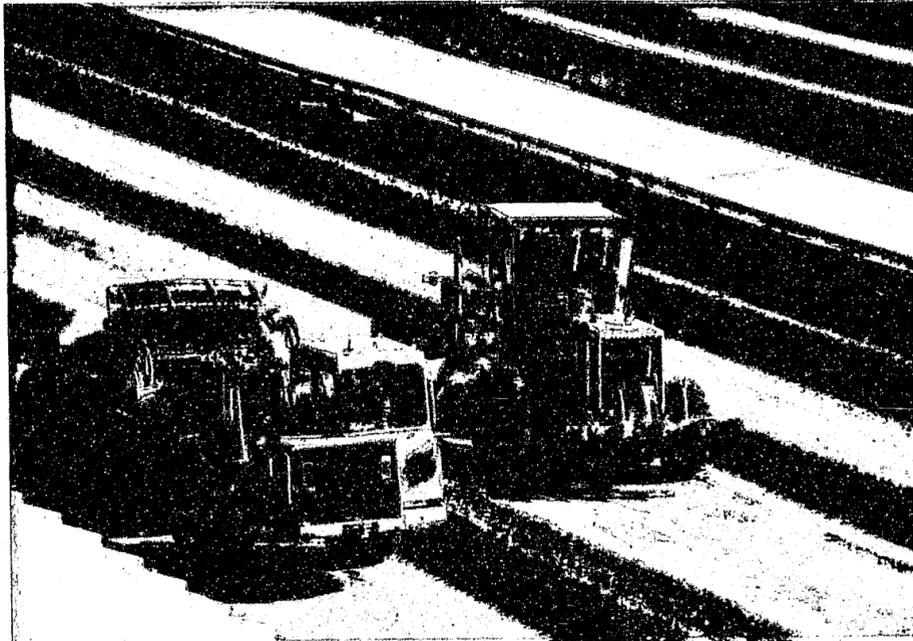
By Patrick Rodriguez

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A voter-approved business retention gross receipts tax that provided \$750,000 in offset to ease some of the financial burden at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino has not only led to \$2.2 million in improvements at the racetrack and casino, the levy has also boosted employment at the facility by 3.8 percent, according to figures put together by the racetrack and presented to Lincoln County commissioners during a meeting on Tuesday.

But despite the above statistics, some commissioners struggled with the notion that public funding should be used to help a private business, no matter its importance in the community, especially during tough economic times. Racetrack owner R.D. Hubbard, in attendance at the meeting, thanked the 53 percent of the

See BRT, pg. 5



Photos courtesy of Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino  
Heavy equipment was used to refresh the racing surface of the track at Ruidoso Downs, removing rocks and other debris for the safety of horses and jockeys.

## Morales named to state parks and rec board

Lisa Morales of Ruidoso was recently voted to the commission of the New Mexico Recreation and Parks Association. She will be a director at-large on the board for the organization.

The NMRPA is a professional organization affiliated with the National Recreation and Park Association. The membership of the NMRPA is diverse, as the organization is represented by members from municipal, county, state and federal government agencies, as well as retired professionals.

We are seeing our local and state government changing right before our eyes," said Ed Chismar, member of the NMRPA and a former president of the organization. "The fiscal contractions at all levels of government have affected parks and recreation statewide."



Lisa Morales

Morales is on a citizen's board for the Parks and Recreation Department in Ruidoso. The positions on the board are appointed by Mayor Ray Albom.

Morales is the general manager for MTD Media, the parent company of the *Ruidoso Free Press*. NMRPA members are known to be voices in their profession.

Morales is the only member of the NMRPA board in Lincoln County. Ballots for consideration on the board are sent to all NMRPA members across the state. Dianne Marquez of Los Alamos is the current president of the NMRPA board.

The mission statement of the NMRPA is that the organization will "Preserve the past, affect the present, and influence the future of Recreation and Parks within New Mexico."

## Support for county payments program sought

By Patrick Rodriguez

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Outgoing Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart, at the request of the New Mexico Association of Counties, last month submitted a letter to Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall of New Mexico, and Rep. Steve Pearce of New Mexico to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, saying the legislation had provided much needed resources for forest dependant communities.

Stewart also said in the letter that mandatory funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program should continue.

Stewart wrote that funding for the two programs is critical to New Mexico, as many rural communities depend on the revenue streams from the initiatives to provide services to residents, including education, roads, emergency services, law enforcement, search and rescue, firefighting and other assistance essential to the health, safety and wellbeing of the residents of the state.

Stewart also expressed support for the County Payments Reauthorization Act of 2011, sponsored by Bingaman with bipartisan support in the Senate. The County Payments Reauthorization Act would continue funding of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, which expired Sept. 30.

In other business, the nostalgic county map on the lawn of the courthouse in Carrizozo was replaced on Oct. 18.

Stewart suggested that the county commission approve new Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement rate for public employees in January 2012. In 2009, Congress passed legislation adjusting mileage reimbursement rates to 55 cents per mile. However, in July a new rate of 55.5

cents per mile was established.

As requested by county commissioners at their meeting last month, Stewart sent a letter to the U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission in Washington following the news that five post offices in the county could shut down. In the letter, Stewart suggested ways for the Postal Service to increase revenue, including raising the price of a first class stamp by one cent, charging junk mail a significant increase in the bulk rate, eliminating

Saturday delivery service, and revamping the retirement and health programs for employees. The Postal Regulatory Commission responded by thanking Stewart for his letter.

Bobbie Rose has been hired to replace Renee Santos as county ordinance administrator. Santos stepped down on Nov. 11. Rose is a former city manager for Tucumcari and one of the finalists to replace Stewart as Lincoln County manager, a position that was eventually offered to Nita Taylor.

## Hardwood season's begun



Photo courtesy of Karen Boehler

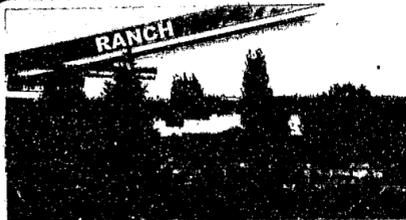
Mescalero Lady Chief Hope Geronimo (15) moves the ball between Dexter's Tabatha Salas (12) and Tylynn Payne Nov. 17 at Dexter. Mescalero has started the basketball season 2-0. Full story page 14.



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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Museum to close**

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will be closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. The museum, located at 26301 Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs, will re-open at 9 a.m. this Saturday.

In addition to the holiday closure, the museum will also close Nov. 29 to allow the movement of a power supply pole on museum property. Museum management apologizes for any inconvenience and looks forward to returning to normal operations Nov. 30.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with admission set at \$6 for adults and reduced admission available for senior citizens, military personnel and youth. Visit [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org) or call 378-4142 for more information about events and activities at the museum.

**Rifle raffle**

American Legion Post 79 in Ruidoso is raising funds with its annual rifle raffle and membership drive. Tickets are being sold for the chance to win a Weatherby 30.06 Vanguard package or a 42-inch high definition television.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. For tickets or information, call Vic Currier at (575) 802-5293.

**Espinoza to speak**

New Mexico State Representative Nora Espinoza will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County, Nov. 28 at 11:30 a.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club. Espinoza will speak about education in the state. For more information, call 430-7258 or visit [www.frw.rplcnm.org](http://www.frw.rplcnm.org).

**Mardis Gras contest**

The Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce invites artists to participate in this year's celebration poster contest, searching for the image which will grace this year's official Cloudcroft Mardis Gras in the Clouds poster.

Entries should be submitted to the chamber office no later than Dec. 1 by 5 p.m., or mailed to the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Mardis Gras Committee, P.O. Box 1290, Cloudcroft, NM, 88317.

For more information, call Lisa King, chamber director, at 575-682-2733 or email at [lisa@cloudcroft.net](mailto:lisa@cloudcroft.net).

**Altrusa home tour**

Join Altrusa for a tour of some of the area's most beautiful homes all decked out for Christmas. All proceeds benefit the Lincoln County Medical Center Foundation mammogram match-

ing grant to support Altrusa's 2012 annual low-cost mammogram program.

The tour will be Dec. 4 from 3-5 p.m., with door prizes and refreshments to follow at Casa Feliz. Tickets are \$20 in advance. Call 336-7473 for more information or to purchase tickets. For complete details, visit [www.altrusaruidoso.com](http://www.altrusaruidoso.com).

**Mayhill Christmas fair**

The Mayhill Community Center Board is sponsoring a craft and Christmas goodies fair, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Mayhill Community Center. Vendor tables are available for \$10.

For more information or to register, call (575)-687-3334 or (575)-687-2003. The Mayhill Community Center is located at 15 Civic Dr. in Mayhill, 18 miles east of Cloudcroft.

**Free gift wrapping**

First Baptist Church of Ruidoso is hosting free gift wrapping at 4 Season's Mall, Dec. 17 and 24, from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. There will also be free hot cocoa and coffee compliments of Beads to Beauty.

**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 49 years or older. For more information, call 258-2120 or visit [www.sacmntvillage.org](http://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 Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. There is also a Monday 6:30 p.m. women's open meeting and beginners and young peoples' big book study Fridays at 7 p.m.

**The Sunny Spirit Group of Alcoholics 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 infor-

mation, call 258-8885.

**Altrusa Club of Ruidoso** meets at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. Altrusa International of Ruidoso was established in 1970 and it's long running Annual Low Cost Mammogram Program was established in 1988. Some of the organizations Altrusa supports are the local food bank, women's shelter, humane society and others. One of Altrusa's focus is on literacy, in that they provide scholarships to men and women returning to college, books three times a year to the children in the local Head Start programs and donations to the Literacy Council. If you think an organization like Altrusa may be a good fit for your volunteer efforts, contact membership chair Judy Griffin at 937-5437.

**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.

**The Democratic Women of the Sacramento Mountain Area** meet the third Saturday of each month at 11:30 a.m. For more information, visit [www.dwsma.org](http://www.dwsma.org).

**Firefighters for Christ** meet monthly at the Ruidoso Downs Race-track Chapel at 7 p.m. This service is open to firefighters and their families. For more information, call 258-4682.

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

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

**The Lincoln County Regulators**, members of the Single Action Shooters Society, hold matches the second Saturday of every month at the Ruidoso Gun Range located on Hale Lake Road. Registration is at 9 a.m., matches start at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to participate or watch the action. During the shooting matches, all other shooting

is suspended. For more information, call Avery (AKA Rowdy Lane) at 937-9297.

**The Lincoln County fibromyalgia and chronic pain support group** meets on the third Thursday of each month from noon-1 p.m. in the parlor at First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr. For information, contact Mary Barnett at 257-9810.

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

**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.

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

**White Mountain Search-and-Rescue Team** is open for membership to volunteers interested in various disciplines. Positions open include operations, communications, ATV, ground patrol, horse and K9 teams. Training and support is available for all positions in preparation for field certification. The organization meets every third Monday at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. For more information, visit [www.whitemountainsar.org](http://www.whitemountainsar.org) or call Tony Davis at 336-4501.

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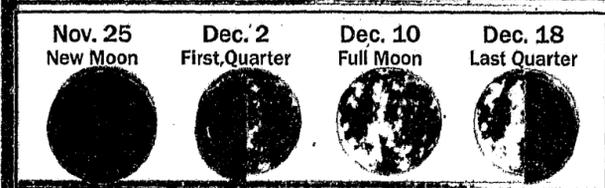
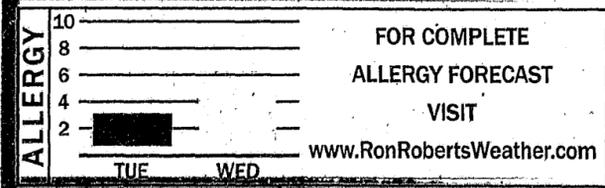
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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Ruidoso Downs City Council

Item	What it's about	How they voted
Waste Water Treatment Plant Invoice for September	Terri Mosley, finance director, saved the city about \$10,000 with adjustments to the bill, reflecting operating expenses which had been incorrectly billed to Ruidoso Downs.	Passed unanimously
Forgiveness of penalties on an outstanding water bill	The penalties on a utility customer's bill were much more than the actual bill, and the city forgave them, with the customer paying the outstanding service costs.	Passed unanimously
Establishment of a voting convenience center	This was in relation to the consolidation of voting precincts in the county.	Tabled

For Downs Council and Carrizozo Town Council briefs, see pg. 6

## Carrizozo Town Council

Item	What it's about	How they voted
Adoption of election resolution in English and Spanish	To establish the municipal election day as March 6, 2012, with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Carrizozo Municipal Building	Passed unanimously
Approval of town sign application	A new process from Planning and Zoning for residents and businesses to use when installing or changing a sign	Passed unanimously
Zoning appointment	Approval of Judy Fitz as zoning administrator	Passed 4-1, with Councilor Lee Gross voting against.
Addition to a local residence	A Planning and Zoning-approved addition to a private home	Passed unanimously
Planning and Zoning fence compliance	Resident John Paul Ventura has been informed his fence needs to be in compliance.	Tabled
Animal compliance	Resident Cheri Cloudt keeps two small horses on a property where zoning does not allow for this.	This issue was brought up by P&Z, and was sent back to that commission for review.
Lodger's tax committee approval	Approval of \$132.50 for the Platigorsky Foundation concert	Passed unanimously

# State Forestry announces funding available for Lincoln County

Fire Mitigation Project money in the amount of \$261,000 is now available to landowners in Lincoln County for wildfire hazard mitigation treatment, according to the State Forestry Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

"There are many high risk areas in Lincoln County, such as Alto and Alpine Village, where forest health is a real issue," said State Forestry Capitan District Forester Eddie Tudor. "By making this cost-share program available to landowners, we hope to encourage them and make it easier to reduce wildfire risk on their properties, and in their communities."

Lincoln County applied for the cost-share program funding, made available from a Western States Wildland/Urban Interface Grant from the USDA Forest Service through the National Fire Plan. The funding will flow through New

Mexico State Forestry to Lincoln County. The intent of the funding is to reduce hazardous fuels by treating densely forested private land and creating defensible space for property in high risk wildland urban interface areas within Lincoln County.

Through the cost-share program, up to 70 percent of the fuels mitigation cost will be covered by the grant, while the remaining cost will be covered by the landowner.

Lincoln County landowners interested in applying for grant funding should contact the New Mexico State Forestry Capitan District office at (575) 354-2231 or Rural Community Forester Mike Cagiano at (575) 937-1789.

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# OPINION

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Since Occupy Wall Street is trying to make a point about jobs, maybe they could shine a small ray of cleansing light on a little known White House crony. Get this: a one-employee corporation, with \$120,000 in the bank, applied for stimulus help. It held a lonely, one man, gut wrenching board meeting and decided to try a brand new venture: the president's green energy business.

In an emergency action to "save the nation," a \$787-billion stimulus package was passed by the Democratic-controlled Congress, as more than 65 percent of Americans screamed 'no,' according to Gallup and Rasmussen polls. One would hope the Occupy Wall Street targets, greedy Wall Street speculators and banks, had nothing to do with the vote. Still, many of us asked then and now, what was the rush?

With billions of stimulus money in hand, Obama launched the great American giveaway, handing out money to companies like Solyndra (\$500 million, before it went bankrupt). Then his unelected "czars" gave the nod to Leucadia Holdings' one-man company and gave it a little money, too. Well, it wasn't exactly a little money. The amount to Leucadia was seven times larger than what was given to Solyndra, to be used for an alleged "carbon capture project in Louisiana" (\$260 million), "coal gasification project" (\$1.6 billion), and a "synthetic gas project" in Chicago (\$1.6 billion).

Talk about "carbon footprints"; that's \$3.4 billion of taxpayer's money, paid to a company with one employee and no prior experience, according to the book *Throw Them All Out* by Peter Schweizer. Appar-

ently, lack of experience was not a red flag for fellow Democrat Warren Buffet. He led stockholder speculation, buying large amounts of Leucadia stock. Two years later, if you don't count the one person who received the \$3.4 billion, Leucadia hired about 30 people; no doubt a remarkable Democratic "jobs" program to some Occupy Wall Street protesters.

Worth noting is that, after Solyndra and Leucadia were paid, and after Operation Fast and Furious was launched as a public diversion, Obama's former chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, resigned and was promptly elected Mayor of Chicago; the city about to benefit from half of the Leucadia "bail out" money. It all brings to mind a famous mafia movie quote: "Nothing personal. It's just business." Of course, it's early in the 2012 election cycle. Many say Solyndra, "Fast and Furious," and now Leucadia are just the tip of the iceberg. Yet, for all of us who enjoy a good "grass roots protest," maybe Occupy Wall Street should relocate their George Soros splinter groups for a grand finale. Why not Occupy the White House lawn?

That's it. Pack my bags, Martha, I'm goin' to D.C.

Vic Currier, Ruidoso

### Veteran Thank You

To the Editor,

I wish to congratulate you on publishing a prize winning front page on Tuesday, Nov. 8 edition of the *Free Press*. You caught the attention of the older citizens in our community with the *In Flanders Field* poem. I personally learned this poem in a very early grade school. It could not be more symbolic of WWI or any age right up to present times.

Vic Currier, Ruidoso

Thank you for reminding us readers that what goes around comes around. The words of that poem echo just as much now as it did then.

I don't know what there is in the human make up that makes us want to make war and suffer the subsequent, massive loss of our fellow man. Are we all stupid?

I would like to ask one last favor or you-could you print the same front page each Armistice Day or as we call it now-Veteran's Day. Maybe, just maybe you could print it in larger type as our eyes will be a little dimmer a year from now.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Bob Brophy

To the Editor:

I worked late. Before I went to sleep I needed different thoughts, away from the world. I turn the TV on: a commercial. My thinking system turns immediately to zero; I don't like the continuous theft of air time by the corporate system.

But then I am well awake, my system switches to heightened attention, the name Obama has been mentioned. My president! A political advertisement; likely Republican because there are no other these days. It tells me that my president has squandered millions and millions of dollars on the fabrication of solar panels?

Are solar panels the way of the fu-

ture? Is it not necessary to invest in such things? Is that not an investment for our future? Besides hydro and thermal energy, solar and wind energy are the two clean energy sources that we have on earth. Why did it fail?

It will not happen now that we are out of coal, gas and oil, our present main energy sources. But all of them are polluters, Still; why did the solar energy fail?

Was there perhaps someone who did not want it to succeed? Feels threatened by its success? The large corporations come to mind, the mines, the gas and oil corporations. And the political party that supports and is supported by them. The same people that cut down the sources for our school? Perhaps to keep our engineers ignorant so that they are unable to tackle the problem of solar energy? Is that what it is all about?

Dr. Bernhard E. F. Reimann, Capitán

To the Editor:

I am thankful for medical triage in war zones that save limbs and lives. I am thankful for the awakening of Americans to the fact that freedom is not free. I am thankful for and appreciative of the 1 percent of the American population, an elite group of individuals, who signed a blank check for an amount that is up to and including their very lives in defense of this great nation. God bless our troops, God bless our veterans, and God bless this great nation.

Millie Woods, Albuquerque MAW

## Folks, we're on a roller coaster

By Allen Weh

If the times we're living through could be any more consequential for the future of this republic, it would be hard to imagine.

Iran is working to get a nuclear weapon, Israel makes noises about a preemptive strike against them, and the United States' current ability to influence an outcome for the benefit of preserving peace is clearly impotent.

Greece is headed toward a financial default, which will set in motion further disruption and adverse impact on international financial markets, including ours. And it doesn't help matters that the our government continues its reckless spending and adding to its record deficit.

This sends an unsettling message to the world's other major economies and promotes a lack of confidence in our leadership at a time when the United States, the world's largest economy, should be the bulwark of stability.

We have partisan bickering at a level none of us can ever remember existing, yet President Obama makes it worse by abdicating his role as the president of every American citizen and purposely fans the flames of class warfare and the

politics of envy.

Nowhere in our entire history has a president ever been so divisive, pitting Americans against each other, regardless of how ugly or hard hitting their respective elections have been.

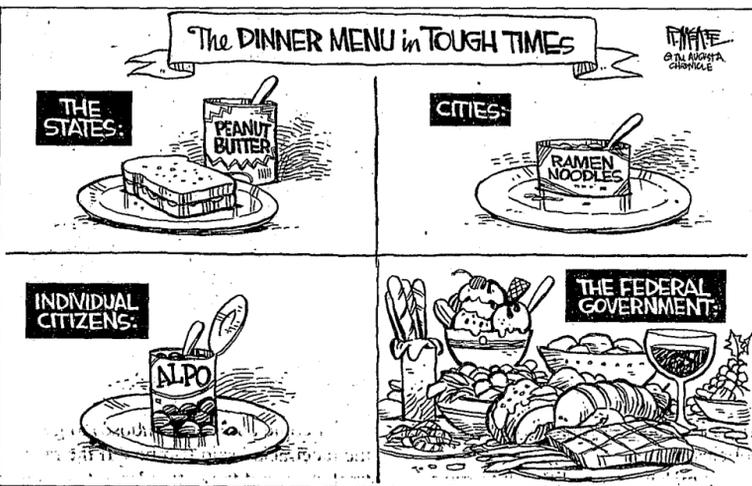
Yet, while we ride this proverbial roller coaster through the coming year, I remain cautiously optimistic we're going to get through this OK — albeit beat up and in badly need of repair.

When Japan attacked the United States in 1941 — to its everlasting regret — it "awakened a sleeping giant." The events we are now experiencing are similarly awakening people in this great country who are beginning to understand that, rise or fall, we are all in this together.

I appreciate all of you who took a moment to read this and encourage you to find a way to participate in bringing this country back to its greatness.

Inspirational leadership will emerge, the people will be heard, and the independence and freedoms we should never take for granted will be sustained. To borrow an appropriate quote from the late Martin Luther King Jr., "We shall overcome!"

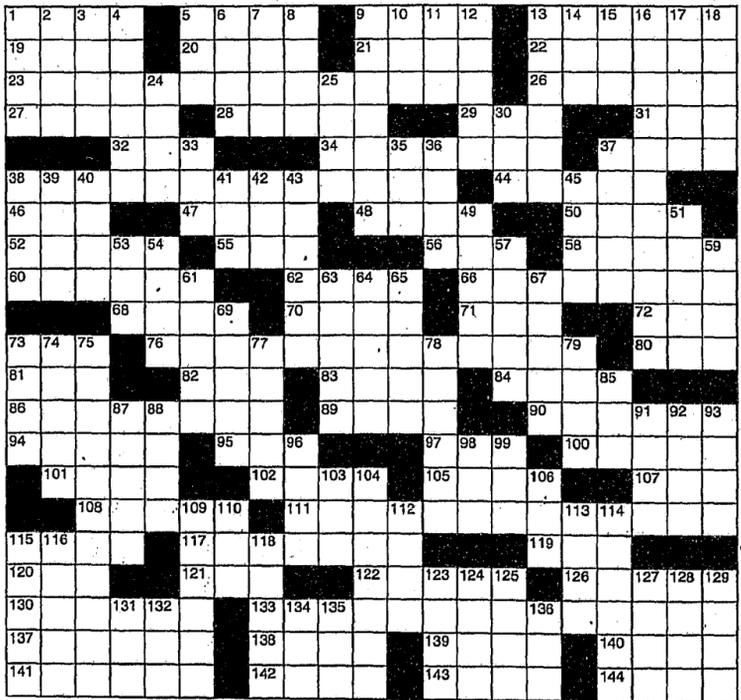
Allen Weh is an Albuquerque business executive and military veteran.



## Super Crossword

SHOCK TREATMENT Solution on pg. 15

- ACROSS 1 Not quite closed 5 Doris Day refrain 9 Junket 13 Significance 19 Prepare a pear 20 Author: Murdoch 21 Run the show 22 Five iron 23 Electrician's favorite rockers? 26 Short-hand inventer 27 Periwinkle 28 Primeval upheaval 29 See 14 Down 31 Mil. policy 32 Lassie's mother 34 Puzzled 37 Word with song or dive 38 Question for a tardy electrician? 44 Figure 46 Nice time of year 47 Genesis 48 Wordy Webster 50 Eloquent equine 52 Boa, but not cobra 55 Raven maven? 56 Dandy 58 Quick snacks 60 Roller-coaster feeling 62 Apparel 66 Alaric, for one 68 Buddies 70 South Seas novel 71 — Marie Saint 72 TV's — "Haw" 73 Part of USSR 76 Electrician's theme 78 One of the Titans 80 "Parking" (44 film) 81 GI's address 82 — down (destroy) 83 Melodious McEntire 84 Galba's garment 86 First state 89 Paradise 90 Sleeve type 94 — nous 95 Can. segments 97 — "Tiki" 100 Clear the windshield 101 Loretta of "M\*A\*S\*H" 102 Cuban currency 105 Ladies of the la 107 Hosp. areas 108 — "luogo" 111 Electrician's teatime 115 Wading bird 117 '65 Righteous Brothers 119 Capote, on stage 120 "Unforgettable" name 121 Born 122 — "Gay" 126 One of the Titans 130 Fleet 133 Electrician's favorite history subject? 137 Tidy up 138 Relate 139 "So — You" ("77 song) 140 — friendly 141 Borgnine or Gallo 142 Award for 101 Across 143 Chore 144 Work in the lab 3 Surface measurement 4 Dwell 5 — vous plait? 6 Skater Heiden 7 Loaded 8 Sailing 9 Wagner hero 10 Capek drama 11 Unwell 12 Italian specialty 13 Mischievous 14 With 29 Across, rum cocktail 15 Washington hrs. 16 Words on an electrician's sampler? 17 Lasso 18 Mortise's mate 24 Wilde work 25 Aim 30 Burro 33 Herd word 35 From — Z 36 Page 37 Bit of parsley 38 Singer Dottie 39 Craving 40 Parent 41 Diamond authority? 42 — Paulo, Brazil 43 Sally Struthers' birthplace 45 Both: prefix 49 Humble house 51 Prevent 53 Torn or Taylor 54 Defect 57 Perform a pirouette 59 — "a Lady" ("71 hit) 61 Andes animal product "L'Esprit d—" 64 Got a galley going 65 Fancy dessert 67 Relish 69 Bedtime reading 73 Mean Marquis 74 Removes the cork 75 Poet turned electrician? 77 Nebbish 78 Maris or Mattingly "My word!" 79 "My word!" 85 Generation 87 La Scala 88 Moistens 91 Pride papa 92 Lot size 93 Stack role 96 Splinter group 98 Hold the dead 99 Safety — "generalis" 104 Hospital worker 106 Fast way to the UK 109 Lodger 110 Lincoln or Lyman 112 Betting setting ("71 hit) 113 Learn last? 114 End 115 Cockamamie 116 Less adorned 118 Ms. Midler 123 Leave out 124 Turner of "Peyton Place" 125 Hill dwellers 127 — majesty 128 Belligerent deity 129 Spanish artist 131 Enjoyed Thanksgiving 132 — Plaines, IL 134 Clear one's throat 135 Common street name 136 NASA affirmative



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electorate who had voted for the tax at a countywide special election in September 2010.

Commissioners last month requested that representatives from the racetrack appear before the commission to update the public on how the 0.1875 percent gross receipts tax, which has been in effect since January, has impacted its operations and to answer some questions.

Bruce Rimbo, president of the racetrack, spoke on the racetrack's behalf. He began the presentation by providing historical background on the casino since its beginning in May 1999, and how business has been negatively affected by other casinos in the area.

Rimbo said that revenues at the racetrack started to increase following the installation of slot machines, explaining that 2002 has been the only year Hubbard saw any sort of profit on the enterprise he purchased in 1988. But, Rimbo said, business at the racetrack fell in 2003 when a second casino opened on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in Otero County.

Rimbo said that in less than eight months after that second casino opened, business dropped at Ruidoso Downs and then suffered from a substantial loss in 2004. The Zia Park Casino in Hobbs, which opened in November 2004, had a minimal impact on Ruidoso Downs in 2005, said Rimbo.

In 2006, the Mescalero Apache Tribe opened the \$200-million Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino, which, said Rimbo, also had a negative impact on Ruidoso Downs.

Although local business competition can be healthy, "our business is really different," said Rimbo, citing two primary points.

He said that with regulation by the New Mexico Racing Commission and the New Mexico Gaming Control Board, "we have to ask for approval on everything."

Racetrack and casinos have a central computer system that's connected to the Gaming Control Board in Albuquerque restricting movement of a machine from one area in the casino to another without approval, which could take as much as six weeks to obtain, said Rimbo. Most states, Nevada included, and the Indian tribes are not constrained by these same policies.

"It makes it very difficult to run a good business," he said.

Another point, said Rimbo, is the gaming tax. Racetrack and casinos pay this tax on gross gaming revenues, not on net earnings like most other businesses; twenty-six percent goes to the state and 20 percent to purses for the horsemen during races, and 0.25 percent toward responsible gaming programs. The remaining 53.75 percent must be used for utility bills, property taxes and other expenses, and employee payroll and benefits, which account for \$5.3 million annually.

"Most businesses would get their revenues, they would get their deduc-

tions, and they would pay taxes on what is the net at the end of the day," said Rimbo.

The five racetracks and casinos in the state paid \$64.1 million in taxes for 2,600 gaming machines compared to the 14 tribes that paid the state \$64.8 million for more than 20,000 machines, said Rimbo.

Rimbo said racetrack officials had asked the state Legislature to initiate a tiered tax system, similar to the one the tribes have, to keep the business viable in Lincoln County, and though the proposal passed the House, it later stalled in committee in the Senate.

The racetrack was then told to ask the voters to approve the business retention tax, allowing for half of the gaming taxes due from Ruidoso Downs to be paid out of the fund, not to exceed \$750,000 annually. Gaming taxes at Ruidoso Downs in 2011 are estimated to be \$1.9 million, which means that the racetrack will pay about 60 percent of the gaming tax this year.

"This is a tax burden offset, it is not a tax refund," said Rimbo. "It's not like someone writes us a check for \$750,000. It's a tax offset, so we basically pay a little less on the bill that is owed."

The racetrack lost money during a prolonged freeze in February, as the pipes at the facility needed to be replaced, and the White Fire in April caused damage to some of the corners of the barns, though the damage was not extensive, said Rimbo.

Moving forward, said Rimbo, the tax offset has allowed for the racetrack and casino to make improvements in resurfacing its track, installing new slot machines, improving highway signage, and adding box seats, security equipment and air conditioning units, and newer kitchen equipment for Billy's Sports Bar and Grill.

Marketing and promotion investment at the racetrack increased 35 percent in 2011, according to figures from the racetrack. Attendance at the racetrack was around 250,000 during this past racing season, an increase of 2.2 percent from the previous year. Seventy-four percent of visitors came from out of state and 82 percent of attendees said they visited Ruidoso four to six times a season.

"People come (to Ruidoso) to go to the racetrack," said Rimbo. "If the racetrack were not there, they're not coming (to the area)."

Also in 2011, gaming revenues are up 9.5 percent, in-season pari-mutuel betting handle increased 7.1 percent, and other in-season revenue was up 10.6 percent, according to the figures. These statistics, said Rimbo, have allowed the racetrack to increase its workforce with 437 employees for the summer peak season, resulting in an increase of \$115,000 in local salaries. The racetrack is on target to pay \$5.3 million in salary and benefits in 2011, and the racetrack has paid \$60 million in salary and benefits during the past 10 years, said Rimbo, affirming that salaries had not increased

for current workers but rather new workers were added to the payroll.

The increased business and capital improvements resulted in a minimum of \$673,000 in increased taxes and purses back to the state and community, according to Rimbo. He estimated that the racetrack will begin making a profit in two years because of the business retention tax, and he said efforts to lobby the Legislature for a tiered tax system will continue.

"We want to personally thank the county commission and the citizens of Lincoln County for their support and for their help," said Rimbo, adding: "Our intentions are to keep this racetrack here forever, and to go forward and to get this where it needs to be."

"Mr. Hubbard has invested a lot of money into this racetrack over the years with the losses that have gone on, all of us have, and we're delighted that you chose to partner with us in this fashion," added Rimbo.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter, though, expressed harsh criticism of the business retention tax, saying that any business that loses \$700,000 a year wouldn't usually survive. Although Minter said she realizes gambling and race racing are legal, "I just don't think that other citizens should have to pay for it when they don't choose to participate."

"It used to be the tourist supported us, I don't appreciate supporting the tourists," she added.

Rimbo said that tourists also pay the tax increase when they spend money in the county.

"And the other nine months of the year the rest of us are paying that BRT," replied Minter. She said that tourists come to the area for other reasons, not just for the racetrack.

When asked if the state Legislature agreed to implement the tiered tax system for racetracks, Rimbo said that the business retention tax wouldn't be necessary.

Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo said the racetrack was most likely aware of the tax system before the casino was built. "Was it just a major gamble?" she asked Rimbo.

Rimbo reiterated that the racetrack wasn't aware that a second casino could be built on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, and said that the taxes were raised after the casino at Ruidoso Downs started and the state had since implemented the tiered tax system for the tribes. "It's always a gamble when you go into business, but there were unknowns that we didn't know," said Rimbo.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said she appreciated the racetrack making a public presentation about its impact from the business retention tax, but mentioned that many small businesses in the county are struggling financially.

"It's very hard for me to put one business over another," she said.

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## Free counseling assistance offered at LCMC

Lincoln County Medical Center last week started offering the Community Assistance Program to residents in the county. The free program provides triaging 24 hours a day, seven days a week through a toll-free hotline.

"LCMC is grateful to the Lincoln County Commission's foresight to recognize how this program can help county residents handle social issues prior to those issues affecting one's health," said Al Santos, LCMC administrator. "The program is an EAP-like (employee assistance program) program structured on a short-term solution focused therapy model after the initial screening."

The Community Assistance Program offers professional counseling assistance to individuals and families experiencing any emotional and mental health crisis. A sample crisis could be but not limited to difficulty dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, loss, and anger or hostility possibly from interpersonal, financial or other encounters.

"Counseling appointments, which are available after an initial assessment by calling the hotline, will be available in Ruidoso, Capitan and Carrizozo," Santos said.

The counseling services offered through this program are provided by Diamond Healthcare, the same provider used for the Heritage Program for seniors. Local resident Misty McArthur will provide counseling support for the Community Assistance Program.

"I think this program is a great op-

portunity to leverage Diamond's expertise with an unmet need throughout Lincoln County that is intended to lower health-care costs over time," Santos said. "This triaging program is intended to present available resources to the patient prior to any negative affects to one's health."

"I know Misty is going to do a great job with this innovative program," Santos said. "Her passion for behavioral health and wellness runs deep and her experience in the region is stellar."

McArthur has more than 24 years professional experience in the health industry. She is a behavioral health-care and wellness educator, therapist and coach. Her experience includes being a clinical therapist, a former adjunct instructor at Eastern New Mexico University and community education instructor for ENMU-Ruidoso.

"I am really excited to be associated with this program as well as to help manage the behavioral health challenges Lincoln County residents face on a daily basis," McArthur said. "I know there is a real desire for these services throughout the county, however cost may have prevented residents from seeking behavioral health care. Since the Community Assistance Program is free to county residents, I feel this program addresses any potential obstacles preventing those from seeking counseling support."

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# BUSINESS

## Local economist breaks down specifics of Obama's jobs plan

By Patrick Rodriguez

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While President Obama's idea to get at least 14 million unemployed Americans back to work failed to make it through the Senate, pieces of the proposed legislation have been sent to Congress.

Maggie Maly, a retired economist with General Motors, spoke last month at a Democratic Party of Lincoln County meeting in Carrizozo, breaking down the American Jobs Act. She said that the bill would not only improve the economy across the United States, but in New Mexico it would provide for numerous new job opportunities.

"We haven't been able to pass this legislation, and there are an awful lot of people out there that just can't wait until we do," said Maly, adding that the Obama administration has begun a series



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- Maggie Maly

into these programs," said Maly, "we have to specifically address the people who are unemployed and find a pathway for these people to get back into the labor force."

There are about 32,000 in New Mexico deemed as long-term unemployed, or those who have been looking for work for more than a year. Helping these people find jobs is important, said Maly, because they are more likely to lose their benefits and not have any other kind of assistance to live on. If an extension to unemployment insurance is approved, it would prevent 13,600 state residents from losing their benefits within the first six weeks of next year.

Maly said there's a provision in the act that looks specifically at low-

income youth and adults and which would try to find ways to train them for jobs in the growth industries of the economy while also working. There would be 3,600 jobs for them in New Mexico, she said.

Military veterans and those who hire them would also benefit from the proposed legislation, said Maly. The idea here would give firms up to \$5,600 in tax credits for hiring an unemployed veteran, and up to \$9,600 for employing a veteran with a service-inflicted disability. The Senate recently passed this legislation 94-1, the lone no vote coming from Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.).

In the meantime, Maly said that the Obama administration has put roughly 8,000 veterans to work in community health centers across the country.

"There has been a challenge issued to the private sector to hire and train 100,000 veterans and their military spouses by the end of next year," said Maly.

Patrick Rodriguez/Ruidoso Free Press  
Maggie Maly, a retired economist for General Motors, speaks at a recent Democratic Party of Lincoln County meeting at La Brewja Café in Carrizozo. Her talk centered on the American Jobs Act and the idea to have the bill passed through Congress in bits as opposed to one large piece of legislation.

of executive initiatives to do what can be done, based on the president's own power, to help people and get the economy rolling again.

Maly said a provision for tax cuts for small businesses would help them employ more people, as payroll taxes for employers would be cut in half for the first \$5 million in wages. "So the intent here is the focus on smaller businesses, rather than large corporations," she said, estimating that 40,000 firms across the state would be impacted.

In terms of putting workers back into the labor force, there is a set of five proposals that are meant to rebuild and modernize the country, including investments in highways, roads and aviation. "The whole infrastructure needs to be rebuilt," said Maly, adding that the American Society of Civil Engineers recently gave the entire country a grade of D for its infrastructure. An investment of about \$284-

million, supporting roughly 3,700 jobs, would be made in New Mexico, she said.

Another piece of legislation centered on hiring more teachers and first-responders. Maly said a lot of teachers are facing layoffs because state and local government budgets are being cut, and this proposal would funnel money specifically into education. "Our education system has to be the key for developing our economy for international competitiveness in the future," she said.

The estimate in this legislation is that it would stave off the elimination of about 3,700 teaching jobs. Investment in new technology for students would create more jobs, said Maly. She said about \$200 million would be poured into the state, supporting nearly 2,600 new jobs.

Also in education, there was a proposal to invest more than \$49 million in community colleges in New Mexico.

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## DOWNNS COUNCIL *briefs*

### Council saves money

The Ruidoso Downs City Council at its regular meeting Nov. 14 voted to pay the September bill for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which was \$24,185.58. That amount had been reduced by nearly \$10,000 after the city's finance director, Terri Mosley, adjusted the bill due to an accounting error.

### Amnesty extended

A water utility customer

benefitted from the city's amnesty program after the council voted to forgive about \$12,000 in penalties on service that was terminated in May. The actual bill for services is \$1,624.24, and the council voted to forgive the penalties with the understanding that the customer will pay that balance in full.

### Precinct vote tabled

The council was scheduled to discuss and vote on

a voting convenience center, in response to the Lincoln County Commission's decision to consolidate voting precincts for the 2012 general election, but the item was tabled at Mayor Tom Armstrong's request.

### Public input

Resident Wayne Williams' took the council to task during public input over the lack of new business attended to in the last few public meetings.

"I'm sure you're tired of me coming up here, but I'm just as tired of it as you," Williams said. "I know you've had more business than this. You need to do your business out here and not behind closed doors."

The final item on the agenda was a discussion in closed session on the Wastewater Treatment Plant, specifically about liquidated damages and compliance with a settlement agreement.

## 'ZOZO COUNCIL *briefs*

### Election Resolution

The Carrizozo Town Council passed the same municipal election resolution in both English and Spanish. The resolution calls for voting on two trustees for a four-year term, one trustee for a two-year term and a judge for a four-year term.

Precincts 2A and 13 will be consolidated for the election. Voting will be held at the Carrizozo Municipal Building, located at 400 Ninth Street.

Absentee voting will start Jan. 31 and a close at 5

p.m. March 2. Early voting will run from Feb. 15 to March 2.

Those wishing to run for office must register with the Lincoln County Clerk's Office by Feb. 7.

### Sign application process

The council approved a town sign application.

Per a request from the New Mexico Department of Transportation, the town's planning and zoning board has developed the following for all business owners (and

applicable residents) to use when installing a changing a sign:

A sign application would be completed and approved at a planning and zoning meeting;

The application would then be submitted to the town council for review at its next meeting;

If the application is approved by the council, it will be issued a permit number and the paper work will be given to the business owner via formal letter for them to send to DOT for consideration and approval.

### New P&Z administrator

Judy Fitz, secretary of the planning and zoning board, was approved to be administrator for the board.

### Police reports

Police Chief Stephen Barnett said that there had been no reports of burglary through October.

He also stated that there were 26 calls to the police department; 88 citations, 87 of which were traffic-related and one animal-related; and four arrests.

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# BUSINESS *briefs*

## Capitan Medical Clinic ribbon cutting

Local dignitaries, including members of the Lincoln County Commission, County Manager Nita Taylor, Capitan Mayor Sam Hammons, Capitan Village trustees and Capitan School Board trustees, celebrated the grand opening of the recently completed Capitan Village Clinic Nov. 17. Lincoln County Medical Center will operate the new facility, which cost \$950,000 to build, \$500,000 of which came from a Community Development Block Grant awarded 18 months ago. Mayor Sam Hammons said, "I am very thankful for all that LCMC and EMS do for Capitan. The construction of this facility through the grant greatly increases the quality of life for the citizens of Capitan."



## Weaver awarded Realtor of the Year

Mary Weaver, an Associate Broker for Prudential Lynch Realty in Ruidoso, earned the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of Realtors "Realtor of the Year" award for 2011. Weaver was presented the award during the Association's annual installation banquet Nov. 17 held at Cree Meadows Country Club. Members of the association voted for Weaver due to her professional excellence in real estate, sales production criteria, Association volunteerism, service on committees and civic involvement.



## Realtor Board of Directors named

The 2012 Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of Realtors Board of directors were sworn in during the Association's annual installation banquet Nov. 17 at Cree Meadows Country Club. Pictured are 2012 President James Paxton, Past President Frank Higgins, President-Elect Annie Snow, Treasurer Keli Cox, Director Gary Caughron and Board members James Russ and Scott Miller.

## Convention Center grand opening

More than 100 people celebrated the grand opening of the Ruidoso convention center Nov. 17. Convention center staff supplied an assortment of food provided by several local restaurants. Ruidoso Valley Greeters presented convention center staff members with a Champion of Service Award for their dedicated service to the Village of Ruidoso.



Photos above by Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press  
Photo at left, courtesy of Polly Chavez



## County manager Stewart receives appreciation award

Leadership Lincoln President Clara Farah presents Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart a certificate of appreciation for 13 years of service. Leadership Lincoln Class 10 was in Carrizozo on Thursday, Nov. 10 for its third session of the year. The Carrizozo session theme was government and included a presentation by County Manager Tom Stewart on the finances of the County.

## Parker promoted to VOR deputy manager

Three months ago, Sean Parker was named manager of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Now he's taking on new duties as Ruidoso Deputy Village Manager. Parker worked at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nev., for the past 15 years before returning to New Mexico this past summer. A graduate of Ruidoso High School, Parker received a bachelor's degree in business administration/economics with an emphasis on aviation and transportation management from New Mexico State University in 1992. He was the first graduate from this program. "In a very short time, Sean has demonstrated his ability to be a strong manager and team player," said Debi Lee, village manager. "He is a going to be a great addition here at Village Hall." As the deputy manager, Parker will be responsible for working with all village departments and supporting the village

manager. "I was so excited to come back to Ruidoso," said Parker. "I never expected that this opportunity would present itself. I am ready to get started."

Parker has already moved into his office in Village Hall. Dave Pearce, a seasoned airport veteran, was named as Parker's replacement at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

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# EDUCATION

## Jan Ensor on teaching and teacher supply stores

For the 2011-12 school year, many teachers changed grades because of the district's Balanced Literacy Initiative that was put into place. One of those teachers was Jan Ensor who has been a 3rd grade teacher for many years. The new initiative saw her move to 1st grade where teaching kids to read is of prime importance. We asked Jan to share a few thoughts about what it means to be a teacher.



Jan Ensor

I played school when I was young. Teacher supply stores make my heart beat faster, and I love to help my students learn.

**What have been the biggest joy and the biggest challenge?**

The biggest joy that I have teaching is seeing the students' faces when they understand a concept, and they are so proud of themselves. I love hearing and reading what "my kids" are accomplishing in their lives.

The biggest challenge has been trying to reach every child.

**What advice would you give to a first-year teacher?**

My advice would be never stop learning and be flexible in your teaching career.

**Jan Ensor**

Sierra Vista Primary, 1st Grade  
**Why did you become a teacher?**

I come from a family of teachers. My mother, father, and sister taught school. My brother drives to Lubbock from Hobbs to teach Law classes at Texas Tech.

## Theater company's bittersweet victory

Submitted by **Georgene Inks**

**Theatre Instructor RHS**

Thirteen Ruidoso High School's Red Feather Theatre students attended the San Juan College Four Corners Theatre High School Festival and One Act Play Competition in conjunction with New Mexico Activities Association State One Act Competition in Farmington Nov. 3 - 5. Students performed *Too Many Doctors*, a rendition of a Moliere farce, receiving high marks in all areas. However, the play ran fifteen minutes over the 40 minute time limit, which disqualified it from the competition.

The bright side is that the Red Feather company members won in individual events and received scholarship awards. Eighteen New Mexico high

schools with more than 450 participants each school performing a one act play and individual events.

Ruidoso High School's Red Feather Company members scored in the following areas, Sparta Division:

**Monologue Serious**

First Place: Candace Christopher  
Second Place: Mercedes Espinoza  
Third Place: Sarah Sue Jones

**Duet Serious**

First Place: Candace Christopher and Mercedes Espinoza

**Lighting and Sound**

First Place: Drew Kelly and Matthew Waters

**Hair, Costumes and Makeup**

Third Place: Madison Miller and Sarah Jones

**Stage Manger**

Third Place: Heather Ryan

**Scholarship Recipients:**

\$1,000 Meagan Meyer - Eastern New Mexico University  
\$1,000 Sarah Sue Jones - Eastern New Mexico University

Others will receive official notification in the upcoming two weeks.



Courtesy Photos

Above, students Alex Aldavez as the miserly hypochondriac and Sarah Sue Jones as his gold digging wife Beline in the play *Too Many Doctors* which was performed for the One Act Play Competition. Below, pictured are (left to right) back row: Drew Kelly, Matthew Waters, Alex Aldavez, Candace Christopher, Jorge Montelongo, Jake McCaw, Tommy Salas; middle row: Heather Ryan, Sarah Sue Jones, Madison Miller, Meagan Myers, Kayleen Schenk; front row: RHS Theater instructor Georgene Inks and Mercedes Espinoza.

**What is the best thing about being a teacher?**

I love it when children see me and say with their eyes shining, "Hello, Mrs. Ensor!"

**Anything funny happen your first year?**

I taught first grade my first year. On the first day of school I asked them to put their names on their papers, and I got the strangest looks. Then I realized that I needed to teach them how to do it. It was so funny to me!

## Scouting for future leaders

By **Jack Schuster**

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never seen, and diving into the rugged world of outdoor adventure, relying on teamwork and character to accomplish what everyone else thinks is impossible.

The Sierra Blanca District of the Boy Scouts of America will hold a Ruidoso Recruiting Rally on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road in Ruidoso. Leaders from the Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops in Ruidoso will be on hand to talk about the Scouting programs. There will be campfire songs, games and refreshments. For more information, call 257-0871.

*The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America — incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916 — is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.*

## Youth of the Week

Isabel Rebecca McKinney



Isabel Rebecca McKinney is a 9-year-old girl who enjoys swimming and drawing.

"I spend my time playing with my rabbit, rat and gerbil," said Isabel. "I also like volunteering at my church."

She also loves to swing and run down the hills at the park near her house.

"I am homeschooled and I think that it is neat to have my mom as my teacher," said Isabel. "My favorite subject is math, especially multiplication; my least favorite subject is spelling, too many rules and exception to the rules! Drives me crazy."

"I am sensitive and quiet, and I have compassion for people and their feel-

ings," added Isabel. "I don't like being away from my family. My best friend is my sister Gabby, We do everything together. I like her laugh."

Isabel wants to go to college to become a nurse "like Auntie Cynthia," said Isabel, adding that she wants to get married and live in Hawaii.

"The five best things about me are my hair, it's curly; I'm tall; I have a good skin tone; I love Jesus; and I am saved by grace!" said Isabel.

Isabel said that what makes a person good-looking is being nice and polite and smelling good.

When asked if she thought she should be paid for specific chores, Isabel said: "No, because it's part of being a family and helping out."

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## Building inspections advance through county commission

By Patrick Rodriguez

Reporter  
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The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday took another step forward in establishing a department to handle building inspections and permitting, with the commission voting to advertise for proposals from contractors seeking to do the work in the county.

Commissioners, however, instructed County Planner Curt Temple and County Manager Nita Taylor to proceed with a request for proposal (RFP) from outside firms to take over inspections and permitting from the state Construction Industries Division and the village of Ruidoso, both of which are currently providing those services in the county.

County Attorney Alan Morel, based on state statute regarding planning and platting jurisdiction, last month wrote a letter to Dan Bryant, attorney for the village of Ruidoso, to say that if the county ratifies an ordinance to begin providing the service of issuing building permits to its residents, the village's authority to perform those same tasks would end. Shawn Fort, a building official with Ruidoso, who at previous county commission meetings has warned that state law would not allow for the county to conduct inspections and permitting inside areas where the village has been contracted to perform the services told commissioners that state law prohibits those who are not certified with CID to perform inspections.

Morel confirmed the validity of this state statute and suggested the county get a letter from CID giving the OK to approve of the process of utilizing an out-of-state company that hired local individuals.

Temple, at a county commission meeting last month, revealed that one firm in particular, SAFEbuilt, based out of Colorado, had inquired about performing building services for the county. On Tuesday, Temple said he has been in contact with three firms, two from out of state and another based out of Las Cruces, but did not provide any other details on those companies.

Another state statute, said Morel, requires a government to identify who is doing the inspections. He said he had prepared a code enforcement ordinance last year that was rejected by the county

commission, but the current commission will need an ordinance authorizing outside contractors to enforce building ordinances.

Temple prepared a cost benefit analysis for building permits and inspections. Assuming the county took over the services, the total to start up would be between \$46,000 and \$56,000, while annual costs would be \$264,000, which would provide for a planning department, including permitting and salaries for code enforcement.

The planning department's current annual budget of \$135,000 would be paid for with permitting, said Temple, and the money could go back into the county's general fund. Temple said that he projected the initial hiring of two employees, a permit clerk and an inspector out in the field. He said \$115,000 would cover salary and employee benefits.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter said she wasn't expecting the venture to be merely a profitable idea for the county. "As long as we give a good service to the county residents and they are not paying more than what they are paying right now," she said.

Temple said a benefit of using a contractor is that they would be responsible for their employees. "If it gets too busy, they would have to hire more (staff)," he said, adding that the county would not be saddled with staffing concerns.

When asked where the contractors would be based out of, Temple said that there is vacant office space inside the county substation in Ruidoso. If the firm used this office, it would pay the county for rent and utilities.

Commissioner Mark Doth said he would only be in favor in pursuing building inspections and permits if the county used an private firm. He also said the village of Ruidoso could submit a RFP as they already have the staff to perform the duties.

"We are not bound by law to continue this process if we decide we don't want to go forward," said Doth. "If we get down the road and decide this is not what we want to do, then we can say no."

The motion passed 4-1. Voting against the measure was Commissioner Jackie Powell, who does not favor the county intervening with building inspections.

## Zoning violation question halts Carrizozo council meeting

By Patrick Rodriguez

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One Carrizozo resident's lack of familiarity with town council procedure caused business on Monday to halt while Mayor Dennis Vega and some members of the public got into a heated verbal exchange over an item on the agenda.

The resident, Cheri Cloutd, had been accused of violating a town zoning ordinance, according to the planning and zoning board. Cloutd cares for a couple of miniature horses at her residence, located in a Residential-1 area, where the only animals allowed kept are cats, dogs, chickens and rabbits.

The planning and zoning board met on Oct. 19 to discuss the matter, according to Judy Fitz, secretary of the board, who also said that an invitation to the meeting had been given to Cloutd. However Cloutd said that she was only told of the meeting five days in advance through email, and even then wasn't given an exact time when to show up. Cloutd also said that the meeting would have conflicted with her graduate school class schedule.

The issue of Cloutd's alleged ordinance violation was then added to the agenda for the meeting Monday, to which Cloutd showed up to plead her case. However, she wasn't aware that she could only voice her opinion during the public comment session of the meeting. When she later attempted to defend herself against the charges during a discussion by the council on the agenda item, Vega told her that she could not do so.

"On action on general business, when I put a motion on the table, the discussion for the councilors only," said Vega. "My rule is ... when I have a motion on the table, it stays that way."

"But if you vote against me, then I don't get to talk," said Cloutd, standing in the audience.

Vega replied, "And when I have a motion on the table it stays that way." Barbara Culler, a town resident, went

up to the podium and asked why Cloutd couldn't speak on her own behalf. Vega, again, said that there is a motion on the table.

"So she is right then, she has no public input here before you make a decision," said Culler.

Vega once again stated that there was an action on the table and hadn't received a motion yet.

The back and forth exchanges, involving Vega and Culler, Vega and Cloutd, Cloutd and Fitz, and Vega with other town residents, sometimes going off subject, took place for nearly 15 minutes. Vega eventually allowed Cloutd to come to the podium and speak on her behalf.

"This has gone on way too long," said Cloutd once at the podium.

She said that when she moved to Carrizozo she was told by her realtor that the only requirement for the horses on her property was to have a certain amount of land units per animal. She added that members of the planning and zoning board, including J'Lane Zamora, then chair of the board, knew that she kept horses on the property but declined to state that such a thing was a violation.

But in May, Cloutd said, Zamora showed up to her house with the police, claiming that because the property was zoned in R-1, horses are not allowed on it.

"I asked her why I was being singled out," Cloutd said of Zamora. "I didn't have a bunch of barking dogs, junk cars or trash and there are horses on the west of me and sheep on the east."

Cloutd said that an application for livestock permit was not approved by planning and zoning.

"I am not going to give up my kids," Cloutd said of her horses. "Planning and zoning is not asking me to get rid of a junk car, they're asking me to give up a part of my life."

The town council agreed to have the item sent back to the planning and zoning board for review, and then the council will review the matter again.



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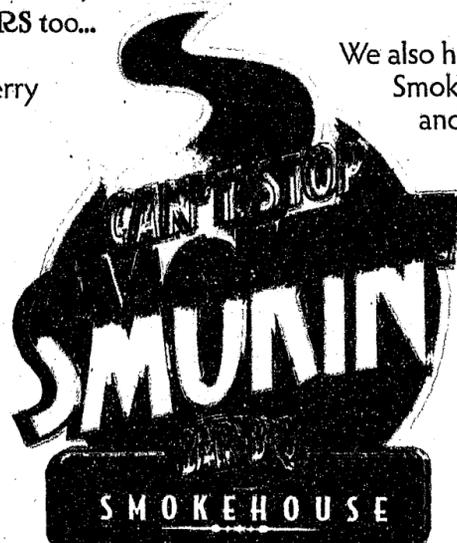
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# Meet 'psychlist' Galen Farrington

Galen Farrington was a New York City transplant in 1967 for college where he met Chris, a native New Mexican, and started their public school careers with the Ruidoso Municipal School District in August, 1973. Chris retired after 30 years of elementary teaching and Farrington retired after 35 years of teaching English and the psychology program Farrington was asked to create. They started a bicycle club, the Alpine Shifters, which led to

Farrington's work with the US Cycling Federation from 1984 through 1996, resulting in the attainment of a Category Two Olympic Coach status (Category One required Farrington to terminate his teaching at RHS). That same year Farrington reconstructed a chess program that was started in the 1970's by a science teacher at that time, Bill Streeter. At the 1997 US Open (chess), Farrington certified as a chess coach through the Chess in Educa-

tion program and the US Chess Federation and coached the high school chess team until his retirement in 2008.

Farrington has a qualified membership (2004) in the Iron Butt Association for endurance motorcycling and has tested his motorcycling endurance in events ranging from the 1,000 miles in less than 24 hours to the 4Corners event, which circumnavigates the continental US in less than 21 days (Farrington's "door to door" was 12,000 miles in 16 riding days). Chris and Farrington motorcycle toured the US, Canada, and Mexico for ten years during

the 70's and 80's, gathering material for their classes.

Farrington has been fortunate to have ridden his bicycle in most parts of the country during his more than 50 years of road riding. Bicycle riding has enabled him to commute to work, race with some of the country's best, tour self-contained with students and friends, and ride for the health of it with friends almost every day.

Farrington now teaches English 102 at ENMU-Ruidoso and is excited to be offered the opportunity to teach a new class this spring, Motorcycle Literature.

## The psychling chronicles Support

"Thirty seconds." I started my stopwatch as I waited for my minute man to begin his solo journey to the bicycling competitor's far side. I was the 223rd rider that would be sent off into the retreating rain. It had snowed the night before and the sandstone formations surrounding the canyon were pleasantly frosted. I had warmed-up for over an hour and I



Galen Farrington  
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less. The cyclists were violating no law!

The current race format virtually requires at least one TT during a stage race and this test of mind commanding body to stress itself into the red zone of borderline sanity was exemplified by one of America's greatest cyclists during the 1989 Tour de France. The final stage of that year's

needed to shed some of my clothing. The rain had left the 25 mile time trial course wet and as the seconds were slowly ticking away for my minute man's start, Chris took my wool clothing and the warm micro environment it created. For well over 30 years she had been there to allow me the freedom to embrace the pain of the time trial that the French call "The Race of Truth." It is a solo assault on time and distance, which the English had documented with extreme care.

Bicycling and the sometimes perverted subspecies known as competition, was overtaking the carriage roads of England at an alarming rate during the turn of the last century. Fearing a government ban on all open road, group racing, racing's governing body in England, created the format for the now modern day time trial (TT). The rebellious attitude of the racers required the riders to wear plain, unadorned jerseys with no numbers, ride in the pre-sun morning, and they started at prearranged intervals so as not to "clog" the road with "group" riding. The local constables were power-

tour was unique in that it ended on the Champs-Elysees (Paris) as a time trial of only twenty-five kilometers (approximately fifteen miles). It was thought the fifty second lead of Laurent Fignon (France) was insurmountable. Greg Lemond (USA) would have to ride better than one of the world's best time trial specialists by over two seconds a kilometer to move into the Yellow Jersey. Lemond was innovatively brilliant with the first time use of an aerodynamic helmet and "aero" bars which permitted a more lowered body position. And he wanted no time splits; he wanted to be left alone. His mind would command his body to propel the bicycle/racer unit as one as he raced in his cocoon of pain in silence. The result was the fastest stage in Tour history at 54.545 kilometers per hour (33.18 miles per hour!) and the closest win in history. Not only did Greg Lemond make up the fifty seconds everyone thought could not be done, he went on to take out eight more seconds to move into first place on the absolute last day of the tour; Fignon was devastated.

## Pearce named manager of airport

Dave Pearce was recently named manager of Sierra Blanca Regional Airport in Ruidoso.

In this position, Pearce, a veteran in airport management, will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the airport, including personnel, ARFF training and regulation, security, and hangar and tie-down

leasing. "We are excited about Dave becoming a part of our team," said Village Manager Debi Lee. "His 30 years of aviation and program management is quite impressive. He will instantly be a huge contributor to our team."

Pearce has also served as the airport director in McKinney, Texas, and

also as the airport director in Kerrville, Texas.

Pearce currently lives in Alamogordo, where he had been serving as chairman of the Airport Advisory Board. He has an MBA from Golden Gate University, and bachelor's degrees in economics and German from Western Michigan University.

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# Lincoln County Food Bank celebrates its 25-year anniversary

By Sue Alborn

On July 31, 1986, thirteen founders met for the first time to establish a food agency serving Lincoln County residents. These ambitious souls included: Phyllis Boverie, Sister Rose, Rosina Boyd, Sarah Jackson, Father Dave Berg, Antonio Lujan, Verna Adams, Rigo Chavez, Marie Griego, Dr. Eugene Sellers, Esther Sellers, Betsy Seiler and Dorothy Belle Knapp. Available for distribution after this meeting were potatoes from Murphy's Wholesale Produce and hamburger meat from Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Plans were made for the contents of a future food box, logo, brochure, and much-needed volunteers.

Today, 25 years later, the Lincoln County Food Bank has been in continual operation and grown to a nine-member Board and 60 volunteers. The Food Bank provides food boxes to an average of 210 families monthly, serving more than 600 individuals. Proof of residence in Lincoln County (by a utility bill) plus a photo ID are the sole requirements for a food box. The boxes now contain approximately \$50 in nutritionally balanced food items plus fresh produce, milk, eggs, pastries and bread

as available.

Completely staffed by volunteers and a volunteer board, no one is paid for their services nor reimbursed for their expenditures. The Food Bank is totally reliant upon donations from the community and all money contributed buys food or pays two bills: telephone and insurance. Thanks to the many generous civic organizations, churches and individuals, the Food Bank has promise of another 25 years in operation. Please consider a donation to help us provide food for the holidays to those who would not have a Merry Christmas otherwise.

**Board Members:** President Ray Alborn, Vice-President Chris Carusona, Secretary Sue Alborn, Bob Whiteley, Bill Bartlett, Bob Gordon, Jo Perryman, Linda Langston, Jamie Estes and also Treasurer Sue Koepp and Chief Hauler Tom Ross.

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Also, Santa Claus will be at the library on Dec. 10 to hand out gift bags to children. The Cowboy Santa Parade, which will bring Santa

to the library, will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the west end of the village and proceed along Smokey Bear Boulevard ending at the library.

This is a non-motorized parade. Entry forms are available at the library and must be returned before 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8. Cindy Foglesong and students will be providing a musical program.

Lucas Zertuche, a

state health insurance assistance program regional coordinator, will be at the library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 1 to help seniors with Medicare and prescription coverage. Those wishing to attend are urged to call to make an appointment. As a reminder, the deadline for signing up or making changes to an existing health plan is Dec. 7.

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The mission of the Optimist Club is to help children in many facets. Not only does the organization help with coats, but scholarships and also varying needs as they arise.

The Optimists raised over \$1000 selling their HOGS salsa last weekend at the Christmas Jubilee with all proceeds going to-

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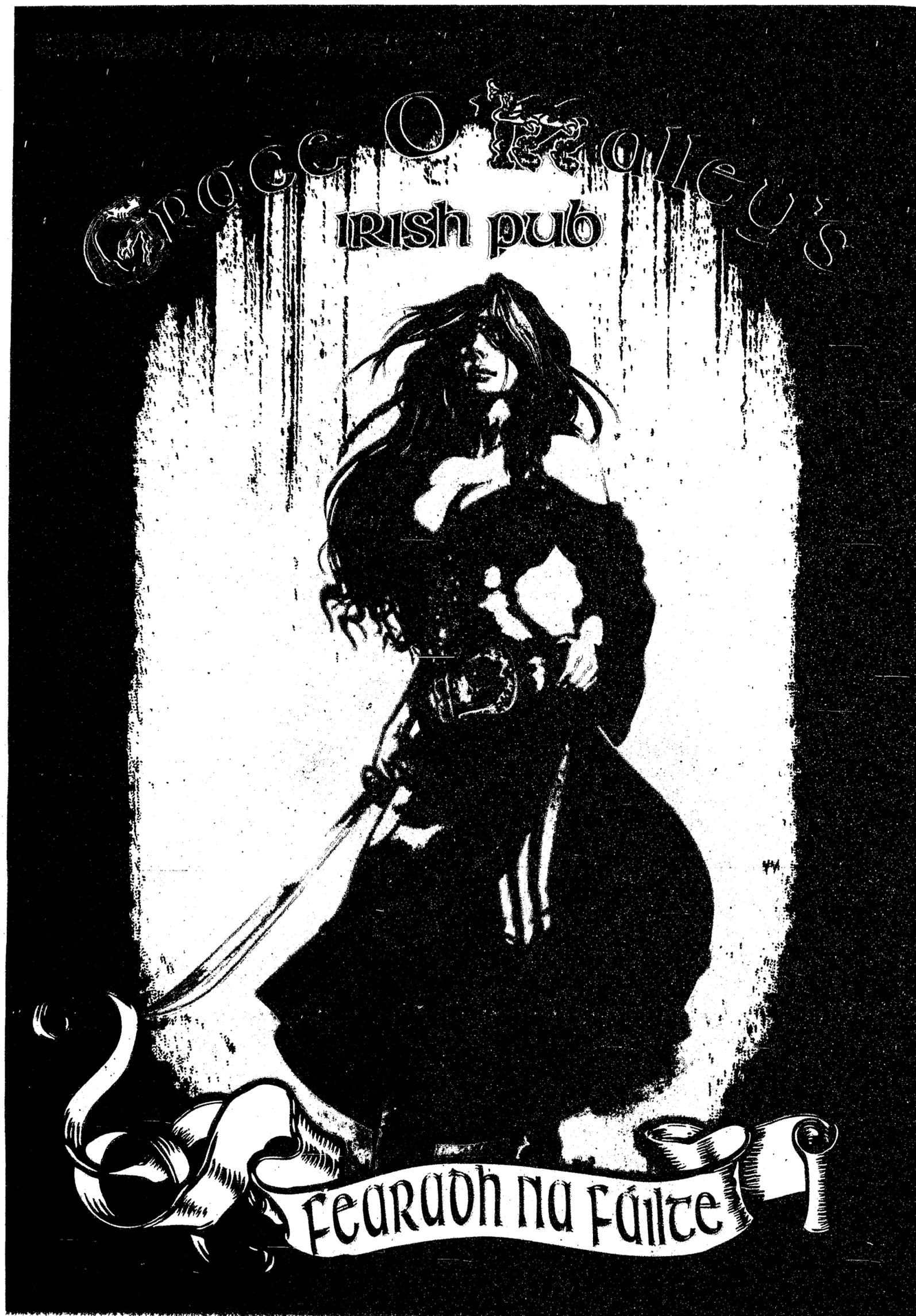
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## RESULTS

**Nov. 14**  
**Girls basketball**  
 Mescalero 69, Artesia JV 52

**Nov. 17**  
**Boys basketball**  
 NMMI 45, Mescalero 36

**Girls basketball**  
 Mescalero 46, Dexter 39

**Nov. 18**  
**Boys basketball**  
*Vaughn Eagle Classic*  
 Vaughn 66, Corona 22

**Girls basketball**  
*Vaughn Aguila Classic*  
 Corona 59, San Jon 21  
 Corona 66, Vaughn 27

**Nov. 19**  
**Boys basketball**  
*Vaughn Eagle Classic*  
 Mosquero/Roy 62, Corona 38  
 San Jon 68, Corona 51

**Girls basketball**  
*Vaughn Aguila Classic*  
 Corona 38, Mosquero/Roy 23

## SPORTS UPCOMING

**Nov. 22**  
**Boys basketball**  
 Foothill High at Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.  
 Ruidoso at Hatch, 7:30 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
 Mescalero at Artesia JV, 6 p.m.

**Nov. 23**  
**Wrestling**  
 Ruidoso at Goddard hydration test, 10 a.m.

**Nov. 28**  
**Girls basketball**  
 Roswell at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

# RUIDOSO BOYS BASKETBALL: Smaller, faster, stronger

By Todd Fuqua

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The Ruidoso boys basketball team may still be small of stature – smaller than last season, even – but coach Dennis Davis thinks they may actually be better.

“We’re kind of limited, but our overall skill level compared to last year is probably going to be better,” Davis said. “We have a team of guards and small forwards.”

The Warriors return only three players with a substantial amount of varsity experience from last season’s team that went 10-16 and lost to eventual state runner up Sandia Prep in the first round of the Class 3A playoffs – Terrance Shields, Wambli Little Spotted Horse and Ismail LaPaz.

The rest were on the junior varsity team last year, but did have some limited varsity time. But players like Sawyer Miller, Joe Marquez, Ryan Williams and Jordan Padilla bring with them an overall skill set Davis hopes to use to the Warriors’ advantage.

“We’ll be better able to

run, jump and shoot,” Davis said. “We want to get the pace as fast as we can and score perimeter shots when we get the chance. We’re also going to be really good at penetrating and driving to the basket.”

The season starts tonight with a road game at Hatch, a contest that begins a schedule against predominantly southern teams. The only regularly scheduled game against a team from the north is a Jan. 20 home game against West Las Vegas. The Warriors will also be in the Sandia Prep tournament in Albuquerque Dec. 8-10, with an opening game against 4A school Atrisco Heritage.

The entire schedule, of course, is meant to prepare Ruidoso for its District 4-3A schedule against Lovington and Portales in an attempt to get back to the state tournament.

“The teams we’ll be playing are pretty comparable to last year,” Davis said. “We like the opportunity we have. If our kids come on and play the way they’re capable of playing, we have a good chance of making it back to the state tournament and maybe getting a little further.”



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso senior Ismail LaPaz takes a shot during practice as Sawyer Miller runs through the drill Friday at RHS. The Warriors open the basketball season tonight at Hatch.

# Lady Warriors have confidence

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Dean Hood likes the chances his team has this year, but it will be a rough start.

The Ruidoso Lady Warrior basketball team starts its season Thursday at home against Roswell, the first in a series of early tests of a team that wants to better its record of 16-11 from last season.

It was a season in which the Lady Warriors lost to District 4-3A rival Portales in the quarterfinals of the 3A tournament, and Hood – elevated to varsity head coach from JV – thinks his girls have what it takes to get it done.

“What we have on the court right now is looking pretty good,” Hood said. “I’m pleased thus far, although right now we’re hurting for depth.”

There’s a good core of players coming back from last year’s team – led by seniors Lorely Enriquez, Claudia Morales and Brittanie Vega. Junior Lyndsey Saenz also saw a lot of playing time on varsity and is back this year.

Making the move full-time to varsity is center Madigan Gonzales, who anchored a solid junior varsity squad that went 10-2 to close out last season and split with Lovington and Portales in district competition. The one game they lost to Lovington was a two-point contest.

Add to that group players like Telea Randolph and Darian Magooshboy adding some depth to the bench, and you can see why Hood might be excited.

“These girls are really determined. Seven of them went to a basketball camp over the summer in Las Cruces and played really well,” Hood said. “We’ve also done a lot of off-season stuff. They’re all working really hard and I’m pleased with them.”

Hood isn’t alone in leading these girls. Linda Hamilton is back coaching a C-team that is bursting at the seams with players, while RHS graduate and former Warrior stand-out Jason Kampsy has charge of the JV program.



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Ruidoso girls basketball coach Dean Hood, center, confers with C-Team coach Linda Hamilton, left, and junior varsity coach Jason Kampsy Friday during practice at RHS.

Players, coaches, and determination are all important ingredients to a successful team, but so is confidence – the belief you can win. Hood says this season’s team has that confidence.

“They have to start believing in themselves against Lovington and Portales, and I really believe they can do that,” Hood said. “If these girls play like they’re capable of and we’re all healthy, we’ll be right in it when district comes.”



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Ruidoso senior Lorely Enriquez prepares to take a shot during practice Friday at RHS.



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Capitan basketball coach Marv Sanders, far left, watches as Tiger players Tony Padilla (with ball) and Tim Dickinson practice Nov. 16 at Capitan.

# Coaching legend back on the floor in Capitan

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CAPITAN – Marv Sanders is absolutely no stranger to the basketball court – nor to Capitan High School, for that matter.

He may be taking the reigns as the Tiger boys coach for the first time this year, but he’s got a stellar 40-plus year career behind him in which he’s racked up a 769-352 record – third all-time in the state – while coaching at Farmington, Portales, Lovington, Silver, Hatch and Menton, Ind.

He came out of retirement a few years ago to lead the Capitan girls team for a season, and is back out of retirement this year to lead the boys.

“They just couldn’t find anybody else,” Sanders joked. “They lost a good young coach late in the summer and couldn’t replace him, so they called me. I wasn’t doing anything, so I accepted.”

As much experience as Sanders brings to the Capitan sideline, it’s the players that make the difference on the court, and Sanders is excited with what he’s seen in practice in advance of the season opener for both the boys and girls against Hondo Dec. 1.

“This is going to be fun team,” Sanders said. “We’ve got some size and speed, although shooting is questionable right now because the football players just came out. But they’ve excited me in practice so far.”

The Tigers are coming off a solid season in which they went 14-9, losing in the District 7-1A championship to Hagerman and in the first round of the state tournament to Cliff.

Hagerman later beat Cliff in the state title game.

Cliff is likely a team the Tigers will see again at this year’s Mountain Top Tournament in Cloudcroft, along with strong team Animas.

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## Ruidoso High School basketball

BOYS				GIRLS			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 22	Hatch	Away	7:30 p.m.	Nov. 28	Roswell	Home	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	Cobre	Away	7 p.m.	Nov. 29	Socorro	Home	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	Hot Springs	Away	7:30 p.m.	Dec. 3	West Las Vegas	Away	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Tularosa	Home	7:30 p.m.	Dec. 6	Hatch	Home	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Artesia	Away	7:30 p.m.	Dec. 8-10	Artesia Tourney	Artesia	TBA
Dec. 8-10	Sandia Prep Tourney	Away	TBA	Dec. 16	Goddard	Away	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Artesia	Home	7:30 p.m.	Dec. 17	Chaparral	Away	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	Socorro	Home	7 p.m.	Dec. 27-29	Goddard Tourney	Roswell	TBA
Jan. 5	Hatch	Home	7 p.m.	Jan. 5	Robertson	Away	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	Dexter	Away	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 6	Socorro	Away	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Goddard	Away	3 p.m.	Jan. 7	Silver	Home	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Hot Springs	Home	7 p.m.	Jan. 10	Silver	Away	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	Goddard	Home	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 12	Tularosa	Home	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	Dexter	Home	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 19	Chaparral	Home	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	West Las Vegas	Home	7 p.m.	Jan. 21	Artesia	Away	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Roswell	Away	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 24	Goddard	Home	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Lovington*	Home	7 p.m.	Jan. 27	Lovington*	Home	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	NMMI	Away	7 p.m.	Jan. 28	Hatch	Away	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Roswell	Home	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 3	Portales*	Away	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	Portales*	Away	7 p.m.	Feb. 10	Lovington*	Away	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Lovington*	Away	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 17	Portales*	Home	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	Cobre	Home	4 p.m.				
Feb. 17	Portales*	Home	5:30 p.m.				

\*District 4-3A game

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# Lady Chiefs start off season fast

By Todd Fuqua and Karen Boehler  
For the Ruidoso Free Press

The Mescalero girls are making good on their promise to be a team to beat in District 7-1A this season.

The Lady Chiefs opened the 2011-12 basketball season with a 69-52 win over the Artesia junior varsity at home Nov. 14, then survived a late-game comeback at Dexter Nov. 17 to take a 47-39 victory.

As great as a 2-0 start may be, coach Nate Raynor knows his girls still have a lot of work to do.

"It's great to get this win, but we still have to work out some kinks on our defense," Raynor said after the win against Artesia. "They just didn't play the man they way they should."

The Lady Bulldogs opened with an 8-2 lead behind a pair of 3-point shots from Leslie Lewis. Mescalero got back to within a point on a jumper by Valerie Garcia and a three-pointer by Dionna Chavez. The Lady Chiefs were able to take the lead for good after five more consecutive points by Chavez to put her team up 12-11 with 50 seconds left in the first quarter.

But while The Lady Chiefs never trailed again, there were times Artesia came uncomfortably close.

Mainly that was due to Mescalero's inability to run an effective man-to-man defense, which usually led to Bulldog center Bianca Romo wide open underneath the basket for an easy two. She led her team with 16 points on the night.

"We haven't really been able to work on our man defense yet," Garcia said. "We've been playing a 3-2, and when we switched to man, everybody didn't know when to switch off. It will take some practice."

While they may have had their hands full defending Artesia, the Lady Chief offense kept them out in front. They surged ahead in the third quarter with an 8-0 run and never looked back.

Garcia led the team with 27 points, while Chavez added 21.

At Dexter, the Lady Demons got to within two points in the second half before Mescalero was able to finish

them off.

The Lady Chiefs won the tipoff and Garcia, who led all scorers with 16 points, immediately put the ball in the net. Mescalero made it 4-0 with two of the team's 26 free throws, then things slowed down a bit, with the first Dexter points not coming until 4:36, when Hannah Manemann went 2-for-2 from the charity stripe.

After that, the Chiefs stretched their lead to 9-2 before Yessica Solis hit the first Dexter field goal with 1:04 left in the stanza, and Stephanie Miles followed that with 22 seconds left.

But M'Linn Hanks added a final bucket and Mescalero led 11-6 after one.

Both teams spent most of the second quarter at the charity stripe. The Demons only had one field goal in the stanza and while Mescalero had four, Dexter was 6-for-2 from the line (9-for-27 in the half) while the Chiefs were 9-for-12 (13-for-17 in the half), giving them a 28-15 lead at the half.

"The free throws were the difference," Raynor said. "They didn't (hit them) the last game, but this game they came through."

Both teams changed things up in the second half, which changed the game up. Dexter's Tabatha Salas put the first points of the stanza on the board, then the scoring went back and forth with the Demons closing to 34-25 before Hope Geronimo hit two at the buzzer to make it 36-25.

The difference for Mescalero was trying a slow-down game on offense.

"We tried to stall the ball instead of going to our regular game," Raynor said. "I think if we had stayed with our regular game plan, we would have maybe increased the lead. But the first half was so long with all the fouls, I wanted to use the clock. Keep the clock running."

It took almost 2½ minutes for anyone to get the ball in the net in the fourth quarter, but then Tamara hit back-to-back buckets and Nayely Anderson hit the first two free throws in the half to cut the Mescalero lead to 36-31.



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Mescalero's Valerie Garcia (33) prepares to put up a shot after getting past Artesia defender Alisa Garcia Monday during the Lady Chiefs' season-opening win.

Manemann pulled the Demons to within four with 1:56 remaining, and appeared to have made it 37-35 but the officials ruled a jump ball before the shot.

She did, however, get the points after a time out then the scoring went

back and forth before Manemann made it 41-39 with 51.3 seconds remaining.

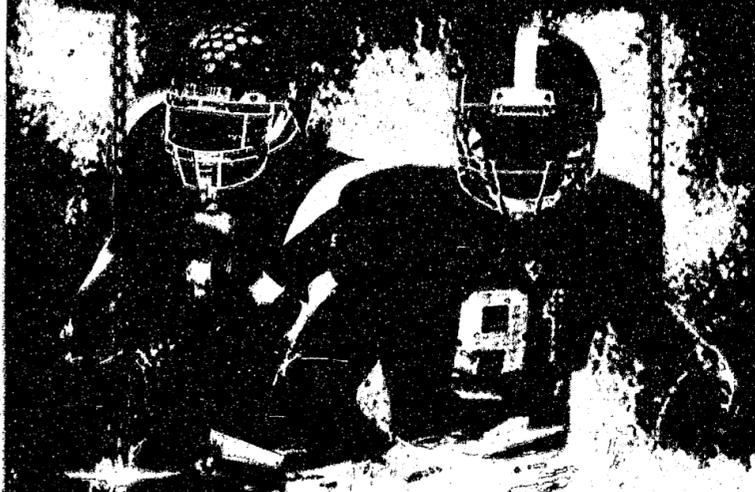
But the Chief defense held and with Dexter forced to foul and Mescalero going 3-for 4 from the line they pulled out the win.

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Name	Won	Lost
The Who?	31½	12½
Ageless Wonders	24½	19½
Serious Not	23	21
Spud & the Tater Tots	18½	25½
Old Timers	18	26
Larry Larry's	16½	27½

#### High scores

Handicap series – Ageless Wonders 2546, Serious Not 2460, Old Timers 2348  
 Handicap game – The Who? 891, Spud & the Tater Tots 864, Larry Larry's 795  
 Men's handicap series – Jim Clements 689, Tom Douglas 671, Gene Nitz 670  
 Men's handicap game – Richard Gipson 245, Harry Allwein 243, Arden Eckersley 239  
 Women's handicap series – Sandi Meek 660, Lucy Servies 628, Linda Mitchum 624  
 Women's handicap game – Gloria Wheeler 232, Myrna Douglas 222, Martha Chavez 220.

#### Wednesday Mixed team standings, week 11 of 32

Name	Won	Lost
Ruidoso Bowl	12	4
Western Auto	12	4
Evan's Team	11	5
Ruidoso U-Haul	10½	5½
No Doubt	9	7
Wild Cards	7	9
Car Quest	6½	9½
Knight Riders	5	11
Even Par	4	12
Team 7	3	13

#### High scores

Scratch series – Western Auto 2279, Team 7 1873  
 Scratch game – Ruidoso U-Haul 741, Even Par 667  
 Handicap series – No Doubt 2522, Wild Cards 2506  
 Handicap game – Ruidoso Bowl 877, Evan's Team 847  
 Men's scratch series – Tim Vega 724, Weldon Ga-

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Men's scratch game – Floyd Ganaway 238, Evan Reed 231  
 Men's handicap series – Bob Layher 705, Keith Brower 675  
 Men's handicap game – Phil Fanning 266, Keith Clevenger 235  
 Women's scratch series – Crystal Ingle 557, Pam Bernard 462  
 Women's scratch game – TJ Romero 184, Shelly Layher 168  
 Women's handicap series – Shelley McGarvey 673, Irene Pawlowski 658  
 Women's handicap game – Melissa McMillan 243, Anne Lindsey 230

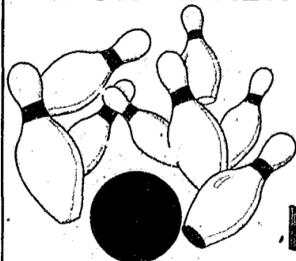
#### Thursday Men's team standings, week 11 of 32

Name	Won	Lost
Western Auto	14	2
Down's Auto Repair	14	2
GSV	10	6
Ruidoso Bowl	8	8
Insiders	7	9
Ruidoso Septic	4½	11½
Buckner Electric	3½	12½
Good Ole Boys	3	13

#### Season high scores

Scratch series – Western Auto 2995, GSV 2786  
 Scratch game – Down's Auto Repair 1033, Ruidoso Bowl 896  
 Handicap series – Good Ole Boys 3264, Insiders 2926  
 Handicap game – Buckner Electric 1075, Ruidoso Septic 977  
 Individual scratch series – Richard Guevara 748, David Hoffer 614, Keith Brower 599  
 Individual scratch game – Weldon Ganaway, Billy Weddige 246, Tom Douglas 238  
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# Mescalero drops wild and wooly season opener

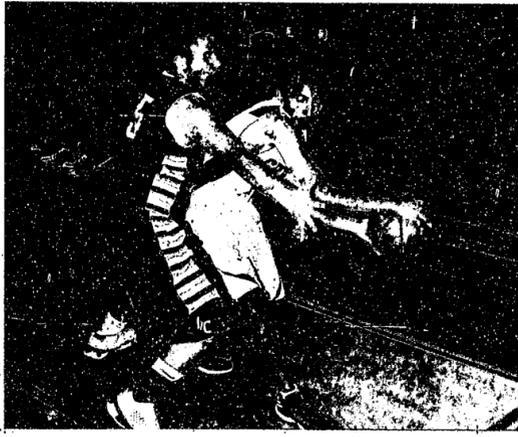
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MESCALERO – Runnin', gunnin' out-of-control basketball is something the Mescalero boys have become known for the last couple of years.

New Mexico Military Institute has not made a name for itself playing the same style of ball, but that's exactly the kind of show both schools put on Thursday in their season opener, a game NMMI won 45-36.

"Our defense was our offense pretty much," said Chief coach Mike Torres. "But the layups that we'd worked on all week, we still couldn't put them in. We've got to start making baskets."



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

NMMI's Richard Trujillo, left, corners Mescalero's Alex Kirgan Thursday at Mescalero.

"We've lost quite a few guys that didn't return from last year, and we've got some kids that have played, but haven't been in that type of situa-

tion," said NMMI coach Pilar Carrasco. "We're going to have trouble scoring early, so I didn't mind the pace."

The Colts (1-0)

never trailed in the game, scoring first on a Stephen Powers jumper 30 seconds in and pulling steadily away with better shooting and offensive execution.

That's not to say Mescalero (0-1) made it a rough night for NMMI.

The Chiefs had sticky fingers all night, coming up with 13 steals on the night and forcing several more NMMI turnovers – Dillon Cochise led the game with five take-aways.

But once the Mescalero fast break went the other way, the Chiefs found it hard to score, even when they were right next to the basket.

NMMI had just a little bit more control, and were able to work the

offense longer to get an open-man. That open man was usually Stephen Powers, who had a game-high 17 points.

Aaron Kaydahzinne paced the Chiefs with 10 points, while center Godfrey Cordova put in nine.

After tying the game at 2-all on a jumper by Kaydahzinne, the closest Mescalero got to NMMI the rest of the night was a five-point spread with 3:20 left in the final period on a layup by Cochise.

"I told them that we'd been in this situation before, and it was time to play our way," Torres said of his speech to the team just before the start of the fourth quarter. "We've got to control the game."

After Mescalero got

that close, the Colts were able to stay ahead with a more controlled offensive effort, including playing keepaway from the Chiefs in the game's last 20 seconds.

"I don't think we played poorly, we just got out of control at time," Carrasco said. "That's the first game of the season, and you could tell this was the first varsity experience for some of them. But when you go on the road and get a W, it's a good thing."

"Capitalizing on turnovers, making our layups, we've got to focus more on that," Torres said. "We lost focus after we made our little run, but the kids matured more in different scenarios than we did last year."

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In district competition, Hagerman won't be the same team this season, but the Bobcats will still be a strong opponent, while Gateway and Mescalero are improving but still wild cards.

Returning to Capitan from last year are Tracker Bowen, Strait Sedillo and Thomas Fields, while the Tigers will benefit from the promotion to varsity of players like Lawrence Whipple, Garrett Schultz and Jake Lamay.

Lamay, in particular, represents some of the size the Tigers will have this year inside.

"That size could give us an advantage, but time will tell," Sanders said. "I'm still acquainting myself with them."

## Hoping to be healthy

The Capitan girls at least have the same coach they did last season in John Devine, and they've got a pretty good returning squad from their 11-12 squad that lost in the District 7-1A tournament to Hagerman at the end.

The only question is whether everyone will remain healthy.

"None of them are 100 percent yet, but they're close enough and they'll get stronger as the season goes on," Devine said.

The Lady Tigers were hampered all last season by injuries, including a knee injury to Kersti Davis that still hasn't fully healed. Jamie Fields was also out at the end of the season, while Maritza Nava was battling an arm injury suffered early on.

Even with all that, Capitan still came within six points of getting to the state tournament.

Davis, Fields and Nava are all back for their senior season, as are Dustee-Rae Eldridge and Maribel Villegas. They'll be joined by top players like freshman Georgia-Lynn Eldridge and Teyna Montoya, who also



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Capitan girls coach John Devine watches as freshman Georgia-Lynn Eldridge goes through a layup drill during practice Nov. 16 at Capitan.

have some varsity experience.

All but Montoya were on the Capitan volleyball team that went to the state tournament two weeks before, meaning Devine is a little behind in getting his team in basketball shape.

"Hopefully, they'll be able to pick things up quickly and we'll do our best," Devine said. "We need to play our best basketball at district, not in game one. But hopefully we'll be ready."

While the Lady Tigers may have talent, they don't have a lot of numbers, and Devine isn't sure he'll be able to field both a varsity and junior varsity squad this season.

"We've already got three girls injured that we needed to give us some depth," Devine said. "We'll have to see how we are when we get them back."

District will be a tough battle this year, as Hagerman will again be a strong team, although Mescalero comes in with a renewed fire to get back to state. The Lady Chiefs are already 2-0 this season.

Devine said the Lady Tigers can't worry too much about who they're playing, just about themselves.

"It will be about us, how hard we're willing to work," Devine said. "Are we willing to play hard basketball and good team defense? If we do, I think the rest will take care of itself."

## Lady Cardinals win Vaughn tournament

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The seasons have started out much the same way they ended for the Corona basketball teams. The boys lost and the girls won.

The Lady Cardinals may have been a little rusty with less than a week's worth of practice coming into the Vaughn Classic over the weekend, but Corona was able to win all three games to claim the tournament championship. The boys, meanwhile lost all three games, but showed steady improvement in each contest.

After losing to tournament host Vaughn 66-22 Friday, the boys dropped a 62-38 contest to Mosquero/Roy Saturday afternoon and capped off the tournament with a competitive 68-51 loss to San Jon.

The Lady Cardinals didn't have much practice time due to the end of volleyball season coming so late. Every member of the team was also on the Corona volleyball squad that earned a trip to the Class B state tournament this year.

"We won the tournament, but we're still not as good as we could be," said coach Nicky Huey.

Huey believes his team will get better with practice, and will benefit from the addition of Corey Egan – who is out with an ankle injury suffered in volleyball – and Shelly Gensler, who sat out the fall season.

Corona still has plenty of talent on the court, however, with Taylor and Allyssane Huey, Amanda Mulkey and Kelly Gensler and eighth grader Saige Bell getting the start Friday against San Jon in the first game.

The Lady Cardinals got a big 59-21 victory, but it was close until Corona put on the press in the second quarter. Allyssane Huey had 18 points to lead her team, while Kelly Gensler had 14 points, Taylor Huey 12 and Bell 11.

Corona led Vaughn in the nightcap by such a large margin in the second half – they won 66-27 – coach Huey started using the game as practice.

Taylor Huey was the leader in this one with 20 points, followed by Bell with 14 points, Kelly Gensler with 11 and Allyssane with 10.

In the final game Saturday against Mosquero/Roy, Corona got a 38-23 victory.

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# Familiar faces to lead Grizzly teams this season

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**CARRIZOZO** – The Carrizozo boys and girls basketball teams have new coaches, but they're certainly no strangers to the basketball court.

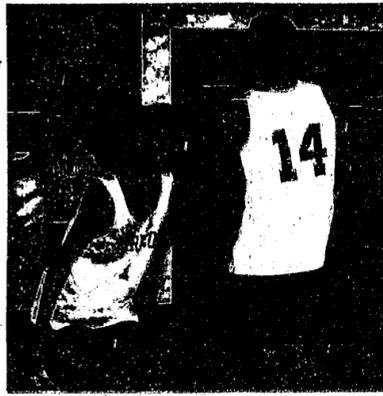
Porter Cutrell and George Vega have taken the reigns of the boys and girls teams, respectively, taking over from Billy Page, who has moved on to Magdalena.

Porter Cutrell, a 1980 graduate of Goddard High School, has coached junior college basketball at New Mexico Military Institute and was an assistant coach under Dave Bliss at the University of New Mexico before spending 14 years at 5A Mullen High School in Denver.

His move to Class B Carrizozo is a transition from the large schools he's been accustomed to, but he hasn't found the transition to be that difficult.

"Whether it's with the Lobos or a small school like this, basketball is basketball," Cutrell said. "I'm teaching the fundamentals and getting people to play in that direction. These are great kids that want to work hard, and I'm excited to have the opportunity to see if they can work into the system."

What's been more of a challenge is getting his team ready to play in the boys and girls season opener Nov. 29 at Cloudcroft. Almost every one of the players is coming off a successful football season but still needs to get into the



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
Carrizozo guard Carl Barela, left, circles teammate Josh Ventura during practice, Nov. 15, at Carrizozo.

basketball groove.

So does Cutrell, who until last weekend was an assistant coach for the Lady Grizzly volleyball team that finished second in the Class B tournament.

What's more, Cutrell has very little knowledge of Quemado and Reserve – Carrizozo's opponents in District 4B and two of the toughest teams in the state at that level. Indeed, Quemado is the defending state champion.

The Grizzlies were 9-15 last season, going winless in district. They relied heavily on the play of guard Mark Vigil, who was their leading scorer from the outside, and a big presence of Wade Sultemeir inside.

Both Vigil and Sultemeir have

graduated, leaving behind a group of talented players like Tavi Nash – who made his mark on last season's squad with his speed and scoring – and seniors Marshal Ventura, Don Myers and Andy Verdugo.

## Low numbers

Every way you look at it, the Carrizozo girls basketball team is challenged.

With only eight out for the team, the Lady Grizzlies are already behind the eight ball when it comes to numbers. They also have a difficult schedule in their quest to get back to the Class B state tournament and improve on last season's record of 17-7.

Vega may be the new head coach, but was an assistant last season to Page, and has led a number of the players since they were playing youth basketball.

Vega said the girls remember well their disappointing loss to Mósquero/Roy in the first round of last season's Class B playoffs. All of the girls that are out were also on the volleyball team that finished second to Elida in the state tournament two weeks ago.

"They remember being disappointed and hopefully they'll catch on for a big year this season," Vega said. "It's a good core back from last year, and they're a bunch of good-hearted

kids."

Returning for another go-round are Andrea Vigil, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallagher and center Victoria Ventura, all of whom were on this past season's volleyball team as well. They'll be joined by sisters Analicia and Andrea Beltran, as well as eighth-graders Cirsten Barela and Lexi Zamora.

One player the Lady Grizzlies will have to do without is freshman Fantasia Dennis, who injured her knee in the championship volleyball match against Elida. They're also minus Shelly and Kelly Gensler, who transferred back to Corona over the summer.



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Carrizozo girls coach George Vega watches as sophomore Sarah Ferguson runs through a dribbling drill Nov. 15 at Carrizozo.

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## music NEWS

By Ty Vinney  
Music Reporter



### House of Usher review - Pandora's Box

Want to hear something that takes you back to the good times? Think bands like The Cure, Peter Murphy and Siouxsie and the Banshees. Then tune into The House of Usher; the long-standing goth-rock band founded in the 1990s. They return and tempt with *Pandora's Box*, an album full of atmospheric sound, well-penned lyrics and songs that captivate from start to finish.

"Saturn Rising" is a smooth opening track. It's the song that got my attention and introduced me to the band in the first place. Next up is "Not Your Friend," a catchy song that makes you want to get up and move. A slower tempo song, "Consecration" is strong and would fit in well on a rainy day. "Speak By Tongue" is full of great guitar work that would make old and new school rockers stand up and move around.

Every song is well composed and *Pandora's Box* would fit well in with children of the 1980s, 1990s and now. I recommend it for anyone who loved the new wave and classic gothic rock scene. It's surely not to disappoint.

### Ben Moody review - You Can't Regret What You Don't Remember

Finally the door to the vault is opened and we can get our claws on Ben Moody's solo album, *You Can't Regret What You Don't Remember*. A former founding member of Evanescence, writer for hire behind Avril Lavigne, Kelly Clarkson, the band Blank Theory, and currently part of the band We Are The Fallen, Moody has kept busy. We've been hearing about his solo record for a while and finally, it's bursting onto the scene and really catching attention.

The album opens with the haunting "Why You" sort of intro track. Distorted and eerie, the song leads into a key song of the album, "10/22." If you're current on your Moody or Evanescence knowledge you'll understand the significance of the title. It's the day he walked away

from Evanescence. Originally the song was supposed to be sort of a personal attack on Amy Lee; but was later addressed as 100 percent about him.

"Chasing Yesterday" gets personal with Moody's struggles with drugs. "Nothing ever burns inside of me like your poison, all I want is another touch, just one more taste of you," reads like a cry of regret with a hint of longing.

The whole album is very personal and shows a lot of the dark side of Moody's existence. It's well written, mixed to perfection and has that signature that's made people stand up and pay attention. *You Can't Regret What You Don't Remember* is raw, honest, and emotional. It's surely something that's sure to delight old new and old fans alike.



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### Opeth review - Heritage

Opeth chooses change with their new album *Heritage*. Gone is the Opeth of old, with dark hard vocals and angry guitars. In its place we find a progressive metal stance that's infused with subtle hints of what could almost be described as jazz. Gone are Mikael Akerfeldt's signature death-growls, replaced totally by clean and sometimes haunting sounding vocals. It's a different direction for the band.

The opening song "Heritage" as well as the closing song, "Marrow of the Earth," provide a good opening and closing note to the album with instrumental pieces. The first sounding like something perhaps you would hear as part of a score to an old detective movie and the latter a guitar centered piece that's rather relaxing. From the opening we're taken into the album with a 70s sounding prog-rock song, "The Devil's Orchard." Light, almost fuzzy guitar tones set the song along and at times do get deeper and heavier. The whole song feels almost like a fine tuned transportation to the past. "I Feel the Dark," covers a lot of ground musically. It opens with a mellow and dark soundscape with Akerfeldt's vocals almost luring you in with a sense of mystery. The song gets progressive and harder as it digs deeper and is a strange but tasty piece.

The musicianship on the album is fantastic and the vocals are smooth and fit nicely. Do I miss the old Opeth I knew and enjoyed? Yes. However, with that said, I also enjoy the sound they're going with now. It's a change and change sometimes can be progressive and just what a band requires. The haunting vocals and beauty of the album have won their place in my collection.

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## Support group offered for victims of domestic violence

The Nest offers an ongoing support group for victims and survivors of domestic violence who are not in shelter. The group is called Woman to Woman, or "W2W," and meets every Wednesday from 2 - 3 p.m. at the Sweet Charity Resale Boutique.

The group is facilitated by one of the Nest's professionally trained, bilingual advocates. It focuses on providing support for survivors and their children. "Resource referral is one thing we do, but mostly we want to provide a safe environment where people can share their stories and their fears. Talking through problems

with people who have been in similar situations is very helpful," says W2W Group Facilitator Corina Montoya.

The W2W survivor group is held in English, but the Nest also offers a support group in Spanish. "We want to make sure every woman in our community has a place to go to for ongoing support," Montoya said.

There is no cost to attend and bilingual services are available. Sweet Charity is located at 26156 US Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs, between Jorge's and Wal-Mart. For further information, call the Nest at 378-6378.

## Silent auction of wreaths and stockings to benefit Nest

Back by popular demand, Sweet Charity is offering custom-designed holiday wreaths.

The wreaths are on display at Sweet Charity with opening bids starting at \$25. According to Susanne Francis, Office Manager for HEAL, "The

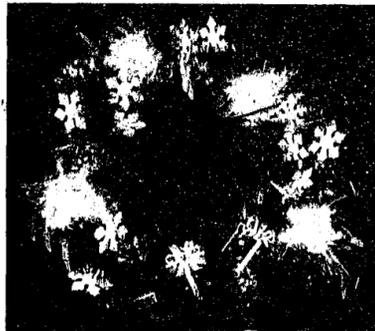
wreaths are unique in every way - no two are the same. Celina de la Garza created the wreaths, as she did last year. They are absolutely lovely and elegant."

This year, as an added bonus, Della Hermes has designed gorgeous, hand-

made Christmas stockings for the auction. The opening bid on the stockings is \$20.

The auction closes Dec. 12, so please get your bids in now. All proceeds support the Nest.

Pictured are four wreaths for auction at Sweet Charity.



## HEAL's business friends

Each week, HEAL publicly thanks a local business that has joined their team to support survivors of domestic violence.

Once a month, for the past three years, several local restaurants have provided a weekly dinner for Nest residents. Schlotzsky's, Circle J Barbecue & Can't Stop Smokin' are the restaurant leaders in this area who identified a serious need in our community and then stepped forward to fill in the gap.

"It's another of those special touches

that make the Nest feel like a home. Many times, our residents aren't safe to leave the Nest, to take their kids out to dinner. Sitting down to a family dinner at the shelter, enjoying a restaurant meal like other families do and sharing the struggles or victories of the day is very therapeutic," says Nest Advocate Kathryn Walker.

HEAL is very grateful to Schlotzsky's, Circle J Barbecue & Can't Stop Smokin' for their support of the Nest, Lincoln County's only shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.

## Holistic approach to health

In a busy world, with busy days, it can be difficult to make time for the most important thing in life, our well being. Our personal well being is compromised of several contributing factors, including our physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, interpersonal and environmental health. Work daily to make small changes in your life that will help you grow and better your happiness.



Angie Fernandez  
Veggie.gur109@gmail.com

**Physical:** The human body was meant to move, so get it moving.

Whether it's a full motion workout or a good body stretch each day, we can improve our energy levels and help our bodies stay agile. It is also important to give our body the proper fuel to keep it going, so we should be mindful of the things we eat.

**Emotional:** Our emotional well being is greatly tied to our self esteem, so let's be nice to ourselves and forgive ourselves for any mistakes we make, and try to do better next time. If we tell ourselves we are not good enough, we will begin to believe this is true. So let's focus on our good qualities and continue to make small changes in an effort to correct the things we dislike.

**Spiritual:** There are many ways to work on our spiritual well being. Whether we choose to attend a church or volunteer, these choices would ben-

efit something greater than thyself. We could also choose to learn meditation or some other form of inner healing. If we take a few minutes each day to count our blessings and be thankful, we would be more likely to start our day with a smile.

**Intellectual:** It is important for us to exercise our brain. As they say, "if you don't

use it, you lose it." Challenge your brain by learning something new each day. We can read, watch an educational documentary, or visit one of our area museums or art galleries to inspire ourselves. Learning to play an instrument or taking on a new skill or craft are excellent ways for us to challenge ourselves.

**Interpersonal:** This includes relationships with friends, family, co-workers and others we interact with on a daily or weekly basis. It is important for us to nurture these interactions. Forgive and forget when it comes to ill feelings toward others; when we carry the burden of discontent, it is often ourselves who suffer the most. Encouraging others is a happier way to spend our time.

**Environmental:** Contribute to the three R's by reducing, reusing and recycling. Let us do our part in taking only what we need, so there will be something left for others.

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# Lincoln County Food Bank celebra su 25 aniversario

El 31 de julio de 1986, trece fundadores se conocieron por primera vez para establecer una agencia de comidas residentes del condado de Lincoln. Estas almas ambiciosas incluyen: Phyllis Boverie, hermana Rose, Rosina Boyd, Sarah Jackson, el padre de Dave Berg, Antonio Luján, Adams Verna, Chávez Rigo, Griego Marie, Sellers Dr. Eugene, vendedores Esther, Seiler Betsy y Dorothy Belle Knapp. Disponibles para su distribución después de esta reunión fueron las papas a partir de productos al por mayor de Murphy y la carne de hamburguesa de Ruidoso Valle de la Cámara de Comercio. Se hicieron planes para el contenido de una caja de alimentos en el

futuro, el logotipo, folletos, y los voluntarios que tanto necesitan. Hoy, 25 años más tarde, el condado de Lincoln del Banco de Alimentos ha estado en funcionamiento continuo y ha crecido a una junta de nueve miembros y voluntarios 60. El Banco de Alimentos provee cajas de comida a un promedio de 210 familias mensuales que atienden a más de 600 personas. Prueba de residencia en el condado de Lincoln (por una factura de servicios públicos), además de una identificación con fotografía son los únicos requisitos para una caja de comida. Las cajas contienen ahora aproximadamente \$50 en vista nutricional los alimentos balanceados, además producir

más fresca, leche, huevos, pasteles y pan como esté disponible. Completamente a cargo de voluntarios y un Consejo de voluntarios, no es un pago por sus servicios ni el reembolso de sus gastos. El Banco de Alimentos es totalmente dependiente de las donaciones de la comunidad y todo el dinero aportado compra alimentos o paga dos proyectos de ley: de teléfono y de seguros. Gracias a la generosa muchas organizaciones civiles, iglesias y particulares, el Banco de Alimentos tiene la promesa de otros 25 años en funcionamiento. Por favor, considere una donación para ayudarnos a proporcionar alimentos a las vacaciones para aquellos que no tienen

una Feliz Navidad de otra manera. Miembros del Consejo Directivo: Presidente Ray Albom, Vice-Presidente Carusona Chris, Secretario Sue Albom, Whiteley Bob, Bill Bartlett, Gordon Bob, Perryman Jo, Linda Langston, Estes Jamie y Tesorero Sue Koepp y Jefe Transportista Tom Ross. Situado en la Primera Iglesia Bautista del Sur de Ruidoso Downs en la carretera 70, el Banco de Alimentos está abierto 12:00-04:00 MWF. Siempre damos la bienvenida a nuevos voluntarios, ya sea como trabajador por turnos semanales, sustituir o transportista. Si usted está interesado, por favor llame a Sue Ray o 575-257-6531.

## Carrizozo Consejo escritos

### Elección Resolución

El Carrizozo Ayuntamiento aprobó la misma resolución las elecciones municipales en Inglés y Español. La resolución pide a la votación de dos administradores por un período de cuatro años, un administrador por un período de dos años y un juez por un período de cuatro años.

Recintos 2A y 13 serán consolidados para la elección. La votación se llevará a cabo en el Edificio Municipal Carrizozo, situada a 400 Ninth Street.

Voto en ausencia se iniciará el 31 de enero y cierran a las 5 de la tarde del 2 de marzo. La votación anticipada se desarrollará desde 15 feb-2 marz.

Las personas que deseen postularse para un cargo deben inscribirse en la Oficina del Secretario del Condado de Lincoln por 07 de febrero.

### Regístrate proceso de solicitud

El Consejo ha aprobado una aplicación firme de la ciudad. Por una solicitud del Departamento de Transporte de Nuevo México, la planificación de la ciudad y la junta de zonificación, ha desarrollado los siguientes para todos los empresarios (y los residentes de aplicación) para utilizar cuando se instala un cambio de signo:

Una aplicación señal sería completado y aprobado en una reunión de planificación y zonificación;

La aplicación se presentará al Ayuntamiento para su revisión, en su próxima reunión;

Si la solicitud es aprobada por el Consejo, será ne publicó un número de permiso y el documento de trabajo se le dará al dueño del negocio a través de carta formal para que se envíe al DOT para su consideración y aprobación.

### Nuevo administrador de P&Z

Judy Fitz, secretario de la planificación y la junta de zonificación, fue aprobado para ser administrador de la junta.

## Ruidoso Downs Consejo breves

### Consejo ahorra dinero

El Ayuntamiento de Ruidoso Downs en su reunión ordinaria 14 de noviembre votaron a favor de pagar la factura de septiembre para la Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales, que fue de \$ 24,185.58. Esa cantidad se había reducido en casi 10.000 dólares después de director de finanzas de la ciudad, Terri Mosley, se ajustó el proyecto de ley debido a un error contable.

### Amnistía se extendió

Un cliente de servicios de agua se beneficiaron del programa de amnistía de la ciudad después de que el consejo votó a favor de perdonar a unos 12.000 dólares en multas en el servicio que fue terminado en mayo. La factura real por los servicios es de \$ 1,624.24, y el consejo votó a favor de perdonar las penas con el entendimiento de que el cliente pagará ese equilibrio en su totalidad.

### Voto recinto presentado

El consejo estaba prevista para discutir y votar en un centro de conveniencia de votación, en respuesta a la decisión de la Comisión del Condado de Lincoln para consolidar distritos electorales para las elecciones generales de 2012, pero el tema se presentó a petición de Mayor Tom Armstrong.

### La opinión del público

Residente Wayne Williams tomó el consejo a la tarea durante la entrada de público por la falta de nuevos negocios atendidos en los últimos encuentros públicos algunos.

"Estoy seguro de que está cansado de

mí venir aquí, pero estoy tan cansado de él como usted", dijo Williams. "Yo sé que usted ha tenido más negocios que esto. Que tiene que hacer su negocio aquí y no a puertas cerradas."

El último punto de la agenda fue una discusión en la sesión a puerta cerrada en la Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales, en concreto sobre la liquidación de daños y el cumplimiento de un acuerdo de solución.

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### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22



**Don Williams**, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero, 8-10 p.m. The country singer is known for his smooth bass-baritone voice, soft tones, and an imposing build, which earned him the nickname "The Gentle Giant" of country music. Without a doubt Williams, whose hits with the likes of Good Ole Boys Like Me, I Believe In You, Love Is On A Roll, Amanda, and Tulsa Time have always had knack for finding songs that speak directly to people's hearts. For more information, contact the Inn of the Mountain Gods; 575-464-7777; www.innofthemountaingods.com. Tickets start at \$25.

**Juke Joint Jumpers** (Country) performs in Club 49, at Inn of the Mountain Gods, 8 p.m.

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

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23

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

**Preschool story time** at the Ruidoso Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Movie: *Nanny McPhee Returns*. Children's Dept is located downstairs.

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

**The Sterilizers** perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on

Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m. **Live Music** at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24

**Ski Apache opens today!** Ski Apache is celebrating 50 Years. For more information, contact Ski Apache: 575-464-3600; www.ski-apache.com. See the Ski Apache website for tickets.

**Ruidoso Winter Park Tubing Area Annual Opening**, located at 500 W. State Highway 532, a quarter of a mile west of Hwy 48 on lower Ski Run Road in Alto. Open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on designated nights. "A premier snow play area," as Bert the Conqueror from the Travel Channel says: "This is the Holy Grail of snow tubing." The first-class tubing experience offers twists, turns, bumps, jumps and bobbed curves. They have more lift capacity and the largest gubing snow making system in the Rockies. Featuring exclusively designed tubes for 3-6 riders and super size tubes for 3-10 riders.



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**Cree Meadows Country Club** is hosting a taco bar and DJ. **Live Music** at WPS in Midtown

### 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.

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

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

**Simulcast Horse Racing** at Billy the Kid's Race Book at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino. Simulcast races are shown live from across the country and betting windows are open to place your wager. Billy's Race Book also serves delicious food and has a full bar.

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

"20th Annual Fall American Photography Competition & Exhibition," Hubbard Museum of the American West, Hwy

70 E., Ruidoso Downs, runs through Feb. 12, 2012. Now into its twentieth year, the Fall American brings together work by photographers from around the country. Their images present widely differing perceptions of the "American West." More than one hundred photographs are exhibited each year. Almost all photographs are for sale through the Museum's Mercantile Store. The Hubbard Museum will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. For more information, contact Hubbard Museum of the American West: 575-378-4142; www.hubbardmuseum.org. Admission: Adults- \$6; seniors and military- \$5; ages 6 to 16 - \$2; under 6 - free.

**Pillow's Funtracker** - Open weekends, Christmas Break, and most holidays throughout the year. 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 go-kart tracks, miniature golf, arcade, Mountain Maze, and seasonal attractions such as Bumper Boats, Panning for Gemstones, Rock Climbing Wall, Extreme Air, and Kiddie Bounce House.

Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

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

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

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

**Cree Meadows Country Club** is hosting a fish fry and live band.

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

**Susan Landers Kolb** performs at the No Name Café 6 - 9 p.m. during Prime Time Fridays. 522 Sudderth, (575) 257-2253. Friday evening dinners are by reservation.

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

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

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

**The Automatics** (Classic Rock) performs in Club 49 at Inn of the Mountain Gods, 8 p.m.

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

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

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

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26

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

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

**Mike Sanjku** performs in Wen-

dell's Restaurant at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 10 p.m.

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

**Free Movies** at the "Grounds": *Kitchen Stories*, 2825 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 6:30 - 9 p.m. It's the 1950s, and a Swedish efficiency expert under strict orders not to interact with his subject is sent to "improve" a Norwegian farmer's culinary efforts. But the sly old farmer much prefers to amuse himself by impeding the timid researcher's work. Soon, in the struggle between neutral observation and the need for human interaction the kitchen becomes a battleground." A showing of *Babette's Feast* is at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sacred Grounds Coffee & Tea House: 575-257-2273; www.sacredgroundscoffeeshop.com. Free.

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

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

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27

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

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 28

**Santa's Helpers Workshop**, the workshop has changed location: 1st Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd., Ruidoso. Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., runs through Dec. 19. This is the workshop for Santa's Helpers. Volunteers and donations needed. For more information, contact Tammy: 575-336-4629 or Stacey Miller: 575-336-7711. Free.

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

# Salvation Army begins annual bell ringing campaign

The Salvation Army started its bell ringing campaign during the R&R Block Party. The first day of bell ringing went well and a good beginning for the holiday season.

The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers Friday, Saturday, Sunday in two-hour shifts at Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Lawrence Brothers and downtown. One hundred percent of what is collected stays in Lincoln County. The main goal of the organization goal is to collect enough so our fund never runs dry. This year the group's funding made it almost to November and they hope to collect more this year so we never have to turn anyone away. People in need go to Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church and fill out an application. Once the application is approved, a check is made out to the need. At no time does cash change hands and all requests are followed up on. Local organizer, Darien Ross said,

"Many circumstances can befall upon a person to become in need of Salvation Army assistance. I believe that we are seeing more elderly people because their fixed income doesn't go as far as it used to in addition to losing large amounts of their retirement savings during the recession.

All of the money raised is distributed locally to those in need from the local Salvation Army headquarters, located at the First Baptist Church on Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs." The Salvation Army was founded in 1865, performing evangelical, social and charitable work and bringing the Christian message to the poor, destitute and hungry by meeting both their physical and spiritual needs. The organization states that its ministry extends to all, without discrimination.

Anyone interested in helping please call Darien at 575-257-0111.

## Thanksgiving service

Our national day of Thanksgiving will be observed with a special 10 a.m. worship service at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on Thursday, Nov. 24. You are invited to join the congregation both in worship and in a Thanksgiving Day potluck meal immediately following the service. Shepherd of the Hills is located at 1120 Hull Road. For more information, contact the church office at (575) 258-4191.

## Operation Christmas Wrap

Members of the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso will be having free gift wrapping at the 4 Season's Mall, Dec. 17 and 24 from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and will also have free hot cocoa and coffee compliments of Beads to Beauty.

## Weekly Bible study groups available

There are two bible study groups at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church that meet during the week.

The men's ministry group will meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8 a.m. at El Paraiso Restaurant, 721 Mechem Drive (in the Sierra Mall).

Hearts in Service women's bible study meets on Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the church in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.



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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
 MAC H. SMITH, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 MICHAEL G. LAMB and LISA M. LAMB, Defendants.  
 CV 2011-00183  
 Div. III

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER FORECLOSURE JUDGMENT

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of Decree of Foreclosure entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on October 24, 2011 in civil cause number CV-2011-00183, the under-signed will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the front entrance of the Ruidoso Municipal Building at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico on the 16th day of December, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., all rights of the defendants to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico;

Lot 3, Block 6, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County on November 30, 1982 in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive;

(hereinafter referred to as "the Property").  
 Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the lien on the Property and that the amounts to be realized at said sale from the Property, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows:

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/s/ Jennifer Miller  
 Jennifer Miller, Special Master  
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 NOTICE OF CANCELATION OF A REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso has canceled the regularly scheduled meeting of November 29, 2011. The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 13, 2011. The regular meetings are held at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso. The regular meetings begin at 3:00 p.m. Meetings of the Village of Ruidoso Governing Body are open to the public. If you have questions or need to request a copy of the agenda, please contact Irma Devine, Village Clerk, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, Telephone: (575) 258-4343, Ext. 1002.

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