

WHAT'S HAPPENING

December 1

Christmas in the Park

Join us for a Village of Ruidoso tradition: annual lighting of the trees, sleigh rides, pictures with Santa and caroling at Schoolhouse Park. 6 p.m. Free.

December 2, 3, 4 Walk through Bethlehem

A living Christmas experience for the entire family. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of Bethlehem as it looked in Jesus' time including, of course, the Nativity scene. Angus Nazarene Church on Highway 48 and Angus Hill. Fri. 6-8 p.m., Sat. 3-5 p.m., Sun. 6-8 p.m. Reservations required on-line www.wtbnm.org. 575-336-8032. Free.

December 3

Parade of Lights

Beautifully lit and fantastically festive, the Festival of Lights 2011 Parade brings friends and family together for an evening of twinkling lights, hot chocolate and togetherness in the winter wonderland of Ruidoso. Midtown. 5:30 p.m. www.ruidosonow.com.



Miracle on 34th Street

A musical adaptation of the favorite holiday tale featuring a cast of 25 singers and dancers bringing the holiday spirit to the Spencer stage. Spencer Theater. 7 p.m. \$79, \$76. 888-818-7872. www.spencertheater.com.

December 4

Altrusa Christmas Home Tour

Residents open their beautifully decorated homes for a self-guided Christmas tour. Proceeds benefit the Low Cost Mammograms project of Altrusa. 3 p.m. \$20 in advance. 575-336-7473. www.altrusaruidoso.com

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Retailers ring in the holiday shopping season

By Eugene Heathman

Editor

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The national tsunami of Black Friday holiday shopping sales swept through Lincoln County, carrying thousands of fervent shoppers into the Ruidoso Downs Walmart Thanksgiving night. The sales on several items began at 10 p.m. and electronics went on sale at midnight: Pat Waggoner described the scene as total chaos. "I never dreamed so many people would converge on this store, I thought of this as our little secret up here and that we wouldn't have the craziness of the big city. Boy was I wrong," she said. Waggoner and others loaded up their shopping carts and braved hour long checkout lines. "There were even people fighting in the aisles, it was 'full contact' shopping in there," Waggoner said. The 'shopping tsunami' flooded the rest of Ruidoso over the weekend as local retailers yearned for a boost in seasonal sales to jump start the holiday season. Darien Ross of the local Salvation Army is hoping people are in the giving mood as well. "This is also a big weekend for us, and I encourage shoppers to take a moment to help out those who are less fortunate. The economy has really put a strain on our funds and we want to be able

to continue helping those who need it," Ross said. With the successful holiday weekend opening of Ski Apache and some wintery weather, local retailers are hoping this season will be better than last. On Sunday, the holiday weekend concluded with the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Hundreds of

people enjoyed complimentary holiday treats, the incredible display of gingerbread houses and children lined up through the halls to have their photos taken with Santa Claus. The Ruidoso Middle School and Ruidoso High School choirs entertained the crowd, singing a variety of Christmas carols until the final countdown before lighting the tree.



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press
Thousands of holiday revelers converged upon Ski Apache during the Thanksgiving holiday opening weekend. Skiers and snowboarders were treated to a base depth of 18 - 24 inches of manmade and natural snow.

Public voices opinions on public transportation

By Sandi Aguilar

For the Ruidoso Free Press

The Ruidoso Free Press performed a survey regarding public transportation to determine the opinions and thoughts of the people of Lincoln County. Given the recent reporting and financial considerations, the Ruidoso Free Press felt providing the public with an opportunity to express their opinions would be beneficial. A handful of respondents felt the survey was biased toward public transportation; however, many more showed appreciation for the system. The survey offered many open-ended comment sections to elicit impartial thoughts.

Approximately 10,000 surveys were distributed through the Ruidoso Free Press with 824 usable surveys returned. Statistically, 8.24 percent represents a significant sampling of the populace of Lincoln County.

The survey concluded a great majority

of the respondents felt public transportation is not only beneficial for the elderly, disabled and workforce, but a necessary service for a resort town. Ideas regarding funding were overwhelming for the county and municipalities to help support the system, but that rates and businesses should also contribute.

The statistics alone show the opinion of the respondents; however, the comments made are the telling factor and show the passion of all respondents and many have been included.

Eighty percent of the respondents found Lincoln County Transit/public transportation beneficial because the user does not have a vehicle (26 percent), needs transportation to work (18 percent), was a senior who doesn't drive (18 percent), or was disabled and does not drive (15 percent).

I think the public transportation is a great option for us who really count on it. I

don't know what I'd do without it. Thank you so much!

"I am a student at ENMU and use it to go to school."

"Having no vehicle and no close neighbors, I depend on the city transit for doctors and other means of shopping and doctors and business appointments. Thank you for the help and courteous drivers."

"I am a single parent. I don't have a lot of money to move around with my girls."

Twenty percent did not find public transportation beneficial either because they felt too few people used the transit or too much public funding was used.

"Very few use the service and it's not self-supporting. The cost is too much to tax payer."

"I do not feel tax dollars should be used for this, especially since this is a larger

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Commissioners oppose driver's licenses for illegals

By Patrick Rodriguez

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In supporting a list of priorities by the New Mexico Association of Counties to focus on changing legislation, Lincoln County commissioners said the organization should have included a topic seeking to do away a state law that allows foreign nationals regardless of legal status to apply for a driver's license.

Former governor Bill Richardson signed the law in 2003, saying that it would make it easier for foreign nationals to acquire auto insurance and reduce traffic fatalities across the state. Getting rid of the law was a major topic during Governor Susana Martinez's campaign in 2010, and her opponent, Diane Denish, likewise said the law should be repealed.

During the 2011 regular session in the state Legislature, the House of Representatives voted 42-28 to pass a bill allowing foreign nationals living in the United States legally to obtain a driver's license but would seemingly take away the same right for undocumented immigrants; however, the measure was rejected in the Senate. Similar legislation failed to make it to the floor for debate in either chamber during the special session in September, which focused primarily on redistricting.

The state contends it isn't sure how many of the licenses have gone to undocumented immigrants because it does not ask the immigration status of license applicants.

Nonetheless, "I think it's a big problem,

and continues to be a big problem," said Commissioner Mark Doth, who brought up the issue of undocumented immigrants having a state-issued driver's license, during a commission meeting Nov. 15 while discussing a list of six legislative topics the NMAC would lobby on behalf of the state's counties. "The governor has asked for it to be ad-

ressed (in the Legislature) and it continues to be ignored."

Of the issue, Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo said: "I don't know the reasoning behind that is, except that our governor is still pushing for it, so maybe that's one the NMAC can put on their list of priorities."

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Wrestling on the rise



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Matthew Carr, left, grapples with Warrior teammate Kaylen Chavez during the Ruidoso wrestling team's scrimmage Nov. 21 at RHS. The team opens the season Dec. 10 at the Las Cruces tournament. Full story on Page 13.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Library online

Come to the Ruidoso Public Library, today at 3 p.m. to learn how to use the library's online self-service. The course will cover how to access your library account online, reserve or renew a book, check fines and update your address. The library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, and hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

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: Mardi Gras Committee Poster Contest, 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.

Christmas in the Park

This year's tree-lighting program at Schoolhouse Park will be this Thursday, starting with a welcome by Santa at 6:15 p.m. The trees will be lighted shortly thereafter, and the kids will be able to visit with Santa starting at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance will be entertained by carol singing by the Ruidoso school choirs, and there will be hot chocolate and cookies, and sleigh rides with Grindstone stables. Don't forget the door prizes. Christmas in the Park is sponsored by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, with door prizes provided by local merchants.

Skate jam

Ecoservants is sponsoring a skate Jam this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at North Park on White Mountain Drive, next to the fire station. There will be free skate gear, free food and a skate competition.

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.

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 matching 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.

Alpine district meeting

The December meeting for the Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will be Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. in the district's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail. All residents of the district are welcome to attend.

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.

Regular meetings

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.

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 information, 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.

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet the fourth Monday of each month at Cree Meadows Country Club at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 430-7258 or visit 222.frw.rplcnm.org

Firefighters for Christ meet monthly at the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack 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 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.

The Lincoln County Regulators, members

New Rotary members inducted



Ruidoso Rotary Club President Georgia Underwood inducted Bill Jones and Juanita Jones into the club on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Women Helping Women, a support group for domestic violence victims and survivors, meets Wednesday's from 2-3 p.m. at Sweet Charity, 26156 Highway 70. The group offers support, resource referral and information about children's issues and problems. There is no cost and bilingual services are available. If you have questions, please call the nest at 378-6378.

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.whitemountainisar.org or call Tony Davis at 336-4501.

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Traditional kick-off to the season



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

The lighting of the tree ceremony at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero drew hundreds of people, kicking off the holiday season.

Lincoln National Forest to host restoration workshops

The Lincoln National Forest will host Collaborative Forest Restoration Program workshops in December.

In 2012, the U.S. Forest Service expects to distribute approximately \$3 million through cost share grants to implement forest restoration projects on public lands in New Mexico.

Projects must be designed through a collaborative process that includes affected communities and stakeholders.

"We encourage our area tribes, state and local governments, educational institutions, private landowners, conservation organizations, nonprofit groups, and other interested public and private entities to participate in these workshops so they can successfully apply for this funding," said Lincoln National Forest Supervisor Robert Trujillo.

By working together to apply for these grants, small business owners, conservation and environmental groups, community groups, tribes, universities and other organizations could help reduce the threat of wildfire, improve forest and watershed conditions, and bring jobs and job training to local communities.

Applications should reflect local

and traditional knowledge in developing creative ways to reduce the number and density of small diameter trees on public lands.

Proponents are encouraged to submit proposals for projects that facilitate landscape scale, multi-jurisdictional efforts such as National Environmental Policy Act planning, landscape assessments or Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

The workshops will be held on the following dates:

- Ruidoso: Monday, Dec. 12, Smokey Bear District fire operations building.
- Carlsbad: Tuesday, Dec. 13, location to be determined.
- Cloudercroft: Thursday, Dec. 15, Sacramento Ranger District office

All workshops will run between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a break for lunch at noon. Participants will learn about the CFRP, review the 2012 application, network with potential collaborators and have questions answered.

To RSVP or for more information on the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program, contact Peg Crim at (575) 434-7200, or perim@fs.fed.us.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Lincoln County Commission

Item	What it's about	How they voted
Indigent health care claims	Approval of recommended claims processed by the Indigent Health Care fund	Passed unanimously
Approval of request for proposal to conduct building inspections and permitting.	Approval to advertise for proposals from contractors seeking to do permitting work in the county	Passed 4-1, with Commissioner Jackie Powell voting against.
Purchase of new fire trucks	The new trucks would be for the Bonito and Glencoe fire departments	Passed unanimously
Mid-year budget adjustments	Budget adjustments include the purchase of new land for a proposed senior center in Carrizozo	Passed unanimously
Operational resolutions for 2012	The resolutions set the calendar for commission meetings, the 2012 holiday calendar, re-approves the Open Meetings Act and sets other committee meetings	Passed unanimously
Support for New Mexico Association of Counties	Reiteration of support for legislative priorities	Passed unanimously
New County Commission districts	Approval of proposed changes to districts	Approved 3-2, with Commissioners Eileen Sedillo and Jackie Powell voting against.
Creation of new voting precinct.	The new Precinct 22 will be inside the existing District 5	Passed unanimously

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On behalf of the Village of Ruidoso and the Military 365 committee, we would like to thank everyone who participated and sponsored our recent "R & R in Ruidoso" street party.

The event was very successful, and fulfilled its mission of bringing our active and retired military personnel together with the people of Ruidoso for a day of music, food and fun.

Thank You for a great day

Gus Raymond Alborn, Mayor
 Village of Ruidoso

OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I write today in response to a letter published recently claiming that the Democrat's redistricting maps "do things fairly". Nothing could be further from the truth. The Democrat leadership rammed hyper-partisan bills through the New Mexico legislature and — in the face of bi-partisan opposition — put their interests ahead of New Mexico voters. Speaker Lujan and Majority Leader Sanchez made no efforts to

compromise or include accurate representation for New Mexicans in their partisan plans.

The Democrat's plan packed Republicans in the fast growing areas of the west side of Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties. District 27, held by Republican Rep. Larry Larranaga is over populated by 5 percent. In District 29, held by Republican Rep. Thomas Anderson, the Democrats packed the district again, overpopulating it by 5 percent. Another

example of Democrats gerrymandering districts is the overpopulation of Rep. Stapleton's district by 5 percent. The Democrat leadership either knew she had political trouble coming or they simply wanted to pack her district as they are doing elsewhere.

When they pack a district, the Democrats effectively insure that it will represent only one point-of-view; while at the same time; the Democrats are actually protecting many other districts by maintaining their status quo. This is called gerrymandering and it prohibits one person one vote across the board. Please use the following address on the NM legislative website to view the partisan Democrat maps that were sent to the Supreme Court of New Mexico. <http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/redcensus/>.

Additionally, the Democrats' gerrymandered districts are far from compact. When viewing the maps you will see how fingers fan out all over the place. The goal of the democratically controlled legislature is to create sufficient

numbers of Democrat leaning districts with a few Republican leaning districts, to ensure the continuation of the one-party control in the New Mexico legislature. I ask, "What happened to allowing the voters to pick their Representatives and Senators rather than packing one district in any group's favor?"

I remind New Mexicans that the Democrat controlled New Mexico Senate adjourned prior to the House's consideration of the U.S. Congressional Maps, thereby becoming the first Legislative body in the 99 year history of New Mexico to NOT pass a U.S. Congressional redistricting plan. Since the Democrats had already spent over \$950,000.00 in the 19 day special session because they worked as little as 1-2 hours some days, what would it have cost New Mexico taxpayers to complete the job?

Respectfully,

John Billingsley

Chairman

Republican Party of Lincoln County

The three C's of local government

By Eugene Heathman

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With the recent announcement of the State Attorney General clearing Mr. White's involvement with the White Fire but failing to name any suspects other than having a couple of folks in the cross-hairs has once again fueled the ominous black helicopters for another series of Lincoln County conspiracy strafing's. The report certainly raises questions, particularly those who relate to the events being tied to corruption and cover-ups at the highest local levels. Bear in mind, no one has been brought to justice from the devastating Swallow Fire.

When some folks don't like what they see or hear at village council, county commission, school board meetings, special and general elections; the three C's of local government arise. These words are corruption, cronyism and competency. Quite frankly, these words have very big meanings and are very harsh accusations often based with little or no merit. Corruption is a very serious accusation, especially when the result of unearthed corruption is accompanied by indictments, arrests and convictions; so few of which have occurred during the past couple of decades in Lincoln County. The Ruidoso Village Council was recently notified of an Open Meetings Act violation and corrected the matter. People shouldn't be so quick to accuse officials of corruption, unless they are willing to prove it by the means listed earlier. Granted, one can question and even be concerned with the decisions local officials make but unless all of our local officials are master criminals, corruption is unlikely.

Cronyism is a much easier element to prove yet officials such as the former county manager exercised extreme internal controls to prevent cronyism. County Commissioners must also adhere to a variety of open meetings acts, request for proposal procedures and disclosures. The Ruidoso Municipal School Board also addressed the recent slightest perception of cronyism with the questionable award of contracts. County Commissioners have been reminded to follow protocol with the contracting of a company to supervise building permits, Meeting agendas, packets, budgets and open meeting notifications and of course, encouraged public attendance and scrutiny are specifically designed to prevent what officials are so often accused of. Whether their actions are intentional or not, the system of controls work when the public takes complete ownership of elected and contracted officials, not the latter.

Competency may be one of the three C's with the lowest criteria to prove but one of the most difficult to enforce. The process of recalling and impeachment of local officials are very costly and often very polarizing in a community and the process is rarely tested, often with an official resigning rather than being exposed. Once again, the occurrence of this is very rare in Lincoln County. It's the public's responsibility through the use of these internal controls and legal remedies to keep a watchful eye upon and take swift action against missteps by our governing officials. With that being said, Lincoln County is doing a good job considering the very few instances of impeachment, recall and prosecution of governing officials in recent history.



Super Crossword

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city benefit."

- "Why is it the government's job to solve everyone's problems? If you don't like Ruidoso/LC — move if you are unhappy."
- "Against having it unless it pays for itself and not subsidized by tax payers."
- "Increase the rates and get businesses and charities to pony up."

Having a fixed route was the biggest determining factor for residents to potentially use public transportation (42 percent), and 40 percent would use the service if coverage was extended to others parts of the county. 33 percent felt it would be a good resource for evening/restaurant/bar transportation with 28 percent wanting to include special events in the route, such as Spencer, Lincoln and Ft. Stanton. Almost 30 percent wanted the transit to run longer hours and only 15 percent wished it less expensive to use. Most believed a combination of para-transit and fixed route would be beneficial for all needs and to include routes between hotels and attractions.

- "You need more drivers to provide people to work. Also night transit would be helpful for those who work nights and for those who want to go out."
- "With as many retirees here, help is needed. Many of us are elderly. Also with as many tourists and little parking in many places, it would solve a big problem."
- "Good for teens with no driver's license."
- "I wish public transportation would come down as far as the Hondo Valley. We need their service."
- "I am 85 and in a wheelchair. LCT helped me several times to get to a doctor's appointment, and pedicurists, etc."
- "I had a friend who used and appreciated the service before she died. I saw that is helped her not to become a total recluse."
- "A route between hotels and attractions should be paid for by the hotels and attractions."

Sixty-nine percent felt funding for public transportation should be done by both the municipalities and county; how-

ever these funding sources were the only options provided in the survey.

- "Maybe limited service on Sundays and holidays, all-day flat fee, on fixed route, with no reservation. I decided to live here because it has public transportation."
- "Demand must determine how much service is feasible. All would be nice, but maybe not be cost effective."
- "Choosing to live in remote areas means those making that choice should be responsible for all transportation costs; not the rest of society."
- "Funded by the NM State Lottery."
- "I personally don't need it right now, but I feel there is a definite need for it. I wouldn't mind helping pay for it to help those in need."

Lincoln County residents felt public transportation would be most beneficial for the elderly and/or disabled (82 percent) and for those without vehicles (79 percent), as well as a good resource for the workforce at 68 percent and use by visitors was also strong at 61 percent.

- "I am a business owner in Ruidoso."

Several of my employees use this service daily. Some have no other transportation."

- "LCT is a real benefit to the county and the municipalities. It is short-sighted to cut funding and threaten LCT with extinction."
 - "This is a valuable "quality of life" issue for the Lincoln County locals and it should be continued. I don't need it but it is a real need for our community."
 - "No public transportation would mean some people would not be able to work and be less self-sufficient and this would be much more costly to us all."
 - "A transit system really serves smaller communities by getting people to the doctors, work place and stores they need. It is progressive and shows we care about ALL citizens. I do not use it yet, but I may in the future."
 - "Build it and they will come" — this also applies to bike lanes and a village path system, for bikes and pedestrians."
- The complete results will be provided to Lincoln County Transit for their consideration.

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In a letter from NMAC executive director Paul Gutierrez to the organization's board of directors, he wrote that it would be helpful for county commissions to pass a resolution in support of the legislative priorities. In 2012, those priorities read:

- Support a mechanism to correct property tax inequities and resolve the current constitutionality problem;
- Allow Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) retirees to serve as poll workers without risking loss of retirement benefits;
- Decriminalize traffic violations in New Mexico;
- Increase the portion of the state Liquor Excise Tax allocated to the Local Government DWI Grant Fund and dedicate a portion of that increase to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the state drug courts;
- Create a system to ensure that local option gross receipts taxes are remitted directly to the state with the proper location code, to ensure payment of revenues to local government;
- Permit county commissions to ban fireworks during extreme drought.

Although Doth said that he didn't have any problems agreeing with the above list from the NMAC, "the only thing I see that's missing — and I wish NMAC had done something with it — is the driver's licenses for illegals."

Neither Doth nor any other member of the county commission gave a specific reason why the law should

be overturned. Regardless, a survey by Public Opinion Strategies in September shows that more than 70 percent of the state's residents oppose allowing undocumented immigrants to have a driver's license.

"I agree very much with Commissioner Doth," said Commissioner Tom Battin, adding: "It probably would be more effective if we approve what (NMAC) has asked for, but then we entertain a separate resolution in support of the governor's recommendation as it relates to licenses for illegal aliens. By doing that it would bring more attention to it than if we incorporated a fruit basket of recommendations."

Sedillo asked that County Manager Nita Taylor draft a resolution for the next commission meeting stating that the county does not support allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for driver's licenses.

Along with New Mexico, Washington and Utah are the only other states that allow foreign nationals to obtain a driver's license. In Utah, the driver's license may not be used as a form of government identification.

Fireworks ban

On the issue of allowing county commission to ban fireworks during conditions of extreme drought, Minter said that it doesn't explain whether it's the sale of the fireworks or rather their use that would be prohibited.

"The problem we had in the whole state last year was sale of fireworks," said Minter. "They couldn't ban the

sale; they could just ban the use. So I don't know if the NMAC is trying to get us the authority to ban the sale, too."

County Attorney Alan Morel told commissioners that the current law doesn't allow for county commissions to ban all types of fireworks. What the NMAC is proposing, he said, would be to allow county commission to ban the use and the sale of all types of fireworks limited to during high fire season, "which would be a major change in the current law."

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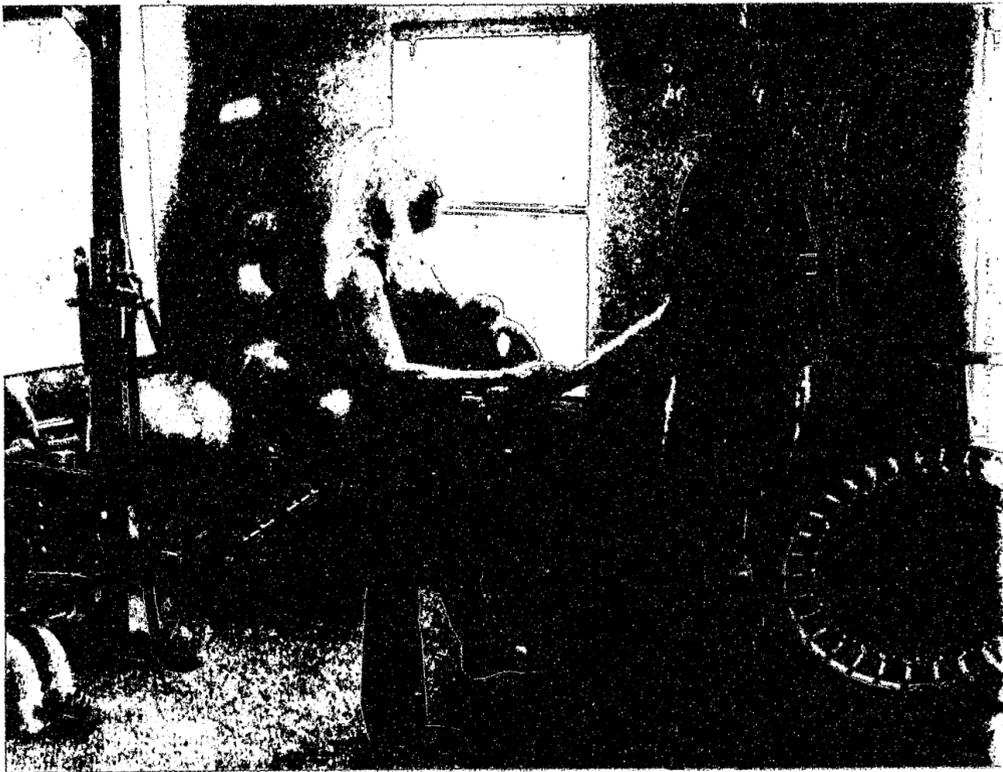
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BUSINESS

The Nest hosts tour of shelter for Mexican nursing professors and students

The Nest recently conducted a tour of the domestic violence shelter for nursing professors and students from the University of Guanajuato in Celaya, Mexico. Five nursing students and five psychology students and their instructors came to Ruidoso in September to study humanism with Barbara Mader of the High Mesa Healing Center in Alto.

The tour was conducted by the some of the bilingual staff of the Nest, including shelter supervisor Reyna Flores and resident advocates Miriam Moreno and Corina Montoya.

The afternoon was inspiring to the students, many of whom have seen the after effects of domestic violence at their own clinic.

"I was surprised to learn that domestic violence was a problem in the United States," said Jose, a psychology student. "I thought of it as being unique to Mexico." He added that these type of shelters

"just don't exist in Mexico."

According to the touring students, domestic violence in Mexico is only addressed when a woman seeks emergency care for a significant injury. Students spent time quizzing the staff of the Nest on the kinds of resources they might connect their domestic violence victims with in Mexico.

"These dynamic young students are determined to make things happen for women in Mexico," Flores said. "Our shelter was especially attractive to them because it is run like a large family home, not an institution."

The students left the Nest with a



Courtesy photo

Five nursing students and five psychology students as well as their instructors, traveled to Ruidoso from Mexico to study humanism with Barbara Mader of the High Mesa Healing Center in Alto. Pictured is Reyna Flores, Shelter Supervisor at the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs.

supply of outreach supplies, posters and antiviolence materials. The shelter serves as a model domestic violence facility for shelters across the United States.

"We have the potential to positively

influence the evolution of domestic violence prevention and care in Mexico," Flores said. "We just ignited that flame with these Mexican advocates and they will carry that flame into their country."

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BUSINESS briefs

Nest Business Friends

When faulty construction led to water infiltration, and subsequently the growth of mold, in the administration offices at the Nest, Kathy Barnett rose to the occasion and helped out.

HEAL board member Josie Powell contacted Barnett, owner of Barnett Carpets in Ruidoso, who went to work on behalf of HEAL.

She was able to talk a tile manufacturer to donate new tile for the entire front office and send one of the company's best tile installers to lay the tile.

Pippin receives Emeritus Award

Bill Pippin, Qualifying Broker for Bill Pippin Real Estate was recognized during the RLCAR installation as a recipient of



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James Paxton, 2012 President Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of REALTORS® presents the Emeritus Award to Bill Pippin.

the National Association of REALTORS® Emeritus Award. NAR Emeritus award is awarded to REALTORS® who have been in the business as REALTORS® for a minimum of 40 years. Pippin has been a REALTOR® in Ruidoso since 1963 and is the first member of the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association to achieve this award.

First Savings Bank provides Thanksgiving dinner for the Nest

For the past five years, Lisa McMinn of First Savings Bank in Ruidoso has spearheaded a food drive for residents of the Nest, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

In early November McMinn started posting donation jars and flyers around the bank to encourage customers to contribute to Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the residents of the Nest.

To the delight of a nearly full house, McMinn on Nov. 22 delivered a hefty selection of Thanksgiving-inspired groceries.

McMinn's decision to help the Nest came from a consensus

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Cash is still king!

As REALTORS®, we're asked frequently if cash is still a strong enticement for home sellers. And there is no question that paying cash for a home is a significant component in presenting a strong offer. With the current state of bank lending, some sellers rightfully remain wary of offers involving bank financing. By sheer volume though the preponderance of purchase offers are still contingent on some form of third party financing. And there are all too frequently a portion of these deals that dissolve right before our eyes due to buyers being unable to close the deal with their lenders and move forward towards a successful purchase.

Cash offers avoid the pitfalls sellers may face with a prospective purchaser who is unable to secure financing, but cash is not necessarily always a substitute for price. Many people think that all sellers only consider

price with a purchase offer. Price, of course, is the prime factor for the seller as every seller wants to maximize the price they get for their home. But a savvy home seller may consider other factors such as requested closing date, any contingencies (a HUGE contingency being whether a buyer needs to sell an existing home prior to consummating a new purchase), down payment amount and the buyer's ability to obtain a mortgage.

Cash offers eliminate a lot of these factors for sellers. Cash deals tend to close in shorter time frames as no one is waiting on a lender. A purchaser's sale of an existing home is typically no longer a contingency with cash buyers and cash simply eliminates lender involvement and the myriad of obstacles which can arise during their loan underwriting processes.

All things being equal, cash is



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still king in this market for the reasons stated. And importantly, sellers are seemingly less reluctant to lower their asking price during negotiations when a purchaser is loaded up with cash for the purchase. Cash solidifies a deal and sellers who are ready to move on down the road are more inclined to just that with a cash offer.

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Small Business Saturday

When American Express launched its "Small Business Saturday" campaign last year, the goals were to focus attention on, and improve sales of independently owned businesses located in the consumers' own community. Wedged between Black Friday and Cyber Monday this year buyers had many tempting options for purchases, so why would we buy local and why is this Small Business Saturday initiative so important? The answers may lie in the facts. The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy states that "small firms (independent and under 500 employees) represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms; employ half of all private sector employees; pay 44 percent of total U.S. private payroll; and generated 65 percent of net new jobs in the last 17 years. This roster is impressive. As we may have known intuitively, we now know with certainty. American small businesses are

the life-blood of American commerce. These enterprises and the entrepreneurs who launch and manage them are most worthy of our support. So while we may pine for a Norman Rockwell life of days gone by, will the nation's shoppers, and indeed will we, be willing to support our idyllic communities by shopping locally and forgo scouring the internet for lowball prices? The fundamental question may boil down to this: do we care if our purchase dollars support our neighbor and community or an unknown corporate profit center? For most the answers may be a mixed bag. In our new regular column "Ask an Entrepreneur" we will survey the national results and explore reasons to support our own local Ruidoso businesses. We'll listen to Ruidoso entrepreneurs to understand the varied benefits we gain in value, time-savings, peace of mind and community spirit by participating and keeping our purchase dollars in our



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VILLAGE *briefs*

Wastewater plant completion

The results of the successful construction of the new regional wastewater treatment plant and the challenges of meeting the strict limits assigned to future discharges into the Rio Ruidoso will be presented by the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Use Board at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, on Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The event will include planned presentations from Dr. David Stensel from the University of Washington and Jim Good from Parametrix, an environmental consulting firm. Dr. Stensel will present recent relevant research on biological nutrient removal, as it would apply to the new plant and to the Environmental Protection Agency's current NPDES permit. Good will present on his ongoing data collection on the Rio Ruidoso,

both upstream and downstream of the new plant.

In addition, there will be the opportunity to tour the new Plant and the sampling points along the Rio Ruidoso beginning at 1 p.m. The research and collection of data were performed in order to comply with Ruidoso's settlement agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department and to gather enough information for Ruidoso to file a petition with the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission to amend future discharge limits. The petition will rely on data collected from the Rio Ruidoso to show that greatly reduced discharges of nitrogen from the new regional wastewater treatment plant are low enough to protect river water quality and that an extensive expansion of the new Plant to further reduce nitrogen levels would not be scientifically justified.

RPL hosts event on how to relax during the holidays

With the holiday season now in full swing, the Ruidoso Public Library is hosting a "De-stressing for the holidays" event at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. This program is presented by the Heritage Program for Senior Adults. The Heritage Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the older adult. The presenters will be Misty McArthur and James D. Martin.

McArthur is an integrative behavioral healthcare and wellness educator, therapist and coach with more than 24 years professional experience in the health industry. She was recognized in 2006 by the New Mexico Department of Health for "Outstanding Contributions to the Health and Well-Being of the people of Roswell." She is also a local behavioral health therapist, providing counseling for the Community Assistance Program offered by Lincoln County Medical Center. Martin has approximately 25 years

of experience in behavioral health field and over 10 years of pastoral ministry. He has extensive experience counseling patients with emotional disorders and behaviors as a cognitive behavioral therapist. He is the program manager of the Heritage Program at LCMC.

A repeat of this event will take place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8. For more information, call (575) 257-6283.

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of the bank employees.

"We thought collecting for the Nest would be the best dedication of our resources," she said.

For those wishing to contribute to the bank's continuing effort toward the Nest's Christmas food drive, donations may be dropped off at First Savings Bank, located at 2713 Sudderth Drive.

Rotary Club fundraiser iPad2 winner

The Rotary Club of Ruidoso raffled



an iPad2 Nov. 22 during the regular scheduled weekly meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Donna Rini of Ruidoso won the iPad2 and the funds raised from the raffle will be applied to the Ruidoso Rotary club's charitable efforts for those in the community. Also pictured is Marty Martell, Ruidoso Rotary Club Sergeant at Arms.

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SunZia representative says construction on project delayed until 2015

By Patrick Rodriguez

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Construction on a 3,000 megawatt transmission line that will carry renewable energy originating from northern Lincoln County that will provide power for much of southwest New Mexico and southeast Arizona has been delayed.

Martin Bailey, a real property manager for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, told county commissioners on Nov. 15 that the proposed 460-mile route that will start from Ancho and run through Lincoln, Socorro, Sierra, Luna and Hidalgo counties in New Mexico has been pushed back two years to 2015.

Bailey said that the project was designed to take advantage of public lands when at all possible. More than 70 percent is on federal land and 15 percent on state land in Arizona and New Mexico, dealing with two state agencies. The remainder is private land

The project received a boost from the Obama administration in September when a Rapid Response Transmission Team composed of nine federal agencies to oversee the process was initiated. SunZia was selected as a pilot project

and demonstrate a great source for wind, said Bailey.

Bailey said the project is significant, as it will move renewable energy resources from central New Mexico to metropolitan Phoenix. A requirement to move forward was getting a Western Electricity Coordinating Council Three-Phase Rating, and SunZia accomplished all three phases earlier this year.

County Commissioner Kathryn Minter said she was glad to see the project

move forward, though she wanted to know how ranchers in Corona feel.

Mac Bell with the Corona Land Owners Association told commissioners that two companies have secured leases in the Corona area and are just waiting on the transmission line.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said commissioners are interested in approving a resolution in support of the project, as other communities and counties have done so far.

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EDUCATION

Young Guns aim for firearm safety

By Patrick Rodriguez

Reporter

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Lincoln County commissioners have given their support for a local youth marksmanship program intended on promoting interest in shooting sports, instilling safe handling practices and promoting good citizenship.

Three members of the Lincoln County Young Guns – Matthew Rigsby, 13, of Ruidoso; David Ellison, 13, of Capitan; and Steven Ellison, 11, of Capitan – spoke at a county commission meeting Nov. 15, explaining the mission statement and to provide a short explanation of the program, which is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso. The program meets at the church the first and third Saturday of each month.

Rigsby, who attends Ruidoso Middle School, said that a National Rifle Association youth shooting program for the county began two years ago with gun safety classes and the Young Guns evolved from there, and a year and a half ago the program submitted a grant to the NRA. Currently, the group has \$5,000 worth of equipment.

The Young Guns program is designed to enable all children ages 10 to 17 who are residents of the county and those who are long-term visitors to the area to have quality firearms instruction. This will be accomplished through classroom instruction, formal range practice and competition with similar programs.

The Young Guns is open to boys and girls, and the program currently consists of only four boys. The program instructors are Harold Scheiner and Wayne Ellison. Scheiner said that the program is looking at ways of getting more girls involved, and the program is also looking for more instructors.

“A couple of these young men approached me and asked me to teach them how to shoot,” Scheiner said. “And I thought that after spending close to a thousand dollars out of pocket that I better get some assistance. The NRA stepped up and helped us out, and it’s more or less growing from there.”

“It’s a program that, considering the number of firearms in our community in Lincoln County, that it is definitely needed,” added Scheiner. “And we’re going to try to teach these young men and women the proper way to handle fire arms.”

The Young Guns program is operated by a director who is appointed by the church session, the governing body of the church, elected from the congregation. Tony Chambliss, pastor of First Presbyterian, will have oversight of the program and the director, and both will keep the session advised of the activities of the program.

The director serves as a teacher for the program. A director is a responsible adult who has the credentials to operate a shooting program and an NRA certificate as a range safety officer. The director will provide classroom instruction to all members, who will then certify in

writing as having completed all training in safe firearms handling and operation prior to progressing to live shooting stages.

Commissioner Mark Doth, who had invited Scheiner to come to the meeting to speak about the Young Guns, called the program important to the community and praised its intentions. “I think it’s a very worthwhile goal,” he said.

Commissioner Jackie Powell was likewise in favor of the program. “I always want to commend anyone stepping

up and guiding our youth, whether it’s in gun responsibility, or horsemanship, or whatever it is, I appreciate each and every one of you,” she said. “And bringing the kids to the commission meeting, that’s just awesome because you’re our future leaders.”

Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo said the program was important because it teaches firearms safety and shooting disciplines. She asked that County Manager Nita Taylor draft a resolution in support of the Young Guns.

RMS Board votes against teacher termination

By Eugene Heathman

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The recommended firing of a licensed instructor was discussed during a special Ruidoso Municipal School District Board of Education meeting Nov. 18.

The board went into a closed session regarding the possibility of discharging Connie Reynolds, an instructor at White Mountain Elementary.

Trustee Kerry Gladden asked that School board President Devin Marshall recuse her from the hearing since Gladden is a cousin to Jason Edmister, principal of White Mountain Elementary.

When the board returned to open session, Trustee Cecil Davis moved that the board find that just cause does not exist for the discharge of Connie Reynolds from employment with RMSD.

The motion carried 3-1, with Trustee Rhonda Vincent voting no. The board of education will meet at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday to consider corrective action, if any, to be implemented by Superintendent Bea Harris upon a licensed school employee’s return to work.

The board meets at the RMSD administration building, 200 Horton Circle. School board meetings are open to the public.

Flu Clinic to be held at Senior Center

The New Mexico Department of Health’s Lincoln County Public Health Office will hold a flu vaccination clinic at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth Drive on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

While everyone should get a flu vaccine each flu season, it’s especially important that people in the following groups get vaccinated, either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications:

- Pregnant women
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- People age 65 and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes, and lung or heart disease
- People who live in nursing homes or other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including health care workers and caregivers for babies younger than 6 months

- American Indians and Alaskan Natives, who seemed to be at higher risk of flu complications last flu season
- People who are morbidly obese

People can find out more on the Department of Health’s website at <http://www.nmhealth.org>.

Youth of the Week



Tenya Montoya is a 10th grader at Capitan High School. She is very outgoing and loves to play sports.

She played on the volleyball team this year.

Family is very important to Tenya. She feels that planning for the future will set her up to be successful. If she was the President of the United States the first thing she would do is to increase teachers’ pay, teachers are mentors. “All of my teachers are helping me get to

Tenya Montoya

where I am today” said Montoya. “It wouldn’t be possible without them. Tenya lists two good qualities for a friend, dedication and always being there for you no matter what. Her biggest challenge she has had to overcome is what she calls the “Superman Syndrome.” She was very sick this summer and had an operation to remove her gall bladder. “I realized I was not invincible” said Montoya.

Rocky road ice cream is my favorite flavor. If I was a candy bar I would be a rocky road bar.

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For more information about “Youth of the week” contact Lisa Morales at 575-258-9922 or lisa@ruidosofreepress.com.

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by Helene Hovanec

Solution on pg. 21

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COUNTY COMMISSION briefs

Indigent health program viable

The Lincoln County Indigent Health Care Fund is on target to go well below budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

The average monthly payments disbursed during the first five months of the fiscal year is \$21,674.95 and the projected total for the year is \$260,099.35. The current budget calls for IHC payments not to exceed \$416,027.

Scott Annala, IHC coordinator, recommended 58 of 69 claims processed be approved for November, totaling \$26,480.40. The program received a refund of \$5,000 from the Veterans Administration. County commissioners approved the recommended claims during a Nov. 15 commission meeting.

The average monthly IHC payments for the previous two years were \$26,234.85 and \$36,466.74, respectively.

In May, county commissioners approved tighter restrictions on IHC reimbursements, including a \$100,000 lifetime cap, a limit of \$5,000 on out-of-county hospital claims, a limit of \$500 on air and ground ambulance service claims, and a decrease on income eligibility for each group of family members by \$5,000.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter thanked Annala and IHC clerk Mary Crenshaw for "meticulously watching all those eligibilities. It's a tough job and I appreciate that they're looking after the tax payer's dollars and providing free care to some of these citizens."

Commissioners also approved 65 claims through the Sole Community Provider program in November for \$95,857.03.

Purchase of fire trucks

County commissioners have approved the purchase of two fire trucks, one each for Bonito and Glencoe fire departments. Delivery of the new trucks could be within the next 30 days.

The Bonito truck cost \$352,152, \$240,000 coming from a loan with the New Mexico Finance Authority. The Glencoe apparatus has a purchase price of \$257,112, with \$108,000 coming from the NMFA loan.

The county has the funding to pay in advance for the two vehicles, understanding that \$90,407 will come from Bonito fire funds and \$21,745 from Bonito trust funds, and \$45,259 will come from Glencoe fire funds and \$107,503 from Glencoe trust funds.

Mid-year budget

Mid-year budget adjustments were approved by county commissioners.

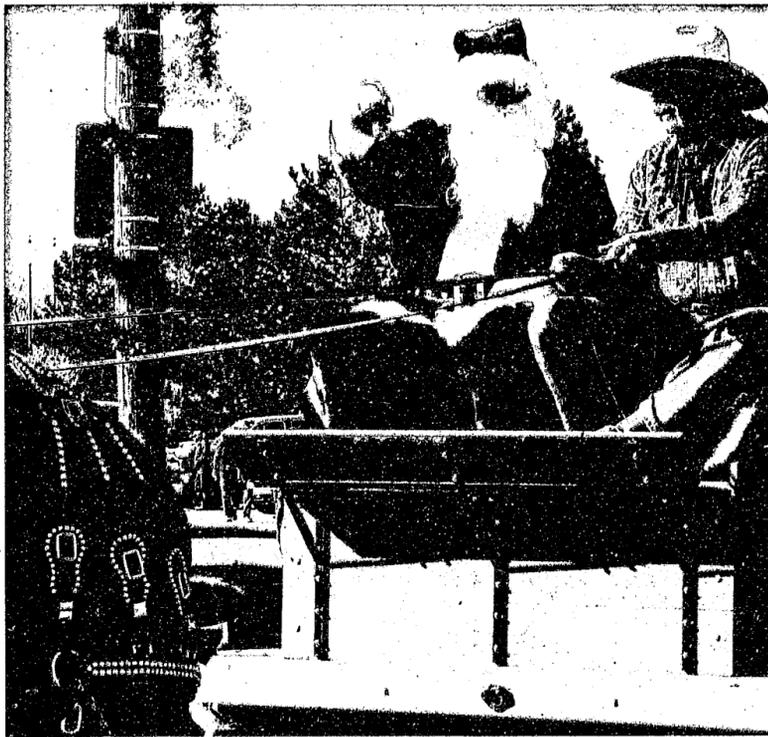
In the budget, commissioners also approved \$50,000 for the purchase of land for proposed senior center in Carrizozo and \$12,999 for a retroreflectory device.

2012 Operational resolutions

County commissioners have approved three operational resolutions for 2012 - regular commission meeting date, the county holiday schedule and the open meetings act.

In addition, commissioners approved meeting schedules for the Lincoln County Land and Rural Affairs Committee, Lincoln County Planning Commission, Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, and lodger's tax committee.

Cowboy Santa Parade in Capitan



Courtesy photo

Come join in the fun! The Annual Cowboy Santa Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m. in Capitan. Entry forms may be picked up from Capitan Public Library or the Capitan Post Office. This is a non motorized event. Ride your horses, dress up your kids and dogs or ride your bikes. Entry forms need to be returned to the Library by noon Friday, Dec. 9.

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The psychling chronicles VeloSwap

The world's largest consumer bicycle swap meet and exposition takes place in Denver annually in late October and hosts nearly 500 vendors, ranging in scope from the individual trying to sell a well used mountain bike to the exotic, constructeur handmade specialty bike. In the world of bicycling, this visual feast borders on gear-head gluttony.



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I have attended this event three or four times and have silently repeated to myself as I walked into the cycling Mecca, "I am a cycleholic."

Most enthusiasts attend this yearly event to secure the deal of a lifetime and more often than not, a good deal is found by all. The offerings are usually backed by interesting people who are usually passionate about their wares. The collectors, designers, builders, engineers and marketers are often consumed with their cycling activity and are eager to share their experiences that often reveal the mechanical aspects of cycling. But there are others who elevate the activity to the artistic level.

I was once asked to drive the photographer's motorcycle during a road race and got to explore the outer limits of my skills as a motorcyclist dodging the competitors and generally trying not to interfere with the tactics of the race. The photographer was rather daring as for most of the event he chose to sit on the bike facing the rear so he was better positioned to get the face shots he was looking for. Sometimes we were doubling the venue's speed limit in an attempt to be in the right place at the right time. I developed a tremendous respect for the drivers and photographers of cycling events as a result of this experience. And when I heard that Graham Watson was flying over from England for VeloSwap, I gathered my Watson cycling photo books and carefully packed them with me to Denver.

Watson is considered one of the world's most astute cycling pho-

tographers. It is believed that a Watson still needs more than the proverbial thousand-word description to relate the image contents; a Watson image is a result of instinct honed by talent. In 1998, his photo of Lance Armstrong's return to top-level professional cycling during the World

Road Championships in the Netherlands captured the power of the grittily determined fallen star reborn with a simple press of the shutter release that circumnavigated the globe.

My mission was to seek and secure Watson's autograph on the photo books I had so earnestly studied. He was not difficult to find; no GPS was needed to navigate the huge venue because directly in the center was a raised photographic display in almost life-sized imagery of his most recognized work. I felt a nirvana as I approached the display and spotted one of my cycling inspirations.

He sat behind a table with his work in front of him. His books were opened to iconic photographs of great cyclists in momentous situations. He was placed in the middle of hanging life-sized images of the greatest cycling event on the professional calendar. But there was no line of appreciative cyclists clamoring for his acknowledgment. He was placed, ironically, near the tables and booths of the professional brands that enthusiasts recognize as emblazoned on the jerseys of the very riders he makes famous around the world with his imagery.

We talked about photographic art and cycling and filtered out the noise of the marketing racket going on around us as he patiently inscribed each of my books. When Watson stood to shake my hand, I felt honored to have had a few moments with one of the most talented and humble members of the professional cycling community, an artist who made heroes of mere mortals.

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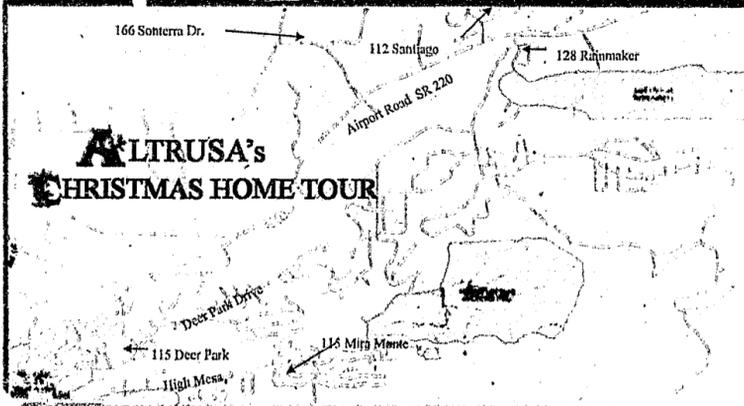
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- **115 Mira Monte** - Alto Lakes CC. Turn off of 48 into Alto Lakes CC. Follow High Mesa past Kokpelli. Turn right on Eagle Ridge. Take the 1st left onto Mira Monte. The house is a green house on the left.
- **128 Rainmaker** - Rainmaker Addition. Traveling East on Airport Road (Hwy 220), turn right onto Paso Monte. Sign says Ranches Ruidoso Condominiums. Take 1st left (Rainmaker). House is on the corner of Rainmaker and Spencer. Southwest style home with big boulders in the yard.
- **166 Sonterra Dr.** - Ranches of Sonterra Addition. Traveling East on Airport Road (Hwy 220), turn left into the 1st entrance of Ranches. Follow Sonterra past Altamira Drive. The house is on the right. It sits back from the road and has lots of trees on the property.
- **112 Santiago** - Ranches of Sonterra Addition. Traveling East on Airport Road (Hwy 220), turn left into the 2nd entrance of Ranches onto Escondida Dr. Turn right onto Santiago Circle. The house is the 2nd house on the right. It is a beige and white 2 story.

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You can encourage the gift of health this Christmas by offering gifts that support such activities. Gym membership passes, ski passes, golf passes, and even yoga and dance are all great choices. Yoga mats, disc golf Frisbees, or a nice backpack for hiking are also enjoyable ideas to motivate each other. Purchasing gift certificates to local restaurants that offer healthy food is another great way to encourage health.

For the readers in our lives, we can purchase books that are written by the wonderful writers in our community. For those who like a little murder and mystery, *Death in a Red Desert* written by locals Charles and Diane Stallings would be a great fit. For an uplifting good time, Jamie Slack has written a book called *Now Here's a Thought*. And for a great insight of Ruidoso's past, *Images of*



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Make a shopping list and stick with it. When we panic or stress, we can sometimes give in to impulse purchases, which usually cost us more in the end. We are often swayed by marketing to choose certain gifts, so be mindful of this and use your imagination. Make your shopping experience a fun one this season, and get to know your neighbors as you support their businesses.

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Nov. 22

Boys basketball

Mescalero 71, Foothill 32
Ruidoso 66, Hatch 51

Girls basketball

Mescalero 45, Artesia JV 39

Nov. 28

Girls basketball

Roswell at Ruidoso, late

SPORTS UPCOMING

Nov. 29

Boys basketball

Ruidoso at Cobre, 7 p.m.
Carrizozo at Cloudcroft, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Carrizozo at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.
SoCorro at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 1

Boys basketball

Mescalero at Corona, 7 p.m.
Hondo at Capitan, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo in Magdalena Tournament, TBA

Girls basketball

Mescalero at Corona, 5 p.m.
Hondo at Capitan, 5:30 p.m.
Carrizozo in Magdalena Tournament, TBA

Dec. 2

Boys basketball

Artesia JV at Mescalero, 6:30 p.m.
Ruidoso at Hot Springs, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo in Magdalena Tournament, TBA

Girls basketball

Carrizozo in Magdalena Tournament, TBA

Dec. 3

Boys basketball

Cloudcroft at Capitan, 6:30 p.m.
Tularosa at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo in Magdalena Tournament, TBA

Girls basketball

Ruidoso at West Las Vegas, 3:30 p.m.
Cloudcroft at Capitan, 4:30 p.m.
Carrizozo in Magdalena Tournament, TBA

IRON MAN

Crewe tops in age bracket at Cozumel



By Todd Fuqua

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Local runner/all-around athlete Sarah Crewe just completed the race of a lifetime.

Crewe, 53, competed over the weekend in the Cozumel, Mexico, Ironman Triathlon even, finishing first in her age division and marking a triumphant return to the sport.

Crewe's overall time of 11 hours, two minutes and 46 seconds put her almost a full hour ahead of personal trainer Peri Kowal in second place, and was the best time out of 44 runners in her age division.

With the win, Crewe is now qualified for the Hawaii Ironman World Championships in October of next

year.

"That's the pinnacle of the sport, so it's an honor," Crewe said of her inclusion to the Hawaii event. "I haven't done one of these in 11 years, so I was filled with trepidation before the race.

The Alto resident had taken the time off to raise a family, taking her away from training and running in this grueling event. That she finished first in every single leg of the race — swimming, biking and running — is a testament to how dedicated she was to returning in top form.

"I didn't have much time to train, so I had to use my mental energy to get me through it," Crewe said. "Especially the last 10 kilometers of the run, that was all mental.

"We experienced a tremendous rain storm during the run where we had to wade through shin-high troughs of water," she added. "During that run I kept thinking about the Vietnam warriors and how they had marched in muck for months while I only had to do it for four hours."

A full Ironman triathlon is brutally punishing, even for those who are fully trained and in top shape — consisting of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike race and 26.2 mile marathon run.

"I have blisters on top of blisters and can't walk very well, but an experience like that really teaches you that you are stronger than you think," Crewe said. "I was so proud to represent New Mexico and Ruidoso here."

Courtesy Sarah Crewe, seen during a race in Galveston, Texas, earlier in the year, earned a first-place finish in her age division at the Ironman Triathlon Sunday in Cozumel, Mexico. Her win qualifies her for the World Championships next year in Hawaii.

Warriors open hardwood season with win

Boys team picks back up tonight with game at Cobre

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The basketball season kicked off to a good start for Ruidoso Monday, as the boys travelled to Hatch and came back with a 66-51 victory.

The Warriors (1-0) were as much as 20 points ahead near the end of the game before coach Dennis Davis put in younger players.

"I didn't really need to run up the score," Davis said. "So we let kids get in the game that wouldn't normally play."

Ruidoso was still without Ryan Williams and Joe Marquez, two of the taller

players on the team, so the Warriors were even smaller than normal and relied a great deal on perimeter shooting and speed in transition to score their points.

Terence Shields had a game-high 27 points to lead Ruidoso, while Ismail LaPaz had 12 and Brandon Lewis 10.

"Shields had good looks on the perimeter and scored in transition," Davis said. "But he was driving to the basket pretty well in our half court offense as well.

"We had no size, but that didn't matter too much in terms of us getting scoring opportunities," he added. "We were able to defend their shooters effectively and were able to score ourselves when we got open shots."

Ruidoso's speed also kept Hatch from scoring, using a man defense that shut the

Bears down until the final six minutes of the game, when Davis emptied his bench.

Davis gave his team the rest of the week off for the Thanksgiving break, and the Warriors will have just one day of practice before their next game, Nov. 29, at Cobre.

Ruidoso won big over Cobre in the season opener last year, as the Warriors almost hit the century mark in scoring. Davis isn't sure the same thing will happen this year.

"I honestly don't know if they're the same team as last year," Davis said of the Indians. "They could be competitive, and we've still got a long ways to go to be a really good team. But if we keep improving, there's hope for us at the end of the season."

Eyes on the prize

Ruidoso grapplers, new coach, sets high goals this season

By Todd Fuqua

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This season, the Ruidoso wrestling program will be one to watch out for at state.

At least it will if coach John Pacheco has anything to do with it.

Pacheco came to Ruidoso from Houston this year, where he had coached at the 5A level for 10 years before making the move to the mountains. He came in to a program that had only 11 wrestlers the season before, and now has 41 wrestlers with the season set to start Dec. 10-11 at the Las Cruces Tournament.

Those 41 wrestlers displayed their skills for parents and students at a scrimmage Nov. 22 at RHS, with Pacheco explaining in no uncertain terms to those gathered what he expects of this team.

"Right now, we're building a technical foundation, working on our attitude and conditioning," Pacheco said. "I asked the returners what their expectations were, and they said they wanted to do better than they did last year."

At last season's state tournament, the Warriors were 19th out of 23 teams in Class 3A, with Oscar Magana having the best finish individually, falling to St. Michael's Jesse Martinez in the championship of the 152-pound weight class.

Magana graduated, and Pacheco has had to rebuild with a few returning from last season's squad, including Tanner DeSoto — who was fifth in the state at



Ruidoso wrestling coach John Pacheco speaks to parents at the end of a scrimmage Nov. 22 at RHS. Pacheco and the 41-member Warrior wrestling team have set their sights on a top-5 finish at this season's Class 3A state tournament.

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"He has a no-quit attitude, and he's a kid I want to put on the podium this year," Pacheco said of DeSoto. "He's pleasant and very respectful."

Other wrestlers Pacheco will be relying on include Travis Berry, who came to Ruidoso about the same time as Pacheco, at 145 pounds, Cody Berry at 126, Nick Seacrest at 113 pounds, and Elijah Ross, who dropped off the team two years ago but is now back.



Elijah Ross, top, attempts to pin teammate Nick Seacrest during Ruidoso's wrestling scrimmage Nov. 22 at RHS.

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Outdoor recreation equals big business

By Todd Fuqua

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Mountain trails can mean so much more than a great way to get into shape in the great outdoors.

According to Cody Thurston, it can mean a lot of tourist dollars for Ruidoso.

Thurston, owner of Ruidoso Outdoor Adventures, said he's seen towns of similar size — with less to offer than Ruidoso already has — bursting at the seams with tourists because they've poured money into developing trails in their area.

He thinks the same thing can happen here, and has been working hard in the last four years to see that it does.

"It's come a long way in the last four years, but I didn't start this, I just picked it up from where others left off," Thurston said. "There had been others trying to start it, but then got the door shut in their face. When I got the International Bike Association in it, that made it a legitimate project to some people."

Thurston was born in Durango, Colo., a town that knows how to exploit its natural resources to nature lovers of all stripes — from hiking to biking to river rafting. But he was actually raised in Mineral Wells, Texas, where he learned the trade of a horseshoer and got into the horse racing business.

That business eventually brought him to Ruidoso Downs, and he still works full time in that trade, travelling from track to track as race meets begin and end.

But his Ruidoso Outdoor Adventures store represents his dream, and it's a dream that has come a little bit true with



A bike rider takes to the newly-completed Grindstone trail. The trail is one of three outdoor advocates are hoping can be built in the area to boost tourism year-round in Ruidoso.

Ty Wyant/For the Ruidoso Free Press

the recent opening of almost a mile's worth of developed trail in the Grindstone Lake area.

According to Thurston, that's the beginning of what he hopes will be a 17.6 mile long trail in the area, along with similar trails near Cedar Creek and Bonito Lake.

In all, it's about 100 miles of trail Thurston and other trail supporters hope to see in place, but the plan hasn't been without its naysayers.

"Many people don't understand the benefits of a trail system," Thurston said. "This town has never seen anything like it and what the tourism

benefits are.

"Because most don't sell bikes or ride or hike themselves, a lot of people don't see how these trails could benefit them," he added. "But that's so close-minded. This town has no idea what year-round recreation trails can mean for tourism and business."

Thurston claims the amount of money brought into the state for outdoor recreation — which includes camping, hiking, hunting fishing and skiing — is far more than that generated by the horse racing industry. That could mean a lot more business for Ruidoso if these developed

trails are in place.

These are sustainable trails, not those that have been carved out ad-hoc by hikers in areas such as Cedar Creek. Thurston said these would be mapped out, constructed and clearly marked to accommodate all manner of outdoor recreation.

So what will it take to convince locals of the benefits of a trail system?

"We need to get a trail in place and show them what it can mean," Thurston said. "We want to build this trail (at Grindstone) as well as we can build it, and those that can hike it will realize just how amazing

it is. The Village has to market it and get people out there, and that's when we can start seeing the effects.

As an example, Thurston pointed to Moab, Utah, where his daughter and her classmates wanted to go for a senior high school trip. When he tried to book a set of rooms for four days, he couldn't find a single hotel in late May that could accommodate him.

"Compared to Ruidoso for the same time period, I could have reserved entire floors for that long," Thurston said. "That's what outdoor recreation can do for your town."

Lady Chief bench comes through for win over Artesia

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For the second time in as many weeks, the Mescalero Lady Chiefs were able to defeat Artesia's junior varsity, winning this time 45-39.

"They played us real good the second time around and knew what they had to do," Mescalero coach Nate Raynor said of the Lady Bulldogs. "But then you'd expect that."

Artesia's defense sagged on Valerie Garcia and Diona Chavez, the two players that hurt the Lady Bulldogs the most a week before. Even so, Garcia got 20 points to lead the game, while Chavez chipped in 12.

What really made the difference was the scoring Mescalero got from players like Hope Geronimo and M'Linn Hanks.

"At halftime, I told these girls that we'd have to rely on our bench for points this year," Raynor said. "When teams defend them (Chavez and Garcia) like that, we have to score with everyone else."

Mescalero (3-0) also got good minutes from Heather Enjady, who

Lady Chiefs 45, Lady Bulldogs 39				
Mescalero (45)				
Angel Duffy	0	0	0	0
Heather Enjady	0	0	0	0
Kayla Belin	0	0	0	0
Hope Geronimo	3	0	2	7
Cayleigh Palmer	1	0	0	2
Tristine Chico	0	0	4	0
M'Linn Hanks	2	0	0	4
Valerie Garcia	9	1	2	20
Diona Chavez	6	0	2	12
Ardis Holder	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	1	10	45
Artesia JV (39)				
Bethany Houghtaling	0	0	0	0
Haley Riggs	0	2	3	2
Brandi Kimble	4	0	0	9
Valeria Muniz	0	0	0	0
Johnnie Guajardo	0	0	0	0
Cordane Lara	0	0	1	0
Sara Connelly	0	0	0	0
Kiara Thurman	0	0	0	0
A. Aguirre	0	0	0	0
A. Gonzales	2	1	2	5
Alisa Garcia	0	0	0	0
S. Matthews	5	4	7	14
Bianca Romo	3	3	5	9
Mansa Grado	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	10	18	39
Mescalero	7	17	14	7
Artesia JV	8	11	2	18
Three point goals — Mes 2 (Geronimo, Garcia), Art 1 (Kimble). Fouled out — None. Total fouls — Mes 15, Art 11.				

moved up from junior varsity to spell starting point guard Angel Duffy, out with an ankle injury.

"She was a little scared, playing in her first varsity game," Raynor said of Enjady's performance. "But she did a great job and is getting more confidence."

Another team that had a great day was the Mescalero junior varsity, which defeated Artesia's c-team 37-32 in double overtime.

"We were up by 10 points at the end, then let them right back in it," Raynor said. "We were able to hit a three with four seconds left to tie it and send it into the first overtime."

Mescalero has no

playing time until Dec. 1, when they head to Corona to take on a Lady Cardinal basketball team that's also 3-0 and could win this year's District 4B crown.

The Lady Chiefs will have something of an uphill battle, as they won't be able to practice on their court next week, as the floor is being refurbished.

Instead, Raynor will have the girls in the weight room and conditioning on the track — weather permitting.

"Corona's good and quick, so we'll have to keep our game faces on," Raynor said. "Also, this will give Angel a chance to heal that ankle."

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Mescalero boys win big over Foothill

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MESCALERO – It didn't take long for the Mescalero boys to secure their first basketball win of the season Monday.

The Chiefs were a little clunky at first – not scoring their first bucket until two minutes into the game – but their press and fast break downed Foothill high in a 71-32 victory.

"We'd been working on layups and a lot more defense," said Mescalero coach Mike Torres. "I think we played better

team defense tonight, and we put that to our advantage in this game."

Mescalero (1-1) only had a 10-point lead at the end of the first quarter after a skyhook jumper by Tahari Kaydahzinne, but went on a 15-0 run in the second quarter to really put the game away.

Everyone got into the scoring column – Godfrey Cordova had 17 point to lead the team, followed by Sam Herrera with 13. Tahari and Aaron Kaydahzinne had 10 points each.

It was a marked contrast from Mescalero's

first game of the season, a loss to New Mexico Military Institute in which the Chiefs got plenty of steals and turnovers, but were unable to convert at the other end of the court.

"We did some drills on layups in practice and were able to play our game tonight," said Tahari. "In our first game, everyone was kind of nervous, and that's why it was such a bad game. But now we know what we need to do."

The Chiefs had 11 steals in the game – Tahari Kaydahzinne had three – and held every Falcon

that scored to single digits. Kyle Bullbear and Arnold Madrid had six points each to lead Foothill (0-3).

Mescalero has the week off until a road game at Corona Dec. 1, but Torres said they'll keep practicing.

"It was good to get something under our belt before Thanksgiving, especially a win," Torres said. "We're still evaluating this team, trying to figure out what mixture we're going to run with."

Chiefs 71, Falcons 32

Foothill (0-3)

Luis Talamantes 0 0-0 0, Julian Oroseo 0 0-0 0, Bryan Lee 1 1-2 3, Jack Trujillo 2 0-0 5, Ethan Chamblee 1 0-0 2, Carlie Overturf 0 0-0 0, Kyle Bullbear 2 2-2 6, Chance Stockwell 2 0-0 4, Cameron Pinta 0 0-0 0, Marte Lefthandbull 0 0-0 0, Ray Perez 0 0-0 0, Arnold Madrid 3 0-0 6, Bryan Arfedendo 3 1-2 5, Jordan Sandoval 0 1-2 1, Totals 14 5-8 32.

Mescalero (1-1)

Justin Franklin 1 0-0 2, Tahari Kaydahzinne 5 0-0 10, Alex Kirgan 2 2-4 6, Kenneth Kayitah 1 1-2 3, Sam Herrera 6 1-2 13, Calbert John 1 2-4 4, Dillon Cochise 2 0-0 4, Aaron Kaydahzinne 4 2-2 10, Kyle Yahnahki 1 0-0 2, Godfrey Cordova 8 1-2 17, Totals 31 9-16 71.

Foothill 4 12 10 6 - 32

Mescalero 14 23 22 12 - 71

Three point goals – Foot 1 (Trujillo), Fouled out – Foot (Sandoval), Rebounds – Foot 33 (Madrid 8), Mes 54 (Cordova 13). Steals – Foot 4 (Madrid 2), Mes 11 (TKaydahzinne 3), Blocks – Foot 1 (Madrid), Mes 1 (Cordova). Turnovers – Foot 15, Mes 10. Total fouls – Foot 14, Mes 12.



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Mescalero's Alex Kirgan, left, drives to the basket past Foothill's Arnold Madrid Nov. 21 at Mescalero.



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Kaya Godac, top, ties up Cheyenne Lanick Nov. 21 during the Ruidoso wrestling team's scrimmage at RHS.

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With that core group, Pacheco is confident the team can reach his goal of at least a top five finish at state this season.

To do that, the Warriors will have to do well against the best teams in the state at the 3A level, two of which are in Ruidoso's district.

"Silver is the defending state champion, and Cobre was third, so we're in a tough district," Pacheco said. "But without tough competition, you're not going to grow."

Pacheco has scheduled his team in five tournaments that feature Silver and Cobre this season to prepare. He's also added a home dual against Goddard Jan. 12 in addition to hosting the Sierra Blanca Classic Jan. 20-21.

It's the only two times local wrestling fans will get to see the Warriors in action at home, something Pacheco is hoping to change in years to come.

"There aren't that

many schools at our level with wrestling programs in the area," Pacheco said. "Getting duals with schools was difficult, coming in as late as I did. But next year we'll get back to that."

"It's very important for the kids to have duals at home," he added. "We can use that as a recruiting tool, and we'll do those matches first class. We want the people to come out and support us."

Several wrestlers Pacheco recruited to the team merely by walking the halls between classes and meeting students. A number of those on the team had never wrestled before in their lives, but are picking up the system quickly.

In addition to building up the middle school program to feed accomplished wrestlers into the system, Pacheco is also working to start up a youth program, with sign-ups at the gym which started this Monday. Youth from age 4 through

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- 1 red onion, peeled
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 3 pears (not too ripe)
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- 2 ounces hazelnuts, lightly toasted, halved
- 5 ounces baby greens (watercress, baby spinach and frisée)
- 10 ounces Cashel Blue cheese, crumbled
- Dressing:
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
 - 1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - Salt and pepper
 - 4 tablespoons hazelnut oil
 - 2 tablespoons light olive oil
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons superfine sugar (or to taste)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Halve onion and cut it into



crescent slices. Put into a small ovenproof dish, drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast about 20 minutes, or until soft with slightly caramelized tips. Keep warm.

Whisk dressing ingredients together. Halve and core pears, then cut lengthwise into slices slightly thicker than 1/4 inches. Melt butter in a frying pan and quickly sauté on each side until golden. Don't overcook — they should still hold their shape.

Toss salad greens with nuts, using most of the dressing; divide among 6 plates. Add pear and onion slices to each plate and scatter with cheese. Drizzle each plate with the rest of the dressing. Serves 6.

As featured on BBC Radio 4 Woman's Hour.

A Tree Decorating Party

A holiday party doesn't have to be fancy; any simple excuse to gather informally, like trimming the tree or decorating the house, will do. It's a great way to include children in the festivities. Serve up mugs of chowder enriched with Irish Cheddar, plenty of bread and Irish



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Potato Chowder with Pancetta and Aged Cheddar

- 6 ounces pancetta or bacon, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, unpeeled, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup low-fat buttermilk
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Kerrygold Aged Cheddar

In large saucepan over medium-high heat, cook pancetta, stirring, until crisp, about 5 minutes. Remove pancetta and drain on paper towels. Discard all but 1/2 teaspoon fat from pan. Add onion and sauté over high heat until lightly browned, 4 to 5 minutes. Add potatoes, celery and broth. Cover, bring to a boil and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 12 minutes. Add buttermilk and pancetta and stir until hot, 1 to 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat, stir in cheese and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings; multiply recipe for a crowd.

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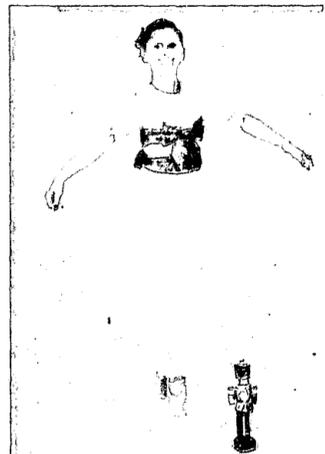
The holidays are a time when families enjoy attending performances of *The Nutcracker* ballet, based on Alexandre Dumas' interpretation of E.T.A. Hoffman's tale *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*, along with Peter Tchaikovsky's outstanding music score.

Ruidoso Dance Ensemble, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation, will present this ballet at the Spencer Theater Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$28 and can be purchased at the Spencer Theater box office. Call (575) 336-4800 for information.

The Nutcracker ballet tells the story about a little girl, Clara, and her journey from her everyday world to a world of dreams and magic. It uses dance and mime (no words) to tell the story. The ballet begins with the excitement of a holiday party on a snowy night and the joy of children playing together. As this special night goes on, Clara's story unfolds. She travels to a place where anything you can imagine can come true.

It is such a pleasure to work with the talented children of the Ruidoso community and surrounding communities. In so many cities across the country *The Nutcracker* is part of the Christmas holiday celebration. It is tradition for many families. I want the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's *The Nutcracker* to become a part of Ruidoso's holiday celebration.

This is our seventh year to present *The Nutcracker* at the Spencer Theater. There are over 80 children and adults in this year's production. Our very own Simon Pawlak will be performing the roll as the Cavalier. Christy Huey of Corona will be dancing the roll of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The



leading role of Clara will be danced by 13-year-old Sabina Judah of Cloudcroft. Sabina's ballet technique and stage presence is exceptional for someone her young age. She is sure to capture the heart of everyone in the audience. Finally, the role of the Nutcracker will be danced by Nick Mesa of Tucson.

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Tom Waits review - *Bad as Me*

By Ty Wyatt

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Bad Is Good

Tom Waits just sticks, right down there in your gut. He growls the visceral reflections of a misfit troubadour who continually exposes irritating turns along America's twisting path.

Waits, all the while, builds a whiskey-smooth comfort throughout his work. Especially, when his subject is America's downtrodden who remain hopeful and when he meshes diverse musical styles. Throw in a good-sized scoop of dry humor and you have Waits perspective on the American landscape.

"My wife actually thinks I have a syndrome called Reality Distortion Field. It's kind of like drugs, only you can't come back from it. Reality Distortion is almost a permanent condition. Things come in and they go out: Presto, chango," Waits said.

This "Reality Distortion" led to his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame back in March. "They say that I have no hits and I'm difficult to work with... like it's a bad thing," he said at his induction.

His latest album *Bad as Me* is a good thing, a flagship among his 20 albums. It



ranks right up there with the back-to-back albums *Swordfishtrombones* (1983) and *Rain Dogs* (1985) as sentinels in Waits' library.

Waits brought in guitarists Keith Richards and Marc Ribot to help on *Rain Dogs* and they're up front on *Bad as Me*, Waits' first all-new studio album in eight years. Richards plays on four cuts and Ribot's Cuban influence has been a Waits mainstay for three decades.

Waits, with Richards' and Ribot's guitars, pushes the opening song "Chicago" while Waits' lyrics speak to the hard times that inflicted America during the depression and today: "What we need the Lord will give us/All we want we carry with us/You know where I can be found/Where the rainbow hits the ground/I'm not alone/I'm not afraid/This bird has flown his cage."

The electric guitar-laced *Bad as Me* also features guitarist David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) and bassists Flea (Red Hot Chili Peppers) and Les Claypool on other tracks.

Ribot and Hidalgo back the haunting ballad "Talking at the Same Time," the rockabilly "Get Lost" and mournful blues "Face to the Highway." Flea lays a

funky blues line to "Raised Me Right" and Claypool channels his take on Bill Wyman behind Richards' licks on the "Satisfied."

Waits makes one of his expected humorous leaps on "Satisfied" and Richards is happy to help take a poke at the

Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" and The Glimmer Twins. "Now Mr. Jagger and Mr. Richards/I will scratch where I've been itching/Before I'm gone/Before I'm gone," Waits waits to a late-night, honky-tonk rhythm.

Waits is now a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, was nominated for a best musical score Academy Award (Francis Ford Coppola's *One from the Heart* in 1982) and has a successful album in *Bad as Me*, which debuted on the Billboard Top 200 Album Chart at number six. He has also acted and done voice-over work in films. He's an artist whose preferred medium is his sound.

"I'm always looking for sounds that are pleasing at the time," Waits told *The New Yorker*. "The sound of a helicopter is really annoying until you're drowning, and it's there to rescue you. Then it sounds like music."

Björk review - *Biophilia*

By Ty Vinney

Music Reporter

The unique voice of Björk returns with her eighth full-length studio

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album *Biophilia*. It's been four years and change since we last heard the Icelandic singer and she brings her unusual artistry back to the scene. The album is an experiment of sorts to "reconnect musicology with nature," the artist said. Given every album she crafts has its own unique spin, I'm sure if nothing else it'll be an adventure into the weird.

The same musical notes recycled again and again support "Moon." The vocals are what you'd expect from previous albums and are sort of all over the place. "Thunderbolt" is like the song before it, powered by vocals with some sound bits of electronica and percussion in the background. "Virus" is a tale of love written from a bizarre perspective.

"Like a virus needs a body, a soft tissue feeds on blood, one day I'll find you, one day I'm there," describes the need for someone, or in this case the need for a host body to feed sickness.

The whole record is strange and almost sounds like it was cooked up using only a computer for the scoring of her lyrics. I've been listening to Björk since her first solo album *Debut*. One never knows what you'll get from her. Sometimes it's a fantastic album and others it's just a few songs that stick with you. This album was one that I had a hard time getting into. It sounds very amateurish to me. Some may really enjoy it and thrive on it but for me it has done her discography no favors.

Book review - *Breathe (A Jack Edwards novel)* by Chuck Duncan

By Eugene Heathman

Editor

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Breathe is a novel centered on Jack Edwards, a proficient sniper during the Vietnam War in 1967. Edwards is a matter of fact type of soldier with few but very strong allies and even fewer and much deadlier enemies, both in and out of the jungle. Edwards returns home and falls in love with his dead buddy's sister, Emma Long, a beautiful and intelligent African-American woman from the poor side of Phoenix. They soon find that they are not exempt from the violence that had suddenly permeated the Valley of the Sun as they become entwined in a whirlwind of hatred and retribution, shattering the illusion of bliss that they had constructed around themselves. Their love is tested as they become victims of ruthless violence and together, they sow the seeds for revenge. Things are never as they seem, and once the page is turned, they are never the same again.

Breathe is a compelling story with characters that one can easily identify with. The class warfare, racial issues, Vietnam, and corrupt politicians and bring 1967 Americana back to life. *Breathe* has something for every reader: a Vietnam sniper who lives in a grey world amongst an idealistic group of individuals promoting goodness over evil, an inspiring military Colonel, an up and coming Latino FBI agent and an intricate web of corrupt politicians. Edwards' missions and circumstances are dark, mysterious, painted in grey. However long ago 1967 may have been, the backbone of violence, corruption and love remain the same and is a compelling metaphor highlighting the struggles of today's world.

Breathe guides the reader through the battleground of Vietnam while the war at home fathers unique, uncommon racial and ethical bonds pitted against deep political corruption and primal urban crime. The book is the first in

Breathe

A Jack Edwards Novel

By Chuck Duncan

what is hopefully a dramatic series that will bring Jack Edwards and his uncanny troupe face to face with the eerily familiar darkness of power struggles in America's underworld. *Breathe* brings out the best in the stomping grounds of war in the jungles, war on the streets, and corruption hardened political circles. The characters in *Breathe* guide the reader through peril and victory; driven by honor, forbidden love, respect out of circumstance and home-grown patriotism.

The author, Chuck Duncan is a long-time Ruidoso resident, musician, song writer and businessman who served on the boards of several local charities, business organizations and political committees. Duncan remains involved in Ruidoso's politics from afar, but gave up the local music scene when he and his wife Marilyn decided to travel full time. Duncan has long had a love of political history; this is reflected in his writing. Duncan considers himself to be an "Historical Fiction" novelist, using historical facts to build a base for his story lines, then drawing on period-accurate social paradigms to craft his characters. He is adamant about remaining true to his writing, never compromising for the sake of political correctness. Duncan takes great care to insure that his work is both entertaining and informative, reinforcing to the reader that the mistakes of the past will not only repeat themselves, but already have, many times over.

Duncan and his wife Marilyn have been traveling the United States extensively. Their goal is to visit all 50 states, focusing on the sites both famous and infamous in the building of the nation. Using this as inspiration, he recently completed his first book "Breathe", which is available as an e-book on Amazon.com and downloadable to any computer or device for only 99 cents. He is now working on the sequel to "Breathe", which is tentatively entitled "Mothers".

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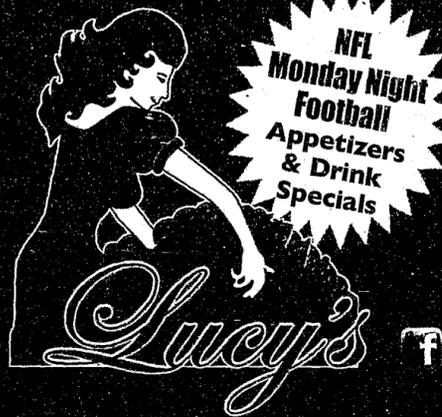
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Aunque todo el mundo debe recibir una vacuna contra la gripe cada temporada de gripe, es especialmente importante que las personas en los siguientes grupos se vacunen, ya sea porque están en alto riesgo de tener serias complicaciones relacionadas o porque viven con o cuidan a personas en alto riesgo de el desarrollo de complicaciones relacionadas con la gripe:

- Las mujeres embarazadas

- Los niños menores de cinco años, pero especialmente los niños menores de dos años
- Las personas mayores de 65 años
- Personas de cualquier edad con ciertas condiciones médicas crónicas como asma, diabetes, y enfermedad pulmonar o cardíaca
- Las personas que viven en hogares de ancianos u otras instalaciones a largo plazo de cuidado
- Personas que viven con o cuidan a personas en alto riesgo de complicaciones de la gripe, incluido el personal sanitario y cuidadores de bebés menores de 6 meses
- Indios Americanos y Nativos de Alaska, que la temporada de gripe pasada parecía estar en mayor riesgo

de complicaciones de la gripe

- Las personas que sufren de obesidad mórbida.

La gente puede encontrar más información sobre la web del Departamento de Salud en <http://www.nmhealth.org>.

RMS Junta vota en contra de la terminación maestro

Por Eugene Heathman

Consideración de la descarga recomendada de un instructor con licencia fue discutido durante una reunión especial del Consejo de RMS 18 de noviembre. La Junta se mudó a una reunión a puerta cerrada sobre la posibilidad de descargar instructor Connie Reynolds. RMS Miembro de la Junta pidió a Kerry Gladden presidente de la junta Devin Marshall se abstuvieron de la audi-

encia desde Gladden es un primo de Jason Edmister, director de WME. Cuando el Consejo se volvió a abrir la sesión, Cecil Davis propuso que la Junta de Educación de encontrar una causa justa que no existe para el desempeño de Connie Reynolds, un instructor con licencia, de su empleo en las Escuelas Municipales de Ruidoso. La moción fue aprobada con el voto Rhonda Vicente no; Cecil Davis-aye, Devin Marshall-aye, Curt

Temple-aye. La Junta de Educación de Ruidoso se reunirá el Jueves, 01 de diciembre a las 8:15 am para considerar medidas correctivas, en su caso, a ser implementado por el Superintendente a su regreso un empleado de la escuela con licencia para trabajar. La Junta se reúne en el edificio de la Escuela de Administración de Ruidoso, 200 Círculo de Horton. RMS reuniones de la Junta están abiertos al público.

Breves pueblo; planta de tratamiento celebra la finalización

Los resultados de la exitosa construcción de la nueva planta regional de tratamiento de aguas residuales y los retos de la reunión de los estrictos límites asignados a los futuros vertidos en el Río Ruidoso será presentado por el Consejo Regional de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales uso de la planta conjunta en el Centro de Convención de Ruidoso, 111 Sierra Blanca unidad, el 14 de diciembre 10 a.m.-12 p.m.. El evento contará con presentaciones previstas por el Dr. David Stensel de la Universidad de Washington y el Sr. Jim buena paramétrica, una firma de consultoría ambiental. Dr. Stensel presentará recientes investigaciones pertinentes sobre la eliminación biológica de nutrientes, ya que se aplicaría a la nueva planta y para permitir la corriente de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de NPDES. El Sr. Good presentará en su recolección de datos en curso sobre el Río Ruidoso, tanto aguas

arriba y aguas abajo de la nueva planta. Además, habrá la oportunidad de visitar la nueva planta y los puntos de muestreo a lo largo del Río Ruidoso inicio en 1 pm. La investigación y recopilación de datos se realizaron con el fin de cumplir con acuerdo de solución Ruidoso con el Departamento de Medio Ambiente de Nuevo México y para recopilar información suficiente para Ruidoso para presentar una petición ante la nueva Comisión de Control de Calidad del Agua México a enmendar los límites futuros de descarga. La petición se basan en datos recogidos en el Río Ruidoso para mostrar que los vertidos de nitrógeno reducido en gran medida de la nueva planta regional de tratamiento de aguas residuales son lo suficientemente bajos para proteger la calidad del agua del río y que una gran expansión de la nueva planta para reducir aún más los niveles de nitrógeno no justificar científicamente.

Mujeres ayudando a Mujeres es un grupo de apoyo para víctimas y sobrevivientes de violencia doméstica. El grupo se reúne cada miércoles de 2 a 3 p.m. en Sweet Charity 26156 US Highway 70. El grupo ofrece apoyo, recursos, referencias e información acerca de cuestiones y problemas de los niños. No hay ningún costo y servicios bilingües están disponibles. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor hable al Nest al 378-6378.

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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29

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.

Scout rally. The Sierra Blanca District of the Boy Scouts of America will conduct a Ruidoso Recruiting Rally at 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road, Ruidoso. Leaders from all the Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops in Ruidoso will be on hand to talk about the scouting programs. Activities will include campfire songs, games and plenty of refreshments. Parents and their sons also will have the opportunity to sign up in a pack or troop at the Rally. For more information, call Jack Shuster at 257-0871.

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

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30

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. Stories about Christmas; craft - make Christmas ornaments. 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 DECEMBER 1

Christmas in the Park, Schoolhouse Park, on Sudderth Dr., next to the tennis courts and Ruidoso Fire Station, 6 - 8 p.m. Tree lighting, pictures with Santa, sleigh rides, caroling, and hot chocolate. Grindstone Stables Sleigh Rides. For more information, contact FOL 1-888-715-4448; www.ruidosonow.com/festival-of-lights. Free.

Cree Meadows Country Club is hosting a taco bar and DJ.

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 2

Walk Through Bethlehem, Angus Nazarene Church, Hwy 48 Angus Hill, Alto, 6 & 8 p.m. This is a wonderful walk through time! See a different look at Bethlehem in Jesus time. There will be people dressed in costume as well as artisans showing their work and a nativity scene. By reservation only, so make your reservations early. For more information, contact the Church of the Nazarene: 575-336-8032. Free. Reservations only!

RRCA Member's Art Extravaganza & Holiday Party, Ruidoso

Arts Council, 1712 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 6 - 9 p.m. Start the Holiday season with your fellow artists and join us for the RRCA Member's Art Extravaganza & Holiday Party. We are inviting the public to our Holiday Party at our Gallery: Visit with friends, enjoy some holiday music, and learn about the Ruidoso Arts Council. Refreshments will be served. Artwork will be displayed throughout the whole month of December by local talented artists. For more information, contact the Ruidoso Arts Council: 575-257-7272; www.ruidosoarts.org. Free.

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 Space Oddities (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 DECEMBER 3

Craft fair at the Foot of the Cross Church, next to Schlotzsky's, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Plenty of hand crafts and some baked goods.

Christmas Holiday Hoedown presented by the Carrizozo Woman's Club, at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue in Carrizozo, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., with 24 crafters selling everything from handmade jewelry to books and artwork.

North Park Skate Jam at the Ruidoso Skate Park on White Mountain Drive, 11 a.m. Presented by Eco Servants.

Walk Through Bethlehem, Angus Nazarene Church, Hwy 48 Angus Hill, Alto, 2 p.m. This is

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Parade of Lights, throughout Midtown Ruidoso, beginning at Mechem and Sudderth and continuing to the Chamber of Commerce, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Beautifully lit and fantastically festive, the Festival of Lights 2011 Parade, brings friends and family for an evening of twinkling lights, hot chocolate and togetherness in the winter wonderland of Ruidoso. This year's Parade Marshall is long time local Herb Brunell. For more information, call 575-257-7395; www.ruidosonow.com/festival-of-lights. Free.

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

Altrusa Christmas Home Tour, 3 - 5 p.m. As part of our efforts to raise funds for Low Cost Mammograms, the Altrusa Club of Ruidoso will conduct a Christmas Tour of Homes. Door prize and refreshments to follow at Casa Feliz. For more information, call Tanya: 575-336-7473; www.altrusaruidoso.com.

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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 Walmart, 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) 973-0117.

Midweek Advent Worship

To prepare spiritually for Christmas, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church will hold a series of special Advent services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The overall theme of the services will be "Savior of the Nations, Come," with Pastor Schoech's messages based on the messianic prophecies in Isaiah 40. The sermon theme for Wednesday, Nov. 30 will be "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People." Each service will be preceded by a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited. The church is located at 1120 Hull Road in Ruidoso. For more information call (575) 258-4191 M-F, 9-1 p.m.

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.

Weekday 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).

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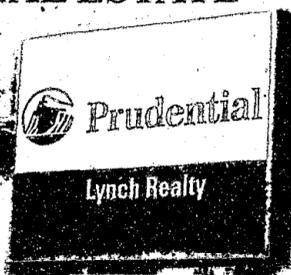
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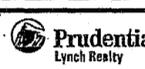
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