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WHAT'S HAPPENING

December 9, 10, 11
**Walk Through
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What was it like that night - the night Christ was born? Would you have felt it in the air, in the night breeze, in the excitement of the crowds? Take a look inside Walk Through Bethlehem to learn more. At Angus Nazarene Church on Highway 48 and Angus Hill. Reservations are required at www.wtbnm.org. 6 - 8 p.m. Free.

December 10
**7th Annual Lincoln
County Sheriff's
Posse Cowboy
Christmas Ball**

Come have dinner and dance the night away with Jody Nix and the Texas Playboys. Mountain Annie's, 2710 Sudderth. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7, dance at 8. 575-808-4111 for tickets. \$55.

**Annual Cowboy
Santa Parade
in Capitan**

Come join in the fun! Watch the tradition of this non-motorized parade. See your friends and neighbors on horses, with their kids, walking dogs and riding bikes. The parade begins at 12:30 p.m. and entries will be received at the Capitan Library until noon on Friday, Dec. 9.

December 11
**The Nativity Scene
Christmas Play**

Presented by Santa Rita Catholic Church, 243 Birch St. in Carrizozo, 10:30 a.m. Lannie Maddox will play a Christmas concert before and after the service. During the potluck after the service, drawings will be made for a cord of wood and for a Bernina sewing machine. For more information on tickets, call 648-2975.

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Light parade adds sparkle to snowy weekend

By Eugene Heathman

Editor

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Wintry weather returned to Ruidoso just in time for the annual Festival of Lights-Parade of Lights Saturday in Midtown hosted each year by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. The 2011 Parade Grand Marshal was Herb Brunell, leading the way for approximately 25 floats battling to unseat last year's Festival of Lights parade champion Zia Gas. Village street crews pounced on snow removal in Midtown during a break in a series of fast moving winter storms that left six inches of snow and chilly temperatures for the parade. This year's Festival of Lights Parade champion was the Inn of the Mountain Gods float.

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce executive director Marla Lewis said, "There See PARADE, pg. 5

Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

The Inn of the Mountain Gods float featuring the prominent New Mexico Zia symbol in advance of the 2012 New Mexico centennial celebration earned the first place award during the annual Festival of Lights/Parade of Lights Saturday in Midtown.



Parade judges Mary Weaver, Kathy Dunn, Marla Lewis, John Lewis, Gary and Brenda Ristivo stationed themselves on the outdoor patio at Grace O'Malley's.

Capitan shifts entirely into Commission District 1

By Patrick Rodriguez

Reporter

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The Lincoln County Commission last month approved a redistricting plan where Capitan is no longer split between two commission districts, as the village would completely fall within the boundaries of District 1.

Commissioners also approved the creation of Precinct 22.

Redistricting occurs every 10 years following the tabulation of the national census to accommodate changes in population.

At the beginning of the discussion, County Clerk Rhonda Burrows reminded commissioners about a public hearing on redistricting that took place in October that resulted in some challenges having been identified.

Rod Adair from New Mexico Demographics, who presented at the October public hearing, had identified a problem with creating commission districts with the county's existing precincts, as contiguous

districts within the plus or minus 5 percent could not be formulated.

According to Burrows, the county's population is 20,047 and the target population for each commission district is 4,099, of which 5 percent equals roughly 205.

Burrows offered commissioners two redistricting choices - Options B and E - that stayed within the allowed population variation and did not split communities of interest. The difference between these two options affects Commission Districts 1 and 4.

"Even after we did the precinct split for 22, we didn't have a lot of options for building our commission districts, but these are two viable options," said Burrows.

In Option B, District 4, represented by Commissioner Kathryn Minter, would include Precinct 21, which is in Ruidoso, Precinct 5, Precinct 4 and Precinct 14, which adjoins Precinct 3 in Capitan. Also under this option, Capitan would remain split between Districts 1 and 4. Burrows said this option would be the most like the current configuration.

In Option E, Capitan would move en-

tirely into District 1, represented by Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo. The option also calls for Precinct 4 coming together with Precinct 5, and adds Precinct 17, Precinct 20, and Precinct 21 under District 4.

On a 3-2 vote, commissioners approved Option E. Voting against this option were Sedillo and Commissioner Jackie Powell.

In creating Precinct 22, which was split from the northern section of Precinct 18, this moved 440 people from District 2, represented by Commissioner Mark Doth, into District 5, represented by Powell.

"There were an infinite amount of possibilities for (precinct) splits throughout the county, but this was the only one identified we could do one simple split, because it goes along municipal boundary lines," said Burrows, adding that the split accomplished a balance in population of commission districts.

Although commissioners approved proposed precincts in June, under state law new precincts may be created later on in order to help with redistricting.

NM Parks and Rec wants cigarette tax dollars back

By Patrick Rodriguez

Reporter

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The New Mexico Recreation and Parks Association wants to overturn legislation where a majority of funds collected from cigarette taxes once went to local recreational amenities but are now essentially distributed through a behavioral health fund.

The NMRPA represents counties and municipalities in the state that have parks, open spaces and recreation departments. The association says that cigarette tax had funded the development alternatives to tobacco products and the loss of that money has negatively affected many local parks and recreation departments.

Former Governor Bill Richardson in 2005 signed into law a bill that appropriated \$7 million from the General Fund to the Behavioral Health Capital Fund for disbursement in succeeding fiscal years. This reduced the funding that goes into local and county recreational departments to 1.36 percent of net receipts.

The funds from the behavioral health fund are distributed to the cancer research and treatment center at the University of New Mexico, 0.83 percent; the New Mexico Finance Authority, 1.25 percent; The NMFA on behalf of the UNM Health Sciences Center, 8.89 percent; to the NMFA for improvements

to facilities at the Department of Health, 3.74 percent; to the NMFA for deposit in the authority's credit enhancement account, 9.97 percent; and to the NMFA for the rural cancer

treatment fund, 0.62 percent.

The remaining funds go back into the General Fund.

See TAX DOLLARS, pg. 5



Drawing a charge

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Ruidoso Free Press

Hondo's German Lerma (15) draws a charging foul on Capitan's Tim Dickenson Dec. 1 at Capitan. The Tigers won the game to start the season.

See full story on Page 14.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Getting technical

Let's get technical at the Ruidoso Public Library, every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the conference room.

This Wednesday, Dec. 7, it's meeting your laptop. Sign up for limited seating (six) and bring your own laptop. Computing skills are assumed.

On Dec. 21, learn about e-audio. Need a last-minute gift idea? Try out the technology zoo of devices and software that allow you to download audiobooks for your next hike or car trip.

Learn the library's online self service Dec. 28. Learn how to access your library account online, reserve or renew a book, check your 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.

Rudy Parra benefit

A benefit to offset funeral costs for Rudy Parra will be held this Saturday at Quarters in Midtown from 2 p.m. to midnight.

There will be a silent auction and entertainment from more than 10 bands. Thanks to Wells Fargo and Coyote Howling for help in putting on this event.

Helping Santa

Santa's Helpers is in need of volunteers at the workshop, open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from now until delivery on Dec. 20. For more information or to volunteer, call Stacy Miller at 258-4446.

Democratic party

Instead of its regular monthly meeting, the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will join with the Democratic Women of the Sacramento Mountain Area for a holiday party, Dec. 15, at Hotel Ruidoso on 110 Chase St.

The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. There will be no business, just a potluck party. Bring finger food and your beverage of choice.

There will also be money trees for donations to the Lincoln County Food Bank and the Center of Protective Environment. Checks can be made out to either organization. Non-perishable food can also be brought for the food bank. For more information, call Dick Mastin at 336-2170.

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 Weather by 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.

Free gift wrapping

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

Sacramento Mountain Village is a network of older adults in Ruidoso and surrounding communities who support independent living by offering services and activities that keep seniors healthy and happy in their own homes. Benefits of membership include art and yoga classes, weekly walking and discussion groups, social functions and monthly member breakfasts at Cree Meadows Country Club, on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Membership is open to any Lincoln County resident 49 years or older. For more information, call 258-2120 or visit www.sacmntvillage.org.

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 257-4160 or visit www.frw.rplcnm.org

The Federated Woman's Club of Ruidoso, supporting community service organizations and providing scholarships, meets Mondays at 11 a.m. at 116 S. Evergreen Dr. A pot luck lunch at noon is followed by bridge and other card games.

A special program is also presented most months. The group and hosts Yoga Wednesdays. For times or further information, call 257-2309.

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

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

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

Preparing for Christmas



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Members of the Community United Methodist Church choir rehearse for their annual Christmas Cantata, to be performed during a special 9:30 a.m. service at the church, Dec. 18. The public is invited to attend.

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.

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 billings 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.whitemountainsearch.org or call Tony Davis at 336-4501.

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TUESDAY OUTLOOK

Dec. 10 Full Moon

Dec. 18 Last Quarter

Dec. 24 New Moon

Jan. 2 First Quarter

Prescribed burns on Smokey Bear Ranger District in December

During the month of December, Smokey Bear Ranger District fire officials plan to prescribe burn slash piles created from past fuels reduction projects. The Donaldson piles located off of Highway 70 on Forest Road 443 in the Hale Lake area, and the PG piles located behind the Smokey Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso are the targeted project areas. The completion of these prescribed burns will not only reduce fuels but will also promote overall forest health. The prescribed burns will be ignited based on weather conditions that promote fuel

consumption and smoke dispersal. Ignition of the piles will produce smoke which will be visible throughout the Ruidoso area.

Smoke may be present along roads and neighborhoods in the evening and early morning as cold air tends to push

smoke down drainages. Both smoke and fire activity will be monitored by fire officials. Smoke will be visible for several days during and after ignition operations. As always, firefighter and public safety are the top priority. If you have health issues that will be affected by smoke in these areas, please contact Nate Cordova at (575) 937-4865.

For additional information about these prescribed burns or the Lincoln National Forest, please contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at (575) 257-4095, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also find us at www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln and follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/LincolnUSForest>.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ruidoso Downs City Council

Item	What it's about	How they voted
Resolutions establishing the city's election code (in English and Spanish), the Open Meeting Act and the city's meeting schedule, and the listing of official holidays for 2011	There was no discussion before the vote, but citizen Pam Williams took the council to task during public input for allowing what she believes are excessive holiday off-days for city employees.	Passed unanimously
Discussion of the next round of Community Development Block Grant hearings	Cleatus Richards, public works director, said the city is in line to file for a second round of grants, with public hearings scheduled for Dec. 12 and 19. The applications have to be in by Jan. 15.	No action taken

Post office branches offering recycling

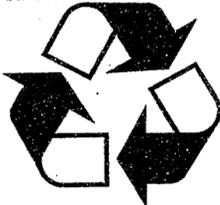
The Ruidoso post office branches at Main and Hollywood Station have joined post offices in Capitan, Alto and Ruidoso Downs in providing recycling containers in lobby areas for use by local patrons in the U.S. Postal Service "read, respond, and recycle" program.

The main Ruidoso post office, the largest of 14 branches in Lincoln County, is expected to see the most volume participation of discarded junk mail, magazines, mail order catalogs, newspapers, and miscellaneous paper in the region.

"Lobby recycling helps divert paper waste from landfills," said one Postal Service official.

Secure recycling bins in the post office lobby are locked and the opening is slim - about the width of a magazine

- so that mail and customer privacy are ensured. P.O. Box customers are encouraged to open their mail, take whatever action is necessary and place the rest of it in the bin. Postal customers are urged to "read, respond, recycle" their P.O.



Box mail in post office lobbies as a convenient and environmentally responsible alternative to taking it home to discard.

As recently as 2009, the Postal Service was recycling more than 200,000 tons of paper, plastics and other waste. The recycling containers in the Ruidoso area post offices are for recycling paper of all kinds and paper-board only.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at (575) 378-4697 or (877) 548-8772, or email at gswa@greentreeswa.org.

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OPINION

SunZia power line hype

GUEST OPINION COLUMN
By Albert Vetere Lannon

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The controversial SunZia Transmission Line project received national focus in recent weeks as the Obama Administration moved to put it on a fast-track and a House Committee voted to strip funding guarantees from it. A Thanksgiving-week study by the University of Arizona and University of New Mexico business schools, funded by SunZia, purports to show thousands of jobs to be created by this project. Independent researchers find only 488 temporary construction jobs in Arizona and just over 1,000 such jobs in New Mexico, mostly filled from out-of-state. The SunZia Project proposes to build 460 miles of two-tower 500 kilovolt electrical transmission lines from New Mexico to Pinal County, Arizona. The routes under active consideration include bisecting the Avra, San Pedro and/or Aravaipa Valleys, or along I-10 through Tucson. All of those routes have drawn continuing criticism from rural and urban communities, many environmentalists, the Tohono O'odham Nation, cattle ranchers, farmers and the military.

SunZia's original plan went to 12 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) "scoping sessions" in New Mexico and Eastern Arizona over a year-long period where it drew negative public comment. The "study area" was then expanded westward to include Southern Arizona and just one scoping session — a "show and tell" with comment cards — was held, in Tucson, for residents of the San Pedro, Aravaipa, Avra Valley and Tucson areas. Critics accused the BLM of acting as salesmen for SunZia instead of presenting objective and factual information. In fact, several months ago the Redington and Winkelman Conservation Resource Districts formally petitioned to reopen the scoping process, with a fair and unbiased presentation of the issues. That request was denied by the BLM and is currently under appeal. The BLM's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was due last April and is now scheduled for release in January 2012. On Oct. 5, the U.S. Department of Energy released its plan for putting seven transmission line projects, including SunZia, on a fast-track for approval as "pilot projects," easing permitting and other regulatory hurdles.

Perhaps not-so-coincidentally, on Oct. 5 the Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives voted 29-17 along party lines to send HR 2915 to the full House. HR 2915, sponsored by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) would strip \$3.25 billion in federal borrowing authority for transmission projects that facilitate renewable energy. Under the 2009 Recovery Act, the authority to issue federal loan guarantees went to, among others, the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). WAPA spokesperson Lisa Meiman indicated to the Cascabel Working Group's Norm Meader that approximately one-fifth of SunZia's costs, between \$200

and \$300 million, was to be covered with federal loan guarantees. That means if SunZia went bankrupt and defaulted, as happened with California solar panel manufacturer Solyndra recently, the loan does not have to be repaid.

In January, 2010, SunZia Project Director Tom Wray met informally with project critics in Cascabel. Wray was videotaped at that meeting saying that "not one red cent" of federal money would be used for the project. Because of the different stories told at different times, there is a lot of distrust of SunZia and its supporters. Critics point out that SunZia is hardly a model for renewable energy since there is nothing in the project to create such energy, and the project's lead company, Southwestern Power Group, states that it specializes in gas-fired power plants. Their parent company, the MMR Group, also runs coal-fired and nuclear power plants, Gulf oil rigs, paper and chemical companies, some of those offshore. Neither company's portfolio includes solar, wind or geo-thermal energy sources. The Cascabel Working Group's Norm Meader has done research showing that Southwestern Power needs SunZia to bolster its Bowie gas-fired plant. (For more of Meader's research, visit www.cascabelworkinggroup.org.) The CWG also discovered that SunZia spends about \$180,000 per year in lobbying costs, using Capitol Consultants LLC as their conduit. Early in 2011 SunZia tried an end run around Arizona's Power Plant and Line Siting Committee and the Arizona Corporation Commission. These regulatory bodies require public hearings and citizen input before deciding where transmission lines can be built. SB 1517 would have allowed the BLM's report to replace the state line siting process. After initial support from Republicans, many, like District 25's Rep. Peggy Judd (R-Willcox), backed away and led the opposition. Cattle ranchers and farmers joined communities and environmental groups in opposition to the bill.

Additionally, the military's Electronic Proving Ground, based at Fort Huachuca, raised concerns about interference with their testing. Elizabeth Webb, Vail community activist and a former nominee to the State Power Plant and Line Siting Committee, told this reporter, "Concerns of affected communities should be adequately investigated and analyzed through multiple state and federal processes. Unfortunately SunZia seems more intent on influencing policy than on responsible transmission development." The San Pedro River valley is known for its unique biological diversity, prompting U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords to go on record in 2010, stating, "I am opposed to building the project in this environmentally sensitive place. Sacrificing one irreplaceable resource to preserve another is both foolish and unnecessary." Fellow Democrat Raul Grijalva suggested that the Department of the Interior and BLM "look into rerout-

ing...along existing transmission routes, including along the I-10 highway."

Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry said, "Given that the transmission line routes proposed pass through our area to deliver energy products outside of the County and will provide only marginal benefits inside the County, and the issues raised by Saguaro National Park and the Bureau of Reclamation [which administers the Tucson Wildlife Mitigation Corridor established when the CAP canal was built], Pima County is opposed to all transmission routes proposed through Pima County." The San Xavier District Council of the Tohono O'odham Nation applauds development of renewable energy, but opposes building transmission lines of tribal land. The Schuk Toak District Council also opposes lines on Indian land. Retired Marana Unified School District Board member Janice Mitich, in Picture Rocks, raises another issue, the possibility of the 1,000-foot-wide SunZia rights-of-way becoming a new super-highway for drug and human smugglers. Arizona and New Mexico environmental groups have raised serious questions about the project and made a series of mitigating recommendations, including a demand that more alternative routes be identified. Sign-

ers of that 48-page letter to the BLM last year included the Sierra Club, Sky Island Alliance, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, Natural Resources Defense Council, Southwest Environmental Center, New Mexico Audubon Council, Western Resource Advocates, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, and The Wilderness Society. As the Southwest waits for the BLM to issue its long-delayed Environmental Impact Statement, the fault lines remain deep, with division within political parties and the environmental movement, and no visible support for SunZia from the affected communities. Even wrapping the project in the jobs flag with a university study touting job creation, albeit those jobs will be temporary and specialized construction jobs that are not likely to go to the affected communities, has not produced any groundswell of local support. CWG researcher Norm Meader says, simply, "We know we need renewable energy and transmission lines, but there is just no environmentally acceptable route for SunZia in Southern Arizona."

Albert Vetere Lannon is a former union official and retired labor educator living in the rural community of Picture Rocks in Southern Arizona's Avra Valley.



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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORTS

Nov. 25

8:56 a.m., Carrizozo, Highway 380 MM 72, accident
 2:53 p.m., Ruidoso, 300 block Gavilan Canyon, trespassing
 5:57 p.m., Ruidoso Police Department, accident
 6:35 p.m., Capitan, 100 block Sandia Drive, welfare check
 7:45 p.m., Alto, 100 block Pronghorn, fire/burning without a permit
 10:38 p.m., Glencoe, Highway 70 MM 277, animal call

Nov. 26

11:58 a.m., Capitan, 200 block 2nd Street, animal call
 3:02 p.m., Corona, back pasture, suspicious activity
 3:46 p.m., Capitan, East Highway 380 mile post 85, dogs in the roadway

4:27 p.m., Alto, Ski Run Road, traffic offenses

6:50 p.m., Ruidoso Downs, Pajarita/Stetson, loose horse

Nov. 27

4:55 p.m., Oscura, Highway 54 MM 99, accident

Nov. 28

1:07 p.m., Carrizozo, 90 block 18th Street, larceny/theft
 1:14 p.m., Nogal, 100 block Buckboard Trail,

larceny/theft
 4:30 p.m., 200 block Enchanted Forest, animal call

5:45 p.m., Capitan, peacekeeping

Nov. 29

9:31 a.m., Capitan, 200 block Pine Lodge Road, burglary
 12:38 p.m., Carrizozo, 500 block H Ave, alarm

5:06 p.m., Nogal, 100 block Elk Trail, family disturbance
 6:52 p.m., Capitan, Highway 48 MM 19, motorist assist

Nov. 30

7:26 a.m., Capitan, 200 block Main Road, animal call
 7:33 a.m., Carrizozo, 1100 block E Ave., welfare check

9:48 a.m., Capitan, 100 block Main Road, larceny/theft
 12:15 p.m., Nogal, 100 block

Eagle Crest Trail, trespassing
 1:02 p.m., Alto, 200 block Ski run Road, animal call

3:04 p.m., Alto, 200 block ski run road, animal call

4:30 p.m., Rancho Ruidoso, 1200 block Little Creek Road, vandalism

8:49 p.m., Alto, 100 block French Drive, suspicious activity

Dec. 1

8:52 a.m., Alto, 1400 block High Mesa Road, alarm

9:16 a.m., Alto, 100 block Turnberry Lane, alarm
 9:21 a.m., Ruidoso, 300 block Gavilan Canyon, unknown trouble

10:56 a.m., Ruidoso, Cedar Creek Area, burglary
 12:21 p.m., Alto, 100 block Crown

Ridge, unknown trouble call

3:04 p.m., Hondo, 28000 block Highway 70, fire

4:49 p.m., Nogal, 1000 Highway 37, accident

8:22 p.m., Alto, Highway 48 mile post 11, accident

10:56 p.m., South of Corona, accident

Dec. 2

5:32 a.m., Capitan, 100 block Mount Terrace, fire



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

The Altrusa home tour crew celebrate a successful fundraiser Sunday at Casa Feliz. The tour raised approximately \$4,900 for low-cost mammograms and other community projects.

Altrusa home tour raises funds for mammograms

By Eugene Heathman

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The Ruidoso Altrusa club held its first ever, Lincoln County home tour Sunday as part of its annual fundraising campaign to provide low-cost mammograms for Lincoln County and Mesalero residents.

Altrusa board member Doris Wallace said the club had almost met its \$5,000 fundraising goal Sunday evening at the after-tour event held at Casa Feliz. "We had a wonderful turnout for this unique fundraiser. Altrusa members sold approximately 100 tickets to see these lovely homes. Thankfully the weather held up and we had such a nice day. In fact, we already have people wanting to put their homes on next year's tour," Wallace said.

Kathy Dunn, owner of Casa Feliz coordinated with homeowners and local REALTORS® to build the home tour. Dunn also assisted with providing many of the decorations and furnishings for some of the homes. "I can't thank Kathy enough, the people who helped and our media partners enough for all of their help in making this a successful event," Wallace said.

Altrusa is a worldwide non-profit organization. Altrusa of Ruidoso, chartered in 1970; is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of members whose goal is to improve the quality of life in our community. Altrusa members work to support literacy and help community through service projects and volunteerism. Some of our projects include annual low-cost mammograms, scholarships for returning students and books for HeadStart children.

Burglary suspect arrested; warrants issued

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department has issued several arrest warrants on individuals suspected in burglaries which took place in the Cedar Creek area Dec. 1

Gary Potter, 19, Nickolas Morgan, 21, and Kenneth Padgett, 20, all from northern Kentucky, now have warrants out for their arrest following an investigation by the sheriff's department and the Ruidoso police department.

According to a release from the sheriff's office, the three are suspected in burglaries of six homes in the area, with numerous items recovered by officers. Each suspect has been charged with six counts of burglary; two counts of receiving stolen property, six counts of conspiracy and a single count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. There is also a Ruidoso juvenile involved in the investigation.

Potter has already been arrested, while the other suspects have left the area. Potter is currently in the Lincoln County Detention Center in lieu of a \$75,000 bond. Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Sheppard states the investigation continues and officers are still searching for Morgan and Padgett.

PARADE from pg. 1

were approximately 25 floats this year for the parade, which is about the same as last year. First, second and third place floats traditionally have been the same three companies, just in different order. There is a friendly rivalry developing between the floats produced by Inn of the Mountain Gods, Zia Natural Gas and City Bank. Last year, Zia Gas Company took first place."

In 2008, two important things happened. One, the Chamber officially took on the role of managing the marketing of the Festival of Lights, and secondly, the American

Bus Association voted Ruidoso as one of the top lighted parades in the country.

"The main purpose of the Festival of Lights is to promote Ruidoso and Lincoln County as a winter vacation destination and create a festive atmosphere for residents. Ruidoso is without a doubt one of the most festive places to be during the holidays," Lewis said.

Ski Apache received nine inches of snow from the storm systems and colder temperatures allowed for 24 hour a day snowmaking and excellent skiing conditions. The

snowfall in the Southwest varies each year, but Ski Apache has extensive snow-making capabilities allowing them to compete with other ski areas in New Mexico.

"The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and our FOL Partners are working hard to ensure visitors are aware of the incredible events and activities Ruidoso has for this holiday season. Our goal is to continue providing existing and new events to welcome visitors for a weekend getaway, shopping and skiing during all of November, December and January," Lewis said.

TAX DOLLARS from pg. 1

One proponent in repealing the law is Rep. Zachary Cook, R-Ruidoso, who said that local parks departments have been unfairly hurt by the legislation.

Cook said that overturning the law could be done by ballot measure or by an order from Gov. Susana Martinez. Cook has also not ruled out drafting a bill to be presented at the 2012 legislative session, which begins next month.

"Right now, we're in the beginning stage," said Cook. He added that he had originally been approached about the matter by Debbie Jo Almager, parks and recreation director for the village of Ruidoso.

When reached for comment on Friday, Almager acknowledged that she had been in contact with Cook about getting the legislation overturned, but would need to research her files to provide more information and statistics about how the loss of those cigarette tax funds have affected her department.

Cook said that he hasn't been working with any other members of the House in regard to overturning the legislation.

Scott Simpson, superintendent of parks and recreation for Tucumcari, and a member of the NMRPA board of directors, said that he recently sent an email to state Rep. Dennis Roch, R-Texico, a member of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee.



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In the letter to Roch, Simpson asked that he support the possible bill that Cook would introduce at the next legislative session. He also mentioned that the legislation passed in 2005 was done at the last minute and has put some local parks and recreations programs in a bind.

"This is a quality of life issue for both adults and the children of our community," Simpson wrote.

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BUSINESS

Unemployment in Lincoln County rises above 5%

By Patrick Rodriguez

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The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate in Lincoln County was 5.1 percent in October, up three-tenths of a point from September, according to data released Monday by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. However, the figures do show a marginal decline from a year ago.

According to the department, 10,209 of 10,754 individuals in the county's labor pool were working last month. In September, 10,798 of 10,283 were employed.

This is the first time since July that the county's jobless rate has been at or above 5 percent. In October 2010, the county's jobless rate stood at 6.5 percent.

In January, unemployment stood at 7.3 percent. The rate fell noticeably to 6

percent for both February and March. The rate then declined further to 5.3 percent in April and hit a nearly two-year low of 4.5 percent for May, before moving up to 5.5 percent in June.

July's rate of 5 percent was followed by a drop to 4.6 percent in August, before hitting 4.8 percent in September.

Across the state, the unemployment rate remained relatively unchanged for the third consecutive month at 6.6 percent. Compared to last year, though, that rate has fallen by 2 percentage points overall.

The rate of over-the-year job growth was 0.6 percent, representing an increase of about 5,000 jobs. This was the fifth straight month of over-the-year job growth, following a 32-month period of losses.

Employment peaked in February 2008 and then continuously declined until December 2010, during which time the state lost roughly 53,000 jobs from effects

of a national recession. The state has recovered about 9,000 jobs since December 2010.

Workforce Solutions Department data show that the educational and health services industry added 6,900 jobs over the past year. As this is the largest private-sector industry, the boost to employment prospects for the state is enormous in overall impact, according to the department.

The retail trade added 2,700 jobs, the wholesale trade gained 1,500 jobs and the mining industry increased by 1,500 jobs over the past year.

The financial activities industry grew by 1,800 jobs, following three years of losses that ended earlier this year. Gains were likewise reported in leisure and hospitality, up by 500 jobs. Manufacturing added 300 jobs.

The remaining five private-sector industries, however, continued to reduce employment.

Construction lost 4,100 jobs, and the professional and business services industry was down 1,000 jobs from a year ago.

The information industry also declined, losing 500 jobs, while the transportation, warehousing and utilities lost 300 jobs. The miscellaneous other services category lost another 100 jobs.

The public sector saw a net loss of 4,500 jobs over the past year, with a bulk of that coming from the state, which shed 2,900 jobs. The federal government trimmed 1,100 jobs, and local governments lost 500 jobs.

Neighboring counties also saw their jobless rates increase last month. The unemployment rate for Otero County was 5.9 percent, up 0.2 points, and the jobless rate for Chaves County was 6.2 percent, also up 0.2 points.

The national unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a point to 9 percent in October, adding roughly 80,000 jobs, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

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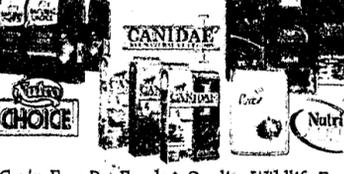
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RVCC member Spotlight

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will be featuring member spotlights to recognize and highlight the business's mission and product or service, as well as chamber board members. If your chamber member business would like to be featured, please contact the chamber at marla@ruidosonow.com. Spotlights will be featured in the order they are received. The chamber reserves the right to edit articles as needed.

Rutalee Jernigan, RVCC President

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Farm Bureau has been in New Mexico for more than 85

years and continues to insure lives and property. They are ranked first in the state for exceptional claims service, according to Consumer Reports.

Rutalee has served as treasurer of the RVCC and is currently the chamber's president. Her focus is to run efficient meetings that focus on the organization's strategic plan set forth by the board of directors. She intends to meet as many of the chamber members as possible, determine what their needs are, and implement as many solutions as possible. She wants to do her part to grow and encourage business in Ruidoso.

Rutalee has been in business in Ruidoso for six years, and has been a chamber member during that time. Her daughter, Taryn is a freshman at New Mexico State University, and her daughter Taylor is a sophomore at Dora High School. She is married to Sam Jernigan, football coach at Goddard High School.



Rutalee Jernigan

BUSINESS BUZZ

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Leadership Lincoln raffle drawing held

The drawing for the 2011 Leadership

Lincoln Raffle was held Dec. 1 at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca. Four prize packages were awarded. These included a Golf package — two rounds each Alto, Cree, and The Links plus two nights at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca, a Fusion Medical Spa gift certificate, a Kindle Fire, and \$500 cash. Winners were Doris Schoffthaler — golf, Brandi Westbrook — spa, Misty Thetford — Kindle, and Diana Proctor — cash.

Leadership Lincoln would like to thank the community for their participation in this fundraising activity and for their support of the program. Also, the generosity of Alto Lakes Golf, The Links Golf, Cree Meadows Golf, The Lodge at Sierra Blanca, and Fusion Medical Spa to donate to this year's effort is appreciated.

The purpose of Leadership Lincoln is to identify and motivate emerging leaders

and to develop their potential for community leadership by exposing them to the realities, problems, and opportunities of Lincoln County and the Mescalero Reservation. Participants spend nine months learning about and experiencing

the Lincoln County area. The funds raised will go towards the continuation of this program. Individuals interested in applying for admission in Leadership Lincoln can obtain an application this spring by contacting the Leadership Lincoln Recruitment Committee.

Sacramento Mountain Village awarded grant

Sacramento Mountain Village, a membership-driven social and support network for area residents over 50, is one of twelve such organizations nationwide to receive a grant to build its internal structure so as both to grow the organization and carry it into the future.

Sacramento Mountain Village offers its members social and educational opportunities while coordinating,

and in many cases providing, support and services like transportation, home repairs, and other day-to-day needs. The grant, awarded by the Village-to-Village Network and ultimately financed by the MetLife Foundation, is designed to help the Ruidoso-based group create sustainable policies and procedures to keep the organization running smoothly.

"With the U.S. population age 65 and over expected to double in size within the next 25 years, it is even more critical to establish sustainable practices that allow older Americans to remain in their own homes and engaged with their communities as they age," said Dennis White, MetLife Foundation president and CEO. "The growing 'Village' model is achieving this in a sustainable way as it helps people help themselves," he added.

"Here in Lincoln County, we already have one in four residents older than 54," says Ginger Gipson, chair of Sacramento Mountain Village's Board of Directors. "With so many of them on fixed incomes and living away from family, the need for something like the Village continues to grow almost exponentially. The grant will help us ensure that the next round of leaders of the Village will not have to reinvent the wheel and can build on what we have already done."

Sacramento Mountain Village continues to grow, with more than 60 members. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to its monthly breakfast meeting, usually held at Cree Meadows

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Todd Russell draws a ticket from Mary Weaver.

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Independent business trends

In conjunction with the promotion of Small Business Saturday, American Express' Open Independent Retail Index published October 2011 continues to focus interest on the health of Independent American Business.

As you might guess the report shows that large chains have placed pressure on the independents by gaining in the share of consumer dollars... but not as much as you might think. In fact this national study is chock-full of surprising and encouraging trends for small business. The report charts the share of the markets that are held by local independent proprietors vs. chains and corporations during the period of 1990-2009 in the sectors of Retail Shopping and Drinking/Eating Establishments.

Nationwide for the 20-year period, total market share for independent retailers dropped from 59 percent in

1990 to 48 percent in 2009; drinking/eating establishments went from 71 percent in 1990 to 64 percent in 2009. In consideration of a housing bust, a near recession and pressure from giant retailers... these figures are not as bad as we might have imagined.

Further, among retail shopping subsectors there are significant encouraging trends for independent businesses: grocers had a stable index with an uptick in the last decade; clothing stores stayed in a healthy rebound in recent years; furniture stores, sporting goods, books, music and hobby shops sustained high scores. Building material retailers showed the steepest drop, affected by the housing decline and pressure from big box competition, but still retain nearly half the market! This is remarkable resilience in the face of the economic hardships of the last five years.

Another bright spot: full service dining and bars held onto their market shares - with the only decline driven by the fast food sector. Finally among all sectors, "Drinking Places" produced the highest scores and showed that bars/taverns "remained immune to chain competition".

In all, the results of this report offer illuminating statistics and bode well for our own Ruidoso local, independent firms. And while national data can be far removed from local issues and trends, overall the information is encouraging and supports the contention that a great many consumers shop locally for the benefits of convenience, service and value provided by their neighborhood stores, dining and drinking establishments.

Next week we'll hear from local Ruidoso entrepreneurs how and why their independent businesses continue



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Billy the Kid Casino embarks on improvements

By Sandi Aguilar

For the Ruidoso Free Press

With 26 years' experience at casinos such as the Venetian in Las Vegas and the Aquarius in Laughlin, Terry Maines, vice president of slots, brings new ideas to the Billy the Kid Casino. Maines was hired to bring the casino to greater modernization and improved customer service. Maines has recently implemented his plans and has accomplished bringing this year's revenues to exceed those of the past five years. Maines feels his successes have been attributed to creating an environment that is intimate and friendly making the gambling experience a better one for the customer.

"Valley View in San Diego was falling into bankruptcy and our management team was hired to turn the casino around. We made it the most profitable casino in the area," explains Maines. He brings his vision to the Billy the Kid Casino and has focused on two primary areas.

"Fortunately, the management has been able to make a very conscious decision to invest not only in the casino but also the facility. We have new machines, a new slot system coming, and more equipment in the restaurant. This type of modernization is critical in keeping customers." Maines explained a lot of the changes seem small but make a huge impact. The parking lot was resurfaced making it easier to get into the facility. Several new air conditioners and purifiers were added. These efforts add to the customer service experience which is the competitive advantage Maines hopes to achieve. "Having newer machines and more exciting promotions allow for a freshness to our casino. Our customers are responding to this."

The second reason, Maines feels is his employees. "I am really proud of my staff. They make the casino a great place to come. Not only do the employees know the regular customers by name, but they treat them like family. When a regular guest does not come in for a while, they will often call to check on their wellbeing or even stop by their house when they know them well enough." This type of trust and familiarity seem to permeate the company.

Teresa Jones was recently promoted to Rewards Club Manager. Jones also has decades of experience, growing up in



Pictured are Greg Obregon, Teresa Jones and Terry Maines, the management of Billy the Kid Casino.

the lodging industry. She obtained her Hotel/Restaurant Management degree along with her emergency technician education. She has been a part of the racetrack for more than eleven years.

"What I enjoy about my job is talking with all the people," says Jones, and continues, "I like my bosses and the people I work with. They are very trusting and support me and my ideas."

Maines also understand the pressure of keeping the casino as a revenue generator at the track. "The casino is an important revenue source for the racetrack. With the recent improvements, it will continue to increase the survivability of the racetrack." To keep year-round viability, Maines develops exciting and unique promotions to entice visitors every month. He is continually looking at what works and the reasoning behind it. Among the many financial reports, Maines is always looking at the bottom line, but admits that some promotions are just for the enjoyment for the customer.

He and his employees often ask the visitor what it is they want and try to accommodate it. A casino is about having a fun and enjoyable time and Maines hopes his changes are the reason visitors keep coming back. Maines concludes, "When someone wants to gamble, I hope they look to the Billy the Kid first as a good opportunity for them."

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Country Club on the fourth Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

This month, a special Christmas buffet is being held Dec. 17 at the Village's center at 1092 Mechem Drive. All are welcome.

REALTOR® Rose Reynolds earns GRI Title

Rosina (Rose) Reynolds was recently awarded the Graduate REALTOR® Institute (GRI) designation by the REALTORS® Association of New Mexico (RANM). REALTOR® Reynolds is a member of RANM and the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of REALTORS®.



REALTOR® Reynolds was awarded the designation after completing at least 90 hours of classroom instruction, covering subjects such as Contract Law, Professional Standards, Sales and Marketing, Finance and Risk Reduction. Courses are taught by leading real estate instructors from around the state.

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REALTOR® Reynolds joins a select group of residential specialists in New Mexico who have earned the

designation.

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An evening with your legislators

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual "Evening with Your Legislators" Thursday, Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club. The event gives the public an opportunity to meet and greet the legislators that represent our area to discuss issues and initiatives that affect business and commerce. This is an informative and fun event and we encourage the public to attend. There will be refreshments and a cash bar. What a great way to find out what the concerns of our community are and be able to share them with others.

In support of our nearly 500 Chamber members, the Chamber specifically supports initiatives that emphasize tourism, water availability, affordable clean energy, the local film industry, quality education, and a business climate that is conducive to entrepreneurial economy. For more information please call the Chamber at (575) 357-7395.

HEAL Business Appreciation

A few years back, HEAL sought bids from contractors to resurface the Nest parking lot.

Armin and Jasmine Grado, owners of Mr. Sealer in Ruidoso Downs, offered to donate their time and materials to the project. Mr. Sealer sealed the entire parking lot in one day's time, including painting the parking spot lines, and handicap parking spots. They have returned to the shelter on an annual basis to maintain the surfaces.

"With grants being cut 30 percent in the last two years, an expense like parking lot resurfacing is simply not in the budget. We are so fortunate to have friends in the business community like Mr. Sealer, who step up and make a difference," says office manager Sue Francis.

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EDUCATION

Orozco delivers speech at Center for Mexican American Studies

By Victor Gomez

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South Texas College inaugurated the Center for Mexican American Studies at the Pecan Campus Library Rainbow Room in McAllen, TX, on Nov. 21, and hit the ground running by hosting the roundtable discussion on "A Hundred Years of Civil Rights: Celebrating El Primer Congreso Mexicanista," the first Mexican American civil rights meeting held in 1911.

"The Center for Mexican American Studies at South Texas College is aligned with the comprehensive mission of the institution and consistent with the focus of our academic affairs team," said Juan E. Mejia, STC vice president for academic affairs. "It is this type of programming that provides our students the opportunity to engage with the faculty from the institution, in turn leading to improved student success."

STC's Mexican American Studies Program began in 2007 and has since hosted numerous conferences such as the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, and sponsored renowned speakers at the college such as Dr. Cynthia Orozco, Gary Soto, and most recently, author Sandra Cisneros.

"We are pleased to have gotten this opportunity to debut a Center for Mexican American Studies at South Texas College and we are grateful for the tremendous support we have received from our faculty, staff, students and administrators, especially Juan Mejia, who has been



Courtesy photo

From left, STC History Professor Dr. Trinidad Gonzales, Assistant History Professor and STC Center for Mexican American Studies Adviser Victor Gomez, Dr. Roberto Calderon of The University of North Texas, Dr. Cynthia Orozco of Eastern New Mexico State, Dr. Jose Limon of Notre Dame, and STC Vice President of Academic Affairs Juan Mejia during the inauguration of STC's Center for Mexican American Studies Nov. 21.

a driving force behind this initiative that will benefit our community and institution," said STC Assistant History Professor and CMAS Chair Victor Gomez. "This roundtable was proper because it commemorated 100 years of Mexican American civil rights, and because of our three guest panelists, who are all very supportive of our programming, and are important scholars in Chicana/o Studies."

"The Center for Mexican American Studies at STC is a visionary program aimed at focusing on the political, economic and educational

status of the Mexican descendent community, and is empowering and uplifting the Mexican community, as well as others, through knowledge and opportunity," added Orozco, who participated on the roundtable.

The inauguration was followed by the CMAS' roundtable discussion on El Primer Congreso Mexicanista, the first Mexican American civil rights meeting. The roundtable was part of the Pláticas Sol de Aztlan Chicana/o Lecture Series, and included panelists Dr. Jose Limon of Notre Dame, Dr. Cynthia Orozco of Eastern New Mexico State, Dr. Roberto Calderon of The University of North Texas, and STC History Professor Dr. Trinidad Gonzales.

El Primer Congreso Mexicanista was led by the Idar family and held in 1911 in Laredo, Texas, during a time in U.S. history when the lynching of Mexican Americans was at an all-time high, and at a moment in history when Mexican-Americans sought to advance their education, promote their culture, and fight for their civil rights.

"This roundtable was very important because it is the only place that I know of in Texas, or the United States, or Mexico, that recognized the significance of this 1911 conference held in Laredo, Texas," Orozco said. "It resulted in response to the incidents of lynching, to the rise of racial segregation in schools, and public accommodations, and to the fact that in 1911 there was either one or zero state representatives of Mexican-American descent in Austin, Texas. So they were working to empower the community at the time."

RMSD welcomes new Business Manager

The Ruidoso Schools recently welcomed Dorothy Irion as the Business Manager for the district. Irion has an extensive background in school finance and is excited to be a part of the Ruidoso Schools family.

Where were you prior to coming to Ruidoso?

I was in Las Cruces with my daughter, who is in middle school. I served as the assistant controller for the Las Cruces Public Schools for 10 years and their controller for 3 years. Although I've lived in Las Cruces most of my life, I was born and raised in Roswell, NM, where most of my family still lives. Yes, there are aliens among you.

Have you always worked in school finance?

No. Aside from my school district experience, I worked in the business office of New Mexico State University for 4 years. I was also employed by Lockheed Engineering as an accountant at the White Sands Test Facility for a number of years and did some bookkeeping for an attorney for a couple of years. I was fortunate enough to be able to stay home for 2 years raising my daughter when she was younger. That was fun, but when you can read *Pizza Pat* or *Goodnight Moon* to your toddler from cover to cover without looking at the words, it's time to find a job.

What makes school district finance unique?

School district finance is unique in that it has its own objectives, sources of financial resources and regulations and control. School business officials are tasked with protecting the assets of the district and keeping employees and the district out of trouble by ensuring expenditures are necessary, allowable and reasonable, along with monitoring cash flow. It's defi-



nately challenging, especially with recent budget cuts and financial resource limitations.

School district finance is also unique because day-to-day responsibilities support learning for the children of our community. It brings to light the importance of school business and can be very stressful, but also gratifying.

What is your favorite thing about Ruidoso so far?

The friendliness of the people in Ruidoso has been what has struck me the most. This is a very welcoming village and everyone seems genuinely concerned about the welfare of newcomers. Unfortunately, I lost my mom at the same time I was scheduled to start working for the school district. I was in transition between jobs and my wonderful new coworkers really took me under their wing and made me feel as though we had worked together forever. I felt so much sympathy and warmth from a group of people who barely knew me. That support helped me more than they will ever know through such a difficult time. Especially with all the other changes happening in my life with a new job and a big move to another town.

Of course, the natural beauty of the mountains, the wildlife and the weather are all wonderful, too! My daughter and I look forward to the ski season and our Alaskan Malamute loves the cold weather! I saw a sign that says it all... "If you're lucky enough to be in the mountains, you're lucky enough".

Do you balance your checkbook to the penny?

Absolutely! I always have. It's not about the penny itself - it's more about beating the puzzle! I'm one of those people. It would drive me crazy not to know where that penny or nickel was.

Youth of the Week

Cheyenne Eldridge



Prankster Cheyenne Eldridge is a 9th grader at Capitan High School. Known to pull pranks on family members, Cheyenne once placed a tarantula on her brother's leg while he slept. It woke him up and was terrified by the large tarantula walking on his leg.

You will always see a smile on her face. "When I'm sad I'm still smiling," said Eldridge.

Her favorite Disney character is Tinker Bell. But everyone on the Capitan volleyball team says she looks like Rufus from Kim Possible because of her chubby cheeks.

Regarding career choices, she wouldn't want to be a dog poop scooper, janitor of an outhouse or a person who hand-feeds reptiles.

When she is not pulling pranks on her family, she spends her time at the park hanging out and talking with friends.

She likes sports and plays on the Capitan volleyball, basketball and softball teams.

She once won first place in an art contest in Roswell. "I gave it to my mom as a Mother's Day present" said Eldridge.

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The psychling chronicles Velodrome

The history of bicycle racing in this country incorporates an often forgotten era of athletic and financial achievement on an equally forgotten venue, the track. Before the turn of the twentieth century, racing bicycles on the tracks of America proved to be the number one spectator sport. Fans would buy tickets for the track



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fixed, direct drive gear (no coasting), and no brakes. They all cautioned me and asked one repeating question, "Have you ever ridden on such a bike?" My response was always the same, "No." But I had watched track racing as a kid in New York's outdoor velodrome. And, besides, I

had read how to ride a track bike. As a young spectator I never noticed that there were no "grey-hairs" competing - this was primarily a young, invincible athlete's venture. Oh, well. Take the plunge.

The bike I finally purchased, a descendant of Edwardo Bianchi's 1885 single speed, is an entry level pista that enabled me one day of practice on the track in Colorado Springs followed the next day with the New Mexico State Track Championships; my learning curve was rocket trajectory straight up. Parallel lines, perpendicular lines, white lines, blue lines, track protocol, and event types all came at the rush of whirring wheels. After six hours of climbing and plunging on the steeply banked turns, I loaded the Italian speed machine into the truck and went back to camp where I promptly sought a horizontal position.

The next day a referee advised me that the day would be grueling enough without entering every event and I bowed out of some of the events that were not "championship" events for my age group. She was correct as the constant sprint speeds drained any reserve I may have accumulated after some 50 years of cycling. I now understand what Hemingway meant when he continued his thoughts about starting many stories about bicycle racing, but could "... never (have) written one as good as the races (themselves)."

I must agree because the vicarious experience is just that - second-hand.

There are not many tracks in the U.S. today - maybe 10. For most cyclists who have been involved in the sport in general, track cycling has always held a special, mysterious allure. To watch a track event with an understanding of the inner sanctum, is to be drawn into a world of speed and daring. When Ernest Hemingway visited Paris, he frequented the races of France and especially the indoor velodrome "... with the smokey light of the afternoon and the high banked wooden track and the whirring sound the tires made on the wood as the riders passed, .. climb(ing) and plunge(ing), each one part of his machine...." Hemingway would go on to write that "... the duels were more exciting than anything the riders ...up and down and around at deadly speed...." Decades would pass before I would have the opportunity to ride in the arena of speed.

A few years ago I shared with friends that I would be trying something different in the sport of cycling and I had spent months looking for a pista (track) bicycle, the simplest of all bicycles - one

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For the meat and potato lover

I recently received some feedback from one of our readers, and it was mentioned that I have forgotten to cover recipes that would entice the meat, potato and cheese lover. I do not usually include these types of recipes, as many of us already know how to prepare these meals. As a Lifestyle Weight Management Specialist, my focus is to encourage my clients to enjoy the food they already do, but to also find ways to incorporate foods that will benefit their body nutritionally. Here is some interesting information and a few recipes.



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mixed feelings in the view of health-care professionals and scientists. Potatoes are known to contain carotenoids and flavonoids which are beneficial to the human body, but white potatoes are also known to contain toxins which may have harsh effects on the body. Sweet potatoes are a much healthier alternative.

Meat – these items contain large amounts of saturated fats which quickly absorb in our blood stream. Just as bacon grease would thicken after it cools, these fats thicken in our arteries and over time may clog them, or lead to other health concerns. Healthcare professionals suggest fish and skinless poultry over beef, pork and processed meats to minimize saturated fat intake. You may wish to include healthier options such as turkey hotdogs over beef and pork options, or use ground turkey for items such as hamburgers, enchiladas, or make fish tacos instead of beef, etc.

Dairy – These items also contain large amounts of saturated fats as the purpose of cow's milk is to nurture a baby calf from an 80 pound creature to 400 pounds in a short period of time. Scientists have mixed views on what long term effects this may have on the human body. Because dairy production is linked with growth hormones and other unnatural "production" practices, minimal consumption of these substances is now suggested, as well as low fat and no fat options. Another alternative is to choose dairy items that are made from goat milk sources, as studies report that these dairy products are easier for the human body to digest. Soy, almond and coconut milks are also great substitutes.

Potatoes – once again we see

So for the meat, potato and cheese lover, you can still enjoy your favorites, just make sure to include fresh fruits and vegetables during these meals, as they will aid in the digestion and processing of these items in our body. It is also suggested to minimize our intake of these items by consuming smaller portions and eating them less frequently.

Recipes

Sweet potato fries – cut potatoes into strips or cubes and sauté in 1 tbsp. olive oil. Add cumin, garlic powder, onion powder and sea salt to taste. For a tasty twist, add sweet potato fries, diced bell pepper, freshly chopped tomatoes, diced onions, avocado chunks and fresh spinach to a whole wheat tortilla for a scrumptious burrito that is great for breakfast, lunch, dinner and your body.

Green chile turkey burger – season up ground turkey, just the way you like it and grill to your desired temperature. Next, add green chile, fresh spinach, tomatoes, and onions to a whole wheat bun, and serve. For a healthier version of this, you may choose to replace the turkey with a portabella mushroom grilled to your liking, using your favorite meat seasoning to flavor. By skipping the saturated fats in the portabella alternative, one would experience less of a caloric and saturated fat intake when adding cheese.

Our journey to health is a personal one and only each individual can decide what they are willing to do with or without. So find a balance that works for you and continue to enjoy your personal lifestyle.

Christmas Authorfest at the Library

Ten local authors will make an appearance at the first Ruidoso Public Library Authorfest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Stationed at tables around the library, the authors will discuss their books as well as autograph the books.

After a purchase of a book, a Friends of the Library volunteer will offer to gift wrap your book. A small portion of the proceeds from the sale of the books will be given to The Friends of the Library, a nonprofit organization that supports library projects through donations and fundraising.

Local authors at the Authorfest:

- Mike Cory, *Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Whiteout Blues*
- Gary Cozzens, *The Nogal Mesa: A History of Kivas and Ranches in Lincoln County*
- Kenneth Cramer, *My Hero Didn't Wear a Cape*
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 - Shaughn Marlowe, *Under the Lion's Paw*
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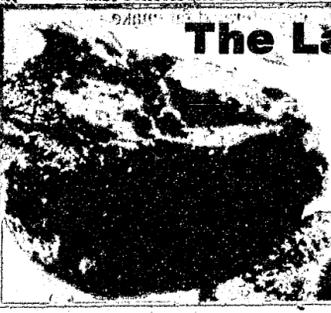
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Hondo, Corona at Lake Arthur Tournament, TBA
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Boys basketball
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Lady Warriors win one, lose one

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What a difference 24 hours make.

A night after the Ruidoso Lady Warriors opened their season with a shellacking at the hands of Roswell, they took on Socorro and proved they can handle a relentless full-court press with a 64-56 win over the S-Warriors Nov. 29.

That win came after a tough 81-42 loss to the Lady Coyotes; and it gave the Lady Warriors a much needed shot of confidence. A scheduled game at West Las Vegas was cancelled Saturday due to snow and poor road conditions.

"They made a lot of progress tonight and came out determined after last night's loss," said Ruidoso coach Dean Hood after the win over Socorro. "They came out with a little more spit, fire and vinegar tonight."

Both teams pressed to start the game, but neither had a lot of scoring to begin with. The score was tied at 4-all midway through the first quarter before a jump shot by Shaina Lopez

gave Socorro a 6-4 lead.

The S-Warriors (0-2) then went on a 15-4 run and threatened to literally run away the game before the local team was able to recover.

"I didn't know what to expect from them," said Ruidoso center Madigan Gonzales. "They were a lot better than we expected, and we were a little bewildered at first."

Ruidoso (1-1) recovered near the end of the first period and went on a run of its own, going from seven down to three ahead, ending with a layup by Brittanie Vega following a steal by Lorely Enriquez.

Vega ended up with 21 points to lead Ruidoso, while Gonzales chipped in 11. Gonzales also led her team with 20 rebounds - including a putback to put her team up by two points at the break - as the Ruidoso Warriors got 16 more boards than their counterparts.

The score was so close at halftime because of turnovers on the R-Warriors part, who had 24 giveaways in the game.

"Coach just told us to watch our passes and turnovers," Gonzales said of the



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Ruidoso's Talia Randolph shoots for two points Nov. 29 against Socorro.

halftime speech by Hood. "That's mostly what got us in the first half. Our mistakes gave them a lot of their points."

Most of Socorro's points were scored by JeriAne Contreas, who had 21 to tie Vega for the game-high total; and most of those came on six 3-pointers.

Ruidoso went on a 10-4 run to take a 40-32 lead to start the second half and never trailed again, going up by as much as 13 points on a three-pointer by Vega in the closing seconds of the third quarter.

But Socorro hung in there to the very end, and Hood found himself wishing his girls had been more in control down the stretch.

"One thing I wish we could do better is clock management, and that will come," Hood said. "We're still trying to go to the hole too much when we've got a 12-point lead. When you're down under two or three minutes with a lead like that, you need to burn a little more time off."

Good start, at least

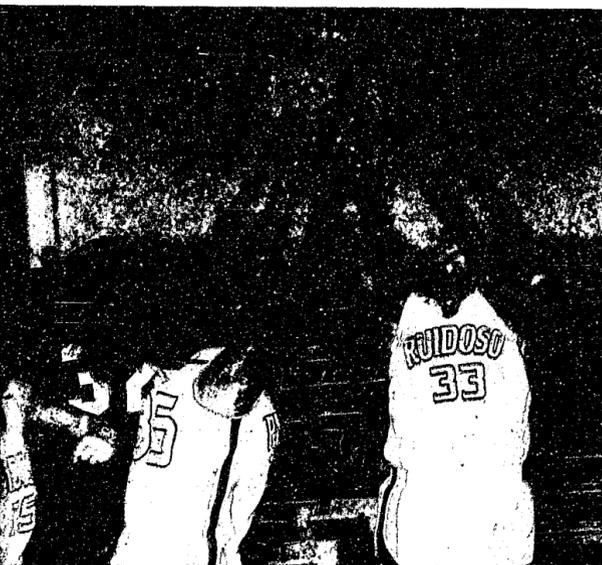
For half of one quarter, Ruidoso looked like it could meet Roswell bucket-for-bucket.

The Lady Coyotes, known for their buzzsaw defense, came out pressing Ruidoso, causing turnovers and getting transition buckets, but so were the Lady Warriors. Unfortunately for the Ruidoso girls, they weren't in as great of shape, and ended up on the wrong end of blowout score.

The game may have ended up lopsided, but the Lady Warriors were hanging with Roswell midway through the first quarter, using a pressure defense of their own to get buckets at the other end and fluster the Lady Coyote attack.

In fact, Ruidoso actually had a 5-2 lead with 6:13 left in the first period on a layup by Talia Randolph.

But a three-pointer by Marika Trujillo tied things up at 5:50, and the Lady Coyotes were off to the races. Roswell went on a 20-2 run and never looked back.



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Ruidoso players Felicia Polaco (33) and Darian Magooshboy (35) fight for a rebound with Roswell's Diana Carrillo, Nov. 28, during the Lady Warriors' season-opening loss at Ruidoso High School.

Challenges to grow for Warriors

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Ruidoso's boys basketball team is now 2-0, but their latest victory - a 69-46 decision over Cobre - was more of a challenge.

That's just how coach Dennis Davis wants it.

"We were able to work on other aspects of our game besides just running and throwing the ball down the court for a score. We had to work on executing better," Davis said of the win over the Indians (0-2) Tuesday. "You want the kids to have a good time and do well, but you also want them to get something out of the game."

The game was tied at 13-all at the end of the first quarter, and the Warriors had only a four-point lead at the break before they were able to break it wide open in the second half.

Ryan Williams - playing in his first game since returning from an injury - led the game with 23 points, followed by Wambli Little Spotted Horse with 11 points and Jordan Padilla with 10.

Matt Leyba was the only Cobre player in double figures with 20 points, 18 on six 3-pointers.

"We were able to execute and were much more efficient in the second half," Davis said of the turnaround. "We got good shots and made them, and the kids played hard."

While the Warriors may have started off hot, they've had to cool their heels this past week, as scheduled games at Hot Springs and at home against Tularosa had to be cancelled due to snow.

All these games represent a gradual increase in the competition and challenge as the season goes on. Again, that's just how Davis likes it.

"I've seen our kids progressing, and getting Ryan back helped a lot," Davis said. "We've now beaten two 3A schools, which shows that we're capable of beating the competition in this class. When the time comes to select teams for the state tournament, we'll have a better chance of getting in."

Warriors 69, Indians 46

Ruidoso (2-0)
Terrence Shields 2 2-5 6, Derrick Montelongo 2 0-0 4, Jordan Padilla 4 2-1 10, Wambli Little Spotted Horse 5 1-2 11, Sawyer Miller 1 1-2 3, Luis Marquez 0 0-0 0, Ismail Lapaz 0 0-1 0, Brandon Lewis 5 0-0 10, Isaac Gilliland 1 0-0 2, Ryan Williams 11 1-4 23, Devon Carr 0 0-0 0, Blane Maldonado 0 0-0 0, Keenan Kane 0 0-0 0. Totals 31 6-16 69.

Cobre (0-2)
Kevin Maynes 0 1-3 1, Cheis Medina 1 0-0 2, Justin Diaz 0 1-2 1, Tikie Noreno 0 0-0 0, Gabe Quintana 0 0-6 0, Jared Diaz 2 0-0 4, Adam Legarda 0 3-3 3, Matt Leyba 6 2-2 20, Jacob Alvarado 2 1-2 9, Jordan Benfield 3 0-2 6. Totals 15 8-21 46.

Ruidoso 13 17 19 20 - 69
Cobre 13 13 8 12 - 46
Three point goals - Rui 1 (Padilla), H (Names). Fouled out - Cob (Alvarado). Total fouls - Rui 16, Cob 15. Technical fouls - Rui (Shields), Cob (Alvarado).

Varsity wrestlers finish seventh at El Paso

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Ruidoso wrestling coach John Pacheco's goal this year is simple - finish at least fifth at the state tournament.

If the Warriors' performance at the El Paso Burgess tournament Saturday is any indication, they're well on their way to that goal after their first tournament of the season.

Ruidoso was seventh out of 16 teams at the tournament, just eight points out of fifth place due to some close individual losses.

That Ruidoso finished that high with only 10 wrestlers at the event says something about how well the team is prepared this year.

"We did as good as I though we should," Pacheco said. "Right now, we're on pace for my goal at the end of the year."

Of the 10 varsity wrestlers Pacheco took to El Paso Saturday, six placed. Ty Marshall finished third at 106 pounds, Nick Seacrest was fourth at 113, Michael Carpenter lost his final match 5-4 to finish fourth at 138.

Also finishing fourth was Travis Berry at 145 pounds, while Matthew Carr was fourth at 195 and Tanner DeSoto was second at 220.

About the only thing keeping Ruidoso from finishing even higher as a team was mistakes.

Mistakes like losing your mouth-guard before a match and having to forfeit. That's what happened to Carpenter in his first match of the day - a match that he should have won as the 15th seed.

"He should have been in the finals, and that forfeit cost us 16 points," Pacheco said. "But that's something that comes from nerves and jitters in the first meet of the year. We weren't dominated, we just beat ourselves with various mistakes."

A number of other mistakes led to some narrow losses for Ruidoso wrestlers all day. Those are mistakes Pacheco knows can be fixed down the road.

"They came home with seven medals from this tournament, and that's more than they

Capitan starts off season with a pair of wins

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CAPITAN – Before the beginning of the season, Capitan boys basketball coach Marv Sanders said he'd like to see his team in a close game, and see them win one by coming from behind.

He got both wishes Dec. 1 in the Tigers' season opener against Hondo, as Capitan – behind 20-8 in the first quarter – battled back and outplayed a fast and determined Eagle squad in a 55-52 victory.

"We were fearful of their speed, and pressed them to test the waters in that first half," Sanders said. "We've got numbers and some quickness ourselves. That's the way we want to develop, with an aggressive game."

The Tigers continued their winning ways Saturday with a 56-28 win over Cloudcroft.

Hondo (0-1) threatened to run away with the Dec. 1 contest to start, turning on the jets and going on a 10-2 run to turn a 4-all tie into a 14-6 Hondo advantage.

But before the Eagles could completely shut down the Tigers, Capitan began climbing back into the game in the second quarter. Sanders switched to a diamond-and-one defense to neutralize Hondo's speed, and the Tigers used their superior size to dominate the

board and get good looks at the basket.

Capitan went on a 9-0 run to close out the quarter and go into the half down by just two points.

"We talked about it in the huddle, and we decided we needed to step it up," said Capitan guard Tim Dickenson, who led the Tigers with 15 points. "We had to play smart defense and not make as many turnovers."

Tory Padilla and Lawrence Whipple each added 10 points for the Tigers, and they needed every point they could get to counter Hondo's scoring trio of German Lerma (16 points), Billy Candelaria (15) and Luis Montano (11). They each had a three-pointer in the game and were able to use their quickness to press and force Capitan to run the length of the floor for the whole game.

Capitan's defensive change pretty much stopped Hondo's outside threat, but it was the Eagle's mistakes near the end that cost them, according to coach Brad Holland.

"I thought we did a better job of staying in control until the very end," Holland said. "We had some costly turnovers down the stretch, when they got in the passing lanes. We made a couple of lazy passes and they went on a run."

Both teams had runs in the third quarter and threatened to

take an insurmountable lead, but the other squad simply wouldn't give up and kept it close throughout.

The fourth quarter was the most pressure-filled, as the difference between the teams was never more than five points.

That five-point difference came near the very end of the game, when Dickenson was able to get a steal and layup at the other end to put his team up 55-50 with 2:35 left in the game.

Lerma scored on a layup about a minute later to get his team within three points, and then it was a question of who would have the ball last.

Capitan tried to play ball control in the final 80 seconds, but an errant shot and scramble eventually gave the Eagles the ball out of bounds with 16 seconds left. Hondo then had two 3-point shots go off the rim, and Capitan was able to rebound the ball and hold on for the victory.

A slower game

Cloudcroft was unable to keep up with Capitan's defensive pressure Saturday, succumbing to the Tigers' superior speed and size in the first two quarters.

Capitan was able to keep the Bears (1-1) scoreless for the entire second quarter to go into the break up by 25 points.

After that, Sanders took



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Capitan guard Tim Dickenson (5), makes a layup as Hondo's Christian Guillen defends Dec. 1 at Capitan. Dickenson had 15 points to lead the Tigers in victory.

off the press, and the Tigers worked on their half court and inside game.

"This was a much different experience from that Hondo game, and I'm pleased with the experience we've got now," Sanders said. "We were able to run a solid half-court game the rest of the way."

With that half-court offense in effect, Capitan's big man – center Jake LaMay – ended

up leading the game with 17 points, while Lawrence Whipple added nine.

"We're still learning and very green, and I've also learned a bit about our varsity," Sander said. "The only way to work through this is to keep playing."

Capitan travels to Carrizozo tonight for the first half of the annual Lincoln County grudge match between the two schools.

Lady Tigers make short work of Hondo

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CAPITAN – It didn't take long to see that the Capitan girls basketball team is ready for this season.

In their first game of the year, the Lady Tigers roared out to an 8-0 lead to start the contest against Hondo, and cruised from there to a 51-12 victory Nov. 29.

That momentum almost carried over into a win against Cloudcroft Saturday, but the Lady Bears were able to hang on for the 39-37 win to even Capitan's record at 1-1.

The Lady Tigers entered their game against Hondo with respect for a team they had split with a season before.

"We came out knowing the challenges we faced against them last year, but this is a different team for them now," said Capitan coach John Devine, whose team battled injuries all last season. "I still don't think we played very well, and we have things to work on."

The contest was the first one for players like Kersti Davis and Jamie Fields, both of whom were relegated to the sidelines

by the end of the season due to injuries.

Fields admitted to being a little nervous, particularly since they hadn't had a whole lot of practice time, due to the Capitan volleyball team having played so deep in the post-season. Those that were on that team – Davis and Fields included – had less than two weeks to prepare for Tuesday.

"Kersti and I recovered really fast and I was confident our team could win tonight," Fields said. "We definitely have a lot of things to work on – getting in shape, for one."

Fields and Dustee Rae Eldridge each had 10 points for the Lady Tigers (1-0), while Georgia Lynn Eldridge had a game-high 12 points.

Capitan may have never really been threatened in the game – the Lady Eagles (0-1) didn't score until a jumper by Valeria Lerma with 3:13 left in the first quarter – but Hondo was able to get a distressing number of turnovers due to bad passing by the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Eagles combined for 10 steals in the game, but unfortunately for them, they couldn't convert with points at the other end. Selena Chavez

led Hondo with only four points.

"We got the steals, we just couldn't do much with it," said Hondo coach Brad Holland. "We'll eventually be able to guard people better on defense, but we've got to find a way to throw it in the ocean."

Holland said the defensive pressure by Capitan was difficult for his young squad to handle.

"We lost three good seniors from last season, and now we're playing very young," Holland said. "Capitan pressured us, and that will hurt our young group right now. But that's the only way to get better, and these girls will improve."

Narrow loss

Saturday's decision against Cloudcroft wasn't that much of a disappointment to coach Devine, as the Lady Bears could have made it a real blowout after going up 21-15 at the break.

"We lost our composure a little bit there," Devine said. "There was a call that we thought would have put us at the line in a bonus situation, but then it turned out the call was on us. Then one of our girls got a technical, which put them at the line again and

Lady Grizzlies lose, but not for lack of trying

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The Carrizozo girls basketball team has talent this year, just not the numbers.

That fact caught up to the Lady Grizzlies Nov. 29 in their season opener against Cloudcroft, a 69-41 loss.

"The girls got winded in this game, and we just didn't have the time to get them in shape," said Carrizozo coach George Vega. "This game shows us what we need to do."

Cloudcroft had a 31-17 halftime lead, and while the Lady Grizzlies kept at it, they were never able to get much closer.

Andrea Vigil had 14 points to lead Carrizozo, while Sarah Ferguson had 11 points. Polly Rogers was the game's high scorer with 16 points for the Lady Bears.

Magdalena tournament

The Lady Grizzlies' season didn't get much easier over the weekend, as they lost to Tularosa in the first round of the Magdalena tournament 47-14. They almost rebounded for a win against Mountainair in the second round Friday, but ended up on the wrong end of a 27-25 score. The third game of the tournament wasn't played, as Carrizozo was unable to get back to Magdalena Saturday due to snow.

Victoria Ventura had nine points to lead Carrizozo (0-3) against Mountainair, while Shayna Gallagher had seven points and Andrea Vigil five.

Vigil fouled out in the third quarter against Tularosa, putting her team even further behind the eight-ball due to the Lady Grizzlies' low numbers.

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Lady Chiefs stay undefeated at Corona

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CORONA – It might have been Corona's home opener Thursday night, but Mescalero controlled the hardwood for much of the game between these two unbeaten girls basketball teams.

The Lady Chiefs jumped out to an early lead, forced turnovers, attacked the boards and made difficult shots en route to a 47-42 victory over the Lady Cardinals.

Mescalero went on a 9-3 run to start the first quarter, eight of those points coming from senior guard Valerie Garcia. She finished with a team-high 15 points, three rebounds, four assists and two steals.

The Lady Chiefs led 12-5 after the quarter, helped by offensive rebounding and five turnovers committed by Corona.

"Our game plan coming into tonight was to start off fast," said Mescalero coach Nate Raynor. "I told the girls that we needed to keep the intensity going the whole game."

The Lady Cardinals

(3-1) were able to cut the Lady Chiefs' lead by four halfway through the second quarter after Garcia was substituted following her third personal foul. A 5-0 run by Corona in the quarter made it 19-15 with 2:32 left in the half, all of those points coming from Taylor Huey.

Mescalero (4-0) took a 24-18 lead into halftime, following a 6-3 run to close out the second quarter.

Allysanne Huey came on strong in the second half for Corona, scoring six of her eight points. Her layup with 2:32 left in the third quarter cut the Lady Cardinal deficit by two points to make it 30-28.

Kayla Belin scored 10 of her 12 points in the second half for Corona. She finished with a game-high 11 rebounds.

But that was as close as Corona came to taking a lead. The second half not only saw a resurgence from Garcia, who scored five points in the fourth quarter, but sophomore Ardis Holder scored eight of her 10 points after the half and grabbed nine rebounds in the game for the Lady

Chiefs.

Holder hit a jump shot with 16 seconds left in the game to make it 47-42.

"In the second half, we kind of let (Corona) back in the game," Raynor said. "They came within two points when our second unit was in there. Basically we had to put in a couple of our starters to help out the second unit."

Raynor said he liked that his second unit was able to get some more playing time, adding he would need them to come through once Mescalero begins district play.

"We just didn't play well inside tonight," said Corona coach Nick Huey. "We missed a lot of shots and just never really seemed to get a rhythm going. That was the story of the game."

Raynor said that he had expected a strong performance from the Lady Cardinals.

"They were 3-0 like we were and they didn't become 3-0 just because," he said. "I told my players that we can't take them lightly and we have to fight to keep being undefeated."



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Mescalero's Diona Chavez (40) has the ball in the center between Corona defenders Allysanne Huey (13) and Taylor Huey Nov. 29 at Corona.

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Corona boys overwhelmed

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CORONA – The good news for Corona was that Troy Dial and Lane Carter combined to score 28 points. Unfortunately, their teammates combined to score only five.

The rest of the game was just as lopsided, as visiting Mescalero had three different players score in double figures during a 74-33 rout over the Cardinals Dec. 1.

Corona (0-4) opened the scoring when Troy Dial made a free-throw after a technical foul was called on Godfrey Cordova of the Chiefs for excessively hanging on the rim during pregame warm-ups to make it 1-0.

The lead for the Cardinals was short lived.

Mescalero opened the first quarter with 12 unanswered points, including six points from Cordova. He finished with a team-high 14 points, shooting 7 for 10 from the field.

"We come out pressing all the time, that's our kind of basketball," said Mescalero coach Mike Torres of the Chiefs' large lead to start the game. "Our press is our offense."

Corona finally made a basket during regulation when Carter hit a jump shot to make it 12-3 with 3:36 left in the first

quarter. The Cardinals closed out the quarter with a 5-3 run.

Corona, which only had six players available for the game, matched better against Mescalero during the second quarter, when Dial and Carter combined to score 13 points for the Cardinals. But the Chiefs (2-1), who had 10 players available, took advantage of a deep bench, getting key baskets from their second unit, including five points from Dillon Cochise in the second quarter, as they took a 38-23 lead into halftime.

The third quarter saw the Chiefs put the game out of reach, as Mescalero outscored Corona 21-2. Ethan Johnson scored the only points for the Cardinals in the quarter, making two free-throws.

Dial finished with a game-high 16 points for Corona.

Corona coach Ronnie Dunsworth said he was impressed by the depth of talent that Mescalero showed.

"They've got a lot of talent, a lot of athletes on their team, and we had a hard matching up with them," he said.

Cochise and Tahari Kaydahzinne each finished with 10 points for Mescalero, which as a team had 31 rebounds.

Said Torres: "Everyone played, everyone scored and we finally had our half-court game going. The formula's working."

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brought home from any tournament all last season," Pacheco said. "They were really positive and are ready to practice this week."

This weekend is the two-day Las Cruces tournament, a meet, that Pacheco says will be a much better test of his

team. It features 38 teams, including every El Paso school and almost every Class 5A school in New Mexico.

The rest of the Ruidoso team wrestled at the Goddard junior varsity tournament in Roswell, and brought home a lot of first and second-place

medals.

"There was a lot of good seasoning for the kids there," Pacheco said.

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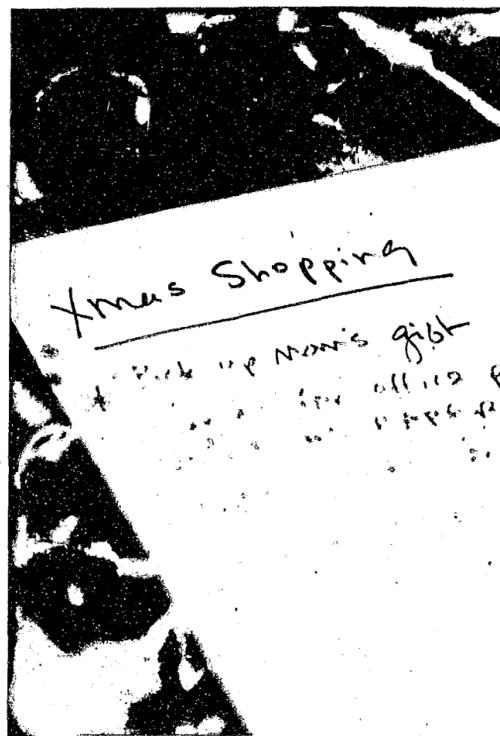
Family Features

There are a few things that a lot of people forget during the holidays, according to a survey by RadioShack. So you might want to double check your own to-do list, just to be sure that everyone's holiday can be jolly.

- **Thank you notes** – 44 percent of those surveyed forget to write a note of thanks for a gift. Stock up on thank you cards early – then put a “Thank You Day” on the family calendar between Christmas and New Year's so that everyone can take care of this important task before too much time goes by.
- **Batteries** – 36 percent forget batteries for the gifts they buy. There's nothing more frustrating than getting excited about a new present, then not being able to use it right away because there are no batteries. When you buy an electronic gift, make sure you put the right size batteries in the cart before you check out. Stock up on some of the more common sizes in case someone else forgets the batteries for your gift, too.
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not sure what kind of accessories your gift should have, you can always include a gift card so that the recipient can buy just what they need later on. For more accessory and gift ideas, visit www.radioshack.com.

- **Hostess gifts** – The holidays are filled with parties and special occasions, yet 29 percent don't remember to bring a host or hostess gift with them. Keep a little stash of ready-to-go gifts such as gourmet cocoas or coffees, boxed chocolates or scented candles so you have something handy for even the most last-minute events.
- **Receipts and return options** – Sometimes, despite your best efforts, a gift just doesn't work out, so you need to make it easy for the recipient to return it. If you're one of the 70 percent who said they plan to do the majority of their holiday shopping in stores this year, be sure to ask for a gift receipt along with your regular receipt. If you're one of the 26 percent who plans to do 50 percent or more of shopping online, find out what the site's return policies are. Print up any documentation for the gift and make it available to the recipient should they need it.



Taking care of these little things now will help make the holidays go more smoothly, and let you enjoy them even more.

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Call for artists: Hubbard Museum of the American West "Biennale Grande" juried art show

The Hubbard Museum is pleased to call for entries to 2012 "Biennale Grande" art show scheduled to open at the Museum on April 4, 2012. The Biennale Grande is a juried fine arts competition that seeks to recognize and honor excellence in the contemporary visual arts of the American West. Artists who are selected as finalists benefit from regional exposure through a Smithsonian Affiliated Museum, have the opportunity to receive recognition for their work, as well as the opportunity to sell that work during the exhibition. Jurors will be art professionals chosen to ensure a diverse range of perspectives.

Eligibility: The competition is open

to all artists of any age, both amateur and professional, currently residing in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. Eligible media include drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, fiber art and mixed media. We will not be able, this year, to accept videos, films, photographs or large installations. All works submitted must be original in design and concept and must have been completed within the past 5 years.

Entry requirements: Artists may submit any number of works in one or more media with an entry fee of \$25 for the first entry and \$20 per entry for each additional entry. Artists must submit a completed entry form listing all submitted works of

art, one digital image for each two-dimensional work, and 2 images for each three-dimensional work. Please do not send originals. We prefer entries to be made on digital files which are at least 4 Mb and no larger than 10 Mb in size, submitted on a CD or DVD. Images should be saved as .jpg or .tif files. The artist's name should not appear in the digital file's name.

Deadline & size limits: All entries must be received by the Hubbard Museum on or before January 31, 2012. No work of 2-D art should be larger than 3 ft x 3 ft. No piece of 3-D art should be larger than 3 ft x 3 ft x 6 ft high.

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Best of Show - \$500 or 30 percent of total; Second Place - \$300 or 18 percent of total; Third Place - \$200 or 9 percent of total; and 4 Honorable Mentions - \$100 or 4.5 percent of total each. The 2010 Best of Show winner, Kaleen Green of Santa Fe received \$1,000 for her work, *The Yoke of Form*.

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Gift ideas for young and old abound at the Spencer Theater where a month-long display of Christmas trees decorated by area non-profit organizations adorn both levels of the Crystal Lobby.

Each of the trees contains ornaments, tags or ribbons listing needs of the various organizations.

Called "Wish Trees," the giving is simple: just pick a ribbon or two from trees and purchase the specified "wish" item listed or make a financial contribution directed to that organization's mission.

Requesting gifts that vary from new bedsheets to adult pajamas, children's books and toys, to leashes, dog food and spay/neuter vouchers, the non-profit entities include:

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- Laughing Eyes Kennels;
- Ruidoso Dance Ensemble;
- Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Blanca (formerly called The Youth Warehouse);
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lincoln County;
- Teambuilders;
- Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts' Ticket Angel or Endowment Fund.

Some of the "Wish Trees" are located within the theater's lower entrance and others are on the second lobby level. A ninth tree, representing the non-profit Spencer, was recently decorated by the Theater Guild. It is located in the Spencer's Founders Room.

The Spencer Crystal Lobby will be open to the public from 10 a.m. thru 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 21, and on performance nights: Dec. 3, 17 and 21. The trees will be displayed for viewing through Wednesday, Dec. 21.

"The 'Wish Trees' encourage the generosity of the season and bring area non-profit organizations together under one roof. They also give folks the chance to meet the people behind the charitable organizations," says Charles Centilli, Spencer Theater Executive Director.

For information about the tree view-

ing or gift giving, please call the Spencer Box Office at (575) 336-4800. Callers seeking detail about gift deliveries will be directed to the organization's contact person, main office phone or facility.

Coming up at the Spencer:

• Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. *Damn Yankees*, The Home-Run Broadway Musical (\$79 & \$76). Home-runs, hit songs and a sizzling siren named Lola have made *Damn Yankees* a musical comedy favorite for years. Winner of 8 Tony Awards, this musical featuring 30 singers, dancers and orchestra musicians is about a young 1950s baseball zealot who sells his soul to the Devil to help his favorite team win the pennant only to realize there's more to life than homeruns. Filled with hit songs like "Whatever Lola Wants" and "You Gotta Have Heart."

A public pre-performance Stadium Dogs buffet featuring Omaha beef dogs and 21 condiments (everything you'd find at a professional ballpark), nacho salad, crabby fries with Old Bay Seasoning, etc. will be in the Crystal Lobby at 5 p.m.; \$20 per person.

• Saturday, March 3 at 7 p.m. Las Cruces Chamber Orchestra (\$59 & \$56). Under the artistic direction of Maestro Lonnie Klein, the orchestra performs Mozart's *Violin Concerto #5 in A Major K 219* with featured soloist Eva León on violin; Mozart's *Symphony #35 in D Major "Haffner" K 385* among other grand works.

• Friday, March 16 at 7 p.m. *Marty Stuart & The Fabulous Superlatives* (\$79 & \$76). Barn-burning honky tonk and hillbilly rock is the hallmark country roots sound of Marty Stuart, the four-time Grammy winning star who first became a chart-topper in the 90s. Performing with his rustic The Fabulous Superlatives band on vocals, banjo, steel, upright bass, drums & guitar, Stuart will share some of his greatest hits like "Tempted," "Honky Tonker," "Arlene," "Hillbilly Rock," "The Wiskey Ain't Workin'" and "This One's Gonna Hurt You."

The same evening, a public pre-performance fried chicken buffet will be provided in the Crystal Lobby at 5 p.m.; \$20 per person.

• Saturday, April 14 at 7 p.m. *Country Royalty: Jason Petty & Carolyn Martin Pay Tribute To Hank Williams & Patsy Cline* (\$69 & \$66). Jason Petty, the 2003 Obie Award winning star of Hank Williams: Lost

Highway joins forces with Carolyn Martin, the 2008 Western Swing Female Vocalist of the Year in tribute to two of country music's greatest legends. A public pre-performance short ribs buffet will be in the Crystal Lobby at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person.

• Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. *Spencers Theatre of Illusion* (\$59 & \$56) Honored as the International Magicians of the Year and the Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year, the mind-boggling Spencers brings

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Ruidoso Municipal Judge Beverly Rankin and husband Jack Rankin, both volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca, decorated the Club's "Wish Tree" at the Spencer Theater last week. The tree is among nine on display in the Spencer Lobby, that represent the wishes (needs) of various non-profit entities in Lincoln County. Everyone is welcome to come out and view the trees and pick a wish or two! Call the Spencer at 336-4800 for lobby hours for information on giving.

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Florence and the Machine review – *Ceremonials*

By Ty Wyant

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Ceremonial Flo

The shocking mane of red hair framing her alabaster face is window dressing for the ethereal voice booming out of Florence Welch.

Welch, 25, leads Florence and the Machine, a band of nine — including a harpist and a trio of vocalists — who back Welch on the road. She has been on the road for three years and hasn't even taken the time to move out her mother's south London home. She says it "will be terrible" if she dies while still living at her mother's house.

Love and death are constant themes and visions presented in her second album *Ceremonials*. The album has been hanging in and around the top ten in sales since its release on Halloween and is the heavy follow up to her lighter debut album "Lungs."

Welch lives the contradictory image of a twenty-something. She is the playful girl who says she needs rest and then sees an old acquaintance and knows that the party is on. She is the aspiring young adult who works at her career and didn't drink last summer when she opened for U2. Yet, she also repeatedly says that one of her most productive times to write is when she is in the throes of a hangover.

Welch grew up adoring musicals and daydreamed of soaring high above London with an umbrella, ala Mary Poppins. The young English teenager wanted to be Posh Spice and then moved



on to Green Day and black lipstick. She surrounded herself with music and a tendency for the overly dramatic.

At 18, she fell in love with a local rock musician after schoolboys didn't pay attention to her. She was smitten by the guitarist and followed him by tending bar.

That relationship provided a platform for her career. She was on the fringes of mainstream show business and had performed a few of her songs at clubs before she, drunkenly, insisted on singing Etta James' "Something's Got a Hold on Me" to influential London DJ Mairéad Nash. That led to her career-starting moment when Nash booked her into a gig at a Christmas party and she then hit the United States with a showcase at South By Southwest. Blast off.

Lungs was her 2009 debut selling more than three million units worldwide. It was among the top-40 albums in the United Kingdom for most of a year and started her out on the current continuous tour that has included stops performing on the Academy Awards and the Nobel Peace Prize Concert. *Ceremonials* stepped her commercial success to a

higher level by debuting at number one on the United Kingdom charts.

Ceremonials is a dark, tumultuous storm of thundering drums and swirling strings led by Welch's vocal lightning punching out lyrics bordering on the pompous. While *Lungs* offered an intimate introduction — perhaps reflective of her club days — she delivers a more grandiose spectacle in *Ceremonials* that will provide ample material for larger venues.

The first single, "Shake It Out," was an admitted hangover creation. It begins humbly with Welch's lilting voice and builds to a cathedral-filling wail. "And I've been a fool and I've been blind/I can never leave the past behind/I can see no way, I can see no way/I'm always dragging that horse around."

"No Light, No Light" is the second single from *Ceremonials* and uses similar structure as "Shake It Out." Beginning with Welch's enchanting voice, it gains

sonic overkill with pounding drums countered with a melodic harp. Again the theme is love in a changing relationship: "You want a revelation, some kind of resolution/Tell me what you want me to say."

Welch's darker side is abundant in *Ceremonials*. In "Lover To Lover" she says, "There's no salvation for me now/No space among the clouds" and in "What The Water Gave Me" she talks about suicide while being underwater with a "pocketful of stones."

Welch has walked and posed on the red carpet at the premier Hollywood award shows. She smiles, she chats and her fame grows. She now has people who shop with her in New York and fetch cash when she forgets her credit card.

Applaud Welch for her commercial success during this depressed time for the music industry, but where is her artistic journey leading? Is she destined to become the Stevie Nicks for the Twilight generation, wrapped in spinning, witchy cliché? Or will she discover the simple, elegant expression of Annie Lennox or Amy Winehouse?



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Disturbed review – *The Lost Children*

By Ty Vinney

Music Reporter

Releasing what is considered a B-side album are veteran Chicago metalers, Disturbed. The collection of unreleased, covers and rare songs titled *The Lost Children* is sort of a lament for the band, after announcing their "indefinite hiatus." David Draiman and company have given us a glimpse to all that fell to the floor after final touches on their memorable five album run. Not only do we hear what was left on the cutting room floor but we also get some covers and songs that found a home on a soundtrack but never an album. It's 16 tracks of pure straight up metal with the Disturbed bite.

Opening the album is the ferocious "Hell;" a track that Draiman delivers a savage message to, someone who's obviously left a bad taste in his mouth. There's the Dexter inspired track, "Old Friend." As a fan of the series I really hope the song appears in it at some point. It's heavy and lyrically matches the darkness that is Dexter Morgan. With just a glimpse of the lyrics "The ritual begins, evil will meet its end, in your destruction I will finally feel whole again." It captures the very essence of the Dark Passenger. Giving credit to bands they admire and have inspired them are two cover songs, Faith No More's "Midlife Crisis" and Judas Priest's "Living After Midnight." Disturbed's put their special blend on both and even though they're the weakest songs, they sound okay. "Mine" is a work of art; after opening with a slow piano the song picks up, getting monstrous with a crowd raising continuance of the intro.

This album doesn't play like an afterthought a record company dragged out of the vault. It's passionate and delivers the heart of the band's sound from their beginnings until now, what could be their end. Every song is good and fans of the band will really be missing out if *The Lost Children* is passed over.

Editor's Choice

Chillin' and grillin' through the winter

While the traditional grilling season is marked by summer holidays, part of mountain living is winter grilling. I am passionate about outdoor grill cooking, especially during a snowstorm or a cold and crisp winter night. Grilling isn't just for meat, yes, some of the best vegetables I have eaten have come off of the grill. The contrast between the heat and flame of the grill plus the savory smoke settling in the air make winter grilling a quick cure for cabin fever. This recipe is an elegant, yet affordable and well balanced meal to kick-off the winter grilling season.



Eugene Heathman
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Orange-Black Pepper Beef Tenderloin with a Fresh Herb Wrap

Set your gas grill to a medium high temperature (400-450 degrees), for wood and charcoal; a direct heat with a light ash with the grill set just a couple of inches above the coals.

For the beef: You will need ½ teaspoon of kosher salt, ½ teaspoon ground dried orange peel, ½ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper. 1 beef tenderloin, about 3 pounds, trimmed and tied, 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, 1 cup chopped fresh herbs (flat leaf parsley, rosemary, oregano, thyme, chervil, and/or tarragon) and oil for coating the grill grate.

For the sauce: 4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, salted or unsalted, 1 clove minced garlic, 1 teaspoon coarsely chopped fresh rosemary leaves, 1 cup fresh orange juice.

• Mix the salt, orange peel, and pepper in a small bowl. Set aside ¼ teaspoon for the sauce. Rub the remaining seasoning all over the tenderloin with the olive oil, and press the herbs into the surface. Wrap in plastic wrap and

set aside for at least 10 minutes.

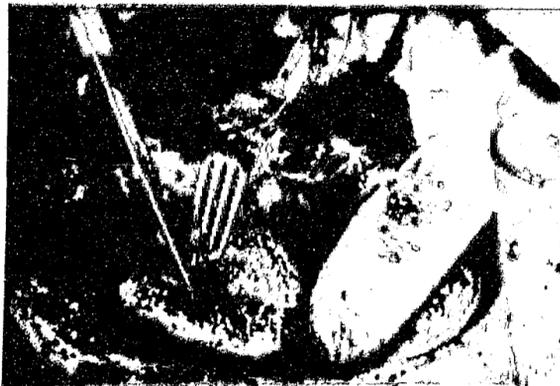
• Heat the grill as directed
• Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the tenderloin on the grill, cover and cook until browned on all 4 sides, about 5 minutes per side. Check the temperature with an instant-read thermometer into the thicker end; it should register 120 degrees for medium rare. If your grill has a temperature gauge,

it should stay at around 400 degrees F. Transfer the tenderloin to a cutting board and let rest for about 5 minutes.

• To make the sauce, heat 1 tablespoon of the butter and the garlic in a small skillet until you smell the garlic aroma, about one minute. Add the rosemary and orange juice then boil until reduced by half. Cut the remaining 3 tablespoons butter into pieces and swirl them into the sauce; keep warm.

• Slice the tenderloin into ½-inch-thick slices, pour the orange sauce over the top and serve with a light spring salad with chopped pecans topped with a raspberry vinaigrette dressing and of course, grilled corn on the cob basted in butter and sprinkled very lightly with cayenne pepper.

Recipe from *Mastering the Grill, The Owner's Manual for Outdoor Cooking*. Photo by Alison Miksch.



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Orozco ofrece un discurso en el Centro de Estudios México Americanos

Por Víctor Gómez

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South Texas College inauguró el Centro de Estudios México Americanos en la Sala de Biblioteca del Campus Pecan del arco iris en McAllen el 21 de noviembre de 2011, y comenzar a ejecutar por el anfitrión de la mesa redonda sobre "Cien años de Derechos Civiles: Celebrando El Primer Congreso Mexicanista," el primer mexicano en la reunión de los derechos civiles celebrada en 1911.

"El Centro de Estudios México Americanos de South Texas College está alineado con la misión integral de la institución y en consonancia con el enfoque de nuestro equipo de asuntos académicos," dijo Juan E. Mejía, STC vicepresidente de asuntos académicos. "Es este tipo de programación que proporciona a nuestros estudiantes la oportunidad de participar con la facultad de la institución, a su vez conducen al éxito estudiantil."

México STC del Programa de Estudios de América comenzó en 2007 y desde entonces ha acogido a numerosas conferencias, como la Asociación Nacional para la chicana y estudios chicanos, y patrocinado por ponentes de reconocido prestigio en la universidad, tales como la Dra. Cynthia Orozco, Gary Soto, y, más recientemente, la autora Sandra Cisneros.

"Estamos muy contentos de haber conseguido esta oportunidad de debutar con un Centro de Estudios México Americanos de South Texas College y estamos agradecidos por el enorme apoyo que hemos recibido de nuestros profesores, personal, estudiantes y administradores, en especial Juan Mejía, quien ha sido un la fuerza impulsora detrás de esta iniciativa que beneficiará a nuestra comunidad y la institución," dijo el profesor de historia STC Asistente y CMAS Presidente Víctor Gómez. "Esta mesa redonda fue adecuada, ya que conmemora 100 años de México de los derechos civiles estadounidenses, y porque de los tres panelistas invitados, que son todos muy a favor de nuestra programación, y son importantes estudiosos de Chicana / o estudios".

"El Centro de Estudios México Americanos en STC es un programa visionario dirigido a centrarse en la situación política, económica y educativa de la comunidad

descendiente de mexicanos, y es empoderar y dignificar a la comunidad mexicana, así como los demás, a través del conocimiento y la oportunidad," agregó Orozco, quien participó en la mesa redonda.

La inauguración fue seguida por una discusión de la CMAS "mesa redonda sobre El Primer Congreso Mexicanista, el primer mexicano en la reunión de los derechos civiles. La mesa redonda fue parte de la serie Pláticas Sol de Aztlán Conferencia Chicana / o, e incluyó panelistas Dr. José Limón de Notre Dame, la Dra. Cynthia Orozco de este Estado de Nuevo México, el Dr. Roberto Calderón, de la Universidad de North Texas, y STC Historia Profesor Dr. Trinidad González.

El Primer Congreso Mexicanista fue dirigido por la familia Idar y celebrada en 1911 en Laredo, Texas, en una época en la historia de EE.UU. cuando el lincha-

miento de los mexicanos estaba en su punto más alto de todos los tiempos, y en un momento histórico en que los mexicano-americanos buscaron para avanzar en su educación, promover su cultura, y luchar por sus derechos civiles.

"Esta mesa redonda fue muy importante porque es el único lugar que conozco en Texas, o en los Estados Unidos o México, que reconoció la importancia de esta conferencia celebrada en 1911 en Laredo, Texas," dijo Orozco. "El resultado fue en respuesta a los incidentes de linchamiento, al aumento de la segregación racial en las escuelas y los lugares públicos, y al hecho de que en 1911 hubo uno o cero los representantes del Estado de México y Estados Unidos descendio en Austin, Texas. Por lo que estaban trabajando para empoderar a la comunidad a la vez."

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ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR - 12-6 thru 12-12

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6

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

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

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

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 - button ornament. 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.

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 8

Ruidoso High and Middle School choirs concert, at the Spencer Theater, 7 p.m. With a variety of songs and visual effects, this concert has something for everyone. The concert is free and open to the public.

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

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 9

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.

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Things to do every day

Ruidoso Winter Park Tubing Area, located at 500 W. State Highway 532, a quarter of a mile west of Hwy 48 on lower Ski Run Road in Alto. Open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on designated nights. "A premier snow play area," as Bert the Conqueror from the Travel Channel says: "This is the Holy Grail of snow tubing." The first-class tubing experience offers twists, turns, bumps, jumps and bobsled curves. They have more lift capacity and the largest tubing snow-making system in the Rockies. Featuring exclusively designed tubes for 3-6 riders and super size tubes for 3-10 riders. By popular demand they have expanded the Kidz Korral which is a designated area exclusively for the smaller guests! Full snack bar with hot chocolate, nachos, dogs and the best



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handmade pizza in town at the Pizza Stand! For more information: (575) 336-7079; www.ruidosowinterpark.com. Kids thru 7 years of age \$9; juniors 8-17 \$17 regular rates and \$20 holiday rates; adults 18 and up \$20 regular rates and \$25 holiday rates. All tickets are good for 3 hours or until end of the day whichever is shorter. Snow clothing available for rent.

Ruidoso River Museum - Open at 101 Mechem Drive in the building which previously housed Rush Ski Shop. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

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

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

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

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

"20th Annual Fall American Photography Competition & Exhibition," Hubbard Museum of the American West, Hwy 70 E., Ruidoso Downs, runs through Feb. 12, 2012. Now into its twentieth year, the Fall American brings together work by photographers from around the country. Their images present widely differing perceptions of the "American West." More than one hundred photographs are exhibited each year. Almost all photographs are for sale through the Museum's Mercantile Store. The Hubbard Museum will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. For more information, contact Hubbard Museum of the American West: 575-378-4142; www.hubbardmuseum.org. Admission: Adults- \$6; seniors and military - \$5; ages 6 to 16 - \$2; under 6 - free.

Pillow's Funtracker - Open weekends, Christmas Break, and most holidays throughout the year. 101 Carrizo Canyon Road just off Sudderth. Pillow's Funtrackers is the premier family fun center in New Mexico. We have been providing fun to thousands of families for over twenty years. Our park includes three go-kart tracks, miniature golf, arcade, Mountain Maze, and seasonal attractions such as Bumper Boats, Panning for Gemstones, Rock Climbing Wall, Extreme Air, and Kiddie Bounce House.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

The Christmas Authorfest at the Ruidoso Public Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ten local authors will discuss and autograph their books. Friends of the Library volunteers can wrap the books for gift giving. A small portion of the proceeds from the sale of the books will go to The Friends of the Library, a nonprofit organization that supports library projects through your donations and fund raising.

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

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7th Annual Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse's Cowboy Christmas Ball, Mountain Annie's, 2710

Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 6 - 11 p.m. Come have dinner and dance the night away, with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys! Tickets sell out fast, so get them while you can. For more information, contact Joe Baker at 575-808-4111. Tickets are \$55 per person.

Lincoln County Community Theater's Christmas Special, Sacred Grounds Coffee & Tea House, 2825 Sudderth Dr., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Each night, LCCT will be performing six acts from comedy to drama, and includes a delightful Christmas play. Plus, Georgio's jazz music & Sawyer Ward's vocals. All proceeds go to the Lincoln County Community Theatre. For more information, contact Sharon Lurix at 575-808-0051; www.sacredgroundscoffeeshop.com. Admission is \$8 at the door.

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

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

Electric Edric (Favorites from the 70s to present) performs in Club 49 at Inn of the Mountain Gods, 8 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

The Nativity Scene Christmas Play presented by St. Rita's CCD Classes, 10:30 a.m. in lieu of having a sermon. Lannle Maddox

will play a Christmas concert before and after the service which will be followed by a pot luck lunch in the Church Hall. During the pot luck, drawings will be made for a cord of wood and for the Bernina sewing machine. Tickets will be available for both machine and cord of wood till the actual drawing from Eileen Seedillo at 648-2975.

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MONDAY DECEMBER 12

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Super Crossword

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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

The members of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus through a series of special Advent services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The overall theme of the services is "Savior of the Nations, Come," with the messages based on the messianic prophecies in Isaiah 40. Pastor Schoech's sermon theme for Wednesday, Dec. 7 will be "Prepare the Royal Highway." The service will be preceded by a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. Guests are welcome. 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).

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



Weekly Featured Adoptable Pets

Butler would love to find a home with lots of land to run and play. He has lots of energy to burn off and he is very playful. Butler weighs about 50 pounds and is around 1-2 years old. Butler is enrolled in an obedience class and will graduate in about two weeks.



Autumn is very much a lady, she is around two years old and weighs 7 pounds. She is very sweet and very social.

To adopt one of these featured pets, contact the Humane Society of Lincoln County. Hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11-5 and Saturday 11-2. Location: 422 Gavilan Canyon, Ruidoso. (575) 257-9841. Website: adoptnmpet.com

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Testigos de Jehova
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378-7095
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Kehilla Bat-Tzion and Hebrew
Learning Center, Inc.
2204 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345
575-257-0122
LUTHERAN
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran
Church
575-258-4191; 1120 Hull Road. Pastor
Thomas Schoech. www.shlruidoso.org
METHODIST
Community United Methodist
Church
Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo
Bank. Stephanie Harmon, Pastor.
Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Jean Riley and the congregation
of Capitan United Methodist. White
Oaks and Third in Capitan. 575-648-
2846
Trinity United Methodist Church
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846.
Ruidoso, NM. Pastor
Carlos & Gabby Carreon. *All Services are
Bilingual* - Translators Available
NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on
Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison,
Pastor
QUAKER
Quaker Worship Group
Unprogrammed meeting at the
Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center in

OPPORTUNITY KEEPS KNOCKING

THAT'S RIGHT, we said opportunity keeps knocking. It does so because there is no limit to God's love for man. Our Creator is not One who would up this old world and then left it and its inhabitants abandoned like a forgotten toy. He is the One who cares most of all about us. He is the One who will leave the ninety-nine sheep in the fold and come searching for the one that is lost. As a poet once put it, "He wants us for Himself because He loves us and He will never give up the pursuit. Most wonderful of all, He chose us that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Only when we stop running away and let Him into our lives can they be fulfilled. Go to Church Sunday and meet with God who has always loved you."

Is anything wrong with your life - is there a problem - do you feel lost - do you feel like you are not living - do you feel like you are not growing - do you feel like you are not reaching your potential - do you feel like you are not living the life you want to live - do you feel like you are not living the life you were created for - do you feel like you are not living the life you were called to live - do you feel like you are not living the life you were promised - do you feel like you are not living the life you were given - do you feel like you are not living the life you were made for - do you feel like you are not living the life you were created to live - do you feel like you are not living the life you were called to live - do you feel like you are not living the life you were promised - do you feel like you are not living the life you were given - do you feel like you are not living the life you were made for - do you feel like you are not living the life you were created to live - 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Winter outage safety tips

Be prepared - Know what to do to stay safe

PNM officials want to remind customers to be safe and be prepared if high winds and winter weather cause downed power lines or power outages.

- If you see a downed power line:
 - Always assume electricity is running through it, even if there aren't any sparks or there's a power outage in the area.
 - Do not touch the line. Call PNM immediately at (888) DIAL-PNM (888-342-5766).
 - Do not go near it or anything that is touching it, such as a tree branch, fence or vehicle. Gloves won't protect you - even rubber ones.
 - Do not walk or drive under a fallen or sagging power line.
- If a power line comes down in water or a puddle, avoid the body of water entirely. Electricity travels easily through water.
- If you're in a car and it's near or touching a power line, don't get out. You're safer inside. Don't touch any metal inside the car. Leave the vehicle only if your life is in danger.

Be prepared for power outages:

- Use battery-operated lighting sources (not candles) and make sure you have extra batteries.
- Make necessary arrangements now for family members with special needs.
- If the power goes out in your neighborhood, check on neighbors who may be alone and not in good health.
- Learn more about winter preparedness from the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov.

To report an outage, call (888) DIAL-PNM (888-342-5766) and say, "Outage." For the latest outage information, follow PNMtalk on Twitter, like PNM on Facebook or view the outage map at PNM.com/outage.

So that our employees may enjoy the Holidays with their loved ones, we will have **EARLY DEADLINES for the Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 issues.** Ad reservation and copy must be in by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20 (for Dec. 27) and by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27 (for Jan. 3). Call 258-9922 or speak to your sales representative to schedule your ads.



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Call 258-9922 or stop by 1086 Mechem (MTD Media) to place your classified ad. Deadline for Legal Notices and Classified Display is Wed. at 5 p.m.; Deadline for Classified Liners is Thurs. at 5 p.m.

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REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING - Thursday, December 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - REC IX Executive Director's Office. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include budget adjustments/submissions, fiscal, program updates, and employment recommendations/resignations. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Cathy Jones at (575) 257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

/s/ Cathy Jones, Executive Director
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225 MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT
 3-2 COUNTRY LOCATION. Fenced yard. Loma Grande area. \$750 per month includes water/sewer. \$700 deposit. 575-354-9025

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 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, furnished, 4 month lease available December-March. \$850.00 a month 575-937-1710.

3BD 2BA HOUSE in Alto. Pets ok. \$1300/month. 575-336-4184

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2BD 2BA HOUSE, garage, fenced yard. 328 Walnut \$825/month \$825 deposit 575-378-4661

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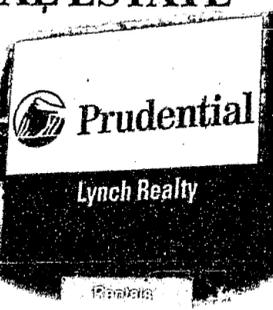
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