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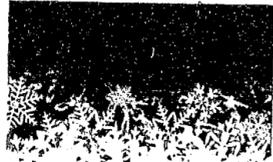
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

December 21

### Flying J Wrangler Christmas Special

It's Christmas time, cowboy style! Ruidoso's favorite performance troupe, the Flying J Wranglers, return to celebrate the heritage of the west and the beauty of the holiday season with rich melodious western yodeling, vocals, fiddle and guitars, with a dash of hilarity. 7 p.m. Spencer Theater. 1-888-818-7872, www.spencertheater.com. \$30.

December 24

### Christmas Eve in Historic Lincoln

Traditional lighting of luminarias along Highway 380 at dusk. 6 p.m. Free.



### Luminarias in Carrizozo

Take a drive through Carrizozo and see the annual luminaria display along Highway 54 and Highway 380 at 6 p.m. 575-648-2371. Free.

### Free movie at Sacred Grounds, Love Actually

Sit back and relax at the coffee shop and watch a full feature film, Love Actually, about the lives of several couples dealing with life and love during the frantic months before Christmas. 6:30 p.m. Sacred Grounds Coffee & Tea House, 575-257-2273. www.sacredgrounds-coffeeshop.com. Free.

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## Santa visits Capitan



Photo courtesy of Gerald Garrett  
The Cowboy Santa Parade was held Dec. 10 in Capitan. Sponsored by Capitan Public Library, the parade featured Santa, who arrived in style aboard Sally Canning's rig. Santa was delivered to the Library where he met with children and gave each a gift bag.

## ENMU presents economic impact to Commission

By Patrick Rodriguez

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Dr. Clayton Alred, president of ENMU-Ruidoso, will make a presentation on the economic benefit of the college to the Lincoln County Commission during a meeting today. The commission meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

According to Alred, the presentation will consist of the economic impact the college has locally, including income obtained by students after graduation that stay in the area to work.

Alred said that the study was conducted by a firm in Moscow, Idaho.

"The presentation will show the effects that the college has on the workforce, and the impact that the workforce has on the local economy," Alred said during a telephone interview on Thursday.

Alred said that the authors of the study used various methodology to arrive at their findings. He said the study focused on the 2009 school year.

Alred said that there were more than 1,600 students enrolled at ENMU-Ruidoso in 2009. He said the study will include statistics relating to income earned over their lifetime, as well as focus on those students that leave ENMU-Ruidoso upon graduation, either for work or to attend another school.

Also on the agenda for the meeting:

- Discussion of Grindstone Graphics for Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Inc. having received

See IMPACT, pg. 5

## Cancellation of school play stirs up controversy

By Eugene Heathman

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Circumstances surrounding the recent and mysterious cancellation of the Ruidoso high school and middle school play, *Marat/Sade* have stirred controversy regarding how the play was suddenly cancelled. According to sources involved with the production, the script underwent a comprehensive editing process involving the students, principal and theatre director. A final stage script was approved and the approach to the material was important, especially in education. In the theatre text, there are listed the 36 dramatic situations including adultery, revenge, pursuit of power and jealousy. The group has performed several master plays, including; *Peter Pan*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Cathleen Ni Hoolihan*, and a rendition of *The Imaginary Invalid*. *Marat/Sade* was to be a bold addition.

According to RMS Associate Superin-

tendent Patty White, "on about Nov. 2, it was brought to my attention that the high school and middle school drama classes were planning to perform the play *Marat/Sade* and that it might not be appropriate for general audiences. I called the high school principal to discuss. The high school principal called the drama teacher, told her there were concerns and asked for a copy of the script for us to review. The high school principal and I read the script over the weekend of Nov. 5-6. We found material we deemed as inappropriate in several areas of the script. We met with the teacher on Nov. 8 to discuss our concerns about presenting this play to the general public by middle and high school students. The high school principal suggested some alternatives to a general production and offered to meet with the drama class to discuss options with the students. After the high school principal met with the class that morning (Nov. 8), we were informed that the class decided to not present the play in any format."

*Marat/Sade* is based on actual histori-

cal events and is set in 1808 at the asylum in Charenton. The asylum's director, Coullmier, welcomes the audience to enjoy a new and rehabilitative play about the assassination of French Revolutionary War dissident Jean-Paul Marat which was committed by Charlotte Corday, a young woman from the country who is distraught by the Revolution's endless guillotine deaths. The play is written by one of the asylum's most infamous inmates, Marquis de Sade. The actors are all inmates, dealing with their own psychoses. The play soon evolves into a debate between Marat and Sade. Though both were early supporters of the French Revolution, their thoughts about how to accomplish the goals of the revolt were very different. As the play continues, the chaotic history of the French Revolution soon develops into a revolution on the stage. Sources involved with the production contend *Marat/Sade* was not going to be staged in its extreme offensive manner.

Currently scheduled for next semester

See PLAY, pg. 5

## Ruidoso Downs receives gold medal for beautification

By Todd Fuqua

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Being nestled in the Sacramento Mountains tends to make a community beautiful. But keeping that community litter free and gorgeous can take some work.

Judy Miller, and Jean Proctor, members of the Ruidoso Downs beautification committee, announced the city has received a gold medal from New Mexico Clean and Beautiful for its efforts to keep Ruidoso Downs spic and span in the past year.

"We met all our goals, thanks to (councilor) Gary (Williams), and we were one of the smallest communities to get this award," Miller told the council at its Dec. 12 meeting. "I would

like to thank the entire council and the economic development committee for its support.

"We'll keep plugging away and get more volunteers as we move along," she added. "We need to thank all our sponsors and are so proud of this gold. We want to bring one home every year."

The award was given at the state meeting of New Mexico Clean and Beautiful in November.

Mayor Tom Armstrong pointed out the relative invisibility of the beautification committee's efforts, stating a clean street isn't as noticeable as an unclean one.

"It's good to see what you do show up like this," Armstrong said. "I hope we can take this as a good omen."



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Jean Proctor, left, and Judy Miller, members of the Ruidoso Downs beautification committee, show off the gold medal award given to the city by New Mexico Clean and Beautiful for its efforts to keep the community clean. The award will be placed in a display case in city hall. Note there's room for one more award, and Miller has stated the committee will work hard to see Ruidoso Downs fill it next year.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Controlled burn

The Mescalero Division of Resource Management and Protection will collaborate with the Ruidoso Fire Department, Ruidoso Forestry Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Smokey Bear Ranger District for a test burning of slash piles in the Flume Ridge project this Wednesday.

This is only a test for a much larger series of pile burnings to take place in January. Announcements will be issued prior to each of the burns.

The Flume Ridge burn is located on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, about a half mile south of the Ruidoso Cabins Campground and a half mile southwest of Ruidoso's Upper Canyon.

### Getting technical

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

This Wednesday, 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 you 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.

### Rifle raffle

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

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and the drawing will be Dec. 23. 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. 24, from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. There will also be free hot cocoa and coffee compliments of Beads to Beauty.

### Water district meet

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will hold its regular monthly meeting Jan. 2 at 4 p.m. in the district's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail. All residents of the district are welcome to attend.

### Call for artists

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is calling for entries to its 2012 Biennale Grande art show, scheduled to open at the museum April 4. The juried fine arts competition seeks to recognize and honor excellence in visual arts of the American West.

The competition is open to all artists of any age, both amateur and professional, living in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. Eligible media include drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, fiber art and mixed media. Entry fee is \$25 for the first entry and \$20 for each additional entry. Deadline to enter is Jan. 31.

For more information on requirements and awards, call David Mandel at 378-4142, ext. 229.

### Another call for artists

The Lincoln County Art Loop studio tour will celebrate 17 years in 2012, and calls are now out for artists. This will be a juried show, with a wide variety of arts and crafts.

All details are included in the application which can be downloaded from [www.artloop.org](http://www.artloop.org), or picked up at Josie's Framery or the RRCA office on Sudderth Drive. The 2012 tour will be July 6-8. For more information, call 937-6043 or visit [www.artloop.org](http://www.artloop.org).

### Leagues start in Jan.

The first games for the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department's basketball league will be played Jan. 10. Copies of rosters, rules and waivers can be picked up at the P&R office, 801 Resort Dr. You can also get this information by calling 257-5030.

A maximum of 10 team will play a round robin tournament, then an end of the season single elimination tournament. Cost is \$250 per team, with a 12 member limit on teams. Roster changes are allowed until Jan. 24. Referees are also needed at \$12 per game.

There will also be a volleyball league, starting Jan. 9. A maximum of 10 teams will compete in league play for a spot in a single elimination tournament. Cost for this league is also \$250 per team. All games in both leagues will be played in the auxiliary gym of the Horton Complex.

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

**The Arid Group** of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 1216 Mechem at 7:30 a.m., noon and 5:15 p.m. daily; Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. There is also a Monday 6:30 p.m. women's open meeting and beginners and young peoples' big book study Fridays at 7 p.m.

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

**Al Anon of Ruidoso** - for family members of alcoholics - meet at 1216 Mechem Dr. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. For more 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](http://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](http://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 Race-track Chapel at 7 p.m. This service is open to firefighters and their families. For more information, call 258-4682.

**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 258-4003.

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

**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.

**SAA** meets every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at the Holy Mountain at 321 Mescalero Trail Road. For more information, call 575-201-4203.

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Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call (575) 630-8350.

White Mountain Medical Clinic is located at 129 El Paso Rd. in Ruidoso.

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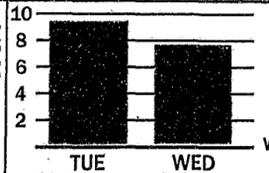
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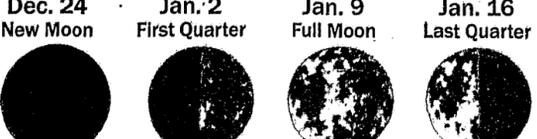
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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ruidoso Downs City Council		
Item	What it's about	How they voted
Per diem resolution	Affects city policy reflecting changes to the state's Per Diem and Mileage Act. The resolution changes mileage on privately owned vehicles used during city business.	Passed unanimously
Resolution to pursue funding for sidewalk project on Highway 70	The city authorizes the public works director to attempt to secure funding which would allow the city to finish the sidewalk project along Highway 70 adjacent to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.	Passed unanimously
Acceptance of new street names	As part of the city's continued compliance with 911 and emergency needs, the city council voted to name two previously unnamed right-of-ways. They don't become official city streets, however, meaning Ruidoso Downs does not have to take on the cost of maintenance.	Passed unanimously, with Councilor Rene Olivo abstaining, as he lives on one of the affected streets.
Memorandum of understanding between the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police departments	The annual MOU designates the RDPD as the administrative authority for DWI enforcement, which allows the city to pay for overtime.	Passed unanimously
Approval to purchase equipment for the Cope Learning Center.	The Hubbard Museum has secured a grant to purchase equipment which allows museum visitors to take a virtual tour of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.	Passed unanimously
Approval of unauthorized purchases	A repair on lawn equipment was higher than expected, resulting in an unauthorized payment by a city employee, who has since been disciplined. The bill from Rocky Mountain Supply was for \$1,153.25.	Passed unanimously

Ruidoso Village Council		
Item	What it's about	How they voted
Election resolution	Under the resolution, the next municipal election will be March 6, 2012	Passed unanimously
First renewal agreement for employee contract	This would be the first renewal of a contract with Gina L. Kelley for the village's Director of Tourism. The contract is \$65,718.13.	Passed, with councilor Jim Stoddard voting against
Award bid for sewer system relocation project	The bid was awarded to Professional Services	Passed unanimously
Award of bid to deepen water wells	The bid would go to HydroGeologic Services to deepen the Apple Orchard, Alto 3 and Plant 2 well, with a contract for \$241,401.68	Passed, with councilor Gloria Sayers voting against
Alto dam project	The Council would give the URS engineering firm authority to begin negotiations	Passed unanimously
Well service contract	An award to Professional Services for water well pump and motor maintenance	Passed unanimously
Contract for a report on Alto water works	The contract, for \$465,585, would go to HDR Engineering for a professional engineer's report on modifications to the Alto Water Treatment Plant and the Alto Lake pump station.	Passed unanimously
Drainage restoration project bid	The agreement with Stream Dynamics, not to exceed \$100,000, would be for the Bog Springs drainage project	Passed unanimously
Funding assistance applications	The applications are to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for funding assistance on the Alto and Grindstone Reservoir dams for 2012-13	Passed unanimously

For Ruidoso Downs City Council briefs, see below; for Ruidoso Village briefs, check next week's edition; for County Commission briefs, see pg. 20

Carrizozo Town Council		
Item	What it's about	How they voted
Approval of liquor license for Four Winds restaurant	The owners of the restaurant wish to serve alcohol, limited to two drinks per meal per person	Passed unanimously
Request to repair the town's Little League baseball field	The league recently received a grant for field repairs, but need town council approval to make those repairs	Passed unanimously
Planning and Zoning Committee recommendation for Cheri Cloudt	Cloudt received a variance from P&Z to keep horses in a residential zone.	Tabled
Appointment of Gary Joe Lovelace to the Planning and Zoning Committee	Lovelace has asked to be placed on the committee, subject to the council's approval	Passed unanimously
Discussion on bids for sale of vehicles	Vehicles owned by the town went to auction and were bid on	Bids approved 3-0, with trustee Dusty Voss abstaining

## RUIDOSO DOWNS COUNCIL *briefs*

By Todd Fuqua

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### Sidewalk work

The Ruidoso Downs City Council voted to approve a resolution that authorizes Cleatus Richards, public works director, to continue with an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation to finish building sidewalks along Highway 70 near the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Currently, the sidewalk is only on the south side of the highway and ends just before the Heights Drive turnoff.

Richards presented information that estimates the total cost for completing the project to be just over \$350,000, but the city would only be required to raise 25 percent – or about \$86,000 – under the requirements of the DOT grant.

“There is a waiver for this I’m requesting,” Richards said. “And it’s my opinion we’ll be able to get this.”

Richards will meet with the DOT on Wednesday for a feasibility study, and planned to press the issue on the waiver at that meeting. If the funding is approved, the council will have to pass another reso-

lution to allow the project to be finished.

### Name changes

Steve Dunigan, planning and zoning director for the city, brought up two streets that need to be changed to further assist emergency services. The roads are not actual streets in the legal sense, but Dunigan said the names need to be changed out of public safety concerns.

“These would only become city streets if there was a dedication process,” Dunigan said. “This is nothing more than an identifier for 911, and this does not mean the city will take on the maintenance of these roads.”

The affected roads – Pinto Lane, between Palo Verde and Reservoir; and Mars Court, located off of Turkey Canyon – had never had an official designation. Indeed, Mars Court had been little more than a right of way.

The council passed the motion unanimously, with Councilor Rene Olivo – who lives on the newly-christened Mars Court – abstaining.

### Museum funding

The council approved the purchase of  
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# OPINION

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear ACLU staff,  
I just wanted to take a moment to say aren't you glad you live in America? By living in this country you have been allowed the right to believe the way you do. I don't even question why.  
I also live in America. That gives me the right to believe the way I do, and I thank God for that honor.  
You know, I don't try to force any of you to believe the way I do; we all make our own choices. So I don't understand why you are trying to force your beliefs on me and my family.

Look at the state our country is in, and yet you still keep forcing your beliefs on us. You want to take God away from everything.  
What happened to the rights of those who believe in God? Do I force what I want you to hear or see on television? Do I tell you the words that you should use and where it is OK for you to use them? Do I tell you what to read? Do I tell you how to raise your children? No, I do not.  
And I don't appreciate someone else cramming their beliefs down our throats.

If you don't want to say a prayer, OK, don't. If you don't want to watch a religious movie on the television, don't. If you don't like the words In God We Trust, don't look at them.  
But if I choose to say a prayer, watch a Christian movie, or cherish the words In God We Trust, don't bully me by taking away my right to do so.  
By the way, those words will not hurt anyone. But those words just might save someone else's life one day. There is a comfort, love and hope in God. You do not need to feel threatened, intimidated, angry, or bitter because someone else finds comfort in God and teaches their children to believe in his love.  
I don't understand why God is out of the question, but gay marriage, violence, vulgar language, sexual acts, horror stories, and other indecent things are allowed. Why do I have to accept those ugly things?

Well I don't accept them, but I tolerate them because we live in America and you have the right to enjoy those things if you choose. Why can't you back off and let us have our rights also.  
I told myself I wasn't going to do this, but the reason why you have your way is because I have not voiced or forced my way on any of you.  
Well I just want to say God bless, ya'll, anyway. My family and I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. May the Good Lord bless you in more ways than you could ever imagine. May he touch your hearts to at least be softened enough to accept those who believe in a way that is different from yours.  
God bless each of you and your families this Christmas.  
Sincerely,  
April Simpson  
Glencoe

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### I'm a mean one, but I'm changing

By Sue Hutchison

I have a confession. Well, I probably have more than one, but I'll just center on this one for a moment. It's a little embarrassing, but here it goes: I'm a recovering Grinch.

The holiday season, for me, is usually overwhelmingly busy. There have been times when my husband and I head separate directions on any given December evening, and meet up at yet a third place before we head home. Granted, as older I grow, these evenings have been fewer, but the holidays still give me a looming sense of hurry-up-and-get-it-all-done-before-the-25th. Church productions, parties, decorating, family gatherings all tend to lend an atmosphere of exhaustion even before one cookie is baked. (I haven't even begun baking yet!)



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I've come to the conclusion that holiday celebrating, no matter how you choose to, shouldn't be dreadful. Isn't that a wonderful insight? It's taken me over 50 years (never you mind how many years over) to arrive at this nugget of wisdom.

There will, no doubt, be moments of busy-ness, work, and those evenings when falling into bed seems like it's just too hard (isn't that why recliners were invented in the first place?). But I've decided that my lists just need to be pared down so

the simple pleasure of celebrating with friends and family becomes simple again.  
So, as a recovering Grinch, I'd like offer you a reprieve from the busy-ness of the Christmas season.

I think we should agree on a pact: stuff is stuff and people are people and the people in our lives deserve our best. If that means we don't take the time to bake Aunt Martha's Swedish Rum Cookies, so be it!

It's time we choose to knock down the list of those chores which clearly make us too busy and determine that we'll enjoy our families, friends

and this amazing season of the year. We'll take time to watch the wonder in a child's eyes, find all the Christmas lights in town, and be grateful for the Ultimate Gift and Reason for this season.

Don't expect a goodie plate from me this year. Instead, I'll be the one without flour on my face but with a calmer, less mean expression. And I won't expect one from you either. After all, a pact is a two way street. And here in Who-ville, I'm taking the evening off.

Sue Hutchison offers slightly irreverent perspectives from the back row, and can be reached at: suehutch@valornet.com.



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# 'Zozo cop shop gets renovated

By Patrick Rodriguez

Reporter

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CARRIZOZO – Situated here along Central Avenue, next door to what was once the town's public library, it seems not much has been done to the single-story adobe building that serves as the headquarters for the Carrizozo Police Department since it was constructed in 1929.

Step inside, however, and it's a different situation. The walls have been supplied with a fresh coat of paint, a new tile floor has been installed, replacing carpet that had been damaged from overuse, there are new countertops, and more advanced technology has been put in, including wireless Internet, laptop computers for the department's three officers, and an upgraded mainframe for security that can only be accessed internally.

All of these improvements came at the request of the department's chief, Stephen Barnett, who since taking helm in August has tried to not only make the offices seem more welcoming to visitors, but upgrade the security and technology as well. He said that the money to pay for the upgrades was allocated from the town council.

Barnett praised the improvements, calling them necessary for day to day operations at the department.

"Because of the way this is now

designed, the officers can now take their laptops anywhere to get their paper work done, bring it back, come within a hundred feet of (the police department building), and print it and it's waiting for them," explained Barnett, adding that reports are the exception, as they are hard-lined into a system called sleuth, which causes them to be password protected.

Also upgraded were the physical security features. Reinforced doors have been installed on the equipment and evidence rooms, including the replacement of a door that had been kicked in. And only one officer now will be given access to the evidence room, who will then log their access.

On Thursday, the police department hosted an open house and invited visitors to see the improvements. At the event was Ron Lenci, an artisan from Carrizozo who built and designed shadow boxes that are hanging on the walls inside the police department.

Lenci's shadow boxes centered on the theme of the American Old West. There are six shadow boxes, some depicting Mexican outlaw Pancho Villa, gunslinger and lawman Wild Bill Hickok, and, situated inside Barnett's office, a replica of a rifle used in the Wild West.

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a recommendation of approval from the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee for \$10,000. The money will be used for marketing purposes for brochures distributed in New Mexico and Texas, and various tourism events and shows;

• According to a response to County Attorney Alan Morel, the state Construction Industries Division will not allow for the use of third party contracted inspectors by local governments. In response to that decision, SAFEbuilt Building Department Services, based out of Loveland, Colo., has issued a correspondence to Gov. Susana Martinez's Office, the New Mexico Association of Counties, and the New Mexico Municipal League outlining the benefits to local governments to using third party contractors and the limitations it places on local governments not to have

that option.

• County Manager Nita Taylor will present the results of the 2011-12 fiscal year county government audit.

• County Commissioners will discuss separate agreements regarding the use of facilities by the county as mass shelters, family service centers, emergency aid stations for victims of disasters, or as an administrative center for coordination of a disaster relief operation.

• Commissioners will consider a resolution in support of mandatory drug testing for state residents that receive TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) funding and unemployment insurance benefits.

• Commissioners will consider a resolution in support of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project.

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is *The Wizard of Oz* which has been referred to the *Atheist Treatise, A Communist Manifesto*, written by an occultist but is considered a classic. Plays like *Hamlet* and *Romeo and Juliet* are often performed in middle school and high school productions featuring forbidden love and suicide scenes.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* is sometimes performed by scantily clad actors. Sources involved with the production contend the district should have not approved the play from the onset rather than after the play being edited, then approved and that the show must go on.



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Ron Lenci, an artist in Carrizozo, stands next to one of the six shadow boxes that he built and designed for the police station, this one depicting Mexican outlaw Pancho Villa.



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Happy Holidays!

## Didericksen, DM Shicago heading into Ruidoso Downs Hall of Fame

By Ty Wyant

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Five time-champion jockey Kip Didericksen and Ruidoso Downs' legendary racehorse DM Shicago will be inducted into the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame during induction ceremonies in June.

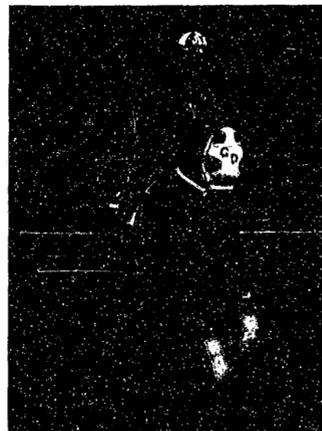
Didericksen and DM Shicago join owner/breeder Four Sixes Ranch and trainer Heath Taylor in the class of 2012. Every year an owner/breeder, trainer, jockey and horse are added to the elite members of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame.

The Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame celebrates the greatest horsemen and horses who have impacted the sport. The non-profit hall of fame is open free to the public and all donations are tax deductible.

A dominant Quarter Horse jockey in



Above, Kip Didericksen aboard Refrigerator after All American Futurity. Above right, DM Shicago galloping at Ruidoso Downs, exercise rider Jed Vane up.



Courtesy photos

Grade 1 derbies. He won the Ruidoso Derby by a neck, the Rainbow Derby by three quarters of a length and then the All American Derby by one length to secure the 2005 world champion title.

Trained by Carl Draper, DM Shicago raced into the national Quarter Horse spotlight when he won the 2004 All American Futurity by an expanding three quarters of a length in a then-stakes record of 21 seconds for the 440 yards.

A son of Separatist, DM Shicago became third horse to take the three

major stakes races throughout Quarter Horse racing, Didericksen was honored as the national champion jockey in 1986 and then in 1989 through 1992. During his championship years he guided two-time world champion Refrigerator to wins in the All American Futurity (1990) and the Champion of Champions (1992). He also won the 1990 Champion of Champions with world champion Dash For Speed.

Didericksen scored multiple wins in the Rainbow Derby, Los Alamitos

Championship, Los Alamitos Derby, Ed Burke Futurity, Kindergarten, Golden State Derby, Governor's Cup Futurity, PCQHRA Breeders Futurity and El Primero Del Ano Derby. He also had Grade 1 wins in the Ruidoso Derby, Go Man Go Handicap and the Vessels Maturity.

Racing for owners Fredda Draper and Don Moler, DM Shicago became one of the all-time fan favorites at Ruidoso Downs when he won the 2004 All American Futurity and returned the following summer to sweep the three

derbies and the fifth horse to win the All American Futurity and the All American Derby, but he is the only All American Futurity winner to also win the three prestigious derbies.

Jockey Juan Vazquez was aboard for each of DM Shicago's 19 career starts and the powerful gelding made his first 11 outs at Ruidoso Downs. He had seven wins, two seconds and two thirds at Ruidoso Downs while earning \$1,812,513 of his career earnings of \$1,873,730 at the mountain track.

## Pegasus announces plans Center for Innovation in NM

From Reports

Pegasus Global Holdings has proposed to locate a privately financed owned & operated Center for Innovation, Test & Evaluation (The Center) in the State of New Mexico. With the support of New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, Pegasus has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the state's Department of Economic Development. The Center will serve as an open operating test, evaluation and commercialization facility for next-generation innovations and technologies. It will provide a proving ground for technologies arising from the federal laboratories, universities, not-for-profit technology centers, federal departments and agencies, and the private sector.

The facility will be designed to allow new technologies to integrate into the nation's urban, suburban and rural "legacy infrastructure," and provide detailed measurable results on their impact to the economy and its many sectors, e.g., energy, transportation, telecommunications, security, and agriculture. The Center will consist of a fully integrated physical facility modeled on a medium-sized American city, including its urban, suburban, and rural areas, built with standard roads, buildings, power, water, telecommunications and operating systems.

Representative of today's modern cities, The Center will allow clients to test the benefits and costs of their proposed next-generation innovations and technologies, hardware and software. Development, construction, and operating costs of The Center will be funded by the private sector. The Center will create 350 new direct jobs and it is expected to create more than 3,500 new indirect jobs through construction of the facility, supporting industry, and contractors.

Due to the large impact that this facility will have on the economy of the State of New Mexico, Pegasus Global has built strong relationships with local and state government representatives, state universities, and federal laboratory leadership to help

develop efforts to create a strong sustainable workforce.

### Benchmark Test & Evaluation Facilities Green Energy

One of the fastest growing segments in energy production is focused on green technologies, but challenges still exist in the integration of these technologies into existing out dated infrastructure. The Center will provide unique opportunities to drill down into the cost of introducing solar, wind, and Smart Grid technologies in a real world setting to help determine the next steps to success.

### Intelligent Transportation Systems

The Center will be home to a transportation highway/road network consisting of both high-speed, urban canyon, suburban and rural roads permitting testing and demonstration of new Intelligent Transportation System technologies, which are advancing rapidly in Europe and Asia. The Center will provide a highway infrastructure that will allow clients to test and evaluate unmanned vehicle technologies, traffic management systems, and vehicle-based applications without endangering other drivers.

### Homeland Security

Homeland security is a key component of the plan for The Center, which will include a secure testing area for first responder technology with the benefit of proximity to the civil and commercial infrastructure.

### Next Generation Wireless Infrastructure

A next-generation wireless infrastructure - terrestrial and satellite - is planned to serve The Center, permitting the development, installation, testing and commercialization of high speed broadband technologies across all sectors of our economy, e.g. energy, transportation and security, as well as extension of such services to underserved communities.

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### "Comida Informal" at Sanctuary on the River



On Saturday, the Sanctuary on the River hosted "Comida Informal," a New Mexican themed potluck Christmas dinner party with live music, local artists and vendors, a cash bar and of course, fabulous treats. Above right, Rich Chorne performed live music.

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# Ask an entrepreneur: 'The Village Different'

When visitors become enchanted by Ruidoso... many leave with a promise to return or retire here to start a business. It's common to see folks bring their passion to our fertile valley to blossom. Others see the bounty of the tourist trade drawn here by the track, skiing, golf, casinos, arts and nature - and the "expendable dollars" which abundantly follow them. These entrepreneurs yearn not so much for expressing their passion - but for gaining profits. This week we ask entrepreneurs - and those who support them - about the realities of commerce in Ruidoso and keys to success.

Michelle O'Brien, owner of Michelle's in Midtown for 20 years, understands the cyclic nature of an economy dominated by tourism. She observes that often new business persons underestimate the reality of sales bumps and valleys. Most metropolitan economies do not garner 50 to 60 percent or more of their annual revenues in less than 4 to 5 months during certain seasons. The strategy which has sustained Michelle's is simply preparation. Miss O'Brien prepares for the dips when tourists (and their disposable incomes) are few and instead targets her goods and prices for local patrons. This includes: in low season buying less, shifting to even better value pricing and generally scaling down to cater to the local market "her bread and butter" with complete outfits priced around \$60. She is sensitive that everyone is on a budget and works to accommodate. Michelle is firm in her belief that even if we are a resort town,

to succeed proprietors must respond to the shift in buyer needs from high to local season and provide personalized customer service. She insists her staff know their customers by name and works to create a bond, "a relationship" with them. She recommends managing finances in a way that supports the dips and valleys by retaining company profits for the lean times. Most

of all, she proclaims that entrepreneurs need to be consistent and must treat their enterprises "as a real business."

"If you say you'll be open, do it and don't treat your business like a holiday or a vacation." For advice, she commends the assistance given so freely to her by long time entrepreneurs like Herb Brunell who have been prosperous for over 40 years and have solidified her success paradigms.

Mike Byrne of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center at ENMU Ruidoso is representative for the state-sponsored mission to help "build a stronger economy one business at a time." He adds, "Ruidoso's resort economy poses unique challenges for new business starts as well as existing businesses." Mike's experience as a banker and entrepreneur qualifies him to support entrepreneurs



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in Lincoln County. When asked what are the top three tips for success... he said he has only one: "come see me". He notes that what entrepreneurs find here is not comparable to other metropolitan economies such as Dallas. He feels Ruidoso's economy may be more like those of Lake Tahoe, Aspen, Vail or Napa Valley. Due to the resort and vacation emphasis of Ruidoso's economy

Mike suggests that successful entrepreneurs need to reevaluate everything they know about standard business practices in order to work here. His free service to entrepreneurs includes assisting in the development of financial forecasts, business plans, SBA and business loan applications. He works with clients for months to years in order to support their success.

Rebecca Ponder co-owner with Will Ponder of Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House, comments that while their establishment robustly meets the needs of visitors by giving them "a local experience"... it is the local patrons which sustain them. The Ponders' success strategy acknowledges that local residents are "their foundation" and caters to their needs not only for casual dining, coffees and teas, beer and wine... but also with the "power

of place." Sacred Grounds is an artsy, quintessential hang out. They are always open to suggestions to changes in menu. Rebecca notes "the other day a customer suggested an apple strudel would be nice and voila the next day it was in the bakery case". These are not amenities found at Buck-bucks but since Sacred Grounds staff bake their breads and pasties in-house daily, this was an easy accommodation. While Rebecca refers to the big corporate coffee chains as the "elephant in the room", she contends that her customers respond favorably to their baked goods, large portions of gourmet wraps and sandwiches, cool beer and wine selections and atmosphere of welcome. By providing their facilities at no charge also Will and Rebecca put their money where their mouth is. The goal? To support local residents in ways that help them to expand and nurture their community involvements and social needs. These efforts on the part of Rebecca and Will have earned them a loyal following of other local entrepreneurs. Most recently Sacred Grounds hosted the Lincoln County Community Theater to a full house. For Rebecca and Will giving back to their community - in ways not so familiar in metropolitan cities and with chain branches - comes naturally.

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## New slots system at Billy's Casino

By Sandi Aguilar

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Billy the Kid Casino has launched a new slot system this week, according to Terry Maines, director of slots. The system is an electronic component allowing the players system to function better, providing more promotions to the customers.

"I am thrilled we have finally put this system into place," says Maines.

The slot program is designed to give faster performance with immediate access to earned points. The system allows for streamlining current practices and offering more promotions to the customer.

Additional promotions mean more cash and free slot play, says Maines, adding: "If you are here, you could win a Hot Seat promotion. The program simply and randomly picks a machine, and whoever is playing can win. We also can give rewards to our frequent players and entries for drawings. They do it just by

having a Rewards Card."

This slots system is similar to ones in other casinos.

"Of course, many casinos do this type of program, and so do other businesses," says Maines. "In San Diego, people have a card for discounts at grocery stores for added rewards. This is about customer service and keeping that customer coming back."

The Rewards Club extends the benefits of the club beyond the casino and into the community. "We also have business partnerships with this free membership," says Maines. "Any Billy's Rewards Card member can also get discounts at various businesses around town."

Approximately 20 businesses are providing discounts, from hotel rooms to oil changes.

For a casino, the competitive factor comes down to promotions. Billy the Kid Casino traditionally has weekly games. The customer is able to register to play and then is randomly drawn to participate in the game.



A favorite, Billy's Dice, allows the customer to roll 1 enormous dice and win that amount. Maines says the new slot system has the capability of developing more promotional games in addition to these and rewarding the customer in more creative play. With this major investment, Maines hopes the benefits will result in more customers coming in to enjoy the gaming experience.

Patricia Shearer, part-time Ruidoso resident and Billy the Kid Casino patron, has already received her new players club card and says this about the benefits: "I think it is great having more benefits to bring in

more people. This program is similar to what they do in Vegas and I think it is really going to help."

Shearer added that though this system will make the experience at the casino more exciting, it is really the friendliness of the employees and how they know customer's names that brings her to Billy the Kid.

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Patricia Shearer plays at Billy the Kid Casino for more points and great customer service.



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# EDUCATION

## What is a district report card?

What does it all mean when a school district gets a "report card"? The State of New Mexico rates all schools and districts throughout the state each year, and the current system designates schools and districts as either Meeting AYP or Not Meeting AYP.

AYP is a term from the No Child Left Behind legislation, which stands for "Adequate Yearly Progress." The rating system is based on the annual Standards Based Assessment (SBA) scores, test participation rates, attendance, and graduation rate.

Overall, there are 37 possible areas that must be met. If a school or district does not meet the state goal in any one of the 37 areas, they are labeled as Not Meeting AYP and therefore, are given the designation of a failing school.

According to Dr. Bea Etta Harris, Superintendent of the Ruidoso Schools: "It is difficult to get a true picture of all that is going on in our

schools from a snapshot report taken primarily from a test given once a year. There are many other factors that indicate how students are learning and progressing in the curriculum. The Ruidoso Municipal School District is currently designated as Not Meeting AYP on our most recent district report card. However, it is important to note that we have many initiatives in place to address student learning and improve our report card including Balanced Literacy, Reformed Mathematics, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, and Professional Learning Communities."

The best way to really know what is happening in the schools is to volunteer or visit the schools, observe in the classrooms, or participate on committees. The District values input from all stakeholders and is enriched by parents and community volunteers who truly make a difference for students.

## Lincoln & Otero County healthy life initiative

By Dan Ray  
USFS

Community gardens strengthen community bonds; provide healthy, locally grown produce for families; create educational and recreational opportunities; and promote environmental awareness.

Through our network of community gardens, the members of the Lincoln and Otero County Healthy Life Initiative are making nourishing food accessible for families who do not always have money for fresh produce. The group also raises awareness about health and conserving the environment through hands-on gardening experiences, and by providing opportunities for youth to grow and eat healthy, delicious food.

In 2011, the organization introduced more than 300 students to methods for cultivating a diverse, organic food garden. Working with experienced adults to build an organic, environmentally friendly garden space empowers

children to make better food choices and learn ways that they and their families can supplement their diets with healthy, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

The goal in 2012 is to continue building a number of existing community gardens in Lincoln and Otero Counties and to develop some new ones in high need areas.

Join the Healthy Life Initiative for garden development meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, Hotshot Building Conference Room.

For more information about gardening donations and volunteer opportunities, contact Dan Ray, [dfray@fs.fed.us](mailto:dfray@fs.fed.us). If you are interested in assisting with the youth education classes, contact Julia Price, NMAC Director, through [www.nmhealthykids.org](http://www.nmhealthykids.org)

Happy Holidays!

*Bill Rakocy*

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Reception Tuesday, January 24 6:00 to 7:00 pm Library

A reception for artist, historian and curator Bill Rakocy will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at ENMU-Ruidoso's main campus. A silent auction consisting of 40 of his paintings is on-going and will close Feb. 29. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the college's art students. For more information, call (575) 257-3006.

## Youth of the Week

Sofia Maines



Sofia Maines is a first grader at White Mountain Elementary. Her favorite time with family are junk food Fridays and family game nights.

When she is not playing games she enjoys watching movies and dressing up especially if she gets to put on makeup. "I like playing with my sister and climbing trees" said Sofia. "Once I tried climbing a tree at my sister's snow cone day but the teacher didn't let me because kids fall down a lot."

If she could decorate her school the walls would be baby blue with hot pink polka dots.

Sofia feels the best characteristics that make a good parent are a nice polite,

sweet grownup that teaches you and helps you learn.

What is the most enjoyable thing you have done with your family in the last year? "Going skiing at Sierra Blanca and the beach in San Diego" said Sofia.

When asked how she would feel if she thought she were going to be the first person to meet someone from outer space? What would she say or ask? Sofia replied, "I would feel like I was on top of the moon sinking down like quicksand. I would ask, spaceman, where's the space gold?"

If I was invisible for a day I would play with my squirmle and act like it's moving by itself. I would play jokes on people especially on my sister Rachel Maines.

"I think a girl that has "SUSPENSE" in herself would be the kind of person to be President of the United States."

For more information about "Youth of the week" contact Lisa Morales at 575-258-9922 or [lisa@ruidosofreepress.com](mailto:lisa@ruidosofreepress.com).

## Altrusa Club Christmas party



Photo courtesy of Marci Butchofsky

The Altrusa Club of Ruidoso hosted its annual Christmas party for the foster children of Lincoln County at First Christian Church. The children were joined by their foster parents, CYFD staff, and their children. The party included crafts, pizza, cookies, fruit, and gifts from the Altrusans. Also, Santa showed up with even more gifts.

## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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# Salvation Army continues annual bell ringing campaign

The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Two-hour shifts are needed at Walmart, Walgreens, Lawrence Brothers, and in downtown areas. One hundred percent collected stays in Lincoln County.

The main goal of the organization is to collect sufficient funding to cover the year's expenses. In 2010, funds collected during the 2009 holiday season supported the organization through October, 2010. Salvation Army officers hope collections this year fund 2012 entirely, making it possible to assist everyone who asks, without turning any away.

People in need complete an application at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church. Once the application is approved, funds in the form of a check are donated to the specific need. Cash never changes hands, and all requests are reviewed.

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 in Ruidoso Downs."

The Salvation Army was founded in 1865, performing evangelical, social and charitable work. Their main goal continues as the Salvation Army brings the Christian message to the poor, destitute and hungry, meeting both physical and spiritual needs of all, without discrimination.

Anyone interested in assisting the Salvation Army during this holiday season may contact Darien at (575) 973-0117.



# OBITUARY

## Emily Tarr Bickham

Emily Tarr Bickham 90, of Las Cruces passed away in her home Dec. 14.

Bickham was born in Bennington, Okla., lived in Broken Bow, Okla., San Pablo, Calif., and Las Cruces, N.M.

Bickham worked in a Jeep factory during World War II and spent a career in the restaurant and service industry for Hunts Doughnuts in El Cerrito, Calif., before retiring and moving to Las Cruces.



Bickham was known for her unwavering honesty and compassion.

Bickham is survived by her sister Jimmie Mason of Amarillo, Tex.; brother Ben Tarr of Las Cruces; her only son, Carl Heathman of Las Cruces and only grandchild, Eugene Heathman of Ruidoso, N.M.

Graveside services were held at Masonic Cemetery Dec. 19. The family requests donations be made to Mesilla Valley Hospice.

## Midweek Advent Worship

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church will conclude a series of four special Advent services on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. The overall theme of the services has been "Savior of the Nations, Come," with the messages based on the messianic prophecies in Isaiah 40. The sermon theme for this Wednesday will be "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates." 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 the church office at 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. 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.

# Worship Services

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES Saturday, December 24

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Family Christmas Eve Service: 6 p.m.  
Carols: 10 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist: 10:30 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
270 Country Club Road, Ruidoso • 257-2081  
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service: 5 p.m.

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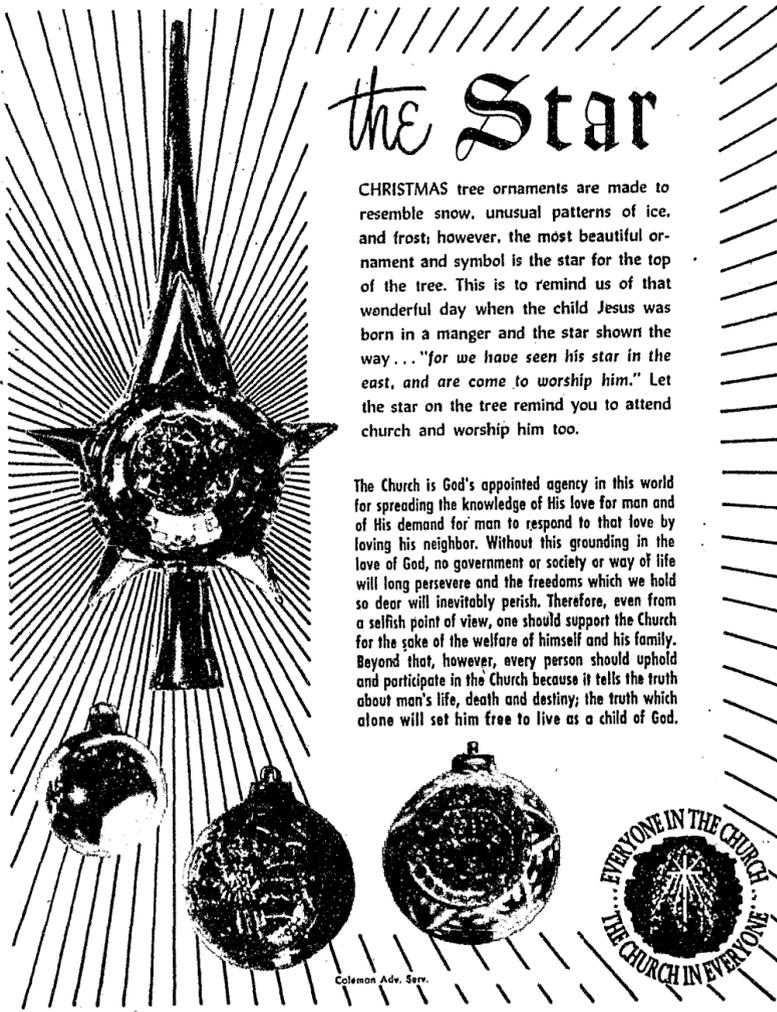
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## the Star

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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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# Christmas



"Ever bike? Now that's something that makes life worth living ... (to) go ripping and tearing through the streets and roads, over railroad tracks and bridges, threading crowds, avoiding collisions at twenty miles or more an hour ... Well now, that's something. And then go home after three hours of it ... to think that tomorrow I can do it all over again." Everyone knows the author of this quote as an adventurer on land and sea who parlayed his experiences into some of America's greatest literature. Jack London knew, that although the life we lead has its very intense aspects, we need mental and physical challenge to anticipate the morrow. Enter man's most simple and efficient transportation device.

We are fortunate in this country to have time to recreate; we have "spare time." The abundance of activities is truly staggering and there is physically no way to try everything in our short, one hundred years of life. So, we must choose. And a person might choose bicycling, the sport of practicality. A person can commute, race, tour, or ride for the unadulterated fun of it.

In 1973 colleagues said the winters in Ruidoso were too severe to commute all year. Thirty-five years later I looked back and remembered that first year's chosen bicycle wasn't up to the rigors of Ruidoso and I replaced the foreign born machine with the American Schwinn I would use for the next thirty-four years. And I couldn't wait to get up early to ride to school during the changing seasons.

In a previous life when my wife was earning her advanced degree, I worked in another town and was

told fifty miles was too far for a commute. I got up early to experience stunning New Mexico sunrises and I would wave to the "regulars" enjoying the clear, clean air.

And in my BC (Before Chris) life, I was up early to play dodge-car on the six lane highways on my way to my beachfront lifeguard job in New York anticipating the joys of surf, sand, and sun.

I was fortunate enough to participate in cycling as part of the United States Cycling Federation program as both a competitor and coach. Riding a bicycle was also a part of my physical (and mental) rehabilitation program after an injury terminated my collegiate swimming career. I have awakened before dawn to participate in countless events whether as a solo cyclist, with fellow competitors, with friends, or with students as an excuse to travel and meet diversified people who in turn provided me with a higher quality of life.

Everyone needs something to offset the seriousness of the life we have created for ourselves. I have chosen bicycling for the ease with which it weaves its captivating pattern of youthfully simple yesterdays with today's mature and complex responsibilities, creating the fabric of memories that echo London's words. And I can't wait to greet the dawn to do it again even if it's on the same roads. The experience is always different because the environment is constantly changing, providing a myriad of sensual opportunities that can be experienced if one doesn't become complacent.

I had no idea when I awoke early that Christmas morning over five decades ago and ran to the tree our family had decorated the night before anticipating Santa's visit, that I would

find the gift that would become the needle required to begin sewing my cloth of life. It was a gift of liberation, a gift of freedom, a gift of youth; it was a bicycle, my personal time machine.

May we all have a Blessed Christmas that brings with it a "life worth living," a life where a simple joy can inspire repetitive happiness.



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## The gift of volunteerism

As the gift giving season approaches, I cannot help but be thankful for one of the most wonderful gifts I have ever received. You too may have been touched by this wonderful gift or perhaps even witnessed it in action. The gift I speak of is volunteer time, and as the holidays quickly approach, you will notice



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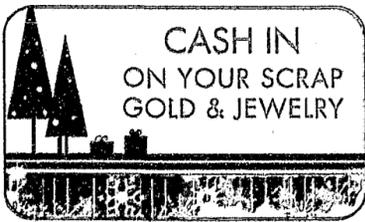
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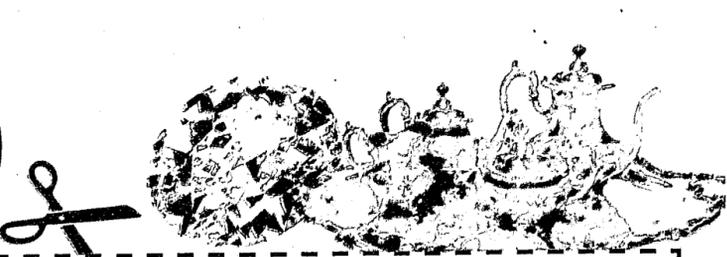
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### Dec. 13

**Boys basketball**  
Mescalero 57, Corona 16  
Cloudcroft 38, Capitan 36  
Hondo 53, NMMI 42  
**Girls basketball**  
Mescalero 65, Corona 30  
Capitan 33, Cloudcroft 29  
NMMI 51, Hondo 32

### Dec. 15

**Boys basketball**  
Capitan 53, NMMI 44  
**Mescalero Invitational**  
Hondo 57, Cloudcroft 44  
Immanuel Christian 64, Mescalero JV 25  
Mescalero 88, Alamogordo freshmen 36  
**Girls basketball**  
**Mescalero Invitational**  
Mescalero 80, Mescalero JV 36  
Cloudcroft 50, Alamogordo freshmen 27  
Immanuel Christian 60, Hondo 34

### Dec. 16

**Boys basketball**  
Grady 47, Carrizozo 27  
Artesia 68, Ruidoso 53  
**Mescalero Invitational**  
Alamogordo freshmen 65, Mescalero JV 55  
Immanuel Christian 49, Cloudcroft 37  
Mescalero 61, Hondo 50  
**Girls basketball**  
Grady 58, Carrizozo 38  
Ruidoso 58, Goddard 57  
**Mescalero Invitational**  
Alamogordo freshmen 46, Mescalero JV 45  
Immanuel Christian 58, Cloudcroft 39  
Mescalero 56, Hondo 27

### Dec. 17

**Boys basketball**  
**Mescalero Invitational**  
**Fifth place**  
Cloudcroft 76, Mescalero JV 26  
**Third place**  
Hondo 58, Alamogordo freshmen 30  
**Championship**  
Immanuel Christian 44, Mescalero 43  
**Girls basketball**  
Ruidoso 64, Chaparral 53  
**Mescalero Invitational**  
**Fifth place**  
Cloudcroft 53, Hondo 29  
**Third place**  
Alamogordo freshman 41, Mescalero JV 40  
**Championship**  
Immanuel Christian 62, Mescalero 59

## SPORTS UPCOMING

### Dec. 20

**Boys basketball**  
Tularosa at Ruidoso, 6 p.m.  
**Girls basketball**  
Tularosa at Mescalero, 6:30 p.m.

### Dec. 27

**Girls basketball**  
**Goddard Invitational**  
Ruidoso vs. Grants, 3 p.m.

### Dec. 28

**Girls basketball**  
Ruidoso at Goddard Invitational, TBA

### Dec. 29

**Girls basketball**  
Ruidoso at Goddard Invitational, TBA  
**Wrestling**  
Ruidoso in Colt Duals at Silver City, 9 a.m.

### Dec. 30

**Wrestling**  
Ruidoso in Colt Duals at Silver City, 9 a.m.

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# Lady Warriors happy for the break

By Todd Fuqua and Paul Lessard

## For the Ruidoso Free Press

It was an emotionally draining two days for the Ruidoso girls basketball team this weekend, but at least they came out of it with a couple of wins to their credit.

After surviving a 58-57 decision Friday at Goddard, the Lady Warriors turned around the next night and won 64-53 at Chaparral.

"In the first half, I thought we played pretty well, even with our tired legs and minds," said Ruidoso coach Dean Hood of Saturday's game. "We were really exhausted, that Goddard game took a lot out of us."

The Lady Warriors (5-2) still had some stellar performances, particularly from Lyndsey Saenz with 21 points, Brittanie Vega with 17 and Madigan Gonzales with 15.

"I wouldn't say it was a great game, but it wasn't a bad game, and we had some girls do pretty well," Hood said.

That win came after a game in which Ruidoso almost blew it against Goddard. The Lady Warriors used a huge third quarter, outscoring the Lady Rockets 26-1, to build a lead that barely stood in the end.

Camille Martinez scored the lone Goddard point on a



Photo courtesy Casey Griffin

**Ruidoso guard Lyndsey Saenz goes up for two points Friday at Goddard High School in Roswell. Saenz scored all of the Lady Warriors' first 11 points and ended up with 22 to lead her team.**

free throw in that frame, while Saenz scored 16 of her team-high 22 points in the quarter.

Then came the fourth, and the Lady Rockets started their comeback.

A 10-2 run to start the quarter got the score to a manageable 53-43. In that run, freshman Danielle Hubbard came off the bench and hit a big three-pointer and center Abby Blach started to hit from the inside.

Blach finished with a game-high 29 points in the game

Hood puts the blame on the comeback on him.

"I made a coaching mistake," he said. "I tried to change up the tempo of the game because we had some kids in foul trouble and we're not very deep right now and it changed the tempo and let them back in the game. I wish we would have stayed full speed."

After Saenz got a bucket to make it 58-47 with a couple of minutes to play, the Rockets got hot and Ruidoso wouldn't score again. Camille Martinez started the rally with an offensive rebound and put back to cut it to 58-50. Freshman Courtney Villapondo cut it to 58-52 with 55 seconds to go and then got a steal, layup, and foul to get to 58-55 with 43 seconds to go. The Rockets got the ball back, but missed a long trey.

With 13 seconds left, the game got really crazy.

Hubbard fouled Saenz, but then Saenz was called for a technical. Ruidoso missed the front end of the one-on-one and Blach made both free throws to cut the lead to 58-57. As the crowd was in a frenzy, the Warriors stole the inbounds pass but a jump ball call gave the ball back to the Rockets with four seconds left. A last second shot was short and the Lady Warriors survived.

Ruidoso returns to Roswell next week for the Goddard Holiday tournament, kicking things off with a game against 4A power Grants.

"We've got a week off, and we need it, to try to recover from the emotional draining," Hood said. "After we come back, we'll have six games in about two weeks."

# Execution not there for Ruidoso boys

By Todd Fuqua

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Ruidoso's basketball team may have trailed the entire game against Artesia Friday, but that doesn't mean the Warriors didn't have their chances.

Ruidoso hung around the Bulldogs the entire first half and most of the third quarter before poor shooting led to a 68-53 loss at home for the Warriors.

"We had chances, and we need to finish those opportunities," said Ruidoso coach Dennis Davis. "Those easy ones that we missed will hurt you in a close game."

Ruidoso (3-3) got to within a point after spotting the Bulldogs a 9-3 lead midway through the first quarter, and kept the pressure on with a fast-pace defense that led to some Artesia turnovers and chances for points at the other end.

But the Warriors weren't always able to convert, and it seemed Artesia (2-2) had little trouble in that department.

The Bulldogs were led by Zeke Montoya with 21 points, most of which came as he penetrated the Ruidoso defense and was able to make the easy layup. Weston Leonard was able to do the same and put in 14 points for Artesia.

The Warriors got 14 points each from Terrence Shields and Wambli Little Spotted Horse, but Shields night came to an end with just over two minutes left in the fourth quarter when he was called for a foul trying to steal the ball. After the play was whistled dead, Shields continued with the ball and



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**Ruidoso forward Wambli Little Spotted Horse (12) looks to pass off the ball during a fast break against the Artesia defense Friday at Ruidoso High School.**

dunked it, earning him a technical foul.

That was the second technical of the night, as Artesia's Skylar Morton was

not the execution. That execution will have to improve if they're to compete against Tularosa Dec. 20 in a game that the Wildcats will almost certainly turn on the speed.

"They will press us a little more than Artesia did," Davis said of Tularosa. "We'll have to be able to handle their pressure and execute. I expect for it to be a real tough battle for us."

### Bulldogs 68, Warriors 53

**Artesia (2-2)**  
Weston Leonard 6 2-2 14, Denzyl Garcia 2 3-3 8, Jonathan Williams 0 3-6 3, Andrew Houghtaling 0 0-0 0, Zeke Montoya 10 2-1 21, Fernando Valdez 0 0-0 0, John Kelly 4 0-0 9, Neal Smith 0 0-0 0, Skylar Morton 4 0-0 8, Alex Donaghe 2 1-1 5, Trey Yates 0 0-0 0, Totals 28 10-14 68.

**Ruidoso (3-3)**  
Terrence Shields 4 3-8 14, Derrick Montelongo 0 0-0 0, Jordan Padilla 1 1-2 3, Rylan Vega 0 0-0 0, Wambli Little Spotted Horse 6 1-4 14, Joe Marquez 2 1-3 5, Sawyer Miller 2 0-0 4, Luis Marquez 0 0-0 0, Ismail LaPaz 0 2-2 0, Brandon Lewis 2 5-7 9, Isaac Gilliland 0 0-0 0, Ryan Williams 1 0-0 2, Devon Carr 0 0-0 0, Blayne Maldonado 0 0-0 0, Keenan Kane 0 0-0 0, Totals 18 13-26 53.

**Artesia 17 12 18 21 - 68**  
**Ruidoso 13 13 13 14 - 53**  
Three point goals - Art 2 (Garcia, Kelly), Rui 4 (Shields 3, Wambli LSH 1). Fouled out - Art (Donaghe, Morton), Rui (Shields, Williams). Rebounds - Art 31 (Montoya 8), Rui 25 (Wambli LSH 9). Steals - Art 3 (Leonard, Garcia, Montoya), Rui 4 (Wambli LSH 3). Blocks - Rui 1 (Marquez). Turnovers - Art 15, Rui 16, Total fouls - Art 22, Rui 16. Technical fouls - Morton, Shields.

# Warrior wrestlers have good showing

By Todd Fuqua

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The Ruidoso wrestling team may not be among the elite in Class 3A, but they're getting there.

The Warriors' latest test came at the Tucumcari tournament on Saturday. Despite some stiff competition from individual defending Class 3A champions, Ruidoso was able to return home with seven medals and would have finished second in the team standings - had such standings been kept.

"I think St. Michael's would have run away with it," said Ruidoso coach John Pacheco. "It would have been a tight second between us and Tucumcari."

It shouldn't come as a surprise that St. Michael's did so well, as they usually had a wrestler up against one of Ruidoso's wrestlers if they got to the championship match.

One Warrior that got to the final of his weight class was Tanner Desoto, who won at 215 pounds, defeating defending state cham-

pion Michael Lamb of St. Michael's, who beat Desoto in the first round of last season's state tournament.

Others to make it to the finals were Mikael Montoya at heavyweight and Armando Baca at 160, both of whom lost in the championship round.

Montoya was able to defeat West Las Vegas' Brandon Chavez in the semifinals, a defending state champ who had beaten Montoya in the second round at last season's state tournament.

Other Warriors placing were Matthew Carr, third at 195 pounds; Ty Marshall, fourth at 106 pounds; Cody Berry, fourth at 126 pounds and Kalyn Chavez, fourth at 170 pounds.

"We had a really good experience there and the kids are really positive," Pacheco said. "The goal of reaching the top three in state is reachable, but it will be tough. We can make a lot of noise at the state tournament."

Ruidoso's next test will be at the Colt Duals in Silver City next week, hosted by the defending Class 3A champions.

# Mescalero comeback falls just short

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**MESCALERO** – Kyle Yahnahki had only six points for his team Saturday, but they were six of the most important team the Chiefs had.

Yahnahki put in a pair of three-point shots in the closing minute of Mescalero's game against Immanuel Christian of El Paso in the championship match of this year's Mescalero Invitational, but it wasn't enough, as Immanuel escaped with a 44-43 victory.

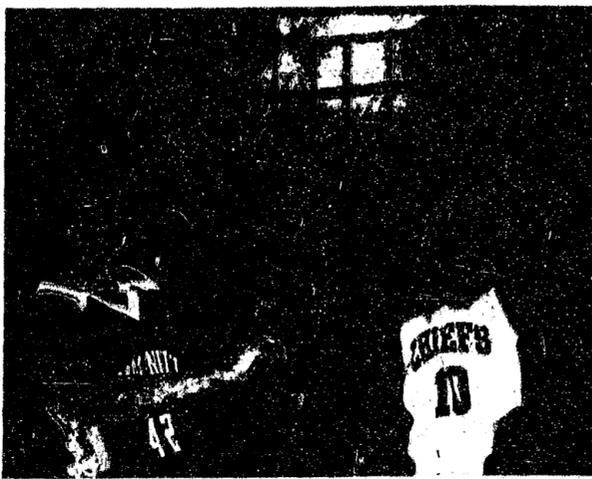
The two big scores capped off a second-half surge that saw the Chiefs go from nine points down at halftime to almost getting the upset victory. It would have been the first time since the tournament's inception that Mescalero's boys would have kept the championship trophy at home.

"This just shows what more we can achieve and what more game we can bring," Yahnahki said of the comeback.

You never know who's going to come up big for Mescalero this year, and that suits coach Mike Torres just fine.

"They're picking up the system and playing within themselves as a team," Torres said. "Anybody at any time can be the star on this team."

While Mescalero (6-4) may have trailed at halftime, it's



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

**Mescalero's Tahari Kaydahzinne puts up a shot as Immanuel Christian center Phillip Wickenheiser defends Saturday during the championship game of the Mescalero Invitational.**

not like they were ever that far out of it in the first half. After spotting the Warriors a 9-4 lead with 2:30 left in the first quarter, the Chiefs rallied back thanks to inside scoring by center Godfrey Cordova and made it 9-8 on a free throw by Tahari Kaydahzinne.

But then Immanuel Christian center Phillip Wickenheiser began to assert himself, and started pouring in his game-high 28 points.

Wickenheiser was the only Warrior in double figures on the night. Kaydahzinne and Cordova each had 10 points to lead

their team.

In the end, it wasn't about which individual had the most points, but which team did. That's the philosophy Torres has instilled in the Chiefs, and was excited after the game, despite the loss.

"There's not one person, it takes the whole team," Torres said. "They back each other up and they hustle. Our defense is our offense and that showed tonight. Regardless of the loss, they responded to what we wanted."

Mescalero entered the fourth quarter down by eight

points, but a mini run by the Chiefs got them to within four. Immanuel Christian again surged ahead to an eight point lead on a layup by Wickenheiser with 2:08 left, and that's when Yahnahki started to find his groove.

His first three-pointer with 1:13 left got his team to within two, and Wickenheiser put in another layup at the other end to make it a four-point game. Yahnahki responded with another three with 33 seconds left, and the Mescalero gymnasium started rocking.

The Chiefs were eventually able to get the ball back and got the ball in Kaydahzinne's hands for a shot with seven seconds left, but it was off the mark. Mescalero fought for the rebound but kicked it out of bounds.

Immanuel inbounded the ball with four seconds left, but the Chiefs couldn't get a steal and ended up with the loss.

Still, the Chiefs showed their mettle and are excited about the momentum they have going into the Christmas break, with an appearance in the Capitan Smokey Bear Tournament coming up.

"This will make us better and practice harder for that tournament," Yahnahki said. "I feel more confident in all of us, and I know we're confident each other."

## Another comeback

Saturday's game was an almost carbon copy of the Chiefs' game against Hondo, with the exception that Mescalero came away with a 61-50 victory in that one.

The Eagles were up by nine points at the break, but Mescalero roared back in the second half.

"We just didn't come out of the locker room," said Hondo coach Brad Holland. "They turned up the heat on us, got in the passing lanes and I think they wanted it more than us."

Yahnahki again came through with his outside shooting, this time putting in a trio of treys and scoring 11 points. Aaron Kaydahzinne led the team with 18 points, while Cordova added 12.

Luis Montano led Hondo with 14 points, followed by Billy Candelaria with 12.

The Eagles (6-2) were able to bounce back with a 58-30 thrashing of the Alamogordo ninth grade team in the third-place game on Saturday, but the loss to Mescalero was still a bitter pill to swallow.

"Today was better, but I still think we're leaving our feet too early and taking the shot fakes," Holland said of Saturday's win. "In the second half, it was better. We finally stayed on our feet."

# Lady Chiefs second to Immanuel Christian

By Todd Fuqua

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**MESCALERO** – Mescalero girls coach Nate Raynor can't complain about his team's effort in Saturday's Mescalero Invitational championship against Immanuel Christian. At least the Lady Chiefs got the shot they wanted.

After the Lady Warriors had turned

the ball over with four seconds left, Mescalero's Valerie Garcia put up a three-point shot with one second left, but the ball simply wouldn't fall through hoop and Immanuel Christian escaped with a 62-59 victory.

The Lady Warriors, the state runner-up in the Texas Christian Athletic Fellowship league last season, had a slim two-point lead at the break, and they

only had that thanks to a layup by Anie Martinez with just under a minute left.

"I told the girls to keep doing what they were doing at halftime," Raynor said. "We couldn't stop their big scorer (Victoria Lopez, who finished with 16 points), and they were stepping aside instead of getting in front and taking a charge. We got more in the second half."

Mescalero's answer to Lopez was Garcia, who poured in 23 points in the game, including three treys. Corrie Randall added 18.

After Mescalero (8-3) pushed them with their press defense and transition offense, the Lady Warriors began holding the ball at half court with about 3 minutes left in the game, forcing the Lady Chiefs to foul in order to stop the

clock.

That strategy actually worked out for Mescalero, as the Lady Chiefs still weren't in the bonus, and were able to cause some Immanuel turnovers.

In the end, though, the Lady Warriors were just out of reach.

The loss might have been a disappointment for the fans, but Raynor was very happy to see the improvement in his team compared to their showing at the Mountain Top Tournament in Cloudcroft a week before.

"It's a work in progress, but there's been good progress, I'm proud of them," Raynor said. "We have all the confidence and we've got the pieces to the puzzle. We just have to match them up a little bit."

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Name	Won	Lost
The Who?	38½	17½
Serious Not	32	24
Ageless Wonders	28½	27½
Larry Larry's	23½	32½
Old Timers	23	33
Spud & the Tater Tots	22½	33½

**High scores**  
Handicap series – The Who? 2521, Ageless Wonders 2518, Larry Larry's 2366  
Handicap game – Spud & the Tater Tots 955, Serious Not 912, Old Timers 831  
Men's handicap series – Tom Douglas 711, Hubert Lee 686, Harry Allwein 656  
Men's handicap game – Jim Clements 254, Tom Bivens 249, Spud Mitchum 240  
Women's handicap series – Martha Chavez 632, Sandi Meek 614, Sylvia Allwein 614  
Women's handicap game – Lucy Servies 246, Rose Bivens 221, Cindy Sanchez 221

**Wednesday Mixed team standings, week 14 of 32**

Name	Won	Lost
Ruidoso Bowl	23	5
Evan's Team	21	7
Western Auto	18	10
Ruidoso U-Haul	17½	10½
Even Par	13	15
Team 7	12	16
No Doubt	12	16
Wild Cards	9	19
Car Quest	8½	19½
Knight Riders	6	22

**High scores**  
Scratch series – Western Auto 2320, Team 7 1985, Knight Riders 1763  
Scratch game – Ruidoso Bowl 822, Even Par 685, Wild Cards 516  
Handicap series – Ruidoso U-Haul 2558, Evan's Team 2507  
Handicap game – No Doubt 889, Car Quest 846

Men's scratch series – Ronnie Wright 703, Weldon Ganaway 702, Tim Vega 606  
Men's scratch game – Evan Reed 279, Tom Douglas 245, Bob Layher 204  
Men's handicap series – Keith Brower 741, Jim McGarvey 674, Phil Fanning 649  
Men's handicap game – Mike Baker 283, Andrew Ramirez 250, Jeremy Williams 243  
Women's scratch series – Pam Bernard 495, Crystal Ingle 494, Sue Reed 427  
Women's scratch game – Connie Reynolds 191, Anne Lindsey 159, TJ Romero 152  
Women's handicap series – Trina Thomas 693, Irene Pawlowski 641, Jean Fanning 607  
Women's handicap game – Shelly Layher 241, Shelley McGarvey 219, Sharla Ganaway 205

**Thursday Men's team standings, week 14 of 32**

Name	Won	Lost
Western Auto	21	7
Down's Auto Repair	21	7
Insiders	16	12
GSV	14	14
Ruidoso Septic	12½	15½
Ruidoso Bowl	12	16
Buckner Electric	9½	18½
Good Ole Boys	6	22

**Season high scores**  
Scratch series – Western Auto 3143, GSV 2715  
Scratch game – Ruidoso Bowl 1072, Down's Auto Repair 951  
Handicap series – Good Ole Boys 3143, Buckner Electric 3136  
Handicap game – Insiders 1153, Ruidoso Septic 1043  
Individual scratch series – David Hoffer 664, Weldon Ganaway 653, Jim McGarvey 649  
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# Hondo girls keep fighting at Mescalero tournament



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
Hondo guard Alyssa Gomez, right, brings the ball up the court as Cloudcroft's Stephanie O'Connor defends Saturday during the Mescalero Invitational.

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MESCALERO — It wasn't an easy weekend for the Hondo Lady Eagles at this year's Mescalero Invitational, but then it hasn't been an easy season for the young team.

Hondo's latest setback came in the fifth place game of the tournament Saturday, when the Lady Eagles dropped a 53-29 decision to Cloudcroft.

"We're lacking fundamentals and we're green, but we fought for four quarters," said Hondo coach Brad Holland of Saturday's game. "The effort was there. When there's effort, we'll get better."

The Lady Eagles (2-6) were able to hang with Cloudcroft to begin with, spotting the Lady Bears an early 3-0 lead, then getting within one on a layup by Selena Chavez with 4:41 left in the first quarter.

But then Cloudcroft's superior height and experience turned the game from a nail-biter to a blowout.

The Lady Bears were rotating in and out of the game liberally, meaning Hondo never faced the same lineup on the floor for long. It also meant Cloudcroft's Polly Rodgers — normally the team leader in everything — didn't get as much time and scored only six points in the game.

But when Rodgers

wasn't scoring, several other Lady Bears were — particularly Jordan Scott, who led the game with 18 points.

Chavez had 11 points to lead Hondo before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

That fourth quarter saw Hondo start to find the basket after a game of missing almost everything they shot. In fact, the Lady Eagles actually outscored Cloudcroft 12-9 in the final period.

"We tried to defend, but we've got to throw the ball in the hole to stay in the game," Holland said. "We gave the effort, and that's all I can really ask."

The Lady Eagles were much more consis-

tent with their scoring Friday against Mescalero. The only problem was, the Lady Chiefs just scored more in a 56-27 Mescalero victory.

Hondo averaged about seven points a quarter, but were behind 36-17 at the break and just weren't able to get any closer.

Lauren Gomez was the top scorer with eight points, while Valerie Garcia had 16 points to lead Mescalero, followed by Diona Chavez with 14.

"We played the top three teams in this tournament, so we had no choice but to kick it into gear and get better," Holland said. "I've seen improvement in these girls."

# Lady Cardinals can't keep up Mescalero boys run over Corona

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MESCALERO — This wasn't at all how Corona girls coach Nicky Huey expected things to go.

Just over a week after the Lady Cardinals had given Mescalero all it could handle in a 44-42 loss, Corona came into its rematch game Dec. 13 wanting to prove themselves with a win.

But the Lady Chiefs had something to prove as well, coming off a fifth-place finish in the Cloudcroft Mountain Top Tournament, and they prevailed with a 65-30 victory.

"This really is an extension of that Animas game," said Mescalero coach Nate Raynor, speaking of the Lady Chiefs' thrashing of Animas in the final game of the Mountain Top. "But we had to start all over and get ready for Corona, because they gave us a battle last time."

Mescalero (6-2) scored the first eight points of the game and set the tone early before the Lady Cardinals (5-3) were able to get on the board with a jump shot by Allysanne Huey. She was the only Corona player in double figures with 12 points.

Corona was without standout forward Taylor Huey, who was sick with the flu, but coach Huey wasn't sure if that was the real reason his team did so poorly.

"We were just flat tonight, and I don't really know why," Huey said. "They didn't move up and down the floor well, and we've got Elida coming up this Friday. Maybe they were looking past this game."

Raynor wasn't at all hesitant to point to Taylor's absence as the difference in the game.

"She's the one that really gave it to us the last time," Raynor said.

Whatever the reason, Mescalero was able to score using its pressing defense and transition offense. They were also able to outrebound the Lady Cardinals 50-31, turning Corona misses on one end to Lady Chief points on the other.

Diona Chavez led things for Mescalero with 20 points, while Corrie Randall added 16.

That Randall had so many points was a testa-



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press  
Corona guard Allysanne Huey, right, drives to the basket after passing Mescalero defender M'Linn Hanks Tuesday at Mescalero.

ment to Raynor's dedication to the second team's abilities.

"I let the second unit play all the way through. The whole idea was to get them some playing time and get them ready for the tournament," said Raynor, referring to the Mescalero tournament which starts today. "We told everybody before the game that everyone was going to play tonight."

But that strategy almost backfired on the Lady Chiefs. After building a 20-2 lead in the first quarter, Corona's pressing defense started making inroads midway through the second quarter, and the Lady Cardinals were able to get within 14 points on a layup by Corey Egan.

But that's as close as Corona would get. The Lady Chiefs were able to stop the comeback and put the hammer down in the second half.

"They played better in the second quarter, but then went right back to the bad habits in the second half," Huey said. "If you can't make shots on one end, it usually ends up in layups at the other end."

Lady Chiefs 65, Lady Cardinals 30  
Corona (5-3)

Shelly Gensler 1 0-0 2, Kelly Gensler 2 4-6 8, Allysanne Huey 3 6-7 12, Saige Bell 1 0-0 2, Haleigh Erramouspe 0 0-0 0, Hannah Gage 0 0-0 0, Corey Egan 2 2-2 6, Kathia Beltran 0 0-0 0. Totals 8 12-15 30.

Mescalero (6-2)  
Angel Duffy 0 0-2 0, Heather Enjady 1 1-4 3, Hope Geronimo 2 1-2 6, Corrie Randall 6 3-4 16, Cayleigh Palmer 1 2-2 4, Tristine Chico 2 0-0 4, M'Linn Hanks 1 0-1 2, Valerie Garcia 2 1-2 6, Diona Chavez 9 2-4 20, Ardis Holder 2 0-4 4. Totals 26 10-25 65.

Corona 2 17 6 5 - 30  
Mescalero 20 13 17 15 - 65  
Three point goals — Mes 3 (Geronimo, Randall, Garcia). Fouled out — Cor (Erramouspe). Rebounds — Cor 31 (KGensler 10.), Mes 50 (Randall 7). Steals — Cor 5 (Bell), Mes 3 (Chavez, Chico, Enjady). Blocks — Cor 2 (KGensler, Enjady), Mes 2 (Garcia). Turnovers — Cor 13, Mes 20. Total fouls — Cor 22, Mes 14. Technical fouls — Corona team.

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MESCALERO — The Corona boys basketball team may be winless thus far this season, but it's not like they have a terrible team.

The Cardinals came within a point of beating the Artesia junior varsity during the Lake Arthur Panther Invite last weekend, and for the first four minutes of their game at Mescalero Dec. 13, it looked as though they had the momentum to pull off an upset.

That momentum shifted to the Chiefs, however, who utilized their superior speed to outrun Corona in a 57-16 victory.

"We started out with a good first quarter, and the second quarter wasn't bad," said Corona coach Ronnie Dunsworth. "But that third quarter was our downfall. We came out flat and they came out and got hot."

The Chiefs (4-3) allowed just two Corona points in the third period, and went from a 17-point lead to a 33-point lead in eight minutes. From then, the running clock made things short.

Lane Carter scored the first six points for the Cardinals (0-8), and his team had a 6-3 lead three minutes into the game. But Mescalero's superior speed and numbers — Corona has just six players on its team — eventually won out.

"We have more guys on the bench, but you've got to give credit to

Corona, playing iron man basketball like that," said Mescalero coach Mike Torres. "All their players are getting better, and their big guy (Carter) is going to be a force to be reckoned with. I guarantee you that."

Carter led his team with eight points, while Tahari Kaydahzinne was the top scorer for the Chiefs with 15 points. He was followed by teammates Justin Franklin with 11 points and Godfrey Cordova with 10.

Mescalero beat the Cardinals in every phase of the game, benefitting from 27 Corona turnovers and stealing the ball 15 times.

About the only thing Corona was

able to do well was rebound, hauling in 39 boards, with Chris Frandsen and Ethan Johnson combining for 21 of them.

Chiefs 57, Cardinals 16

Corona (0-8)  
Troy Dial 2 0-2 4, Ethan Johnson 0 2-3 2, Cutler Cox 0 0-0 0, Lane Carter 4 0-0 8, Ty Brown 0 0-0 0, Chris Frandsen 1 0-0 2. Totals 7 2-5 16.

Mescalero (4-3)  
Justin Franklin 5 0-2 11, Damien Gamboa 0 0-0 0, Tahari Kaydahzinne 7 1-2 15, Alex Kirgan 1 0-0 2, Kenneth Kayitah 2 0-0 4, Sam Herrera 0 0-0 0, Calbert John 1 1-2 3, Dillon Cochise 0 0-0 0, Ariel Gallerito 0 0-2 0, Aaron Kaydahzinne 5 0-1 10, Kyle Yahnak 0 0-0 0, Godfrey Cordova 4 2-3 10, Dillon Perico 1 0-0 2. Totals 26 4-12 57.

Corona 6 6 2 2 - 16  
Mescalero 19 10 18 10 - 57  
Three point goals — Mes 1 (Franklin). Fouled out — Cor (Johnson). Rebounds — Cor 39 (Frandsen 11, Johnson 10), Mes 43 (Kaydahzinne 8). Steals — Cor 4 (Carter 2), Mes 15 (TKaydahzinne 5). Blocks — Cor 1 (Dial), Mes 5 (Cordova 4). Turnovers — Cor 27, Mes 18. Total fouls — Cor 12, Mes 14.



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# Tiger teams in narrow games at Cloudcroft

## Boys able to beat NMMI on the road

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One of the best ways for a basketball team to test its mettle is to be involved in a close game.

The Capitan Tigers got that Dec. 13 at Cloudcroft, but didn't get what they really wanted - a win.

The Bears won 38-36 on a last-second shot by George Sims, negating double-digit scoring performances by Tim Dickinson and Lawrence Whipple, who combined with 23 points.

Cloudcroft was able to shut down Tiger center Jake Lamay, who hurt the Bears in the teams' previous game at Capitan and scored only eight points in Tuesday's contest.

Capitan tried to hold the



Photo courtesy Casey Griffin

Capitan forward Strait Sedillo falls out of bounds as he tries to get the rebound Thursday at NMMI's Cahoon Armory.

ball with the score tied in the last two minutes, but a turnover near the very end gave Cloudcroft a chance for its last-second heroics.

Sims ended up with 15 points to lead the game, while Ricky Pethick added 10 for the Bears.

While the Cloudcroft boys

got a measure of revenge for their previous loss, it was the Capitan girls that evened things up with their 33-29 victory.

The Lady Tigers (4-2) held a 16-15 lead at the break, and were able to hold Polly Rogers to just seven points as one of the two top scorers for Cloudcroft. Rogers put in 18 points in the previous Capitan-Cloudcroft tilt.

No player was in double figures in the game, as Kersti Davis and Georgia Lynn Eldridge led the game with eight points each.

"It was tough defense on both sides, and Cloudcroft's press created some turnovers," said Capitan coach John Devine. But they also gave up a few easy baskets."

Both teams had numerous chances to win, but when the Lady Tigers went into a four-corner offense to control the tempo, Cloudcroft had to foul

to stop the clock and the resulting free throws gave Capitan the win.

"Jamie Fields did a nice job running the offense in the last minute on a bad ankle," Devine said.

## Win at NMMI

The Tiger boys were able to rebound with a 53-44 victory over New Mexico Military Institute Dec. 15, thanks in part to the shooting of Tory Padilla and Tim Dickinson.

The Tigers (5-2) went on an 11-0 run early in the game to take a commanding 13-3 lead in the first quarter, and never trailed the rest of the way.

NMMI (2-6) tried for a comeback in the fourth quarter, but Capitan was simply too far ahead.

Padilla had 17 points to lead the Tigers, while Dickinson had 14. Richard Trujillo had 13 points to lead the Colts.

## Carrizozo teams remain winless

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Carrizozo remained winless following a 47-27 loss to Grady during a boys basketball game Friday night in Carrizozo. The girls also lost to Grady, 58-38.

The Broncos started the boys game on a 6-0 run, en route to an 8-1 lead after the first quarter. The Grizzlies (0-5) played better in the second quarter, outscoring Grady 7-6 in the period, including a 3-pointer from Marshall Ventura, who finished with a game-high 22 points.

After the start of the third quarter, however, the Broncos took control of the game, going to the free-throw line 18 times. The score was 29-17 in favor of Grady after the third.

"In the second half, we tried to push the tempo a bit," said Carrizozo coach Porter Cutrell. "We played zone, but that didn't work out for us."

Cody Poncho scored 20 points, and Adam Lunsford chipped in with 16 for the Broncos (4-4). Tavi Nash scored three points, and Nick Chavez added two for the Grizzlies.

Chavez 0 0-0 0, Billy Candelaria 4 2-2 12, Arturo Gonzales 0 0-0 0, Jordan Brady 1 0-0 3. Totals 18 6-7 50.

**Mescalero (61)**  
Justin Franklin 3 1-2 8, Tahari Kaydahzinne 3 2-4 9, Alex Kirgan 0 0-0 0, Kenneth Kayitah 0 0-0 0, Sam Herrera 0 1-2 1, Dillon Perico 0 0-0 0, Calbert John 1 0-0 2, Dillon Cochise 0 0-0 0, Aaron Kaydahzinne 8 2-8 18, Kyle Yahnahki 4 0-2 11, Godfrey Cordova 4 4-5 12. Totals 23 10-23 61.

**Hondo 15 15 7 13-50**  
**Mescalero 6 15 19 19-61**  
Three point goals - Hon 8 (Candelaria 3, Montaño 2, Vasquez, Nores, Guillen), Mes 5 (Yahnahki 3, Franklin, TKaydahzinne). Fouled out - Hon (Vasquez, Nores). Total fouls - Hon 20, Mes 13.

### GIRLS

**Lady Chiefs 56, Lady Eagles 27**  
**Hondo (27)**  
Yvette Medina 0 1-2 1, Alyssa Gomez 1 0-0 2, Lauren Gomez 3 0-0 8, Brenda Macias 0 0-0 0, Montana Prudencia 2 0-0 4, Brenda Chacon 1 0-2 2, Selene Medina 0 0-0 0, Ashley Chavez 0 0-0 0, Selena Chavez 3 1-4 7, Valeria Lerma 1 0-0 3, Josephine Prins 0 0-0 0. Totals 11 2-8 27.

**Mescalero (56)**  
Angel Duffy 0 4-5 4, Heather Enjady 1 0-0 2, Kayla Belin 0 0-0 0, Hope Geronimo 2 0-0 5, Corrie Randall 1 0-0 2, Cayleigh Palmer 0 0-0 0, Tristine Chico

1 1-4 3, M'Linn Hanks 1 0-0 2, Valerie Garcia 6 0-0 16, Diona Chavez 5 3-4 14, Ardis Holder 4 0-0 8. Totals 21 8-13 56.

**Hondo 8 9 6 9-27**  
**Mescalero 16 20 8 12-56**  
Three point goals - Hon 3 (L Gomez 2, Lerma), Mes 5 (Garcia 4, Chavez). Fouled out - None. Total fouls - Hon 9, Mes 10.

### Saturday, Dec. 17 BOYS

**CHAMPIONSHIP Warriors 44, Chiefs 43**  
**Immanuel Christian (44)**  
Joshua Valerio 0 0-0 0, Fernando Fernandez 1 0-0 3, Josh Arriaga 1 2-2 4, Jacob Castaneda 1 0-2 2, Oscar Loya 0 3-4 3, Octavio Espinoza 0 0-2 0, Adam Perez 0 0-0 0, Oscar Hernandez 1 0-0 2, Andres Martinez 1 0-0 2, Phillip Wickenheiser 12 4-4 28. Totals 17 9-14 44.

**Mescalero (43)**  
Justin Franklin 1 2-2 4, Tahari Kaydahzinne 4 2-3 10, Alex Kir-

gan 2 0-0 4, Kenneth Kayitah 0 0-0 0, Sam Herrera 0 0-0 0, Dillon Perico 0 0-0 0, Calbert John 1 2-3 4, Dillon Cochise 0 0-0 0, Aaron Kaydahzinne 0 5-6 5, Kyle Yahnahki 2 0-0 6, Godfrey Cordova 4 2-6 10. Totals 14 13-20 43.

**Immanuel Ch 13 15 8 8-44**  
**Mescalero 8 11 9 15-43**  
Three point goals - IC 1 (Fernandez), Mes 2 (Yahnahki 2). Fouled out - None. Rebounds - 41 (Wickenheiser 19), Mes 35 (Cordova 8). Steals - IC 6 (Wickenheiser 4), Mes 9 (TKaydahzinne 4). Blocks - IC 4 (Wickenheiser 3). Turnovers - IC 21, Mes 17. Total fouls - IC 19, Mes 14.

### GIRLS

**CHAMPIONSHIP Lady Warriors 62, Lady Chiefs 59**  
**Immanuel Christian (62)**  
Luisa Lopez 3 0-1 6, Anie Martinez 8 5-6 22, Danielle Ortiz 3 0-0 7, Victoria Lopez 4 8-13 16,

Olivia DeLeon 0 0-0 0, Dyanna Rico 0 0-0 0, Ileana Hernandez 0 0-0 0, Mariana Briones 0 0-0 0, S. Winters 3 0-0 9, Maribel Herrera 1 0-0 2, Ana Peña 0 0-0 0. Totals 22 13-20 62.

**Mescalero (59)**  
Angel Duffy 3 1-5 7, Heather Enjady 0 0-0 0, Kayla Belin 0 0-0 0, Hope Geronimo 0 0-2 0, Corrie Randall 5 7-8 18, Cayleigh Palmer 0 1-2 1, Tristine Chico 0 0-0 0, M'Linn Hanks 0 0-0 0, Valerie Garcia 8 4-8 23, Diona Chavez 4 0-2 8, Ardis Holder 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 19-27 59.

**Immanuel Ch 18 15 8 21-62**  
**Mescalero 22 9 15 13-59**  
Three point goals - IC 4 (Winters 3, Martinez), Mes 4 (Garcia 3, Randall). Fouled out - IC (Winters). Rebounds - IC 28 (Martinez 9), Mes 43 (Garcia 10). Steals - IC 4 (Lopez, Martinez, Ortiz, Lopez), Mes 1 (Randall). Blocks - Mes 1 (Holder). Turnovers - IC 14, Mes 15. Total fouls - IC 21, Mes 17.

**MESCALERO INVITATIONAL**  
Friday, Dec. 16  
**BOYS**  
Chiefs 61, Eagles 50  
**Hondo (50)**  
Lalo Lerma 0 0-0 0, Luis Mon-

taño 6 0-0 14, Francisco Felix 0 0-0 0, Adreian Vasquez 2 0-1 5, German Lerma 0 0-0 0, Irving Gomez 0 0-0 0, Roberto Nores 2 4-4 9, Juan Noriega 0 0-0 0, Christian Guillen 3 0-0 7, James

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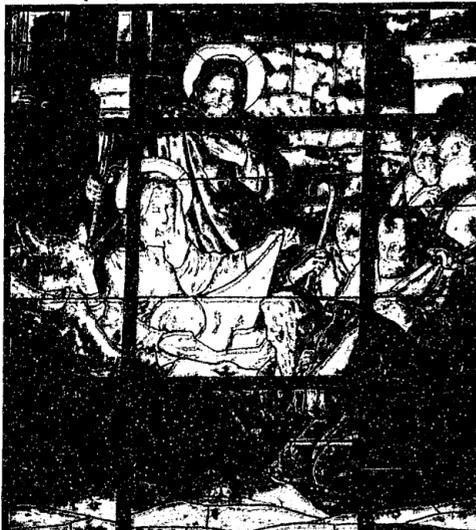
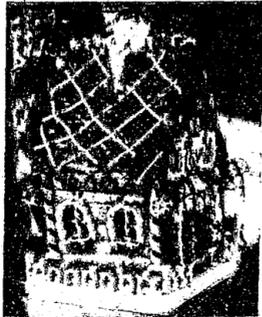
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By SakuraAngel

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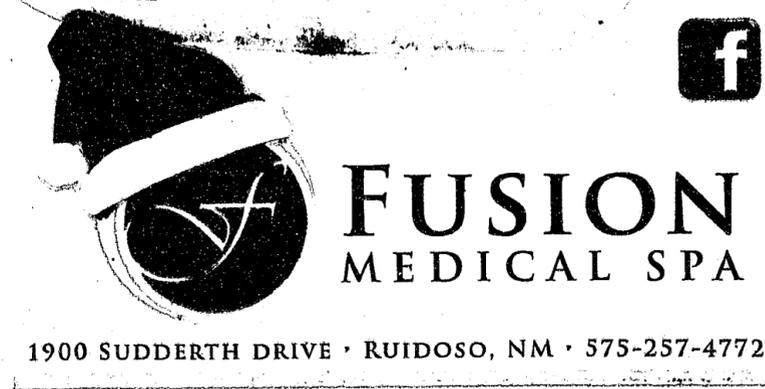


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equipment for the Cope Learning Center in the Hubbard Museum of the American West, making use of a \$79,355 grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

Jim Kofakis, director of the museum, said the new equipment will fulfill the museum's promise to bring residents closer to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., of which the museum is a member.

"This will allow you to go to the floor of the Smithsonian in real time," Kofakis said. "This is something the museum had been moving toward since the Cope Center was dedicated, and now we have the funds."

**Mistaken purchase**

Repairs to a mower, weedeater and

mower turned out to be more than expected, resulting in a higher-than-approved bill being paid by a city employee and needing the approval by the council after the fact.

Terri Mosely, finance director, said the costs were not to exceed \$500, and the employee that paid for the repairs without a waiver had been disciplined.

"He understands the situation now, but we need this approved now," Mosely said. "We just have to go through the correct procedure."

The cost of the repairs — made by Rocky Mountain Supply in Alamogordo — cost \$1,153.25, and was approved unanimously.

# COUNTY COMMISSION *briefs*

By Patrick Rodriguez

Reporter  
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**Four Winds gets liquor license**

Carrizozo will once again have an establishment that serves alcohol.

The town council on Monday approved a liquor license for Roque and Zoila Solis, owners of Four Winds restaurant, located at 101 N. Central Ave. at the intersection of highways 54 and 380.

The town has been without an establishment that serves alcohol since the Outpost closed this past summer.

Roque Solis said that he would limit the amount of alcoholic beverages per meal per customer to two.

"That's going to be the restaurant's policy, not the state policy," he said. "The state allows three to four or until you're intoxicated. But even that, if you're drunk, that's it, we won't serve you anymore."

Solis said that Four Winds would serve beer in bottles and cans, and up to five different kinds of wines.

In the application for the liquor license, alcohol would only be served in the indoor dining areas of the restaurant. A town resident recommended that the restaurant allow alcohol to be served in the outdoor patio areas in the future, however Solis, who liked the idea, said that would require approval from the state of New Mexico.

**Little League receives grant**

Carrizozo Little League recently received an \$8,000 grant from the Hub-

bard Foundation for improvements and maintenance work to be done at the little league field, according to town resident J'Lane Zamora.

Zamora asked that the town council approve work done on the Little League field, including upgrading the outfield, the infield, the dugouts and the fences.

Zamora also said that it would be in the best interest of the town if the land where the field currently is would be taken back from Valle del Sol, so that the town's maintenance crews can have better access to it.

Zamora said that she wrote the grant on behalf of the local little league.

**Library project moving forward**

Linda Rodriguez of Carrizozo Works Inc. told the town council that a project to bring a public library to the town is moving forward. She said the organization has received \$800 to pay for a grant writer to research and find more money for the project.

She said the organization has looked at some properties for a library, "but it's still going to be a grassroots, and anybody interested in having a library, jump in and help us."

In other business, the town council approved:

- The appointment of Gary Joe Lovelace to the planning and zoning board;
- The sale of vehicles owned by the town;
- A livestock permit for a horse for Pauline Tope.

## Baby, it's cold outside! Be prepared

By Sue Hutchison  
NM EMT

Have you noticed? It's finally winter around here! Coffee and hot cocoa by a roaring fire, a great book to read, "settling down for a long winter's nap" all sound very cozy. But what about travel times when your vehicle is surrounded by ice, snow, sleet and hazardous conditions? What about wildlife which seem to prefer



Sue Hutchison

hunting supplies are sold)

- a couple packages of oxygen-activated heat packs (available at discount stores during winter months: look in the ski clothing area)
- sensible, waterproof shoes (especially if you wear heels on a regular basis)
- a couple pairs of warm socks
- a few granola or protein bars
- flashlight and

the middle of the road to the side and threaten your piece of it? Then there are "other" drivers, the ones who must be out in the elements but don't seem to have a clue as to how to manage their vehicles, much less watch out for yours. It's tough out there!

During the winter months, each Lincoln County vehicle should regularly check maintenance issues: tire pressure, oil levels, headlights, heater function, to name a few. If you're a driver and don't know how to check these items, shame on you! Find someone who loves cars and ask them to teach you. You'll make their day! Each vehicle should also carry an emergency kit. With uncertain travel conditions facing drivers each day, an emergency kit can not only assist in dealing with an unplanned event, but can actually save a life. A driver who regularly transports children NEEDS to plan ahead. A well-stocked kit can fit into a shopping bag or two and be thrown in the trunk until it's needed.

In one bag, place the following items:

- a couple bottles of water (check occasionally and replace if they're frozen)
- a small, fleece blanket or a heat-retaining covering (available where

extra batteries

Throw a bag of kitty litter in your trunk to use for traction, should ice be an issue.

In a small, zip-lock bag (which can be used as an ice pack if necessary), place these First Aid items:

- Band-Aids
- a couple gauze rolls
- medical tape
- elastic wrap (a 2 inch width wrap is sufficient)
- small bottle of ibuprofen (anti-inflammatory and great to relieve pain)
- small bottle of chewable 81 mg aspirin (if you or a loved one seem to be dealing with sudden onset of a cardiac issue, you'll be so glad you stocked aspirin and you'll impress any EMT who comes to assist you)

Many of these items may be found in your home, and the others are rather inexpensive at a discount store. You'll be ready for many emergencies if you gather these supplies and place them in your vehicle, and your preparedness may not only assist you when needed, but may be instrumental in maintaining the well-being of another traveler.

It's cold outside! Let's be careful out there. You'll be glad you spent a little time preparing for safe travel when winter surprises occur.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



## MUSIC NEWS

By Ty Vinney  
Music Reporter



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### Nemesea review – The Quiet Resistance

Another “gothic metal band” from the Netherlands is Nemesea. Setting the dividing line between them and the rest of the sound the same band is a unique blend of alternative/modern rock, trip hop and some electronica elements. With their third release, *The Quiet Resistance*, they try to cross more genres, this time venturing into a more pop-flavored rock. They almost come across as a mix of Evanescence and Paramore. Sometimes the newer style helps out the album and other times it is a hindrance and takes away from the potential of a song.

Opening the album with a whisper of “I dug this hole in the backyard, the quiet resistance” is the title track. It builds up with heavy guitar and a little industrial programming, and then just cuts off rather than leading into the next song. “Caught in the Middle” is one of the more metal songs on the album and flows pretty well. There’s a pause in the

music which puts a heavy emphasis on Manda Ophuis’ voice that really has a chance to show you just how talented she is.

“Afterlife” follows in next, as the album’s first single, and it’s pretty decent. There’s a heavy emphasis to the pop alternative/modern rock and from here this trend begins to take hold of the album. “Stay With Me” contains more of the gutsy metal style sound that attracted me to the band. It reminds just how good they can be when they stick with what they know.

Honestly, the more you delve deeper into the album, the more you find the metal sound has melted away almost entirely; turning the album into something that would make a top-40 hit list perhaps. Nemesea has lost some of the element that drew me in with previous albums, however the new album is sure to attract a new following.



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### Nightrage review – Insidious

If Arch Enemy and In Flames got together and produced an offspring, it would be Nightrage.

Bursting out of the gates with their fifth album, “Insidious,” the band is still going strong. With a collision of heavy, dark riffs with soaring leads mixed with clean and harsh vocals, they’re sure to entertain. This is good, hard metal with

a bite, not that overplayed generic trash you hear on mainstream radio.

The album gets off to an excellent beginning, with the first five songs all being intense and well written. “Hate Turns Black” mixes great lead guitar playing with a memorable chorus while heavy riffs and wicked drums support the song and further drive it away from obscurity. The title track is totally primal with Tomas Lindberg’s vocals just reaching out and attacking the listener’s ears.

The second half of the album is where things begin to dwindle down a bit and drag. The songs begin to almost fuse together, causing confusion as to when one song starts and when another ends. Don’t get me wrong, I like it, but there really needs to be a distinction between tracks.

All in all, I really enjoyed the album, *Insidious* is sure to catch the ear of metal heads and delight fans. There are no fluffy bunny alternative radio-friendly songs here, and the album sounds good and plays hard. It’s a nice change into high gear, which is something I’m down with. Be sure to not only pick up the album, but also catch the band on tour with Arsi and Firewind.

### Korn review – The Path of Totality

Korn is one of those bands that defined a generation. Their signature nu-metal grooves and aggression are instantly recognizable and contagious. Just when you think they’ve got a signature sound down, they reinvent themselves. With their 10th studio album of mate-

rial, “The Path of Totality,” the band has taken a controversial step into dubstep and electronica. Enlisting the likes of Skrillex, Kill the Noise and Excision, the band has pushed into new ground but at the same time holding strong to their roots.

The first single, “Get Up!” has more then done its job in getting attention. Having held a top 10 position on the charts since it debuted this summer is a strong testament to the piece.

Old school fans of the group will be especially pleased with a few particular songs. “Bleeding Out” opens with piano then hypes into layered electronica. Also incorporated are the classic bagpipes we’ve come to know and love. “Tension” has a long and spook alley reminiscing opening that feeds into aggressive sounding vocals. A fine element of the past comes with Davis’ infamous beat boxing towards the end of the song.

Diving further into the depths of the new is “Burn the Obedient,” with help from Noisia, the band has caught the edge of dubstep, and throw in some raps and deep aggressive vocals at times and you’ve got what would play well for another example of just how much this album has advanced the sound of the band.

To be honest, when I first heard that the band was experimenting with a new sound I thought they were going to bite the big one. I was pleasantly surprised! Korn proves they can still hold tight to their style and try something new as well. The album is well proportioned and experimental, a step in a very good direction from a band I’ve been a fan of for two decades.

## Holiday gift ideas to pamper your pet

### Family Features

When it comes to the holidays, decking the halls and donning festive attire can help put you in the spirit; but, don’t forget your pet when you’re prepping for the season. Here are some great tips and gift ideas for pets and pet lovers to make the most of those special holiday moments.

### Gifts for Your Pet:

**Stay warm, dress up.** To keep your dog cozy and stylish throughout the winter season, consider purchasing a Martha Stewart Pets™ houndstooth coat to wear during blistery weather walks. Or, turn heads at any holiday party with a throwback to 80s rock bands with Top Paw™ retro dog t-shirts.

**Prep your dog.** If you’re hosting guests during the holiday season, make sure you give your dog some extra attention. Pamper your dog with a fresh groom complete with a sugar cookie scent at PetSmart grooming salons to get your pet camera ready. Make sure to get their teeth brushed so their breath is extra fresh when they greet your guests at the door.

**Give them a treat.** When hosting a holiday feast, your dog is likely to beg for a few table scraps. Keep them busy and happy with a dog bone or rawhide while company sits down to eat. Even rawhides can be festive when shaped like candy canes or snowmen so your dog can have a special holiday treat of his own.

**Give them a vacation, too.** If your family is traveling for the holidays, consider taking your dog or cat to a PetSmart PetsHotel®. Likewise, if you have a busy day of holiday shopping ahead of you, drop your dog



off at the store’s Doggie Day CampSM. Your dog is sure to have a great time playing with other dogs, as well as interacting with the caring staff.

**Keep dogs and cats happy and entertained.** Many dog and cat toys get a makeover for the holidays. Check out the new festive designs and pick some up for your dog or cat to toss, tug and tease so they can have fun with your family and guests.

### Gifts for Pet Lovers:

**Deliver some treats.** Whip up some delicious sugar cookies for pet parents and dog cookies for their pet. Then surprise someone you care about with a special holiday treat.

**Picture this.** You can’t go wrong with a personalized item featuring your loved one’s pet. Several websites allow you to order printed photos or photo books. This year, pet parents can also show their love for their pet and the environment with pet-focused insulated cups that are BPA free and feature a variety of breeds.

**Give a gift that keeps on giving.** Help save homeless pets and give a gift at the same time when you purchase a Luv-A-Pet™ plush toy from PetSmart. When you purchase one of the two plush Luv-A-Pet toys, Chance the dog or Lucky the cat, 10 percent of the proceeds go to PetSmart Charities to help save the lives of homeless pets.

To learn more about gifts for pets and pet lovers, as well as to access tips for dog and cat owners, visit [www.PetSmart.com](http://www.PetSmart.com).

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## Domestic violence through the eyes of a child

### Raul Luevano recalls living with abusive father

For more than eight years, Raul Luevano’s mother lived with regular physical and mental abuse.

“As the oldest child,” he said, “I would gather my sister and brother and take them into my bedroom and do my best to keep them quiet, but at the same time, I always had an ear out for my mom in case she needed help.”

Luevano, now 34, isn’t sure what sort of help he could have provided at age 6, but recalls feeling very much like an adult.

“I never went to friends’ houses because I was afraid my mom would be killed,” he said. “And forget having people over. I didn’t want friends to witness the violence we lived with. My father was charming, most people thought he was a great guy, but behind closed doors, he was an angry and jealous man. You just never knew what was going to set him off.”

Tears filled Luevano’s eyes as he recounted his childhood living with an abuser. His father berated the children about anything and everything.

“I loved tomatoes as a kid and he ridiculed me for it,” said Luevano. “Of the three children, I was the one who took the majority of his abuse. My sister was his little princess, which meant any time she cried or was upset he blamed me and punished me accordingly. My father



Raul Luevano

blamed other people for everything.”

“He blamed my mother for the abuse and making him the way he was,” Luevano added. “Yet every time he saw her, he would be sure to remind her that she was ‘nothing, worthless and would never find anyone.’ One time he hit me so hard, the band on his watch broke. Seeing the broken band, he hit me again and again, blaming me for the broken watch band.”

When Luevano was 7 years old, his mother decided to go out with some girlfriends one evening. That was when the abuse culminated in a horrifyingly violent incident. His father went ballistic, using a razor blade to carve a V into his mother’s face.

After Luevano’s mother sought medical treatment at the hospital, she never returned home to her husband. She filed for divorce, but that didn’t mean the nightmare was over.

“My mother was Superwoman. She got two jobs to support us,” said Luevano. “She was always working but still living in the shadow of his control. Her life was work and children.”

His father was ordered to pay \$300 per month for child support, but never did. Often, there was no food in the house.

Luevano remembers a signature meal he and his siblings created out of bread, garlic and mustard. “You know what? We still crave it, probably because we relied on it for so long,” he said.

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**Bebé, hace frío afuera! Esté preparado**

Por Sue Hutchinson  
NM EMT

¿Ha notado usted? Ya está aquí el invierno! El café y el chocolate caliente por una chimenea, un gran libro para leer, establecido para la siesta de un invierno largo" todo suena muy acogedor. Pero ¿qué pasa con los tiempos de viaje cuando el vehículo está rodeado por las condiciones del hielo, nieve, aguanieve y peligrosos? ¿Qué pasa con la vida silvestre, que parecen preferir la mitad de la carretera a un lado y poner en peligro su pedazo de ella? Luego están los "otros" los conductores, los que deben estar a la intemperie, pero no parecen tener la menor idea de cómo manejar sus vehículos, y mucho menos mirar hacia fuera para la suya. Es difícil por ahí!

Durante los meses de invierno, todos los vehículos del condado de Lincoln debe revisar regularmente los problemas de mantenimiento: la presión de los neumáticos, los niveles de aceite, faros, la función del calentador, para nombrar unos pocos. Si usted es un conductor y no saben cómo controlar estos elementos, la culpa es tuya! Encontrar a alguien que ama los coches y pedir que le enseñen. Usted hará su día! Cada vehículo también debe llevar un botiquín de emergencia. Con las condiciones de viaje incierto hacia los conductores cada día, un equipo de emergencia no sólo puede ayudar en el tratamiento de un acontecimiento imprevisto, pero en realidad puede salvar una vida. Un conductor que transporta a los niños regularmente tiene que planificar el futuro. Un equipo bien surtido puede caber en una bolsa o dos y ser arrojado en el maletero hasta que sea necesario.

- En una bolsa, coloque los siguientes elementos:
- un par de botellas de agua (ver de vez en cuando y reemplazar si son congeladas)
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- un par de paquetes de paquetes de oxígeno activado por calor (disponible en tiendas de descuento durante los meses de invierno: Buscar en el área de ropa de esquí)
- sensible, a prueba de agua zapatos (especialmente si usted usa los talones sobre una base regular)
- algunos pares de calcetines calientes
- una granola pocos o barras de proteínas
- linterna y baterías adicionales

Tirar una bolsa de arena para gatos en la cajuela de usar para la tracción, en caso de hielo será un problema.

En una pequeña bolsa zip-lock (que puede ser utilizado como una bolsa de hielo si es necesario), coloque los artículos de primeros auxilios:

- Band-Aids
- un par de rollos de gasa
- cinta médica
- Vendas elásticas (un abrigo ancho de 2 pulg-das es suficiente)
- una botella pequeña de ibuprofeno (antiinflamatorio y grandes para aliviar el dolor)
- una botella pequeña de aspirina masticable de 81 mg (si usted o un ser querido parece estar tratando con la aparición súbita de un problema cardíaco, que va a estar muy contenta de que la aspirina y el surtido que va a impresionar a cualquier EMT que viene a ayudarle)

Muchos de estos artículos se pueden encontrar en su casa, y los otros son más baratos en una tienda de descuento. Usted estará listo para muchas emergencias si se reúnen estos suministros y colocarlos en su vehículo, y su preparación no sólo le puede ayudar cuando sea necesario, pero puede ser fundamental para mantener el bienestar de otro viajero.

Hace frío afuera! Vamos a tener cuidado ahí fuera. Se le alegra que usted pasó un poco de tiempo preparándose para un viaje seguro cuando se producen sorpresas de invierno.

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Luevano's father would use visitation exchanges to intimidate his ex-wife. "I was 15 and it had been seven years since their divorce," said Luevano. "My father came in the house and started screaming at my mother. He called her a 'whore' and a 'slut' and told her she was not allowed to have friends. That time, I did it. I stepped in the middle of them and told him, 'Get the hell out of this house.'" Incredulously, his father stopped yelling and left the house.

"I had the same dreams all through childhood," said Luevano. "My father was this huge, ugly monster and we were running from him or trying to hide from him."

"I've known my whole life I don't want to be anything like him, but it's still my biggest fear," added Luevano. "I don't have a relationship with my father and I don't want one."

Eight years ago Luevano's mother did find true love, and in their stepfather, he and his sister found the father whom

they had always dreamed of.

"Even though my mom is in a healthy relationship with her husband, I carry the fear of her being killed with me," said Luevano. "It's always present. I lived with it so long, it's hard to shake."

Luevano is a strong survivor of domestic violence. His experience as a child victim and witness has forever changed his life. He has chosen to go public with his story, in hopes of saving another child, another mother. HEAL applauds his strength and courage for stepping forward to shed light on the devastating effects of domestic violence on children.

HEAL and the Nest domestic violence shelter in Ruidoso Downs offer free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, including shelter, transportation, counseling, education and employment assistance, and legal advocacy. For more information, call (866) 378-6378. Professional counselors and advocates at the Nest and on the hotline are available 24 hours a day.

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

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

horse racing, it is the place to go.

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

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

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

**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 Kid-die Bounce House.

575-257-2273; www.sacredgroundscoffeeshop.com. Movie is free.

**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 Kokopelli Country Club in Alto from 7 to 10 p.m.

**Suzi Weber and The Mixx** perform 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, 9 - 10 p.m.

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

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 25**

**Billy's Christmas Buffet**, Ruidoso Downs Racetrack & Casino, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Christmas Day Buffet at Billy's Menu: Craved prime rib with au jus and horseradish sauce; honey baked ham; candied yams; rosemary roasted red potatoes; corn bread stuffing; dinner rolls assortment; desserts assortment. Give us a call to confirm your space: 575-378-4331; www.raceruidoso.com. Adults \$16.95; Children \$8.95.

**Suzi Weber and The Mixx** perform in Club 49 at Inn of the Mountain Gods, 8 p.m.

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

**MONDAY DECEMBER 26**

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

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**TUESDAY DECEMBER 20**

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

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21**

**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. Christmas Movie: *Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer* (popcorn and juice box served). Children's Dept is located downstairs.

**Flying J Wranglers Christmas Special**, Spencer Theater, 108 Spencer Rd., Alto, 7 - 9 p.m. It's Christmas time, cowboy style! Ruidoso's favorite performance troupe, the Flying J Wranglers, return to celebrate the heritage of the west and the beauty of the holiday season with rich melodious western yodeling, vocals, fiddle and guitars. Soulful renditions of spirituals like "Go Tell It On The Mountain," and "Beautiful City" stir the heart, and old time cowboy Christmas tunes like Corn, Water and Wood, and Christmas for Cowboys. Original songs like "White Mountain Christmas" and "Riding To Ruidoso" remind us why we love country living. Rounding off the night's repertoire will be the crisp and sizzling hot western instrumentals and homespun Flying J Wrangler hilarity for which they have long won acclaim. For more information, contact Spencer Theater: 1-888-818-7872; www.spencertheater.com. Tickets are \$30.

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

**The Sterilizers** perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Live Music** at WPS in Midtown

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

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 22**

**Live Music with TomTom and friends** at Sanctuary on the River, 207 Eagle Drive, 12 - 1:30 p.m. Enjoy hearty soups and salads at ChopChop Inspired Salads and have some lunch-time fun with live music performed by TomTom and friends every Thursday. Come see what's happening at the Sanctuary. Lunch hours 11-2 Tues-Sat. 575-630-1111.

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

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

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 23**

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

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

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

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

**Christmas Lighting Contest**, Carrizozo. Do you decorate your Carrizozo home or business for the holidays? The annual Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce lighting contest starts at dusk. First prize is \$75, second is \$50 and third is \$25 for homes. The best business award is a traveling plaque to be shown all year at the site of the winner. You have nothing to do but light your place for the holidays! For more information, contact Carrizozo: 575-648-2371; www.townofcarrizozo.com.

**Tomas Vigil** performs at Land-

locked Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**Suzi Weber and The Mixx** perform in Club 49 at Inn of the Mountain Gods, 8 p.m.

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

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

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

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 24**

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

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

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

**Christmas Eve in Historic Lincoln**, Lincoln, NM on Hwy 380, 6 - 10 p.m. This is the traditional lighting of luminarias along Hwy 380 at dusk. Come look at the pretty "little lights" along the road. Traditional Christmas luminarias are made from brown paper bags weighted down with sand and illuminated from within by a lit candle. These are typically arranged in rows to

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**VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO  
NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF A  
REGULAR MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso has canceled the regularly scheduled meeting of December 27, 2011. The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 10, 2012. The regular meetings are held at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso. The regular meetings begin at 3:00 p.m. Meetings of the Village of Ruidoso Governing Body are open to the public. If you have questions or need to request a copy of the agenda, please contact Irma Devine, Village Clerk, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, Telephone: (575) 258-4343, Ext. 1002.

Irma Devine, CMC  
Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO  
ELECTION RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION 2011-37**

Be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso that:

A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 6, 2012. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

B. At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:

1. Three Councilors for a four year term to be elected at large.
2. One Municipal Judge for a four year term to be elected at large.

C. Precincts 6.3, 6.4, 8.2, 10.3, and 18.3 are consolidated for the regular municipal election.

Precincts 7.3, 9.2, 21.3 and 21.4 are consolidated for the regular municipal election.

D. The following locations are designated as the polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:

1. Voters in consolidated Precincts 6.3, 6.4, 8.2, 10.3, and 18.3 shall vote at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.
2. Voters in consolidated Precincts 7.3, 9.2, 21.3 and 21.4 shall vote at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

E. **ABSENTEE VOTING.** Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., March 2, 2012. After 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2012, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot, by a member of the voter's immediate family, or by the caregiver to the voter until 7:00 p.m. on March 6, 2012.

Absentee ballots may be marked in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 and closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012.

**Early Voting.** Early voting on paper ballots counted by M100 electronic vote tabulator will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 and closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012.

F. Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County not later than Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the

County Clerk will close registration books.

G. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

H. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on paper ballots to be counted by M100 electronic vote tabulators.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2011.

/s/ Gus Raymond Albom, Mayor

SEAL

ATTEST:

/s/ Irma Devine, Village Clerk

**RESOLUCION DE ELECCION DEL PUEBLO DE RUIDOSO RESOLUCION NUM. 2011-37**

SEA RESUELTO por el cuerpo gobernante del Pueblo de Ruidoso que:

A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 6 de marzo de 2012. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertos al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.

B. En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:

1. Tres Consejeros por un termino de cuatro años elegidos en general.
2. Un Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro años elegido en general.

C. Los recintos 6.3, 6.4, 8.2, 10.3, y 18.3 son consolidados para la eleccion municipal regular.

Los recintos 7.3, 9.2, 21.3, y 21.4 son consolidados para la eleccion municipal regular.

D. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:

1. Los votantes en los recintos consolidados 6.3, 6.4, 8.2, 10.3, y 18.3 votaran en el Centro de Convenciones de Ruidoso, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico.
2. Los votantes en los recintos consolidados 7.3, 9.2, 21.3, y 21.4 votaran en el Centro de Convenciones de Ruidoso, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico.

E. **VOTACION EN AUSENCIA.** Solicitudes para obtener boletines para votar en ausencia pueden ser obtenidas unicamente de la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad. La Escribana de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una boleta para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 2 de marzo de 2012. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 2 de marzo de 2012, la Escribana de la Municipalidad publicamente destruira todas las boletas no utilizadas. La Escribana de la Municipalidad aceptara las boletas completadas por el votante que emita su boleta, con el fin de votar en ausencia, que se le entregue por correo o en persona, de un miembro de la familia inmediata del votante, o del proveedor de cuidados del votante hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de marzo de 2012, en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico.

Las boletas para votar en ausencia se pueden marcar en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles, empezando el martes, 31 de enero de 2012 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 2 de marzo de 2012.

**Votacion por Anticipo.** El votar por anticipado en boletas de papel que seran contadas por un tabulador electronico M100 se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de

la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles, empezando el miercoles, 15 de febrero de 2012 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 2 de marzo de 2012.

F. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del Condado de Lincoln a mas tardar el martes, 7 de febrero de 2012 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros del registro.

G. Se archivaran todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 10 de enero de 2012 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

H. Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados quienes votan en boletas de papel que seran contadas por un tabulador electronico M100.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 13 de Diciembre de 2011.

/s/

Gus Raymond Albom, Alcalde

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/s/ Irma Devine, Escribana Municipal

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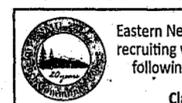
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