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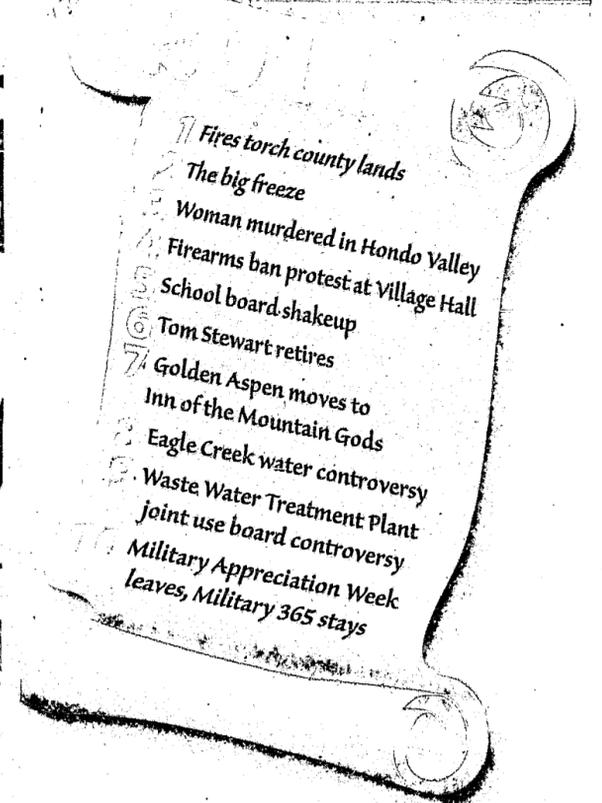


Lights, camera, action!



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press
**Brett Nichols, Owner of Paradime Productions gives Nate Lee
some hands-on experience behind the camera during a work-
shop which mentors regional youth the aspects of the film
industry. See story, pg. 6.**

2011 reflections



VOR anticipates further drought trouble

By Eugene Heathman
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The Ruidoso Village Council after much discussion approved several projects proposed by Village Utilities Director Randall Camp in an effort to implement the village's Drought Contingency Plan.

Camp told councilors that moderate to severe drought conditions are expected to hit the village in 2012, suggesting the village move forward with improving its water supply, storage capacity and delivery systems.

Camp presented the implementation of a study to be performed on Alto Reservoir, which, according to Councilor James Stoddard, this project will support storage of water. Camp agreed and the improvement project would enable the village to hold more water and extract more for treatment. The reservoir falls under the oversight of the New Mexico Dam Safety Bureau.

"Currently, we can only treat about one-half of the water in Alto Reservoir due to its condition," Camp said.

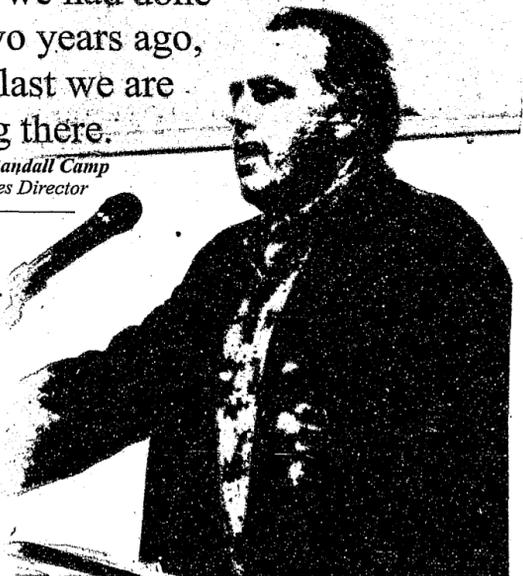
Funding for the project to evaluate the Alto Dam comes from a \$224,000 Water Trust grant. The company selected for contract negotiations is URS, based out of Colorado.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said, "The village is unable to capture and hold the legitimate surface water rights. See DROUGHT, pg. 5

Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press
Public Utility Director Randall Camp answers VOR councillors' questions regarding the deepening and cleaning of villages wells in the spring of 2012.

"I wish we had done this two years ago, but at last we are getting there."

— Randall Camp
Public Utilities Director



ENMU economic impact report criticized

By Patrick Rodriguez
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A temporary malfunctioning Power-Point program turned out to be the least of the problems Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso President Clayton Alred faced Tuesday while presenting a socioeconomic impact study of the college to the Lincoln County Commission.

Economic Modeling Services Inc., based out of Moscow, Idaho, conducted a study showing the investment analysis and the economic growth analysis for the college during the 2009-10 school year from the perspective of students, tax payers and society as a whole.

Some figures from the study show ENMU-Ruidoso students have a 27.1 percent average rate of return on their educational investment, recovering all costs (including tuition, fees and forgone wages) in 5.8 years; higher earnings of the college's students and associated increases in state income expand the state's tax base by about \$2.1 million per year; and state and local governments see a rate of return of

7.5 percent on their support for the college, which compares very favorably with private sector rates of return on similar long-term investments.

The study cost \$9,000, according to Alred.

Directly after Alred finished his presentation, Commissioners Kathryn Minter and Mark Doth took turns criticizing the purpose of why the study was even conducted, as both called the report "self-serving."

"Everybody believes that higher education is important, but I bet somebody can come through and do another analysis, more objective, that basically says we can shut down the campus and we can do an alternate way to educate our students," Minter said.

Minter said that she appreciated the college employing a significant amount of people in the county, "but all that money, it's almost like a stimulus." She added that only 17 percent of the cost of operating the campus comes from tuition payments, the remaining expenses covered by state or local taxes.

Minter pointed out that the state has

more college campuses than Arizona, even though New Mexico's population is smaller by about 4 million. She said that she doesn't support the idea of having a branch campus in every community, adding "Just because people want it doesn't mean the government should provide it."

Alred said that ENMU-Ruidoso is among the most economically operated institutions of higher learning in the state. "If we are not here, students don't have access, or if they go to another institution the operational costs for another institution would be at a greater expense to the taxpayers."

Doth was more critical of the study, at one point asking Alred, "Why are you here?"

Doth said that he didn't appreciate the study, calling it flawed and pointing out that the statistics used were two years old. He said that he heard officials from the college are thinking about broadening the institution's tax base.

Alred said that the reason for his visit was twofold. He shared the results of the study showing the campus has been an

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Getting technical

Let's get technical at the Ruidoso Public Library, every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the conference room. This Wednesday, learn the library's online self service Dec. 28. Learn how to access your library account online, reserve or renew a book, check your fines and update your address. The library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, and hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

Democratic meeting

The January meeting for the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will be Jan. 5 at 6 p.m. at K Bob's, 157 Highway 70 in Ruidoso. Those who wish to eat before the meeting can come between 5 and 5:45 p.m. and order from the menu. This month's program will be a presentation and discussion of the Occupy Wall Street movement, its history, direction and connection to other protest movements. All new or interested people are invited.

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, 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.

Leagues start in January

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 teams 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.

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 its long running Annual Low Cost Mammogram Program was established in 1988. Some of the organizations Altrusa supports are the local food bank, women's shelter, humane society and others. One of Altrusa's focus is on literacy, in that they provide scholarships to men and women returning to college, books three times a year to the children in the local Head Start programs and donations to the Literacy Council. If you think an organization like Altrusa may be a good fit for your volunteer efforts, contact membership chair Judy Griffin at 937-5437.

The Carrizozo Roadrunners Chapter of the Lincoln County Extension Association meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Otero County Electric Cooperative community room on 12th Street in Carrizozo. Chapter meetings are open to anyone interested. For more information, call Barbara VanGorder at 575-648-9805 or Doris Cherry at 354-2673.

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

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet the fourth Monday of each month at Cree Meadows Country Club at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 257-4160 or visit www.frw.rplcnm.org.

The Federated Woman's Club of Ruidoso, supporting community service organizations and providing scholarships, meets Mondays at 11 a.m. at 116 S. Evergreen Dr. A pot luck lunch at noon is followed by bridge and other card games. A special program is also presented most months. The group and hosts Yoga Wednesdays. For times or further information, call 257-2309.

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

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

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

The Lincoln County 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 Brunell at 258-4003.

Rotary Club of Ruidoso meets at Cree Meadows Country Club noon every Tuesday. There will be no meeting Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

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

Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice offers bereavement and grief support groups for those who have had losses in their lives. Two groups are available - Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. or Friday from noon to 1 p.m.

The focus of the groups is education about managing grief and developing a network of support with others who have experienced losses. There is no charge for the group, and it is open to anyone in the community. The group meet at Ruidoso Home Health and Hospice, in the conference room, at 592 Gavilan Canyon Rd. For questions or directions, 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.

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

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

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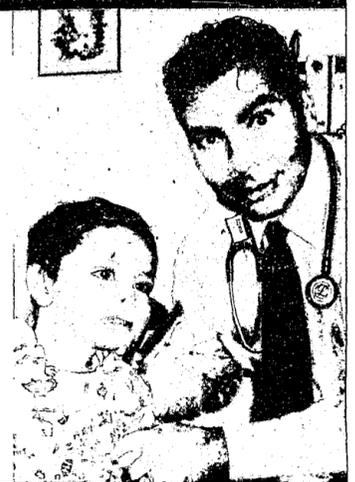
Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call (575) 630-8350.

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

White Mountain Medical Clinic is a hospital-based department of Lincoln County Medical Center.

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Avg High	48°	48°	48°	48°	48°	48°	48°
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Jan. 16 Last Quarter

Jan. 23 New Moon

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Lincoln County Commission		
Item	What it's about	How they voted
Lodgers Tax Committee's recommendation of approval for Grindstone Graphics	The approval is for tax funds to go to Grindstone Graphics to promote Billy the Kid Scenic Byway, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000.	Passed 3-0. Commissioner Mark Doth - owner of Grindstone Graphics - recused, Commissioner Tom Battin was absent. (NOTE, Battin was absent for all votes)
Indigent Health Care and Sole Community Providers claims.	The IHC coordinator recommended 57 of 61 claims, in the amount of \$12,176.66, and 62 of 70 Sole Community claims in the amount of \$90,698.74 be approved.	Passed unanimously
Approval of 2010-11 county audit	This was a release by the state auditor	Passed unanimously
Agreement between Region IX and Lincoln County	The agreement would allow the county to use facilities as mass shelters, family service centers or emergency aid stations for disaster victims or to coordinate disaster relief operation.	Motion tabled
Resolution supporting drug testing for TANF and unemployment insurance recipients	The resolution supports legislation introduced by Rep. Steve Pearce, R-NM.	Motion tabled
Agreement between South Central Mountain RC&D and the county	The agreement, which includes Otero County as well, regards forestry efforts.	Passed unanimously
Resolution in support of SunZia	The resolution declares conditional support of SunZia Transmission Project. The route would include parts of the county	Approved 3-1, with Commissioner Kathryn Minter voting against
Resolution in support of local DWI program	This authorizes the Village of Ruidoso to submit an application to the Department of Finance and Administration to participate in the local DWI Grant and Distribution program.	Passed unanimously
Loan agreements with NMFA for the Glencoe and Bonita Volunteer Fire Departments	The loans would purchase wildland urban interface equipment totaling \$343,220 for both departments.	Passed unanimously
Amending precinct boundaries	A pair of resolutions needed to create a new Precinct 22 in approved county polling places.	Passed unanimously
Resolution formally adopting new county commission districts	The Commission approved the creation of new district boundaries Nov. 15. This is the formal adoption of those new boundaries.	Tabled
Contract for new voting equipment technician	The contract would be with Rodney Zamora as voting equipment technician for the county.	Passed unanimously

County Commission: Better than Movie of the Week!

By Sue Hutchison

I awakened Tuesday morning, Dec. 20, with great anticipation. Attending my first Lincoln County Commission Meeting was on my mind, looking forward to seeing for myself the nuts-and-bolts workings of our county. I was NOT disappointed!

I could probably write several columns regarding quotes I scribbled from two of the four commissioners present. I'm going to list a few for you (I admit, completely out of context.):

"Just because people want it doesn't mean the government should fund it." Commissioner Kathryn Minter.

"I don't care how many jobs, if it's worth saving, it's worth saving." Commissioner Kathryn Minter.

I concede, my novice brain was confused at this point. According to Minter, if the government shouldn't necessarily fund what the people want, yet it's worth saving... well, just who is determining what's worth saving?

"I'm all across the board here." Commissioner Kathryn Minter. (This may be the most accurate statement Minter made the entire day.)

"Why are you here?" Commissioner Mark Doth, in response to President Dr. Clayton Alred's presentation on the economic benefits of ENMU-R's presence to our county and communities.

(Commissioner Eileen Sedillo, at this



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point, reminded Commissioner Doth that rudeness would not be tolerated - I didn't get a direct quote there, because I was still in awe of Mr. Doth's "rudeness.")

I must confess, this next one caught me completely off guard. "I agree with William Buckley that we should probably legalize marijuana." Commissioner Kathryn Minter, responding to discussion regarding possible instigation of mandatory drug testing for those

who receive unemployment benefits.

Do you see my point? I don't think a movie-of-the-week could have generated better entertainment for me! I'm of the opinion that everyone deserves respect. Public officials included. But when our commissioners make on-the-record statements like those above, I can't help but be amazed. I'm sure, if I occupied one of their chairs, I'd probably be too terrified to breathe, much less open my mouth to speak. Apparently, if frightened before, Minter and Doth have gotten over it.

I'm pretty virginal when it comes to county government, but I've already planned to attend January's Commission Meeting on the 10th. They're open to the public and I'm sure I won't find anything on TV to rival the diversion. I can't wait!

Sue Hutchison finds entertainment in all sorts of places and can be reached at: suehutch@valornet.com.

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County spent \$20K on first snowstorm of winter

By Patrick Rodriguez

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Lincoln County spent nearly \$20,000 due to the first snowstorm of winter, County Manager Nita Taylor told county commissioners Tuesday.

Although the storm occurred while Taylor was out of town from Dec. 2 to Dec. 8, she said former County Manager Tom Stewart worked with the county's road manager, Albert Hernandez, to assuage the effects of the storm on residents.

The expenses included \$7,350 for salt on the roads, \$5,726 for 286 hours of overtime pay and \$6,307 for equipment usage.

Commissioner Mark Doth asked if the county's road department has enough money in its budget to handle any additional winter storms that are forthcoming.

"It looks like these storms are continuing to track through our area, and I just want to make sure we're up to budget on salt and sand," he said.

Commissioner Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo said the county has budgeted for additional storms, citing that the General Fund contains an excess amount for that purpose because it can't be estimated when the budget is made.

Commissioner Jackie Powell warned that conditions north of the Capitan Mountains during the winter storms may cause some residents to be blocked in, especially those who have recently moved to the area and aren't used to weather conditions in the county during

the winter.

New county hire

The county recently hired Carl Palmer as road manager. He started work on Dec. 12.

Palmer replaces Albert Hernandez who retired on Dec. 22. Taylor said the county received 15 applications for the position.

Bingaman responds to letter

Taylor said that Sen. Jeff Bingaman has responded to a letter written by Stewart asking that the senator introduce legislation in support of the Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-determination Act.

In his response, Bingaman said that he introduced legislation on Oct. 12, and it was then referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, of which he is chairman.

Manager transition

Taylor said that she and Stewart have optimized the time allocated to transition from the outgoing manager (Stewart) to the incoming manager (Taylor).

"We addressed grant close-outs, personnel matters, commission meeting preparation, budget and actual revenue/expense tracking, processes for identifying capital needs, reviewing responses to RFPs and process for granting awards, and a number of other issues."

Capitan Clinic close-out

Taylor said that she participated in the close-out walkthrough of the Capitan Clinic on Dec. 8. The clinic opened on Nov. 17, replacing the Rose Clinic.

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OPINION

A fitting tribute

By Allen Weh

American troops will have all withdrawn from Iraq by the end of the month, ending the Iraqi Campaign, code-named Operation Iraqi Freedom, that began in March 2003.

Lasting over eight years and costing the country approximately 4,404 American lives, 32,000 wounded and billions of dollars, it was conducted for a noble cause even if its execution at certain times, like all armed conflicts, was problematic.

While there are clearly several places in the world today where we have American forces based, and which the reason and cost of keeping them there can no longer be justified, Iraq is not one of them.

We painfully endured mishaps, mistakes and a tenacious enemy to save Iraq from a brutal dictator and an insurgency aided by radical Islamists committed to the destruction of western democracy.

We sought the establishment of a democratic Iraqi republic friendly to the West and provide a balance of power in a very volatile region. The United States has almost accomplished this mission, but work still remains.

Thus it was a sad commentary when President Obama opted to pull all our

troops out to simply satisfy a campaign promise to the American left, rather than negotiate a small U.S. troop presence to complete the training of Iraqi security forces.

Where do we go from here? We remain focused on the fight in the Afghanistan Campaign, and we stay engaged with Iraq.

The looming danger Iran's nuclear ambitions pose for us will make our continued presence in the region a necessity for U.S. national security, and our continued engagement with Iraq's security forces will contribute only to our own security and that of the region.

But on the occasion of this troop withdrawal, it's fitting that we pay tribute to the estimated 1 million American service members who served in the Iraq Campaign from 2003-11. Drawn from all five of our armed services, and from both the active and reserve components, these men and women deserve our heartfelt thanks — they have done us proud!

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2011: A year for the ages in Lincoln County

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Fire, ice, a strange economy and political fireworks challenged the resolve of our community in 2011. The challenges we faced also presented the opportunity for Lincoln County residents to stand tall above the multitude of crisis-bearing events, and who were once strangers are now neighbors. Although the harsh economic conditions claimed some small businesses, many started up. More students enrolled at ENMU-Ruidoso, pursuing the necessary objectives for personal and professional enhancement, myself included.

Although I was spared the agony of broken water pipes during the big freeze, the White Fire could have easily jumped the highway to devastate my neighborhood in south Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. However, the Swallow Fire was not so kind to my neighborhood and burned all the way to my home. With that being said, construction crews are in the neighborhood rebuilding and remodeling homes affected by the fire, mine included.

Transitioning from a freelance reporter to editor of the *Ruidoso Free*

Press has been one of the most challenging yet rewarding endeavors in my life. I have become more familiar with the actual functions and challenges of local government, school districts and businesses, while developing strong community relationships in the process. The opportunity presented itself at a pivotal point in my life, as I hold in the highest regard the ability to continue providing the people of the county a high quality resource for news and entertainment while advocating support for local schools, colleges and business development.

Nonprofits hold a special place on my list in 2011. Even in robust times, the community nonprofit organizations struggled for dedicated volunteers and the funding to proceed with their efforts to serve the county. 2011 may not have been kind to these organizations, but the people who dedicate their time and money to sustain these worthy causes are to be commended.

Aside from the differences people have regarding various issues, it is you, the people, who demonstrated goodwill, neighborly resolve, compassion and growth through 2011, a year for the ages in Lincoln County.

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NEW YEAR! HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

My only New Year's resolution

By Sue Hutchison

I'm a Californian. Don't judge me. I was born and reared (I've been told livestock are raised, children are reared) in Southern California. Ten minutes away from the Happiest Place on Earth. I've told you this because it will help you understand what I'm writing.

I'm not a particularly nice driver. My husband has pointed this out to me. The "kinder, gentler" section of American history passed me by. I cut my driving teeth on the freeways of California in the 1970s. Instead of one lane of traffic each direction, I had at least three. If I didn't like how you were driving, I merely changed lanes and sped past you.

I have never been, however, a honker. If you're driving in a manner I find irritating, I'll communicate with you in one of several non-honking methods. I may drive pretty close to your rear bumper to let you know I think you're driving too slowly. I may force you to merge into my lane a bit quicker than you had intended because your lane is running out and I'm giving you about 15 feet to squeeze into mine.

These are two of many defensive driving techniques I learned when gas was 45 cents per gallon. The speed limit

back then (Really? Speed limits in California?) was 55 mph, and honkers and honkees were not usually armed. Times have changed, my friend.

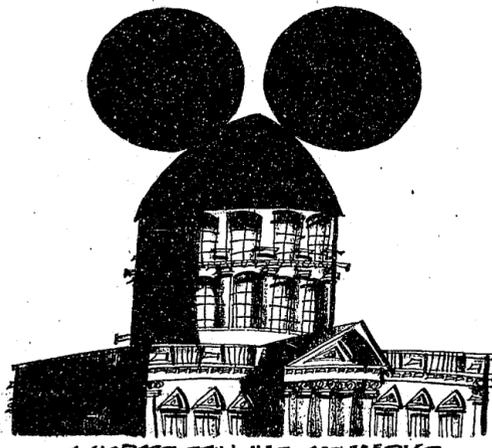
Since then, I've learned New Mexican ways to successfully drive on ice, snow, and in one lane of traffic. I've learned how to pass a driver, smile, and hold up one, unmoving hand (with all fingers extended) as a thank-you-for-letting-me-pass gesture. I've also learned the art of using the elevated-off-the-steering-wheel one handed approach when saying hello to strangers driving the opposite direction. (To those of us reared in California, saying hello to strangers using any method is a no-no.)

So here's my point: the New Year is upon us and I've decided to do my best to become a nicer New Mexican driver. I offer a blanket apology here to anyone I'm following on Lincoln County roads during my implementation process. If I revert to my California ways, please just keep smiling as I push you to your limit.

And may you succeed with all your resolutions, as well. Me? This one is going to keep me busy for the next 365 days.

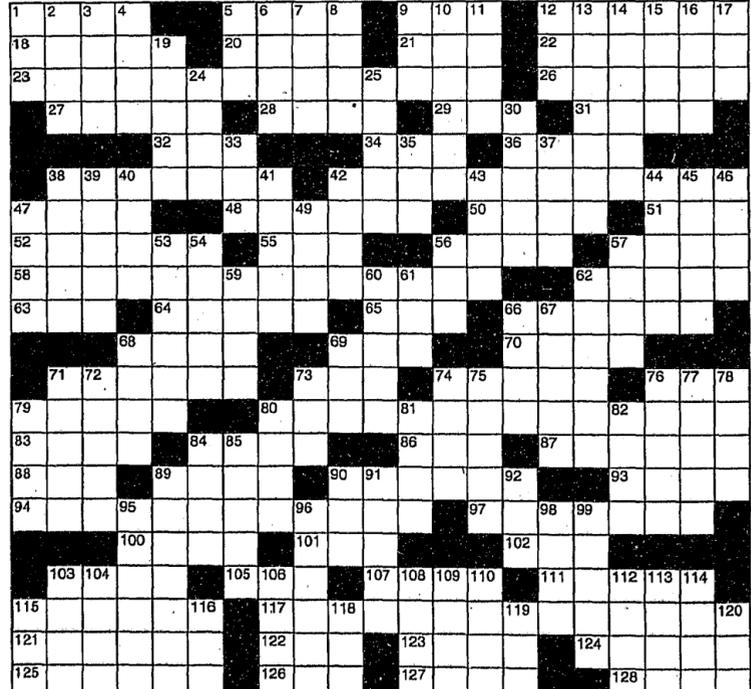
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"The Nutcracker" brings holiday cheer



Photos courtesy of Kathleen McDonald

Among the cast of 75 dancers appearing Dec. 17 in the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's 2012 version of "The Nutcracker" were its stars (at top, left to right) Simon Pawlak, as the Cavalier, Christy Huey, as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Sabina Judah as Clara and Nicholas Mesa as the Nutcracker. More than 1,000 people flooded into the Spencer Theater for the two breath-taking performances. Above, Deborah Rogers, center, is the founder and artistic director of the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble, which has presented dozens of brilliantly designed classical ballets on the Spencer Theater stage. She is pictured with "The Nutcracker" stars Christy Huey and Simon Pawlak following performances. Below, Spencer lobby post-evening performance.



Cold weather - hot chile!

From Billy's Sports Bar and Grill

Billy's Green Chile Stew

Joe House, sous chef at Billy's Sports Bar and Grill, offers this recipe he serves to warm the hearts and souls of those visiting during the holidays whether at the restaurant or at his home. Serves 6-8 people as a main course.

Ingredients

- 1 onion
- 2 lbs. diced beef (not ground)
- 8 green chiles (8 tablespoons chopped)
- 3 uncooked baking potatoes
- 1 gallon of beef stock

- 1 oz. granulated garlic
- 1/2 oz. salt
- 2 chef spoons of roux
- 1/4 stick butter

Directions

In a large pot melt butter and diced onions, sauté until tender. Add beef and cook until slightly tender. Add green chile and beef stock. Bring to simmer and add diced potatoes. Simmer for ten minutes and add spices. Cook until potatoes are done and add roux. (Roux is equal parts butter and flour sautéed until medium brown in color and adds richness to the soup and a thicker stock.) Serve with a smile.

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that it has owned since 1984. It's not just the Dam Safety Bureau regulations, but how best to increase our capacity."

According to Camp, the village would face the possibility of a breach order from the Dam Safety Bureau in the event of inaction by the council. The order may require the demolition of the dam.

Councilors also approved a supplemental project for Alto Reservoir for HDR Engineering Inc. to provide engineering services for the design of modifications and upgrades to the Alto Water Treatment Plant and the Alto Lake Pump Station in the amount of \$465,585.

Camp also mentioned his department is in the early stages of developing a water re-use system for village parks and golf courses.

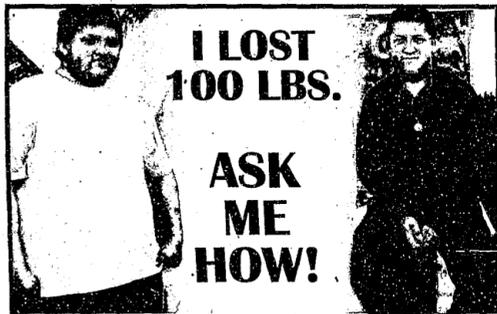
Councilors approved Hydrogeologic Services Inc. of Albuquerque to deepen, clean and bring online three currently unused wells in the amount of \$241,401.68. According to Camp, "bringing these wells online will not only serve as a worthy drought contingency project, but will spread the burden of groundwater consumption from the main wells while serving as backups should the main wells go down."

Another part of the plan will be improved interlinking of water delivery systems. The Apple Orchard Well, Alto 3 Well and Plant 2 Well are all named in the project. "These wells become clogged over time and haven't been used,"

Camp said, adding that the wells expect to be online by spring or summer of 2012.

Meanwhile, village officials state that pipes in homes that have broken are putting a tremendous strain on the already over-taxed water system. Village management is asking all hotels, restaurants and residents to actively conserve water in the coming days as crews work to stem the flow of water in broken lines.

"We are asking everyone to work with us and help us get through this," said Mayor Ray Alborn. "We are expecting to have busy weekends with a lot of visitors coming in to enjoy the recent snow. It is crucial that everyone conserve water and be on alert to help identify any leaks or broken pipes that you may see in your neighborhood." The Village has been fighting an uphill battle with the water situation as demand is barely being met.



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economic driver in the community since its inception in 1991 and provided tax dollars to the county. He also asked commissioners to consider allocating to the college any extra funds raised through a business retention tax above the \$750,000 annually that will go to offset taxes for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Higher education is one of the areas eligible for any excess tax money.

Alred said the needs of the college are great, emphasizing a desire of funding for scholarships, program development and textbook assistance. He said the college might seek dedicated tax support from each of the school districts in the county. Although the college serves students from all five school districts in the county, only property owners in Ruidoso pay a tax.

Because the college receives about \$2.6 million in tax subsidies, Doth said he was critical of Alred saying the institution "stands on its own." Doth added that he would rather give \$1 million each to the racetrack, to Ski Apache and the Ruidoso school district, "which is in desperate need of dollars."

Doth said ENMU-Ruidoso has the opportunity to provide a lot of services, but mentioned colleges are rewarded with more money based on expansion, not need. He said the state is saturated with college campuses. "I prefer you concentrate on needs than expand the tax base," he told Alred.

Alred said he appreciated the remarks from Doth and conceded that while some institutions have over-built, ENMU-Ruidoso wouldn't fall under that category. If the formula moved from rewarding growth to rewarding performance, Alred said ENMU-Ruidoso would do well.

Minter said that with a countywide population of about 20,000, the growing segment is retirees. In regard to the business retention tax, she said the county needs the excess funds. She told Alred that she's not advocating the closure of ENMU-Ruidoso, but rather she doesn't see a need for the college to expand any further.

While Minter said she isn't opposed to allowing county voters in school districts outside of Ruidoso decide if they want to play a tax dedicated to the college, she would prefer that be done at a general election, rather than a special election.

Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo offered a different perspective of ENMU-Ruidoso, saying the college fills a need for students who want more training or can't afford to attend a four-year institution elsewhere.

Sedillo mentioned that Minter, because she doesn't represent any rural outlying areas in the county, such as Corona, Capitan and Hondo, might not understand how important the college is to those residents.

"I don't have anything negative to say about the school," Sedillo said. "They do the best that they can. They're flawed in certain ways, but they work to better themselves all the time."

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BUSINESS



Local film producers mentor youth prospects

By Eugene Heathman

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Members of Film Lincoln County and other local film industry professionals are providing hands-on opportunities to regional youths interested in all aspects of the business.

Tim Coughlin, director of the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca, supports local professionals providing activity programs and workshops outside of the classroom to give a real world perspective on career development. "These types of programs are the perfect way for our youth to explore opportunities in careers they may be interested in," he said.

Nate Lee, 13, of Albuquerque, came to Ruidoso to participate in workshops conducted by Brett Nichols of Paradime Pictures and Deborah Voorhees of Voorhees Films. Paradime was filming commercials for Steve Gomez, owner of the Cornerstone Bakery, and producing ZUMBA dance DVDs by Natasha Nichols.

"People often wonder what it's like to do the actual production from the ground up, and I really enjoy the opportunity to mentor kids who may be interested in what we do," Nichols said.

Lee actually assisted in building the set, working the microphone boom and even practiced filming from behind the camera. Paradime recently filmed the Nutcracker performances at the Spencer Theater.

Voorhees, producer of "Billy Shakespeare," a locally-produced film set to be released in London in Spring 2012, said,

"One of my big goals is to start giving workshops for students in this area." Voorhees is also a film production instructor at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

During the workshop with Voorhees, Lee learned many of the aspects of post-production, film editing, scene transitions and applying music. Voorhees presented the challenges and rewards of post-production and further explained how she looks at movies in a much different yet enlightening way since becoming a film producer.

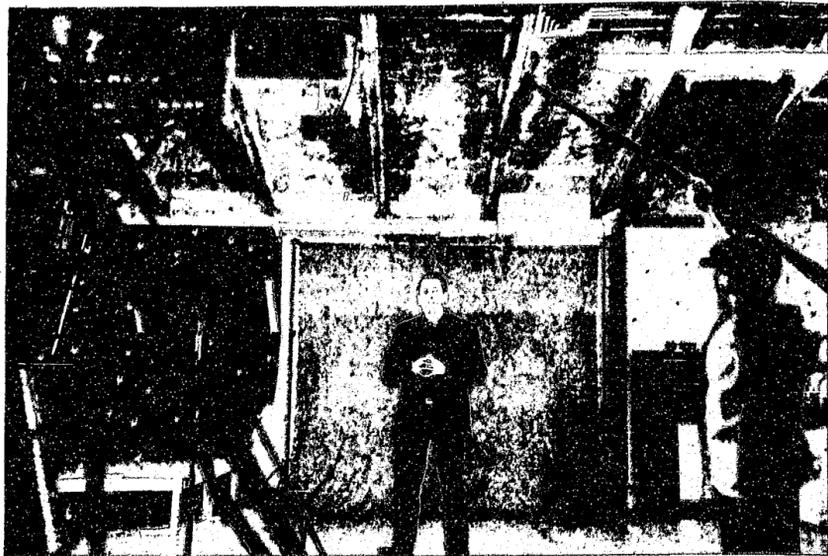
The New Mexico Film Commission offers several different programs and ENMU-Roswell, in addition to other area colleges, providing comprehensive film programs for college credit.

According to Dirk Norris, executive director for Film Lincoln County, "Indie Q studios in Albuquerque have a youth program and they are finishing up with B roll video for the movie 'A Place to Stand.' Also, the Kids First program is really good and the film critic program is excellent. The PAPA (Public Academy for Performing Arts) program is very interesting and has a film and media program."

PAPA serves students in grades six

through 12, and is a growing community of parents, teachers, students and administrators working together to shape an environment of academic excellence and artistic creativity. The PAPA Film and Media department is a dynamic learning

workshop. Students work in the classroom and on location in both personal and professional projects. PAPA Film has been recognized by Gov. Susana Martinez's Office for excellence in film for youth for the past two years.



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Nate Lee gets some training using the sound boom during the filming of a commercial for Steve Gomez, owner of Cornerstone Bakery during a film workshop hosted at the Community Youth Warehouse.

BUSINESS BUZZ

2011: A year for new business

- The long-awaited opening of Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub in Midtown
- MakInnovations, a patient hydration system manufacturer opens in Ruidoso Downs
- The Stitching Post, a needlepoint supply store opens on Mechem Drive
- Gerald Champion Sleep Study Center opens in the former Ruidoso Office Supply Building on Sudderth
- The Wagon Wheel retail curio shop changes ownership and also now sells Hooper Pecans
- Kiki's Auto and Tire launches a full service auto shop on Mechem Drive
- Presley Printing and Advertising opens in the Boulder Plaza next to Sacred Grounds
- The completion of Eagle Bridge breathes new life into the Sanctuary on the River and new café Chop Chop
- The Tree House Café on Lakeshore Drive in Alto brings a new mix of healthy eats to the Alto area
- The Ruidoso Free Press celebrates its second anniversary

November 2011 sales numbers up from November 2010

1,027 New Mexico sales were reported to the REALTORS Association of New Mexico (RANM) during November 2011. This number is 3.7 percent higher than the number reported in November 2010. Fourteen of the counties reporting sales showed an increase in numbers; 10 counties reported a decrease.

The year to date total of sales, 12,149 is only 2 percent less than the 2010 year to date number.

RANM Executive Vice President M. Steven Anaya says "New Mexico median prices continue to reflect the number of distressed properties still on the market. The November median of \$161,655 is 7.6 percent lower than 2010's November median of \$174,900." The median home price means half the homes sold for more than the median amount; half for less.

Sixteen reporting counties reported a decrease in median price from last year; however Lincoln, Los Alamos, and Santa Fe

Counties all reported a higher November 2011 median price than that reported in November 2010.

Is there a light at the end of the tunnel? Teresa Ramos, 2011 RANM President acknowledges "There are still cancellation issues related to appraisals, tight underwriting, and other issues. But buyers are beginning to recognize the great opportunity to own real estate and acting accordingly. Existing home inventory has been trending downward consistently; rents are rising and rent increases accelerating; jobs are being added to the economy; and mortgage rates are too low to pass up - all these things point to a recovery which means more sales, and stabilizing prices."

The trends and numbers reported are only a snapshot of market activity. If you are interested in buying or selling, consult a REALTOR familiar with your market area; he/she can provide information on specific trends in your neighborhood.

Drought and insects affecting Sacramento Mountain trees

Recent findings from an annual survey completed by the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Health Protection Program and the New Mexico State Forestry Division show increased conifer mortality in and around the Sacramento Mountains due to the current drought and infestations of a variety of bark beetle species.

Aerial and ground surveys in the Sacramento Mountains area show several species of bark beetle are currently causing the mortality of Ponderosa Pine, Douglas-Fir, and White Fir trees at levels higher than observed in 2010. If current drought conditions persist, tree stress and mortality will continue to increase in 2012, according to both agencies.

Trees in the Lincoln National Forest and surrounding areas in south-central New Mexico have become increasingly stressed due to the recent drought. Bark

beetles frequently attack and kill drought-stressed trees, in particular conifers. When this occurs, beetle populations may increase to levels where they can aggressively attack and kill the surrounding healthy trees, leading to pockets of mortality in an area.

"Prolonged severe drought and extreme cold last winter have left trees on private and public land stressed," said State Forester Tony Delfin. "This stress leaves trees susceptible to disease infections and insect infestation."

While proper thinning treatments have been shown to help reduce stress on trees and increase their ability to resist bark beetles and disease, land managers are currently exploring ways to minimize the impact of this increase in bark beetle infestation and will continue to coordinate with private, local, state, federal and tribal

entities to respond to the increase in tree mortality.

"Over the past 10 years, the Lincoln National Forest has treated 10,000 to 14,000 acres annually, with 16,000 acres treated in 2011," said Lincoln National Forest Supervisor Robert Trujillo.

A workshop will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The workshop is expected to include the latest information along with potential management and ecological effects of current bark beetle populations.

Current information on aerial surveys and insects and diseases in the Southwest are available online at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/foresthealth. Information is also available on the Lincoln National Forest and New Mexico State Forestry Division websites at www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln or www.nmforestry.com.

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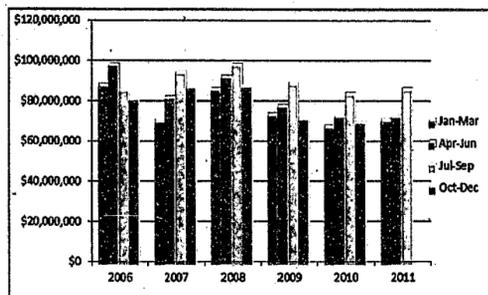
Ask an entrepreneur: Is it really a downturn?

Facts and history speak

1 of 3 in a series

When polling local entrepreneurs about the state of our Ruidoso economy, inevitably the conversation touches on "the downturn." But a look at actual sales figures provides insight. Local trends – seasonal and year over year – are subject to interpretation and offer encouraging signs. The following data from Mike Byrnes of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center shows the Village of Ruidoso sales by quarter as reported to the New Mexico Tax and Revenue Department for the years of 2006 through the third quarter of 2011.

The graph shows that in the first three quarters of 2011, sales were \$42,547,910 lower than the same



periods in 2006. Yipes, that's a boatload of lost sales, downturn indeed? But another look also reveals that third quarter revenues this year, show a healthy uptick of \$787,965 greater than the same period in 2006 and \$2,427,059 greater than last year. Additionally, sales in the first quarter of this year exceeded the prior year by \$3,134,396. Could these statistics reveal an uphill trend? Downturn not?

Of course each entrepreneur will have their own view of the data. To gain some insight into our local homegrown economic long-term history, I spoke with Herb Brunell. On a napkin Herb drew for me a graph of sales peaks and valleys from his recollection of the past 76 years in retail operations with his family store Brunell's. Remarkably, Herb's graph looked lots like the peaks and valleys you see on this graph. Perhaps this synchronicity is easily predictable; after all, not many entrepreneurs have weathered the significant ups and downs which occurred between 1935 and 2011. In 1935 Herbert Brunell Sr. first purchased the G.J. Wolfinger General Store and renamed it to Brunell's



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at time of economic turbulence, and often despair, as the nation reeled from the depression. Herb II shared with me, the first of the three major "downturns" as, the year of 1935 when the mills went on strike and his father waited it through. Brunell Sr. had a motto: "have a reserve – of money and energy." Finally when he saw increased sales on 75 cent coversalls, he knew the worst was behind them. His strategy paid off.

Continued next week

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Track facilities race into energy efficiency with audits

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Energy efficiency has become the commonplace buzz word on how to reduce overhead costs in commercial buildings, and with good reason. The Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino implemented an energy efficiency program this past year, realizing a better carbon footprint plus electricity cost savings have been about ten percent.

Racetrack electricians Gary Colomon and Ron Anderson conducted an energy audit earlier this year with the purpose of impacting the bottom line.

"We attacked our 24-hour lighting – the casino floor – first," Colomon said.

The casino was a primary focus as every light inside remains on, for security purposes, even when the casino is closed. All of the incandescent lights in the casino were changed to LED (light emitting diode) or florescent, including room lighting, signage and slot machines. The neon lights, indoors and outdoors, are also being changed to LED. Moving to LED is seen as the most cost effective measure, as their life span is estimated at 50,000 hours. Traditional incandescent lights only last about 750 hours.

The racetrack contracted with Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED) in Alamogordo to determine the best retrofits not only in the casino, but the grandstands, barns and highway sign. Randy Reynolds, manager of CED, has appreciated the relationship with the racetrack over the past 20 years and was thrilled they chose to implement the efficiency program.

"Our business is changing," said Reynolds. "Everyone needs to look at energy savings components."

Reynolds explained that his company has benefitted from knowing the tax incentives and rebates available to help with electrical retrofit costs. He said a car dealership in Roswell installed solar panels, and with the tax incentives and costs savings has made a profit on the investment in only two years.

Colomon says the track is not looking at solar yet as it has been such a big endeavor to simply change all of the lights to LEDs. However, with incentives such as the PNM rebate, large green energy projects such as solar can be realistically considered. The racetrack did take advantage of the PNM rebate in their efficiency efforts and are expected to make a return on investment in just a few years. With the usage of LEDs, the track is able to reduce electrical consumption benefiting not only the bottom line, but aiding in PNM's endeavors to keep rates down by having customers use less power.

PNM Quick Saver administrator Sharon Vickrey said many businesses in New Mexico have taken advantage of the rebate program, facilitating PNM in reaching the 2011 goal of reduction in kilowatt hours set forth by the Public Regulation Commission.

"We are chipping away at a very large rock, but the word is getting out," she said.

The PNM rebate program is designed to reduce the initial cost of energy efficiency improvements and shorten the investment payback period. Vickrey was excited that more commercial businesses are utilizing the program. The reduction in usage allows PNM to minimize infrastructure costs keeping rate increases to a minimum.

Sylvania representative Andy Sanchez, the supplier for all of the lights at the track, says there will be greater changes in the future. In July 2012, Sylvania will no lon-



Courtesy photo

The energy efficiency team working on track electricity: Gary Colomon, Andy Sanchez, Randy Reynolds and Ron Anderson.

ger make customary T12 and 100 watt bulbs and by 2015 all of these traditional incandescent bulbs will be gone. Everyone will "be forced to use some type of florescent."

The track has seen additional benefits from eliminating incandescent lights. First, with LEDs there is virtually no heat given off, reducing the need for air conditioning. Additionally, customers need not be interrupted by an employee lugging a 12 foot ladder into the casino virtu-

ally every day to change burnt out bulbs.

The Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino only saw a slight decrease in their overall electricity bill in comparison to last year; however, given the recent 10.5 percent rate hike, savings are being realized. Lighting renovations for the rest of the facility are underway and evaluation for compressors and other large energy using machines are planned for the future.

'Treecycle' that Christmas tree this year

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation and Solid Waste Departments and Public Service Company of New Mexico [PNM] will host the annual Christmas tree recycling program at School House Park in Ruidoso between Dec. 26 and Jan. 14. The school house park drop-off location is in the temporary orange, fenced area between the swimming pool and the recycling dumpsters. Both green and flocked trees (fake snow) are accepted. All tree stands, lights, ornaments and other tree decorations must be removed for the safety of the crews and machinery. Please do not illegally dump Christmas trees at other trash disposal dumpsters or compactors locations.

County residents with trees cut into pieces four feet or less may also place in their normal yard waste

location. Carrizozo residents can drop discarded trees by Town hall for proper disposal. Capitan residents should drop discarded trees off at the Town equipment yard. Corona area residents should drop off Christmas trees to be recycled at the Corona waste disposal and recycling center near the railroad tracks. Any county resident can also take trees to the School House Park recycling area near the municipal swimming pool in Ruidoso.

There are many uses for discarded Christmas trees instead of burying them in the landfill. Other uses for Christmas trees discarded on private property include:

- Erosion control and soil stabilization in ravines and arroyos
- Compost and mulch
- Habitat for birds and other small animals

• Firewood

Trees discarded at the School House Park site will be converted into mulch and made available to County residents at the White Mountain School and Schoolhouse Park sites. Nationally, approximately 93 percent of the real Christmas trees are recycled through community programs. A good rule of thumb is to take your tree to the drop off location in the same condition as you would find it naturally in the forest.

For more information on Christmas tree recycling, contact Ruidoso Parks and Recreation at (575) 257-5030 or the Solid Waste Authority office at (575) 378-4697, toll free at (877) 548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. Christmas tree recycling information is available on the Authority website at www.greentreeswa.org.

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Men in the halls at Capitan High School

By Sue Hutchison

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Imagine your high school student awakens tomorrow morning, gets dressed and fixes herself breakfast, looking forward to another day at school. She exclaims she can't wait to get on the

bus and spend her day learning with classmates. When she arrives, she finds several caring adults who greet her by name, show genuine interest in her life, and anticipate with her the exciting day she's about to have.

Jerrett Perry, principal at the middle

and high schools in Capitan, thinks these facets of education are not only possible, he's in the process of making them happen. Since 2008, Perry has been assessing the school's strengths and weaknesses and has arrived at a rather unconventional method of implementing progress.

"Men in the Halls" is a program that began recently after Perry's assessment showed a decided lack of positive male role models in several of his student's lives. Perry's responsibilities include far more than oversight in educating students. He deals with students on a daily basis whom he feels need strong, supportive and consistent influences.

"Our community is in crisis," he says. "So the question is: what are doing about it?"

Perry has invited dozens of leading male residents to join forces and be present in the lives of Capitan students. Men are invited to meet with Perry, have a background check done, sign in at the

office for a hall pass and walk the halls during class hours. Perry lives by the principle that modeled positive behavior can, often times, change poor behavior. He anticipates that the presence of positive male influence will affect the environment in the village.

Perry says that his faith plays an integral role in decision making. "God is profound in my life," he says. "He keeps me alive and touches me when I need His touch."

Perry and his wife, Michelle, have been successfully involved in public education for the greater part of two decades. He is a fifth generation New Mexican, whose ancestors homesteaded in the Weed area. Working in Lincoln County, he feels like he's back home.

Perry is looking for a few good men. If you're interested in pursuing this avenue of community service, contact Perry at (575) 354-8570, or email perryj@capitank12.nm.us.



Photo courtesy of Sue Hutchison

Jerrett Perry, MA, Principal of Capitan Middle and High School advocates mentoring of Capitan youth with the Men in the Halls program.

Two added art classes at ENMU-Ruidoso

"Seeking God Through Visual Art" and "Film Production" were added to the class schedule for the upcoming spring semester. Classes begin Jan. 17 and end May 12. Registration is taking place now and continues through Jan. 23 for all sixteen week classes at ENMU-Ruidoso.

Several artists and writers explore the transcendent relationship between God and mankind in a two-day, one credit seminar at the San Patricio Retreat Center on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. Artists are encouraged to bring their own work as the basis for discussion as myriad methodologies and practices are presented in order to tap into a more spiritually significant artistic direction. A "Spiritual Art" exhibition follows the class. The class may be taken for credit or audited. Lodging and meals are available for an additional fee and

arrangements must be made in advance through the Retreat Center.

Brian Sarinova leads students through the various stages of making a movie from two original scripts to finished projects on Thursdays from 1:30 to 5:15 p.m. A science fiction and suspense thriller, written by Sarinova, serve as the starting point for beginning and advanced moviemakers. Other topics include the practice and art of story-telling, production considerations, the effects of camera angles, plot devices, lighting and sound decisions and the rise and fall of action and emotions. Students will also build set models, studio sets and will run camera, audio and lighting equipment.

For more information on new and existing classes, call (575) 257-2120 or refer to the College's website at www.ruidoso.enmu.edu.

Youth of the Week



Maria Villegas, a ninth-grader at Capitan High School, is creative, fun and active. This California girl moved

to New Mexico more than three years ago.

Maria's favorite color is yellow. She loves dolphins, and I bet she would enjoy a chance to swim with them.

She plays many sports, including volleyball, basketball, track, but softball is her favorite sport, which she has played for six years.

Maria's most recent artistic cre-

ation was a yellow heart accented with sparkles and sporting orange flames.

Her choices, if she could change her school lunches, would include spaghetti (no meatballs), chicken alfredo and green chicken enchiladas as the main courses, and lemonade, ice tea and apple juice to drink, and chocolate cake, vanilla ice cream with fudge as a dessert to top off the meal. Vegetables are optional, as broccoli would be added because it looks like little trees.

Maria would like to add a drama class to her high school curriculum.

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

LC Democrats celebrate the season



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The Democratic Party of Lincoln County held its annual holiday party Dec. 15 at Hotel Ruidoso. Approximately 70 people attended the finger food pot luck and engaged in socializing, listening to music and watching political cartoons. Contributions to COPE (Center of Protective Environment Inc.) and The Lincoln County Food Bank were pinned to money trees at the event, with more than \$500 collected. Pictured from left to right are: Marcia Wilhelm, Susan Finch, Dick Mastin, Mike Mauldin, Mark Ovrick, Linda Lee, and Maggie Maly.

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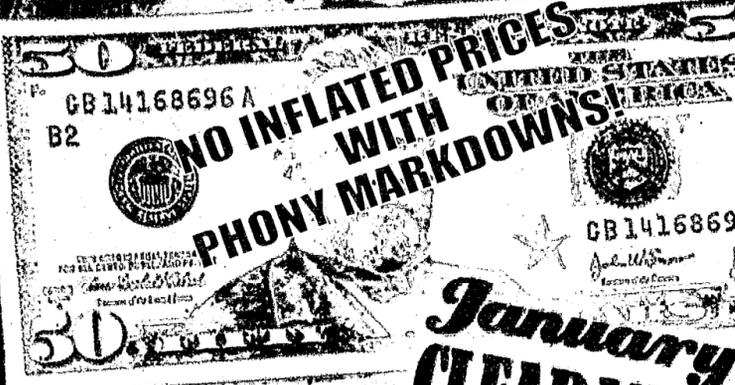


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Fires fires fires. Gale-force winds and low moisture turned Lincoln County – the entire state, really – into a giant tinderbox, and raging wildfires were the norm in what many veteran firefighters deemed the worst fire season they had ever seen. The Lincoln National Forest was officially closed to visitors May 12 and didn't

open until monsoon rains came in July. Three fires torched acres and homes in the county:

- The White Fire burned more than 10,000 acres, including at least five structures, in the year's first fire in early April. The fire also came within feet of the grandstand at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and damaged one barn on the backside.

Additionally, the name of the fire caused some controversy, as the blaze began near land owned by Tommy White, father-in-law to Ruidoso Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent. Rumors abounded as to how the fire started and where, but no official cause has been announced by the U.S. Forest Service after the case was referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

- Although smaller in terms of acreage, the Swallow Fire in June resulted in higher loss of personal property, as the blaze consumed nine primary and vacation homes in the neighborhood near the "Y" intersection of Highway 70 and Sudderth Drive.

- The Donaldson-Complex Fire, initially two separate blazes sparked by lightning, combined in July to become the second-largest fire in state history, bested only by the Los Conchas Fire, which burned at the same time near Los Alamos. The Donaldson-Complex Fire topped out at more than 101,000 acres, while the Los Conchas fire was at more than 140,000 acres.

Additionally, residents had to deal with smoke from the Wallow Fire in eastern Arizona, which burned more than 430,000 acres in June.



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Protesters filled Village Hall to capacity protesting Mayor Alborn's proposed gun ban.

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4

Firearms ban protest in Ruidoso Village Hall. Ruidoso Village Hall was tied up in the fall over whether firearms would be allowed on city property during village council meetings.

About 75 gun rights supporters filled the lobby of Village Hall before a Sept. 14 council meeting in response to an executive order issued by Mayor Ray Alborn a month before that banned firearms from village buildings. That order was in response to resident Tony Seno, who had his gun taken away by Police Chief Joe Magill before a public comment session at a council meeting in July.

Seno wasn't charged with a crime, but the order's constitutionality was immediately challenged, with gun rights supporters coming in from across Lincoln County, Roswell, Alamogordo, Eunice and even Virginia to have their voices heard.

The council listened, and at its next meeting on Sept. 27 voted 4-1 to rescind the executive order. Councilors did this even as they expressed concerns about being able to do their job if people in the audience were armed.

5

School board shakeup. Even though the February freeze hit during Election Day, voters came out in force to cast their ballots and replace two long-standing members of the Ruidoso School Board – Susan Lutterman and Frank Sayner. The pair had been board members for 30 years combined, and were replaced by Cecil Davis and Devin Marshall. Add to the defeat of eight month member Marc Beatty by Curt Temple, three of the five members were replaced.

6

Tom Stewart retires. After 13 years on the job, Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart decided to step down from his post, citing his desire to "pursue other endeavors," and spend quality time with his family. "It seems there comes a time in everyone's journey when a change is needed, and I have reached that point," Stewart told county commissioners in July.

Stewart's decision opened up the post to several applicants – with as many as 17 putting their hat in the ring by September. Commissioners finally reached a decision Oct. 3, when they picked Nita Taylor, an Albuquerque resident who grew up on a ranch near Capitan. The former Qwest and New Mexico Association of Counties employee officially took over the job Nov. 7.



2

The big freeze. After a dry winter with little snowfall, the season came on in full force in early February, when a storm came in and plunged temperatures to well below zero and choked streets with snow. More significantly, the freezing temperatures caused pipes to burst in homes and businesses throughout Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, and many of those homes were unoccupied vacation homes.

Water flowing unchecked caused water levels in local reservoirs to drop to dangerously low levels. Some homes were also without heat due to a statewide natural gas shortage.

Eventually, members of the New Mexico National Guard were brought in to find leaking pipes and shut off the flow, saving the levels of the reservoirs. The village of Ruidoso also had to work out a payment plan for some home owners whose water bills were much higher than normal due to the leaks. One bill came in as high as \$7,000.

3

Woman murdered in Hondo Valley. Two 15-year-old girls – Alexis Shields of Mescalero and Desiree Linares of Roswell – were accused of first-degree murder in the death of their foster mother, Evelyn Miranda, who was discovered by Lincoln County sheriff's deputies in her home in San Patricio June 8.

The girls were found at a residence in Carlsbad that same night, and later pleaded not guilty during their arraignment.

Shields and Linares are still awaiting trial.

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Stop by The Wild Herb Market any day Monday through Saturday and you are sure to find a friend or two having lunch or shopping. Ruidoso's own natural food grocery store and deli is much more than an average grocery or lunch spot thanks to Elizabeth Byars' dream come true.

Over 35 years ago, after her grandfather suffered a heart attack, he shared his "get well" research and books, but it was Elizabeth who took the information most seriously. Recalling that period of her life as "her launching pad" into her own health consciousness, she remembers it made sense to her that there was an easier way to stay healthy and productive and not battle illness or feel bad. She opened The Wild Herb 14 years ago with a dream to provide the community a source of good quality food and supplements to help people feel better and support their goals of prevention and living to their potential.

Today, at the same location for eight years in the shopping center shared with the Postal Annex, Herb Shop and Mountain Home Furnishings, Elizabeth and her staff have created a fun, relaxed community setting which provides not only a sense of welcome but also groceries, produce, frozen foods, herbs and supplements, teas and coffees, dairy and alternatives, organic and clean meats, healthy snacks, housewares and healthy cooking utensils, books, as well as a deli and juice bar.

Freshly prepared (and always intriguing) wraps, soups and salads tempt the palate – and are affordably priced. Coffees, teas and juice drinks are prepared on the spot. Patrons can shop, lunch, peruse books and cards, or use the free wireless internet access and learn information about the many products lining the packed shelves.



Many items are organic or "clean," and support various specialized dietary needs such as vegan, vegetarian, hormone and antibiotic-free, gluten or corn-free, and dairy-free foods.



Helpful service includes Elizabeth sharing information regarding the wide range of products, or she can direct patrons to books to assist them in their own search for information about getting healthy.

It is Elizabeth's belief that in the long run a "prevention orientation" to health saves time

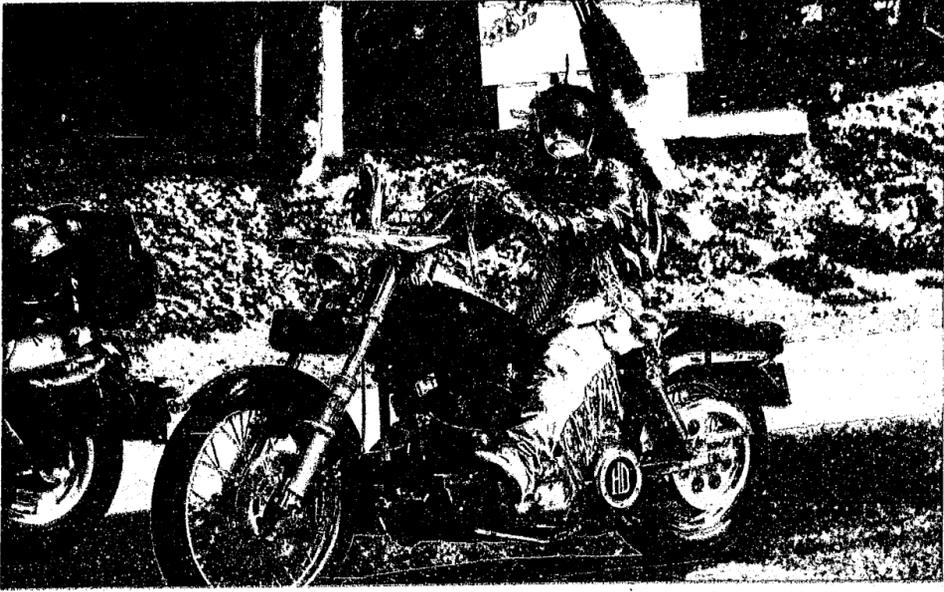
and money and may be easier than later trying to build back poor health.

Her employees are encouraged to share with their Wild Herb clients "a sense of well-being, peace and relaxation, whether they buy or not." Elizabeth's goals of contribution have earned her reward; her patrons flock to the cozy setting she has created – for lunch, snacks, a drink or to shop. The Wild Herb has truly become a place for the community to thrive and, as Elizabeth strongly supports, to live to their potential.

The Wild Herb is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

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A Mescalero Warrior rides his iron horse to the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

7 Golden Aspen rally moves to IMG. After several years at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, with its 30,000 cyclists and spectators coming to the area every September, moved its operation to the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero. Event organizers cited the larger amount of covered and paved space at the Inn, as well as more climate controlled areas for vendors, as the biggest reasons for the move. While many business owners were concerned over less traffic in Ruidoso – and fewer dollars – there were still plenty of visitors to the area come September, just not as much traffic on the streets.

The psychling chronicles Brain Ride

The parallel universe of lives is often a product of created discovery more than esoteric theory. When I learned that a major breakthrough in motorcycling cinematography occurred in 1948, the coincidental year of my birth, I was elated. I even had a distant connection with the British background of "Once a Jolly Swagman," as a result of family heritage. "Two



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Wheels on Two Reels" by Mike Seate is an entertaining read that explores the history of biker movies and how motorcycling and culture intertwine.

The read is large format, paperback style that includes six chapters including a pseudo-chronological exploration beginning with the "Wild One" (1954), surfs the highs of the psychedelic 1960s, and ends with a 1990s chapter, "The Anti-Hero Becomes a Hero." Seate's command of language, knowledge of pop culture and an unwavering love for anything motorcycle brings a smile to the reader's child personality. And Seate is not embarrassed to express personal political affiliations as exemplified with the critique of "The Road Warrior – Billy Badd" (1993) when observing the line, "... we believed that all things good would come to those who drove East, to New York City," and his immediate reactionary comment is that "She's obviously never met Mayor (Rudy) Giuliani."

Many of today's entertainers have kick-started their careers with celluloid roles involving two-wheeled motor vehicles. 1954 films featured

Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn in "Roman Holiday" aboard an Italian scooter, and Marlon Brando duels with Lee Marvin on main street riding a British twin and American thunder, respectively. Ten years later, Elvis Presley becomes one of the nicest people on a Honda 350 (although he actually owned a Harley but it was thought too controversial for role in "Roustabout") and world champion off-road rider Bud Ekins catapults Steve McQueen's career in "The Great Escape" jump that became the movie's iconic moment for enthusiasts.

Readers learn intriguing pop culture bits like the slightly mischievous I Dream of Jeannie Barbara Eden sipping the 91 octane of rebellion as an ex-motorcycle mamma in "Return of the Rebels" (1981) and super Ducati fan Laurence Fishburne, featuring 916s, in "Fled" (1996).

It seems that every celebrity from Marvin Gaye to Evel Knievel has been involved in biker flicks, and most of them have not only survived but they have thrived Hollywood's wheeled westerns.

This is all an unabashed advertisement to encourage students to have some fun this spring by enrolling in my English, Special Topics – Motorcycle Literature class to be offered through Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. Cycle your mind through a new dimension and experience the brain ride of adventure.

Eagle Creek water controversy. After Ruidoso weathered the February freeze, the village had to endure a storm of a different kind, as its drilling rights on Eagle Creek came under fire, prompting officials to set up a "water team" to protect the municipality's water supply and water rights that date back to 1954.

A U.S. Geological Survey study claimed the village was drawing more than twice the amount of acre feet it was allowed per year. The Lincoln County Commission, to the dismay of village officials, unanimously approved a resolution for the U.S. Forest Service to conduct an environmental impact study on the effect of the Eagle Creek wells and even suggested metering use and locking out the village if water use exceeded allotted amounts.

JUB controversy. After several years of legal wrangling and hand wringing, the area's new \$40-million Waste Water Treatment Plant finally opened in May.

Controversy and concern still surrounded the plant, as officials in both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs struggled to get restaurants and business in both communities to comply with a grease trap requirement in order to reduce the amount of fats, oils and grease in the waste water stream – in light of the new plant's expensive filtration system which is susceptible to damage by greasy blockage.

Also at issue was the makeup of the Joint Use Board for the plant, which has historically had two members each from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, and one from the Lincoln County Commission since its formation in 1974.

But that equilibrium was threatened in January when the nomination of County Commissioner Mark Doth, replacing former Commissioner Dave Parks, was rejected by Ruidoso Downs. The next in line to be nominated to the board – Jackie Spencer – was rejected by Ruidoso, and both sides eventually decided to hold off on making a decision on the new member until after the treatment plant was on line. The JUB has yet to add another member.

MAW/Military 365. The 2011 Military Appreciation Week, created by Ruidoso resident Millie Woods, was the last MAW in the village, as Woods closed up shop and moved to Albuquerque. In a letter to the editor, Woods stated MAW would be held in Las Cruces in the future.

The move came in the wake of military budget cuts that had curtailed involvement by area enlisted men and women. Attendance was also down, which could have been attributed to the moving of the event from Ruidoso Downs Race Track to Sierra Blanca Airport.

The event was supplanted by Military 365, as per a declaration by Mayor Ray Alborn of Ruidoso designating it as the official military representative of the village. Military 365's first event was a block party in Midtown for Veterans Day in November, and was considered a success by organizers.

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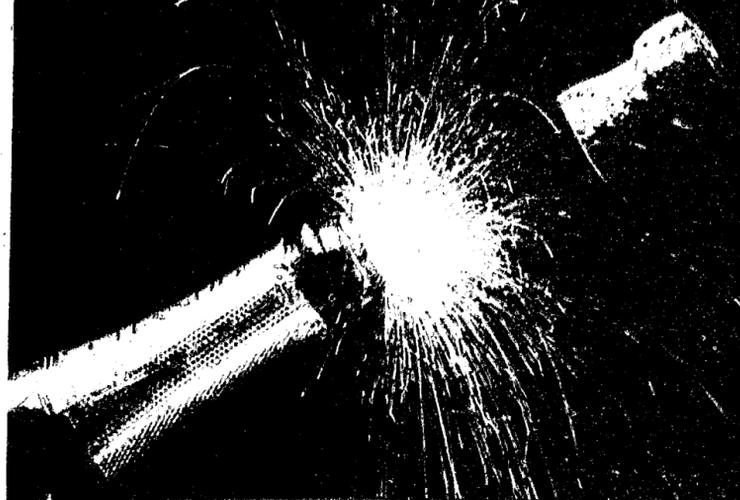
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RESULTS

Dec. 20

Boys basketball
Tularosa 68, Ruidoso 47
Girls basketball
Mescalero 34, Tularosa 33

SPORTS UPCOMING

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.

Jan. 2

Boys basketball
Socorro at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

Jan. 3

Boys basketball
Capitan at Hondo, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Capitan at Hondo, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 5

Boys basketball
Hatch at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan
Capitan junior varsity vs. Hagerman, 3:30 p.m.
Carrizozo vs. Hondo, 3:30 p.m.
Mescalero vs. Reserve, 6:30 p.m.
Capitan vs. East Mountain, 6:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Las Vegas Robertson, 7:30 p.m.
Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan
Carrizozo vs. Hondo, 2 p.m.
Mescalero vs. Valencia JV, 2 p.m.
Reserve vs. Hagerman, 5 p.m.
Capitan vs. East Mountain, 5 p.m.

Jan. 6

Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Dexter, 7:30 p.m.
Capitan, Hondo, Mescalero, Carrizozo in Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Socorro, 7:30 p.m.
Capitan, Hondo, Mescalero, Carrizozo in Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA

Jan. 7

Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Goddard, 3 p.m.
Capitan, Hondo, Mescalero, Carrizozo in Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Girls basketball
Silver at Ruidoso, 3:30 p.m.
Capitan, Hondo, Mescalero, Carrizozo in Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Wrestling
Ruidoso in Don Owens Invite at Carlsbad, 8 a.m.

SPORTS BRIEF

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Slow start dooms Warriors

By Todd Fuqua

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Ruidoso boys basketball coach Dennis Davis figured his team might find the going rough against a talented team like Tularosa, just not this rough.

The Wildcats scored the first 10 points of the game and finished the first quarter ahead by 18 points en route to a 68-47 defeat of Ruidoso Tuesday.

Tularosa (7-1) was paced by Daniel Gutierrez and Jim Coleman with 13 points each, and Coleman had eight rebounds as well to lead his team.

The press is what hurt the Warriors (3-4) in the beginning, as they found it difficult to get it past half court for much of the first period. They didn't get their first points

until a jump shot by Sawyer Miller with 4:35 left in the first quarter.

"I feel bad that we weren't more competitive to start, but I don't think it was any one individual on Tularosa's team or even necessarily that it was about Tularosa," Davis said. "Don't get me wrong. Tularosa is a very good team and I have a lot of respect for their kids.

"But they're not that much better than Artesia or Atrisco Heritage, teams that we've competed against at least partially," he added. "It was just a matter of us starting off badly."

The Warriors started to pick it up a bit better in the second quarter, but by the third period, Tularosa had moved ahead by as much as 37 points, leading to a running clock.

Wildcats 68, Warriors 47

Tularosa (7-1)
Jarín Carrillo 2 0-0 5, Cody Portillo 2 0-0 4, Daniel Gutierrez 3 6-6 13, Brian Salazar 4 0-0 8, Jim Coleman 4 4-6 13, Robert Sanchez 1 0-0 2, Gary Manzanares 1 0-0 2, Oscar Celis 2 2-5 6, Warren Splitty 0 0-0 0, Chance Brill 3 1-4 7, Matt Silva 0 0-0 0, Will Gonzales 1 0-0 2, Brett Saenz 2 2-2 6. Totals 25 9-23 68.
Ruidoso (3-4)
Terrence Shields 3 4-5 12, Derrick Montelongo 1 0-1 2, Jordan Padilla 0 4-4 4, Rylan Vega 0 0-0 0, Wambli Little Spotted Horse 1 0-0 2, Joe Marquez 3 2-3 8, Sawyer Miller 2 0-0 4, Luis Marquez 0 3-4 3, Ismail LaPaz 1 0-0 2, Brandon Lewis 0 4-8 4, Isaac Gilliland 0 0-0 0, Ryan Williams 3 0-1 6, Devon Carr 0 0-0 0, Blayne Maldonado 0 0-0 0, Keenan Kane 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 17-26 47.
Tularosa 25 30 8 5 - 68
Ruidoso 7 17 11 12 - 47
Three point goals - Tul 3 (Carrillo, Gutierrez, Coleman), Rui 2 (Shields 2). Fouled out - Rui (Wambli LSH). Rebounds - Tul 42 (Coleman 8), Rui 34 (JMarquez 13). Steals - Tul 8 (Gutierrez, Coleman, Manzanares 2), Rui 2 (Shields, Montelongo). Turnovers - Tul 15, Rui 17. Total fouls - Tul 22, Rui 20. Technical fouls - Rui (Shields).



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Ruidoso forward Wambli Little Spotted Horse (12) puts up a layup in front of Tularosa defenders Chance Brill (32) and Daniel Gutierrez Tuesday at Ruidoso High School.

That lead was pared down to a bit more respectable 22 points by the fourth quarter, but the hole the Warriors had dug for themselves was just too big to climb out of.

Terrence Shields had 12 points to pace Ruidoso as the only Warrior in double figures, although teammate Joe Marquez was a beast on the boards, hauling in a game-high 13 rebounds.

"Honestly, when we were getting ready for the game, I felt we weren't going to start well, but I didn't think it would be that poor," Davis said. "If we had been playing any reasonably talented team, we wouldn't have done well."

Ruidoso has a full week off for Christmas before hitting the court again in the new year, with a Jan. 2 tilt at home against Socorro.

The S-Warriors are another talented team that concerns Davis. "They're not much less skilled than Tularosa. They're a good 3A school," Davis said. "They'll be just as competitive, and I expect to have our hands full with them."

Last-second free throw gives Mescalero girls the win

By Todd Fuqua

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It's probably safe to say the Mescalero girls basketball team has turned the corner.

The latest evidence of that is the Lady Chiefs' 34-33 victory over Tularosa Tuesday. It's the first time Mescalero has beaten the Lady Wildcats since the two teams were district opponents in 2006.

"It wasn't a victory I expected - it was ugly and we were held to below 50 points," said Mescalero coach Nate Raynor. "We just pounded the boards inside and got the rebounds."

Tularosa (4-2) actually had a nine-point lead at the break, and Raynor didn't have to say much in the locker room.

"I just asked them what they wanted to do to about it and walked out. They knew

what was needed," Raynor said. "They just had to be patient."

Mescalero's outside shooting, usually their most dangerous weapon, was neutralized by the Lady Wildcat defense. Only Hope Geronimo and Diona Chavez were able to put in a pair of three-point shots.

Chavez ended up with nine points to lead the team, and the only other players with as many points were Tularosa's Cheyann Bertam and Ashley Porter.

With their outside shooting neutralized, the Lady Chiefs (9-3) had to keep pounding the ball inside and crash the boards for rebounds. The strategy paid off.

"Our shots weren't falling for us," Raynor said. "We have to have more patience when taking a shot."

Mescalero got the lead, and the two teams traded leads until the very end. With 37 seconds

left, guard Angel Duffy fouled out and Raynor went to Kayla Belin, who eventually came through with a pair of free-throws with 15 seconds left to put her team up by one point.

After that, the Lady Chiefs put on some pressure defense - without fouling - to keep Tularosa from getting a good shot.

"They did get a shot off, but it missed and Valerie (Garcia) came down with the rebound and we held on for the win," Raynor said. "I knew if we were going to beat Tulie, this was the year we'd do it. This was the best Christmas present I'd had in a long time."

Mescalero's next game will be against the Valencia junior varsity in the first round of the Smokey Bear Tournament in Capitan starting Jan. 5.

"The girls are pumped up now, but we'll be playing a

Lady Chiefs 34, Lady Wildcats 33

Tularosa (4-2)
Lauren Silva 1 0-0 3, Cheyann Bertam 4 1-2 9, Valerie Mendez 0 0-0 0, Rylie Holland 0 0-2 0, Morgan Gardner 0 0-0 0, Mason Huston 1 0-1 2, Kyanne Kowatch 3 1-2 7, Adrianna Secatero 0 0-0 0, Kimberlee Turner 1 1-2 3, Regina Bechetti 0 0-0 0, Ashley Porter 2 5-7 9, Abbey Montoya 0 0-0 0. Totals 12 8-16 33.
Mescalero (9-3)
Angel Duffy 0 0-0 0, Heather Enjady 0 0-0 0, Kayla Belin 1 2-3 4, Hope Geronimo 2 0-2 5, Corrie Randall 1 0-3 2, Cayleigh Palmer 0 0-0 0, Tristine Chico 0 0-1 0, M'Linn Hanks 0 2-2 2, Valerie Garcia 3 0-0 6, Diona Chavez 3 2-2 9, Ardis Holder 3 0-2 6. Totals 23 6-15 34.
Tularosa 8 12 8 3 - 33
Mescalero 4 4 10 13 - 34
Three point goals - Tul 1 (Silva), Mes 2 (Geronimo, Chavez). Fouled out - Mes (Duffy). Total fouls - Tul 19, Mes 13.

team we've never seen before," Raynor said. "We'll just have to stick with our game plan."

Bicycling as a passion

Cycling in Ruidoso can be more than just a ride down the street

By Todd Fuqua

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For cycling enthusiast Cody Thurston, riding a bike is more than getting from one place to another, it's a way of life.

"Exercise doesn't have to be suffering and pain, it can be enjoyable, especially with the beautiful scenery we have here," Thurston said. "When you're out on your bike, there's fresh air, you're with your friends and it's 73 degrees in the summer when it's 100 degrees about everywhere else. It becomes a lifestyle outside of trying to get fit."

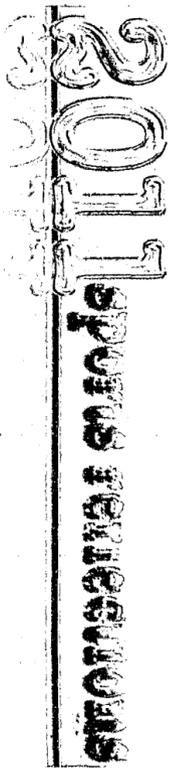
Thurston should



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Cody Thurston, owner of Ruidoso Outdoor Adventures, uses a goniometer to measure the angle of the knee on Michelle Thurston as an example of one of the many ways a rider can be measured to a specific bike.

A look back

Lincoln County had its share of drama and triumph in sports in 2011, with a wild and wacky baseball season, a state champion and the end to a terrific career played out for fans in the stands. Look at the next few pages for a look at the year that was.



2011 Sports Reflections

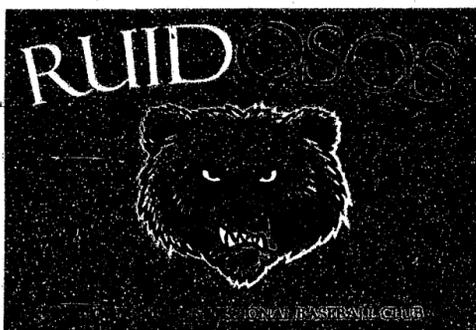
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Ruidoso Osos

It was a unique idea – to bring a small minor league team to Ruidoso for the first time in history, but it was an idea fraught with problems from the beginning.

But even with all the problems – a field with no lights, wind and then rain causing cancellations and adverse playing conditions, the removal of a manager and two general managers, a dispute over a hotel bill, the entire team playing without pay for the last week or two of the season – the Ruidoso Osos still managed to make it to the championship series of the Pecos League and came within a game of winning the league's first title.

The problems proved to be too much to overcome for a second season in the mountains of Lincoln County, but according to League Commissioner Andrew Dunn, the team is not dead, merely in hibernation. He's already trying to bring the team back to the league in 2013. Whether he can find a suitable field – with lights – remains to be seen.



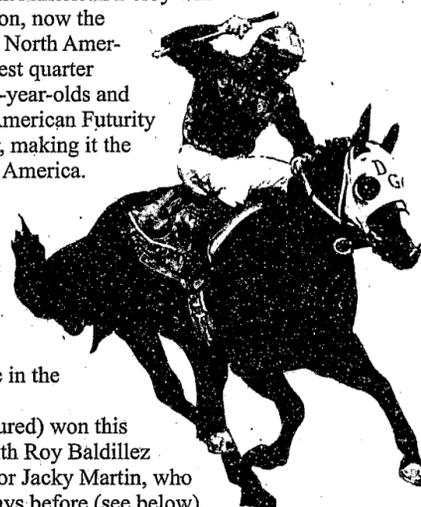
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All American purses

The 2012 All American Derby will exceed \$2 million, now the richest derby in North America and the richest quarter horse race for 3-year-olds and older. The All American Futurity surpassed \$2.4 million this year, making it the richest 2-year-old race in North America.

The increased futurity purse puts the All American past the \$2 million mark for the first time since 2000, and brings back memories of when the race was not only the richest quarter horse race in the world, but the richest horse race in the world, bar none.

Heavy favorite Ochoa (pictured) won this year's All American Futurity with Roy Baldillez aboard. He was a replacement for Jacky Martin, who had been injured in a fall two days before (see below).



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Case Rigby, seen here welcoming Oso teammate Chris Davis following a home run on opening day, was one of several Ruidoso players to make the move to higher leagues.

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Jacky Martin paralyzed

A stellar jockeying career came to an end during the Labor Day weekend, when Jacky Martin, seven-time winner of the All American Futurity, was thrown from his horse in a race two days before this year's futurity, in which he was scheduled to ride Ochoa.

Ochoa ended up winning the \$2.4 million race, which would have been Martin's eighth win in the All American, but Martin had been diagnosed as paralyzed below the neck after having been taken to the University Medical Center of El Paso for further examination. He was later transferred to TIRR Memorial Hospital in Houston to begin rehabilitation.

Martin, a 56-year-old member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame, had returned to racing the year before, becoming the 2010 national champion jockey after his mounts won more than \$3.2 million.

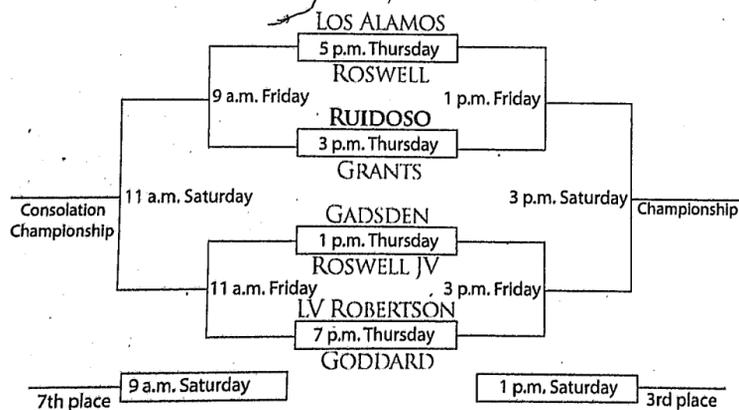
While Martin's career may be over, his life isn't, and the Ruidoso Downs Race-track Chaplaincy Benevolence Fund has been established. With donations already acquired, a respirator system, wheelchair, a lift to aid Martin in and out of bed and chairs and home modifications have already been paid for.

To make a contribution to the fund, send a check made out to the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack Chaplaincy – with an indicator on the memo line stating it's for the benevolence fund – to Ruidoso Downs Racetrack Chaplaincy, Ruidoso Downs, P.O. Box 449, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.



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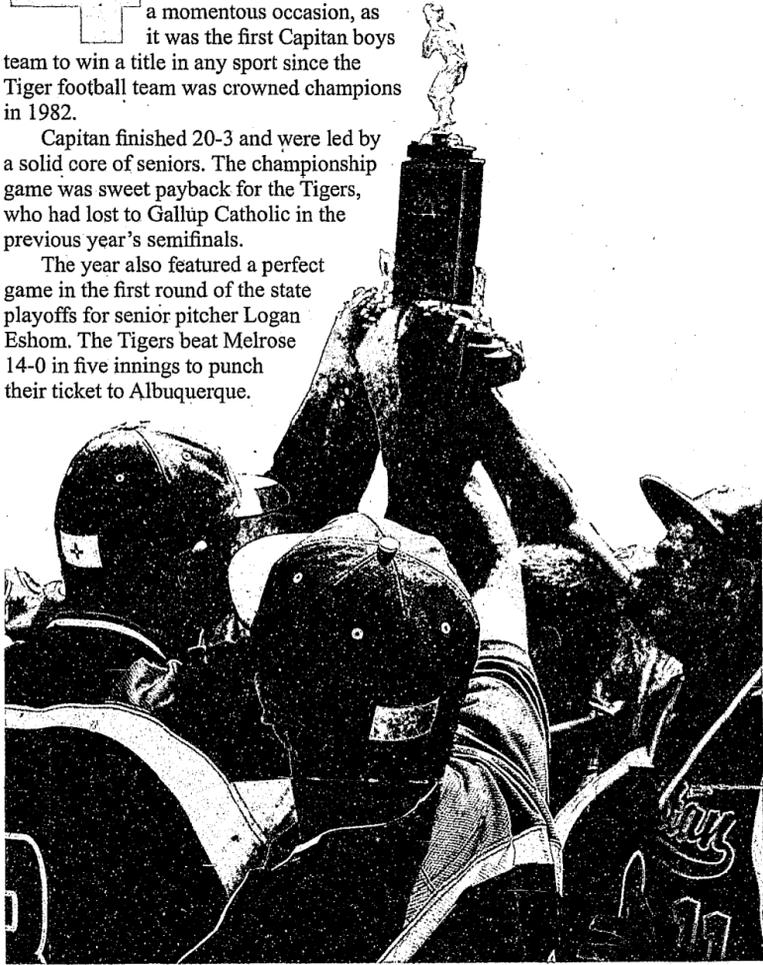
State title in Capitan

Capitan's baseball team won its first-ever state title with a win over Gallup Catholic in the Class 1A title game. It was a momentous occasion, as it was the first Capitan boys

team to win a title in any sport since the Tiger football team was crowned champions in 1982.

Capitan finished 20-3 and were led by a solid core of seniors. The championship game was sweet payback for the Tigers, who had lost to Gallup Catholic in the previous year's semifinals.

The year also featured a perfect game in the first round of the state playoffs for senior pitcher Logan Eshom. The Tigers beat Melrose 14-0 in five innings to punch their ticket to Albuquerque.



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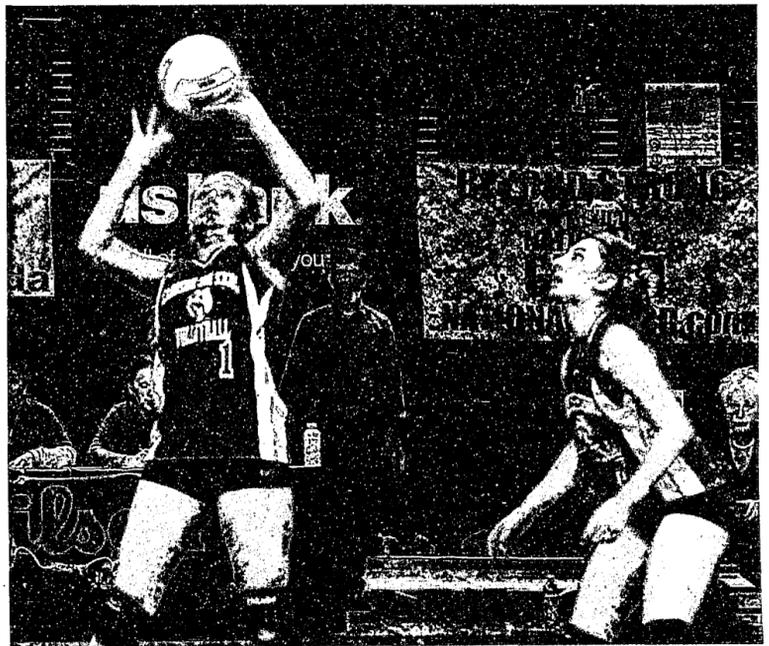
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Title for 'Zozo, almost

Despite being ranked No. 1 in the state for almost the entire year, Carrizozo's volleyball team learned experience is what wins championships, and their rematch with Elida in this year's Class B title game proved the Lady Tigers had what it took to repeat as state champions.

Carrizozo may have lost in three games, but the Lady Grizzlies' 20-4 record equaled that of Elida's, and it was the best finish in history for any Carrizozo volleyball team.

While they may not have won the title this season, you can expect them to challenge again next year, as every member of the team will be back. There wasn't a single senior to be found on the roster.



File photo Carrizozo's Fantasia Dennis, left, sets the ball as teammate Shayna Gallagher looks on during the Class B title match against Elida. The Lady Grizzlies lost, but it was the best finish in school history for volleyball.

know. He went from riding as rehabilitation from a torn ACL to opening his own bike shop - Ruidoso Outdoor Adventures - in the Ruidoso Athletic Club.

"I went to the extreme," Thurston admitted. "Not everyone has to do that, but you do crave it once you get over the initial soreness and learn your bike."

Learning your bike starts with getting a bike that's made just for you, which is what Thurston's goal is in his store.

The bicycles he sells are more expensive than the ones you might get off the rack at a retail store, but they're also of better quality and the perfect fit for the rider, which helps to ensure the customer will stay in the saddle longer.

"If you're going to spend this much time and money getting fit, you'll want it to be worth it," Thurston said. "A lot of customers come in with what they want to do and how much they have to spend, and I try to get the right bike for them. Most people that get properly fitted for their bike are typically happier customers and continue riding."

The fitting starts with a measurement of the individual's legs, which determine what size frame to order. Once that comes in, it's on to the measurement of angles of the knees, elbows and shoulders.

The rider's discipline helps to choose the right bike as well.

"Those that are racing may be more aggressive and need the knee to be more extended, but you don't want the knee to lock out," Thurston said. "If that happens, you can really do damage."

Everything on the bike can be



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press Cody Thurston measures Michelle Thurston's leg length, the first step to creating a tailor-built bike.

adjusted - from the seat, known as the "saddle," to the handlebars and just about everything in between.

Thurston will also send the rider out on the bike for a test run, then get feedback over the rider's comfort. Further adjustments can be made from there.

"If there's pain in the knee, the saddle needs to come up or down. If there's lower back pain, you're too far extended and the bar needs to be adjusted. Every person is different."

The adjustments even extend to shims which can be placed in or on the shoe in order to ensure a more flush contact with the pedals.

That illustrates the need for proper attire when doing this, as well. Jeans and snowboots won't exactly cut it, but that's all part of the lifestyle Thurston had mentioned before.

"I started this business as a platform to help get the trails movement going and make Ruidoso more of an outdoor recreation destination," Thurston said. "There are a few more that are getting interested, but we're still so far behind on any other mountain town that already has this in place."



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Cody Thurston measures the base of the foot to determine if a shim is needed to ensure a flush contact with the pedal to guarantee a more comfortable ride.

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CID says county can't hire third party inspectors

Commissioners to ask governor to overrule state agency

By Patrick Rodriguez

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Plans for Lincoln County to use an independent contracting firm to perform building inspections have hit a snag. Richard W. Tavelli, director of the New Mexico Construction Industries Division, in a letter sent to various local governments last month said that the hiring of third party inspectors would not be allowed in the state.

County Attorney Alan Morel had written to CID asking for permission for the county to use contracted construction inspectors. The county has been mulling the creation of a building department to perform inspections and permitting services for unincorporated areas to compete with the village of Ruidoso and the state.

County commissioners on Tuesday asked that Morel write a letter to Gov. Susana Martinez asking that her administration overrule CID's decision. Commissioners have said they would support the creation of a county building department only if an independent firm was hired to conduct inspections and permitting, preferring not to hire anymore county

employees.

Curt Temple, planning director for the county, has been corresponding with SAFEbuilt Building Department Services, a building inspections and permitting firm based out of Colorado, about possibly performing those tasks in the county. During a county commission meeting in November, Temple stated that he has also been in contact with two other firms, one from out of state and another based out of Las Cruces, but did not provide the names of those companies.

County Manager Nita Taylor said that because of the decision by CID, efforts for the county to issue a request for proposals for inspection service have been put on hold.

In his letter, Tavelli said that CID received inquiries from local governments across the state asking if independent contractors would be acceptable to use in local jurisdictions. Tavelli said he consulted with the state Regulation and Licensing Department Superintendent J. Dee Dennis Jr. and department General Counsel James C. McKay before making his decision.

Tavelli said that local entities working with a profit incentive could be compromised in several ways without the fiduciary responsibility of someone directly employed by the local government. "We feel strongly that the inspection of

construction in New Mexico continue to be in the hands of director government employees," Tavelli wrote.

"Further, that the inspection process is integral to the local permitting process," Tavelli also wrote, "CID does allow the loaning of local inspectors from one municipality to another with the host building official's approval."

CID performs electrical and mechanical inspections in communities that do not have departments to perform such tasks. Tavelli said that adding responsibilities from a third party would unnecessarily complicate the CID determinations in such cases.

Commissioner Mark Doth, one of the commission's most vocal proponents of the county using an independent contracting firm, called Tavelli's letter "the most wishy-washy thing that I have ever read."

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County indigent care program continues healthy streak

By Patrick Rodriguez

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The Lincoln County Indigent Health Care Fund has been in the pink since changes in the system went into effect in July, as the projected payment total for the year is about \$175,000 below budget, according to figures from the program.

County commissioners on Tuesday approved 57 recommended IHC claims worth \$12,176.66 for the month of December. The previous month, commissioners approved 58 recommended claims in the amount of \$21,674.95.

The average monthly payment disbursed during the first six months of the current fiscal year is \$20,091.60, and the projected annual total is \$241,102.82. The county budget calls for annual IHC payments not to exceed \$416,027.

In May, county commissioners agreed to place tighter restrictions on IHC reimbursements, including a \$100,000 lifetime cap, a limit of \$5,000

on out-of-county hospital claims, a limit of \$500 on air and ground ambulance service claims, and a reduction of \$5,000 on income eligibility for each group of family members.

The modifications have caused a large drop in costs, moving the program away from the brink of insolvency. Total monthly IHC payments for the previous two years were \$314,818.20 and \$434,600.88, respectively.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter noticed that a patient had paid their own bill in the amount \$192.50, an action that she commended. "I want to thank whoever did that," she said. "I know times are tough and people need help, but even if you get a payment plan, I think it's great."

Commissioners on Tuesday also approved 62 recommended claims worth \$90,698.74 for the month of December through the Sole Community Provider program. The program's average monthly payment for the first six months of the fiscal year is \$81,963.

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Santa visits children at the Nest

Santa Claus made a very special early visit last week in Ruidoso Downs.

The streets came alive with the lights and sirens of the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department, as Chief Kenny Ellard escorted Santa in a fire truck to the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter.

According to HEAL Board Treasurer Lynn Myers, "It was a magical experience watching these children, all of whom are survivors just like their mothers. Their eyes were as big as saucers as they watched Santa climb out of the fire truck and wrap his arms around them."

When Santa arrived, the children at the Nest were involved in the annual HEAL family Christmas party. All of the board members, and several

staff members, joined their spouses at the Nest to celebrate the holidays with the residents.

Throughout the evening, the children took turns sitting on Santa's lap, sharing their wish list for Christmas toys. Santa, being the wise old man he is, had already anticipated the desires of the children and came prepared with wonderful gifts for both the children and their mothers.

Santa was very busy and, thankfully, Dan Francis was available to fill his shoes for the evening with the children at the Nest. Francis is the husband of HEAL Office Manager, Susanne Francis. The Santa suit was donated by HEAL board member Josie Powell of Josie's Framery.



Courtesy photo
Pictured is Dan Francis as Santa Claus at the Nest Christmas party for the children.

MUSIC NEWS

By Ty Vinney
Music Reporter



The Getaway Plan review - "Requiem"

Australian alternative rock band The Getaway Plan announced they would no longer be making music as a band back in February 2009. You can imagine I was surprised to have their new album "Requiem" sneak up on me, and almost a year to date of the announcement of their permanent hiatus. Choosing multiple Grammy Award winning producer David Bottril has worked to their advantage. Bottril who's worked with Tool, Muse and late great Silverchair is quite sought after and his influence shines in the album. He's definitely taken the band's strengths and used them, as well as taking weak points and adding muscle.

Piano opens the "The Reckoning" accompanied by a steady beat that works into Matthew Wright's pure vocals. The songs kick up a notch with a high note from Wright and guitars dig deep, building the meat of the piece. Beginning with a chilly note accompanied with "We are the beasts under your bed, we're so inviting" is "Phantoms;" a lyrically darker song that has steady guitars and is one of the strongest songs on the album. "Oceans Between Us" sounds like something that could have come from off their fellow countryman, Daniel Johns. Piano and acoustic guitar mate over the vocals and make a peaceful melody. Other highlights are the title track, "Heartstone" and the string enhanced "S.T.A.R.S."

The mesh of creativity has molded something truly original with a sound that's going to take the band higher than they've ever been. Taking elements from 30 Seconds to Mars, AFI, The Dissociatives and other modern bands plus putting their own unique flavor into the mix, The Getaway Plan make their return and are in it for what I hope is the long haul!

Nickelback review - "Here and Now"

Canadian rockers Nickelback return once again, bringing with them a usual method sound of rock with a few ballads.

With their seventh release, "Here and Now," the band proves one thing: they have a sound and they don't feel any need to change it. It is always the typical meat and potatoes rock. Their albums always go something like this: rock song about being a badass (this album's version is "This Means War"), rock song about drinking ("Bottoms Up"), pop rock song about how we all need to embrace everyone ("When We Stand Together"), song about sex ("Gotta Get Me Some"), ballad ("Lullaby"), and so on and so forth. I'll be the first to admit that once upon a time I really liked the band. Then the radio stations discovered them and decided to play their singles into the ground. Since that happened, the band decided to just keep on going with more of the same, because, hey, it works for radio and plays, right? It feels like the band literally has no progression and every album follows the same method. I think the band has potential somewhere, really, I do. But if you're looking for all new and amazing from Nickelback, don't look here. "Here and Now" is carbon copy of the band's last few albums, using the same methods, lacking originality, and doesn't amount to much of anything at all, sadly, but it gets played and it sells. What more could they ask for?



Nightwish review - "Imaginaerum"

Symphonic metal stars Nightwish are back on the scene with the intriguing "Imaginaerum." This is a concept album, telling the story of an old and dying composer reminiscing about his youth. The heart of Nightwish is still very present with their signature sound of symphonic metal. That said, however, the band also journeys into new ground and does so quite fantastically.

A fine example of this would be "Slow, Love, Slow." Incorporating a lounge style, the song opens up on a piano and mellow jazzy percussion. Anette Olzen's voice glides in, adding the perfect vibe to the song. It takes the listener into an old 1930s club with a smoky atmosphere, the band playing in suits and the woman in the red dress casting that perfect spell over all who hear her.

"I Want My Tears Back" is another track that also shows off new elements, adding a Celtic sound into the mix with uilleann pipes. The song is very well arranged and catchy and sure to be a favorite of fans.

Matching with the new Celtic infused idea is the only ballad on the album, "Turn Loose the Mermaids." The song opens with a beautifully matched acoustic guitar and flute, which flow into a beautiful vocal done by Olzen. There's also a spaghetti western accompaniment to the song, with whistles and orchestration.

Many fans jumped ship when original vocalist, the lovely lyric soprano Tarja Turunen, left the band. A change in vocalists is always a make or break for a band, especially one with a history spanning 15 years. If you haven't, now is a perfect time to climb back on board. Olzen has stepped up her game and proven herself with her second album with Nightwish. The band has crafted something magical with the new album. "Imaginaerum" is a testament to the progression of songwriter Tuomas Holopainen and the evolution of the band itself. It will captivate the imagination and make you fall in love with this band for the first time or all over again.

The Dreaming review - "Puppet"

The Dreaming is back with their sophomore release "Puppet." Formed by Chris Hall after the end of his former band, the platinum-selling quintet Stabbing Westward. The Dreaming is a creature unto themselves, containing elements of the past and the present. The Dreaming mix an 80s sounding new wave with heavy elements of rock with a modern spin. Strange story with these guys; when they first started out they released some online EPs that were fantastic. Then they released their first album "Etched in Blood." The album was a lot of the EP songs but rerecorded and practically lifeless. But man, "Puppet" picks up where the good stuff left off!

My personal favorite track off the album is "Hole." It features Chibi of The Birthday Massacre as guest vocalist and Jinx from Black Veil Brides on piano. As far as lyrics go it's a sad song, with lines like "The heavens lay dead in the sky, I cried to the angels to bring you home to me, but that is not destined to be in this life." The title track "Puppet" is relentless and captivates the listener. Lyrically Hall is angry, then tortured and everything in the middle. A welcome surprise is the Depeche Mode cover "It's No Good." The song has been tailored a bit by the band and sounds fantastic, but still holds the new wave feel of the original.

The album is very solid and I've already given it half a dozen spins. Some songs will pleasantly stick in your head and others not so much. The only thing that could be complained about is a few of the songs sound very similar. But all in all it's a great record and a strong direction. If you were a fan of Stabbing Westward's roller coaster of emotions, you'll love this album!

Resolutions

2011 is coming to a close with one last excuse to party and then it's off to a new year, with a clean slate, new hopes, new dreams and new goals.

Whatever your goals are for this upcoming year, it is important to realize we all have our unique struggles. Let us be patient as others work on what is important to them, and let us stay focused on what is important to us.

Here are a few other tips to help us achieve greatness this up and coming new year.

Don't quit quitting: Drinking less alcohol, quitting smoking, and eating less junk food seems to be on many top 10 lists, year after year. As we struggle with our addictions, it's important to realize that every step whether big or small is always a step in the right direction, so even if you do not fully give up these items, remember that small actions can eventually lead you to success.

Spend less: Managing debt and saving money are always a concern. If we put into practice the art of desiring less, or are more thoughtful about the things we "need," we are more likely to spend less, meaning we might have extra money to help manage that debt. Energy conservation is also an underutilized form of saving money.

Feed two birds with one stone: Getting fit, eating healthier and losing weight often make the top 10 lists each year. We can make goals more fun and less work by condensing these goals into "party time," as we encourage kids, friends, family and co-workers to work on this with us. We can invite our social network to join us in healthy lunches, dinners, potlucks, etc. We can also make our exercise routine fun by making exercise family time, such as skiing, hiking, biking, etc. A walk around the links is an excellent way to catch up with an old friend, whether they are on the other end of our cell phone or walking alongside us.

Whatever our goals are this year, let us keep in mind that the purpose of these goals are to ensure we become better people, parents, community members, etc. If we want to take it easy on ourselves this year, we can choose to make our objective to do one thing each day that would help us become a better person. If we multiply this factor by 365 days, it is probable that by next year we have truly become a better person.

Good luck in whatever you choose!



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La sequía y los insectos que afectan a los árboles de Montaña Sacramento

Los resultados recientes de una encuesta anual finalizado por el Programa de los EE.UU. Servicio Forestal de Protección Forestal de la Salud y el Nuevo México de la División Forestal del Estado muestran un aumento de la mortalidad de coníferas en los alrededores de las montañas de Sacramento, debido a la actual sequía y las plagas de una gran variedad de especies de escarabajos de la corteza.

Reconocimientos aéreos y terrestres en el área de Sacramento montañas muestran varias especies de escarabajo de la corteza están actualmente causando la mortalidad de pino ponderosa, abeto Douglas, abetos y negro a niveles más altos que los observados en 2010. Si las actuales condiciones de sequía persisten, el estrés de los árboles y la mortalidad seguirá aumentando en 2012, de acuerdo con ambos organismos.

Los árboles en el Bosque Nacional Lincoln y sus alrededores en el centro-sur de Nuevo México se han convertido cada vez más estrés debido a la reciente sequía. Escarabajos de corteza con frecuencia atacan y matan a la

sequía, hizo hincapié en los árboles, coníferas en particular. Cuando esto ocurre, las poblaciones de escarabajos pueden aumentar hasta niveles en que agresivamente puede atacar y matar a los árboles sanos circundantes, lo que lleva a los bolsillos de la mortalidad en un área.

"Una prolongada sequía severa y extrema el pasado invierno frío han dejado árboles en tierras públicas y privadas v subrayó," dijo el Forester, Tony Delfin. "Este esfuerzo de hojas de los árboles susceptibles a las infecciones y la enfermedad de la infestación de insectos."

Mientras que los tratamientos adecuados adelgazamiento se ha demostrado para ayudar a reducir el estrés en los árboles y aumentar su capacidad de resistir escarabajos de la corteza y las enfermedades, los administradores de tierras están estudiando formas de minimizar el impacto de este aumento de la infestación del gorgojo y continuará coordinando con organizaciones privadas, locales, las entidades estatales, federales y tribales para responder al aumento de la mortalidad de los árboles.

"En los últimos diez años, el bosque nacional de Lincoln ha tratado a 10.000 a 14.000 hectáreas por año, con 16.000 hectáreas tratadas en 2011", dijo Lincoln National Forest Supervisor Robert Trujillo.

Un taller tendrá lugar del 1 a 3 pm el 24 de enero en el Centro de Convención de Ruidoso. El taller se espera que incluya la información más reciente junto con la gestión de potenciales y los efectos ecológicos de las actuales poblaciones de escarabajos de la corteza.

Información actualizada sobre los reconocimientos aéreos y los insectos y las enfermedades en el suroeste se encuentran disponibles en www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/for-esthealth. Para más información, póngase en contacto con Andrew Sánchez Meador en (575) 434-7200, o Nuevo México Forestal del Estado en (505) 476-3351 o (575) 354-2,231. La información también está disponible en el Bosque Nacional Lincoln y New Mexico State sitios web de la División Forestal de la www.fs.usda.gov / Lincoln o www.nmforestry.com.

Condado de programa de cuidado de indigentes continúa racha de salud

Por Patrick Rodriguez

El condado de Lincoln Salud para Indigentes del Fondo ha prestado especial atención en el color rosa ya que los cambios en el sistema entró en vigor en julio, como el pago total proyectado para el año es alrededor de \$175,000 por debajo del presupuesto, de acuerdo con cifras del programa.

Los comisionados del condado aprobó el martes 57 reclamaciones recomienda un valor de \$12,176.66 IHC para el mes de diciembre. El mes anterior, los comisionados aprobaron 58 reclamaciones se recomienda en la cantidad de \$21,674.95.

El pago mensual promedio desembolsados durante los primeros seis meses del año fiscal en curso es de \$20,091.60, y el total anual proyectado es de \$241,102.82. El presupuesto del condado exige el pago anual no exceda de IHC \$416,027.

En mayo, los comisionados del condado acordó no imponer mayores restricciones a los reembolsos de IHC, incluyendo un límite de por vida de \$100,000, un límite de \$5,000 en reclamos hospitalarios de fuera del condado, un límite de \$ 500

en el aire y las reclamaciones de tierra de servicio de ambulancia, y una reducción de \$5,000 sobre la elegibilidad de ingresos para cada grupo de miembros de la familia.

Las modificaciones han provocado una fuerte caída en los costos, mejorar el programa de distancia del borde de la insolvencia. Total de los pagos mensuales de IHC para los dos años anteriores fueron de \$314,818.20 y \$434,600.88, respectivamente.

Comisionado Kathryn Minter cuenta de que un paciente había pagado su propio proyecto de ley en la cantidad \$192.50, una acción que elogió. "Quiero agradecer a quien hizo eso," dijo. "Sé que los tiempos son difíciles y la gente necesita ayuda, pero a pesar de recibir un plan de pago, creo que es genial."

Miembros de la Comisión también aprobó el martes 62 reclamaciones por valor de \$90,698.74 se recomienda para el mes de diciembre a través del programa comunitario único proveedor. El programa de pago mensual promedio para los primeros seis meses del año fiscal es \$81,963.

Resoluciones

Por Angie Fernández

2011 está llegando a su fin con una última excusa para la fiesta y luego es libre para un nuevo año, con un borrón y cuenta nueva, nuevas esperanzas, nuevos sueños y nuevas metas.

Sean cuales sean sus metas para este año, es importante tener en cuenta que todos tenemos nuestras luchas únicas. Vamos a ser paciente ya que otros trabajan en lo que es importante para ellos, y vamos a permanecer enfocado en lo que es importante para nosotros.

Aquí están algunos consejos para ayudar a otros a alcanzar la grandeza de este y próximo año nuevo.

No dejar de fumar: Beber menos alcohol, dejar de fumar, y comer menos comida chatarra parece estar en muchas listas de top 10, año tras año. Mientras luchamos con nuestras adicciones, es importante darse cuenta de que cada paso sea grande o pequeña es siempre un paso en la dirección correcta, así que aunque no son totalmente renunciar a estos elementos,

recuerde que las pequeñas acciones con el tiempo te puede llevar al éxito.

Gastar menos: Gestión de la deuda y el ahorro de dinero son siempre una preocupación. Si ponemos en práctica el arte de desear menos, o meditamos más sobre las cosas que "necesitan" que son más propensos a gastar menos, lo que significa que podría haber dinero extra para ayudar a manejar esa deuda. Conservación de la energía es también una forma de ahorrar dinero subutilizadas.

Alimentar a dos pájaros de un tiro: Ponerse en forma, comer saludable y bajar de peso a menudo en el top 10 de las listas de cada año. Podemos hacer que las metas más diversión y menos trabajo mediante la condensación de estos objetivos en "Party Time," como alentar a los niños, amigos, familiares y compañeros de trabajo para trabajar en esto con nosotros. Podemos invitar a nuestra red social a unirse a nosotros en los almuerzos saludables, cenas, comidas, etc Buena suerte a lo que usted elige!

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR • 12-27 thru 1-2

TUESDAY DECEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28

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: Frosty the Snowman (popcorn and juice box served). Children's Dept is located downstairs.

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

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

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 29

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 30

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Things to do every day

Ruidoso Winter Park Tubing Area, located at 500 W. State Highway 532, a quarter of a mile west of Hwy 48 on lower Ski Run Road in Alto. Open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on designated nights. "A premier snow play area," as Bert the Conqueror from the Travel Channel says: "This is the Holy Grail of snow tubing." The first-class tubing experience offers twists, turns, bumps, jumps and bobsled curves. They have more lift capacity and the largest tubing snow-making system in the Rockies. Featuring exclusively designed tubes for 3-6 riders and super size tubes for 3-10 riders. By popular demand they have expanded the Kidz Korral which is a designated area exclusively for the smaller guests! Full snack bar with hot chocolate, nachos, dogs and the best handmade pizza in town at the Pizza Stand! For more information: (575) 336-7079; www.ruidosowinterpark.com. Kids thru 7 years of age \$9; juniors 8-17 \$17 regular rates and \$20 holiday rates; adults 18 and up \$20 regular rates and \$25 holiday rates. All tickets are good for 3 hours or until end of the day whichever is shorter. Snow

clothing available for rent.

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

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

Smokey Bear Park is open in 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 Suddeth. Pillow's Funtrackers is the premier family fun center in New Mexico. We have been providing fun to thousands of families for over twenty years. Our park includes three go-kart tracks, miniature golf, arcade, Mountain Maze, and seasonal attractions such as Bumper Boats, Panning for Gemstones, Rock Climbing Wall, Extreme Air, and Kiddie Bounce House.

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 31

New Year's Eve with the Stars, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mes-calero, daytime show starts at 11 a.m.; evening show starts at 7 p.m. There's no such thing as too much glamour...so spend New Year's Eve with the Stars! Don your signature look for a New Year's Eve celebration that is sure to be unmatched. Attend a daytime show which includes a full brunch and a live performance by the world's top Michael Jackson, Elton John and Tina Turner impersonators. The celebration will end with a countdown and champagne toast for \$75 per person. Or head to the evening show, where there will be a gourmet meal along with the live performance. The celebration will also include dancing, a balloon drop, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight for \$125 per person. For more information, call the Inn of the Mountain Gods: 1-800-545-9011; www.innofthemountain-gods.com. \$75 per person for the daytime show, \$125 per person for the evening show.

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.

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

Billy the Kid Casino & Billy's Sports Bar & Grill New Year's Eve Celebration, Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Hwy 70 E, Ruidoso Downs, 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. New Year's Package includes dinner, party favors, champagne toast at midnight, balloon drop, and \$5 casino cash voucher. So come dance the night

away with the Graham Brothers! For more information, contact Eric: 575-378-4431. \$60 per person. Reservations suggested.

Cree Meadows New Year's Eve Party, 301 Country Club Dr, Ruidoso, 7 p.m. to midnight. Come party the night away at our New Year's Eve Party! There will be food, party favors, and a champagne toast at Midnight. Terry Bullard will be providing the music. Reservations are required, so make yours early! For more information, contact Cree Meadows Country Club: 575-257-9186. \$20 for Singles and \$30 for Couples. Tickets must be purchased in advance!

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

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

Win, Place, & Show New Year's Celebration, 2516 Suddeth Dr, Ruidoso, 8 p.m. to midnight. Dance the night away with Brendan Dawes starting at 8 p.m.! Champagne and party favors. No reservations required. For more information, call 575-257-9982. \$20 at the door

Aaron LaCombe Band performs at Casa Blanca Restaurant and Can-

tina 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 JANUARY 1

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

MONDAY JANUARY 2

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

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Advertisement for holiday deadlines: So that our employees may enjoy the Holiday with their loved ones, we will have EARLY DEADLINES for the Jan. 3 issue. Ad reservation and copy must be in by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27. Classifieds/Legals must be received by 5 p.m. Monday. Call 258-9922 to schedule your ads.

2011 reflections



Don Williams

"A man of great integrity," "totally devoted to the community," a "quality guy," and simply "a good man," were among the many testaments offered at the passing of Ruidoso Village Councilor and former Lincoln County Commissioner Don Williams.

Williams reportedly suffered a heart attack while traveling home from a heart procedure in Albuquerque. Williams died in June.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Williams was 73 years old.

Councilor Jim Stoddard offered what he referred to as the highest compliment possible: "He was a good man. We served on the council together and Don was pretty even-keeled. He was a solid man and a real asset to the community, and he will be deeply missed."

Mayor Ray Alborn, who defeated Williams in a bid for election as mayor, said he had "a lot of respect for Don, and I really liked him. His passing is a real loss for Ruidoso and the Lincoln County community."

Alborn said Williams was "a very private man," but well respected by his colleagues on the council.

Williams' sudden passing, Alborn said, "reminds us all that we better enjoy life every day and to not let those things in life that we consider so monumental to control our lives."

Councilor Rife Salas said Williams "was completely dedicated to serving the residents of Ruidoso. He was a man of great integrity and my prayers go out to his family."

"Don's passing is a huge loss for the community," said Councilor Angel Shaw. "He was a good, good man and extremely devoted to his community."

Recognition service for volunteers

There will be a recognition service for everyone who volunteered for the Salvation Army bell ringing campaign on Jan. 8, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs. For information call Darien at (575) 973-0117.



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.

Church News

If your church has a special service or any upcoming event and you would like to notify the public about it, please call our offices at 575-258-9922. You can also email your events to eugene@ruidosofreepress.com

OBITUARY

Manuela "Nellie" Randolph

Nellie Randolph died peacefully in the home of her daughter in Ruidoso Downs on Dec. 17 at the age of 86. Nellie is preceded in death by her husband Frank Randolph, her parents Andres and Easquila Miller, and her brothers Silverio, Jose and Filiberto Miller. Randolph is survived by her sisters Maria Brito of Carlsbad, NM and Cyrilla Robles of Roswell NM.; 2 children, Andrew Miller and Sally Rue, both of Ruidoso Downs, NM.; 4 grandchildren, Cedric Rue, Chris Miller, Henry Rue and Marcie

Rue; 6 great grandchildren, Alex Rue, Kailab Cano-Rue, Serena Gilmore, Echo Gilmore, Jordan Rue and Shadow Gilmore and 2 great-great grandchildren, Derrick Donnell and Landon Rue.

The family would like to recognize three of her very special friends, Lupe Barajas, Cindy McCloskey and Hilario Sanchez - Thank you!

Services were conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 21 by her Pastor Randy Widener at The First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs.

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School District Report Card for School Year 2010-2011
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Ruidoso Municipal Schools

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Summary

Ruidoso Municipal Schools	
AYP Rating	Not Met
Improvement Status	CA-2
Schools rated in the district	5
Schools in Improvement	1
Schools in Corrective Action	1
Schools in Restructuring	3

- ED: Free or Reduced Lunch; qualifies the student as Economically Disadvantaged
- SWD: Students with disabilities; does not include special education students who are gifted
- High Poverty Schools: Schools with the most students eligible for FRL (top 25%)
- Low Poverty Schools: Schools with the fewest students eligible for FRL (bottom 25%)
- LEA: Local Education Agency which refers to either a district or a charter school

Improvement Status refers to school or district augmentations that are mandated by AYP. Each successive designation carries greater requirements for school or district monitoring, parent choice, and educational enhancement:

- SI-1 = School Improvement 1
- SI-2 = School Improvement 2
- CA = Corrective Action
- R-1 = Restructuring 1
- R-2 = Restructuring 2

The word "delay" in any status means entity made AYP the first of the two years required to return to Progressing.

Source: NMPED Assessment and Accountability

What is Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?

Every school and district in the state must meet annual academic proficiency targets in mathematics and reading in order to be considered on track for 100% proficiency by school year 2013-14. AYP is part of state and federal statute. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 2001 says that each state shall establish a timeline for adequate yearly progress. The timeline shall ensure that no later than 12 years after the 2001-2002 school year all students in each group described in the law will meet or exceed the state's proficient level of academic achievement. New Mexico Statute states that "the Department shall measure the performance of every public school in New Mexico." (§ 22-2C-3, D)

AYP determinations result from assessments that are administered at the end of the prior school year. Therefore this report summarizes AYP findings that apply to 2011-2012, but that were derived from the achievement of students in the 2010-2011 school year.

What do schools have to do in order to meet AYP?

- Schools need to:
- Achieve a 95% participation rate on state assessments
 - Reach targets for proficiency or reduce non-proficiency
 - Reach targets for attendance in elementary and middle schools and graduation for high schools.

Who has to meet AYP?

Subgroups of 25 or more students within each school, district, and the state must meet AYP. The subgroups include Caucasian, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Economically Disadvantaged (ED), Students with Disabilities (SWD), and English Language Learners (ELL).

Definitions and Abbreviations

- Am Indian: American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian: Asian or Pacific Islander
- Afr Am: African American
- ELL: English language learner; assessments include students who exited ELL status the first and second years

Student Demographics

	LEA		State	
	N	%	N	%
All Students	2,159	100	334,700	100
Female	1,059	49	163,202	49
Male	1,100	51	171,498	51
Caucasian	744	34	88,508	26
Afr Am	20	<2	7,765	2
Hispanic	975	45	198,850	59
Asian	-11	<2	4,463	<2
Am Indian	407	19	34,861	10
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	<2	253	<2
SWD	248	11	47,480	14
ELL	232	11	53,815	16
Recently Arrived *	0	0	40	<2
ED	1,455	67	228,166	68
Migrant	0	0	452	<2

Source: LEA's 120th day submission to the NMPED STARS. * ELL Students new to the U.S. who qualified for exemption from reading assessment.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Schools within LEA

School	AYP Rating	Improvement Status	School	AYP Rating	Improvement Status
Nob Hill Elementary	Not Met	SI-1	Ruidoso High	Not Met	R-1
Ruidoso Middle	Not Met	R-2	Sierra Vista Primary	Not Met	CA
White Mountain Elementary	Not Met	R-2			

Source: NMPED Assessment and Accountability

AYP is based on students who have attended a school for a full academic year. Three academic indicators are utilized: 1) mathematics, 2) reading, and 3) either attendance (elementary and middle schools), or graduation (high schools). Results are not reported for subgroups with fewer than 10 students (indicated by a blank).

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Subgroups within LEA

	Academic Indicator	Goal	All	Cauc.	Afr	Hispanic	Asian	Am	ED	ELL	SWD
		%	Students	%	Am	%	%	Indian	%	%	%
LEA	Reading Proficiency*	75	49	64	58	48	28	41	36	8	
Nob Hill Elementary	Reading Proficiency*	77	55	71		51	33	47	33	7	
Ruidoso High	Reading Proficiency*	75	45	61		38	25	39			
Ruidoso Middle	Reading Proficiency*	72	51	66		49	34	41	36	5	
Sierra Vista Primary	Reading Proficiency*	77	54	72		52	32	48	35	16	
White Mountain Elementary	Reading Proficiency*	77	49	65		49	22	42	37	12	
LEA	Reading Participation	95	99	99		100	99	99	100	98	
Nob Hill Elementary	Reading Participation	95									
Ruidoso High	Reading Participation	95	99	98		100		100			
Ruidoso Middle	Reading Participation	95	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	
Sierra Vista Primary	Reading Participation	95									
White Mountain Elementary	Reading Participation	95	99	99		100	99	99	100	98	
LEA	Math Proficiency*	66	38	54	42	34	20	29	30	5	
Nob Hill Elementary	Math Proficiency*	68	43	63		33	25	37	20	<2	
Ruidoso High	Math Proficiency*	66	32	48		21	21	17			
Ruidoso Middle	Math Proficiency*	63	40	56		39	18	30	30	6	
Sierra Vista Primary	Math Proficiency*	68	42	64		33	26	38	30	<2	
White Mountain Elementary	Math Proficiency*	68	38	55		33	21	30	31	4	
LEA	Math Participation	95	99	99		99	99	99	100	99	
Nob Hill Elementary	Math Participation	95									
Ruidoso High	Math Participation	95	99	100		100		98			
Ruidoso Middle	Math Participation	95	99	100		99	100	100	100	100	
Sierra Vista Primary	Math Participation	95									
White Mountain Elementary	Math Participation	95	99	100		100	99	99	100	100	
Nob Hill Elementary	Attendance Rate	92	94	94		94	92	94	94	92	
Ruidoso Middle	Attendance Rate	92	94	94		94	93	93	95	92	
Sierra Vista Primary	Attendance Rate	92	94	95		94	93	94	95	93	

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Subgroups within LEA

	Academic Indicator	Goal	All	Cauc.	Afr	Hispanic	Asian	Am	ED	ELL	SWD
		%	Students	%	Am	%	%	Indian	%	%	%
White Mountain Elementary	Attendance Rate	92	95	95		95	93	94	96	92	
All Students in Grade 12	Graduation Rate	65	75	81		68	75	70	84	66	
Ruidoso High	Graduation Rate	65	81	83		73	90	78	88	75	

Source: NMPED Assessment and Accountability; Full Academic Year only;
 * % of students scoring Proficient or Above;
 Blank = Too few or no students to report

Proficiencies by Grade Span for Subgroups - All - within LEA

	Academic Indicator	Goal	All	Cauc.	Afr	Hispanic	Asian	Am	ED	ELL	SWD	Migrant
		%	%	%	Am	%	%	Indian	%	%	%	%
District Wide-Grades 3, 4 & 5	Reading Proficiency*	75	50	65		50	24	44	40	11		
District Wide-Grades 6, 7 & 8	Reading Proficiency*	75	51	63		49	33	41	37	4		
District Wide-Grades 11	Reading Proficiency*	75	41	55		35	26	35				
District Wide-Grades 3, 4 & 5	Math Proficiency*	66	38	54		33	21	31	32	3		
District Wide-Grades 6, 7 & 8	Math Proficiency*	66	39	53		38	17	29	30	6		
District Wide-Grades 11	Math Proficiency*	66	29	43		20	19	15				

Source: NMPED Assessment and Accountability; All students tested - not limited to Full Academic Year;
 * % of students scoring Proficient or Above; Blank = Too few or no students to report

Expenditures

	Expenditure (\$)	%
Direct Instruction	10,801,740	60
Instructional Support	7,128,186	40
Students	1,878,001	10
Instruction	458,188	3
General Administration	489,128	3
School Administration	1,231,757	7
Central Services	631,177	4
Operations Maintenance	2,341,181	13
Student Transportation	51,440	<1
Other	47,336	<1
Non-Instructional Support	51,385	<1
Food Services	0	<1
Community Services	51,385	<1
Capital Outlay	0	<1
Total	17,981,311	100

Source: Projected expenditures reported to NMPED School Budget Office.

School Board Training

Board Member	Number of Points*
Cecil Davis	12
Curt Temple	8
Devin Marshall	24
Kerry Gladden Eastep	14
Rhonda Vincent	21

Source: New Mexico School Board Association
 * Board members must accumulate five points during the year by attending specific training; does not reflect additional training that board members may have received.

State Assessment Results (district results exclude charter schools)
 Students are assessed in reading, mathematics and science in grades 3-8 and 11 by the Standards Based Assessment (SBA) and the NM Alternative Proficiency Assessment (NMAPA) for students with significant disabilities. These assessments were developed to measure the NM standards and benchmarks that educators and the public determined are important for our students to master. The assessment results are for all students enrolled and present during testing in March 2011. District summaries do not include students from charter schools, which are reported separately. Results for groups with fewer than 10 students are not reported to meet confidentiality requirements. Percents may not add to 100, due to rounding.

Proficiencies for Subgroups - All - within LEA

3rd Grade	READING					MATH					SCIENCE										
	Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level								
			Advanced	Proficient	Beginning Step			Advanced	Proficient	Beginning Step			Advanced	Proficient	Beginning Step						
State Current	100	25,771	6	47	25	22	0	100	25,768	4	48	35	13	0							
State Prior	100	25,674	8	49	27	16	0	100	25,677	10	48	38	4	0	100	25,663	10	73	16	1	0
LEA Current	99	171	6	49	22	23	1	100	171	1	41	43	15	0							
LEA Prior	100	183	5	49	31	14	0	100	183	8	49	40	3	0	100	183	5	70	22	2	0
Female	99	92	9	55	23	12	1	100	92	1	41	48	10	0							
Male	100	79	4	41	20	35	0	100	79	1	41	38	20	0							
Caucasian	98	55	11	60	16	11	2	100	55	4	58	22	16	0							
Afr Am	0							0													
Hispanic	100	79	6	48	22	24	0	100	79	0	35	54	10	0							
Asian	0							0													
Am Indian	100	37	0	32	30	38	0	100	37	0	27	51	22	0							
ELL	100	27	4	33	30	33	0	100	27	0	30	70	0	0							
ED	99	130	5	46	22	25	1	100	130	1	38	47	15	0							
SWD	95	21	10	5	10	71	5	100	21	0	0	43	57	0							

Source: NMPED Assessment and Accountability; All students tested - not limited to Full Academic Year;
 Blank = Too few or no students to report

Proficiencies for Subgroups - All - within LEA

4th Grade	READING					MATH					SCIENCE											
	Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level									
			Advanced	Proficient	Beginning Step			Advanced	Proficient	Beginning Step			Advanced	Proficient	Beginning Step							
State Current	100	25,808	7	40	40	14	0	100	25,817	9	36	37	19	0	100	25,800	5	42	33	20	0	
State Prior	100	25,287	9	43	35	14	0	100	25,278	9	36	47	7	0	100	25,263	2	48	46	4	0	
LEA Current	100	182	6	43	41	10	0	100	182	7	31	47	15	0	100	182	3	33	37	27	0	
LEA Prior	100	170	9	45	32	14	0	100	170	9	35	48	7	0	99	170	1	40	54	4	1	
Female	100	93	9	53	32	6	0	100	93	8	32	45	15	0	100	93	2	37	34	27	0	
Male	100	89	3	34	49	13	0	100	89	7	30	48	15	0	100	89	3	29	39	28	0	
Caucasian	100	54	11	54	31	4	0	100	54	15	43	30	13	0	100	54	4	50	33	13	0	
Afr Am	2							2							2							
Hispanic	100	91	4	43	44	9	0	100	91	4	27	55	13	0	100	91	1	27	41	31	0	
Asian	1							1							1							
Am Indian	100	34	3	24	50	24	0	1														

Proficiencies for Subgroups - All - within LEA																					
5th Grade	READING					MATH					SCIENCE										
	Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level								
			Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		
State Current	100	25,481	9	43	36	12	0	100	25,481	9	33	39	19	0							
State Prior	100	25,322	14	45	33	8	0	100	25,345	11	34	45	9	0	100	25,332	4	48	43	4	0
LEA Current	99	169	6	38	42	13	1	99	169	7	25	43	25	1							
LEA Prior	100	169	13	42	35	10	0	100	169	9	30	48	13	0	100	168	1	43	51	5	0
Female	99	85	8	39	44	8	1	99	85	7	29	42	20	1							
Male	100	84	4	38	40	18	0	100	84	7	20	43	30	0							
Caucasian	100	53	11	47	30	11	0	100	53	15	26	43	15	0							
Afr Am		1							1												
Hispanic	100	77	4	44	44	8	0	100	77	5	27	44	23	0							
Asian		2							2												
Am Indian	97	36	3	11	56	28	3	97	36	0	11	42	44	3							
ELL	100	24	4	38	42	17	0	100	24	4	33	33	29	0							
ED	99	117	3	35	44	17	1	99	117	4	21	43	32	1							
SWD	100	22	0	9	45	45	0	100	22	0	0	32	68	0							

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Proficiencies for Subgroups - All - within LEA																					
7th Grade	READING					MATH					SCIENCE										
	Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level								
			Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		
State Current	100	24,368	6	42	36	16	0	100	24,375	5	33	38	24	0	99	24,362	9	31	35	25	1
State Prior	100	24,166	8	42	40	10	0	100	24,159	9	24	50	16	0	100	24,152	3	36	49	10	0
LEA Current	99	156	5	48	34	12	1	99	156	5	39	35	21	1	99	156	6	38	33	22	1
LEA Prior	100	187	8	40	46	6	0	100	187	10	26	50	13	0	99	187	2	34	55	10	1
Female	100	69	6	52	30	12	0	100	69	3	41	35	22	0	100	69	6	29	43	22	0
Male	99	87	5	45	37	13	1	99	87	7	38	34	20	1	99	87	7	45	25	22	1
Caucasian	98	61	7	52	26	13	2	98	61	8	44	25	21	2	98	61	10	46	28	16	2
Afr Am		0							0												
Hispanic	100	55	5	42	49	4	0	100	55	4	49	29	18	0	100	55	5	40	36	18	0
Asian		3							3												
Am Indian	100	37	3	49	24	24	0	100	37	3	16	59	22	0	100	37	3	19	43	35	0
ELL	100	20	15	25	60	0	0	100	20	5	50	25	20	0	100	20	0	40	45	15	0
ED	99	98	4	39	42	14	1	99	98	3	34	38	24	1	99	98	3	32	36	29	1
SWD	93	15	0	0	13	80	7	93	15	0	0	7	87	7	93	15	0	0	13	80	7

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Proficiencies for Subgroups - All - within LEA																					
6th Grade	READING					MATH					SCIENCE										
	Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level								
			Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		
State Current	100	25,026	9	39	36	16	0	100	25,019	5	32	41	22	0							
State Prior	100	24,278	4	36	48	12	0	100	24,276	8	27	55	10	0	100	24,274	2	28	57	12	0
LEA Current	100	177	4	37	38	21	0	100	177	2	31	37	30	0							
LEA Prior	100	156	3	39	49	9	0	100	156	7	33	50	10	0	99	156	2	28	59	10	1
Female	100	99	7	38	38	16	0	100	99	3	32	40	24	0							
Male	100	78	0	35	37	28	0	100	78	1	29	32	37	0							
Caucasian	100	59	8	51	32	8	0	100	59	7	44	31	19	0							
Afr Am		1							1												
Hispanic	100	77	3	39	38	21	0	100	77	0	30	42	29	0							
Asian		1							1												
Am Indian	100	39	0	10	46	44	0	100	39	0	10	38	51	0							
ELL	100	22	0	23	60	27	0	100	22	0	9	50	41	0							
ED	100	112	1	29	47	23	0	100	112	1	24	41	34	0							
SWD	100	35	0	3	34	63	0	100	35	0	3	29	69	0							

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Proficiencies for Subgroups - All - within LEA																					
8th Grade	READING					MATH					SCIENCE										
	Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level								
			Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		
State Current	100	24,055	7	47	29	17	0	100	24,058	4	36	43	16	0							
State Prior	100	23,689	6	54	30	9	0	100	23,693	8	32	53	7	0	99	23,688	1	28	58	13	1
LEA Current	100	155	8	52	31	10	0	99	155	3	37	42	18	1							
LEA Prior	100	145	6	59	31	4	0	100	145	6	32	57	6	0	99	145	1	30	62	8	1
Female	100	73	11	48	32	10	0	100	73	3	32	42	23	0							
Male	100	82	5	55	30	10	0	99	82	2	41	41	13	1							
Caucasian	100	52	17	56	23	4	0	100	52	6	52	29	13	0							
Afr Am		7							7												
Hispanic	100	65	5	54	32	9	0	98	65	2	34	48	15	2							
Asian		2							2												
Am Indian	100	29	0	41	38	21	0	100	29	0	24	48	28	0							
ELL	100	21	14	33	38	14	0	100	21	0	29	62	10	0							
ED	100	100	4	47	37	12	0	100	100	1	26	51	22	0							
SWD	100	19	0	11	68	32	0	100	19	0	16	37	47	0							

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Proficiencies for Subgroups within LEA																					
11th Grade	READING					MATH					SCIENCE										
	Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level			Participating %	Number Tested	% at Each Proficiency Level								
			Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		Advanced	Proficient	Nearing Prof	Beginning Step	Not Valid		
State Current	99	20,737	10	38	38	14	1	99	20,733	6	32	49	12	1	98	20,726	4	35	42	17	2
State Prior	99	20,199	8	46	34	10	1	99	20,190	10	26	37	25	1	98	20,184	1	32	56	9	2
LEA Current	99	145	7	34	43	15	1	99	145	3	26	55	15	1	99	145	1	24	40	33	1
LEA Prior	100	152	11	43	37	9	0	100	152	9	24	38	30	0	97	151	1	26	58	12	3
Female	100	69	10	32	46	12	0	100	69	4	30	51	14	0	98	69	1	26	36	35	1
Male	99	76	4	37	39																

Teacher Quality, Level of Education			
	Number of Teachers	Highest Degree	
		Bachelors %	Advanced Degrees %
STATE	22,031	56	42
LEA	134	52	48
Nob Hill Elementary	14	64	36
Ruidoso High	38	53	47
Ruidoso Middle	34	50	50
Sierra Vista Primary	22	36	64
White Mountain Elementary	29	62	38

Source: LEA's 120th day submission to NMPED
Teacher totals may differ because of district assignments

Quality of Education Survey

Questions:

- Q1. My child is safe at school.
- Q2. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education.
- Q3. My child's school holds high expectations for academic achievement.
- Q4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.
- Q5. The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technologies.
- Q6. School staff maintains consistent discipline, which is conducive to learning.
- Q7. My child has an adequate choice of school-sponsored extracurricular activities.
- Q8. My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.
- Q9. The school staff employs various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs.
- Q10. My child takes responsibility for his or her learning.

Q	Total N	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	Do Not Know %	No Opinion %
1 STATE	90,980	36.5	54.3	3.7	1.3	3.2	1.1
2 STATE	91,126	33.0	52.8	7.6	2.6	3.1	0.9
3 STATE	91,050	36.9	52.2	5.5	1.4	3.1	0.9
4 STATE	91,192	35.9	50.8	7.7	2.0	2.1	1.5
5 STATE	91,185	31.0	50.9	6.0	1.9	9.2	1.1
6 STATE	91,109	31.7	53.0	6.8	2.5	4.7	1.2
7 STATE	91,168	25.3	48.5	12.8	3.7	7.7	2.0
8 STATE	91,172	44.5	46.6	5.2	1.7	1.2	0.9
9 STATE	91,082	32.3	53.3	5.9	1.8	5.4	1.3
10 STATE	91,006	38.5	51.3	6.2	1.4	1.4	1.2
1 LEA	255	35.3	52.9	6.3	2.0	3.5	0.0
2 LEA	255	32.2	53.7	7.5	2.4	4.3	0.0
3 LEA	255	33.3	45.9	12.5	5.1	3.1	0.0
4 LEA	255	32.9	47.1	11.4	5.1	3.5	0.0
5 LEA	255	23.9	54.1	8.2	2.4	11.4	0.0
6 LEA	255	23.9	54.1	11.0	5.1	5.5	0.4
7 LEA	255	24.7	54.5	9.8	3.9	5.5	1.6
8 LEA	255	41.2	43.9	9.4	3.5	1.2	0.8
9 LEA	255	30.6	51.0	8.6	3.9	5.9	0.0
10 LEA	255	40.4	46.7	5.5	3.9	2.7	0.8
1 Nob Hill Elementary	96	53.1	42.7	1.0	0.0	3.1	0.0

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Q	Total N	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	Do Not Know %	No Opinion %
2 Nob Hill Elementary	96	31.3	58.3	6.3	1.0	3.1	0.0
3 Nob Hill Elementary	96	51.0	42.7	1.0	0.0	5.2	0.0
4 Nob Hill Elementary	96	49.0	44.8	4.2	1.0	1.0	0.0
5 Nob Hill Elementary	96	31.3	44.8	1.0	1.0	21.9	0.0
6 Nob Hill Elementary	96	39.6	56.3	1.0	0.0	3.1	0.0
7 Nob Hill Elementary	96	25.0	53.1	10.4	1.0	7.3	3.1
8 Nob Hill Elementary	96	65.6	31.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
9 Nob Hill Elementary	96	50.0	44.8	1.0	0.0	4.2	0.0
10 Nob Hill Elementary	96	42.7	44.8	6.3	2.1	4.2	0.0
1 Ruidoso High	90	23.3	58.9	12.2	2.2	3.3	0.0
2 Ruidoso High	90	14.4	65.6	11.1	2.2	6.7	0.0
3 Ruidoso High	90	20.0	51.1	17.8	11.1	0.0	0.0
4 Ruidoso High	90	17.8	50.0	18.9	8.9	4.4	0.0
5 Ruidoso High	90	16.6	57.8	18.9	4.4	3.3	0.0
6 Ruidoso High	90	11.1	55.6	18.9	10.0	4.4	0.0
7 Ruidoso High	90	23.3	57.8	10.0	4.4	4.4	0.0
8 Ruidoso High	90	21.1	60.0	12.2	4.4	2.2	0.0
9 Ruidoso High	90	14.4	56.7	14.4	6.7	7.8	0.0
10 Ruidoso High	90	40.0	52.2	2.2	3.3	2.2	0.0
1 Ruidoso Middle	55	25.5	67.3	3.6	1.8	1.8	0.0
2 Ruidoso Middle	55	65.5	30.9	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
3 Ruidoso Middle	55	27.3	45.5	20.0	3.6	3.6	0.0
4 Ruidoso Middle	55	27.3	52.7	9.1	5.5	5.5	0.0
5 Ruidoso Middle	55	25.5	60.0	5.5	0.0	9.1	0.0
6 Ruidoso Middle	55	21.8	52.7	16.4	3.6	3.6	1.8
7 Ruidoso Middle	55	30.9	56.4	7.3	3.6	1.8	0.0
8 Ruidoso Middle	55	29.1	43.6	18.2	5.5	0.0	3.6
9 Ruidoso Middle	55	21.8	58.2	9.1	5.5	5.5	0.0
10 Ruidoso Middle	55	38.2	45.5	9.1	5.5	0.0	1.8
1 Sierra Vista Primary	10	30.0	30.0	10.0	10.0	20.0	0.0
2 Sierra Vista Primary	10	30.0	40.0	0.0	10.0	20.0	0.0
3 Sierra Vista Primary	10	10.0	50.0	20.0	10.0	10.0	0.0
4 Sierra Vista Primary	10	40.0	20.0	20.0	10.0	10.0	0.0
5 Sierra Vista Primary	10	30.0	60.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0
6 Sierra Vista Primary	10	10.0	30.0	10.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
7 Sierra Vista Primary	10	10.0	30.0	20.0	20.0	10.0	10.0

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- Q4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.
- Q5. The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technologies.
- Q6. School staff maintains consistent discipline, which is conducive to learning.
- Q7. My child has an adequate choice of school-sponsored extracurricular activities.
- Q8. My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.
- Q9. The school staff employs various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs.
- Q10. My child takes responsibility for his or her learning.

Q	Total N	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	Do Not Know %	No Opinion %
8 Sierra Vista Primary	10	40.0	30.0	20.0	10.0	0.0	0.0
9 Sierra Vista Primary	10	30.0	20.0	30.0	10.0	10.0	0.0
10 Sierra Vista Primary	10	30.0	20.0	10.0	20.0	10.0	10.0
1 White Mountain Elementary	3	33.3	33.3	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0
2 White Mountain Elementary	3	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0
3 White Mountain Elementary	3	66.7	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
4 White Mountain Elementary	3	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5 White Mountain Elementary	3	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6 White Mountain Elementary	3	0.0	66.7	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0
7 White Mountain Elementary	3	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0
8 White Mountain Elementary	3	100	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9 White Mountain Elementary	3	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10 White Mountain Elementary	3	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: NMPED online anonymous parent survey
Blanks = No data available

Statewide Results for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is often called the "Nation's Report Card" because it allows the comparison of student performance across states and for the nation as a whole. NAEP does not replace the Standards Based Assessment (SBA) that students take every year, which measures student performance according to New Mexico curriculum standards. All students in New Mexico are required to take the SBA, while the NAEP selects representative samples of students. The sampling method does not allow for reporting results by district, much like a political poll does not sample and report by neighborhood. For further information, visit the NAEP web site at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>.

NAEP assessments have been given in subjects such as reading, mathematics, science, writing, U.S. history, geography, the arts, and others. Reading and mathematics are assessed every two years at grades 4 and 8. Science is assessed every four years. Assessment year is the most recent available at the time of this report.

4th Grade	Reading (2009)				Math (2009)				Science (2009)			
	Advanced (%)	Proficient (%)	Basic ¹ (%)	Below Basic (%)	Advanced (%)	Proficient (%)	Basic ¹ (%)	Below Basic (%)	Advanced (%)	Proficient (%)	Basic ¹ (%)	Below Basic (%)
Nation	7	24	34	34	6	33	43	19	1	32	71	29
New Mexico	4	16	32	48	3	23	46	28	0	24	63	37
ED	1	11	31	57	1	16	46	36	0	15	55	45
ELL	#	3	13	84	#	5	36	60	#	2	22	78
SWD	1	4	12	83	#	9	41	50	#	13	43	57
Am Indian	1	9	24	66	#	13	43	43	#	8	44	56
Asian	12	27	32	29								
Hispanic	1	12	32	55	1	16	48	34	0	15	55	45
Af Amer	1	13	36	50	2	18	48	33	#	16	56	44
Caucasian	9	26	36	30	7	40	42	12	1	48	86	14

8th Grade	Reading (2009)				Math (2009)				Science (2009)			
	Advanced (%)	Proficient (%)	Basic ¹ (%)	Below Basic (%)	Advanced (%)	Proficient (%)	Basic ¹ (%)	Below Basic (%)	Advanced (%)	Proficient (%)	Basic ¹ (%)	Below Basic (%)
Nation	2	28	43	26	7	25	39	29	1	29	62	38
New Mexico	1	20	44	34	3	17	39	41	1	21	55	45
ED	1	14	43	43	1	10	38	50	0	13	43	57
ELL	#	1	13	87	#	2	18	80	#	1	13	87
SWD	#	4	21	75	#	5	17	77	0	9	23	77
Am Indian	1	11	38	50	1	9	36	54	0	10	36	64
Asian												
Hispanic	#	14	44	42	1	10	39	50	0	14	44	56
Af Amer	1	15	40	44	2	11	42	45				
Caucasian	4	34	46	16	7	32	41	19	2	39	81	19

* Information at <http://nationsreportcard.gov>
Basic¹ is most comparable to Proficient on New Mexico's Standards Based Assessment
Blank = Too few or no students to report; # Rounds to zero

Statewide Participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

	Reading (2009) %	Math (2009) %	Science (2009) %
4th Grade ELL	73	95	94
4th Grade SWD**	64	85	86
8th Grade ELL	82	94	91
8th Grade SWD**	64	78	77

* Information at <http://nationsreportcard.gov>
** NAEP does not accommodate students with severe disabilities; participation is not mandatory

120 LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ruidoso Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting scheduled on January 17, 2012 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider case #PVC11-001 a Vacation of Right of Way Request for the following property:

1135 Main Rd.
Lots 1, 2, 8 & 9, Block 1
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By order of the Planning Commission
Shawn Fort
Building Official

**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 Consejales 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,

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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 boletas 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

SELLO
DA FE:
/s/ Irma Devine, Escribana Municipal

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