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Candidates sign up in county villages

Seven candidates will compete March 5 for two four-year terms on the Capitan Board of Trustees, while two others will vie for a two-year term.

Qualifying Tuesday for the four-year terms were Bernhard E.F. Reimann, Debra Ingle, incumbent Gordon B. Ross, John Whitaker, Michael A. Romero, Alex D. Trujillo and former trustee Alfred Leroy Montes.

L.C. Cazzens, current four-year incumbent, is running for a two-year Capitan trustee term against B. Lamoyne Carpenter, father of Byron Carpenter, who resigned the trustee seat while he was serving a jail sentence for violating a domestic violence order.

In Carrizozo, Eileen Martinez Lovelace is the only incumbent running for re-election to the board of trustees. The other candidates seeking one of the two positions open are Michael D. Cain, Wesley B. Lindsay and Walter Lee Hill.

Incumbent Carrizozo Municipal Judge William C. Meeks, appointed two years ago, is opposed for election by Alfred M. Hendrix.

In Corona, unopposed for re-election to four-year terms are two incumbent village councilors, A.J. Gibbs and Turner Wilson.

Trustee, incumbent vye for job of Downs mayor

Only the mayor's job will have competition in the March 5 Ruidoso Downs election.

A total of five candidates signed up Tuesday as required. Up for grabs are the jobs of mayor, two trustees and a judge. All terms are for four years.

Joe Hayhurst, current mayor of Ruidoso Downs will seek re-election. Charlotte Craig, currently a trustee for the village, will challenge Hayhurst for the mayor's job.

Two people are running for the trustee jobs, incumbent Judy Miller and Jackie Branum, who served as a trustee five years ago.

Judge Harold Mansell is seeking re-election as municipal judge.

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A fourth year

Monroy Montes (with gavel) is the brunt of some good-natured teasing from fellow Lincoln County Commissioners as he begins a fourth term as commission chairman. Montes was elected by acclamation Monday. Commissioner Bill Schwettmann (far left) was named vice chairman for the second year. Next to Montes (from left) are commissioners Stirling Spencer and Wilton Howell. Commissioner L. Ray Nunley was absent at the special meeting, the first of the new year for commissioners.

Lincoln County Commission angered about prison closure

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Lincoln County Commissioners were irritated to learn Tuesday that for the second time in a year, the state will transfer a large chunk of jobs out of the county by closing Camp Sierra Blanca.

The county still is reeling from the shutdown of Fort Stanton last March as a state hospital and the ensuing loss of 200 local jobs locally.

"It amazes me that we as commissioners and our state representative have to hear about a backroom decision from employees of the camp," Commissioner Wilton Howell told State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Ruidoso Downs) Tuesday. "I would have thought you'd be the first to be called after the decision."

Williams, who attended the Tuesday commission meeting to brief commissioners on the January session of the state Legislature,

said he too heard about the possible closing from a Camp Sierra Blanca employee.

The action is a reflection of budget cuts across the state, he said.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley asked Williams if the governor dislikes Lincoln County and its residents.

Commissioner William Schwettmann, elected from the Capitan area, said his constituents have been hit the hardest by both state actions.

"I understand 114 jobs will be moved and lost locally by the closing of the prison," Schwettmann said. Coupled with the 200 jobs at Fort Stanton, which still stands empty, 8% of the county's 3,700-job base has been affected, he said.

Howell added that, like the prison camp, the jobs from the fort weren't cut from the state budget,

they were moved to another site.

"I'd like to see the state of New Mexico do some planning instead of shutting everything down," Howell said. "Maybe they're doing us a favor closing it down and giving us a taste of what's to come. Maybe, we'll have to diversify."

"If they had spent 10% of the time trying to find a solution that they did closing Fort Stanton, we'd have a tenant there by now."

"Half of the good-paying jobs in my district were at Fort Stanton and Camp Sierra Blanca," said Commissioner Stirling Spencer. "I've about had it. People are calling me and asking what to do."

"We've got to be diligent in making the state understand when it cuts back, it has to be open to other feasible opportunities. We have to be sure the property division (of the General Services Department) is not dropping the ball."

Four men sign up to run for Ruidoso Village Council jobs

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Only four Ruidoso men placed bids on three available village council seats Tuesday, calmly closing out candidate declaration day at village hall.

All four told The Ruidoso News last week they planned to run for the four-year terms.

Three are council incumbents: Robert Donaldson, J.D. James, and Frank Cummins.

The fourth candidate, offering the only alternative, is Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commissioner Bob Sterchi.

"It's the fewest (number of candidates) I've seen since I've been a city clerk," said Tammie Maddox.

Municipal elections in Lincoln County will be held March 5, and the three top votegetters for the at-large seats will win.

Candidates reached for comment Tuesday said they look forward to their campaigns.

"I'm excited," said James, the council's mayor pro tem for the past two years. "I'm excited with the way the village is operating and working as smoothly as I've ever seen it."

James, 75, has served on the council since 1987.

"We're working smoothly as a group and I hope it will continue, which I'm sure it will — regardless of who is elected," James said.

Donaldson, 42, said he plans "to

actively campaign."

He's served on the council for two years after filling a vacancy seat. Donaldson also serves as the chairman of the council's ad hoc annexation committee and is a former P&Z chairman.

Cummins and Sterchi could not be reached for comment following the declaration deadline.

Cummins, 63, has served the council since 1992, and also serves as the chairman of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority and is a member of the annexation committee.

Sterchi, 57, who's answering machine also declares his candidacy, has served on P&Z for the past two years.

Mescalero Apache families may not receive welfare checks

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Families in Mescalero receiving financial assistance from the federal government don't care who wins the budget battle.

They're worried about how they will survive if the welfare checks stop coming, says Don Whitener, acting district director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Albuquerque.

"Our big concern now is social services," he said Friday. "That division is out of money for welfare checks. If this continues, no general assistance checks will be mailed this week and I think that's awfully severe."

On Monday, Whitener said even with the passage of a resolution by Congress continuing financial support of the federal government until Jan. 26, the future is uncertain for some BIA programs.

"The weather shut down Washington D.C. Monday so we weren't able to find out exactly what the resolution says and how it will affect our programs," he said from his

home in Albuquerque. "We hope to get clarification Tuesday."

Some tribes experienced problems with delivery of assistance checks Friday, but he didn't hear from the Mescalero, Whitener said.

Previously, some tribes indicated they might step in and cover the checks for the current assistance period, Whitener said.

Tom Gallagher, financial manager for the Mescalero Apache Tribe, said he had not heard about any plan locally for the tribe to cover the cost of the assistance checks.

Whitener did not have access to records showing the number of Mescalero tribal members that would be affected if assistance checks failed to arrive. Bill Leads, acting superintendent of the BIA at Mescalero, could not be reached for comment.

During the three-week furlough, BIA law enforcement personnel worked with no pay on the reservation next to Ruidoso, Whitener said. "I guess the other concern we're

having is maintaining the jails on reservations," he said. By last Friday, the jail operators were running out of money for food, he said.

The road construction program, which receives its money from the U.S. Department of Transportation, was not affected, Whitener said.

"I'm not sure how many BIA people we normally have in Mescalero, but in this area office where 150 would be working, there were four (during the furlough)," he said. "They (had) only four or five down in Mescalero where the usual might be from 50 to 100 employees."

Mescalero workers who were either working or on-call during the furlough included the superintendent, a social service employee, the fire department and law enforcement, all geared for responding to emergencies, he said.

A spokesman for the Indian Health Service Hospital said employees were not affected at that facility, and they were told by the main office in Albuquerque to operate as usual.

Rapist gets maximum sentence for Ruidoso phone harassment

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A security guard and convicted rapist was sent back to jail yesterday after pleading guilty to telephone harassment.

Darwin Kinzhuma, 30, was sentenced to the maximum one year in jail and \$1,000 fine with no ability to earn good time for the misdemeanor crime. Ruidoso Magistrate Court Judge William Butts chose the sentence after hearing Kinzhuma confessed to the crime, and after hearing five Dec. 27 taped recordings of Kinzhuma's calls.

The unlawful calls were made to a 35-year-old Ruidoso woman whom Kinzhuma said he randomly selected from the phone book.

Kinzhuma was heard breathing heavily on tape and threatening to rape the woman.

Bound by handcuffs, Kinzhuma told Judge Butts he meant no harm to the victim when making the calls. He said he realized he was in need of professional counseling.

"Your honor, I don't mean to

hurt anyone, disrespect anyone," Kinzhuma said. "This is my way of getting back at my wife — I do understand what I've done."

Butts "wholeheartedly" agreed Kinzhuma was in need of counseling, but said he would get it while locked in the Lincoln County Jail. Butts said Kinzhuma will not be granted any good jail time, but that he'd reconsider the sentence if recommended by counselors.

"Do you have any idea what you did to this lady? Any idea how this terrified her?" Butts asked Kinzhuma. "I want you to get professional help because eventually you'll be released and back in society, and I want society to be safe."

Kinzhuma appeared in court Tuesday after showing up when he heard a warrant was being issued against him. Appearing without an attorney, he waived his right to a trial.

Ruidoso Police Detective Wolfgang Born gained a confession from Kinzhuma Tuesday before the

hearing.

Born said the victim reported the first calls Dec. 20 and was told to record them if they continued. Last week Born tracked the Dec. 27 calls to the Mescalero Bingo Hall and learned Kinzhuma, one of two security guards at the hall, had spent six years in a federal penitentiary on a rape conviction. The man immediately became the primary suspect, Born said.

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Snow, locals help Ruidoso business

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer
Local residents who shop in Ruidoso are helping some merchants, while big holiday snowfalls are helping others.
"I don't feel that skiers support our store much," Mitchell's Silver Turquoise and Gifts owner Nancy Radziewicz said. "Snow or no snow, we rely heavily on locals."

Radziewicz tracks the amount of local residents shopping in her Midtown store.

"From last year to this, there was an enjoyable increase," she said. "We had a tremendous amount of local business this year, far more than we've ever had."

Radziewicz takes a philosophical view of business ups and downs.

"Ruidoso businesspeople need to remember that we eat steak in the summer and beans in the winter," she said.

Karen Anderson, who with husband Ron owns Wild Wild West T-Shirt and Gift Shop, Wild West Ski Shop and Ski Ruidoso Ski Shop, sees both sides of the economic picture.

"I couldn't believe how many more Mexican Nationals were in town last weekend," Anderson said. "I thought with the peso devaluation we would see less because we hardly saw any last year, but that was what most of our ski shop business was last weekend."

Wild Wild West stocks t-shirts with Ruidoso slogans and gift items, but no ski equipment or clothing, Anderson explained.

"This was our first year to participate in the Christmas Jubilee and after that we saw a lot more local traffic," she said. "We had a lot of locals doing their Christmas shopping here, which is great."

Anderson feels more residents are trying to invest in the local economy.

"I think a lot of people were trying to buy here this year to help everybody out," she said. "And it did help, especially with the ski area opening so late."

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce officials said many lodging establishments were booked up last weekend.

"It was a crowded January



Don Hixon/The Ruidoso News

Ruidoso cash registers helped ring in the new year, thanks to locals' spending and the recent influx of visitors to ski powder.

weekend," chamber worker Lisa Muhn said. "Much busier than it usually is."

A New Year's holiday snowfall of 45 inches at Ski Apache brought in plenty of skiers. This ski area received three times as much powder as northern New Mexico ski areas. Another, smaller snowstorm hit here Christmas weekend.

The influence of visitors from other parts of the country, in addition to the numerous Mexican Nationals, is being felt in the Ruidoso economy, Muhn reported.

"We are being bombarded with people from Tucson because

Sunrise doesn't have snow," she said. "We are also getting calls from some not-so-typical places up in the northern part of the state, because they want to ski and our conditions are good."

Although people were able to find lodging, it was much busier than normal, she said.

"We weren't scrounging for places, but there were places that would typically not have been booked up in an early January weekend," Muhn said.

Ski Apache is still reporting good skiing conditions with most trails open, so merchants and lodgers expect another great weekend in Ruidoso.

Ruidoso will study Carrizo annexation

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Although a majority of Carrizo Canyon landowners responded negatively to a village annexation proposal, Ruidoso planning officials are pursuing a feasibility study anyway.

The Ruidoso Village Council authorized the cost and benefit study Tuesday night after it was recommended by the ad hoc annexation committee.

About 62 Carrizo Canyon acres are being considered for the annexation. The unincorporated land is contiguous to Ruidoso, sitting between Ruidoso's Apache Village and the Mescalero Inn land tract (which is also part of Ruidoso.)

"For all intents and purposes, it already is a part of Ruidoso," said committee chairman Robert Donaldson at the committee's Tuesday morning meeting. "They're just not paying (Ruidoso property) tax money." Donaldson is also a village councilor.

He said the approximately 50 property owners currently benefit from some Ruidoso services, especially through mutual emergency aid responses.

"I think we should go for it," said Councilor Leon Eggeleston about the annexation, at Tuesday's council meeting.

Some of the property owners are already hooked to the village's sewer system, Planning Director

Cleatus Richards said. Those that don't currently receive village utilities such as water and sewer would be required to have access to those utilities after annexation.

Mescalero Inn and surrounding property, which the Mescalero Apache Tribe is seeking to annex into its reservation trust, is already hooked to village water and sewer lines.

In September, the ad hoc committee directed staff to send letters of annexation intent to the Carrizo property owners. Results were discussed Dec. 12.

Richards said 68% of the owners notified, representing about 40 acres of land, didn't respond to the letters. About 28%, representing about 17.5 acres, said no to the inquiries, and only 8%, owning about five acres of the land, said yes.

If the cost study shows it would be beneficial to add the land to Ruidoso, the annexation may be pursued, Donaldson said.

At that point, continued opposition could result in a forced annexation. A state boundary commission would have to be formed, and the village would have to demonstrate the overall merits of annexation for both the residents and the village.

"Carrizo Canyon Road is developing into a major thoroughfare into Ruidoso," Donaldson said. Without enforcement of zoning along the roadway, "It's a disaster waiting to happen in terms of development," he said.

County commissioners crack down on Lincoln historic preservation violators

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Cracking down on historic preservation violations, Lincoln County Commissioners Tuesday agreed to file criminal complaints against violators in the historic settlement of Lincoln.

Jack Rigney of the State Monuments Division said several enforcement actions appear to be stalled.

County code enforcement officer Patsy Sanchez in August gave information for a complaint to the sheriff's office to be served on a few residents, including Elizabeth Ficke for a teepee and an unauthorized sign in front of the Stage Coach Cafe in Lincoln.

Allowing the teepees and sign to remain "sends a message that anything goes," Rigney said. "But we're not a schlock operation. We're a class operation."

Most Lincoln residents, who live within the 10-mile historic preservation district, don't want to see commercialism take over the settlement, he said. The preservation board is set up to ensure that architectural and historical integrity based on the decades leading up to the

turn of the century are maintained, he said.

The proper process was followed by first taking the situation to the preservation board, added Rigney, a former board member.

"An ordinance is a law and the sheriff is the chief enforcement officer," said County Attorney Alan Morel. "Two citations were voided by the sheriff's office I found out Monday (because the sheriff didn't sign them). I'm working with Undersheriff Bobby Miller and I will prosecute the violators in court, if necessary."

The existing preservation ordinance passed in 1988 doesn't spell out how violators are to be prosecuted, although a new draft to be adopted within the next few months covers those steps, Morel said.

Basically, if a person fails to correct a violation and to comply with the ordinance, a criminal complaint is filed and dealt with in magistrate court, he said. Conviction on the misdemeanor charge carries a \$1,000 fine and/or 364 days in jail.

Preservation Board Secretary David Vigil placed the blame for the breakdown on the sheriff's office.

Colleen Salazar, director of the Lincoln Heritage Trust and a resident of Lincoln, thanked commissioners for passing the ordinance and helping to preserve the community's historic integrity.

History researchers and school groups often visit the trust museum, and the community is routinely featured in magazines and films, she said.

Without enforcement, "people are laughing at us, at the ordinance and at you guys," she told commissioners.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said he would like to see a question on the ballot this year asking residents of Lincoln if they would favor incorporating as a town. That would give the preservation board more legal standing and open the town up for state assistance, he said.

Board President Glen Dennis said with an estimated 100 residents in Lincoln and 200 in the entire historic district, the population may be too small to qualify for incorporation.

"It's been discussed and no one is particularly interested," he said.

Upscale lots may be worthless to county

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Lincoln County owns 33 lots in the upscale Alto Village subdivision 10 miles north of Ruidoso, but the lots may not be worth any money.

County Attorney Alan Morel told commissioners Monday that 23 of the lots do not have clear title and the other 10 may be stripped of privileges at the community's golf and country club.

Morel is scheduled to meet Jan. 22 with the Alto Property Owners

Association board, to see if that group will work with the county to dispose of the surplus lots.

The county received 22 lots from a bank that foreclosed on a subdivision development company.

"They kept the good ones and gave the county the leftovers, because they didn't want to pay the taxes or assessments," Morel said. "They didn't give warranty deeds, so a normal sale would require a title search."

The total cost to prepare the lots

for sale could exceed the value of the land, he said.

Another 10 Alto lots were acquired by the county through foreclosure, which eliminated assessments levied by the Alto association, so it has threatened to remove the privileges usually attached to such lots, Morel said.

Another lot was deeded to the county by a widow, but a cloud still exists on the title.

A 113-acre tract on Sierra Blanca Airport Road, the site of a

former county landfill, seems suitable for a new community cemetery. Ruidoso is asking the county for help finding a new cemetery site. The county probably will retain a long-term liability for operating a landfill there, so a regular sale might not be possible. Most of the acreage was not actively used as a dump site and could be used for burial, he said.

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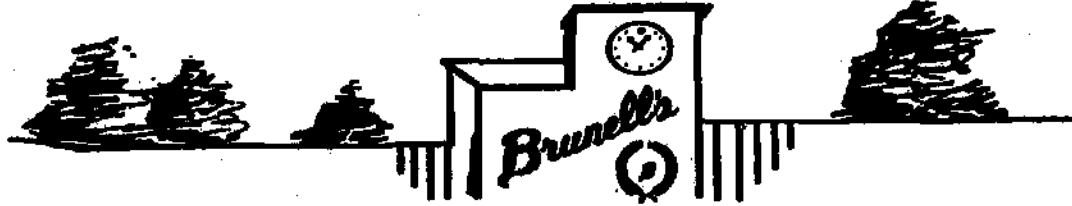
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OPINION

Editorial

We're confused, folks

Are all of you as confused as we are?

We're just now finding out that the Camp Sierra Blanca minimum security prison would have been combined with a proposed prison at Fort Stanton, but some local opposition to the prison at the fort made the state drop the fort proposal (and therefore, unbeknownst to us, the combined prison proposal). While the combination makes sense and almost seems like an obvious plan since the two sites are next to each other, state officials never said a word about it to the local county commission that was heavily involved in the fort issues.

Now we're just finding out that the cancellation of the above plan resulted in the eventual loss of Camp Sierra Blanca. We're just now hearing that the camp is the most expensive prison in the state. I guess we assumed it was a stable facility; we're not prison experts on our own.

Meanwhile, the state is trying a second time to solicit bids for a private lessee at the fort. Bids are due Jan. 22. The bid documents don't mention that the state has a bunch more buildings and 57 acres next door that will also be sitting empty.

Is it our imagination or is this all bass-ackwards?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

You left Community Concerts out

TO THE EDITOR:

Your 1995 review of Arts and Entertainment omitted The Ruidoso Community Concert Association.

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Michelle Grossman, and The Dutton Family.

Robert K. Rowe
Alto

Why were lands put in reserves?

TO THE EDITOR:

It's our land and our money. The Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt, and the Secretary of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, George Frampton, invited at taxpayer expense, representatives of the United Nations to survey Yellowstone Park for consideration as a World Heritage site, which would include a buffer zone around the

park of 18 million acres.

This area would extend an average of 60 miles and as much as 150 miles outside the current Yellowstone Park boundaries.

Ranching, recreational use, timber, oil and gas, and mining will be affected.

On Dec. 5, 1995 in Berlin, Germany, the United Nations officially designated Yellowstone National Park a "World Heritage Site in Danger." This was done with the help of the executive branch of our federal government under the Executive Orders and War and Emergency Powers.

The American people must ask their Congress to abolish the Executive Orders and War and Emer-

gency Powers and do it now.

I have a map of the United Nations Biosphere Reserves in the United States of America. I wish our president and our vice president would explain to the American people why these lands were put into United Nations Biosphere Reserves. The Constitution of the United States says that the federal government has regulatory authority only over the public lands.

Yes, there is a U.N. Biosphere Reserve in southern New Mexico.

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Happy Birthday Dear New Mexico

In my last message to you I forgot to say a few words about New Mexico's 84th birthday. The Land of Enchantment was admitted to the United States on Jan. 6, 1912.

The sixth of January is Epiphany or Twelfth Night on the Church Calendar. Therefore, New Mexico got off to a good beginning.

The first governor of the state was William McDonald, pioneer rancher of Garrettsville and great-grandfather of Lincoln County Commissioner Sterling Spencer.

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Many customs of today, especially in connection with Christmastime, reach back into Spanish colonial times.

Reaching still further back into the past are the celebrations of the Native Americans, of

whom New Mexico has a generous share.

Notable among these celebrations is the annual coming-of-age ceremony honoring the maidens of the Mescalero Apache Tribe. This celebration has sacred rituals and ceremonial songs and chants handed down since time out of mind. It takes place every year for four days including the 4th of July, on the ceremonial grounds across the canyon from the landmark Saint Joseph's cathedral in Mescalero.

Modern trends

In contrast to the early Spanish and Indian elements of the varied tapestry of New Mexico, we have modern institutions such as Los Alamos Laboratory and Holloman Air Force Base — and remember our state was in the forefront of the arrival of the Atomic Age.

In the next issue, we'll talk more about New Mexico's wonders.

Chamber seeks temporary home while remodeling

by DON HIXON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is being forced to look for a new home — but for good reason.

In order to renovate the existing 46-year-old chamber building at 720 Sudderth Drive, the chamber staff must relocate for about a year, chamber officials said.

"We hope construction will only take a year, because we sure don't want to be working out of boxes for very long," chamber director Joan Bailey said.

The expansion will increase the building's size from about 1,800 square feet of space to about 3,000 square feet, Bailey said.

"We are also having extensive decking put on the back exterior," she said. "We want to bring our environment into the building so you're going to see lots of glass and decking, making it inviting for people to sit down, enjoy a cup of coffee and read a brochure."

The new natural wood decking will wrap around the rear of the chamber building, extending over the Rio Ruidoso, Bailey said.

The area set aside for visitors will double.

"We want to feature art from various local artists in the visitors center," she said. "And we want to have a corner showing the history of Ruidoso."

Other improvements to the chamber will include handicapped accessible restroom facilities at all entrances, and separate offices for Bailey, her executive administration assistant, convention sales and marketing, special events and accounting and bookkeeping.

"We will also have a community board room with small kitchen facilities and a fireplace," Bailey said.

The building will get a new dark teal metal roof and terra cotta adobe-style plaster, she said.

Approximately \$100,000 in funding for the chamber's new look will come from continuing fundraising efforts and contributions of cash and donations of goods and services, Bailey said.

"Our fundraising efforts have already resulted in some substantial pledges of money and donations of materials and services," she said. "We will continue to pursue our fundraising efforts because it's important that the community have a



Pictured is a model showing proposed changes to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce building. Plans include 1,200 additional square feet and a deck overlooking the Rio Ruidoso.

sense of ownership for the chamber."

Chamber officials would love part of the in-kind contributions to include free use of a temporary home for a year.

"We hope to start construction in March and complete everything by the end of the year, so right now we are hoping some kind-hearted business person will offer us a temporary home," Bailey said.

Contingent on the new construction, a 30-year chamber building lease was approved at Tuesday's village council meeting. The village owns the building and lets the chamber use it for \$1/year.

For almost 15 years, Bailey has struggled to get the lease renewed.

"When I became director I was going through files and discovered that the lease had expired about 12 years earlier," Bailey said. "I've been through three village attorneys trying to get it renewed."

Part of the problem was that

state regulations dealing with the way municipalities could handle lease negotiations had changed.

"Things used to be done with a handshake and a signature but that changed," she said. "The land had to be appraised and other state regulations met."

Meetings with village manager Gary Jackson and village attorney John Underwood finally paid off.

"Finally we got it all together and came up with the lease," she said. "The new lease starts as soon as all the construction is done and we are able to move back in."

The new lease has two terms the chamber must meet in order to keep its \$1 a year lease for 30 years: acquiring a building permit for the \$100,000 of improvements within the first year, and starting construction by the second year. If terms aren't met, the lease requires payments of \$300 a month.

Alcoholics need treatment program, official tells county

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Lincoln County's alcoholics need more attention and a grant could pay for construction of a building and treatment program, a local chiropractor said Monday.

Dr. Maureen Coleman received a resolution of support from county commissioners Monday to apply for a \$750,000 state grant.

The county's new DWI monitoring program also received commissioner approval to apply for a grant to operate next year. Its coordinator, Charlie White, said the program has been highly successful.

Persons convicted of driving while intoxicated in Lincoln County now must seek treatment out-of-county, if treatment is ordered by the court, White said.

Recent studies have shown that alcoholism is one of the top health problems facing the county, followed a couple of notches down by drug abuse, said Coleman, who serves on the state Drug Court Task Force Subcommittee. Yet, the county is highly deficient in treatment options, she said.

She would like to see an 18-month treatment program offered in the county, modeled after one already in operation in Dona Ana County, she said.

The cost of treatment is about \$2,000 per person, a small amount compared to the \$6,300 it costs the county to care for a DWI offender in jail for 90 days, Coleman said.

Additional money will become available from the federal level once the program is up and running, she said. The \$750,000 grant would cover salaries, operation and construction.

An in-kind match will come from client payments and contributions from the court, Coleman added, although she admitted she is "tight on matching money" and she is seeking other sources.

The grant application had to be submitted Monday so Coleman said

she would fax the documents.

The state is interested in developing programs where treatment is an arm of the court, Coleman said.

Approximately \$3.3 million to \$3.9 million is available for grants this year, White said.

Last year, White secured a \$70,000 grant, but after salaries for a DWI probation supervisor and for his position as director, only \$6,000 was left for operation. This time, he's applying for \$112,341, with about \$63,000 in salaries.

The grant application will include two breath analyzing machines to test the alcohol level in blood. One will go to the Ruidoso Police Department and one to the sheriff's office as replacements for their older machines.

White has rounded up enough for the 10% matching money or in-kind services to ensure the program will not cost the county any money, he said.

Started last year, the program monitors DWI offenders, ensuring they pay their fines, stay employed and receive treatment, if ordered by the courts.

The program has produced positive results, he said.

Since being implemented, the amount of money collected by courts from DWI offenders in the county has increased by 75%, he said. Noncompliance with court orders by those offenders has decreased from 90% to 2.6%, he said.

"But I'd still like to work on what those offenders cost the county," White said. "We're ranked third in the state for the cost of DWI. Only McKinley and San Miguel counties are ahead of us. The figures are two years behind, so we may have made an impact already."

Screening of offenders for treatment has helped reduce the number of repeat offenders, he said. His supervised program has become a model for the state, he said.

Ruidoso government, contractor seek to salvage Country Club Village project

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Left standing without a roof since 1994, an incomplete wooden townhouse across from Ruidoso's Cree Meadows Country Club is warped and rotting.

Weather got the best of the building while the subdivision developer sought financing, village planning officials say.

But Glenn Neans, president of Country Club Village Inc., never

came up with the necessary money. At the close of 1995, he defaulted on an agreement with the village to build 77 townhouses and 15 condominiums.

It still may be completed, however. Village councilors approved a six-month extension of the project's \$487,068 bond Tuesday night, enabling bond holder and building contractor Carl Kelley to complete the required infrastructure utility work.

"We're trying to find a way to salvage it," said Kelley, owner of Drew Engineering Company. "I still believe it's a good project — well thought out with a lot of good ideas in it. And it will make someone a lot of money."

Kelley said he was willing to put up the bulk of bonding funds in June 1994 because he found it to be such a strong project. Fifteen of the units were pre-sold before any work began, he said.

Project foreclosure

Neans, an Austin, Texas businessman, indicated he'd have permanent financing but appeared to have trouble at the outset of the project, Kelley said. However, Neans did make collateral payments of \$100,000 for the bond and another \$100,000 for the property — enough to lead Kelley to believe

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I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Lincolntown was beautiful with all the luminaries. There were several hundred more than the usual 1,500 this year, so all the rock walls, driveways, plus the street were lit up. The candles were the longer-lasting ones so were still burning around 5 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Christmas Eve day began with church services at 8:30 a.m., bagging the sacks for the luminaries at 10 a.m., lighting them in the late afternoon. Then it was time for all the youngsters to gather at the Dunlaps for Santa and Mrs. Claus. The little ones were excited and anxiously awaited Santa's arrival. When he arrived some went right up to tell him what they wanted for Christmas, and others were very shy.

Following the evening services, fellowship and refreshments were held at the Dunlaps. A special thanks go to Rex and Bonnie Arrowsmith for all their help. Also to Janice Herd and Annalise Hausler for their help in cleaning up in the morning.

All the households were either full of company or went to relatives' homes elsewhere. The Borowskis went to Tucson, the Arrowsmiths and Ashworths had family. The David Vigils were having around 20 family members present, the Dennis' home was the

Lincoln Trails

By
ROSALIE DUNLAP
THE RUIDOSO NEWS

scene of a houseful of family. Betty Schreengost had nearly all her family home. Mr. and Mrs. Peg Pfingsten had dinner with the Wes Smith family.

Wasn't the snowstorm gorgeous? It has been a long time since the snow has stayed on the ground for any length of time. We must have received close to a foot of snow overall. With no wind it was so beautiful.

Lincoln held a town meeting recently to talk about organizing a neighborhood watch. Lincoln has been hit with various acts of vandalism, break ins, trespassing and thefts. It is sad to know that we have such problems in Lincoln. Among those talking to the group were Mike Ramirez, State Police, Ruidoso; Bill Bower, Asst. District State Police, Alamogordo; and Sgt. Robert Holquin, State Police, Ruidoso.

John McGrath chaired the meeting, explaining what had been happening, and what we could do as a community to prevent crime. The community feels hamstrung. The State Police informed the group that they could call on them at all times, that they weren't just here for traffic control, but they couldn't do anything unless the community called them about problems. Everyone must become involved — notice strange people, cars, look for details, such as the make of the vehicle, what the person was wearing, any unusual actions and appearance. The State Police were saddened to finally learn that Lincoln was having problems, as it was a star in their cap that they didn't have any problems.

Following the presentations of the police, the audience asked numerous questions. In answer to some of the questions, they were informed that there were legal ways to take care of juveniles or adults, and put identification of some sort on your property (or take pictures). The main emphasis is to be aware of your surroundings and those in it.

Another meeting will be held after the new year.

Hopefully I will be able to talk next week and have more news.
Wishing everyone the best for the new year.

Dec. 5, 1995
Nicholas Truth Williams, son of Steven & Sarah Williams, 7 lbs., 2.4 oz., 26".

Dec. 6, 1995
Shelby Morgan Oberdorf, child of Kurt & Shannon Oberdorf, 6 lbs., 4.2 oz. 19 1/4".

Dec. 10, 1995
Tyler William Kostka, son of Stefanie Wilson, 7 lbs. 6.8 oz., 19 1/2".

Dec. 18, 1995
Johnathan Cort Smith, son of Hayden & Cheryl Smith, 6 lbs., 2.4 oz., 20 1/4".

Dec. 21, 1995
Mason Demi Houston, child of Sam & Gwen Houston, 8 lbs., 4.2 oz., 21 1/2".

Joseph Layne Southard, son of Chet & Lee Ann Southard, 6 lbs., 10.8 oz., 20".

Dec. 22, 1995
Paul Gerald Bramblett Jr., son of Paul & Renee Bramblett, 6 lbs., 15.8 oz., 20.5".

Dec. 24, 1995
Christopher Joe Ray Chavez, son of Priscilla Guerra, 6 lbs. 15 oz., 20 1/2".

Dec. 28, 1995
Courtney Renee Swanner, daughter of David & Tammie Swanner, 8 lbs., 0 oz., 20".

Alana Mae Varley, daughter of Jeri Lynn Daneen, 6 lbs., 15.8 oz., 19 1/2".

Dec. 30, 1995
Franklin Charles Lewis Torres, son of Lela Coonie, 9 lbs., 6 oz., 21".

Dec. 31, 1995
David Hunter Calderon, son of Jackie Browneller, 9 lbs., 3.4 oz., 20 1/2".

OBITUARIES

John Hightower

A funeral service for John Allen Hightower, 72, of Ancho will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Ancho. Officiating will be the Rev. William Scholes, Rev. Don Daniels and Lay person Marjorie Daniels. Burial will follow at Cedarvale Cemetery in White Oaks.

Mr. Hightower passed away at his home on Friday, Jan. 5. He was born Jan. 1, 1924 to Ethel and Bryan Hightower at Ancho and had lived in the area all his life.

He served in the Air Force during World War II. He was a member of Community Presbyterian Church, where he was an Elder and Clerk of Session. He was a member of the Sierra Blanca Presbytery and was a voting delegate. He was a former Commissioner for Lincoln County, Carrizozo School Board member, and Carrizozo Soil and Conservation Board member. He was on the New Horizons Developmental Board and on the board of trustees at Lincoln County Medical Center, and was a member of the Democratic Party. He was a rancher.

He married Vernelle Stoneman on Dec. 3, 1944 at Carlsbad.

He is survived by his wife,

Vernelle of Ancho; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary Allen Hightower and his wife Beth, and Bill Allen Hightower and his wife Susan, all of Ancho; seven grandchildren, Lisa Pillar of Madison, Wisc., and Cheryl Hightower, Katie Hightower, Bryan Hightower, Mollie Hightower, Patrick Hightower and Erin Hightower, all of Ancho.

The family has requested memorials to Home Health of Lincoln County, 119 El Paso Road, Ruidoso, N.M. 88345, or to your favorite charity.

Eunice Farless

Eunice Jones Farless, 88, of El Paso, Texas died Monday, Jan. 2 in Sierra Medical Center in El Paso.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the Trinity Southern Baptist Church of Capitan, with Rev. Herff Epperson and Rev. Floyd Goodloe officiating. Interment followed at the Angus Cemetery.

Mrs. Farless was born Jan. 26, 1907, in Coryell County, Texas. She moved with her family in a covered wagon to New Mexico in 1915, where they settled in Lincoln County near Angus. She spent much of her life in Lincoln County, living in Carrizozo many years.

Eunice attended elementary

school at Angus, graduated from Capitan High School, and prepared for a teaching career at New Mexico Normal University in Las Vegas. She taught school at Angus, Ancho, and San Patricio. Eunice later worked for Mountain Bell Telephone Company until her retirement in 1969 with 20 years service. After retirement she bought a home and moved to El Paso to be near her daughter. In El Paso she became a member of the McCombs Baptist Church. Eunice had become a Christian as a young teenage girl. She was involved in Nogal Mesa Ranchmen Camp Meeting and loved to attend each summer.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Thomas, and her husband A.G. of El Paso; two granddaughters, Tammy Ashby of the Armed Forces and her husband Bill, and Debbie Garrison and husband Ronnie of El Paso; one great-granddaughter, Crystal Garrison; five sisters, Inice Hust of Carrizozo, Mildred Riegel of Tucuman, Opal Peters and Lucille Smith of Capitan, and Mary Bell Spruell of Amarillo, Texas; two brothers, Marvin Jones and Paul Jones of Capitan; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Farless was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and

Mattie Jones; two brothers, Virgil Jones and Manuel Jones; her husband and father of her daughter, Louis Mixon; her second husband, Jim Cooper; and her last husband, Bill Farless.

Stephen Day

Stephen Ray Day, 45, died Tuesday, Jan. 2 in Truth or Consequences. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held on Friday, Jan. 5 in the chapel of Clark-Graham Funeral Home in T or C.

Mr. Day was a carpenter. He was born Oct. 17, 1950 in Snyder, Texas, and he graduated from Ruidoso High School.

Mr. Day is survived by his parents, J.C. and Betty Day of Ruidoso Downs; one son, Colby Day of Kalispell, Mont.; one daughter, Kari Day of Temecula, Calif.; one brother, J.C. Day III of Ruidoso; two sisters, Mickey Reynolds of Ruidoso and Alisa Kenyon of Grove, Okla.; and two grandsons, Stormy and Dawson Day of Kalispell, Mont. Also surviving are Judy Hertzler and Kelly Lape.

Violet Hart

Violet May Hart, 92, of Roswell, formerly of Ruidoso, died Friday,

Jan. 5, at a local nursing home.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Memorial Park. The Rev. Wayne Joyce of the Ruidoso Baptist Church officiated.

Violet was born July 31, 1903, at Providence, R.I., to Walter and Beanie Roe Griffith. She married William A. Hart in October, 1946 at Ruidoso. He survives her in Roswell.

Other survivors include a son, Jan McElhaney of Hereford, Texas; two step-daughters, Nancy Hart Zufelt of Phoenix, Ariz., and Marijo Hart Bross of Roswell; plus several grandchildren.

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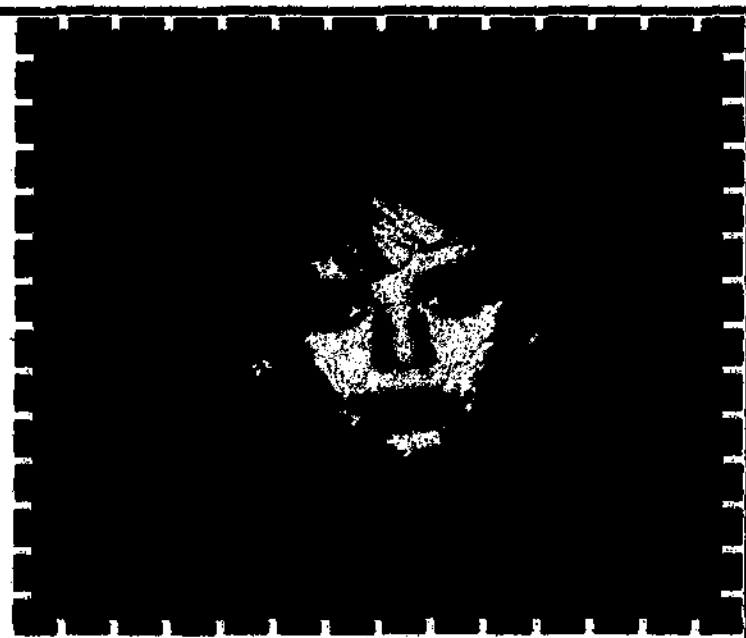
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SPORTS SHORTS

Texan hits hole in one at Links of Sierra Blanca

Allen Wilson of Plano, Texas stroked a hole in one at the Links of Sierra Blanca Thursday, Jan. 4. Wilson used the 217-yard No. 6 hole using a 3-iron.

State select soccer team tryouts Jan. 21

The New Mexico State Soccer Association is holding its second men's and women's state select team tryout Sunday, Jan. 21, at Gallegos Park in Canutillo, Texas. For more information call 296-6118 or 915-296-1943.

Ski Apache participating in discount ski cards

For \$40, skiers can enjoy a day of skiing at seven different New Mexican ski areas, including Ski Apache. Purchase of the discount ski card benefits the American Lung Association. Other ski areas participating are: Taos, Angel Fire, Red River, Sipapu, Ski Rio and Snow Canyon.

SKI REPORT

Ski Apache is open with lifts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and the gondola operating. The lower mountain and most upper mountain trails are open, except the Trench.

Ski officials are reporting a snow depth of 36 inches midway on the mountain. Surface conditions are packed and machine groomed.

To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

REPLAY

This week in Lincoln County sports history, compiled from *The Ruidoso News*.

10 years ago - Tularosa ousts Capitan, 66-50, in boys basketball action. Troy Keller leads the Tigers with 12 points. Ronnie Sanchez adds eight points and Chris Peralta and Mike Luna score seven points. The next stop for Capitan is the Smokey Bear Tournament, Jan. 8.

20 years ago - New Mexico Military Institute's Colts down Ruidoso, 62-58, despite 25 points by Ruidoso's Kirk Eubank. Jorge Plata adds 13 points for the Warriors. Ruidoso plays next in the Lincoln County Tournament to be held in Capitan Jan. 8-10.

30 years ago - Corona boys improve to 9-3 after a win over Magdalena, 57-51. Albuquerque Academy beats the Cardinals, 75-42.

40 years ago - In boys basketball, Tularosa beats Ruidoso for third-place of the Gadsden Invitational Tournament held at Anthony. The Wildcats' Mack Salcedo scores 20, while Ruidoso's Ronnie Perry has 18 points.

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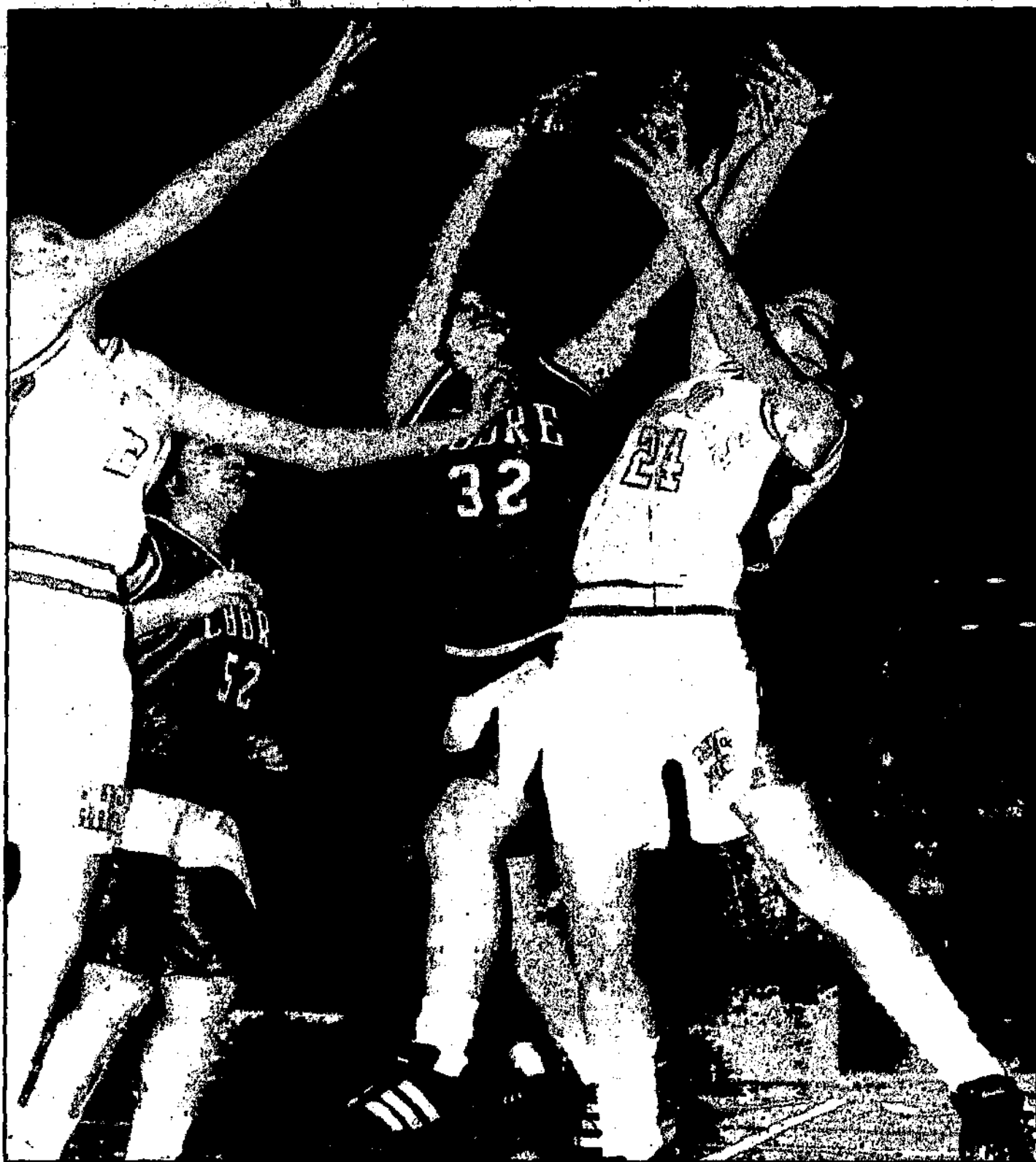
Friday's Smokey Bear Results
Girls basketball
Hatch Valley 65, Dexter 26
Hope 52, Capitan 14
Eunice 80, Carrizozo 33
Tatum 67, Mountainair 17

Boys basketball

Academia Juarez 61, Hatch 45
Eunice 63, Capitan 59
Tatum 57, Alamo Sophs 43
Mountainair 78, Carrizozo 68

CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 11
Prep Girls Basketball
6 p.m. Carrizozo at Capitan
7:30 p.m. Silver City at Ruidoso
Prep Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m. Carrizozo at Capitan
Friday, Jan. 12
Prep Boys Basketball
1:30 p.m. Ruidoso Invitational
Ruidoso vs. Desert Christian
3:30 p.m. Lovington vs. Chihuahua, Mexico
Wrestling
TBA Ruidoso at El Paso
Bowie Tournament
Saturday, Jan. 13
Wrestling
TBA Ruidoso at El Paso
Bowie Tournament
Prep Girls Basketball
5 p.m. Carrizozo at Corona
6 p.m. Tatum at Capitan
7:30 p.m. Silver City at Ruidoso
(in the middle school gymnasium)



Ruidoso's Denise Rodella battles a Cobre opponent for control of a rebound. The Warriors rallied but couldn't quite overcome the Indians in the first District 3AAA contest of the season Saturday, Jan. 6. Ruidoso played Artesia Tuesday, and gets back into district frays Saturday when it hosts Silver City.

RHS comeback effort just short

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Unfortunately for the Ruidoso girls basketball team, a strong effort doesn't always win basketball games. The Warriors rallied from a double-digit deficit Saturday, but fell short to Cobre, 63-59, in the first District 3AAA game of the 1995-96 season.

The loss leaves Ruidoso 0-10 overall and 0-1 in district play.

"The girls showed a lot of character. I was happy to see them not give up. That was very encouraging," said Ruidoso's first-year coach, Dwayne Rogers.

Down by 18 points, the Warriors cut the Cobre lead to five points with two minutes left. Ruidoso relied on full-court, man-to-man pressure and some timely 3-point shooting to rally. The Warriors scored 27 points in the fourth quarter — their highest output of the season.

"We now know that we're capable of having real good quarters. We have an idea of what kind of intensity we need to have," Rogers said. "It's just a matter of the girls believing in themselves."

The Indians repelled the Ruidoso comeback with their rebounding and free-throw shooting, Rogers said.

Cobre stepped to the free-throw line 49 times and converted 32 shots. Ruidoso was only 11-of-27 from the charity stripe.

Mandi Lewallen led Ruidoso with 13 points, followed by Jana Morris' 11 and Bailey Bishop's 10 points.

Rogers sang the praises of the sophomore quadruplet of Lewallen, Morris, Bishop and Denise Rodella, all of whom are playing well.

The sophomores' emergence along with the return of the Warriors' Angelica Figueroa should

help the Ruidoso cause this week. Figueroa is back after missing the Goddard tournament and games against Artesia and Cobre. Figueroa is not only the team's leading rebounder and scorer, but also the Warriors' emotional backbone.

Ruidoso played at Artesia Tuesday (check Friday's paper for game score). Less than a week earlier, the Bulldogs ran the fastbreak to perfection and pasted the Warriors, 70-36.

The Warriors play their second district game Saturday when Silver City's Colts pay a visit. Freshman, junior varsity and varsity games are scheduled. Freshman action is set for 4 p.m. with JV and varsity to follow. All games will be played at the Ruidoso Middle School gym because the Ruidoso boys team is hosting a basketball tournament Friday and Saturday.

Capitan's cagers take the bronze at Smokey Bear Inv.

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Capitan coach Gerald Montes said he doesn't have any new grey hair, but he should after his team played three nail-biting games at the Tigers' own Smokey Bear Invitational.

The Tigers won two of three close contests to take third place at the tourney. Capitan's girls also captured third place at the three-day event.

This weekend, the boys were not on the side. Their half of the tournament provided some of the best and most even action. Three games went into overtime. Four games were decided by five points or less.

The Tigers prevailed in overtime over Hatch Valley, 50-47, for third place. It was Capitan's second OT game of the tourney, and both times the Tigers came out on top.

"I think the tournament helped us. We did a better job as far as clock management in the close games. But, we didn't do as good of a job in the Eunice game."

After a double-overtime win in the opening round Thursday, Capitan faced a physical Eunice team in the semifinals. The Cardinals, who went on to win the tourney, rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to win, 63-69.

Capitan helped the Eunice cause by getting into some serious foul trouble. Senior point guard Neil Montes, swingman Josh Peralta and junior Cody Turnbow were saddled with four fouls while the Cardinals rallied.

The Tigers also missed their leading scorer, Jon Ugalano, who was sidelined with a sprained ankle he suffered Thursday. Capitan's sixth-man senior Nathan Longbottom was also missing in action. He was participating in all-state band.

"We could have been in the finals real easy, but we got in foul trouble (in the semifinals)," Montes said.

Peralta led the Tigers' balanced scoring attack with 13 points in the Eunice game. Senior post player Keith Cox scored a dozen. Ernie Trujillo added 10 points. Neil Montes had nine and Garydon Silva pitched in eight points.

Capitan claimed third place when it defeated Hatch Valley in overtime, 50-47. The Tigers and Bears battled back and forth all afternoon, with neither team opening up a large lead.

Down by two points with 17 seconds left, the Tigers tied the game and sent it to overtime. Capitan got ahead and the Bears missed a 3-pointer in overtime that would have

sent the game into double OT.

Trujillo led Capitan with 11 points. Peralta had 10, Turnbow scored seven, and Cox and Silva each had six points.

The 2-1 tourney finish improved Capitan's overall record to 6-6.

"We always want to be better. We've lost some games we shouldn't have lost," Montes said.

Capitan will see two familiar opponents this week. The Tigers host Carrizozo Thursday before visiting Hatch Valley Saturday.

"We better be ready (for Hatch) because it's going to be over there," Montes said.

1996 SMOKEY BEAR

INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Boys Championship

Eunice 76, Academy 69

Third place

Capitan 50, Hatch 47 (OT)

Fifth place

Tatum 71, Mountainair 38

Seventh place

Alamo Soph. 77, Carrizozo 65

Girls Championship

Hatch 55, Hope 50

Third place

Capitan 33, Dexter 30

Fifth place

Tatum 48, Eunice 20

Seventh place

Carrizozo 58, Mountainair 23

Girls post big win

The Capitan girls team shook off its mid-December blues with a strong performance at the tournament. The Tigers entered with a 3-7 record, but when the weekend was over they sported a 5-3 mark.

The Tigers beat district rival Dexter, 33-30, for third place — a result that could boost Capitan's confidence as it heads into district play, especially considering the Tigers hadn't beaten the Demons for 2.5 years.

"There's not much different between the two of us. It could have gone either way," Capitan coach Norman Cline said of the Tigers/Demons game.

The Demons led 15-11 at the half, but Capitan solved its offensive woes in the second half. The Tigers held Dexter scoreless in the third quarter, then exploded for 18 points in the fourth quarter.

"I thought we attacked their zone much better in the second half," Cline said.

Chris Worrall led the Tigers with eight points. Mandi Aldaz added seven points, and Cris Gonzales had six points.

Dexter and Capitan met in the

Please see Smokey, page 4B

Wrestlers aren't cave dwellers at Carlsbad

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Coach Gerald Ames' wrestlers wasted no time getting back into the thick of things in the new year. Ruidoso traveled to Carlsbad Friday and Saturday for a wrestling tournament hosted by the defending Class AAAA state champions.

Needless to say, the 16-team competition was among the best the Warriors have faced all season. Some of the top Class AAAA teams from the state and several of the best from El Paso participated in the tourney.

Ruidoso as a team placed 12th. The Warriors combined to win seven matches and lose 11.

Senior Jose Prieto posted the best individual record at Carlsbad. Prieto went 3-2 and picked up wins over wrestlers from Cibola, Roswell

and El Paso Austin. The Warriors' 125-pounder improved his overall record to 8-4.

Jason Lopez won two matches and lost two in the 130-pound division. Lopez defeated his Santa Fe opponent and his Eastwood foe, but lost a 8-7 decision to Cobre's entry.

Brian Moore (171 pounds) and Eric Russell (135 pounds) were the other Warriors to notch victories. Both finished the tournament 1-2.

Finishing 0-2 were Shaun Cobb (162), Brian Phillips (160), Lalo Espinoza (171) and 145-pounder Alex Eckert, who saw his first varsity action of the season.

"Everybody wrestled hard, so I was pleased," Ames said. "We're still dealing with the lack of experience issues."

Please see Wrestling, page 4B



Capitan's Ernie Trujillo looks for a shot during the Tigers' first meeting with Carrizozo. Capitan triumphed in that game, Dec. 15. The Grizzlies visit Capitan for a boys and girls varsity doubleheader Thursday. Junior varsity tipoff is set 4:30 p.m.

Capitan, 'Zozo meet Thursday

The Capitan and Carrizozo cage teams meet for the first time in 1996 and the second time this season, Thursday in the land of the Tigers.

Three games are scheduled. Junior varsity boys action starts at 4:30 p.m. followed by girls varsity play and the boys varsity game.

Capitan's boys are 6-6 overall and coming off a third-place finish at the Smokey Bear Tournament. The Grizzlies had a tougher time of it at the Smokey Bear. Carrizozo went 0-3 and now stands at 3-8 (doesn't include Tuesday's result with Cloudcroft).

In the first meeting between the two boys' teams, Capitan cruised to an 84-69 win.

The 5-8 Tiger girls have something to prove when they play the Grizzlies. Carrizozo upset Capitan, 41-36, Dec. 15. But since that stunning loss, the Tigers have played much better basketball.

Capitan's girls posted a 2-1 mark at the Smokey Bear tourney and earned third place.

A wounded and depleted Carrizozo team took seventh place with a 1-2 record. The Grizzlies are 6-4 overall, not including their outcome with Cloudcroft Tuesday.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled by Polly E. Chavez.

The Captain Progress

January 4, 1901

There are now ten prisoners in the county jail at Lincoln waiting trial, some for murder and some for other offenses. This does not sound so bad for the county when it is learned that we have not had a term of district court in the county since October 1899.

A number of small boys were

arrested by deputy sheriff Wm. Smith Tuesday and taken before Judge Chentham and fined for shooting off firearms in town. This thing of boys carrying firearms and making this night hideous with their yells and noise has become a little too common, and it is high time it was stopped before some one is accidentally shot. Out of respect to the parents of the young men fined we will not publish their names, and trust the boys themselves have been taught a dear but useful lesson, and will sin no more.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

THURSDAY High...50
Low...24



Partly cloudy

WEDNESDAY High...57
Low...23



Partly cloudy

FRIDAY High...55
Low...20



Sunny

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation
Friday	47	18	.00"
Saturday	50	15	.00"
Sunday	52	13	.00"
Monday	54	12	.00"

Regional Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	60	32	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	70	38	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	68	34	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	77	36	Partly cloudy



Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cam Moore, KBIM-TV

Phases of the moon



Jan. 30



Jan. 28



Feb. 4



Jan. 13

STARDATE

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Sometimes, the Autumn Star, twinkling hard low in the horizon more or less directly under Saturn during twilight. As the beginning of January it is about as high as Venus and forms the right angle of a right triangle with Venus and Saturn. By January 15 things shift into a trapezoid configuration.

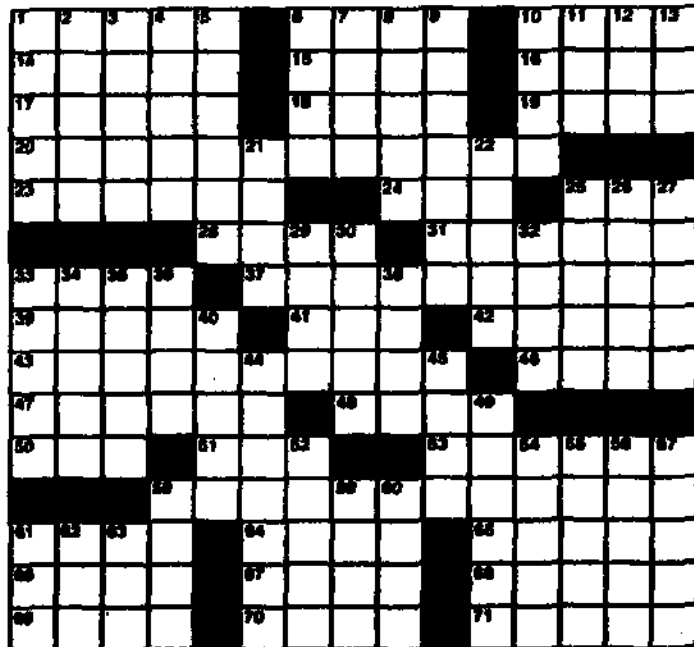
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- 51 — de Cologne
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Puzzle by Janet R. Bender

Presidents

Silly smile

Stealth's canine

TV's "and Clark"

Actress Verdugo

Flower part

Wood-dressing tool

Status

Road show grp.

Banking device

"No man — island"

Withdraws gradually

Former diplomat

Kirkpatrick

Beat poet

Ginsberg

Mike of 50-Across

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Nasty remarks

Oak starter

Damage a reputation

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Georgetown

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Actress Garson

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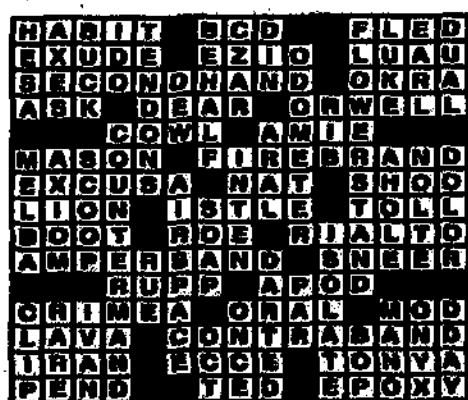
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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OFFICIAL RECORDS

The following reports were made by citizens to the Ruidoso Police Department.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

(continued from last page)

— 7:04 p.m. Main Road caller requested office patrol. Subject had his keys for several hours, may be duplicated.
— 9:25 p.m. 318 Mechem Drive caller reported vehicle has slipped on ice down the hill. All clear, vehicle pushed out.
— 9:35 p.m. Aspen Circle Road caller reported water running down roadway.
— 11:10 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reported juveniles loitering at Redwood Apartments. Party given warnings.
— 11:20 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reported party loud again. Officers requested identification of party.
— 11:47 p.m. Butler Road caller reported fight in apartment. Woman given ride to residence. Report on incident.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

Total calls by type:
3 Accidents
1 Add info/followup
1 Alarm
2 Assist other agencies
3 Disturbances
1 Domestic
1 Missing person
3 Non-criminal activities
2 Personal violence
1 Traffic
1 Vandalism
— 12:10 a.m. Suddeth Drive caller reported water leak.
— 1:07 a.m. Officer has one prisoner.
— 1:42 a.m. White Mountain Drive caller reported accident with injuries. Ambulance paged, then taken to LCMC.
— 3:08 a.m. George McCarty Drive caller reported loud party at Palisades Condos. Subjects were dispersed.
— 3:37 a.m. Warrior Drive caller reported two subjects were beating up each other. Three arrested.
— 6:11 a.m. Alarm at 211 U.S. 70. Door open, no employee around.
— 8:04 a.m. Suddeth Drive caller reported subject in white Camaro has been moving dumpsters with car.
— 8:50 a.m. Woman at 144 Suddeth Drive reported McDonald's employee verbally assaulted her. Report taken.
— 11:32 a.m. D Street caller requested ambulance for transfer of 77-year-old back to LCMC for evaluation.
— 1:21 p.m. Blue Spruce Drive caller requested officer check her parents house.
— 2:09 p.m. 501 Suddeth Drive caller reported cable TV employee just cursed him out. Report taken.
— 2:17 p.m. Accident in front of 1409 Suddeth Drive. Report taken.
— 2:26 p.m. 352 Suddeth Drive caller requested officer referring recovered U-Haul trailer. Negative report for now.
— 2:38 p.m. Grindstone Canyon Drive caller reported minor accident. Report taken.
— 2:50 p.m. Ambulance at emergency room loading patient for transfer back to RCC.
— 4:01 p.m. Officer on Suddeth Drive pushed car out of road.

— 4:27 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to home.
— 5:10 p.m. Mechem Drive caller requested a report of a runaway that is a ward of the state.
— 6:08 p.m. Officer on Kaibab Drive issued citation for owner of dog that barks continuously.
— 7:41 p.m. LCMC caller reported lady in ER assaulted by son. Turned over to sheriff's office.
— 8:04 p.m. Amphibio Drive caller reported loud party and numerous vehicles in neighborhood. Negative contact, all quiet.
— 8:36 p.m. Carizo Canyon Road caller requested ambulance for man who fell in casino, possible broken ribs.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

Total calls by type:
2 Accidents
1 Alarm
9 Ambulances
1 Assist other agency
2 Disturbances
1 Escort
1 Fire call
10 Non-criminal activities
1 Suspicious activity
2 Traffic
1 Unsecured building
1 Vandalism
— 7:33 a.m. Horton Circle caller reported large water leak in front of residence. Water unit notified.
— 8:40 a.m. Innsbrook Village caller reported sewer backed up on village side.
— 10:12 a.m. 2500 Suddeth Drive caller reported four tires slashed. Report taken on criminal damage to property.
— 10:15 a.m. Crown Point caller reported water leak at condo.
— 10:56 a.m. Devon Court caller reported yellow long-haired collie wearing a red collar. Animal not vicious.
— 11:31 a.m. Meadows Drive caller reported Lifeline at residence going off — officers advised on case at home.
— 12:38 p.m. Ski Apache caller requested ambulance for 17-year-old male coming in on backboard and C collar.
— 12:50 p.m. Ambulance requested by Recreation Village caller saying his 44-year-old wife drank approximately two ounces of amphetamine. No transport.
— 1:05 p.m. Indian Health Services requested ambulance for transfer of patient to Lincoln County Medical Center.
— 1:37 p.m. 657 Suddeth Drive caller reported waitress took off with money bag. Negative report, subject returned money.
— 2:50 p.m. Lower Terrace caller reported dumpster fire. Fire put out.
— 3:22 p.m. Juniper Drive caller reported sewer line broken on village side.
— 4:16 p.m. Ski Apache caller requested ambulance for subject who fell. Requested C collar and backboard.
— 5:05 p.m. Oak Road caller reported brother is arguing with her. Both subjects given stern warning by officer.
— 5:17 p.m. Timberline Drive caller reported his neighbor's door is standing open. Building secure.
— 5:46 p.m. Lower Elk Highway caller

requested ambulance for subject with broken nose and knot on side. Domestic. Patient refused — all clear.
— 7:13 p.m. Alarm at 206 Suddeth Drive law firm. All clear.
— 7:38 p.m. C Street caller wants two juveniles removed from his residence. Ride given to juveniles.
— 8:08 p.m. 657 Suddeth Drive caller wanted officer while a vehicle is towed from driveway.
— 8:17 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reported possible drunk driver in green Dodge. Officers unable to locate.
— 8:47 p.m. Carizo Canyon Road caller requested ambulance for subject in gaming room. Unknown reason. Canceled by calling party and security.
— 8:51 p.m. Officer on Suddeth Drive reported two vehicles drag racing. Citations given.
— 10:08 p.m. White Mountain Drive caller reported hearing screaming at next condo. Kids yelling don't want to leave town.
— 10:31 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reported possible drunk driver in grey car near motel and Burger King. Unable to locate.
— 11:03 p.m. State officer enroute to RPD with one prisoner.
— 11:45 p.m. Tank Road caller reported people at water tank. Officers enroute. Negative contact.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

Total calls by type:
4 Accidents
2 Alarms
5 Ambulances
1 Assist other agency
3 Disturbances
4 Domestic
3 Non-criminal activities
1 Traffic
1 Vandalism
— 12:01 a.m. Sage Avenue caller requested ambulance to transport infant from IHS to airport.
— 12:34 a.m. South Eagle Drive caller reported kids alone in room, no parents. Parents located, will return to motel.
— 12:53 a.m. Cedar Creek Road caller requested ambulance for 33-year-old male with back injury. Taken to LCMC.
— 2:17 a.m. Hull Road caller reported accident with injuries. One taken to LCMC.

The following information was taken from reports made by citizens to the Ruidoso Police Department.
THURSDAY, JAN. 4
12:32 p.m. Alarm sounding at Museum of the Horse. All clear.
6:57 p.m. Report of loose dog.
FRIDAY, JAN. 5
12:30 p.m. Subject speaking with officer at station about buyer-seller problem.
4:10 p.m. Moving debris off of roadway.
8:33 p.m. Two dogs by Days Inn. Owners spoken with.

— 2:24 a.m. 911 call made from Stadler Road. Hang up. Security guard advised no emergency.
— 2:41 a.m. West Santa Rosa caller reported barking dog in neighborhood. Officer found dog. Owners gone.
— 3:25 a.m. Alarm sounding at 1200 Mechem Drive. Employees inside.
— 4:24 a.m. Grindstone Dam caller reported car in ditch. Subject cited for careless driving.
— 5:05 a.m. Alarm sounding at 1200 Mechem Drive. All clear, having problems with the alarm.
— 5:24 a.m. LCMC caller requested officer for help in emergency room. Victim's brother barking works.
— 6:49 a.m. McBride Drive caller reported loose dog in area barking. Officer enroute. Will see if dog has collar.
— 7:36 a.m. Eagle Drive caller reported vandalism to flower beds. Dumpsters moved. Info report taken.
— 9:24 a.m. IHS requested an ambulance for transport of 77-year-old male for cat scan and evaluation.
— 10:57 a.m. Innsbrook caller reported water coming up through road in area.
— 12:25 p.m. 311 Suddeth Drive caller reported fight in program in parking lot. Negative report. Was a verbal argument.
— 2:18 p.m. 14th Drive caller reported husband is upset because she wants to leave. Husband left residence.
— 3:10 p.m. 721 Mechem Drive caller reported male subject ran out with half gallon of whiskey. Blue Chevy. Negative contact, unable to locate.
— 3:20 p.m. Wingfield Street caller reported his vehicle was egged last night. Needs report. Report taken on criminal damage.
— 3:39 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reported 13-year-old female passed out, won't respond. Ambulance with one to ER.
— 3:44 p.m. Officer requested at Suddeth Drive for ride for Mesalero resident. Female taken to Carizo Lodge.
— 4:35 p.m. 2820 Suddeth Drive caller reported accident by corner. Misd report taken.
— 6:16 p.m. Alto Hill caller reported possible accident on county side. Roadway cleared.

Please see Police, page 4B

WHAT'S HAPPENING



CAFE Mescalero, Carrizo Canyon Rd., Ruidoso 257-6893 — 8-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 10-14, classical guitarist Tomas Vigil performs.

ENCHANTMENT INN - SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs 378-4051 — James & Ite Boren Wednesday through Saturday. Rock & roll, blues, R&B and country. Wednesday night jam sessions.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Suddeth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday through Sunday - JJJ Band (local band performs country western and rock 'n roll), no cover.

WIN, PLACE AND SHOW, 2516 Suddeth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9982 — 8 p.m. to close Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays, country music.

etc!

ENMU REGISTRATION — 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily through Jan. 16. Students may register in person at the new university center at 709 Mechem, by phone, FAX or mail. For more information, call 257-2120 or outside the Ruidoso calling area, toll free 1-800-934-3688.

BIRDING TOURS — 4-6 p.m. each Saturday during December and January. Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge naturalists will lead special walks into roost areas for the spectacular evening fly-in. For information and reservations call (505) 835-1828.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS — 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at Eastern New Mexico University, 721 Mechem Dr., Sierra Mall, Ruidoso. ENMU is celebrating their grand opening at their new location.

BIRDING TOURS — 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 & Saturday, Jan. 27. Three-hour birding sessions limited to 10 participants. Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge naturalists will lead the tour. Call (505) 835-1828 for information and reservations.

BINGO OF Mescalero — Call

257-9288 for information.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mesalero Apache Reservation 257-5141 — Open 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 24 hours a day Thursday through Saturday.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK — Simulcast racing. Call 378-4431 for times.

CLUBS & MEETINGS

EAGLE CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

ARTS & FILM BOARD — 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at Ruidoso Village Hall. Call 258-4343 for more information.

SCENIC BYWAYS AD HOC COMMITTEE — 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at Ruidoso Village Hall. Call 258-4343 for more information.

AMERICAN INDIAN LEGISLATIVE COLLOQUIUM — 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at Northern New Mexico Community College in Española. Wendell Chino, Mesalero Apache Tribe president, will be a keynote speaker. For registration information call Charlene Teoode-Marcus at 747-2184 or Martin Aguilar at 827-3619.

YES/DFS — 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at the Ruidoso Schools Administration Building, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso. The public is invited to attend. For more information call Paul Wirth at 257-4051 or Kathy Garrett at 257-2585.

SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT — 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12 at the Roswell Inn, Roswell Room, 1815 North Main, Roswell.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES — 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 at Western Sizzlin, 1020 S. White Sands Boulevard, Alamogordo. Guest speak-

er will be Representative Terry Marquardt. He will be speaking on law enforcement issues.

PRESBYTERIAN HEALTH PLAN HMO MEMBERS — 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 at the Lincoln County Medical Center Administrative Conference Room, 211 Suddeth Drive, Ruidoso. The meeting is to allow members access to the Presbyterian Network and provide the best quality healthcare. RSVP with Bob Sterchi at 258-4418 or Fred Gerth at 257-8007 or 257-4651.

ALPINE VILLAGE SANITATION DEPARTMENT — 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Swiss Chalet.

LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB — 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, field trip to Grindstone Lake. This is an easy trip for beginning birders that will end by noon.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION — 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

LODGER'S TAX COMMITTEE — 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES — 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 in the hospital conference room in Ruidoso. The agenda will be available at the administrator's office on Monday, Jan. 15.

MOVIES

AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-0444: "Grumpier Old Men," "Jumanji." Call theater for show times and ratings.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE — Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, 978-4809. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An exhibit featuring Alex Harris, photographer-writer, will open at the museum on Friday, Jan. 12. Harris will present a lecture on Thursday, Feb. 15.

ROSSELL MUSEUM — Friday, Jan. 12 through Sunday, Feb. 25, "Working Relationships" exhibition. Artist Matt Barinholtz is the facilitator of a community artwork-in-progress. The exhibit opens to the public from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12. For more information call the Roswell Museum and Art Center at (505) 624-6744.

MUSEUMS

LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER/COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MONUMENT — Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4025. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

APACHE CULTURAL CENTER, Saint Joseph Mission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Mesalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mesalero.

Parks & Recreation

SKI APACHE — Call 257-8001 for ski report.

RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 415 Wingfield, 257-4900 - Aerobics, Nautilus, racquetball, free weights. Non-members welcome.

To have your information listed here free, call

The Ruidoso News at 257-4001.

Deadlines:
3 p.m. Monday for Wednesday;
3 p.m. Thursday for Friday.

BUSINESS

Alto resident advises Romanian business

When Alto resident Don Reynolds was asked to go to Romania to help a company struggling through growth pains in a new democracy, he and his wife Arla were glad to offer their help for free for five weeks.

Reynolds serves as a Volunteer Executive with the International Executive Service Corps (IESC). It is a non-profit organization that sends retired Americans to help businesses in the developing world and the emerging democracies of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Reynolds recently retired from a candy manufacturing firm, International Products, in Roswell where he worked as the firm's general manager.

Reynolds had served with IESC

before in Poland, so he knew what to expect. His travel expenses were paid by the United States Agency for International Development. Expenses during the stay were paid by the Romanian client. IESC volunteers are not paid, but spouses are permitted to accompany volunteers on projects of four weeks or more.

Reynolds helped Luca Corp., a family-owned business in Brasov, a city of 500,000 nestled between the Carpathian and Transylvanian mountains. In just five years, the company progressed from two employees making 200 pounds of sausage a day, to a business owning cattle and hog breeding farms, a bakery, a meat processing plant, and 10 retail stores.

Reynolds' main goal was to help plan the design, equipment, management and financing needs for a new meat slaughtering and processing plant.

"My end of it was plant design, selecting a contractor and helping them decide what equipment to buy," he said. "Then I gave them a five-year plan that takes them all the way through."

"The work assignment proved to be rewarding, as the senior Luca's son spoke fluent English," Reynolds said. "The business started in a garage and eventually moved into a rented cafeteria, so he wanted to know how to build a new plant, and how to equip and manage it."

The Romanian economy is in the midst of conversion from com-

munist to privatization, he said. A typical factory or office worker earns the equivalent of about \$100 per month, after taxes. Basic needs are relatively inexpensive and health care is financed by the state.

Reynolds went to Poland last year with his wife. He gave quality control assistance to an established meat packing plant there.

"It was a larger and much older plant than the one in Romania," he said. "They needed advice on how to refine the operation."

IESC performs a six-month follow up on the progress of companies assisted by the program, he said.

"We're just advisors," he said. "Whether or not they implement the advice is up to them."

Study shows small businesses bear regulation burden

A U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) study confirms what many small business owners already suspect: they bear the heavy brunt of regulatory burdens.

Despite progress to reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses, the costs of regulation, paperwork and tax compliance still rest disproportionately on firms with fewer than 500 employees, according to a new study prepared by the SBA's Office of Advocacy.

The small businesses' regulatory burden is 1.5 times that of large businesses, says the study, which is called "The Changing Burden of

Regulation, Paperwork and Tax Compliance on Small Business."

"Small businesses bear 63% of the total regulatory burden while accounting for approximately 50% of employment and sales," SBA chief counsel for advocacy Jere W. Glover said. "What becomes obvious from analyzing this study is that small businesses, the very engine powering the American economy today, are being unfairly burdened by regulations."

The heavier regulatory load carried by small business acts as a drag on a powerful economic engine, Glover said.

Such an inequitable allocation of regulatory costs is not good public policy, the study says. It suggests public policymakers need to strengthen the Regulatory Flexibility Act to provide for judicial review for small firms.

The Office of Advocacy research also analyzed a Rochester Institute of Technology study by Thomas Hopkins.

Key findings of the studies indicate:

— The average cost of regulation is \$6,532 per employee in firms with fewer than 20 employees, \$5,298 in firms with 20-499 em-

ployees, and \$2,979 in firms with more than 500 employees.

— The regulatory cost per employee for the smallest firms is 1.86 times that for the largest companies.

— Small businesses account for approximately 50% of employment and about 50% of gross domestic product while bearing 63% of the regulatory burden on all businesses.

— Of these regulatory burdens, the most significant to small firms are tax and payroll-related paperwork.

For more information contact the SBA at (202) 205-6531.

Following is a list of upcoming events currently reserved at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Events Center. Bookings are supplied by the Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau and are subject to change.

— Jan. 6: Russell 25th anniversary party.

— Jan. 11-12: Region Center Cooperative #6.

— Jan. 18: State Children's Youth and Family Service.

— Jan. 22: New Mexico Department of Transportation.

— Feb. 10: Congressman Joe Skeen's town hall meeting.

— Feb. 17: United States Slo-Pitch Softball Association.

— Mar. 6: Governing body election day.

— Mar. 16: Jehovah's Witness conference.

— Mar. 25-29: Texas Tech Conflict Resolution Seminar.

— Apr. 20: Ruidoso High School Prom.

— Apr. 16-19: Southern New Mexico Building Officials Association.

— May 15-17: New Mexico Adult Education Association.

— May 18: Santa wedding reception.

— May 22: Watson Foods, Inc.

— May 20-24: Texas Tech Conflict Resolution.

— June 4: Primary election.

— June 21-23: Ruidoso Ham-fest. (Ham Radio).

— June 9: Alternative Health Fair.

— July 6: Jurado Quincenera.

— July 12-13: Mountain Hoe

Down.

— July 19-21: Bridge tournament.

— July 25-28: Chamber of Commerce Art Festival.

— Aug. 2-3: Square and Round Dancers.

— Aug. 8-9: Dairy Producers of New Mexico.

— Aug. 10: Graham/Rogers wedding reception.

— Aug. 17: Community Concert.

— Aug. 24: All American Fiddlers Contest.

— Aug. 22-25: Neon Lions Club Fifth Annual Antique Show.

— Aug. 28-30: New Mexico Municipal League Convention.

— Aug. 30-Sept. 1: Ruidoso Gymnastics Association Gun Show.

— Sept. 9-13: Texas Tech Conflict Resolution.

— Sept. 16-23: Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

— Sept. 28-29: Jehovah's Witness Conference.

— Oct. 4-12: Bridge tournament.

— Oct. 15-18: Southwest Turf Grass Association.

— Oct. 18-19: Oktoberfest.

— Oct. 31-Nov. 3: American Institute of Architects.

— Nov. 5 — General election.

— Nov. 7-10: Christmas Jubilee.

For more information contact the Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau at 257-7395 or 1-800-253-2255.

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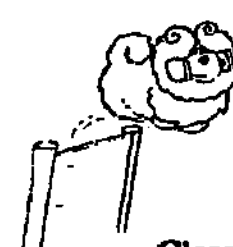
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NOTICIA AL PUBLICO

El Pueblo de Eunice, Nuevo Mexico, quiere informar e invitar a todos los interesados a participar en dos reuniones del consejo de la ciudad, el dia 15, de Enero, a las 5:00 & 5:30 PM de la tarde, en el edificio del municipio, comentando sobre los fondos del programa de desarrollo a la comunidad del conjunto de donacion (CDBG). El estado de Nuevo Mexico ha recibido fondos en la cantidad de \$8,491,459.00.

El programa de CDBG fue establecido en 1974 bajo el Titulo I/Housing and Community Development Act para asistir: 1) a comunidades y a residentes de poscos o moderados recursos; 2) ayudar a eliminar barrios bajos, sucios y manchados; 3) y tambien estos fondos se pueden usar en condiciones de emergencia que pongan en peligro inmediata la salud y bienestar de la gente.

El prgrama esta administrado por el estado de Nuevo Mexico. Division Local de Gobierno, Departamento de Financiera y Administracion. El publico esta invitado a hacer presentaciones, peticiones y recomendaciones al consejo acerca de los proyectos que se quieran aplicar para el proximo ciclo de fondos CDBG. El maximo total por cada aplicacion es \$400,000.00, excepto aplicaciones en la categoria de un plan de proyecto que tiene limite fijo de \$25,000.00.

Si usted o su organizacion tienen un proyecto que pueda ser elegible para consideracion, usted esta invitado a hacer su presentacion y peticion en esta reunion publica. Para los residentes que no hablan ingles y requieren interprete, llamen a la oficina de administracion, una semana antes de la reunion.

Para la gente que no pueda atender a la reunion publica, sus comentarios se recibirán en la siguiente direccion, Village of Ruidoso Downs, P.O. Box 348, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, wishes to inform all interested parties that two public hearings will be held: January 15, 1996 at 5:00 and 5:30 PM, Village Council Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

The purpose of this meeting will be to report on past CDBG program activities and to receive public input on community development needs and suggestions for future CDBG projects. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program was established under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in order to assist communities in providing essential community facilities, providing decent housing for residents, promoting economic development and maintaining a suitable living environment. The State of New Mexico estimated the 1996 appropriation of \$8,491,459.00 to be distributed state wide on a competitive basis.

State and national objectives of the CDBG Program require that assistance be made available for activities that address at least one of the following: 1) An activity identified as principally benefiting persons of low and moderate income; 2) Aid in prevention and elimination of slums and blight; 3) Meet other community development needs of recent origin having particular urgency because of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. Applications are limited to a maximum of \$400,000.00, except for planning applications which have a limit of \$25,000.00.

Eligible activities and categories will be described. All interested parties are invited to attend, to submit project ideas, to provide supporting data and testimony, and other pertinent information. With sufficient notice, a translator will be provided for non-English speaking residents. Those unable to attend the meeting may send written comments to: Village of Ruidoso Downs, P.O. Box 348, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Smokey

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third-place game after neither team was a match for its opponent in the semifinals. Hope Christian rumbled past the Tigers, 52-14, while Hatch's Bears cruised to a 65-26 win over Dexter Friday.

'Zozo girls struggle

Several injuries sapped the strength of the Carrizozo girls team. The Grizzlies went 1-2 and beat Mountainair, 58-23, Saturday for seventh place. Junior Naomi Vallejos led Zozo with 22 points.

"We were just rusty. We hadn't played in 22 days," coach Kim Gremillion said. "We just weren't all there. We were outclassed for one, but we had a good practice Monday."

Carrizozo could lose its starting forward and leading rebounder, Keri Shafer, to a season-ending knee injury. Shafer hurt her left knee in practice, and there's a 50% chance she'll miss the rest of the season, Gremillion said. A physician will examine the junior's knee this week.

Gremillion's group plays three games in five days this week, including a rematch with rival Capitan. The Tigers are still sore over a loss to Zozo Dec. 15 and Gremillion knows it.

"They have a tremendous homecourt advantage," she said. "They're going to be psyched and ready to kick our butts."

CAT TRACKS: Capitan should benefit from its game with Eunice, Montes said. The Cardinals are physically strong and playing them

should prepare the Tigers for games against the district's elite, Dexter and Tularosa. Some of the food in the hospitality room almost went to the dogs Thursday. Montes picked up the six-foot sub sandwich for the tournament's hospitality room and put it in the back of his truck. He then had to make another stop to pick up a few more items. When Montes returned to his vehicle, a curious canine had jumped in the back of the truck in search of the tasty hoagie. Capitan athletic director and girls coach Norman Cline was thankful the two-day winter storm which dropped lots of snow Jan. 1 and 2 blew into town when it did. Last year a winter storm delayed Reserve's arrival until the second day of the tournament and Eunice's bus slid off an icy road.

Wrestling

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The Warriors had a productive Christmas break, Ames said.

"We practiced every day hard and we just got a lot better," said Ames, noting the majority of the team made every practice over the vacation.

"We're really working our basics hard," Ames said, explaining the overall improvement of the team. "We know what we're trying to do and it's scoring points for us in matches."

The Warriors wrestle in Belen today in a tri-match with the

Eagles and Rio Grande.

Ruidoso goes south again this weekend for another two-day tournament, this one hosted by El Paso Bowie High School. The Bowie event shouldn't be as tough as Carlsbad, but the competition will still be solid, Ames said.

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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— 6:44 p.m. Tierra Del Sol Road caller reported vehicle in ditch and traffic problems. Roadway cleared.

— 7:14 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient to Roswell.

— 7:22 p.m. Santa Maria Drive caller wants officer to make uncle leave; yelling. Ride given and advised not to return.

— 8:16 p.m. Tierra Del Sol Road caller reported accident, vehicle ran into wall, no injuries. Spanish-speaking officer requested.

— 9:04 p.m. Lookout Drive caller requested drive through place of condos regarding snowball throwers. Unable to locate.

— 9:53 p.m. Main Road caller reported she's asked subjects to be quiet. Officers warned occupants.

— 10:11 p.m. Two vehicles in ditch on Alan Way Road. Unable to locate.

— 10:38 p.m. Main Road caller reported people are at it again. One arrest. Stand by until parties leave.

— 11:22 p.m. Geneva Road caller reported subjects jumping on roof so hard it's bowing. Very loud.

— 11:34 p.m. Sunny Slopes Road caller reported people throwing snowballs and eggs. Gone on arrival.

— 11:45 p.m. Hull Road caller reported she can hear a man and woman screaming. Couple advised to keep it quiet.

— 12:55 p.m. Main Road caller reported loud party, requesting drive-by. Officer unable to locate, all quiet.

MONDAY, JAN. 1

Total calls by type:

14 Accidents

2 Add info/followup

1 Alarm

7 Ambulances

1 Disturbance

5 Domestic

1 Motorist assist

6 Non-criminal activities

1 Personal violence

1 Suspicious activity

9 Traffic

— 12:11 a.m. Junction Road caller requested a message be delivered to friend. Concerned because of the weather.

— 12:28 a.m. Car in ditch on Mechem Road. Will be moved in the morning.

— 12:39 a.m. Subject at 2535 Sudderth Drive has reported aggravated battery. Subject requested charges be filed on bar.

— 12:55 a.m. 1200 Mechem Drive caller reported a bunch of minors at bar. Officer advised negative contact with any minors.

— 1:15 a.m. Accident on U.S. 70. Officer on scene. Vehicles off roadway.

— 1:20 a.m. 311 Sudderth Drive caller reported accident near casino. Requested officer. Report taken.

— 1:27 a.m. 401 Mechem Drive caller reported domestic violence at cabins. Officer enroute. Officer has one prisoner.

— 1:34 a.m. 301 Mechem Drive caller reported three-car wreck near church. Fourth car hit others.

— 1:45 a.m. Grindstone Canyon Road caller reported hit and run in Carrizo Canyon. Vehicles all departed. No report taken.

— 1:56 a.m. Paradise Canyon Road caller reported a car hit his car, and another. Subject left area. Officer enroute. Unable to locate.

— 6:24 a.m. Officer on Sudderth Drive reported domestic violence. Report taken on domestic.

— 7:51 a.m. Paradise Canyon Road caller reported vehicle off road and another vehicle trying to pull him out.

— 7:59 a.m. IHS requested ambulance for 18-year-old going into labor. Baby girl born in ambulance.

— 8:13 a.m. Granite Drive caller requested ambulance for woman who fell and possibly broken her ankle.

— 8:48 a.m. Yellow Pine caller reported hunt buck in her back yard. Deer left area.

— 8:53 a.m. D Street caller requested ambulance for transport of 65-year-old woman who has pneumonia.

— 8:55 a.m. Hull Road caller reported gas meter hit. Report taken on hit and run.

— 10:22 a.m. Alarm at Varnadore Cleaners. Building secure.

— 10:46 a.m. 1016 Mechem Drive caller reported he found some skin that have been reported stolen. Negative report.

— 11:42 a.m. 721 Mechem Drive caller reported hit and run on U.S. 70. Report taken.

— 11:44 a.m. Ambulance at ER loading

patient for transfer to Ruidoso Care Center.

— 12:10 p.m. Traveler's Drive caller requested officer for report on accident.

— 1:52 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to airport.

— 2:31 p.m. 315 Sudderth Drive caller reported accident, no injuries, in parking lot. Mail report taken.

— 3:36 p.m. 2511 Sudderth Drive caller reported a pickup with infant in it left unattended for an hour. Subject advised of the law.

— 4:56 p.m. George P. White Drive caller reported car from last night still in her driveway. Owner advised.

— 5:21 p.m. 518 Sudderth Drive caller reported three-car accident, no injuries. Accident report taken.

— 5:36 p.m. 518 Sudderth Drive caller reported another two-car accident, same area.

— 6:27 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transport to airport.

— 6:45 p.m. Top Side Drive caller requested officer meet with her to check her dad's house. All clear.

— 8:14 p.m. Camelot Drive caller reported about five cars blocking road. Group cleared out.

— 8:16 p.m. 1001 Mechem Drive caller reported about nine cars blocking roadway. Also hill all cleared out.

— 8:39 p.m. Accident in front of 500 Mechem Drive. No injuries.

— 9:38 p.m. Four cars at bottom of Alto hill in roadway. Cleared out for now.

— 9:42 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reported he is stuck and has an infant with him, needs ride. All clear, friend picked up.

— 10:02 p.m. Carrizo Canyon Road caller reported people are yelling, possible domestic. Negative domestic, verbal argument.

— 10:45 p.m. Cedar Creek Drive caller reported cabin on fire. County notified. Our department responded.

— 10:47 p.m. Ambulance loading patient for transport to Roswell.

— 11:15 p.m. Camelot Apartment caller requested officer check residence to see if visitor made it home.

— 11:25 p.m. San Miguel Drive caller reported her brother is drunk and yelling. Officer has one arrest.

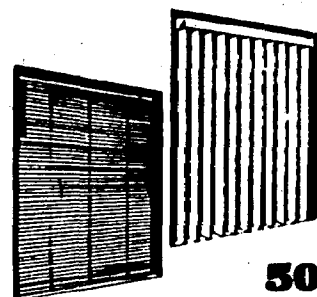
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