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Skeen stumping around region

Congressman Joe Skeen (R-NM) has scheduled a town hall meeting in Ruidoso at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

Skeen will also visit a third grade class at the Hondo Valley School at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12.

Garbage employees stage sick-out

About a dozen employees from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority claimed they were sick Wednesday, but their illness was tied to gripes about the management of the authority.

Garbage collection may be slowed, but will not be disrupted totally, said services supervisor Calvin Griffin.

"I've got about seven guys out there working," he said. "Carrizozo will get picked up as usual today."

The normal work force would be 17 employees, he said. If those out on sick leave don't report Thursday, the routes will be picked up with people working overtime. Some collections will be late, he said.

Employees who didn't report for work presented a list of their grievances to *The Ruidoso News* Wednesday before heading to a local attorney's office. Grievances include pay inequities, old and unsafe equipment and lack of job descriptions. They contended authority board members refused to listen to their complaints.

Authority attorney J. Robert Beauvais said those complaining failed to follow the grievance procedure outlined in personnel policies.

Trees offered free for public land planting projects

Free tree seedlings for planting projects on public land are being offered through Tree New Mexico.

The program is a source of native trees for groups interested in planting bareroot seedlings in public parks, municipalities and on federal land, including national forests.

Orders must be submitted by mid-February. Trees may have to be picked up in Albuquerque.

Twelve species of trees are available.

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All fort bids rejected; county gets chance now

by JOANNA DODDER
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The state government rejected the last possible bidder for a Fort Stanton lease this week, and quickly decided to let the Lincoln County government have a crack at finding a tenant.

Meanwhile, State Sen. Pete Campos (D-Santa Rosa) said he wants to require the state to use the abandoned fort to house juvenile delinquents before constructing a new facility for that purpose.

State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Ruidoso Downs) said Tuesday that the state's General Services Department, which now manages the fort, has agreed to the county commission's request to seek out a tenant.

"It seems like the state hasn't had any luck so they're going to give the county a chance," Williams said.

The committee assigned to review fort lease proposals in the past will negotiate with the county in an effort to lease the fort to the county, said GSD spokesperson Carolyn Jackson.

After leasing it, the county could then lease it out to a private entity, she explained. However, once the county leases the fort from the state, the county would also be responsible for the empty fort's maintenance, which costs in excess of \$1 million each year.

Sparse voters approve Ruidoso schools tax

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A sparse 6% of registered voters turned out to support or oppose a Ruidoso School District mill levy yesterday, but a solid majority voted in favor of continuing the two-mill tax levy.

Supporters numbered 283 and opponents added up to 78.

Only 361, or 6% of 5,460 registered voters, went to the polls. Voter turnout was even lower than the two-mill election in February of 1993, when 388 of 4,094 registered voters marked ballots.

"I'm not sure why more people didn't turn out to vote," election official David Weihbrecht mused. "Maybe they just figure someone else will do it."

The levy means about \$350,000 per year for the school district, or about \$428 per student, school officials said.

Because of the election results, a person with a \$60,000 home (which has a taxable value of \$20,000) will continue to pay \$40 a year for the mill levy (in New Mexico, property is taxed on one-third of market value.)

Ruidoso School Board President Ronnie Hemphill and district superintendent Mike Gladden were both at the Civic Center polling center when the votes were tallied.

"Fort Stanton is an ideal location and facility to keep youthful offenders separated from society and help prepare them to return to society. The area work force would be capable, motivated and more than up to the task of operating such a facility."

PETE CAMPOS
STATE SENATOR

The county welcomes the chance to find a tenant for the fort, even though the chance is coming nearly a year after it was first suggested by commissioners, said Monroy Montes, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission.

Whatever terms the state may say it will require, Montes is confident everything is open to negotiation.

The important difference is that the county will not be bound by as

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Ann Hunkins/Special to The News

A video on racetrack gaming in Iowa is shown to the Senate Committee of the Whole Feb. 2. Steven Anaya holds a microphone to the volume while Sen. Fernando Macias (D-Dona Ana) watches the video.

Senate approves gambling for tracks, charities, hotels

by DICK BEHNKE

Roundhouse correspondent

There were perceived winners and losers Monday as the Senate passed an omnibus gambling bill, Senate Bill 701, by a 19-16 margin. Seven senators were either excused or absent when the vote was taken.

Throughout the afternoon preceding the vote, amendment after amendment was proffered and either accepted or beaten. Despite the attempts to amend the bill to eliminate bars and restaurants and casinos in specified counties, including Lincoln, the bill wound up virtually allowing widespread gambling throughout the state.

Mike Weatherly, the spokesman for the horse racing industry said he was happy with some provisions and unhappy with others.

Weatherly said he was disappointed that an early amendment to the bill prohibited video gaming at the Albuquerque Downs.

"It virtually ends horse racing in Albuquerque," Weatherly said. But on the subject of Off Track Betting (OTB), Weatherly seemed pleased.

"It will allow people who visit, say, Taos to bet on the horse races elsewhere in the state," Weatherly said. "It helps expend our product."

However, Weatherly refused to

comment on the record on the industry's feelings about the expanded gambling possibilities allowed under Senate Bill 701.

He did say he hopes it will be further "modified to satisfy the lawmakers and the governor."

Gov. Gary Johnson has said he does not want to see gambling expanded past Indian gaming, fraternal and charitable organizations and racetracks.

One of the expansions allowed under the SB701, introduced by Senate President Tom Mann Aragon (D-Albuquerque), would be the establishment of two casinos

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Chino addresses Legislature

by DICK BEHNKE

Roundhouse correspondent

Wendell Chino got a standing ovation at the beginning and the end of his speech to the New Mexico Senate Tuesday afternoon.

The fiery Mescalero Apache president said a suit the tribe filed against Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Attorney General Janet Reno will be pursued to the highest levels.

"We will take it to the (U.S.) Supreme Court," Chino told the Senate during several speeches by Indian leaders on Indian Day at the Legislature. "The issue is vital to the Mescalero and other tribes."

"Indian gaming was not controversial until you made it controversial. Charitable gaming wasn't controversial until Indian gaming came along."

Chino drew laughter and applause from the Senate and the gallery when he said he grew up watching Indians and Indian fighters in the movies and added, "John Wayne is gone. The Mescalero Apaches are still here."

Indian enterprises are critical to the tribes, Chino said.

"Even *The Ruidoso News* has admitted Ski Apache is important," he said.

On the subject of the problems with gambling, Chino said, "You can't tell us Indian gaming made

"We have food addicts and alcohol addicts. We have had addicts for years before Indian gaming."

He also spoke of fears that gaming would bring corruption.

"Some say there is corruption in Indian gaming," Chino said. "If your bill (Senate Bill 701) passes the House, you will see corruption like never before."

The Senate bill allows widespread gaming throughout the state in bars and restaurants and even in several counties at "licensed resorts." Senators who voted

for the bill said it would "level the playing field."

"Nobody talked about leveling the playing field until the Indians got gaming," Chino said. "Throughout several hundred years of American history, nobody talked about a level playing field."

He ended his speech on a conciliatory note, saying "it behooves everybody to work together."

Many speculate that more changes will be made. The House is scheduled to take up debate on the measure Thursday.

Judge denies Mescalero request for federal injunction

A federal district judge in the District of Columbia Monday denied the Mescalero Apache Tribe's request to prevent the Department of Justice from taking enforcement action against the tribe's gaming casino.

The case, *The Mescalero Apache Tribe v. Janet Reno*, et al., was filed Jan. 26 in Washington D.C. The tribe asked for a temporary restraining order and alleged that the tribe would be harmed if the United States Attorney were permitted to file a civil forfeiture action, such as the taking of gambling machines.

In denying the motion, Federal District Judge Ricardo Urbina said the Mescalero Tribe failed to show irreparable injury or demonstrate the public interest would be served by granting an injunction against the United States.

In response to a motion by the United States, the court also transferred the case back to New Mexico, noting in its opinion that the gambling controversy is one of intense public interest to the people of this state.

The decision did not reach the ultimate issue of the legality of the tribe's casino under federal law.



State Sen. Pete Campos chats with Ruidoso residents on the Senate floor who came up to hear the proceedings this week. The Ruidosoans are (left to right) Maria Line, Pansy Waldrup and Cece Griffin.

Fort

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many restrictions as the state, he said. Commissioners also are more familiar with the fort and local needs than state officials hundreds of miles away.

"I think they blew the program by looking too far away," Montes said. "The answer may be closer to home."

"If we fail, so what. That will make two of us."

The search committee's recommendation and governor's approval to give the county a chance came the same day all private bids were rejected, on Tuesday.

"We're concerned about getting this thing taken care of," said Jackson in explaining the committee's and governor's quick action.

The state has sent out two rounds of requests for proposals (RFPs) in an effort to lease the fort, but ended up rejecting all bids. The governor closed the fort as a long-term health care facility last spring.

In the first round of bidding, the lone bidder was rejected for lack of financial capabilities. Four entities

bid to lease the fort in the second and last round of RFPs. Three were rejected because they didn't meet the listed general criteria, said Jackson. The final remaining bidder, La Luz de Esperanza, met that criteria but was rejected this week after it didn't meet additional requests from the search committee by Monday night, she said. Jackson said she didn't yet have approval to release specifics about the reasons for rejection.

"It's unfortunate (no lessee was found), but we did what we could to get the word out there," Jackson said Tuesday.

Campos said Tuesday he would try to amend one of the several pending bills dealing with construction of juvenile delinquent facilities. The amendment would require the fort to be used before a new facility is built.

"We have already tried to sell or rent the facility. Now, we should look at New Mexico's immediate needs to see if we can find a useful purpose for Fort Stanton, as well as address our concern about juvenile crime," Campos said.

The Johnson administration is proposing to spend \$5.6 million to build a secure juvenile facility and \$1.35 million to build a leadership camp, both in southern New Mexico.

"Fort Stanton is an ideal location and facility to keep youthful offenders separated from society and help prepare them to return to society," Campos said. "The area work force would be capable, motivated and more than up to the task of operating such a facility."

Juvenile offenders are under the supervision of the state Children, Youth and Families Department. Ironically, CYF Secretary Heather Wilson is considering using the fort's neighbor, Camp Sierra Blanca, as a juvenile facility, too. The state decided the camp is too expensive to operate alone as an adult, minimum security prison, and plans to close it by September.

The GSD is required by law to provide space for other departments that need it, Jackson said, but she wasn't sure who must make the request for the requirement to go into effect.

Commissioner Nunley seeks state representative's seat

Lincoln County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley announced Monday he will seek the job of Lincoln County's state representative on the Democratic ticket.

Incumbent Republican Dub Williams, a retired schoolteacher, upset two-term Democrat H. John Underwood in November 1994 for the District 56 seat.

Nunley, 58, who has championed the causes of senior citizens while on the commission, thinks it's time for a switch again.

Nunley was elected to the commission in 1992 for a two-year term when the board first was expanded from three to five members. He was unopposed in 1994 for a four-year term on the commission from district two.

"I'm grateful that the voters placed enough confidence in me to elect me twice as their county commissioner," Nunley said. "I now think it's time for me to pursue a higher office as their state representative from District 56, which covers all of Lincoln County and portions of Otero and Chaves counties."

He listed his areas of focus, if he is elected, as:

- dogging state funding for all communities in the district;
- continuing to work on the future uses of Fort Stanton and Camp Sierra Blanca;
- reducing crime and finding a better method of handling adult and juvenile criminals;
- intervention in juvenile crime at an early age;
- state budget concerns;
- elderly problems, including long-term care, escalating property taxes for those on fixed incomes and ensuring the continuation of Medicaid and Medicare;

— horse racing and gambling and how to balance the outcome with the quality of life and moral values in this section of New Mexico;

— and school and education.
A resident of Lincoln County with wife, Mary Lee, for the past 30 years, Nunley has grown twin sons



Lincoln County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley

and a daughter.

In 1962, he earned a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the University of New Mexico. He works in pharmacy management at Wal-Mart and has served as the vice chairman on the New Mexico Board of Nursing.

Rep. Williams' bills would fund various projects in county

by DICK BEHNKE
Roundhouse correspondent

State Rep. W.C. "Dub" Williams has introduced legislation to provide funds for several projects. The legislation would provide money for school projects and municipal projects totaling almost \$4 million.

House bills 422 and 423 ask for about \$600,000 for school projects. HB 422 asks for the issuance of severance tax bonds in the amount of \$461,837 to design, construct and equip a shower and locker room and to purchase and install bleachers in the Corona public schools. The bill also asks for \$25,722 to purchase an activity car for the schools and for \$5,000 to purchase and install a satellite.

HB 422 also asks for \$91,000 to purchase and install educational technology for the Capitan municipal schools.

HB 423 requests the issuance of severance tax bonds in the amount of \$125,000 for the Ruidoso municipal schools. Of that amount, \$50,000 would be used to fund the Parents as Teachers program and \$75,000 for the Gavilan Canyon school adolescent day treatment center.

In HB 424, Williams is also requesting monies from the severance tax to fund municipal projects. He is requesting \$534,220 for a sewer line extension and improvements in the Las Lomas subdivision in Ruidoso Downs, \$500,000 for water distribution system improvements in Ruidoso, \$500,000 for wastewater collection system improvements in the village, \$497,695 for water system improvements in the village of Corona and \$500,000 for water filtration plant improve-

ments in Carrizozo.

Williams is also asking, in the same bill, for \$500,000 to plan and design a recreation center in Ruidoso, \$200,000 to design, construct and equip a community meeting room addition to the Capitan village hall, \$202,000 for renovation and improvements to the village hall in Corona and \$250,000 for fire truck acquisition in Carrizozo.

HB 424 also asks for \$13,000 for street maintenance in Corona, \$20,000 for airport improvements in Carrizozo and \$200,000 for street improvements in Carrizozo.

The bills must be passed out of the Taxation and Revenue Committee and then the Appropriations and Finance Committee before going to the House Floor for approval.

Gambling

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each in the counties of Lincoln, Taos, Colfax, Sierra and Dona Ana. It permits casinos in establishments with 150 guest rooms that can seat at least 200 people in an associated restaurant. It would allow them to have casino-style table games such as dice and card games.

State Sen. Carlos Cisneros (D-Taos) said this provision would allow competition by municipalities and counties with Indian casinos.

SB701 also requires a local option vote prior to any casino opening, but the state could reserve licenses for people who can show they have plans and financing in place to build a resort hotel.

Licenses for the "licensed resorts" would be \$250,000 the first year and \$25,000 a year thereafter.

The bill also allows for slot machine gambling at tracks for a minimum of 12 hours daily on live race days or days when simulcast racing is offered.

Weatherly said this would help the industry, but this is also one

reason that racing in Albuquerque would end.

"Twenty-five percent of the gross (from slot machine) goes to the purse money at the tracks," Weatherly said. "That means purses at Ruidoso could be \$10,000 because of the added income from the machines, while it might be only \$1,000 in Albuquerque. If you were a horse owner, where would you go?"

The OTB parlor locations would be controlled by the state Racing Commission, Weatherly said. He said studies show that "family oriented" places such as restaurants would be the best places to locate the OTB parlors.

The bill was also amended to allow an unlimited number of slot machines at racetracks. Original wording would have limited the number of machines to 400.

Several times during the debate on the bill, lawmakers tried to eliminate bars and restaurants

from the mix, but the attempts failed no matter how they were worded.

Legislators who supported the provision for bars and restaurants said they would "level the playing field" for businesses other than racetracks and Indian casinos.

The bill was also amended to allow less money to go to the state. An amendment lowered the amount of money from 20% to 15% that machine owners must give the state.

The bill mandates that Indian gaming compacts be signed before any of the provisions could go into effect.

The bill now moves to the House, where many speculate that more changes will be made. The House is scheduled to take up debate on the measure Thursday.

The legislature has just over a week before the session ends on Feb. 15 to straighten out the bill and pass it off to the governor for his signature.

Lawsuit accuses county sheriff's deputies of false imprisonment

Two Lincoln County deputies have been accused of falsely imprisoning a man on non-existent drug charges.

A notice of intent to sue the sheriff's office was received Tuesday by the county commission.

Don Dutton, a Ruidoso attorney, notified the commission that resident Alfredo Monarrez will sue within 30 days if a response is not received from the county.

Monarrez claims that on Nov. 13, two men from the sheriff's office came to the Monarrez home and took him into custody. The deputies were not identified in the letter. They took Monarrez to the sheriff's

substation in Ruidoso and took photographs of him, Dutton wrote.

"They showed him papers allegedly signed by Magistrate Judge (Gerald) Dean accusing Mr. Monarrez of a drug crime and posting his bond at \$5,000," Dutton wrote. "In checking with the magistrate court, there was no such case filed against Mr. Monarrez accusing him of drug crimes or drug-related crimes."

The actions of the deputies constitute false imprisonment; false arrest; abuse of process; libel; slander; defamation of character; and violation and deprivation of constitutional rights, privileges and

immunities under law, Dutton contended.

Laurie Ventura, administrative assistant to Sheriff James McSwane, said the sheriff would have no comment on the letter.

The recent grand jury indictment of Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Angelo Vega on criminal charges may encourage anyone with a perceived complaint against the department to file a notice of their intent to sue, she said.

Vega was charged last week with two counts of extortion and two counts of intimidating a witness.

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Educational ribbon cutting

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso supporters celebrated the grand opening of the new expanded facility in Sierra Mall with a ribbon cutting Friday. Doing the honors are (left to right) Ruidoso School Board President Lonnie Hemphill, Ruidoso Village Councilor J.D. James, building donor Juanita Walthall and ENMU Board of Regent President Frances Richardson.

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Solid Waste Authority worries about potential dollar shortfall

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The cost of repairing aging equipment has forced the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority to operate on the edge of its budget.

At mid-year, the authority (SWA) had received 49% of its budgeted revenues and had spent 53% of the money budgeted for expenditures.

Members of the SWA board said Monday they are uneasy about such a tight budget. They said the slim margin of money worries them. The SWA has a total of \$39,000 in its two accounts, but employees will be paid this Friday and it will cost \$19,000 for wages, taxes and state retirement.

They also want to reduce \$41,000 in owed payments by either filing liens, taking homeowners to magistrate court or determining if residents own at least 300 acres and can handle their own garbage.

Manager Corlis Dobson, who is leaving his job this month, said he couldn't guarantee the SWA will be able to meet all of its obligations by the end of the year.

The major drain on the budget appears to be unforeseen equipment problems, Dobson said.

At the mid-year mark, \$65,000 had been spent on equipment repair when only \$58,200 had been budgeted. Another \$19,000 was spent in January, said Gary Jackson, Ruidoso village manager and an SWA board member.

While parts had to be ordered, most of the repair work was done in-house, Dobson said.

Chairman Frank Cummins and a committee of three or four other members will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, to come up with recommendations on where to cut the budget or to increase revenues.

The full board will decide what

to do at the regular meeting Feb. 19.

Former SWA manager Joe Lewandowski attended Monday's meeting and said he will put together a list of suggestions.

"The authority has always operated on the line and it's never been a problem," he said during a break in the meeting. Being an entity owned by its government members provides several safeguards that regular businesses don't have, he said.

"They could always hold back the annual equipment repayment of \$100,000 to the members since they're all partners," he said. Three of the six members sold equipment to the SWA when it first started collecting garbage four years ago. That entire debt also could be refinanced to spread the repayment over more years, he said.

Another option is a rate increase, although keeping rates down has been a strong motivation in the past for a tight financial operation, he said.

Holding down repair costs is a priority and requires daily monitoring by the manager, Lewandowski said. Employees mean well, but sometimes lean toward replacing a part that can be repaired for much less money, he said. For example,

tires can be recapped instead of buying new ones for \$100 a clip.

During the meeting, Lewandowski also reminded SWA members that a recently-awarded \$200,000 grant will alleviate some potential worries if the compactor at the garbage transfer station on Gavilan Canyon would fail. The money will be used to put in large trailers, giving an alternate method of storing garbage until it can be moved to the landfill south of Alamogordo.

The SWA serves 12,180 residential customers and collects a total of \$90,946 per month from the county and its five municipalities.

Another \$29,496 comes from 611 commercial customers.

"I think they're blowing this a bit out of proportion," Lewandowski said after the meeting. "Because of the seasonal nature of the area, there always were months where it was tighter. It wasn't unusual at the halfway mark of the year to see expenses over 50% and revenues under."

Transfer station manager Ray Merritt suggested the board consider hiring a private firm to handle hauling from the county to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

Authority wants manager to leave now, not later

After an executive session on personnel following a special meeting Monday, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority accepted the resignation of Corlis Dobson, who was hired as manager just three months ago.

Although the effective date of his resignation was Feb. 16, the board

decided he should leave at the end of the work day Monday. Dobson resigned to take a job in another state.

Following the closed session on personnel, Ray Merritt quit as manager of the authority transfer station, effective Feb. 9.

County commission won't ask for delay of subdivision act

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Urging the state Legislature to delay the effective date of the 1995 Subdivision Regulation Act would be contrary to the Lincoln County Commission's past stands, some commissioners say.

In a 3-2 vote Tuesday, they rejected a request from real estate agents and residential builders in the county to back Senate Bill 476, which would postpone the effective date of the Act one year.

Commissioners Wilton Howell and L. Ray Nunley voted for Nunley's motion to approve the request. Commissioners Stirling Spencer and Bill Schwettmann and Chairman Monroy Montes voted against it.

Linda Long, president of the county Board of Realtors, and Jim Peebles, president of the county Homebuilders Association, contended neither the State Engineer nor the county is ready to enforce provisions in the act.

As it now stands, the counties of Doña Ana, Bernalillo and Santa Fe must comply with the act by July 1 of this year. All other counties must adopt its provisions by July 1, 1997.

If moved back one year, the additional time would allow the state to complete a study of water resources in the state, Peebles and Long said. They contend the act as written is unworkable.

Water permits would be almost impossible to obtain from the State Engineer under the act's guidelines, Peebles said. It's unrealistic to think the State

Engineer can monitor domestic wells to ensure they don't pump in excess of the maximum allowed each year, he added.

The county has no money or staff to handle the extra responsibilities, Peebles and Long said. The act places expensive obligations on the shoulders of developers, including requiring studies of water resources, archaeology, environment and ecology.

That could double the cost of dividing a 20-acre parcel, Long said.

Passed by the state Legislature last year, the 1995 act aimed to close loopholes in a 1973 subdivision act that left unregulated the division of land into fewer than five parcels. The desire to regulate such activity was tied, in part, to the lack of information on available water resources. The state wants to ensure enough water exists to support additional lots.

"We're worried that a 20-acre lot will be broken into five smaller lots and more wells without any monitoring," Montes said.

"We supported the state subdivision act in 1995," Spencer said. "This (Realtor request) would be in direct conflict. We're worried about how much water we have, and we don't want to develop beyond our capacity. It could jeopardize subdivisions already in place."

But Howell said water should be a separate issue tackled directly and not tied to the subdividing of lots. Regulations should be uniform for all 32 counties, he said.

The ban on lot splits constitutes

an invasion of private property rights, Nunley said.

Real estate agent Ross Peebles said the 1995 act could destroy rural living, which is the standard in most of southern New Mexico.

Affordable housing is no longer available in Ruidoso and rentals are hard to find in Capitan, she said. Few people will have the capital to become developers, even on the most modest scale, she said.

Jack Atkins, geological hydrologist and engineering consultant for Ranches of Sonterra subdivision, told commissioners the county has plenty of water and can support much more development.

No matter how the commission stands on this issue, Realtor Cindy Lynch said her association wants to have more input on future decisions involving the development of the county.

"You carry an important voice in this county and you need to make it known on issues," Spencer agreed.

During the frequent hearings on the revision to county subdivision rules last year, few real estate people showed up, said county planner Patsy Sanchez. She urged them to attend meetings when the county looks at its option to implement the state act's provisions this July, a year earlier than required.

The 1995 state act deals with more issues than just water, she reminded commissioners. It will help limit the number of driveways allowed from a development onto a highway, and settle other questions that crop up with growth.

First Ruidoso annexation nears

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso village limits may expand by nearly 33 acres next month.

The land, which sits along Mechem Drive, represents the first batch to be annexed through the efforts of the village ad-hoc annexation committee.

Planning and Zoning Commissioners unanimously approved the annexation proposals Monday, passing a recommendation for action to the village council.

Councilors, who are tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposal March 12, formed the temporary annexation committee last year.

The unincorporated land pockets pegged for annexation are surrounded by incorporated parts of the village.

After being annexed, properties can be hooked to village water and sewer services. Owners must also pay Ruidoso property taxes. For residences, the taxes are set at \$35 for every \$1,000 of assessed value (35 mills). With commercial or vacant land, it amounts to \$40 for every \$1,000 of assessed value (40 mills), said assistant county assessor Doug Whittaker.

Annexation is necessary for those who want village utilities extended to them, councilors decided last summer. However, previous extensions or extension agreements to properties outside Ruidoso are being honored, Planning Director Cleatus Richards said.

Two of the proposed tract additions, amounting to 16.5 acres, are bordered to the west by Mechem Drive, to the south by Sierra Blanca Drive, to the north by Recreation Village (near White Mountain Drive) and east by the Links Golf Course.

Commissioners agreed the tracts should be zoned commercial, which is consistent with the type of devel-

opment already there.

A mobile home park within that stretch of land, (just south and adjacent to Recreation Village) will be grandfathered into the commercial zone.

All the landowners received written notification of the proposed annexation about three months ago, Richards said.

No one has formally opposed the annexation, and four of the six property owners filed petitions for annexation, Richards said.

Those opposing annexation might still have their land forcibly annexed by the village. Only a simple majority, 51%, must petition favorably for annexation to take place, Richards said.

"We're well beyond that requirement," Richards said.

Recourse for property owners forcibly annexed will be through district court, Richards said. If that occurs, the village would have to prove it is capable of serving the properties with utilities and other essential services, Richards said.

Also ready for annexation is the 16.73 acres of Forest Lawn Cemetery — land owned by the village that's never been inside the village limits, commission chairman Mike Radziewicz said. The area will be zoned as a single-family residential district.

Other parcels of county land around Ruidoso are being eyed for future annexation by the committee. These properties are adjacent to the village and receive some form of utility service. Prioritized areas include portions of Carrizo Canyon; Sleepy Hollow; Black Forest; Thunderbird Heights; Paradise Canyon and Gavilan Canyon.

Planning department employees are currently doing a cost benefit analysis on the benefits of annexing the Carrizo land.

S A L U T E T O

WORKING WOMEN '96

Ruidoso Convention & Civic Events Center
Wednesday, February 14

Proceeds to benefit the Ruidoso Instructional
Center of ENMU Women's Scholarship Fund.

Lunch & Style Show

Menu

Spring Mix
of fresh salad greens with dressing

Chicken Piccata
with garlic herb pasta

Broccoli Spears
with cheese sauce

Baby Carrots
with brown sugar and bourbon glaze

Hot Rolls & Butter • Amaretta Surprise

Iced Tea & Coffee

Tickets are on sale at Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce
and The Ruidoso News

through Friday, February 9.

Tickets — \$15.00

No tickets will be available at the door.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Good luck to you, county commissioners

The Lincoln County Commission got its wish. It will be interesting to see what it can do with it.

State officials decided yesterday to let the county try to find a lessee for the historic Fort Stanton. Several commissioners had suggested the idea in the past.

There are two steps involved, according to state General Services Department spokesperson Carolyn Jackson: the county and state negotiate a lease, then the county leases the fort to a private entity.

This brings up some serious questions: while the county is seeking a lessee, is the county responsible for the expensive maintenance at the fort? What if the county can't find a lessee — is it then stuck with a fort?

Finding a viable lessee certainly won't be an easy proposition. The state spent more than a half-million dollars advertising and sending out two requests for proposals around the country, with no luck. The first time, the state received only one bid; the second time, it received four. A well-rounded selection committee rejected them all.

Hopefully, state and county officials will immediately start collecting all the background information the county needs to get going on this lease project, if in fact the two sides come to an agreement on the county taking it over. All we can say is, good luck.

Frankly, if the county does come up with a financially solid lessee, we'll have to wonder what went wrong with the state process.

"Liberty may be taken away from a man; but on whatsoever soul Freedom may light, the course of that soul is thenceforth onward and upward."

JAMES MCCUNE SMITH
SCIENTIST • 1854

POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues.

Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's telephone number and address. The phone number and street or mailing address will not be printed, however the author's hometown will be included. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

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Letters may be hand delivered to *The News* office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

The News has the right to reject any letter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughtless poison killed precious pet

TO THE EDITOR:

She was a local. You may have seen her around town.

She went through the drive-thru at the bank. She was at Wal-Mart and Furr's regularly. She watched the Aspenfest parade and attended the Chili Cook-Off. She played in the parking lot at the Eagle Creek ball fields. She lounged on the patio at Farley's. She walked The Links and explored trails at Cedar Creek and Monjeau. She swam in the rivers. She ran in the forest.

"She" was my black Labrador retriever, Josie. You've probably seen her riding around town in the back of our white pickup or maybe playing fetch with my son and his friends or at the places I've mentioned above. Josie was at home here in the cool pines of Ruidoso. Until Jan. 24.

On Jan. 24, Josie played in Cedar Creek just long enough to eat a poison commonly used to kill gophers. It contains strychnine. Her autopsy showed that she had ingested at least 3 to 4 ounces of the poison. It took about two, painful hours for the strychnine to thoroughly attack her central nervous system and finally kill her, according to the veterinarian. We found her dead in our driveway, she had tried to come home for help.

I don't believe Josie was poisoned intentionally. But the poison was put out intentionally. It was left out in the open forest for animals of all kinds to come across and meet their death. This particular poison comes in the form of seeds covered with strychnine. It looks like food to the many animals in our forest that eat seeds...birds, deer, bear, raccoons. It is impossible to guess how many animals have died because someone — a human possibly hoping to keep those pesky forest creatures out of their yard — enticed them to eat food covered with poison. Wild animals as well as domestic dogs and cats easily come across this "bait."

Maybe you don't care about the animals you are killing. Keep in mind then that children also roam our neighborhood forest. My dog weighed 80 pounds, about double the weight of an average 5-year-old. Children under 5 are likely to put things — seeds covered with strychnine for example — into their mouths. It doesn't take a mathematical whiz to figure out that it would take only about an ounce of these seeds to kill a child.

Ruidoso is a forest. Animals, wild and domestic, live here. Before you put out poisons and traps to get rid of our local residents, maybe you should reevaluate your decision to live in the wilderness.

Cathy Smith
Ruidoso

Please support bill for school projects

TO THE EDITOR:

(The following letter was sent to Governor Johnson and copied to *The Ruidoso News*.)

This letter is written to urge your support of Senate Bill 319, "An Act making Appropriations for Certain Programs within Ruidoso Municipal Schools located in Lincoln County." We need your assistance and support to expand both the Parents as Teachers Program and the Gavilan Canyon School Adolescent Day Treatment Program.

The Ruidoso Schools and Ruidoso community believe that in today's society, all children are at risk of being at risk.

Gavilan Canyon School provides appropriate educational programming, therapeutic counseling and rehabilitative services to those students within the Ruidoso School District who, because of significant emotional disturbances and/or unacceptable home-community behaviors, demonstrate needs that are not currently being met within the general education programs of the public schools.

This school is designed to provide intensive services for students and their families as an alternative to expensive, out-of-district, restrictive facilities and programs. Gavilan Canyon School is effective

for those students and their families who are committed to rehabilitation and changes in behaviors.

We feel the Parents as Teachers program is an extremely effective educational program because it is designed to provide all parents of children, from birth to age 3, the information and support they need to give their children the best possible start in life.

The Parents as Teachers program has established the following goals: give the child a solid foundation for school success, increase parent's competence and confidence to give the child the best possible start in life, increase parent's knowledge of child development and appropriate ways to stimulate learning; promote a strong parent-child relationship, develop true partnership between parents and school and provide a means for early detection of potential learning problems. Support is needed for full-time staff to expand these preventive services throughout Lincoln County.

Again, we strongly urge your support of SB 319 and assistance with the PAT Program and Gavilan Canyon School Adolescent Day Treatment Program.

Paul A. Wirth, Ed. D.
President, YES, Inc.
Ruidoso

THE DREAMER

Happy Anniversary to C.R. and Zella Hicks

Clifton Robert Hicks and the former Zella Mae Sherrill were married in El Campo, Texas, on Feb. 8, 1936.

They have two sons: Jarre Robert Hicks of Las Cruces and Douglas Wayne Hicks of Victoria, Texas; a daughter, Carrol Ann Dorsey of Edna, Texas; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Five years ago, they moved to Ruidoso to their home at the edge of the golf course.

Friends will gather at their home from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 to help C.R. and Zella celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Speaking of this 60th wedding anniversary reminds me of the beloved American songwriter Irving Berlin. He wrote more than 100 favorite songs, including "God Bless America."

Irving Berlin lived well past 100 years of age and continued to write songs. He composed one song as a wedding present to his wife of 60 years. This song became a worldwide favorite.

"Always"

"I'll be loving you, always
With a love that's true, always
When the things you've planned
Need a helping hand
I will understand, always, always
Skies may not be fair, always
That's when I'll be there, always
Not for just an hour
Not for just a day
Not for just a year
But always."



The Dreamer

DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

We extend all congratulations to C.R. and Zella Hicks on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

February Snow

It was like springtime on Jan. 30; and then on the 31st some of the icy weather of the mid-west cannonball trickled down in the form of a cold wave, which changed the weather picture in a hurry.

Feb. 1 celebrated the beginning of the Birthday Month with a driving blizzard out of the north, bringing freezing mist and sleet and light snow.

Then, while up toward Minnesota way it was going down to 50 below zero, here in the vale the temperature went down to 10 degrees above, the second coldest night of the year, Feb. 2.

The ground hog saw his shadow very little if any, on his day. So it seems we are in for an early spring.

More snow moved in from the north during the night, and the clouds moved away so that

on the morning of the third you were in a world of only two colors, white and blue.

Today, a few minutes before noon, it is a still, warm day with temperatures at 60 degrees, with most of the snow melted into the ground on the sunny side of the valley.

As long as it remains cold up in the Midwest, we can expect some of it to overflow down onto us, along with snow.

Happy Birthday to Buddy Guthrie

Elon Edward Guthrie, affectionately known as Buddy, was born in Lincoln on Feb. 9, 1931 to Elon Guthrie and the former Pearl Purcella. He attended gradeschool in Lincoln and attended Capitan High School and played football and basketball.

He graduated in April, 1947 and on the first of May of that year he went to work for the Otero County Electric Co-op in Capitan.

That means that on the first of May of this year, Buddy will have completed 47 years with the organization.

On April 26, 1951, Buddy was married to the former Clara Knoll, a schoolmate of his Capitan School days. They have three children: Edward, Nelda Francis, and Ruth Ponce.

We all appreciate Buddy's many years of faithful service, especially on the stormy nights when the power goes out, when he and "his boys" (as he calls his workers) go out in the snow and bring the lights back on.

We all wish Buddy Guthrie many happy returns of the day and all God's blessings.

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LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

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

The Lincoln Independent
Feb. 12, 1892

Pat F. Garrett has sold his splendid ranch on the Hondo river, in Chavez County, to the Pecos Irrigating Company, whose great northern canal heads in and runs through the farm. Mr. Garrett is now living at Uvalde, Texas.

The following named persons,

were by the chairman of the county commissioners of Lincoln County, appointed as delegates to the Irrigation Convention, to be held at Las Vegas, New Mexico on the 16th day of March, 1892: John Y. Hewitt, W. C. McDonald, Jose M. Vega, James J. Dolan, M. Cronin, Geo. Sena, Martin Chavez, J.B. Mathews, W.W. Paul, Alf. Hunter.

Amos Eakers, of Nogal has ten children down with measles.

Messrs. Hamilton & Niles have finished their work on the court house and now are painting Mr. G. B. Barber's house.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

THURSDAY High...63
Low...29



Sunny

WEDNESDAY High...58
Low...22



Sunny

FRIDAY High...63
Low...32



Sunny

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation
Friday	36	11	.30"
Saturday	35	8	.00"
Sunday	43	12	.00"
Monday	61	17	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	63	30	Sunny
El Paso, TX	75	35	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	74	35	Sunny
Midland, TX	77	38	Sunny



Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cam Moore, KBIM-TV

STARDATE

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Orion stands at its highest, near the meridian; Capella commands the sky almost straight overhead; and Sirius is well up in the south-southeast, with Procyon and the Gemini stars far to its upper left.

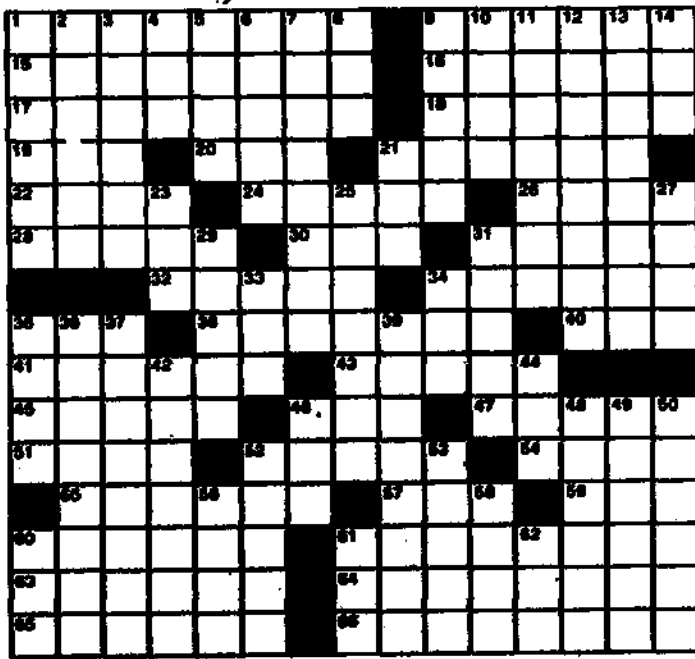
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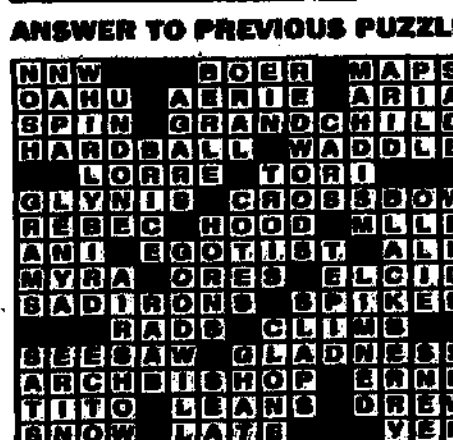
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Get answers to any three clues by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5555 (75¢ each minute).

OFFICIAL RECORDS

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following information was taken from reports filed by citizens with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

MONDAY, JAN. 29
— 3:36 p.m. An ambulance is requested by Verna Adams of Home Health Care to transport a man to a hospital in Albuquerque.
— 7:33 p.m. A dispatcher reports damage to a vehicle and requests a deputy to respond.
— 6:03 p.m. A woman in Pecos Ridge reports hearing four shots fired behind her home. At least two sounded like they were from a high-powered rifle.
— 6:57 p.m. A caller from Michigan asks for a deputy to relay a message about a death in the family of a Captain man.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30
— 9:21 a.m. Ernest Lueras, the mayor of Corona, reports damage to his Shell gas station. Someone broke into the station on U.S. 54.
— 9:54 a.m. A resident on Spring Road asks for an officer to take a report on problems he's having with some dogs.

— 12:15 p.m. A Tucson, Ariz. man reports his skin stolen from Ski Apache. A man with a black ski cap and a big red jacket grabbed them and took off. The ski jacket was on the patio of the restaurant near the parking lot. The theft occurred at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. The ski is K-2s, Model SLC, red and black with Salomon bindings, 190cm length. Also one pair of Roostedgn graphite black poles were taken.
— 7:27 p.m. A woman in Palo Verde Slopes reports a fire on Reynolds Street in a dumpster. The Ruidoso Downs Fire Department begins to respond, but two minutes out are told everything was all right.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following information was taken from reports made by citizens to the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30
12:06 a.m. Animal call at Willow Trailer Park.
4:16 p.m. Juveniles riding three wheeler on street.
4:34 p.m. Peacekeeping call.
5:33 p.m. Domestic violence.
7:29 p.m. Dumpster fire.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

— no time listed. A resident of Chisumano Apartments reports she is being harassed. She wants a deputy to be with her when she leaves work.
— 11:37 a.m. A woman in Nogal reports someone is trying to get into her house. Two deputies respond.
— no time listed. A man reports missing property. A deputy is assigned.
— 3:30 p.m. An officer in the county detention center requests some deputies to check for possible drugs.
— 3:30 p.m. An Also woman reports the theft of some items. A deputy responds.
— 5:47 p.m. A woman in Carrizozo requests a deputy because someone hit her car and then left about 15 minutes ago. She didn't notice until she was finished with supper. She believes the vehicle was a flatbed truck heading south on U.S. 54. A deputy and Carrizozo police officer respond.
— 8:52 a.m. A person calls to report a small dog killed in Palo Verde Slopes by a large dog running loose.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1
— 10:15 a.m. A Carrizozo man reports an accident without injuries on C Avenue. Two deputies respond.
— 5:03 p.m. A man east of Ruidoso Downs on U.S. 70 reports damage to his property.
— 6:07 p.m. A Captain woman reports an accident without injuries. The state police agency is notified.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2
— 7:50 a.m. A man reports an accident without injuries two miles up Ski Run Road. One vehicle has rolled over. State police are notified.

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

MONDAY, JAN. 29
(continued from last page)
— 10:33 p.m. Officer reports possible drunk driver just stopped at Ole Taco. Car parked at this time.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30
Total calls by type:
1 Accident
1 Add info/followup
2 Ambulances
2 Non-criminal activities
1 Substance abuse
1 Suspicious activity
1 Theft
1 Traffic
1 Warrant service

— 7:25 a.m. Main Road bank alarm. Officer enroute. All clear, employee error.
— 7:49 a.m. Sunny Slopes Drive caller requests ambulance for elderly lady who fell in the tub. She's conscious and breathing.
— 9:40 a.m. Ruidoso High School students at Lookout Towers. Officer has two juvenile arrests and one adult.
— 10:05 a.m. Officer needs case number for incident involving possession of drugs. Report taken.
— 11:50 a.m. Accident in parking lot of high school.
— 12:42 p.m. Officer has misdemeanor warrant for subject at RFD. One prisoner.
— 12:52 p.m. 1606 Suddeth Drive caller reports her grandmother has fallen and she can't get her up. Patient refusal.

— 4:57 p.m. Swallow Drive caller reports she thinks she found another B&E at previously reported place.
— 5:44 p.m. 2516 Suddeth Drive caller reports suspicious vehicle. All clear.
— 6:44 p.m. Officer reports two cars drug racing on Suddeth Drive. Cars stopped. Citation issued.
— 7:56 p.m. Hull Road caller reports kids have placed lawn ornaments in roadway. Brought to officer.
— 8:58 p.m. Camlot Drive caller reports her mother is harassing her.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

Total calls by type:
1 Accident
1 Alarm
5 Ambulances
1 Disturbance
2 Non-criminal activities
1 Other criminal
1 Theft

2 Traffic
3 Vandalisms
— 12:01 a.m. 1710 Suddeth Drive caller reports street sweeper woke him up. Worker advised he's almost through. Late start.
— 12:20 a.m. Ambulance transporting patient to Albuquerque.
— 4:06 a.m. Terrace Road caller reports barking dog in area. Officer enroute. Unable to locate. No sound or sight of any dog.
— 8:57 a.m. White Mountain Drive caller requests to see an officer about student at intermediate school threatening to bring a gun.
— 9:20 a.m. White Mountain Meadow caller requests officer concerning vandalism to house. Officer said owner not home. Will call back later.

— 10:03 a.m. Heath Drive caller reports a rock was thrown through her window. Report taken.
— 10:17 a.m. Park Avenue caller reports two racks broken into and one break-in was attempted. Report taken on criminal damage.
— 11:04 a.m. Country Club Drive caller reports vehicle stalled out. Vehicle moved to side of road.
— 11:16 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports gas skip of \$26.99. Newer Chevy. Unable to locate.
— 11:35 a.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller requests to file criminal complaint about incident that occurred at Wal-Mart.
— 12:08 p.m. 419 Mechem Drive caller requests officer concerning vehicle backed into UPS truck.
— 12:57 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Ruidoso Care Center.
— 1:06 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Albuquerque.
— 2:35 p.m. Panic alarm at 1710 Suddeth Drive bank. All clear. Operator error.
— 4:49 p.m. RCC requests ambulance for patient who fell.
— 6:06 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from LCMC to RCC.
— 8:13 p.m. Reese Drive caller reports threats. Report taken.
— 8:58 p.m. Granite Drive caller reports woman not answering her phone. Son is very concerned. All clear. Woman fine.
— 9:23 p.m. State police have two subjects arrested for DWI. Jailed in Ruidoso.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1
Total calls by type:
2 Accidents
4 Ambulances
1 Disturbance
1 Non-criminal activity
2 Other criminal
Please see Police, page 10A

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Live Music

513 12th Ave., Carrizozo. Nogal residents are also invited. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Senior Citizens Center in Ruidoso Downs.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso 257-2733 — 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. "Ken" will be playing.

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

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Suddeth Dr., Ruidoso 257-8535 — 6 p.m. to close every Thursday through Sunday - J.R. Band (local band performs country western and rock 'n' roll), no cover.

WIN, PLACE AND SHOW, 2516 Suddeth Dr., Ruidoso 257-8535 — 6 p.m. to close Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays, country music.

LOCAL MUSICIANS SHOWCASE — 9 p.m. every Thursday night on KBUY radio. Turner and Silverman will interview a different local musician or group each week. For eight weeks culminating with a free concert at Marie LeVaux's on March 17.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE — Jan. 29 through Feb. 19. Cookies will be delivered March 7. Cookies can be purchased by calling your local Girl Scout Council program center or by calling 800-374-8846. Cost is \$2.50 per box.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — Sponsored by the Community Action Program. The program is for the 1995 tax season Jan. 30 through April 15. The assistance is for income-eligible people who need help with State and Federal Income Tax short forms. They will see clients by appointment only at 815 Suddeth, Suite 1 #10, Ruidoso. Call 257-8843 for further information.

AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS — 1-4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at the Carrizozo Senior Center. 2-4 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday through April 12 at the Ruidoso Senior Center. The volunteers will help elderly low income taxpayers with both federal and state income taxes. A person does not have to be a member of AARP to receive this help.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE FORUMS — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at Dr. Wood's house in Lincoln. The forum is to help assess the medical needs and concerns of all Lincoln County residents. The public is encouraged to attend. 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at the REA Building.

RUIDOSO WORD CHURCH, Ruidoso Downs — 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 John George will speak on pertinent life issues. He has ministered to thousands each year throughout the world. Nursery available. Public is welcome.

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

D LAZY 2 CHUCKWAGON CAMP — Seven days a week year round. Reservations only. Authentic chuck-

wagon supper and chuckwagon entertainment (cowboy poetry, guitar music, etc.). Reservations must be made by 3 p.m. Call 257-7836 for information.

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE CLASSES — 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 through Thursday, March 14 at Ruidoso High School's Fine Arts Building. Register at ENMU-Ruidoso office next to Furr's on Mechem Drive. For further information call 257-2120 or 257-7777.

DIVORCE RECOVERY — 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Gateway Church of Christ building at 415 Suddeth, Ruidoso. The seminar will be presented by Tom Vermillion of Midland, Texas. Lunch and childcare provided. For more information and preregistration call 257-4381.

RABIES CLINIC — at reduced cost throughout Lincoln County Saturday, Feb. 10 9 a.m. to the fire station in Lincoln. 9 a.m. - noon at the Corona Fire Station. 11 a.m. - noon at the Hondo Post Office and the Alto Fire Station. 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. at the Carrizozo Fire Station. 1-3 p.m. at the Captain Fire Station, the Ruidoso Downs Fire Station and the Ruidoso Fire Station near the tennis courts on Suddeth Drive. The rabies shots will be \$5.

PARENTING COURSE — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Ruidoso High School in the Public Meeting Room. Help or hindrance: building blocks vs. barriers will be the subject of the third meeting of the free parenting course sponsored by Ruidoso Municipal Schools. It is led by Dr. Birgit LaMothe and is part of a series entitled "Raising Responsible Children." No registration is needed. For further information call 257-6149 or 354-2761.

VALENTINE'S DAY POTLUCK — 12 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14 at Ruidoso Senior Center. Cake and punch will be served. A drawing will be held for a special valentine.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS — 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at Betty Beauchamp Realty, 1087 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO WORD CHURCH, Ruidoso Downs — 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 John George will speak on pertinent life issues. He has ministered to thousands each year throughout the world. Nursery available. Public is welcome.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero 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.

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO SELECTION COMMITTEE — meets Wednesday, Feb. 7 - Friday, Feb. 9 to interview companies submitting proposals for Village Hall/Convention Center renovations, Athletic Fields, Water System Improvements and new Library.

ART & FILM BOARD — 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

RUIDOSO MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB — 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 in the Ruidoso Middle School Library. All parents welcome.

SCENIC BYWAYS — 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

ANNEX AD HOC COMMITTEE — 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

COUNCIL MEETING — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

LIBRARY BOARD — 12 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14 at Ruidoso Public Library.

EXTENSION CLUB — 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14 at Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. Betty McCraight, Lincoln County Home Economist will present program on common sense nutrition.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES — 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 in the Hospital Conference Room.

scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10-11 a.m. beginning the week of Feb. 26 and continuing through April 4. The classes are free and limited to 16 children to each class. The classes are for three to five year olds.

AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-8444: "The Juror," "Twelve Monkeys." Call theater for show times and ratings.

MUSEUMS
MUSEUM OF THE HORSE — Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4808. Open daily Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now showing: Anne's Attic - Selections from the permanent collection.

LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER/COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MUSEUM — 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 Mescalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mescalero.

Parks & Recreation
SKI APACHE — Call 257-9001 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.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUSE SIGN-UPS — Monday, Feb. 12 at the Ruidoso Public Library. Classes are

Library

SPORTS

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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 48 inches midway on the mountain. Surface conditions are packed powder. New snow Thursday and Friday was 22 inches.

To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

REPLAY

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

10 years ago — Ruidoso's wrestlers take third place in their own invitational. Mike Valenzuela and Kerry Jameson capture first place in their weight divisions.

20 years ago — Dexter's JV team beats Ruidoso's JV's, 50-39. Van Patton leads the Warriors with 10 points. Borde Williams adds six.

30 years ago — The Harlem Magicians, a skilled comedy basketball team, schedules a game with the Ruidoso Warrior Booster Club to raise money for the club's projects.

40 years ago — Carrizozo defeats Ruidoso, 71-68, in boys basketball. Skipper Harkey paces the Grizzlies with 32 points. Charley Hall scores 26 for the Warriors.

Cross Your Heart Cup takes off February 14

The annual Cross Your Heart Cup ski race is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Ski Apache. Proceeds will benefit the Lincoln County Humane Society.

Those interested in participating can preregister at the Ski School Desk, or call the Ski School for more information. Cost is \$10.

Once again, prizes will be given away for such unique categories as "Biggest Flirt," "Best Buns," "Best Costume," and "Tootsie" (where men must wear women's clothes), among others.

Historically, the Cross Your Heart Cup is the silliest race of the year. The post-race party starts at 6 p.m. the day of the race at Casa Blanca restaurant in Ruidoso.

Spaghetti supper to benefit athletes going Down Under Bowl

Before attending the Ruidoso/Hot Springs boys basketball game Saturday, Feb. 17, fans can enjoy a spaghetti supper from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso High School Cafeteria.

Proceeds from the supper will benefit RHS athletes selected to participate in the Coaches Care New Mexico's Gridiron Exchange this summer in Australia.

Saturday's supper will feature the authentic homemade sauce of the Eamello family. Garlic bread and homemade cakes will be served also. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Selected to represent Ruidoso are senior football players Rex Comanche, Brandon Eamello, Jesse Fromknecht, Robert Guardiola, Jackie Roe and Byron Soules. Sheryl Dockery and Amber Livingston have been invited to play in the volleyball exchange game.

For information and tickets call 336-4580.

State select soccer team tryouts Feb. 17

The New Mexico State Soccer Association is holding its second men's and women's state select team tryouts Saturday, Feb. 17, at the New Mexico Youth Soccer Complex. For more information call 296-6118 or 915-775-1943.

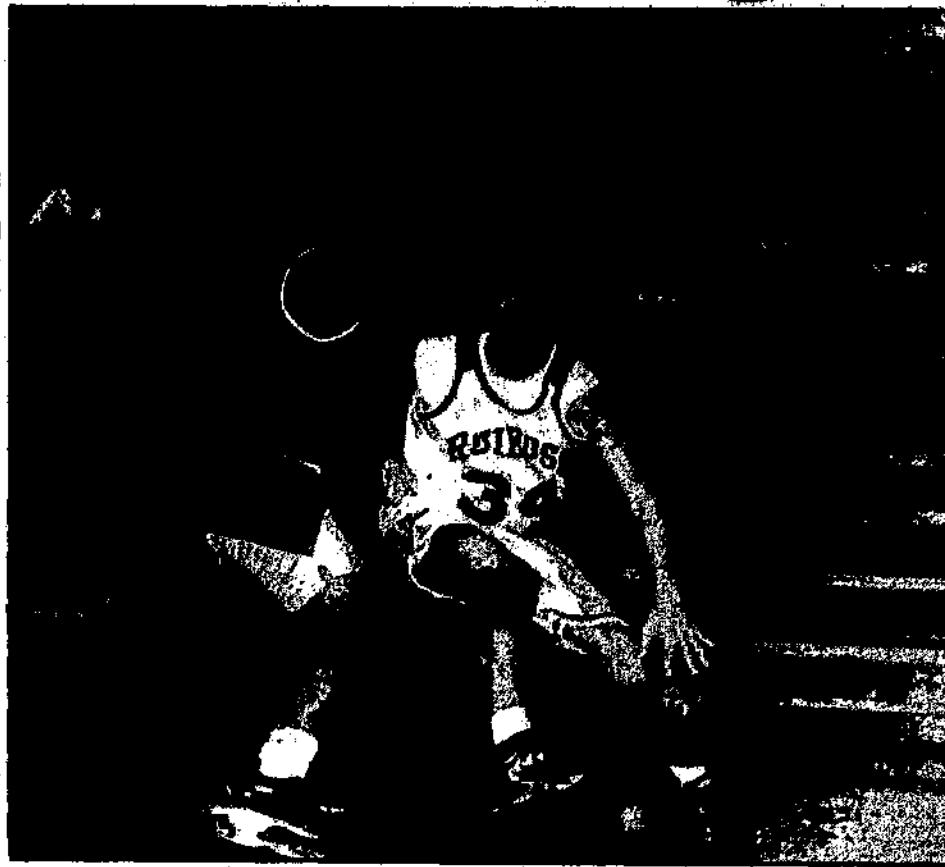
CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 7
Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m. Silver at Ruidoso

Thursday, Feb. 8
Prep Girls Basketball
5 p.m. Corona at Carrizozo
Prep Boys Basketball
7 p.m. Corona at Carrizozo

Friday, Feb. 9
Prep Girls Basketball
6 p.m. Ft. Sumner at Zozo
7 p.m. Tularosa at Capitan
Prep Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m. Socorro at Ruidoso
7:30 p.m. Capitan at Cloudcroft

Warrior cage skid screeches to a halt



Joshua Hodges scored 26 in the Warriors' win over Cobre Saturday.

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Ruidoso's best start of the season helped the Warriors end a six-game losing skid Saturday.

The Warriors jumped out to an 18-4 lead and went on to post a 73-66 District 3AAA win over visiting Cobre.

Then, coach Ben Sanchez's troops won their second game in a row Tuesday, a 77-64 victory at Santa Teresa. The Warriors, now 9-9 overall and 2-3 in the 3AAA, are right back in the district chase.

Last night's contest with the Desert Warriors was close until the fourth quarter, when Ruidoso out-

scored the home team, 28-14.

Freshman Cory Saenz tallied 10 of 16 points in that pivotal period.

"He really sparked us in the fourth quarter when we jumped on them," Sanchez said of his exceptional freshman.

Four other Warriors scored in double figures at Santa Teresa: Rex Comanche (17), Jackie Roe (12), Cory Hood (11) and Joshua Hodges (10).

A quick start and hot shooting by Comanche and Hodges led the Warriors Saturday against Cobre's Indians.

Ruidoso built as much as a 16-point lead in the first half, behind

the 3-point shooting of Hodges and Comanche. Hodges had 18 of his game-high 26 at the break and Comanche buried a pair of "treys."

Cobre chipped away at the Ruidoso lead and reduced it to single digits by halftime, which didn't surprise Sanchez.

"They have some of the best talent in the district," he said.

Sophomore Scott Sebastian's defensive efforts helped the Warriors subdue any Cobre rally in the fourth quarter. Sebastian shut down Cobre's leading scorer, Eric Villegas, in the final four minutes of the contest.

Ruidoso, Silver meet tonight

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Friday's anticipated matchup between Ruidoso and Silver, the state's No. 4-ranked Class AAA team, was put on ice until tonight.

Apparently the weather spooked the Colts from attempting the trip to Ruidoso Friday when a winter storm cruised through the state (the same storm didn't stop the Ruidoso girls basketball team from making the trek to Cobre and Silver for district games Friday and Saturday).

"They (Silver school officials) were considering the safety of their kids," Ruidoso athletic director Les Carter said. The game was called off before the Colts were scheduled to leave Silver City at 10 a.m., Carter said.

Carter checked the conditions of the highways with the New Mexico State Police and state highway department before he sent the Ruidoso girls west. The

roads were clear enough once out of the county, Carter learned. He shared that information with Silver officials, but it didn't sway their decision.

"It wasn't a bad decision," said Carter, who added it's better to err on the side of safety in such situations.

The district clash is rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Ruidoso High School gymnasium.

Coach Ben Sanchez's team will have its work cut out for it, not only because Ruidoso plays the district favorite, but also because RHS is coming off a road trip to Gadsden where it played Santa Teresa Tuesday.

"Ultimately, we've just got to rise above any fatigue we've got. We can't allow that to be an excuse to play poorly," said Sanchez, whose team beat Cobre 73-66 Saturday.

Silver (14-3, 3-1) climbed into a tie for first place in the District 3AAA standings with a 77-61 victory over Hot Springs Saturday.

day. Five Colts scored in double figures. Leading the way was Silver's star post player Andrew Wolthers with 17 points. Hot Springs fell to 10-5 overall and 3-1 in the 3AAA.

Wolthers will be the Warriors' center of attention on offense and defense.

Ruidoso will play a 1-1-3 matchup zone defense against the Colts in hopes of neutralizing Wolthers in the high post. The aggressive zone is also designed to take away Silver's 3-point shooters, Sanchez said.

When the Warriors have the ball, expect them to attack Wolthers without regard for the 6-foot-8 post player.

"We have to put Wolthers in a position where he has to defend," Sanchez said.

The Colts play straight up man-to-man defense for the whole 94 feet of the basketball court.

"They have a 'come and beat us attitude,'" Sanchez said of the Colts — which is exactly what the Warriors hope to do tonight.

Blue Demons pull out win over hexed Tigers

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The Capitan girls basketball team exorcised some of its demons Friday, but not Dexter's version.

The Tigers turned in one of their best performances against district rival Dexter's Blue Demons. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough for Capitan to record a victory.

Dexter escaped with a 38-36 win and stayed undefeated in District 6AA play. Capitan dropped to 7-14 overall and 1-4 in the 6AA.

"We played with some purpose and intensity," Tiger coach Norman Cline said.

Capitan hadn't been playing with their usual intensity of late. The effort pleased Cline.

"I'm kind of enthused because if we play that well, we have a chance of getting out of districts," he said.

Capitan stymied the Blue Demons in the first half with a 3-2 zone defense. The Tigers built a 20-12 halftime lead.

But Dexter made some adjustments at the break and closed the gap to 29-26 after three periods of play.

The fourth quarter was nip and tuck the whole way. The Blue Demons took the lead and held on to it — something the Tigers couldn't do.

"We just couldn't hold on," Cline said. "We had a lot of good shots that just wouldn't go down."

Capitan's leading scorer for the

game, sophomore Coya Robbins, also fouled out in the last quarter which didn't help the Tiger cause. Robbins finished with 14 points to lead all scorers.

Tiger Andra Fish buried three 3-pointers for nine points, while Mandi Aldaz added six points.

It's been a season of nail-biters for Cline and the Tigers. Eight of their games have been decided by five points or less. Capitan is 2-6 in those games.

The Tiger cause in close games hasn't been helped by the referees' whistles.

Cline isn't one to make excuses for his team, but the disparity between the Tigers and opponents at the free-throw line has the veteran coach scratching his head and wondering if the people in stripes do have a conspiracy against his girls.

"I know we foul and we give opportunities to them (the opponent) from the foul line, but..." Cline said.

In Friday's District 6AA contest, the Blue Demons took 22 trips to the charity stripe. Capitan stepped to the line twice, all night. Yes, that's right, two times.

The Capitan/Cloudcroft game illustrates Cline's point even more. The Bears scored only 15 of their 45 points on field goals. Cloudcroft attempted 1 free throws that night, and made 30. Capitan finished 7-for-22 from the line.

JW's Housekeeping cleans up city title

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

JW's Housekeeping swept past the competition for the team handicap title of the Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association (RWBA) 15th annual city championship tournament, held Saturday and Sunday at the Ruidoso Bowling Center.

The team of Donna Wilcox, Renita Freeman, Jeri Waltrip, Shannon Brazel and Glenda Holder finished 33 pins better than second-place Ruidoso Care Center. Representing Ruidoso Care Center were Mary Dominguez, Ola Rue, Rogene Clee, Darlene Martinez and Diane Spear.

In the team scratch competition, The Style Shop II took top honors with a score of 2,388.

Twelve teams competed for \$270 in prize money.

Cindy Sanchez bowled a nifty 267 in Saturday's singles competition. That performance helped her lay claim to the honors for high scratch series (621), high scratch game (267), high handicap game (299), and all events scratch (1,698).

Entries for the event were down three from last year's 15 teams. RWBA secretary/treasurer Laura Maul attributed the drop in

entries to the slow local economy. It cost \$32 for a bowler to participate in all the weekend's events.

"It was a very good city tournament. Of course, we would have liked to have more participation, but everything went very well and smoothly," Schryer said.

In all, 33 doubles teams and 66 singles bowlers participated in Saturday's competition. Forty-two doubles teams and 84 singles players participated in the 1995 city tournament.

The RWBA handed out nearly \$1,000 in prize money in addition to door and raffle prizes when it was all said and bowled Sunday.

City Tournament Results

Team Handicap

1. JW's Housekeeping, 3056, (Donna Wilcox, Renita Freeman, Jeri Waltrip, Shannon Brazel and Glenda Holder)

2. Ruidoso Care Center, 3023, (Mary Dominguez, Ola Rue, Rogene Clee, Darlene Martinez, and Diane Spear)

Team Scratch

1. The Style Shop II, 2388, (Flo Maul, Laura Schryer, Gloria Wheeler, Connie Behringer and



Renita Freeman and her bowling teammates from JW's Housekeeping captured the RWBA's city tournament team title Sunday at Ruidoso Bowling Center.

Lucy Services

Doubles Scratch

1. Flo Maul and Shelly McGarvey, 1256

Doubles Handicap

1. Flo Maul and Shelly McGarvey, 1376

2. Louise LaRue and Mary Lunsford, 1256

3. Candy Guvara and Connie Romero, 1242

4. Sylvia Wheeler and Pam Bernard, 1237

5. Ann Burns and Barbara Ward, 1236

6. (Tie) Donna Abernathy and Sherry Hoffer, Debbie Schaefer and Triah Eames, 1229

Singles Scratch

1. Cindy Sanchez, 621

Singles Handicap

1. Pam Bernard, 736

2. Cindy Sanchez, 717

3. Terry Sanchez, 690

4. Carol Roller, 672

5. Saneida Lee, 648

6. Kathy Richardson, 644

7. Ola Rue, 640

8. Brenda Buckner, 637

9. Jackie Dickerson, 635

10. Flo Maul, 632

11. Betty Purser, 629

12. Mona McEuen, 620

13. Pat Crumley, 617

All Events Scratch:

1. Cindy Sanchez, 1598

All Events Handicap:

1. Pam Bernard, 1209

2. Saneida Lee, 1958

3. Flo Maul, 1890

4. Terry Sanchez, 1888

5. Cindy Sanchez, 1886

6. Donna Wilcox, 1868

Individual high scores

High scratch series:

Cindy Sanchez, 621

High handicap series:

Pam Bernard, 736

High scratch game:

Cindy Sanchez, 267

High handicap game:

Cindy Sanchez, 299

EDUCATION

SCHOOL MENU

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' MENU (GRADES K-6)

Monday, Feb. 12
 Breakfast: Cereal or pig in a blanket, chilled fruit, milk.
 Lunch: Cheese enchiladas or fish nuggets, spicy pinto, tossed salad, crackers, vanilla pudding.
Tuesday, Feb. 13
 Breakfast: Cereal or donut, chilled fruit, milk.
 Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich or turkey pot pie with crackers, tater tots, cookie, chilled fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Feb. 14
 Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, cereal, chilled fruit, milk.
 Lunch: Spaghetti with meat

sauce or chef salad with chopped ham and cheese, crackers, Italian green beans, fruit.
Thursday, Feb. 15
 Breakfast: Cereal or sausage and eggs, chilled fruit, milk.
 Lunch: Foot-long hot dog or pork chop with sliced bread, baked beans, fries, fruit, milk.
Friday, Feb. 16
 Breakfast: Cereal or pancakes with syrup, chilled fruit, milk.
Monday, Feb. 12
 Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, sausage, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Glazed smoked ham, dinner roll, black eyed peas, cake, fruit.
Tuesday, Feb. 13

Breakfast: Cereal, breakfast pizza, orange half, milk.
 Lunch: Chef salad with chopped ham, grated cheese, tomato wedges, ranch dressing, crackers.
Wednesday, Feb. 14
 Breakfast: Cereal or pancakes with syrup, milk.
 Lunch: Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, dinner roll, green beans, mashed potatoes, fruit.
Thursday, Feb. 15
 Breakfast: Cereal or French toast, orange, milk.
 Lunch: Chicken Sandwich with trimmings, tater tots, fruit.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

RHS talent show

The junior class of Ruidoso High School is sponsoring a talent show at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the RHS gym.
 Tryouts are at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 and dress rehearsal is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21.
 Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.
 For more information call RHS at 258-4910.

Schools awarded Head Start grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded the Ruidoso Municipal School District a \$44,319 grant for its full-year Head Start Program.
 Head Start provides education, health care, and nutrition to low-income, preschool-aged children.

demie achievement during the second semester of the 1994-95 school year.

Hawthorne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Hawthorne of Ruidoso.

To qualify for the Superintendent's List at NNMI, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.



Dominic Ortega

Ortega wins Geography Bee

Hondo Valley fifth-grade student Dominic Ortega recently placed first in the school district's National Geography Bee contest.

Second-place winner was Antonio Sanchez, also a fifth grader. Tyler Sianeros, a sixth-grade student, won third place.

Ortega was competing against the top 10 students from fourth through eighth grades. By winning, he must now pass a qualifying test to see if he is eligible to compete against 100 top students in state competition in Albuquerque in March.

The winner of the state Geography Bee is automatically qualified to attend the national contest in Washington, D.C. in May.

RMS booster club meets tomorrow

The Ruidoso Middle School Academic Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 8, in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

For information contact the school at 257-7324



Justin Hawthorne

Hawthorne makes academic list

Cadet Justin Hawthorne, a high school sophomore at New Mexico Military Institute, was named to the Superintendent's List for academic achievement during the second semester of the 1994-95 school year.



Jim Paul Whipple

Whipple receives academic honors

1995 Capitan graduate Jim Paul Whipple was awarded a certificate of academic high honors for the 1995 fall semester, for outstanding academic achievement with a 4.0 G.P.A.

Whipple, son of Craig and Connie Whipple of Capitan and Curry and Annette Reynolds of Glencoe, is a freshman at Cochise Junior College in Douglas, Ariz. on a rodeo scholarship.

Tam named to President's List

Luisa Lee Tam of Ruidoso has been named to the Texas Tech University President's List.

Tam is a senior at Texas Tech University majoring in Human Development.



Don Hixon/The Ruidoso News

Good Citizens

First grade students at Sierra Vista Primary School were honored recently as Good Citizens for the month of January. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Lindsay Garcia, Kelly Hodges, Ashley Cosgray, Nadine Bismouth, Lindsey Blake and Tabatha Durden. Second row — Danielle Lugo, Cristina Guthrie, Ashley Stella, Nathaniel Mays, Lino Davila and Lauren Sportsman. Front row — Melissa Gordon, Manny Herrera, Joe Lynch and T.C. Coleman.

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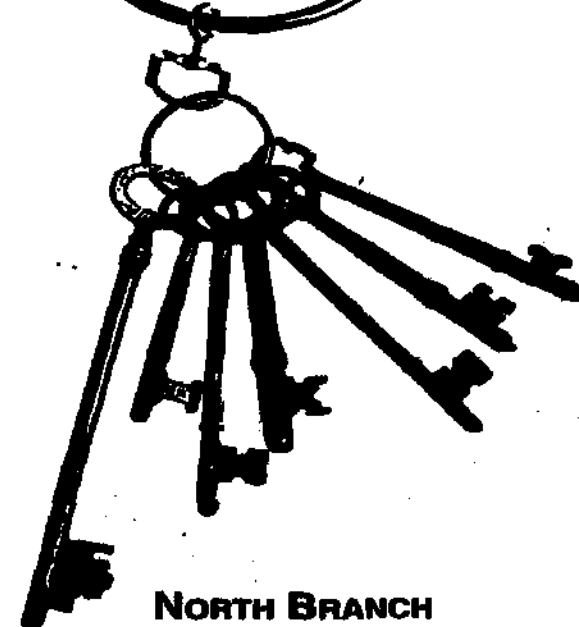
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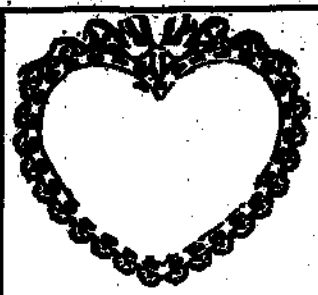
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LEGAL NOTICE

AVISO DE NOMBRES DE CANDIDATOS PARA CARGO PUBLICO, DESIGNACION DE LOCALES PARA VOTAR Y MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DE PRECINTO

Aldea de Ruidoso Downs
 Con respecto a la eleccion municipal regular que se lleva a cabo el 6 de marzo de 1996 y de acuerdo con 3-5-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores son candidatos para puestos publicos de la Aldea de Ruidoso Downs.

Los nombres de los candidatos aparecen en la orden que figuraran en la balota segun determinado por sorteo.

1. Para el puesto de alcalde por un termino de cuatro años:
 Joe M. Mayhew
 Charlotte D. Craig

2. Para el puesto de Fiscalario por un termino de cuatro años:
 Jacquelyn M. Branum
 Judy R. Miller

3. Para el puesto de Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro años:
 Harold R. Mansell

B. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la eleccion municipal regular que se lleva a cabo el 6 de marzo de 1996.

1. Votantes en el Precinto 10 & 11 dentro del edificio municipal votaran en el Senior Center, 399 Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM.

2. Votantes en el Precinto de votantes suenales votaran en la oficina de la secretaria Municipal.

C. Los siguientes miembros Grupo Directivo del Precinto/sueneal han sido nombrados:

1. Para el Juez en el Precinto:
 Tom Armstrong

2. Para el Fiscalario en el Precinto:
 Diane Carpenter
 Marlene Bell
 Betty Carter
 Sarah Prothro
 Ray Montes

D. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se lleva a cabo una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Precinto el dia 12 de Febrero de 1996 en el Lincoln County Commission Meeting Room en Carlsbad, Nuevo Mexico. La "Escuela" empezara a las 10:00 AM. La "Escuela" esta abierta al publico.

Fecha: este dia 6 de February de 1996.

/s/Leann Weibrecht
 Escribana Municipal
 0220 2T(27,27)

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS

MAIN STREET PUBLIC RESTROOM FACILITIES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on February 21, 1996.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the plans and specifications from the Purchasing Office at the Village of Ruidoso, 419 Highway 70, Ruidoso, NM 86325, or by phone (505) 257-2761.

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office no later than 4:00 p.m. February 21, 1996, at which time the bids will be opened at the Village of Ruidoso, 419 Highway 70, Ruidoso, NM.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all formalities as allowed by the Code of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of Government Body
 /s/Teri Waterfield
 Procurement Officer
 0168 4T(11)12,18,24(27)

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 96-1

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees will discuss at a public hearing on February 12, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. amending Ordinance 96-1 amending the Uniform Traffic Code relating to unlawful riding, thus providing for an ordinance making it illegal for certain persons to ride an unlicensed portion of a truck. Ordinance 96-1 will be

considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 12, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall Bldg.

/s/Deborah Cummings
 Clerk-Treasurer, CMC
 Village of Capitan
 0208 4T(11)28,31(27,27)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee has set the following regular meeting dates for 1996. The meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carlsbad.

February 28, 1996
 March 23, 1996
 April 22, 1996
 May 27, 1996
 June 24, 1996
 July 22, 1996
 August 23, 1996
 September 23, 1996
 October 26, 1996
 November 23, 1996
 December 23, 1996

Meetings are open to the public. Agenda is available upon request 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Auditory aides are available upon request. Please contact Martha Guerrero at 646-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make necessary arrangements.

0222 1T(27)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance No. 96-02 (Penalty Assessments), will be held Monday, February 12, 1996 at 7:00 PM, at the Village Hall Complex in Ruidoso Downs, NM. Interested persons will have the opportunity to give written or verbal comment.

/s/Leann Weibrecht, CMC
 Village Clerk/Treasurer
 0219 2T(27,27)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of names of candidates for office, designation of polling places, and precinct board members

The Village of Ruidoso Downs in connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 6, 1996, and pursuant to 3-5-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the Village of Ruidoso Downs:

The candidates' names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot.

1. For the office of Mayor for a four year term:
 Joe M. Mayhew
 Charlotte D. Craig

2. For the office of Trustee for a four year term:
 Jacquelyn M. Branum
 Judy R. Miller

3. For the office of Municipal Judge for a four year term:
 Harold R. Mansell

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election to be held on March 6, 1996.

1. Voters in Precincts 10 & 11 within the municipal boundary shall vote at the Senior Citizens Center, 399 Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM.

2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the office of the Village Clerk, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM.

C. The following Precinct/Absentee Board members have been appointed.

1. For Judge in Precinct:
 Tom Armstrong

2. For clerks in Precinct:
 Diane Carpenter
 Sarah Prothro
 Marlene Bell
 Ray Montes
 Betty Carter

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on the 12th day of February, 1996 at the Lincoln County Commission Meeting Room Carlsbad, New Mexico. The school is open to the public.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1996.
 /s/Leann Weibrecht
 Municipal Clerk
 0219 2T(27,27)

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State official urges continuance of Fort Stanton Fire Department

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A state official Tuesday urged the Lincoln County Commission to keep the Fort Stanton Volunteer Fire Department even though the fort is closed and nearby Camp Sierra Blanca is scheduled to be shut down.

The fire department is mainly staffed by inmates from Camp Sierra Blanca minimum security prison a few miles from Fort Stanton, but that state facility also is scheduled to close by next September.

County commissioners took no action on the request, essentially allowing the Fort Stanton Department to remain active.

"The situation at Fort Stanton continues to deteriorate, but someday we probably will have the manpower to operate it again," said Commission Chairman Monroy Montes.

Started in 1953, the Fort Stanton department is the oldest of the county's seven districts.

Jim Treharn from the State Fire Marshal's office said once a fire district is dissolved, any remaining money reverts to the state's general fund and equipment could be dispersed among other departments in the county or departments in other parts of the state.

Through the Fire Protection Fund Act, \$32 million was collected this year by the state, which returns \$11 million to the fire marshal and fire districts, and keeps two-thirds of the state's general fund, Treharn said.

"If Fort Stanton's department shuts down, the county really loses," he said. "I recommend keeping it open as long as you have a skeleton crew out there. I hear another tenant may be coming in. But even without that, you still have buildings there that need protection."

The fort has been empty since it was closed last March as a state hospital.

"We're tried unsuccessfully the

last few years to get a larger percentage of the money collected by the state," he said. "Twenty-one thousand to \$22,000 is not much for a department to work on. There are only two investigators from the fire marshal's office to cover the entire state."

Several bills are pending in the state legislature and being pushed by the National Chapter of Arson Investigators. These bills would increase the amount of money dispersed to the fire marshal, he said.

One of those bills would return as much as 40% of the fire fund to the fire marshal's office and fire districts, said Commissioner Bill Schwettmann, who serves as county representative to the New Mexico Association of Counties. Some of the bills would also increase state retirement benefits for volunteers, he added.

Out of 350 fire departments around the state, 90% are manned by volunteers, Treharn said.

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1 Suspicious activity
2 Traffic
1 Vandalism
1 Traffic
— 2:02 a.m. 2516 Sudderth Drive caller reports man fell off hood of car. Man taken by ambulance to Lincoln County Medical Center.
— 5:04 a.m. Ambulance enroute with one to Albuquerque.
— 8:04 a.m. 125 Warrior Drive caller requests officer regarding threats to teacher's aide. Turned over to Captain PD.
— 9:23 a.m. 125 Warrior Drive caller reports vandalism to vehicle. Report taken.
— 10:34 a.m. Officer needs report on felon in possession of a firearm. Report taken.
— 11:04 a.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Lubbock.
— 12:09 p.m. White Mountain Drive caller requests officer regarding inmate parent enroute to White Mountain Elementary School. All clear, negative report.
— 12:21 p.m. Accident on Carrizo Canyon Road. Patient refusal. Report taken.
— 12:48 p.m. 4th Street caller reports stereo stolen out of his car. Report taken.
— 2:57 p.m. Morningside Drive caller requests officer for check on trailer. Negative.
— 3:30 p.m. Report taken on D Street larceny.
— 5:27 p.m. Cedar Place caller reports juvenile subject with rifle threatening suicide. All clear. Hoax.
— 6:26 p.m. Marble Drive caller reports lights on in vacant house. Found open door. All clear. Vacant.
— 8:30 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from Indian Health Services to Alamogordo.

— 10:06 p.m. 311 Sudderth Drive caller reports subjects driving carelessly in parking lot. Negative contact.
— 11:25 p.m. Report of accident, no injuries, on Carrizo Canyon Road. Two vehicles. Report taken.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2
Total calls by type:
1 Accident
2 Ambulances
1 Disturbance
2 Domestic
1 Fireworks
2 Non-criminal activities
1 Substance abuse
1 Suspicious activity
1 Theft
7 Traffic

— 12:09 a.m. Officer giving ride to Main Road.

— 12:18 a.m. Grindstone Drive caller reports vehicle in ditch with people in it. Accident had already been reported.

— 9:29 a.m. 451 Sudderth Drive caller reports minor fender bender in parking lot. Report taken.

— 11:08 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports vehicle stalled in the road. Negative contact.

— 12:05 p.m. Paradise Canyon Road caller reports vehicle stalled at intersection.

— 12:06 p.m. Officer reports vehicle abandoned just past bridge going the wrong way. Vehicle towed.

— 1:53 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to IHS.

— 1:55 p.m. West Street caller reports neighbor is very loud. Subject advised to be quiet.

— 2:16 p.m. 721 Mechem Drive caller reports subject riding three wheeler in parking

lot. Subject took it home.

— 3:23 p.m. 657 Sudderth Drive caller reports tools stolen out of the back of his truck. Report taken on burglary.

— 5:06 p.m. Report taken on Camelot Drive domestic battery.

— 5:11 p.m. Red Pine Road caller reports children on ATVs running up and down in area. Negative contact.

— 7:45 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller reports intoxicated subject walking in the street. Negative contact.

— 9:46 p.m. Message left for Mystic Pines woman. Her daughter is in custody in Alamogordo.

— 9:55 p.m. Gavilan Canyon Drive caller requests ambulance. Has severe stomach pains.

— 10:18 p.m. Reese Drive caller reports neighbors yelling at each other. One taken to LCMC. Report.

— 10:54 p.m. White Mountain Drive caller reports shots in area. Negative contact with anyone out in area.

— 11:26 p.m. Hanson Drive caller reports hearing loud noise and saw footprints in snow in yard. Negative contact. Close patrol.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Total calls by type:

4 Accidents

1 Alarm

2 Ambulances

2 Assist other agencies

2 Disturbances

2 Domestic

7 Non-criminal activities

1 Substance abuse

3 Traffic

Chloe Zumwalt

Lincoln County native Chloe Alice Zumwalt Peters died Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Casa Maria Care Center in Roswell, where she had lived for the last 16 months.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Angus Church of the Nazarene. Officiating will be the Rev. Charles Hall. Burial will follow at the Angus Cemetery.

Mrs. Zumwalt was born to Bowen and Effie Skinner Zumwalt on Feb. 23, 1902 at Carrizozo. She was one of 10 children - eight boys and two girls. She lived most of her life in Lincoln County. As a child, her family moved to Aztec for a few months, but quickly returned to Lincoln County.

She was married to Gilbert Eugene Peters on Sept. 28, 1919 at Carrizozo. They celebrated their 72nd anniversary shortly before his death in November, 1991. They had one son born to this marriage, LaMoyné Peters. They lived at Nogal Lake until 1957, at which time they moved to their ranch home on Bonito Creek.

She joined the Church of the Nazarene at Providence, which later moved to Capitan. At Capitan, she taught a young people's Sunday School class and later an adult class for years. She influenced several young people to give their lives to full-time Christian service. Her greatest joy was her young people, who served the Lord and kept in contact with her over the years.

In Acts 9:32-39, Paul tells of a woman named Dorcas, who delighted in doing kind deeds for others. Many people have often compared "Mommie Chloe" to Dorcas. She delighted in doing sweet, thoughtful deeds for others, but most of all she rejoiced in telling others of her Savior and Redeemer.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, six brothers, one sister, and beloved husband.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, LaMoyné and Opal Peters of Capitan; one granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Glenda and Leslie Armstrong of Ft. Sumner; two great-granddaughters and great-grandsons-in-law, Renee and Kevin Grant of Muleshoe, Texas, and Tanya and Casey Schumacher of Lubbock, Texas; one great-grandson, Lynden Armstrong of Washington, D.C.; and a great-great-granddaughter, Kyra Brynn Grant. She has two living brothers, A.B. Zumwalt of Hondo and Jack Zumwalt of McMinnville, Oregon. She will also be remembered and missed by one namesake, Chloe Wierwille of Ruidoso, as well as many nieces, nephews, and numerous other friends and family.

The family has requested memorials to the Ranchman's Camp Meeting; in care of Johnson Stearns, P.O. Box 159, Carrizozo, N.M. 88301.

Babe Ferguson

Babe Mayfield Ferguson, 81, died Sunday evening, Feb. 4, at Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with Rev. Bob Stokes and Mr. Willie Stricker officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Mrs. Ferguson was born on June 2, 1914 to James G. and Lillian Babcock Lee in El Campo, Texas. At an early age, she moved with her family to Rosebud, Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, where she attended school. She moved to Midland in 1928. She also lived in Ruidoso for 20 years.

Mrs. Ferguson was a member of the First Assembly Church in Ruidoso. She was a member of Odd Fellows Rebecca Lodge in Midland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Oran Ferguson, and by two infant

daughters, Baby Genevieve and Beverly Ann.

She is survived by six sons, Arthur James Mayfield of Henderson, Texas, Billy Ray Mayfield of Lamesa, Texas, George Elliot Mayfield of Odessa, Robert Earl Mayfield of Blairsville, Ga., Don O'Brian Mayfield of Hobbs, and Brooks Lee Mayfield of Fresno, Calif.; one step-son, Ricky Lee Ferguson of Houston; three daughters, Lillie M. Smith of Midland, Edna Lou Wallis of Ada, Okla., and Marchelle K. Jones of Bloomington, Texas; one step-daughter, Tanya Ferguson; 27 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, three nieces and one nephew.

Denzel Hopkins

Mr. Denzel Richard Hopkins of Lubbock, Texas died Monday, Jan. 29 in a Wichita Falls care center. He was 81.

Mr. Hopkins was born in Fannin County, Texas on July 31, 1914, and was a retired farmer.

He had lived in Lubbock since 1937, and worshipped at the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock. He was married to Josephine Floy Austin.

He was a graduate of Electra High School in Electra, Texas. He farmed in the west Texas area for more than 50 years, living in the same house since August, 1948. He also maintained a residence in Ruidoso.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the First Presbyterian Church of Iowa Park, with the Rev. Paul Tomlinson officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Floy; three daughters, Lovetta Jo Gurley of Atlanta, Ga., Lyndell Edgemon of Volkhov, Russia, and Karmen Hopkins, M.D., of Little Rock, Ark.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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