



The Ruidoso News

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ON THE SIDE

The Ruidoso News hosts open house

The Ruidoso News is celebrating its 50th anniversary with an open house from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today, May 17.

The public is invited to stop by for refreshments, and music by Jay Silverman. Newspaper subscriptions will be given away, and memorabilia will be on display.

The News is joining the Ruidoso government and Ruidoso Downs Race Track on June 22 to celebrate 50 years of all these institutions' existence.

Capitan landfill to close this Saturday

The landfill near Capitan used for construction debris and yard waste will be open to the public for the last time Saturday.

It will close at 3:30 p.m.

Contractors will be able to dump there until June 1 or until the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority runs out of space, said Manager Jerry Wright.

The authority has asked for proposals on alternate disposal methods that may include private debris landfills, enclosed burning and pine needle composting.

"But there may be a lag time between the closure and when a person can be licensed," Wright said. "In the interim, people will be able to dump at the recycling center on Second Street in Ruidoso Downs or the transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road." Everything from construction material to bags of pine needles and branches will be accepted.

Police watch for seat belt violators

Ruidoso police will step up enforcement of the seat belt law on Sunday, May 19 through Saturday, June 1.

"Between 1989 and 1994, 56 people or 9.3 people per year were killed in motor vehicle accidents in Lincoln County alone," Ruidoso traffic enforcement officer Dewayne Gear said. "And 90% of those that died were not wearing their seat belts."

Fines are \$42 for adults, and \$67 for children aged 11 and younger. Children one year old and younger must be in child restraining seats. Children between the ages of one and five must be in a restraining seat or safety belted in the back seat.

50th anniversary of The Ruidoso News today

by JOANNA DODDER

Ruidoso News Editor

Lloyd Bloodworth saw a need, and he filled it.

Exactly 50 years ago today, he started *The Ruidoso News* — Friday, May 17, 1946.

His son L.P. Bloodworth is still a frequent visitor to Ruidoso, as his father had been since 1936 when he was the El Paso Chamber of Commerce manager. Lloyd's oldest son, he remembers a call he received from his father a half-century ago.

"He called me up and said, 'What would you think about us going to Ruidoso and starting a newspaper?'" L.P. remembers. "He'd never been in the business before — he just saw a need."

"That's the way my dad was; he looked for things that were needed and tried to accomplish them."

L.P. figures his brother-in-law also encouraged Lloyd since he was already in the newspaper business.

L.P. was already out on his own and didn't work for his father, but he was instrumental in getting the newspaper started; Lloyd borrowed \$4,000 from his son, money L.P. had saved while in the war. They both figured it was a down payment on L.P.'s future interest in the family's Texas ranch.

The Bloodworths rented a tiny building from the Jack Halls in downtown Ruidoso (where Pine Tree Square now sits), bought a typewriter and some office furniture, and *The Ruidoso News* was born. The staff included Lloyd, his wife Ida and Mary Nell Teager, who still keeps in touch with the Bloodworth family.

They didn't have an expensive printing press. Throughout the half-decade they ran the paper, they had it printed in Roswell, Belen and Alamogordo (mostly the latter). With the tedious hot type process, they'd have to leave the typed material and come back for the finished product two days later, L.P. recalls.

As soon as they left off the copy, their new rounds began. Ida made a loop from Ruidoso through Tinia, Arabela, Capitan, White Oaks, Ancho, Carrizozo, Ocuca, Nogal, and back to Ruidoso. She had correspondents in each town ready to

hand her the news of the day.

"It was a pretty good loop — I still have her car," a 1950 Ford Coupe, L.P. says.

"She collected the news and brought it to dad," L.P. relates. "She was the work horse; he was a gifted writer."

Lloyd made some rounds in town to pick up news while he sold real estate on the side. He always stopped to talk with just about everybody.



L.P. Bloodworth

"My dad never met a stranger," L.P. explains. "We (four children) sat in the car many a time while he visited."

In later years, L.P. recalls walking into *The Ruidoso News* office many a time to witness "utter confusion." Dad would often be sitting at his desk with a cigar in his mouth using the "hunt and pecker" typing method (two index fingers only). Piles of paper would be surrounding him.

In his spare time, Lloyd helped the Methodist Church and Chamber of Commerce get started. Ida helped start up the P.T.A. They were also big supporters of the community's incorporation.

"It is not by accident all this happened 50 years ago at the same time," L.P. says. "It's because Lloyd and Ida Bloodworth showed up. They planned to spend their life here, but Dad got those itchy feet."

The Bloodworths (now both deceased) left their mountain home for Albuquerque, where Lloyd worked for the Chamber. It needed his help.

(Please turn to page 2 for a replica of the first issue of *The Ruidoso News*.)



Lloyd Bloodworth founded *The Ruidoso News* on Friday, May 17, 1946.

Lincoln National Forest closure likely to affect Ruidoso tourism

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

When most of the Lincoln National Forest closes Monday to lessen the danger of wildfire, Ruidoso's tourism economy will feel the heat, local officials say.

But the intensity of the impact remains to be seen. It all depends on how long all the trails, campgrounds and picnic areas are closed, said Village Manager Gary Jackson.

Still, the fire risk is so scary, village officials are not about to downplay the danger to potential tourists, Jackson said.

"I think we have an obligation to advise not only the residents of this community, but also visitors and guests of the severity of the risk," Jackson said. "We want them to have a place to come back to, not to mention a place for us to live."

If visitors want to camp near Ruidoso, they'll be relegated to dispersed areas or private campgrounds like the Bonito Hollow and River Trail on U.S. 70 East, which allow camping for RVs and tents. Fire restrictions prohibiting all open flames still apply at those areas.

Sam Tobias, the Smokey Bear Ranger District's recreation land manager, predicts visitors will still come here for the mountains' pure

climatic relief compared to high plains heat.

"There will still be a draw here, even without camping," Tobias said.

About 100 hikers enter the forest daily during a normal summer season, and another 100 walk along the Cedar Creek fitness trail next to town, Tobias said.

"Thank goodness we still have Please see Forest, page 3A

☐ Ruidoso bans smoking in public places

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☐ All trails, campgrounds in Smokey Bear District shut down Monday

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Kathleen McDonald/The Ruidoso News

Marco Monteagudo and Ira Caster hang a "stop" sign in the Cedar Creek area of the Lincoln National Forest. Approximately 70% of the forest will be closed because of extreme fire danger from an extended drought and hot, windy weather. All trails and campgrounds in the local Smokey Bear Ranger District will be closed.

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Village, paper and track celebrate 50 years with party Saturday, June 22

Three institutional players in the development of Ruidoso are marking their 50th anniversaries in 1996, and on Saturday, June 22 will welcome residents to a joint anniversary party at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The Village of Ruidoso was incorporated as a legal entity 50 years ago; Ruidoso Downs Race Track began parimutuel racing in that year; and *The Ruidoso News* began publishing 50 years ago today, on May 17, 1946.

"We're urging all our Lincoln County neighbors to join in an afternoon and evening of food, refreshments, music and good old fashioned visiting," said Village Manager Gary Jackson.

Specially invited are those residents who were living in Ruidoso in 1946. They will receive public recognition.

To make it truly community-wide, vendors wishing to set up booths for the event may contact Nancy Shaver at the Convention Center, 258-5445. Merchants wishing to mark their own anniversaries in the community also are invited to participate with exhibits or booths, through Shaver's office.

Local musical groups — country, rock and everything in between — will be invited to help keep things lively; information is available from Joanna Dodder at *The News*, 257-4001.

The newspaper is planning a special edition as an anniversary keepsake for those attending.

Activities are scheduled outdoors, but the convention center will be available in case the weather changes.

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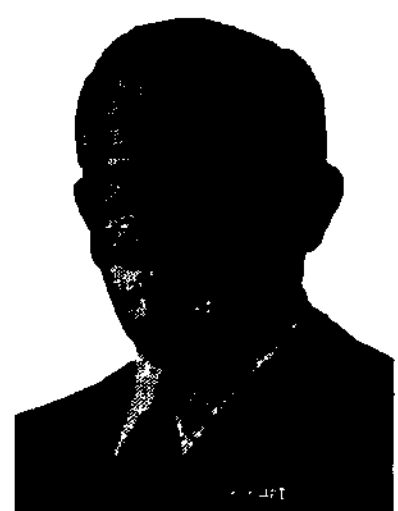
AS I SEE IT

By LLOYD BLOODWORTH

For more than a quarter of a century the writer has been engaged in public relations work of some sort. Most of the time he has been a commercial organization secretary and in that capacity has had a very close relationship with the newspaper field. All of these years he has hoped that sometime he might be the owner of a good country weekly paper. It looks like that dream is to be realized and I do hope that those who read the paper will feel that it is worth their while. I have surrounded myself with capable men who have had plenty of experience and they will keep me from making too many mistakes. The paper will pursue an independent policy and will report the news just as it happens. Politically I am a democrat and will extol the virtues of that party from time to time as the occasion arises, although I may have to hold my nose at times to do it. I am deeply appreciative of the many letters of encouragement that have come to me from all over the Southwest. Large numbers have subscribed for the paper and other subscriptions are coming in with each mail. We will do our best to put out a good paper.

Politics are warming up in New Mexico. The people of this state take their politics seriously and it is good that they do. A lot of good men have announced for public office from constable to United States senator. The race for governor is a hot one and some very capable candidates have their hats in the ring. In next week's issue of this paper I will announce my choice in this race as well as several others.

In my opinion this paper is published in the most beautiful spot to be found in all the Southwest. In a few short years Ruidoso has become the largest all-year playground in New Mexico and the coming summer season promises to do out all the others. More reservations for accommodations have been received than ever before. The horse racing season starts May 26 and the fun will be on.



GOV. JOHN J. DEMPSEY

Congratulations were sent to the Ruidoso News this morning by Governor John J. Dempsey who expressed his hope that the new paper would "be as fine as the man who will publish it" and would continue to serve the good people of Ruidoso, the Hondo Valley and Lincoln county "throughout the years ahead."

Theatres...

"The Enchanted Forest" playing at the Pueblo Theater Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 21, 22, 23, is as beautiful as a Disney feature come to life. The children and grownups alike will be thrilled with this beautiful feature in color.

"Kitty", showing at the Pueblo Sunday and Monday, May 19 and 20, is Paramount's lavish revelation of the life and loves of the first of the flaming gold diggers.

CANYON ECHOES

Representatives from nine Lincoln county Baptist churches met in Ruidoso May 7 to enjoy a lunch served by ladies of the Women's Missionary Union at the American Legion hall. Following the meeting, the Reverend Mr. O. W. Riley, pastor of the Ruidoso Baptist church, left for two-weeks attendance at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida.

The Ruidoso Woman's club held a Guests' Day luncheon at the Legion hall May 8. More than fifty ladies were present. Mrs. Lloyd Davis, vice president, presided.

In addition to a large number of guests from Ruidoso and the Hondo Valley present, there were several guests from Tularosa, including: Mrs. R. D. Champion, Mrs. George King, Mrs. Dan King, Mrs. Jack Hobson, Mrs. Ella Bailey, Mrs. Rex Hobson, and Mrs. Edna Hobson.

Special musical numbers were presented by the ladies from Tularosa. The luncheon was served by ladies of the Legion Auxiliary.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hull were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Maby, who live with their two daughters, Joy and "Little Joy," at their new ranch home, "El Rancho Padro" near Pecos, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Maby will be remembered by their Ruidoso friends for their appearances with "The Westerners" on a national radio program.

Mrs. Lloyd Bloodworth left Ruidoso early Thursday morning for a two-week stay in San Angelo, Texas, where she was called by the illness of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tipton have just returned from a week's trip to Parks, Ariz. They went to Arizona to inspect their future home.

Mrs. Carl Green entered Saint Mary's hospital at Roswell Friday, May 16, for an appendectomy.

Mrs. Edith Phillips, who is employed at the post office is spending several days in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conway, owners of the Ruidoso Club Hotel and Cafe, returned Wednesday from El Paso where they had gone on business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turk, Anthony, N. M., and daughter Barbara passed through Ruidoso early in the week on their way to Oklahoma City to meet the older daughter, Marjorie, who has been attending Stevens College for Girls in Missouri.

Mrs. W. H. Dunlap, Patricia Nell Gill, and Roy Dean Jobb, of Seminole, Okla., were weekend guests of Mrs. Ethel Gill.

Mrs. Carl Davis, El Paso, enjoyed another New Mexico weekend in her cabin at Hollywood.

Mrs. T. A. Robinson and sister-in-law, Beth Robinson, visited their husband and brother, T. A. Robinson, at William Beaumont hospital last week.

Gladys Harris, Inglewood, California, is in Ruidoso to spend the summer. She will operate the Ruidoso Beauty parlor.

Mr. and Mrs. David Burro, Kays, Oklahoma, are in Ruidoso visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester Burro at the Mon Jean courts.

Leslie Ward spent last weekend in El Paso visiting her son Edward.

Mrs. Stewart Oliver returned from El Paso early in the week. Mrs. Oliver had been in El Paso on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Alexander of Amarillo spent last weekend in Ruidoso and announced

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THE 'OLD MILL' has been an historic Ruidoso landmark since sometime in the 1870's when it was built by the Cree family. Ike Wingfield, member of the Ruidoso board of trustees, was born in the original two-story Old Mill built on the same site occupied by the mill shown here.

Despite the legend to the contrary, Mr. Wingfield was not born in the mill pictured above. This mill was built in 1914, also by the Cree, and was recently re-constructed in its old form as a tourist attraction. The mill wheel shown here was built by Mr. Wingfield with the aid of other old-time Ruidoso residents. The plan now is to run a stream of water over the old wheel during the summer season in a realistic re-enactment of its former usefulness.

History of Ruidoso, the Old Mill and Ike Wingfield Are Same Interesting Story

By DOYLE KLINE

If you are a new-comer to Ruidoso, you probably have heard that Ike Wingfield, who is somebody or other, was born in the Old Mill, which you saw as you came 'round a bend in the road on your way into Ruidoso, at a date 'way back when. If you are an old-timer around these parts, you probably know that Ike was born in the Old Mill and that he knows about as much about the history of this mountain village as any man living. Beyond that it's all legend.

But not to Ike, because the history of Ruidoso is mostly the history of Ike Wingfield, except maybe a few years before 1887 when Billy the Kid was writing history in the neighborhood of Mesquero, Ruidoso and Lincoln.

There's one big difference between Billy the Kid and Ike, however. Billy made history with his guns, while Ike is making a name for himself as a more gentle though perhaps not as notorious a place in history with a friendliness that comes only to men who have lived long in the mountains and have achieved the art of enjoying life in its simplest form.

Born October 29, 1887, in a two story mill located on the site of the present mill, Ike began a life singularly free of the relentless drive so characteristic of so many men. Instead he started "slow and easy like," enjoying the pine-studded canyon later to be filled by a boisterous village named after the rushing little river that supplied the water for his father's mill where they milled flour, corn meal, and even a little wood. Ike was unhurried even during his years of schooling at Captain and Tularosa and never was conscious of the fact that he was doing anything unusual when he started punching cattle at the age of 12.

But to get back to the mill, built sometime during the '70's and owned by the Cree family until Ike's father and mother moved to Ruidoso from their home in Texas in 1886. Ike's father then bought the mill from the Cree and a year later Ike was born on the second floor of the two-story building. At that time there was "quite a little settlement" of "dobe houses clustered around the mill, including a small commissary. Today only a few rusty nails and the trace of a foundation or two are all that remain of the original Ruidoso... except of course the "Old Mill," which isn't the same one in which Ike was born, if you like to get technical.

Then in 1891, Ike's father built a dobe house just across from the present post office building—built in 1921—and from that time until today, Ike has lived in his present location. The "dobe house

has been replaced by the modern home which Ike and Mrs. Wingfield now live.

When the time came for schooling, Ike went to learn his reading and "ritin" in the old court house at Lincoln. Later he went to school in Tularosa.

When he reached the age of 12, he started punching cows—



"IKE"

outfits which no longer operate. His first job was with the Cree people, from whom his father had purchased the mill.

Next he did a hitch with the Flying H outfit on the Felix between Ruidoso and Artesia. After that it was the I bar X near Carrizozo, then the YHY at Captain. In 1910, Ike returned to Ruidoso, populated only by the pines and a few cattle, to run his own cow outfit.

Meanwhile the old mill had been torn down and all its machinery shipped away. The water which had powered the mill wheel at that time, ran through a ditch which had its head on the river in the vicinity of Tip's Carpenter Shop, and ran from there to the mill over the approximate course now followed

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NINE STUDENTS GRADUATED AT RUIDOSO SCHOOL

Nine Ruidoso eighth-grade students were graduated from the Ruidoso school at the eighth-grade commencement exercises at the school Thursday night. Seven of the graduates have been honor students during the past school year, according to E. C. Bruce, school principal, who represented the diplomas.

Class valedictorian, Virginia Montoya, spoke to gathered parents and friends on various high lights of her school life at Ruidoso and thanked her listeners for providing educational opportunities which she had been so fortunate in sharing with her fellow students. Preceding the short talk by Miss Montoya, was a welcome to the parents by Jessie Romero, class salutatorian.

On the commencement program in addition to the graduating students were several underclassmen who helped provide interesting features of the exercises. The program, which began at 8:00 p. m., was as follows:

Salutatory address by Jessie Romero

"These Doin's" by Jean Wray Song—Commencement Class Creed by Ray Young Class Doctor by Dave Parks Song—"Welcome, Sweet Springtime"

Mantle Presentation by Jean Fisher

Response by Donald Davis "Brains" by J. W. Peterson Song—"I'm Always Chasing Rainbows"

"Advice to Seventh Grade" by Ruby Bivens

Response from Seventh by Holon Barajas

"Our School," a poem, by Patricia Wright

Song—"The Evening Fire is Burning"

Presentation of Gifts to Teachers by Audrey Peterson

"The Dream" by J. W. Peterson "Gladness at Commencement" by Jo Helen Mercer

"I Got to Go to School" by Donald Davis

Song—"Eighth Grade Class"

"To Whom It May Concern" by Bill McCarty

Presentation of Diplomas by E. C. Bruce, school principal

Acceptance of Diplomas by City

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Water Franchise Let; Work Begins On City-Wide Gravity-Flow Water System

H. N. Morgan, owner of the Caprock Water company of Artesia, was granted a franchise to operate a water system in Ruidoso by the board of trustees effective May 6 and work on the project is now well under way, according to Joe Dryden, city clerk.

Immediate result of the franchise will be the connection of all existing water systems within Ruidoso to a six-inch main just above the post office. Water for the system will be pumped from wells near the airport to a storage tank of 5000 barrels capacity located in Grady canyon just north of the village. At this level the water will be 80 feet higher than the fire lookout tower.

Water then will be piped through the six-inch mains to a location near the post office. The six-inch water line will run from the post office through the business part of the village and a four-inch line will carry water from that point to Ruidoso Junction. From the post office west, a four-inch line will be laid, providing gravity flow as far as the Noley Water Lodge. From that point to the reservation line, pumps will be used to provide adequate pressure.

Fire hydrant hookups will be provided at points designated by the village, with take-off facilities available to cabin owners. In addition to the fire-protection provided by the hydrants, Ruidoso has purchased a fire-fighting water pump, similar to one now owned by Boone's, which it will mount on a city truck to be used in fighting fires.

Original plans by the water company call for above-ground mains to hook up existing water systems to provide water during the summer season. Meanwhile, permanent lines will be laid in preparation for winter.

As included in the franchise, the village of Ruidoso has the right to purchase the water system at the end of a five-year period. Payment will be made after an appraisal by a three-man appraisal board and the addition of ten per cent to the figure reached by the board.

SUMMER SEASON PROMISES TO BE BIGGEST YET

Ruidoso's summer season, which is now at hand, promises to be one of the largest ever experienced by the Lincoln county resort, if advance reservations mean anything.

Owners and operators of Ruidoso lodges, courts and cabin facilities all report reservations by persons from nearly every point within 1000 miles of Ruidoso and many of the lodges have reservations by vacationers from states in every region of the country.

In addition to a delightful summer climate, Ruidoso is preparing a scenic 18-hole golf course for the enjoyment of "the tourist." Other attractions featured this year are horse-back rides, fishing, bowling, roller skating, motion picture shows, mountain hikes and numerous other games and amusements.

City officials express the view that at least 100,000 of the more than 2,500,000 people living within a one-day's drive of Ruidoso, will be "more than likely" to visit Ruidoso during the summer season.

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RACING SEASON TO OPEN MAY 26 WITH SIX RACES

Six races are scheduled for the second annual opening of the Hollywood, N. M., Race Track Sunday, May 26, according to an announcement made today by track officials. The first race, to start at 2:00 p. m., will feature two-year-olds in the Central Bar Handicap; a race of 300 yards at \$100 per horse, winner take all.

Other features at the opening of the Hollywood track, fast becoming one of New Mexico's best known, include: second race, Davis Bar and Recreation Center handicap, quarter mile purse; third race, Bob's Bar handicap, 220 yards purse; fourth race, Mint Bar handicap, for three-year-olds and older, quarter mile purse; fifth race, one-half mile purse; sixth race, Ruidoso handicap, three-quarter-mile purse.

Several other matched races are scheduled for the opening day at the track, two miles from Ruidoso, and all persons who would like to have further information as to the races should see Bud Sheff at Ruidoso.

Advance indications are that the races will be well attended and that Ruidoso is doing everything possible to entertain all visiting racing fans.

Oddfellows Lodge Destroyed By Fire

The 13-room Oddfellows' Lodge on Cedar Creek, four miles north of Ruidoso, burned to the ground late Wednesday afternoon May 8 despite the efforts of several Ruidoso volunteer firemen, forest service men and nearby firefighters. No one was injured in the blaze which started from an undetermined source and burned one-acre of timber before it could be brought under control. Value of the destroyed lodge, owned by Lodge No. 284, of El Paso, was placed at \$3000 by Elmer Nutting, Sr., 3831 Sacramento, El Paso, who has brought custody of the lodge for several years. According to Mr. Nutting, the building was insured for only \$500.

Discovered by the forest service fire lookouts at approximately 4:00 p. m., Wednesday, the fire was beyond control by the time fire fighters reached the scene. It was six hours after the alarm had been given that the men subdued the forest fire.

Erected in 1924, the lodge consisted of an assembly room, a community kitchen, dining room 10 bedrooms. Members of the El Paso lodge had visited the building earlier in the week and had found the property in good condition, spokesman for the lodge said. No one was living in the lodge at the time of the fire. Last regular occupants left the lodge last October.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Killey and son from Winnipeg, Canada, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fairbanks of the Riverside Addition.

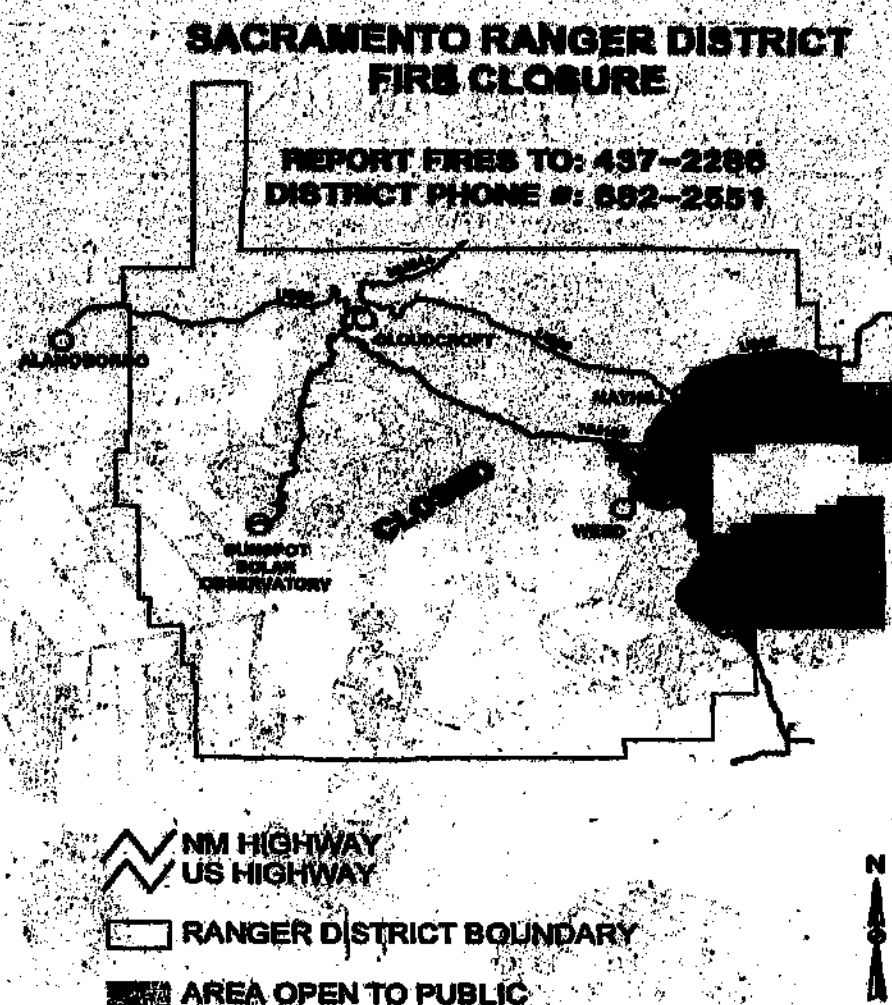
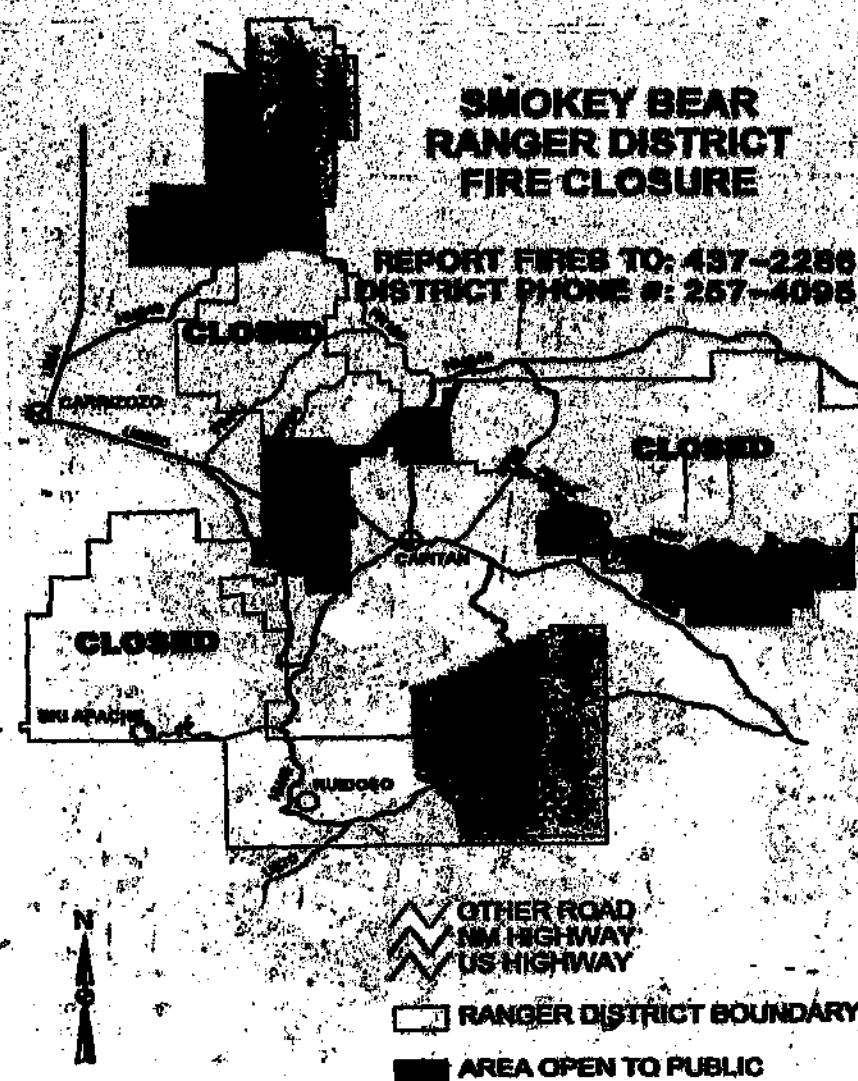
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Refreshments will be served.





Ruidoso bans smoking in public places, seeks same on private land

U.S. Forest officials won't leave campground open in Ruidoso district

The village of Ruidoso tightened its fire restrictions Thursday to ban outdoor smoking on public property, and officials are asking people to voluntarily stop smoking outdoors on private property.

The village council has declared an "Extreme Fire Emergency" status.

Also outlawed are outside fires (campfires, gas grills, charcoal grills, lanterns, etc.), and burning of any flammable substance.

Village officials will issue warnings to violators until 7 p.m. Saturday, then start writing tickets. Fines will be \$100 for the first offense and \$500 after that.

Also Thursday, the village put restrictions on Grindstone Lake just outside of town. The lake will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fishing will not be allowed on the south side of the lake because firefighting apparatus cannot access that side.

Forest restrictions

Lincoln National Forest officials announced earlier this week they

will close more than half of the forest Monday to lessen the danger of human-caused wildfires.

Thursday they finalized which areas will be closed and calculated that approximately 70% of the forestlands will be shut down to the public. The closure goes into effect at 8 a.m. Monday.

While forest officials considered leaving at least one campground open on the Smokey Bear Ranger District, they decided against it in the end.

No campgrounds, trails or picnic areas in this district will be open as of Monday. The Sacramento District near Cloudcroft will have 11 campgrounds remaining open, and the Sitting Bull Falls Day Use Area will remain open on the Gualdalupe District.

Open sites on the Sacramento Ranger District headquartered in Cloudcroft, all with campground hosts, include:

— Campgrounds: Silver, Saddle, Apache, Silver Overlook, Pines, Sleepy Grass (including La Pasada Encantada Trail), Upper and Lower Fir, Aspen, Black Bear, and Slide group.

— Recreation areas: the Trestle, except for the trails.

A detailed map of closed areas is posted at the Smokey Bear District Ranger's office on Mecham Drive in Ruidoso (less-detailed maps are on page 3 of this newspaper). Maps will also be posted around Ruidoso



and other communities near the forest.

"I urge those who have planned a recreational trip on the Lincoln to call, or come by our offices for clarification on the areas that are closed," said Forest Supervisor Jose M. Martinez.

The closure does not affect federal and state highways. Property owners and their guests have access to private lands within the forest. Communities adjacent to the forest will remain accessible to the public. Federal workers and others on official business will continue to have access.

Ground and air patrols will be

increased throughout the closure period.

Fire restrictions that have been in place since April 12 on the Lincoln National Forest will continue to be enforced. No campfires or open flames are permitted. The use of Coleman-type stoves and lanterns is allowed only in campgrounds with hosts. Smoking is permitted only in vehicles and closed buildings.

Activities such as hiking, hunting, primitive camping, mountain biking, and other outdoor recreation is permitted in open areas only.

All personal firewood cutting is discontinued. Those presently holding an active woodcutting permit may call the district offices and request an extension.

"Watch for signs, study the closure order maps and obey the fire closures," Martinez emphasized. "Only by working together can we get through this extreme fire danger period and prevent a wildfire from destroying lives, property and forest resources."

"You are our eyes and ears out there. Call a local law enforcement agency or forest office to report closure violations. Report a fire by calling (505) 437-2286. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated."

Tribal council tells officials Mescalero Inn liquor sales legal

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Even though it lacks a state liquor license, the Mescalero Apache tribal council feels it is legally selling alcohol at the Mescalero Inn, Lincoln County's district attorney related.

Alcohol sales at the Ruidoso restaurant are considered legal by the tribal council because they feel they have jurisdictional authority over the 7.5-acre Carrizo land tract, Bart Atkins said.

Atkins learned of the tribal council's position after a series of meetings with its legal counsel this week — as well as meetings with the state Attorney General, the state liquor and gaming division director, and Department of Public Safety special investigators, he said.

"The tribal council feels it is in compliance with New Mexico state law because in 1995 the Legislature changed the statute concerning exemptions to the liquor control act," Atkins said.

A sentence in that exemption allows Indian nations to sell alcoholic beverages without state liquor licenses if sold on "lands over which an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo has jurisdiction."

The alcohol must also be obtained from a New Mexico wholesaler and the tribe must have passed its own liquor control ordinance certified by the Department of the Interior.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe passed its own liquor ordinance Jan. 19, 1996, creating its own liquor license #2 to be used at the Mescalero Inn, Atkins related. It then submitted it to the Bureau of Indian Affairs around March when also delivering its application to annex Ruidoso land, Atkins said.

"The BIA took the position that that property became concurrent jurisdiction from the time the application was sent in," Atkins explained.

However, the BIA still hasn't made a decision on the tribe's application to annex the land, Delbert Mendez, a BIA realty specialist, said yesterday.

Ruidoso governing officials oppose the annexation. Mendez has that detailed protest, and plans to send it with the tribe's application as "a package" to the BIA field office in Albuquerque for a decision, he said.

The delay, Mendez said, is due to two items:

— a commitment for title insurance for the property, purchased either by the tribe or Gaim-Ko Inc, which gave the land to the tribe;

— and results of a hazardous

substance inspection of the land completed by the BIA in April.

Atkins has asked for the Attorney General's help in researching whether the tribe and the BIA's positions follow federal regulations or not, and how he should proceed in enforcing the state's laws.

He's also researching whether the tribe's liquor ordinance has been certified by Interior Department Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

Meanwhile, the tribe's attorney has suggested the tribal council seek a declaratory judgment that the tribe is exempt from the liquor control act and is in compliance with the exemption, Atkins said.

"I wish the Legislature hadn't made this more complicated, and the federal regulations were easier to track and for us to follow," Atkins said. "We're going to try and try to enforce the laws of New Mexico. We may reach the conclusion that the Mescaleros are in compliance with the law."

New Mexico Department of Public Safety officials said the tribe's liquor sales at the Mescalero Inn are illegal.

As cited by special investigator Rick Menefee, "I think the slang term is 'bootlegging.'"

Atkins met with DPS officials yesterday to "discuss the case in general," Menefee said.

If it's determined the tribe is bootlegging, "It's a fourth-degree felony and we can't prosecute (the case) ourselves," Menefee said. "We'll proceed in a way the DA feels is most comfortable and appropriate."

A two-week investigation into the liquor sale allegations was supposed to be completed this week. Menefee wouldn't comment yesterday on whether it was.

Asked if another bar in Ruidoso was found to be selling alcohol for four months without a liquor license, as the state Alcohol and Gaming Division has charged the Mescalero Inn, Menefee said the DPS would investigate the situation in the same way.

"We'd conduct an investigation just like we're doing in this case, and get the DA's involvement," he said.

The Mescalero Inn's previous owner, Gaim-Ko, Inc., gave the land to the tribe last year. Gaim-Ko owner Raymond Gallegos also provides the tribe with video gambling machines at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

In January, Gallegos paid a \$7,200 state fine for allowing the tribe to sell alcohol under his license.

Forest

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the hike around the (Links) golf course," he said.

The ranger district takes in about \$31,000 annually from campers at the Southfork campground area and the Cedar Creek group camping area. About 24% of the revenues go to the county.

Tourism on the forest won't completely shut down. Camping can still be found, and so can guided recreational tours.

Dispersed camping will still be possible, but in areas that are in dry, rough pinon-juniper country, a distance away from Ruidoso. These areas include locations in the Jicarilla Mountains near White Oaks; a small area south of the Capitán Wilderness; and below Forest Road 57; and the Hale Lake area on Forest Road 443 off Highway 70 east, a turnoff across from Connolly's Nursery.

Horseback riding will still be allowed on the forestland by Ruess Stables in the Bonito Basin, Tobias said.

"As long as the rides are supervised, our current plans are to allow day rides by Ruess," he said.

Horse stables like Cowboys, Buddies and Grindstone, offer supervised rides on private land, so they can still operate, Tobias said.

Gold mining at the Lincoln County Gold Mining Company will also be allowed to operate for day tours, Tobias said.

Still, some in Ruidoso predict the impact of the forest closure will be severe.

Frank Potter, Lincoln County manager and former village of Ruidoso manager, recalls the forest closure in 1974 was devastating to the local economy. That year the Rio Ruidoso was dry.

"When you look at the gross receipts taxes at that time, there was a very serious, direct impact on the business activities of the community when the forest was closed," Potter said. "Unfortunately, it's something the village must live with."

Potter surmised people viewed Ruidoso as synonymous with the forest, and so news of its closure kept many away.

"This could prove to be a very interesting summer," said Joan Bailey, the director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Already, the visitors bureau at the chamber has received sporadic calls about the availability of camping Memorial Day weekend, Bailey said.

"We never like giving information that you need to be able to do something and now you can't," Bailey said. "But we're suggesting a camping situation without a fire at one of our area's RV parks, or suggesting they come up and stay in the lodge."

Bailey is certain the forest closure will be "short term."

She recalls increased rentals at lodging businesses during the weekend forest closure in 1984, also a result of fire danger.

"We're hoping we'll have the same trend we saw during Christmas when the snow wouldn't come," Bailey added. "Instead of visitors not coming, they still came, and instead of skiing, we saw them in town shopping and visiting galleries and museums."

"Every time there's a situation like this — there's a lack of snow, or the racetrack threatens to close, or there's potential fire danger — it becomes more and more clear that we have to diversify the activities we offer as much as possible."

Village of Ruidoso finance officer Leann Nichols agreed that tax revenues could fall.

"We all know it's going to affect the gross receipts tax," Nichols said. "When people hear they can't fish or hike, they're not going to come."

Lodge's tax revenues are already showing the effects of a poor winter; the 1996 village's take is down by 8% compared to collections the same period last year. Village of Ruidoso Clerk Tammie Maddox said.

The city of Alamogordo had projected revenues from Bonito Lake campers this summer would hit \$120,000; \$60,000 alone will be lost with the closure by June 30, said lake manager Keith Kessler.



Keeping traditions alive

Miss Indian New Mexico Wendy Bruminger leads a procession around the circle of life Wednesday as Mescalero Apache students celebrate Native American Day at Ruidoso High School.

OPINION

Editorial

Fifty and counting

Fifty is a very human number. In most families, a 50th wedding anniversary is a major event. It's scaled to a human lifetime in a fashion that speaks of time and tradition. Few people can celebrate a century; most can mark 50 years.

So please bear with us as we duly note the beginning of 50 years of publishing by The Ruidoso News.

Because newspapers have been such an integral part of society for centuries past, the newspaper usually is the oldest continuously operated enterprise in any community. It's rare, however, that a community and a newspaper have a simultaneous beginning. So we congratulate the village of Ruidoso on attaining a half-century of incorporated status; and, for that matter, the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, on 50 years of parimutuel racing. A few other business enterprises can trace similar lineage in Ruidoso, and to them we extend felicitations.

All have grown and prospered beside the noisy water of the Rio Ruidoso in the shadow of Sierra Blanca.

Take a moment to read the first front page of the newspaper, reproduced on page 2 today. Note the differences, but particularly note the similarities: destructive fire, and water supply concerns, and a racing season about to begin.

A newspaper's role is to record the hopes, failures, trials and joys of the community it serves. That, we were doing 50 years ago, and we will be doing even as the years and noisy waters flow by.

"A fire would be bad enough in itself insofar as Ruidoso is concerned. The businesses, the scenery would disappear, and so would the summer vacationists for whom so many of the businesses exist..."

LLOYD P. BLOODWORTH

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poop scoop is invaluable service TO THE EDITOR:

By the end of the day, world news so speedily brought to me by the marvels of technology no longer holds my interest. Regional news has been proclaimed by various media over and over again. On-line info has been processed about as well as it is going to be, and I am ready for some light reading. I find this in The Ruidoso News.

Writer Dianne Stallings, creator of the delightful column "Poop Scoop," fits the bill. Here I learn about the latest in veterinary techniques for various pet problems from animal behavior to dietary needs. Best of all, I can look at these delightful pictures and animal portraits, and wish a good home for each of them.

To be in charge of animals means to first prevent the many "unwanted" who are left to fend for themselves or brought to the shelter by kind strangers. Next, we can do our share by donations of time or dollars. Last, but not least, if we are able to adopt an orphan, why not?

Thank you Dianne for providing such an invaluable service to our local Humane Society and for the

people of Lincoln County. My only regret is that the pictures aren't as large as they were previously.

Molly Weber
Ruidoso

Unlicensed liquor sales unfair TO THE EDITOR:

Let me start by explaining that I am using the term "level playing field" because President Clinton uses that term a lot. I think we should level that field, which is tipped once again to the benefit of the Mescalero Tribe Corporation.

For a starter, how many of you citizens living here in the Ruidoso area really believe for just one second that you would still be running a business selling liquor if you had eight violations and no license? I have it on good authority that if a bar owned by a Ruidoso citizen had received a maximum of two violations for the same thing and did not have a license, that he would not have a business.

Now let me ask you, how level is that field? I personally do not understand why the law in Ruidoso, Lincoln County, the state, or the Alcohol and Gaming Department is allowing the Mescalero Inn

Restaurant and Bar to remain open. Or at the very least, why they are allowing them to still serve liquor.

Although the Mescalero Corp. wants the Mescalero Inn to be on the reservation, it is not. At the present time, it is in Ruidoso and subject to Ruidoso laws. I would like to see an explanation in the newspaper as to why none of the law enforcement agencies have corrected this situation. A nose is being thumbed in the direction of the law and they are doing nothing about it.

If a law is worth having, it should be applied to all equally or it should be dropped from the books. You may as well not have the law at all if you do not enforce it.

Going by the law as it applies to the Mescalero Inn, I guess I can start serving and selling liquor tomorrow. No license necessary!

Judy Van Winkle
Ruidoso Downs

Be wary of Newt's sudden embrace of environment TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, three New Mexico

people have been put on the Endangered Species list. It comes as no surprise to us Democrats that the United States needs to have tough but reasonable environmental laws that will ensure a good future for our children.

President Clinton has always been a clear voice for the environment. He expanded the Committee on Right-To-Know to include information about toxic releases, signed the California Desert Protection Bill and made government open to help find solutions to environmental problems in all areas of the country, including our own.

That's why it was surprising to hear that Newt Gingrich, a long-time adversary of environmental laws, has recently come out and embraced the environmental movement. While this attention is appreciated, I think it comes at too convenient of a time. Gingrich and the rest of the GOP House members are up for election again this fall, which leaves me skeptical of their motives.

When we go to the polls this November I think we should keep this in mind. Our future depends on it.

Cathy Garrison
Ruidoso

THE SILVER LINING

Savvy calf knows where to wait for feed

Happy Anniversary To Albert and Emma Richardson

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Richardson will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 18.

Albert and Emma were married on this date in California.

Father Salvador Vigorelli was in charge of the services.

This marriage has been blessed by five children, Grace Vigil, Ida Jo Keneck, Albert Carl Richardson, Barbara Snowden, and Lynette Wheeler; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Albert and Emma are natives of Lincoln County, members of pioneer Lincoln County families.

They have lived here all their lives, and we congratulate them on reaching this happy milestone on life's journey, and wish them many happy returns of the day and all God's blessings.

The Third Calf

There is a young cow on the place who has become a special pet on account of a habit she formed as a half-grown calf.

After I had fed the herd, she would follow the pickup up to the house and stand there, much as to say, "There are some feed, or I won't have to scramble and dodge the other



The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW
STORM
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cows! She would be waiting for the pickup in places where there were no other cows around, often at the front gate to be first in line.

For the ways she had figured out to get extra feed, I named her "Savvy."

About 10 days ago, Savvy was gone. Then on the 12th she met me at the front gate in the evening, and I fed her a second time.

Then on the evening of the 14th she showed up on what we call "The Bend Field" since it is right next to "Storm's Bend," and she began feeding with the herd.

Just at dusk, she headed into the thick patch of cedars just west of the field.

As dusk was just turning into early night, she appeared on the edge of the field with a tiny white-faced calf of herself standing by her side, her first calf.

Suddenly like an arrow, the tiny calf darted out into the herd, running from one cow to the other, fleetly stopping and looking all around. Right away the other two young calves came running at the little newcomer.

Now today, on the 16th, in the early morning in a little clearing in the shade of cedars, lay Spot Eye and Bully Boy with the new calf between them. Nearby stood Savvy in the shade of a taller cedar.

You stand there and this scene of contented new life holds you in its spell. While you look up and beyond nearby at Storm Mountain rising right into the blue sky, you feel yourself a part of this living picture of contentment and love.

This joy in your heart at the season of the new calves grows greater with the passing of the years, and always brings a prayer of thanks to God into your heart.

The Wild Rose

One by one the flowers of the wild have struggled against the drought to bring a bloom or two by the wayside — the black-eyed susan, the purple hecker, the wild marigold, the spring daisy.

And now what is that long-familiar fragrance carried on the cool west wind through the hot sunny air?

The wild rose of song and story, pride and joy the world over, smiling through, sending the fragrant fragrance of its pink blossoms to cheer the mountain world during these enchanted days in the middle of glorious spring.

Let us remember to thank our Lord for our many blessings, and let us always be a friend in need.

Experts agree water supply isn't endless

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A water expert told Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday exactly what they didn't want to hear. "Whenever you stop water here, someone downstream will feel it. There's only so much water," said Sherman Galloway, who has a master's in geology and has been working for more than 40 years in the area.

Developers of the Ranches of Southern subdivision brought Galloway to the meeting. Commissioners have delayed approval

of the third phase of the development on Sierra Blanca Airport Road. They want assurances that the nearly 800 domestic wells that could be drilled in the first three phases will not affect water supplies within the subdivision and downstream.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said he listened to a tape of a zoning meeting where a subdivision representative and geohydrologist Jack Atkins assured the developer 4,000 wells could be drilled without affecting the water table or surrounding wells.

When pressed by Howell, Atkins said he didn't recall saying that. "Eventually you could consume (the available water), but it would take a long period of time," he said. "Someone would start showing diminished flow. That's where you see it first."

Project director Ed Abbey said the figure of 4,000 wells was mentioned only because of larger parcels in the anticipated fourth phase of the subdivision might break up the tracts into smaller lots.

Galloway said he reviewed At-

kins' water report and had "no big problems with it."

Commissioner Chairman Monroy Montes said he envisioned big homes in the subdivision with heavy water use.

But Galloway said few will have lawns in water. In-house uses of water channel the waste into septic tanks. The water eventually will work its way back into the underground supply, he said.

The process could take 100 years, Galloway said. The water now being pumped probably is the

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Fines for speeding rise with state speed limits

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

As speed limits increase in New Mexico, so do speeding fines for those caught by state police.

The new fines go into effect today. Each level of fine is \$7 higher than previous levels.

New state fines are:

— \$39 for driving 10 mph over the speed limit; \$54 for speeding 11-15 mph over; \$69 for 16-20 mph over; \$124 for 21-25 mph over; \$149 for 26-30 mph over; \$174 for 31-35 mph over, and \$224 for more than 35 mph over the limit.

Superior police radars provided to municipal departments by the state traffic safety bureau this week will also ensure drivers get snagged, Ruidoso police say.

In addition to their standard handheld and single antenna radars, the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police departments began using the new "Hawk" doppler radar systems Wednesday.

State police already had the devices; now the RPD has two and the RDPD has one.

Both municipal departments received the new radars because of Lincoln County's high accident rate, Ruidoso's traffic enforcement officer Dwayne Goar said.

"Lincoln County ranks third in the state for bad traffic accidents," Goar said. "Not even the best radar detectors can follow these 'state-of-the-art' radars, says Goar.



Ruidoso Police officer Luis Torres (left) and Ruidoso Downs Police officer Alex Hinson show off one of their new radars that can't be picked off by radar detectors.

"We're not doing this to harass people," RDPD officer Alex Hinson said. "It's to enforce safety; people go fast and then they can't stop in time and that causes accidents."

By sending off beams as accurately as weather beacons and military ranging devices, the swivel-mounted radars are able to detect the speed of vehicles from

the front, back and side of patrol cars.

Radar detectors typically jam standard police radars when the latter devices are "on hold," so the passing vehicle can't be hit by the radar beams.

But radar detectors can be beat by the dual antenna systems be-

cause the radars don't have to be on hold. The devices have stop watches that can time vehicles as they pass, and triggers the radar to clock in the speed without interruption from the radar detector.

"People can spend all the money on radar detectors they want, but nothing can beat obeying the law to not spend money," says Ruidoso police officer Luis Torres.

RUIDOSO'S FOUR-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High...52 Low...42 Sunny	SUNDAY High...53 Low...43 Sunny
MONDAY High...53 Low...43 Partly cloudy	TUESDAY High...77 Low...39 Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation
Tuesday	86	45	.00"
Wednesday	85	39	.00"
Thursday	87	44	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	92	56	Sunny
El Paso, TX	98	69	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	101	66	Sunny
Midland, TX	102	68	Sunny

Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cam Moore, KBIM-TV

STARDATE

Venus is going out in a blaze of glory. Every evening now it shines lower and lower in the west-northwest, keeping on station with Capella, Procyon, and Gemini as they make their seasonal descent.

StarDate is courtesy of the McDonald Observatory at the Univ. of Texas at Austin. For more information call 1-800-StarDate.

Fund for Lions eyeglasses, children set up in memory of Stubblefield

A memorial fund has been set up in memory of JoReta Stubblefield to benefit the Lions Club eyeglass fund. Contributions can be sent to Sierra Bank in Ruidoso. Another fund has been set up at First National Bank in Ruidoso to benefit Stubblefield's family.

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New Location

Museum of Horse director resigns job

Museum of the Horse Director Jay Wright is leaving Ruidoso Downs to become the Dean of Fine Arts at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Fla., museum Chairman R.D. Hubbard announced.

Wright will begin his new position on July 1, 1996.

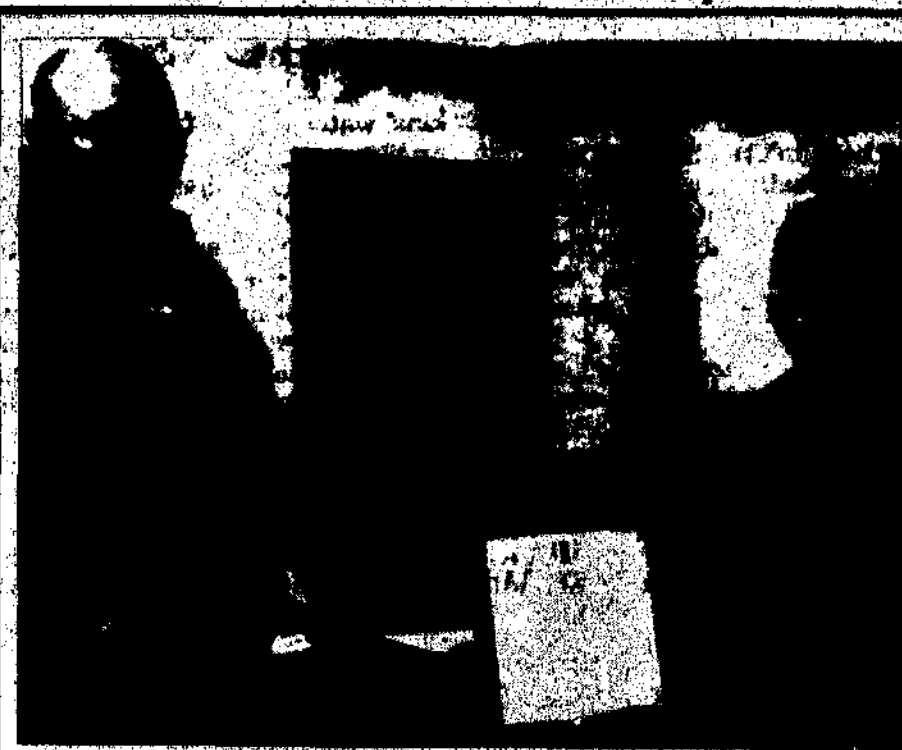
"Jay Wright has done a wonderful job since coming to the museum in August 1994, Hubbard said. "We are especially proud of the role the museum has played in helping the cultural life of the area develop. We want to continue that role and expand it in the future with the involvement of everyone in the area. We will begin the search for a new director immediately."

In 1995 Wright brought "The Imperial Russian Horse" exhibition to the area. This summer "The

West in American Art" begins its national tour at the Museum of the Horse. He also oversaw the installation of "Free Spirits at Noddy Water." The museum's educational program has expanded, and more of the permanent collection has been put on display since he has been director.

Wright also served as the first chairman of the Ruidoso Arts and Film Board. He was a member of Rotary as well, and a vestry member at the Church of the Holy Mount.

"I will miss the museum and all the friends I have made in Ruidoso and especially the board, volunteers and staff of the museum," Wright said. "My new position is a lifelong dream come true, but I will always have a soft spot in my heart for Ruidoso."



Top cop

Ruidoso Downs Police officer Chris Condon (left) is handed the President's National Medal of Patriotism from the American Police Hall of Fame. The award is being presented by fellow officer Ray Montes. The award is for his support of the Constitution.

Sonterra

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result of recharge from precipitation 100 years ago, he added.

Libbey ticked off a list of the subdivision's positive impacts on the community, including economic benefits.

"We would have never purchased the ranch without knowing the water resources were sufficient," he told commissioners. "We are sensitive to the drought, but we have met all requirements of the county and state. We're here today to find out what more we can do to satisfy commissioners."

Commissioner Stirling Spencer said he's uneasy about the stance of the State Engineer, who said his office's approval of the third phase doesn't guarantee water will be there.

"I'm trying to make sure the citizens in the subdivision are protected," Spencer said.

The letter containing the state engineer's statement will be attached to the disclosure statement

given to each potential buyer, Libbey said.

Howell said he's still waiting for an opinion from the attorney general whether subdivision developers must provide a central water system or just guarantee enough water is available for domestic wells.

The state attorney general's office refused to provide an opinion when he called, Libbey said. An opinion may be requested only by a government entity and it would take five months to get one, Libbey was told.

He pointed out that wording in county subdivision regulations state prospective lot owners must provide their own wells.

"If it's the law (that developers must provide water), it hasn't been done in the last 20 years," Libbey said.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley predicted the Sonterra subdivision probably will be the last development in the county without a central water treatment and distribution system.

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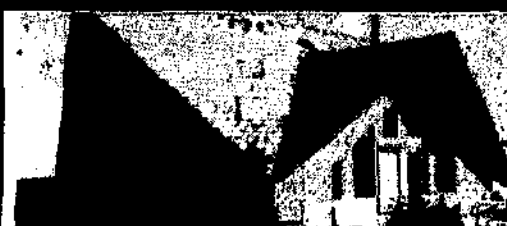
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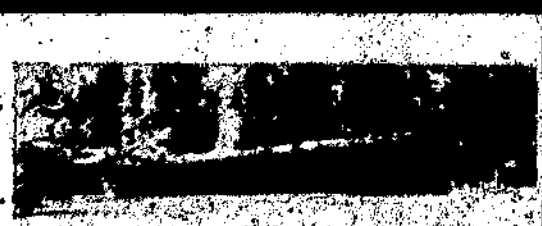
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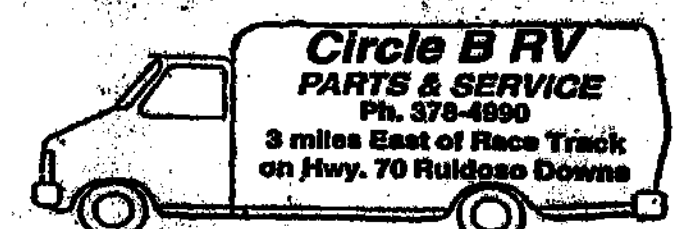
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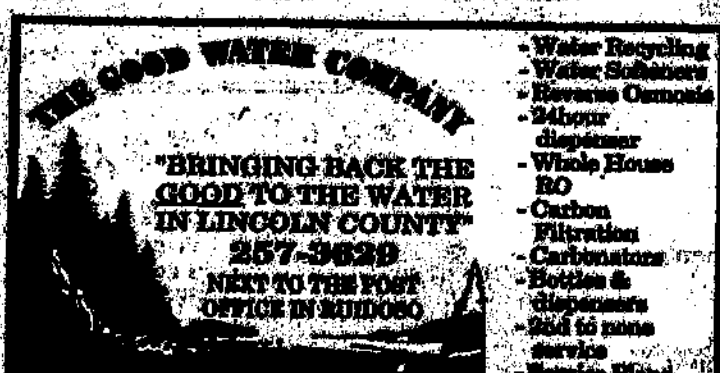
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Smokey Bear Hot Shot Jermie Livingston fights fires in the summer and moguls in the winter.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



□ MARIE LAVEAUX, 1214 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-3764 — 8 p.m. - close Friday & Saturday, May 17 & 18, rock & roll music by "No Excuse." \$2 cover after 9 p.m.

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

□ THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3500 — Live entertainment Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. No cover. Open all night Friday & Saturday.

□ MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-0893 — 8 p.m. - closing Fridays & Saturdays, dance music with DJ.

□ THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso 257-0535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday through Sunday - live country western and rock 'n roll, no cover.

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□ RUIDOSO NEWS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE — 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 17 at The Ruidoso News office, 104 Park Avenue, Ruidoso. Refreshments will be served.

□ NON-DENOMINATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — June 17-21 titled "Marketplace 29 AD." For children 4 through 12 years old. No fee. Registration deadline is Friday, May 31. Call 257-4170 or 258-4250 for more information. School limited to 120 children.

□ ROCKET LAUNCH — The Spaceport Model Rocket Association will hold its monthly launch at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 18 at the Hobby Park on North Florida Avenue, Alamogordo. The launch is open to the public. The association meets the first Thursday of

every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building. Persons interested in model rocketry are invited to attend the 7 p.m. meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, June 6.

□ COMMUNITY WOMEN'S WEEK-END — Inspirational singer/songwriter Annie Herring will appear at the First Community Women's Weekend from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 17 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18 at Christ's Church, 2209 North Sycamore, Roswell. Childcare is available by reservation only. She will also be speaking at 8:30 p.m. May 19 at Christ's Church. For details call (505) 623-4110 or (505) 625-0247.

□ SIXTH FRANCISCAN FESTIVAL OF ARTS — Friday, May 17 - Sunday, May 19 at the Holy Cross Retreat in Mesilla Park. This year's theme is the Madonna and Child. For more information call (505) 524-3688.

□ "A BACK PORCH VISIT WITH GENE RHODES" — a reading of prose and poetry by Eugene Manlove Rhodes, New Mexico's cowboy author. The reading will take place at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 19 at Oliver Lee's Dog Canyon Ranch, Alamogordo. This program is part of the New Mexico Heritage Preservation week celebration. For more information call (505) 585-9508.

□ WALKING TOUR OF LINCOLN — at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. Highlights include the Historical Center, the Tunstall Store, the Courthouse, and a special discussion on Billy the Kid's last escape. Tours start at the Historical Center and are about one mile in length. This program is part of the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Week celebration. For more information call (505) 653-4372.

□ BACCALAUREATE — 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19 at First Christian Church, Ruidoso. The non-denominational service is for all high school seniors.

□ 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.

□ RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK — Simulcast racing. Call 378-4431 for times. Live racing starts Friday, May 24.



□ RUIDOSO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION — 2 p.m. Monday, May 20 at village hall to work on revisions to village fire protection code.

□ RUIDOSO VEGETARIAN CLUB — Potluck followed by a business meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, May 20 at Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street. Those people with a concern for the animals, the planet or their own health are especially urged to attend. For more information call Russ at 257-2171 or Karen at 258-4939. Everyone is welcome.

□ RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB — 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 21 at Jan Hatch's home. Installation of officers will take place.

□ LINCOLN HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD — 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 at the Dr. Wood's Annex in Lincoln. For more information call (505) 648-2385.

□ LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION — 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22 in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Carrizozo.

□ LINCOLN COUNTY AARP CHAPTER — 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22 at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Guest speaker is professor Karl "Doc" Wuerstling of New Mexico State University - Alamogordo on world travel. Potluck lunch to follow at noon.

□ MEETING ON STATE MINING ACT — 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at the San Juan Mission, Lincoln. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information from the mining community and the public about how the New Mexico Mining Act rules affect small mining operations and exploration efforts.

□ LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB — will present a look on the "Bats of Lincoln National Forest" at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company office, 1100 Mechem Drive. The meeting is open to the public. For additional information call (505) 257-4624.

□ SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT — 5 p.m. Thursday, May 23 in the Lincoln County Commissioners' room, Lincoln County Courthouse.

Carrizozo. For more information call (505) 624-6131.



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□ AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-0444: "Twister," "Fear." Call theater for show times and ratings.



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



□ "CRIMES OF THE HEART" — presented by Ruidoso Little Theater 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturday through June 1. For reservations, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7305. Tickets are available at the door, \$7 for adults, \$5 for student and seniors.

□ BALLET NEW MEXICO — will perform "Alice in Wonderland" and "Peter and the Wolf" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 17-18 and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18 at the Castle

Mountain Theater in Ruidoso. Tickets are available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce (257-7305), \$6 for children and \$8 for adults.



□ MEXICAN CANYON TRESTLE HIKE & TALK — Talks will be on local historic railroading by Tom Springer of the Rails to Trails organization. See the remains of the "S" trestle, scenic views, and learn about other hiking trails. Meet at the new Forest Service Trestle Recreation Area, just west of Cloudcroft off US 62, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 18. Bring some water, walking shoes, and your camera. For more information contact Diane White at the Lincoln National Forest at (505) 434-7200.

□ SIERRA BLANCA SCRAMBLE — 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at The Links at Sierra Blanca. Win a 1996 Chevy S-10. Entry fee is \$55 per golfer which includes green fees, cart and lunch. For more information call The Links at 258-5530 or Phil DiPaolo at 258-4843.

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As the flight continues, the tests will become progressively longer in duration and more complex. Each flight incrementally increases stresses on the DC-XA and will lead

to an understanding of the performance of the advanced technologies incorporated in the rocket's components.

A rapid turnaround between flights is also scheduled to demonstrate the reusable rocket's aircraft-like operability and maintainability by a small support group.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRABOOL

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

The Outlook White Oaks May 18, 1896

John A. Haley, the versatile editor of the Capitan News and dexterous singer of the harpoon of justice in that bailiwick, was a visitor in White Oaks over Sunday last.

Walter Hyde, formerly a denizen of this mountain region, but now a ranchman down

where the Ruidoso and Bonito become merged into the Honda, was here on a little matter of business during the past week.

Lincoln County ranges are finer than twenty years at this season of the year, and stockmen report that cattle are looking better than they often do in the fall before going into the winter.

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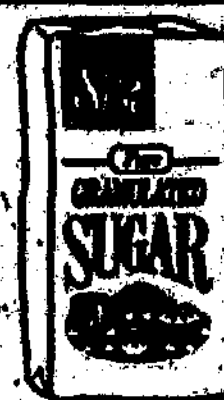
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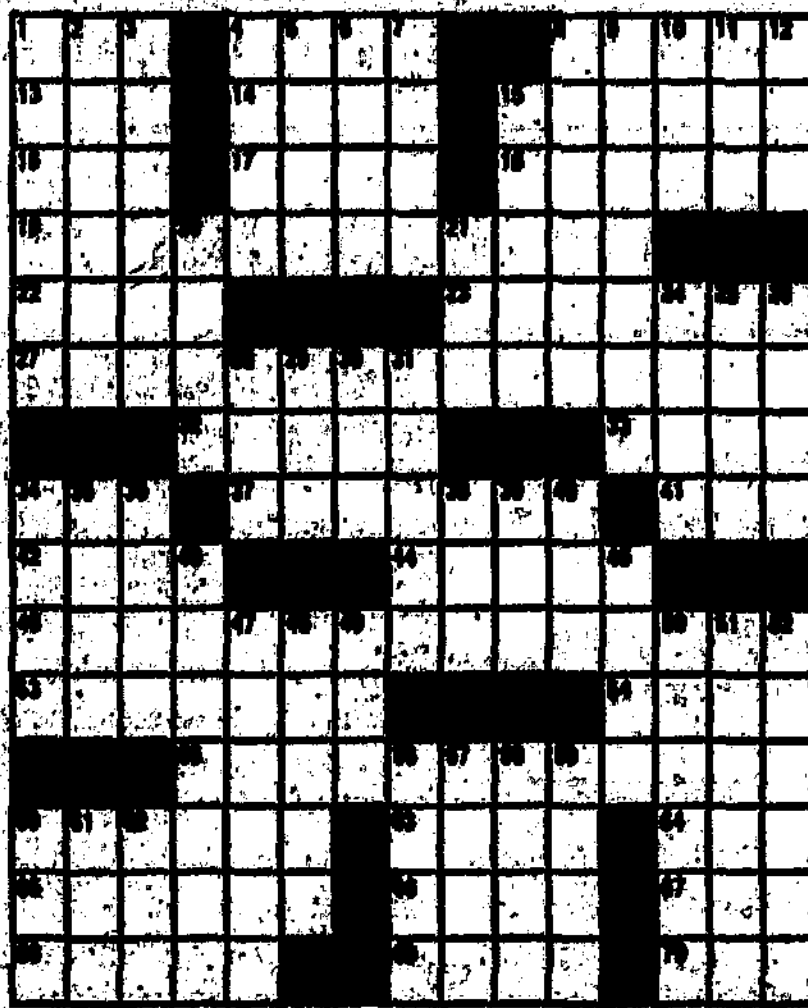
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All boys and girls in grades three through eight are eligible to attend.

The basketball summer camp will be held June 3-7. The camp runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

The volleyball camp will be run the same week by Warrior head coach Jauna Sanchez.

REPLAY



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

10 years ago — Ruidoso's soccer team finishes third in the Southern New Mexico Conference. Danny Sacy of the Warriors is chosen to play on the District 4 all-star select under-12 team.

20 years ago — Ruidoso finishes eighth of 27 teams at the Class AA state meet. The top finishers for the Warriors are: Rick Tate, fourth in discus; Danny Brown, fifth in 100-yard dash and sixth in 220-yard dash; and Kirk Bubank, sixth in the high jump.

30 years ago — Forty Ruidoso athletes will be honored at the all-sports banquet sponsored by the Warrior Booster Club. Cost per plate is \$2.08.

40 years ago — In Ruidoso intramural baseball, the senior/freshman team wins two of three over the junior/sophomore club. Billy Goodson pitches the first win with a 12-2 decision. The senior/frosh win the second by a score of 15-6 behind the pitching of Ronnie Chastain.

FISHING REPORT



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Bonito Lake — Fishing has slowed down.

Ruidoso River — Water level is low and fishing is slow.

Grindstone Reservoir — Fishing has slowed down. Because of the fire danger, there is no fishing on the south side of the lake. Fishing hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Eagle Lakes — The lakes won't open until the fire danger recedes.

General report — "It's still OK, but not like it was," McGarvey said Thursday.

Track in final stretch of preparation

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

An empty seat for breakfast at the Village Cafe is harder to find. Freshly-painted barns are filling up with spirited equines. And more and more horses take to the track for early morning workouts.

They're all signs that Ruidoso Downs Race Track is just one week away from opening.

The 1996 season goes to the gate Friday, May 24, for the start of a 49-day race meet. This season has 19 fewer race dates than 1995.

Assistant general manager of the track Rick Baugh and his staff are busy putting the final touches in place.

No major structural improvements were made or needed to the grandstand area, so Baugh has

focused his efforts and money on marketing and promotions, especially in the west Texas area. Baugh has opened additional free seating in front of the grandstand. He also plans to give away more free parking passes and promote Turf Club seating with two-for-one specials.

"We're going to do everything possible to make this work and give the best product to the fans," Baugh said.

More than 1,200 racehorses will be stabled at the track by next Friday, Baugh said. The track's barn area has a capacity to hold 1,800 head.

"Actually, we're ahead of what we predicted," Baugh said. "The racing office staff, track conditions — it's a just combination of a lot of

things coming together to promote their request pending the outcome of a New Mexico Supreme Court

In addition to horses getting ruling regarding the licensing of work, so will seasonal employees. The Downs of Santa Fe, owned by The track will hire about 400 seasonal workers to fill positions as mutual tellers, waiters, janitorial staff, additional office staff, gate crew, maintenance crew and concession workers.

Commission meets

The New Mexico Racing Commission considers Ruidoso Downs' simulcast request at its May 21 meeting.

Ruidoso Downs had submitted, then withdrew its simulcast request at the April meeting of the commission. Track officials delayed

Blvd. in Albuquerque.

Baugh said he wasn't surprised by the Supreme Court's decision.

With that issue cleared up for now, Ruidoso Downs officials are willing to simulcast Santa Fe's signal.

The commission meeting starts with an executive session from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The public session begins at 10:30 a.m. in the New Mexico Racing Commission Conference Room, located at 300 San Mateo

For true sports radio, turn up your AM

Some random thoughts and observations from around our world of sports and recreation and beyond.

On a recent drive to my hometown of Tucson for my grandmother's 90th birthday celebration, I found myself in the FM radio black hole — the stretch of Interstate 10 between "Oh-Lordy-Where-Are-We-Bury" and "where there's a way there's a Will" — cox, that is.

I switched my radio to AM in a desperate attempt find something other than the stereo sounds of crackles, hisses and whistles on the FM band. On a clear night, it's the AM band that can find your antenna when the FM wave falls short on its attempt from 3-point range.

It didn't take long to find the voice of talk-show hosts and sports announcers. I tuned in several stations broadcasting baseball games — the Albuquerque Dukes, the Colorado Rockies, and the Texas Rangers. Since none of those teams thrill me, I continued my search, moving the dial toward the upper reaches of the band.

"What! What was that?" I wondered as I tuned in a station. "A basketball game? Who's playing? The Running Squeaws!"

Sure enough, it was a cage contest, but I didn't recognize the teams doing battle on the court. Indeed, it was a team called the Running Squeaws, and if I understood Navajo I could tell you who the Squeaws were playing.

In my search for companionship on the radio, I found a Chinle, Ariz. radio station sending out the play-by-play of a women's basketball game. After each commercial break, the announcer would greet listeners — those on the Navajo Nation and "beyond." I definitely fell in the latter category.

The announcer gave the details of the game in both English and Navajo. I didn't have a clue what he was saying in Navajo, but it was fascinating, nonetheless, to hear the game in his native tongue.

After listening to the last half of the game



From the Bench

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and the post-game show, I learned there was a big weekend planned on the reservation — its annual spring pow-wow. Other events at NCC (Navajo Community College) included a rodeo and performances by singers and drummers from all over the country.

My curiosity piqued, I recently called NCC to find out more about the spring pow-wow and the basketball game that kept me company during my drive across the desert.

The radio station that broadcasted the game that night is actually KTNB out of Window Rock. The announcers travel across the Navajo Nation, broadcasting games to help raise money for local groups.

I can't tell you by how much the Running Squeaws won the game, nor do I know how much money was raised for whatever was the cause.

I do know this, however: as a sports fanatic, I hope nothing ever replaces sports radio broadcasts. It's one medium that can take you court-side, no matter where you are — whether it's Staines, N.M. or Dragon, Ariz.

The New Mexico Activities Association's answer to my request for the final results from the Class A and Class AA State Track Championships has earned it my vote to the Society for Sports Information Challenged.

NMAA couldn't fax the results to me because "unfortunately, we don't have results from last weekend's meet in any concise form."

Hmmm, what does that say about the one organization charged with promoting high

school activities in the state?

All the NMAA had were the heat sheets from every event, which consists of about 60 pages. Eighty pages is definitely too impractical to fax, but surely there has to be a more efficient way to distribute the information, like a computer software program that compiles the results in a "concise form."

The results were on the Associated Press (AP) wire, but those of us who don't subscribe to AP are left SOL thanks to the NMAA.

I commend the NMAA for its informative state championship programs, but surely there is a way it can finish the job of promoting the championships with a complete, concise form of final results.

Hoesler Hysteria won't reach the levels of mania it once did anymore, now that the single-class basketball state championship has been eliminated. Like the rest of the country, Indiana opted for the multi-class system.

One Indiana High School Association voting member said she voted for the multi-class system because it gives more students the opportunity to be successful.

I guess that means success is only defined by those on a state championship team.

What's wrong with the new U.S. postage stamp commemorating the Marathon for the 1996 Olympics? Just about everything, down to the silly grin on the runners' faces. I want to know one athlete who smiles running that 26.2-mile odyssey. Never mind the fact that the two runners are a bit too healthy and robust to be marathoners.

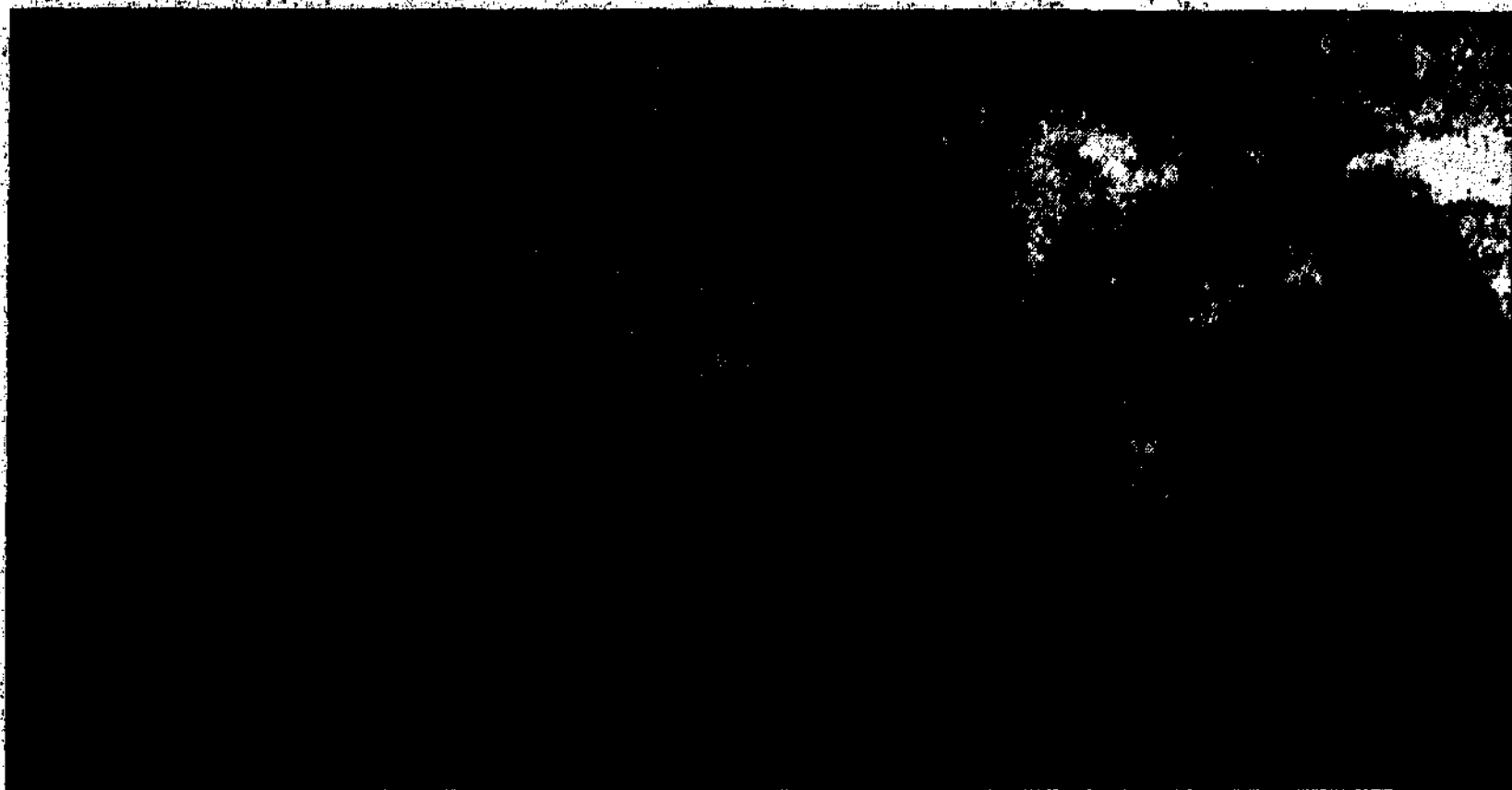
I know it's an abstract design, but please, what's with the Olive Oyl hairdo on the female runner?

A design celebrating the athleticism of this, the ultimate of tests, would be more appropriate.

I can't wait to see the rest of the Summer Olympics stamps.

Or can I?

PERSONALITIES



Jessica and Jeremie take a rest thanks to canine cushion Tausha.

fast Facts

Name: Jessica Livingston

Age: Almost 23

Hobbies: Skiing, horseback riding, rappelling, water skiing.

Where she'll spend her vacation after the Hot Shot season: Mexico.

First fire: Jacob Fire in the Capitans June 1, 1995. Fought it with her brother and father.

Livingstons like life on the edge of the mountain

by LAURA CLYMER
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They were both raised on the mountain, so it should come as no surprise that siblings Jessica and Jeremie Livingston work and play in the mountains.

Both are hot shot ski enthusiasts at Colorado's Winter Park Ski Resort in the winter.

Both are hot shots in the Lincoln National Forest during the summer. Hot shot firefighters that is, members of the elite firefighting crews — the ones usually sent to the front line of a forest fire.

Jessica, who turns 23 on June 27, is in her second season on the Sacramento Hot Shots. Her 20-member crew is stationed in the

remote reaches of the Lincoln National Forest about 30 miles east of Cloudcroft. Jessica's younger brother Jeremie is a four-year veteran of the Smokey Bear Hot Shots, a crew based out of the Smokey Bear District of the U.S. Forest Service in Ruidoso.

With drought conditions and extreme fire danger throughout the state and most of the Southwest, the Livingstons are going to be busy this summer. They've already been on five fires, including 18 days straight fighting first the Pinatosa Fire near Corona, then the Chino Well Fire and finally the Dome Fire near Los Alamos which claimed more than 10,000 acres.

It's not anything these two na-

tives can't handle.

Jeremie and Jessica argue as well as any other brother and sister duo, but on this point they agree.

"It's going to be a long summer...but we're ready for it," Jessica says.

"Until it rains, it's going to be pretty wild down here," Jeremie adds.

The Livingston children are no strangers to fighting fires or schussing down the slopes. Parents Tim and Cyndy of Capitan can take credit for teaching Jeremie and Jessica how to ski and what it's like to fight fires.

"Mom and dad worked up there, so we didn't have anywhere else to go," says Jeremie.

Tim is an engine foreman in Capitan and a former member of the helitact crew for the Forest Service. Cyndy has worked fire dispatch and cooked plenty of meals at base camps for firefighting crews.

Winter months were spent at Ski Apache, where Tim is a snow ranger for the U.S. Forest Service. Jessica started skiing when she was 18 months old. Jeremie got a late start — he was two years old.

That dual life of taking on slopes and blazes has now become their own.

Jessica, a 1991 Ruidoso High graduate, started out on the academic path toward working for the U.S. Forest Service. After high school, she studied pre-forestry and fire science at New Mexico State University for three semesters. Her last semester at NMSU was in the fall of 1992. That's when Jessica changed her career plans, for the

moment. She decided to become a ski bum.

So Jessica worked at a Ruidoso ski shop and skied every day for the rest of the 1992-93 season. For the 1994-95 season she moved to Colorado's Winter Park Resort, where she found employment in the resort's competition center. The competition center does all the race preparations for the Winter Park ski teams. Jessica was part of the race crew which set up courses, put up protection fence, groomed the course and assisted with timing.

Upon returning home, Jessica applied for an engine crew job with Smokey Bear District. Instead, she got a call from the Sacramento Hot Shots.

"I vowed I'd never be a hot shot. I don't know why, but I'm glad I took it. I had the funnest summer of my life," Jessica says with her eyes lit up and a big smile.

Jessica is the only woman on a



The siblings take a break after Jeremie competed in a race at A-Basin in Colorado. Jeremie races freestyle during the winter in Colorado. Jessica has worked at Winter Park Resort for the race teams. She'll take classes to learn how to become a race official this ski season.



Jessica dons a backpack during a family outing. Now as a hot shot, she carries a pack weighing 30 to 35 pounds.

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Jeremie seemed destined to become a hot shot. In 1988, he helped at the base camp.

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Livingstons

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crew of 20. In addition, 12 of the Sacramento Hot Shots live in barracks together in Sacramento, a wide spot along Highway 521.

"It's an eight-person town except when they (the hot shots) are there. Then it's a 26-person town," says Jeremie, who admits it would be hard for him to live and work with his crew 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Jessica doesn't mind the constant contact with her fellow hot shots.

"They treat me like I'm their lil' sister," she says.

Because hot shots are on the front line, communication and trust among members is as important as building a fire line when it comes to battling the blaze. The crew's supervisor, or overhead, checks on the fire's progress and weather — the shifts in wind, changes in the temperatures, humidity, etc. It's the overhead's responsibility to move the crew out if he thinks it's too dangerous.

Jessica's super is veteran Bob Wright. Her voice conveys her complete trust in him.

"He's responsible. He keeps us out of trouble," she says.

But the threat of tragedy always lurks in the back of her mind.

"Every time we get out there we think about the Storm King," Jessica says. (In 1994, 14 hot shots died fighting the Storm King Fire in Colorado.) "I don't know if I can

handle losing half of my crew.

"You have to put your heart into it. But there's always that thought in the back of your mind. It's always there — you have to be safe," she says.

The potential for harm is probably harder on the friends and families of hot shots; multiply that anxiety by three for Cyndy Livingston, who faces the prospect of a husband and both children called out to duty. Both Jessica and Jeremie know their summer jobs don't thrill their mother.

So far, neither Livingston has had a close call. That's not to say they haven't had scary moments.

Jessica remembers fighting a fire in Arizona last summer that shook her a bit. The crew was watching its fire line from a relatively safe place, the top of a canyon. But the fire's intensity was "crowning out" the trees, consuming them in flames.

"It sounds like a freight train coming at you," says Jessica.

It could be a more familiar sound this summer.

"Right now, it's so dry these trees are blowing up," she says.

For Jeremie, fear doesn't play as large a role as the strain of fatigue. During the Dome Fire, he and his crew fought the flames for 36 hours straight. It's after 13 or 14 hours when the mental toll becomes as brutal as the physical one, he says.

"It (the adrenalin rush) still hits you when you first go in, but I kind of know what to expect," says Jeremie, who became a hot shot right after graduating from Ruidoso High School in 1993.

Now that his sister is on the Smokey Bear's sister crew, the Sacramento Hot Shots, Jeremie

gets to see his older sister more than previous summers.

But with that, he also gets to worry about her.

"The last fire in Santa Fe (Dome Fire) — things started to get real hectic and everyone was out chasing spot fires. Every time I'd see someone I'd ask where she was and who she's with," he says.

Spot fires get the adrenalin rushing for firefighters, adds Jeremie. They flare up with the wind shifts that blow ashes over the fire lines. The ashes ignite spot fires on the other side of the line, sandwiching the firefighters in between.

In the summer, Jeremie is the responsible hot shot. The monetary reward and seasonal nature of the hot shot job allows him to be a true ski bum in the winter (a typical season runs from April through September). Jeremie calls Winter Park home also, but he spends his time competing in freestyle ski racing.

He seriously competed for the last two years, traveling to various races across Colorado.

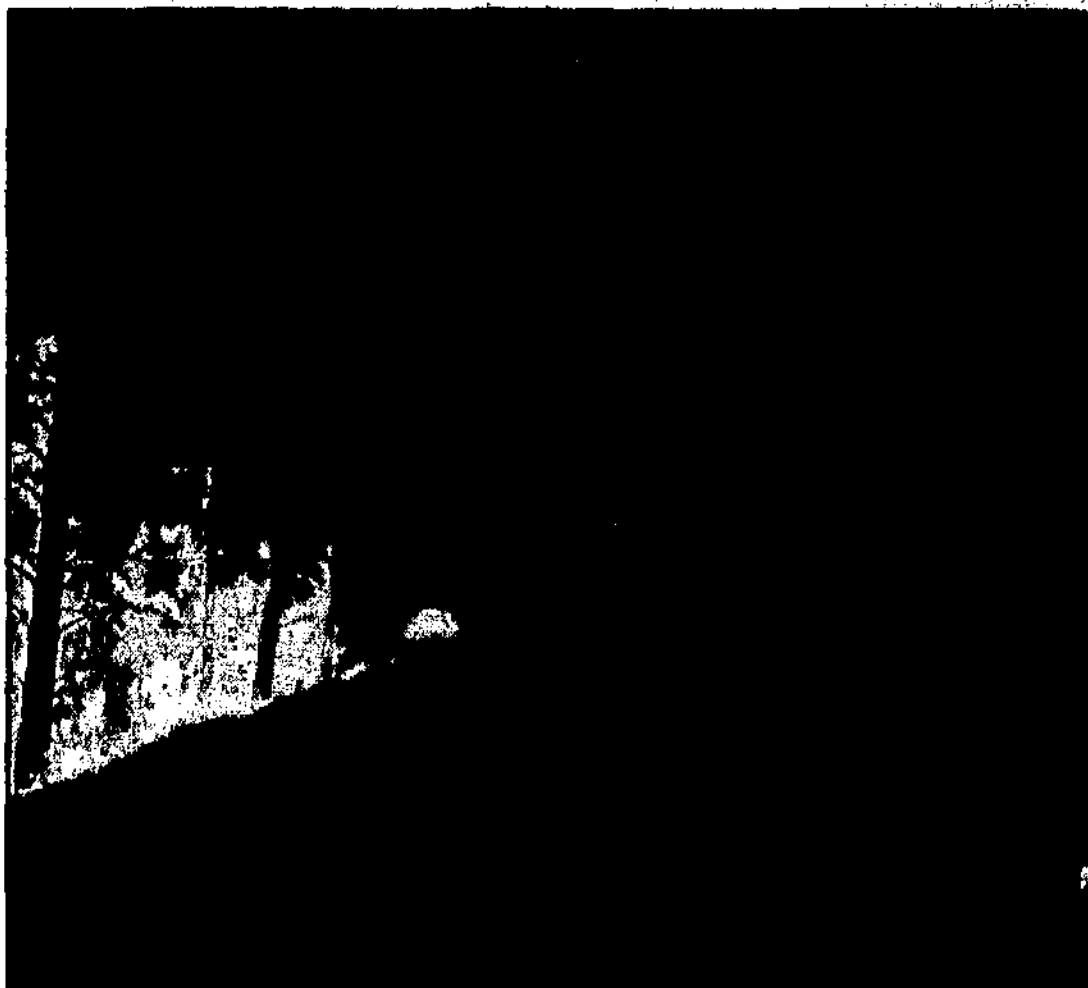
"I basically do it for the fun of it," he says.

Freestyle racers receive points for time, style and air over a mogule course. Jeremie's favorite stunts are the 360 or helicopter, double twisters and triple twisters.

He learned by the tried and true method of trial and error.

"A lot of it was just being young and bullet-proof. My friends and I would just try stuff," he recalls. "I've landed on my head many a time."

The physical demands of the hot Please see Livingstons, page 15B



Jessica at the Dome Fire near Santa Fe.



Jeremie catches some air in Colorado.



Jessica and Jeremie share a run down the slopes of Ski Apache.



Jeremie is in his fourth season as a hot shot.

ENTERTAINMENT

First 'Woodchuck' touted as local version of Woodstock

by PAMELA CROMWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

It's called Woodchuck I — not in honor of the groundhog, which doesn't live around here anyway, but in remembrance of the original celebration of peace, Woodstock.

This the '90s Ruidoso version, scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend and complete with gallons of Miller beer, a three-day line-up of local musicians, and booth after booth of arts, crafts, and food.

The event has been organized by Jay Silver, Texas House Cafe, and Bear Track Productions (run by Ron and Sherry Turner). It is the first of its kind, Silver said, because the organizers did their best to get local artists, vendors and musicians before inviting participants from outlying communities.

Among the vendors' and artists' booths, you'll find custom spurs, Carrizozo cider, pottery and bronze, needlework, and more. Food booths are scattered throughout the festival grounds, selling hamburgers, pies, roasted corn, espresso, cotton candy, popcorn, and of course, barbecue.

The musical line-up is a sterling sample of the best musicians Ruidoso has ever produced. Long-time favorites such as Randy Jones and The Out of Hand Band, Paul Adamian, Nancy Barker, Carl Mori and the internationally-known Sara

K. will be there.

Mike Mendoza, Steve Lovell, Bill Ervin, and Sam Dunnahoo will also perform, and a new band called Today will make its concert debut. Two new groups have teamed up some long-admired local talent: the Turner & Silverman Trio features Jay Silverman, Ron Turner, and Richard Erhardt; and The Lincoln County Regulators features Adrian Henry, Jay Silverman, Leo Chavez, Nino DeNoyer, and Bob Banhagel.

What:

Woodchuck I

When:

Memorial Day

Where:

Ruidoso Downs

The Regulators are the featured act for both Friday and Saturday nights, kicking up the volume from 8:30 p.m. until "they can't sing no mo'." With blues favorites by the likes of Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and Motown, The Lincoln County Regulators will keep you dancing all night.

There's more to Woodchuck I than just great food, vendors, and music. On Saturday, May 25, anti-que cars will be on display at the festival grounds. Throughout the festival, youngsters can ditch their parents at Kid's Corner and have

some real fun with organized events like relay races, face painting, and a petting zoo.

Woodchuck welcomes campers and recreational vehicles. Information about sites is available at the gate, and no reservations are required. The grounds will have 24-hour security, and during the festival a nurse will be on site to provide first aid.

Woodchuck I takes place Memorial Day Weekend at the old amusement park across from Ruidoso Downs Race Track on Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. Watch for the bulletin board.

This is an outdoor event held on dry grass. The risk of fire is extreme, and Ruidoso Downs is under strict fire restrictions. No smoking is allowed outside vehicles. No open flames such as campfires or charcoal grills will be allowed on the festival grounds.

Gates open at 4 p.m. Friday, May 24, and close when the dancers go home. The festival begins again at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25, and parties all night, then it runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 26. Ticket prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and younger. Children under five get in free.

A few booths are still available for rental. Call (505) 257-3506 or 257-6631 for more information.



"Alice in Wonderland" performers include the cards: left, back to front — Casey Helms, Nicole Hale and Beth Robinson; center, back to front — Lauren Lahey, Kelly Rigsby, Jaelyn Bolden and Sidney Davis; and right, back to front — Tiffany Skinner, Alexa Bek, Sarah Monks and Laura Houghton.

Peter and the Wolf, Alice in Wonderland on stage May 17-19

Ballet New Mexico will perform Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" and the classic tale of "Peter and the Wolf" this weekend. Adults and children alike will enjoy the original presentations of these ballets.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19, all at the Castle Mountain Theatre. Tickets are available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce (257-7395), \$6 for children and \$8 for adults.

The dancers are local children ages 5-17 trained at Ruidoso's Dance Daze School of Dance, plus guest dancers. Featured dancers

are Kara Baker, Keely Barnett, Charo, Kristi Doyle, Audrey Reich, Nate Kruse, Brett Maul, and Tom Perucca.

Perucca has danced with the Lexington Ballet, Ballet Dallas, and Ballet Arkansas. He began his training 15 years ago with Madame Natasha Krasovska in Dallas, Texas.

Artistic director Victor Moreno has choreographed an original version of "Alice in Wonderland" featuring the music of Georg Friedrich Handel. Moreno also directs and choreographs "Peter and the Wolf," using the music of Sergei Prokofiev.

Turkish quartet plays in Roswell Friday, May 24

The Ankara (Turkey) String Quartet will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 24 at the New Mexico Military Institute Alumni Memorial Chapel in Roswell.

The Republic of Turkey and the Roswell Symphony Orchestra are pleased to present the concert.

It features Ankara pianist Benal Tanrisever.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children and students with valid ID, and are available by

calling the Roswell Symphony office at 623-5882 or at the door the evening of the concert.

The Ankara String Quartet program will open with the "String Quartet in D Minor" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, followed by pianist Benal Tanrisever performing George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue for Solo Piano." The second half of the program will feature Robert Schumann's Piano Quintet in E-Flat Major, Opus 44.



The Lincoln County Regulators will be among the host of local bands performing at Woodchuck I, the 1990s Ruidoso-area version of Woodstock. The three-day event is Memorial Day Weekend.

North Eagle Creek Trail: here today, gone Monday

General Description: A 3-mile round-trip hike into the southernmost part of the White Mountain Wilderness.

Special Attractions: Running stream, forest scenery, trout fishing.

Net Elevation Gain: 700 feet.

Difficulty: Easy.

Estimated Hiking Time: 2.5 hours.



Trail talk

JOHNNY HUGHES
THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The North Eagle Creek Trail hike is an easy stroll up an aspen and conifer-filled canyon that is only a 20-minute drive from Ruidoso. This hike is especially well-suited for children due to the easy nature of the hike. Take advantage of this final opportunity to enjoy your National Forest because as of Monday, pretty much any part of the forest worth visiting is going to be closed due to extreme fire danger.

To reach the trailhead, take Hwy 48 north out of Ruidoso approximately 6 miles to the junction with High-

way 532 in Alto. Turn left onto Highway 532 and go approximately 2.5 miles to the intersection with United States Forest Service (USFS) Road 127A. Turn right onto Road 127A and proceed another 2.5 miles to the trailhead located at the end of the road. Although the trailhead is situated at the back of a group of summer homes, the only place to park is along the road just prior to crossing the creek bed for the second time. Walk about 200 yards to the end of the road where a sign marks the trailhead. Road 127A is a good gravel road for the first 1.5 miles but deteriorates over the last mile. With careful

driving, the road is easily passable by car.

The hike begins by ascending North Eagle Creek Trail (77). This trail initially follows an old roadcut along the south bank of Eagle Creek for about 1/5 mile to the intersection with Miners Road Trail (16). This intersection is marked with a sign. At this point the North Eagle Creek Trail crosses over to the north side of the creek and leaves the old road. The old road, fittingly enough, begins to switchback up the mountainside as Miners Road Trail (16). This old road eventually leads to a group of mines located over the ridge in the South Fork Rio Bonito Canyon.

In contrast to lower Eagle Creek along Highway 532, upper North Eagle Creek has substantial flowing surface water. The upper creek has surface water flowing on bedrock with only minor amounts of gravel and sand in the narrow streambed. Lower Eagle Creek, on the other hand, has a wider valley with large amounts of gravel that washed down from the upper reaches of the canyon. As a result, what was once surface water now flows along the base of the gravel as ground water and is not visible from the surface, at least this year. This gravel alluvium is the target of the exploratory water wells currently being drilled along Eagle Creek by the village of Ruidoso.

North Eagle Creek Trail (77) continues in a westerly direction along the north bank of the creek from the Miners Road Trail intersection. Several old log dams are present in the creek just above Miners Road Trail. Although water levels are extremely low this year, small pools with catchable-size trout are still present.

Douglas firs and timber pines dominate the landscape, with aspens increasing in abundance as elevation is gained. Large meadows and dense aspen groves prevail in the upper reaches of the canyon near Buck Mountain.

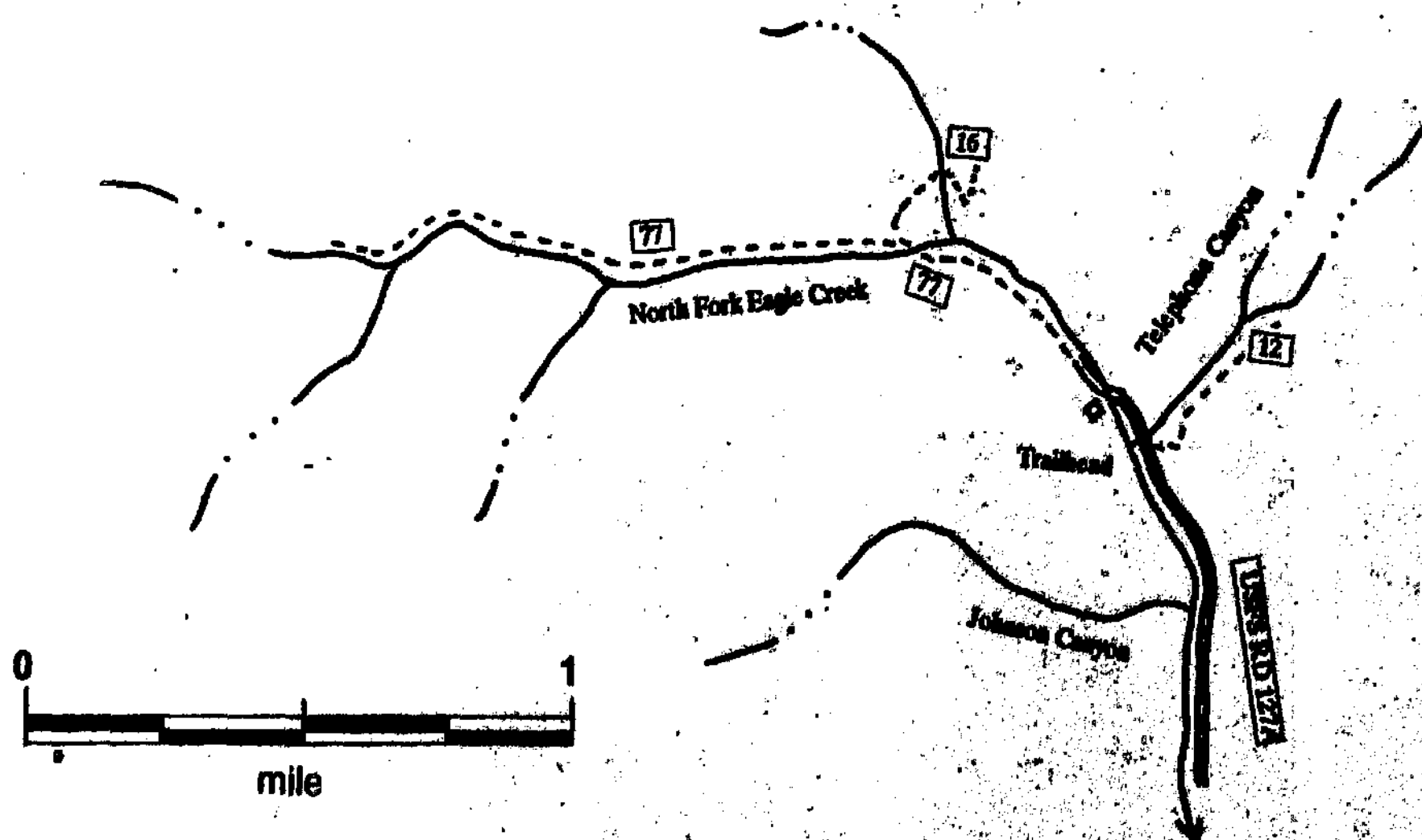
Approximately one mile above the intersection with Miners Road Trail (16), North Eagle Creek Trail (77) begins to fade just past a large wash that has dumped large amounts of gravel along the streambed. The walk up the canyon from this point will soon turn into a cross-country hike as the trail disappears altogether. The extension of the trail that is shown to reach all the way to Crest Trail (25) does not exist anymore. As a result, my suggestion is to turn around at the gravel wash and retrace the route back to the trailhead. The more adventurous hiker can find solitude in the upper canyon, but be prepared to work for it.

The geology of the area is fairly simple. The hike begins within outcrops of the Walker Andesite (mainly lava flows) and crosses over into rocks of the Three Rivers Stock near the intersection with Miners Road Trail (16). The Three Rivers Stock was intruded into the Walker Andesite as a magma and crystallized deep beneath the surface. Subsequent uplift and erosion has exposed the rocks we see today.

Camping locations along the trail are limited to a few small terraces along the creek above the intersection with Miners Road Trail. Most of the locations are small and not suitable for a large group. Large groups would be better suited to camp along USFS Road 127A, as several large sites are present next to the creek.



One of the old log dams in Eagle Creek just above Miners Road Trail.



North Fork Eagle Creek Trail

NOTE: The difficulty rating of the hike is based on the estimated hiking time and assumes an average hiker in good physical condition. Prior to attempting this hike, purchase a topographic map of the White Mountain Wilderness Area from the Smokey Bear Ranger Station, carry it with you, and follow all precautions printed on the map.

Difficulty Rating	Est. Hiking Time
Very Easy	< 2 hours
Easy	2 - 4 hours
Moderate	4 - 6 hours
Strenuous	6 - 8 hours
Very Strenuous	> 8 hours



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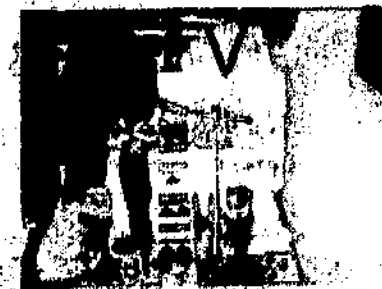
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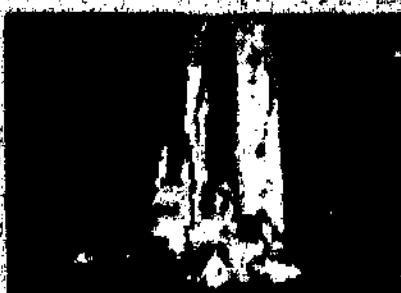
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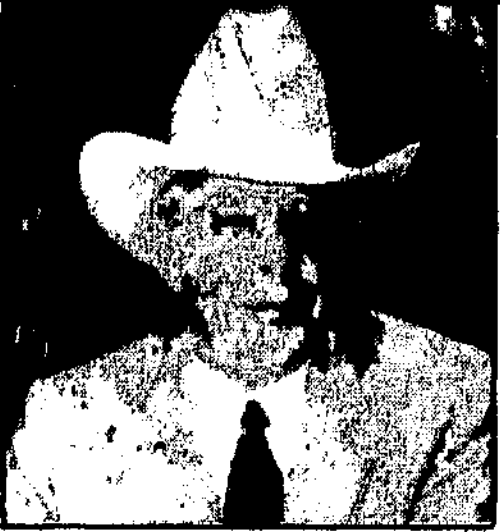


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In observance of Memorial Day, The Ruidoso News will be closed Monday, May 27.

Therefore, the deadline for the Wednesday, May 29 paper will be Friday, May 24.

Help plan county's economic growth

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District is inviting the public to make suggestions about the kind of industries Lincoln County should be encouraging.

A public hearing on current and future business, community, and economic development activities is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Lincoln County Commission Chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Anyone working toward bringing a new or expanded industry into the county should attend this meeting. Discussion will include the communities of Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and other public and private organizations in Lincoln County.

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District is State Planning District VI, which encompasses Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, and Otero counties. It is the largest planning district in New Mexico, covering more than 26,000 square miles, and it's the second largest in population, serving more than 250,000 people. For more information contact Tony Elias at (505) 624-6131.

No rain, no gain

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork under continued abnormally hot, dry conditions last week ending May 11, according to the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service.

Statewide it was the same old story — no measurable rain, and soil moisture continuing to slide into the "very poor" category.

Farmers continued spring field preparations and planting, fertilizing, spraying, irrigating, green chopping and ditch maintenance.

In the south and east, the first cutting of alfalfa was rapidly progressing and is 39% complete. Cotton and corn planting remained active, and cultivating of vegetables continued.

Lettuce harvest surged ahead, although it still lags behind last year's harvest. Harvest of spinach and cabbage was also well along. Apples remain very poor with only light fruit set. Pecans were in good condition with average to heavy nut set expected.

Livestock condition deteriorated during the week as ranchers continued heavy supplemental feeding and watering. Some drought-related cattle and sheep deaths were reported. Many stock wells and springs were drying up.

Stockmen were also busy with spring calving and lambing, shearing, branding, heavy culling, moving stock to higher pastures,

and shipping livestock.

Range and pasture feed conditions remained dismal at 41% very poor, 46% poor, 10% fair, and only 3% good.

Get a summer job through the state

Anyone between the ages of 14 and 21 who needs a summer job can now pre-apply for the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program. To be eligible, you must be a New Mexico resident, a U.S. citizen or legal resident, and have a social security card.

The pre-applications can be obtained at the New Mexico Department of Labor, Alamogordo Workforce Agency, at 901 Alaska Avenue in Alamogordo. Anyone meeting the requirements who would like to work in a structured environment for training in the job market is encouraged to apply.

The Department of Labor offers 25 hours a week in work experience at \$4.25 per hour from June 10 to July 26. The deadline to apply for the program is May 31.

If you have any questions, please call (505) 457-8276 and ask for the summer youth staff.

Larkey joins RE/MAX realtors

Re/Max of Ruidoso has added Mike Larkey to its team of associates. Larkey is a long-time Ruidoso real estate broker and former executive secretary of the New Mexico Real Estate Commission.

Larkey was first licensed as a real estate salesman in 1971, working with Pertee/Parks and Associates, which was a prominent Ruidoso real estate brokerage firm during the 1960s and 1970s.

In 1976, then-governor of New Mexico Jerry Apodaca appointed Larkey as the executive secretary of the New Mexico Real Estate Commission, the state agency enacted to supervise the licensing of all real estate licensees in the state of New Mexico.

In 1980, Larkey re-entered the real estate business in Ruidoso and in 1986 he moved to Northern California, where he was regional operations manager for a large property management company. Later he purchased that company.

California gold could not hold Larkey, though, and in late 1986 he sold his California real estate business and returned to Ruidoso.

During his many years in Ruidoso, Mike served two terms as Ruidoso/Hondo Valley Chamber of Commerce president, and two

terms as chairman of the Multiple Listing Service of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors.

Larkey is a licensed real estate broker for both California and New Mexico. He invites all his friends and clients to call him at the Re/Max of Ruidoso office, 258-5833, or drop by the office at 1009 Mechem, located in the Paddock. He eagerly looks forward to renewing old acquaintances.

Mader certified in Healing Touch

Barbara Mader, owner and operator of the High Mesa Healing Center in Alto, has recently earned certification as a Healing Touch Practitioner from the American Holistic Nurses Association.

Mader has been a registered nurse and healer for many years, and she has studied and practiced with well-known teachers and healers. She has specialized in energy work since 1991.

As a Certified Healing Touch Practitioner (CHTP), Mader accepts responsibility and accountability to the public for the quality of her practice. Healing Touch is a form of body-energy work.

The High Mesa Healing Center is a 35-acre forest sanctuary where Mader and visiting healers help others find renewal of body, mind and spirit. Mader enjoys sharing her sanctuary with other spiritual seekers. Private Healing Touch sessions are available by appointment, 336-4808.

LeBlanc named to Presidents Circle

Ed LeBlanc of Coldwell Banker SDG has been selected to join the company's International Presidents Circle, an honor bestowed only to producers in the top 4% of the more than 55,000 sales associates throughout North America.

This is the third year LeBlanc has been chosen as a member of this prestigious Coldwell Banker group. LeBlanc has been in real estate in the Alto and Ruidoso areas for more than five years and is an associate broker. He can be reached at 800-625-9213.

New location for Sky's the Limit

Sky's The Limit clothing store has moved from its Mechem Drive location at The Attic to Suddarth Drive, in the Four Seasons Mall. Summer hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

BUSINESS

Aerial daring promotes businesses



Jim Franklin flies his "WACO Mystery Ship" over Powell Lake in Utah with wing-walker Lee Oman.

by PAMELA CROWWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

How do you catch the attention of more than 30 million people so you advertise your product? Sponsor a stunt pilot.

World-famous stunt pilot Jim Franklin lives here in Alto, and he has a new maneuver called the Billy the Kid Loop. It's more than just a flying stunt; it's a new way to promote tourism in Lincoln County and to advertise local businesses.

Billy the Kid Water, out of Spring Ranch in Hondo, has already teamed up with Jim Franklin Air Shows. Dave and Vonna Stevens, owners of Billy the Kid Water, will sponsor Franklin at about 30 air shows this year.

Franklin draws more than 30 million people to the shows where he performs. They come to see his daredevil aerial maneuvers such as his signature "ribbon pickup," in which he swoops upside down to just a few feet off the ground.

In addition to a full range of loops, rolls, tail slides, and Cuban 8s, Franklin also performs the lom-covak, which means "berserk headache." This stunt takes the plane to 4,000 feet, then lets it tumble head over end into an inverted flat spin, recovering just a few feet above the ground.

Franklin has flown in movies such as "Terminal Velocity," "Rock-ster," "Three Amigos," and "Poncho Barnes." He has also won awards such as the Art School Memorial Showmanship Award and the Bill Barber Award for Showmanship.

Franklin draws an awe-struck crowd, and his sponsors reap the benefits. The Stevens sell their bottled water and novelties at the air shows, and Franklin is current-

ly working on getting Scenic By-Ways and REDTT sponsorship.

"We not only sell our products, but we promote Lincoln County at the same time," said Dave Stevens.

Franklin Air Shows travel coast to coast and into Mexico and Canada. So far this year, Franklin has teamed up with Billy the Kid Water in Florida, in Monterey, Mexico, and at the El Torro Marine Corp Base in Santa Ana, Calif. More than 1.2 million people attended the Santa Ana show alone.

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Not only are Franklin's stunts a crowd magnet, but so is his bi-plane. It's a powerful attractor at business grand openings. Franklin and Stevens have attended the grand openings of four new businesses so far, three in Texas and one here in Ruidoso Downs.

"The response is phenomenal," Stevens said. "We pulled two or three thousand people off the road for Sefco in Temple."

This technique promotes everyone at once — Jim Franklin, his sponsors, the business, and Lincoln County. For more information about Jim Franklin Air Shows, call Jim Franklin at 336-7060.

Delectable meats at Robertson's Hams

by PAMELA CROWWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

If you've got the Oscar Meyer lunchmeat blues, the cure for what this is something Ruidoso needs. ails you is Robertson's Hams.

Based in Oklahoma, Robertson's cures its ham, bacon, sausage, and turkey the old-fashioned way, then it's vacuum-packed and shipped to stores in Texas and new New Mexico.

In Ruidoso Downs, Rick and Rosalie Stephens have opened the first New Mexico Robertson's. It's a family-run business, run by Rick, Rosalie and their daughter and son-

in-law.

"We liked the stores in Texas," said Rick Stephens, "and we think this is something Ruidoso needs."

The Stephens are no strangers to business in Ruidoso. Former owners of Sierra Southwest Furniture, they have lived here four years. Rick Stephens believes the location of his new business will be key to his success.

"About 18,000 cars go by here each day," he said. "Plus, we're between two hotels."

Robertson's, located on Highway 70 next to the Day's Inn, serves

breakfast and lunch seven days a week. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m., and prices range from \$2.25 to \$5.50. Eggs, waffles and pancakes feature Robertson's sausage, bacon and ham. Senior citizens get a 25-cent discount on coffee.

Lunch prices start at \$3.95 for a sandwich with 30 ounces of meat, a bag of chips, and a drink. You can stop in for lunch, or buy your smoked meat by the pound along with a six pack of soda and a big bag of chips.

"It's great for picnics or traveling," Stephens said.

Robertson's is particularly known for its hams. The hams are hand-rubbed with sugar cure and smoked with green hickory for days until they are perfect. Hams can be ordered by fax or phone, and Robertson's will ship them anywhere.

At Robertson's you can find all kinds of sausage, including beef sausage, jalapeno summer sausage, and smoked pork loin. You'll also find beef jerky, smoked cheese, and the full line of Robertson's own condiments, including picante, barbecue sauce, green salsa, relish, and pancake syrup.

Robertson's Hams is open from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.



Rosalie Stephens serves lunch to J.D. and Bret Knight-Mark.



Stunt pilot Jim Franklin with Delaina and Dave Stevens pose with Jim's bi-plane at the grand opening of Robertson's Hams in Ruidoso Downs. Franklin Air Shows travel all over the country.

CAPITAN

Zia threatens to shut off Capitan's gas

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

In what Capitan officials describe as an attempt to take over their municipal natural gas company, Zia Natural Gas has threatened to shut off the town's gas supply.

But Village Attorney J. Robert Beauvais said the Board of Trustees was able to avert a shut-down set for March 15. Attorneys for Zia agreed to postpone the action, giving Beauvais enough time to file for an injunction.

"This is maximum overdrive to get the company at all costs," Beauvais said of Zia's actions. "Sue, sue, sue and do anything they can."

The end result for gas customers could be higher rates if Zia takes over and has a lock on the county, he said.

But David Hamilton, president of Zia's parent corporation based in Wyoming, said his company has done nothing to try to take over the village gas system.

"We advised them in advance that they were making a mistake and that they should not dissolve the association (that operated the two-village gas system)," Hamilton said. "We said they would not receive the same gas transportation rate."

"They did it anyway. They claim we're being the big bad wolf, which I feel we are not. We are just treating them as we would any other customer."

"If they don't pay for service, we have to fall back on our regulations. Maybe the citizens have to look at what the board is doing to them. It's a situation of their own making."

Attorneys for Zia sent the village a letter May 13 saying the company would sue unless the town begins paying a higher rate for its gas, Beauvais said.

And in a letter May 10, the local manager of Zia wrote that if Capitan doesn't apply for services

ing the association, agreements they had with it are void. The two towns should no longer benefit from a lower purchase price for gas that was negotiated under a 1992 transportation agreement, they say. Capitan should pay the going rate for Zia customers.

"If Capitan and Carrizozo don't sign up as customers and start paying Zia's regular tariff, they're shutting us down," Beauvais said. "They're playing maximum hardball. They refused to take our payment for April, saying it wasn't enough and that we owed \$208,782 as of May 15."

Hamilton said state regulations don't allow Zia to treat Capitan differently than other customers. If the village fails to pay its bills, Zia has to take action, he said.

Another source of irritation between the two entities involves a transportation agreement that allows the 1,000-person village to buy gas from El Paso Natural Gas.

"Back in 1992 when we signed the agreement to sell the pipeline, we also agreed to assign them our (lower rate) transportation agreement with El Paso Natural Gas," Beauvais said.

But while waiting for the sale to be completed, Zia negotiated its own rate for moving gas on El Paso's lines at a much higher price.

"They wanted ours because it would be cheaper," Beauvais said. Although the village agreed, El Paso officials refused, saying Zia already entered into a 20-year agreement at a higher rate. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission agreed with El Paso.

"That didn't sit well with Zia,"

"They claim we're being the big bad wolf, which I feel we are not. We are just treating them as we would treat any other customer."

DAVID HAMILTON
PRESIDENT OF ZIA'S PARENT CORPORATION

as a regular sales customer or execute a standard transportation agreement by May 15, "we will be forced to terminate our delivery of gas to your system...."

"The trustees are worried, because we're not talking about losing service to a house, this is to their town," Beauvais said. The natural gas system owned by the villages of Capitan and Carrizozo serves 665 customers and is installing a line to reach customers outside of Capitan.

Within the last few months, the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association was dissolved and the municipalities took over the operation.

Zia officials contend by dissolv-

Trouble with Zia started in 1992

Capitan's troubles with Zia Natural Gas started when the larger company bought a gas transmission line from the village.

As part of the 1992 sale, Zia officials swore in testimony in front of the New Mexico Public Utility Commission (PUC) that Zia would not use the line for distribution to customers, village attorney J. Robert Beauvais said. Village officials felt that would protect the small Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association from being thrown into competition with Zia, he said.

But Zia has been signing up customers outside of the village of Capitan, using the old transmission line for distribution. Zia officials contend the situation has changed since 1992.

The PUC has scheduled a hearing on the territorial dispute, on May 28 in Santa Fe.

Zia buys Hobbs Gas with state O.K.

The New Mexico Public Utility Commission last week approved the acquisition of the Hobbs Natural Gas Company by the Natural Gas Processing Company through its Zia division.

Zia officials announced they will operate the Hobbs system under the existing Hobbs rates.

Zia will pay \$5.5 million for the Hobbs utility assets under an agreement signed Nov. 22, 1994.

Zia also distributes and sells natural gas to 5,900 customers in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto Village and other areas of Lincoln County.

Capitan clinic for rodeo queen contestants offered May 25-26

Former Miss Rodeo New Mexico, Connie Coffey English, will lead a two-day clinic for Lincoln County Fair queen contestants in Capitan Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26, for girls interested in participating in rodeo and fair-queen competitions.

On Saturday, May 25, English will instruct girls in speech, personality, and modeling at the home of Craig and Connie Whipple. Sunday she will cover a variety of horsemanship skills at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Arena.

Clinic hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and girls of all ages are encouraged to participate. The clinic is limited to 30 girls. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch on Saturday.

Participants must provide their

own horses.

The "Queen Clinic" is sponsored by the Lincoln County Rodeo Club. Preregistration for the clinic is required. Contact Connie Whipple at (505) 354-2005 or Missy Parker at (505) 354-9143. Stalls for participants' horses may be arranged by calling Connie Whipple or Missy Parker.

Connie English has been acquiring various fair princess, attendant and queen titles since 1977, when she won the New Mexico Pinto Princess title at the age of nine. She also won the Miss Horsemanship award at both the 1988 Miss American Paint Horse Competition and the 1991 Miss Rodeo USA competition.



Grid and bare it

Students in Becky Schultz' class at Capitan Elementary recreate an archaeology grid and learn about some of the artifacts loaned to the school by the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs. Pictured are (left to right) Sheldon Moor, Rebecca Armstrong and Colt Freeman. The project was part of a school-wide program on archaeology.

Flores joins Angus group

Andrena Flores of Capitan is a new junior member of the American Angus Association.

Junior members are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association and take part in association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events, according to Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo.

The association is the largest beef registry association in the world with more than 29,000 active adult and junior members.

Village residents asked to clean up yards May 20-24

A special clean-up week is scheduled in Capitan May 20-24 in anticipation of the closing of the debris landfill near the town.

"The landfill is going to be closed to individuals after May 18, but will stay open until the end of the month for contractors," said Village Clerk Deborah Cummins.

Two large containers will be stationed in town behind village hall and near the Senior Citizens Center.

"Residents need to clean up now, because we aren't sure what will happen after the landfill is closed," she said.

Scholarships for students studying agriculture offered

The Corriente CowBelles are offering scholarships for college undergraduates majoring in agriculture, education with an agricultural emphasis or a field of study that could benefit the beef cattle industry.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a Lincoln County resident, with preference given to Capitan students. They must be a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student and have an accumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better. The scholarship will be awarded at the Corriente CowBelles' annual team roping set for June 8 at the county fairground.

To apply, students should write a paragraph defining their needs, goals and qualifications for the scholarship. The application and grade point verification should be submitted by June 8 to Willa Stone, Box 484, Capitan, N.M. 88316.

Avoid burning and water sparingly in Capitan

Residents should continue to conserve on water and refrain from burning within the Capitan village limits while drought conditions prevail, Village Clerk Deborah Cummins said Wednesday.

"Please water lawns before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.," she said.

The fire chief is not allowing any burning because of the dry conditions.

Chapman receives WNMU degree this month

Capitan resident Steve Chapman will receive a bachelor's degree this month in commencement exercises at Western New Mexico University in Silver City.

About 2,000 undergraduates and graduate students attend the university in addition to 300 students enrolled on a non-degree basis. The university offers programs in vocational, liberal arts and professional areas.

Happy Anniversary
Margie and Doug. I hope in the years to come you find only health and happiness with each other and your three children.

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PAST TENSE

Hardin joins cattle drive, confronts Wild Bill Hickok

(This is the second in a six-part series. In the first installment, Hardin killed approximately eight men and was still shy of his 18th birthday.)

John Wesley Hardin knew the law was hot on his heels, and headed for Mexico by way of San Antonio, Texas. But between Waco and Belden he was surprised by three bounty hunters named Smith, Davis and Jones.

The bounty hunters were so delighted with their catch that they decided to start celebrating their new-found wealth (the reward) even before they turned Hardin over to authorities.

Toward the close of the day, they began to drink heavily. By the time that their horses and their young prisoner were bedded down for the night, the three were all about half drunk. Davis and Jones fell asleep almost immediately, leaving Smith to guard Hardin.

Of course, with all that liquor in him, it wasn't long before Smith also began to nod.

As quietly as he could, Wes crawled across the campsite and picked up Davis' shotgun and Jones' six-shooter. Then he straightened up, walked over to Smith, put the shotgun to his head and pulled the trigger. He immediately turned the other barrel on Davis and killed him. Jones groggily sat up, inquiring to what all the racket was about, and the vengeful Hardin emptied Davis' six-shooter into him.

After this, Wes galloped once more back to his parents' and told them what had happened. This time, his father accompanied him as far as Waco, undoubtedly to make sure his errant son stayed out of any further trouble. From there, Wes continued on to Gonzales, Texas, where he had relatives, the Clements family (many years later, Wyatt Earp would describe Wes' cousin Mannen Clements, as "one of the most dangerous men I have ever met").

When the Clements invited Wes to go on a cattle drive to Kansas with them, he agreed for a number of reasons, one of which was the assumption that he would be less likely to get into more trouble.

He was wrong.

After the herd crossed into Kansas, Hardin and the other drovers were approached by a party of men working on building a new town on the banks of the Arkansas River.

The Texans pushed their herd about 12 miles up the river to the new townsite and were immediately invited by the Kansans to sample the female and alcoholic delights of their fledgling community.

The Texans dawdled for a fateful day or two there, little realizing this would result in what would become one of John Wesley Hardin's most famous gunfights.

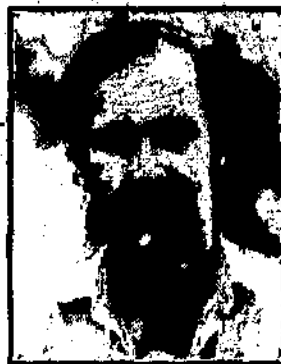
Hardin and his fellow Texans received word that another herd driven by a group of Mexicans was coming up behind them on the trail and that if they did not hurry, the Mexicans would beat them to Abilene, Kans., thereby getting the best price for their beef.

The Texans hurried and managed to get their herd on the trail before the Mexicans overtook them. Unfortunately, they didn't have that much of a lead and it wasn't long before the Mexican herd was crowding them so closely that the two herds began to intermingle.

The Mexican trail boss got angry, saying the Texans' herd was holding him back. Words were exchanged and tempers flared.

Finally, the Mexican trail boss went back to his wagon and got a Sharps rifle. Dismounting, he took careful aim at Hardin from about 100 yards away and fired. The bullet came very close, knocking Hardin's hat off and grazing his head. Luckily for Wes, however, the rifle jammed on the second shot. The Mexican began to advance on Hardin, firing his pistol as he came.

Both the Mexican and Hardin emptied their weapons at each other without effect. The Mexican then went back



Past tense

DREW GOMBER
THE RUIDOSO NEWS

to his herd, gathered five of his vaqueros and charged Hardin, who by this time had been joined by his cousin Jim Clements.

Clements and Hardin charged into the advancing Mexicans and at close quarters — very close — Jim Clements killed one of the Mexicans and Wes killed the other five in a dusty, swirling melee. Neither Hardin or Clements were hit.

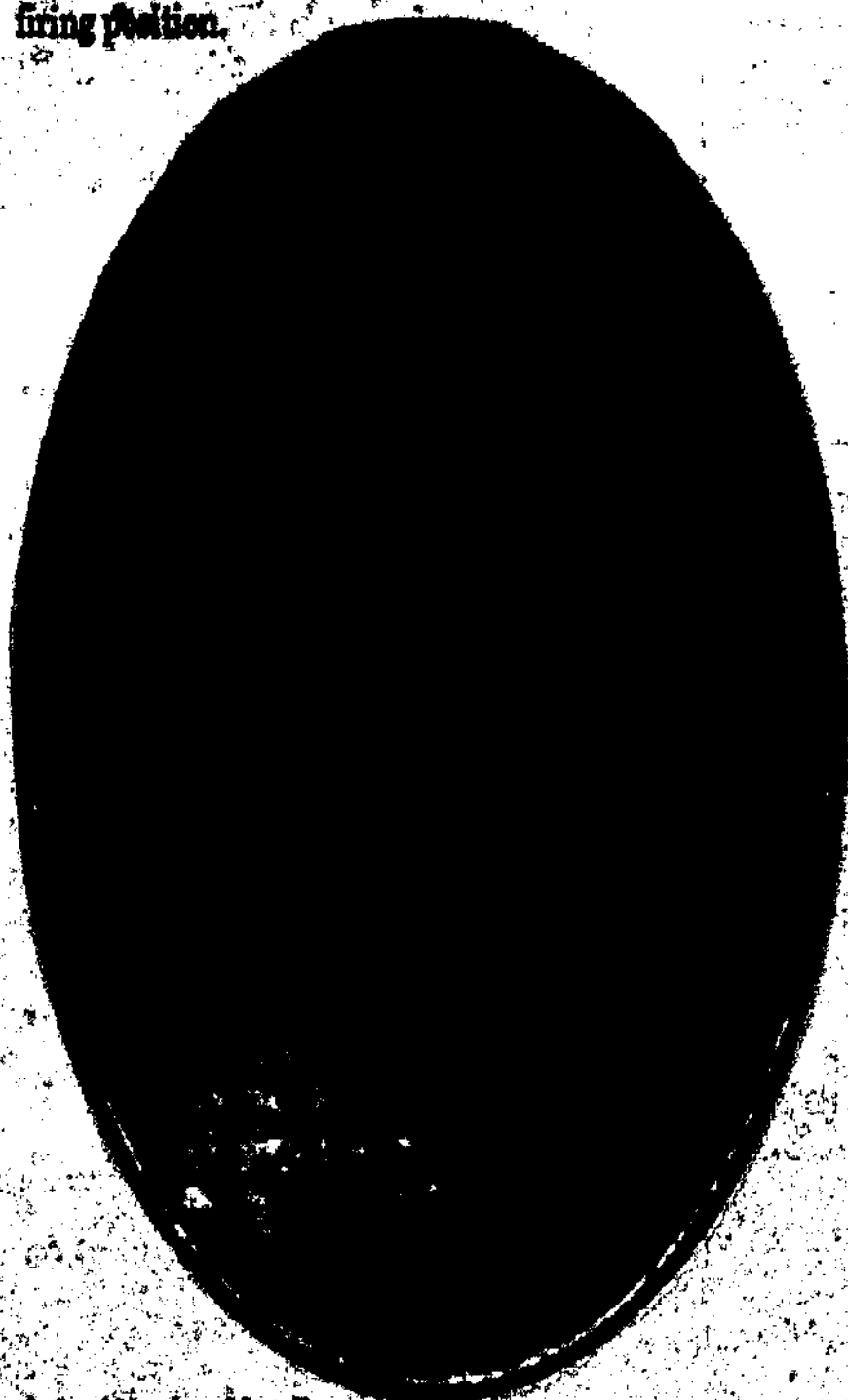
It was due to this gunfight that Hardin received his one and only nickname, "Little Arkansas" — named for the river near the site of the fight.

"I have seen many fast towns, but I think Abilene beat them all. The town was filled with sporting men and women, gamblers, cowboys, desperadoes and the like." This is what Hardin wrote near the end of his life about the Abilene that he entered as an 18-year-old.

Hardin was not the only notorious gunman in Abilene at this time, by any means. Ben Thompson and his friend Phil Coe were there from Texas, and as though that weren't enough, James Butler Hickok, known to one and all as "Wild Bill" was the city marshal.

An Abilene ordinance forbade carrying weapons within the city limits. Hardin being Hardin, he ignored the ordinance. When Hickok got wind of a bunch of armed Texans making the rounds of the saloons, he decided he had better go and see what was afoot.

There are a number of different versions of what happened when Hickok confronted Wes in one of the saloons. Hardin later claimed he had executed a maneuver known as "The Road Agent's Spin" on Hickok. The "spin" is done by holding your pistols toward your adversary with the grips extended so he may take them from you, and when he reaches for your weapon(s), you twirl them back into firing position.



John Wesley Hardin

It doesn't seem possible that an old hand like Hickok could be fooled by such a trick, but whatever happened, Hickok allowed Wes not only to keep his guns, but he even took a liking to the youngster and proceeded to take him on a round of all the bars Abilene had to offer.

Two days later, Wes was having dinner with Hickok when a drunk came into the restaurant, cursing Texans. Never one to let such talk pass, Hardin leapt to his feet, shouting that he was a Texan and what did the drunk intend to do about it? The drunk immediately pulled a weapon and opened fire, hitting Wes' friend Payne in "his only arm," as Hardin later wrote.

The drunken shooter never got a chance for a second shot, as Hardin's bullet hit him squarely in the face, splattering teeth and blood all over the amazed Hickok.

Wes then turned his pistol on the marshal, who assured him that it had been a fair fight and he had no intention of making any arrests in the matter. However, it was clear to Hardin that his time in Abilene was limited.

About this time word reached Wes that a friend of his named Bill Cohron had been killed by a Mexican named Juan Bideno, a locally-known desperado, in nearby Bluff City, Kans.

This gave Wes the opportunity to get out from under Hickok's watchful eye and to avenge the murder of his friend. This time, however, with Hickok's assistance, he obtained a warrant for Bideno, and set off with three companions for Bluff City. For once, at least, he represented the law.

While Hardin's companions stood guard outside the cafe in which Bideno was eating, Hardin strolled in through the front door and sat down across the table from Bideno.

Flashing his boyishly-winning grin, Hardin told the Mexican to surrender. Predictably, Bideno went for his gun, and Hardin shot him at point blank range, killing him. By the time Wes' three confederates rushed in, one of whom was the brother of the murdered Cohron, the waiter was jumping up and down, saying what a friend he had always been to cowboys and how he didn't even know the recently deceased.

His caterwauling irritated Hardin, who told him that if he did not leave the premises immediately, he too might get ventilated. The waiter's feet sprouted wings, and Hardin and his friends were immediately left alone with the corpse, which they dragged outside and tossed over the back of a horse. Then they started back to Abilene.

Upon their arrival, Hardin noticed that Hickok had cooled in his attitude toward him and his friends, although he still did not demand the surrender of Wes' guns.

That night, Wes was awakened from a sound sleep in his hotel room to find a stranger creeping out of the room with Hardin's pants — where most of his money was located.

By the time Hardin got his gun, the thief was through the door and Wes immediately emptied his pistol through the wall at a spot where he reckoned the fleeing thief to be. The man staggered to the end of the hall, where he fell dead with Hardin's bullets in him and pants under him.

Wes looked out the window to see Wild Bill and two of his deputies hurrying toward the hotel. Wes surmised, probably correctly, that Wild Bill would take no excuses and would kill him, if for no other reason than to add to his reputation.

Quickly grabbing the money and possessions that were not in his pants, he waited until the lawmen were inside the hotel before leaping onto the roof and then down to the ground.

Then the teenager got his horse and, as usual, galloped out of town.

Livingstons

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shot job prepare both Jeremie and Jessica for the ski season. Hot shot crews go on a 21-day rotation, then get two days off.

Training includes classroom lectures, videos and physical exercise every day. Jessica's crew does power hikes one day and runs three to five miles the other day.

Pushups, pullups and bar dips build up the muscles the hot shots use to carry their 35-pound equipment packs. Equipment packs hold four to six quarts of water, ready meals or MRBs, a rain poncho (because "We do fight fires in the rain," says Jessica), space blanket and a fire shelter.

Sawyers, who cut down trees and brush to make the fire line, carry their 25-pound chain saw during the runs. The crew's emergency medical technicians carry their first aid packs on the training runs.

"You have to be in shape," says Jessica, who is confident she could carry out a crew member if she had to.

The prospect of the summer of 1996 being like the summer of 1994, when Jeremie had a total of only 16 days off, doesn't daunt either Livingston.

When they are out fighting a fire, they always know the other is thinking of them.

"She looks after me and I look out after her," Jeremie says.

fast Facts



Name: Jeremie Livingston

Age: 21

Hobbies: Skiing, mountain biking, and girlfriend Crystal Barnett, a Ruidosoan and NMSU student.

Favorite thing to do when home from fighting a fire: Watch the TV news to get caught up on what's going on. Also likes to go to the movies and dinner with Crystal.

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