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Ruidoso man kills self as Carlsbad police close in

A Ruidoso man committed suicide in Carlsbad Monday night as police officers surrounded him. Aaron Bishop, 26, was a suspect in a Carlsbad burglary that occurred earlier Monday night. He shot himself in the head as he tried to hide behind bushes at the Carlsbad high school, said Assistant Police Chief Connie M. Riley.

Ruidoso police say Bishop was also a suspect in a robbery at Ruidoso's Allsup's store on Sud-derth Drive Jan. 11.

Bishop was suspected of robbing the home of his friend Nancy Galloway's parents Monday night, stealing only \$800 worth of knives. Galloway, 49, who told police Bishop was her boyfriend, had given Bishop a key to the home.

When Galloway came out of an adult education class at the high school Monday night, she saw Bishop in her truck that he borrowed without her permission and became angry, police said. School maintenance personnel called the police about the disturbance.

Police arrived and found stolen goods from Galloway's parents' home in the stolen truck, Riley said. Galloway told police Bishop was on the school grounds and armed. A maintenance man spotted Bishop behind some bushes and told police.

When police told Bishop to give himself up, they saw him shoot himself, Riley said.

Museum exhibition opens Saturday

The Museum of the Horse will open its biggest show of the year Saturday, "The West in American Art: Selections from the Bill and Dorothy Harmsen Collection of Western Americana."

A members-only opening will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres. The exhibition will be opened to the general public Sunday and remain on display through Sept. 22.

Tickets for the May 25 "Chaps and Shooters" gala celebrating the exhibition can be reserved through the Ruidoso Downs museum. Call 378-4142.

The exhibition features 59 paintings by some of the best-known artists of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Mescalero fire torches 7,100 acres

Chino Well Fire is largest of year in state

by JOANNA DODDER
Ruidoso News Editor

After four days of being inundated with up to 1,107 firefighters on the ground and air, the Chino Well Fire has slowed its expansion across the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

The wildfire had torched 7,100 acres as of last night, and firefighters finished building a 45-mile line around it. It was 40% contained last night, and officials predicted it would be completely contained (no longer growing) by 6 p.m. Friday. They didn't have an estimate of when it would be under control.

Federal, state and tribal governments have already spent \$2.1 million to fight it.

The fire is New Mexico's largest so far this year. It started in Mud Canyon near the intersections of highways 70 and 244, about the same distance from Mescalero and Ruidoso, approximately seven miles. State Highway 244 to Cloudcroft was closed from the start of the fire until about 7 p.m. Sunday.

It is named after a well in Mud Canyon; the well is named after the family of Mescalero President Wendell Chino.

Since winds died down early this week, firefighters have become more aggressive in their attack, using helicopter slurry bombers and "direct" attacks from close range on the ground, said fire information officer Jamie Kingsbury of the U.S. Forest Service.

Firefighting agencies include Mescalero, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Bonito, Fort Stanton, Bent, Tularosa, Cloudcroft, Burro Flats and Alamogordo. The state police and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office are helping BIA officers.

No homes have been in danger since Saturday, when approximately 200 people were evacuated from 42 homes in Mud Canyon.

"I would have to say we were really fortunate because none of them did burn," said fire information officer John Andrews, a supervisory forester with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Mescalero Agency.

The fire originated near homes in Mud Canyon about 1 p.m. Saturday and quickly spread northeast toward Whitetail Summit.

Officials think two pre-teens playing with matches started it.

"We know it was person-caused and we suspect it was children with matches," Connelly said.

Andrews warned other parents to warn their children about the dangers of wildfire during this severe drought.

"We just need to work with our children to explain why they couldn't play with matches," Andrews said. "This needs to be a learning experience."

Winds gusting to 60 mph quickly fanned it across the residential area. Andrews credits quick response from local firefighters as the reason no one was injured or lost their homes.



SEASON OF DROUGHT

Within a half hour, Ruidoso and Tularosa firefighters were on the scene with Mescalero volunteers, evacuating homes and covering them with water and foam, Andrews said.

"This was really the result of a planned response," Andrews said. "There's no way the Mescalero Fire Department could have done that on its own."

The flames literally swept over the tops of some homes, Andrews said. Some previous clearing for defensible space, also helped save the homes.

Residents returned to their homes Sunday after staying at friends' homes or the Mescalero Community Center, where they were cared for by the Red Cross.

The mother of the children who are suspected of starting the fire, Miriam Hoahwah, called an Albuquerque TV station early this week and accused firefighters of holding back on their efforts so the fire would grow and they could make more money. Fire officials scoffed at that accusation.

"We did respond aggressively and in a timely manner to the situation," said Erin Connelly, a

fire information officer for the U.S. Forest Service.

"Appropriate and aggressive action was taken immediately" to fight the fire, Andrews said, adding that erratic winds blowing up to 60 mph battled firefighters' efforts.

Officials wouldn't comment on whether the Hoahwah family will be billed for the cost of the firefighting effort and property losses.

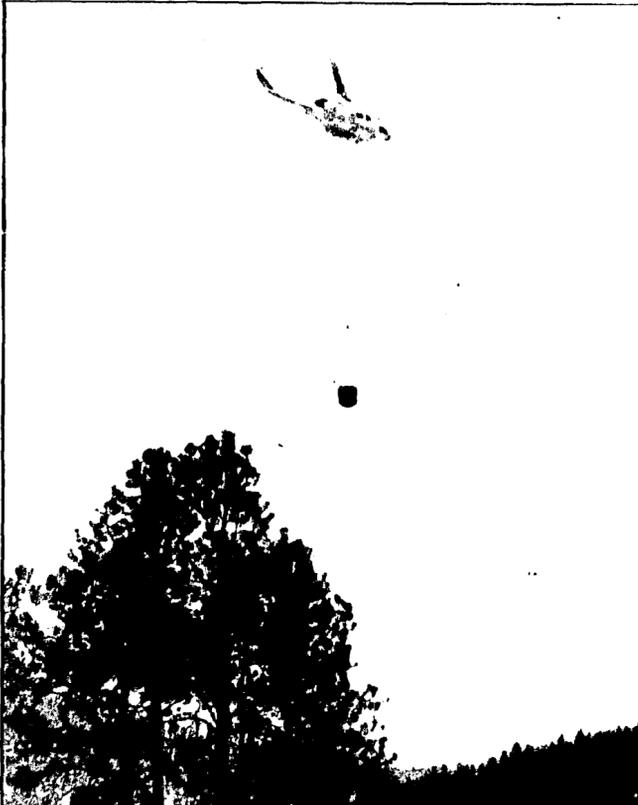
"The law requires you to investigate how it started and I think there are measures to prosecute," Andrews said about wildfires in general.

The Mescalero Tribe has already lost an estimated \$3 million worth of timber, livestock forage and minor items such as structures (only two sheds were burned), Andrews said.

"It's basically all in commercial forestland," he said of the fire. A forest rehabilitation plan will go into effect even before the fire is out, Andrews added.

This is the second major wildfire on the Mescalero reservation this year. In February, a group of seven fires called the Elk Complex burned approximately 3,500 acres. The largest one, the Elk Fire, was started near Highway 244 by careless people.

Ruidoso firefighters doused a small blaze behind the new Holiday Inn Express in the Camelot area Sunday. The noontime fire was put out within minutes. It was sparked by an unattended campfire, fire department officials said.



Joanna Dodder/Ruidoso News
A helicopter picks up more firefighting slurry at a staging site near U.S. Highway 70 and State Highway 244. The drama causes motorists to pull over and watch throughout the day.



Joanna Dodder/Ruidoso News
White Mountain Apache firefighters set up camp Monday near about 1,000 others a half-mile off U.S. Highway 70 near Apache Summit.

Bear population drastically reduced by hunters near Ruidoso

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The bears have crawled out of their dens and begun their nightly patrols around town, but the bruin population is lower than in previous years, local Game Warden Ron Moore says.

Drought usually signals a natural cutback in bear cub birthrates. But supplemental feed from garbage dumpsters — and from corn, watermelon and other baits put out by people — probably prevented that natural mechanism from kick-

ing in, he said.

Hunters, not the drought, have reduced the number of bears in town, he said. The feeding of bears by residents and visitors helped hunters kill extremely high numbers of bears over the last two years.

"They killed so dang many bears in the last couple of years, we don't have as many to cause the problems they did in the early 1990s," Moore said.

"Dumpster raids or feeding makes bears easy prey for poachers

or hunters, who just sit and wait by dumpsters at the edge of town.

"Last year in Unit 36, they killed most of the bears within one mile of Upper Canyon."

The unit includes Ruidoso, Bonito Lake, Nogal Canyon and east past Hale Lake.

In 1993, 21 bears were killed in this area during hunting season. In 1994, the number jumped to 36, and in 1995 it stayed high at 32, Moore said.

Feeding wildlife may provide a

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Pinatosa Fire flares up again in forest near Corona

About 25 acres burned over the weekend in the Pinatosa area of the Cibola National Forest west of Corona.

The flames were spotted about noon Saturday in a "green area" of a tract involved in a 6,000-acre blaze in March, according to Steve Kluge with the U.S. Forest Service.

"It was just a little spot within the larger fire area that started to burn," he said. The fire may have flared from a smoldering stump hole, he said.

"We've walked it all closely now to ensure there are no more. We plan to send the crews home (today)," Kluge said.

Two Hot Shots crews were joined by three firefighting crews from Zuni, totaling about 100 people, Kluge said. Carrizozo sent an engine, but it was sent back Monday.

The larger Pinatosa fire started March 12 and cost \$240,000 to fight over an eight-day period. Structures were threatened, but none burned.

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Helping the Earth on its day

Ruidoso eighth graders picked up trash in the Rio Ruidoso Monday to do their part to honor the annual Earth Day. They are pictured at the Paradise Canyon crossing in Ruidoso.

Pamela Cromwell/The Ruidoso News

Commissioners question county senior meal site funds

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A growing deficit in the operation of Lincoln County's meals program for the elderly prompted some commissioners Monday to question if county support is justified.

Commissioners were alarmed during their first review of the county's 1996-97 budget Monday, because a few years ago, the senior program director said the centers were close to breaking even. But last year, the deficit covered by the county was \$38,000 and this year, it is projected at \$66,000.

The federal and state governments combined provided \$238,000 for the 1995-96 Zia senior citizens program budget of approximately \$400,000, and \$282,000 for the 1994-97 preliminary budget of \$416,425, according to the county's revenue breakdown. That budget covers all five senior centers in this county.

Cheryl LaBelle, director of the Zia Senior Citizens program, and Commissioner L. Ray Nunley reminded the other commissioners that they decided last year to start two new meal programs in Corona and Ruidoso Downs.

Those programs are just gearing up, but have required the hiring of

additional staff. The associated new expenses, coupled with increases in utility costs and office supplies at all of the five senior centers, have driven up the subsidy, LaBelle said Tuesday from her office in Carrizozo.

In response to a commission directive to reduce the proposed subsidy, she is re-evaluating the cost of preparing meals at the three older centers in Carrizozo, Capitan and San Patricio. She will send out questionnaires for feedback about increasing the suggested donation from \$1.50 to \$2 a meal at those three sites. The suggested donation already is \$2 a meal at the Corona and Ruidoso Downs centers.

Commission Chairman Monroy Montes during the budget session Monday questioned whether the county should have taken on responsibility for such a program when it is having trouble paying for other obligations mandated by the state and federal governments.

It's up to the commission to decide how far its responsibility goes, Commissioner Stirling Spencer said.

Commissioner Wilton Howell suggested using \$39,000 expected to be generated by a special property tax levy to subsidize the program

each year, and requiring LaBelle to stay within that parameter. The levy had been dedicated to paying for a higher level of insurance coverage for firefighters, but the money was not used last year.

LaBelle estimated the senior program serves about 300 people from the five centers. From July to March, the program has served 28,276 meals.

The cost of serving each person per year is about \$1,500, commissioners estimated.

"We do a lot of other services besides meals," LaBelle said. "Transportation is a big part."

Nunley and Schwettmann proposed approving the five center budgets as recommended by LaBelle. They range from a low of \$42,310 at Corona to a high of \$136,363 at Carrizozo. The single largest increase of \$32,708 is proposed for the Ruidoso Downs center's \$114,460 budget.

But Montes told LaBelle he wants the subsidy reduced.

"We may have to restructure the way we operate," he said.

Using more volunteers to help with the work and encouraging participants to pay more for their meals were suggested as options by County Clerk Martha Proctor.

Comp time upsets commissioners

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Department heads must accurately budget overtime instead of allowing employees to accumulate large sums of compensatory time, Lincoln County Commissioners said Monday.

They want County Manager Frank Potter to eliminate the compensatory debt this year, if possible. And they don't want to see it build up again.

He can pay some employees in cash and allow others to take off blocks of time, they said.

During the special budget review session Monday, Commissioner Wilton Howell said departments that are abusing the comp time system should be required to pay off the debt to employees from their budgets and not be bailed out by the commission.

"If they don't have an incentive, they will never do it (stop allowing comp time)," Howell said.

Potter estimated it would cost the county about \$42,645 to eliminate the comp time debt, but

the figure goes up every day, he added.

Under the existing system, employees are given time and a half for any hours they work in excess of their 40-hour work week.

The four departments with the largest comp time build-ups are the sheriff's office, the manager's office, emergency services and the detention center.

In dollar amounts, finance officer Punkin Schlarb at \$4,011, Emergency Services Director Connie Hopper at \$1,926, Detention Center Director Wayland Hill at \$4,109 and several dispatchers and deputies in the \$2,000 range rank at the high end.

"It's a management problem," said Potter, who was hired in February. "The commission wanted it eliminated last year, but it wasn't. It's a dollar liability."

When an employee takes a block of comp time off, a county department often has to bring in other people to cover, making it even more expensive than paying regular overtime, he added. Many employees don't have a chance to take

the comp time, or by taking it, they don't use vacation days and that also begins to build, he said.

"A department may have to stop providing a service to find the money to pay what's owed," Potter said.

"I don't see any long lines at the county clerk's or treasurer's," Howell said. "Let them take their comp time."

An accurate budget contains money to pay overtime and realistically reflects the cost of operation, he said.

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann suggested hiring retirees part time at minimum wage to help while regular employees are out.

The 12 holidays county employees receive cause a big problem for the detention center, Hill said.

"That's when they start gaining comp time," he said.

"You should just pay them holiday pay, period," Potter said.

He complimented County Assessor Patsy Serna, whose department has not accumulated any comp time, and said she knows how to schedule her employees.

Bears

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short-term food source during a drought, but in the long term, it could spell death for the animals, he said.

"People need to stop feeding the wild animals," a frustrated Moore said. He has tried for years to explain to visitors and residents in the Ruidoso area why supplemental feeding is harmful.

The reasons include: — the animals, including bears, deer and raccoons, are drawn into town and are killed on village streets by vehicles at night;

— they lose their fear of humans and become predictable in habits, making them more vulnerable to poachers and legal hunters;

— they continue to look for supplemental feed after visitors have departed instead of taking advantage of whatever natural, more nutritional food sources are available;

— and too large a population survives for the land to support naturally, resulting in deaths from disease and starvation even with supplemental feed.

"I'm seeing a lot of deer road kills," Moore said. "I see some every night. Elk also are coming in, because people feed them."

"I haven't had many citizen reports yet this year, because the summer people haven't arrived yet. But Ruidoso is filling up with all kinds of wild critters, looking for greener grass and feed."

The calls start when neighbors

or the person feeding the wildlife decide they don't like all of the attention from the bears, elk, deer and raccoons, he said.

Don't worry about the lack of berries and other natural food for migratory birds and hummingbirds, Moore said. The migrating birds will continue on their flight through town, and the hummingbirds will move on if they need real flowers.

Moore discourages the use of hummingbird feeders, because they also attract raccoons and bears.

To learn more about programs for the management and conservation of bears, contact the North American Bear Society, a non-profit group in its 10th year of operation, at P.O. Box 55774, Phoenix, Ariz.

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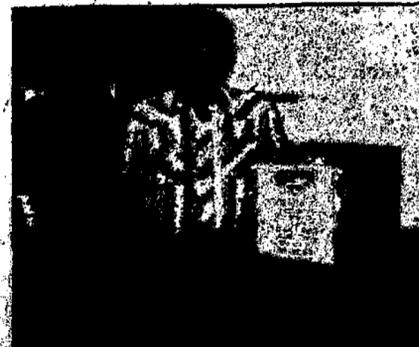


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County Business

Commissioners plan major cuts for 1996-97 budget

Lincoln County Commissioners tried Monday to squeeze \$8 million in requested expenditures from \$7.36 million in expected revenues for the county's 1996-97 budget.

If they choose instead to dip into their reserves, commissioners could cover the difference by reducing the cash carryover and transferring \$406,645 out of the general fund to cover deficits in other categories.

But Commissioner Wilton Howell set the tone for the first budget review session by saying he didn't believe in deficit spending. Commissioners want to maintain a \$2.3 million reserve, \$1 million more than state law requires.

Few substantial cuts resulted from the first session. Funds for White Mountain Search and Rescue volunteers were kept at \$2,250, despite a request for \$9,000 to play catch up from cuts last year. Commissioners promised some major slashing when they get together during their regular meeting May 7.

Shaky future for county's Rural Events Center

The county must invest more money for Glencoe Rural Events Center improvements and aggressively seek out major events, or the center can't survive, said Monroy Montes, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission.

But most commissioners aren't willing to sink more money into the Glencoe center on U.S. 70 east of Ruidoso Downs. And state sources that bought the former horse sales barn for the county two years ago have dried up.

Instead, commissioners suggested during a budget review session Monday that the center be boarded up until it can be sold, or that expenses of \$56,817 be cut in half.

Center manager Linda Wallace proposed an aggressive campaign to attract events, but County Manager Frank Potter said he rejected the plan as too costly.

"We should put it under bad debts and write it off," said Commissioner Bill Schwettmann, who opposed the initial purchase of the center. By pulling maintenance costs from the center's budget, the financial picture looks better than it really is, he contended. The center is expected to generate about \$10,000 in income next year.

"Let's put it on the auction block and sell it," said Commissioner Wilton Howell. "But the money goes back to the state, because that's where the money came from."

Keeping the center open for one major event a year, the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, isn't reasonable, Commissioner Stirling Spencer said. But Montes pointed out the county contributes \$20,000 to the fairground for the annual fair. And Howell added that the senior citizens center in Corona doesn't generate any money.

Potter suggested operating the Glencoe center for another year to see if some of the deficit could be cut.

"I've had some background in attracting events," Potter said. A grant proposal is being filed and the county has been told it must spend \$60,000 this year in accumulated lodger's tax money or it may lose it. Both of those options could improve the situation.



Expo '96

Polly Chavez/Special to The News

The Lincoln County Tourism Expo Thursday offered a wide variety of displays and entertainment. In photo above, Carrizozo 5th grader Amanda Guin learns about Lincoln County from history buff Barbara Branum. In photo at right, Ann Evans shows off an alpaca, a South American wool-bearing cousin of the camel.

Kathleen McDonald/The Ruidoso News

Solid Waste Authority likes manager's work

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Jerry Wright must not be wrong in his approach to managing the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

The authority board asked him last week to stay on as manager at least until the end of the current budget year, June 30.

They'll officially approve the extension of his current contract during a special budget session at 6:30 p.m. April 25 in the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. The session will precede a joint meeting with the Otero County Solid Waste Authority.

A former member of the Lincoln authority's governing board, Wright took over management under a two-month contract in late February after the resignation of manager Carlis Dobson, who had been hired less than three months earlier.

The board asked Wright to prepare job descriptions and a pay

matrix. Those two items will be presented with the preliminary budget at the April 25 meeting, said Authority Chairman Frank Cummins.

"He has done everything we asked him to do," he said of Wright, who was paid \$5,000 for the past two months of work, plus a \$300 car allowance.

The authority is a coalition of the county and its five municipalities, formed to handle the collection and disposal of garbage countywide.

The board Tuesday formed a grievance committee to handle any future employee complaints and to replace the full board in that capacity.

Dr. Bernhard Reimann, who represents the village of Capitan on the authority, agreed to act as chairman of the new three-member committee. One member will be appointed from the employee ranks and one from the public.

The authority is looking for

methods to dispose of construction debris and pine needles. A landfill the authority operates in Capitan now used for that purpose will be closed in June.

Members agreed to advertise a request for proposals (RFP) seeking ways to reduce the stream of debris to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo, after the Capitan closure.

The Lincoln authority's annual disposal fees could increase by \$52,000 at the Otero County landfill when the Capitan landfill closes, Wright said.

Van Patton of Ruidoso gave a presentation Tuesday on an air curtain destructor, which destroys debris in a pit using intense heat, Cummins said.

"We're going to advertise for proposals, because several people are trying to solve the problem," Cummins said. "We want to put it on the fast track. It looks to me like this (the air curtain destructor) seems to be the best way to go."

Very little waste emerges after the pit burning, he said, adding that property owned by George McCarty near the transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road has been mentioned as a site.

In other action, the board:

— agreed to advertise an RFP for legal services. Local attorney J. Robert Beauvais has represented the authority since its inception.

— agreed to send out an RFP for auditing services. Under the existing contract with auditor De'Aun Willoughby of Malrose, the board could have used her services one more year, but opted to look at other offers, Cummins said. Some board members objected to her advising the authority to refinance its debt on equipment, as a way of improving the coalition's financial picture.

"The authority owes the debt to three of its members: Capitan, the county commission and the village of Ruidoso."

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It's a mistake to ban photos of firefighting

Some people are simply visually oriented. They are much more likely to be drawn to a story and affected by an incident if it has a dramatic photo, and studies have proven it.

Likewise, TV stations are more likely to publicize an event if they can get exciting photos, because they are so visually oriented.

That's why we were disappointed to learn that the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council decided Monday that the media will not be allowed to film or take photos of firefighters battling the Chino Well Fire. We were instead relegated to shots of the firefighters' camping area.

From what we were told by others (we were unable to reach President Wendell Chino), the council had a problem with past news coverage, but we don't know whose coverage on what. It apparently wasn't a question of photographing sacred or sensitive sites, which we would have no problem avoiding. One thing we do know is, most of the firefighters are being paid with our taxes.

The Mud Canyon homes that came close to being destroyed were partially saved by clearings and partially saved by firefighters' quick response. This could have been demonstrated dramatically with photos, even after the fire passed through — photos that show burned grass between homes and burned trees above homes.

If anything needs publicity right now, it's the extreme fire danger in this region and state. If anything needs to grab someone's attention, it's the potential for devastation that every careless human possesses.

"The American voter wants to know the color of underwear the president is wearing, but (people) often get mad at reporters for telling them."

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Village doing its best to deal with drought

by ROBERT DONALDSON

Village of Ruidoso councillor

Water has become the main topic of discussion in Ruidoso — in particular, why we are in our situation and what we are doing about it. To understand where we are, we must look to the past because that is the foundation that was laid for us. Given this, what we are doing today is laying the foundation for our future.

Grindstone Lake and Ruidoso's Eagle Creek wells (now known as the North Fork wells) were built and developed in the mid-1980s. Those projects were our long-term water planning for the future. However, they were left as diamonds in the rough by previous village councils. No water treatment plant was built for water from Grindstone Lake, and the North Fork wellfield was never fully developed to take advantage of the 5,648-acre-feet of water rights available annually. Some still debate whether the dam should have been built or if we paid the engineer too much money to establish our North Fork water rights. The fact is, without either, Ruidoso would probably have run out of water several years ago. Right or wrong, those decisions were made long ago and it's time to move on.

The village council elected in 1994 has worked hard to make up for lost time. We immediately built a one-million-gallon-per-day water treatment plant at Grindstone and are in the process of expanding it to two million gallons per day. We have found a process for caulking the joints on the dam that will bring the leakage down below that which is expected for a dam of this type.

Divers have inspected every water tank in Ruidoso and have renovated two of the tanks with more scheduled. We are also in the process of adding upgraded telemetry to all the tanks to better manage their water levels. We have investigated and identified the weakness in our water distribution system. With water revenues and bond moneys, we are beginning the process of replacing miles of inadequate and faulty water lines.

We are also adding new lines that will allow us to shift water supplies around town in ways we could not before.

We have enacted a water contingency ordinance that allows us to place higher priorities on certain uses of water in the event of drought

or system failures. We have bought sophisticated computers and software that will allow us to analyze our water system in much greater detail.

We have begun exploratory well drilling in the area north of town, to fully develop our North Fork water rights. Eagle Creek Water Association (jointly owned by Ruidoso and Capitan) has found and applied for a way that will allow it to deliver more water during the dry times. This will benefit both communities.

The purchase of basic water rights in the Ruidoso River system has been established as a priority. This is critical to providing a back-up method of filling Grindstone Lake.

Currently, Grindstone Lake generally can only be filled with what is called effluent credits, since we have no extra water rights available. These effluent credits are created when surface water is running in Eagle Creek into Alto Lake. Then we use it in our water system, and finally it flows through our sewer treatment plant into the Ruidoso River.

Because of drought condition the last three years, there has been little, if any, surface runoff in this basin, not providing a source of water to fill Alto Lake or refill Grindstone Lake. The acquisition of additional water rights in the Ruidoso River system will help solve this problem.

Because of the Highway 48 project, we are having to build a new pipeline for treated water from the Alto Crest Water Treatment Plant down to Meschem Drive into town. We estimate that it will cost us \$1 million. Some have suggested that we build a parallel line that transfers water from the Eagle Creek area to Grindstone Lake. Water rights go for between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per acre foot. So, for the same price of a second pipeline that only moves from point A to point B, we could add somewhere between 100 to 200 acre feet of additional water rights to our system that would be available every year.

A water system can essentially have two problems, a systematic problem or a climatic problem. A systematic problem is where you don't have the treatment capacity, the delivery capability, or the rights to enough water (or you have constant mechanical failures) to serve the needs of the system, presently or into the future.

Prior to the water projects we have recently put into place, I believed that Ruidoso had a sys-

tematic problem. I now believe that we have solved this systematic problem. The problem we have right now is climatic. We are in a drought.

It is prudent that we have taken all the steps that we have, to restrict water use. If our exploratory wells meet our expectations, we may be able to go from Stage 3 (mandatory water conservation) of our water contingency plan to Stage 2 (voluntary water conservation) of the plan. This would mean that we would have removed the effects of weather as a devastating factor on our system without a change in the weather. This would be indicative of an overall system in the shape needed to handle anything unexpected in our future.

There are many lessons to be learned from our history. Ruidoso could have bought Bonito Lake in the 1950s for about \$35,000 and the village council at that time said we had enough water. In the 1960s Ruidoso was offered large numbers of water rights at very low prices, and again a village council said we had enough water. In the 1980s, we built a dam and a lake but no water treatment plant. We spent lots of money on a wellfield and water rights but did not fully develop either. At that time, we let side issues divert us from the real issue of fully developing an adequate water supply. We must not let that happen again.

Some would use our current water situation to begin trying to limit our growth. Growth should be debated on its own positive and negatives, not by attempting to limit development of natural resources that we have access to. But choose not to develop or take advantage of. The development of our natural resources, such as water, are decided whether we grow or not. I am extremely proud of what the village council, staff and employees have accomplished in just over two years. We have moved just as aggressively on improvements in our sewer system, library, senior citizens center, street programs, planning functions, recreation facilities and our other public facilities.

If all of this sounds like an ambitious undertaking, it is. But it is not as much as we would like to be able to do. I believe this is what we expect of ourselves. Ruidoso is where we have all chosen to live, and it's up to all of us to make this community what we want it to be and what it can become.

Every region has its share of danger

Happy Birthday To Jo Marie Sanchez

On Sunday, April 21 at services at Saint Anne's Chapel at Glencoe, Nellie Ruth Jones gave a prayer of thanks for those celebrating their birthdays, including that of her granddaughter Jo Marie Sanchez, who was eight years old on April 22.

We are all proud of Jo Marie, our youngest acolyte, and we wish this fine young lady many happy returns of the day and all God's blessings.

Father Bob Bernhard, in charge of services, offered prayers for the firefighters in the Mescalero fire, and for those evacuated from their homes. Father Bob also offered much appreciated prayers for rain.

The Snow Birds Sing A Song of Thanks For Winter Feed

We don't have too much time To make up fancy rhymes



The Dreamer

DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

We're catching the new flights To the land of the northern lights

We appreciate the winter feed And the thought behind the deed

Bread cast upon the waters, we are told, will return to us a thousand fold We trust that you'll be blessed also from bird bread cast upon the snow.

Earthquake, Flood and Fire They speak through earthquakes, flood and fire, O still, small voice of calm. No good an old favorite hymn.

We are spared earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, tidal waves, mudslides, and widespread floods. And yet we can hardly hope to be the only spot in this whole wide world to get off scot free.

And we have just in the last few days been reminded that we have our share of danger in the form of high winds and dry weather which brings us forest fires.

Today, one hour after high noon, I look out to the south over the hill and see blue sky where yesterday hovered the tan-colored smoke cloud towering high into the sky. And I say a prayer of thanks to all those fighting the fire, and to those who keep a watchful eye day and night for the outbreak of fire.

We are all grateful that no one was injured nor homes lost in this fire on the beautiful homeland of these great people, the Mescalero Apaches.

Once more we feel the bond that binds two mountain land together in a spirit of mutual trust and good will, and a readiness to respond to the call in time of need.

For this we are all grateful to our Lord.

EDUCATION

Another super leaves Hondo

by PAMELA CROWWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Parents and educators are criticizing the Hondo School Board for the district's high turnover in superintendents.

Four superintendents have resigned during the past five years. The latest was Margarito Uranga, who left his job April 15. The school board appointed Wesley Lane as interim superintendent, during a special meeting Thursday.

Uranga cited lack of school board support as his reason for leaving.

"Hondo is a very good, unique district," Uranga said. "I chose to resign because I wasn't getting the support I needed to continue meeting accreditation needs for the district. I think the board members lack education and training. There's hope for the district if the members can be educated and trained to properly hold their positions."

In 1992, the State Accrediting/Intervention Team first cited the Hondo district for deficiencies in instructional content, faculty qualifications, and school board management. When he accepted the position of superintendent, Uranga was unaware of the citations. However, he brought the district into compliance with instruction, content and faculty qualifications within six months.

The school board was also cited in 1992 by the accrediting team. It was cited for a pattern of non-compliance with the Open Meetings Act, for not being careful to avoid illegal quorum gatherings before scheduled meetings, for taking too many executive sessions, and for not setting clear objectives and goals for superintendents.

The board fails to operate in a cooperative, professional manner, Uranga said.

Ruidoso Middle School Principal Sergio Castanon has been a Hondo superintendent twice. He said the main reason superintendents come and go is due to poor relations with the school board.

"The first time I left it was for personal reasons," Castanon said.

"The second time was over a personnel issue. I decided I couldn't work without support from the board."

Hondo Parent-Teacher-Student Organization President Cica Lambert and Gail Skeen, whose children attend Hondo Valley Schools, both contend that it is common knowledge in Hondo that the school board tries to retain too much power and doesn't allow a superintendent to do his job. The school board president, Victoria Sanchez,

is usually held to blame for the board's power-hungry reputation. Sanchez did not return phone calls from *The Ruidoso News*.

Several school board members have resigned after only a month or two of service, including most recently Beatrice Gomez and Diana Romero. Neither woman returned phone calls.

Lambert echoed the sentiments of several teachers and parents when she said there is not enough communication between staff, teachers, parents, and the school board. Teachers hardly communicate with each other at all, Lambert said, and parents rarely attend school board meetings.

Skeen says the superintendent turnover rate is destructive to the Hondo schools. She said it creates in-fighting among faculty and staff, and gives students a poor example of conflict resolution.

"How can the students take

Superintendent temp costs them extra bucks

With 40 days left in the school year, the Hondo School Board gave superintendent Margarito Uranga a permanent vacation from his job.

The board replaced him with Wesley Lane, a retired executive director of the New Mexico School Boards Association in Santa Fe.

Now the board must pay two superintendents at once for the remainder of the year.

Lane was recommended by the New Mexico School Boards Association as a temporary replacement for Uranga, who resigned April 15. Uranga was Hondo's fourth superintendent in five years.

Uranga's resignation letter stated he would finish out his contract and take his remaining vacation time from May 29 to June 30. The board decided to pay him the balance due on his \$47,500 contract now so he could leave April 16, more than a month earlier.

Lane came on the job Monday, and the board agreed to pay him \$250 a day for a maximum period of 40 days. Due to prior commitments, Lane said he does not expect to work the full 40 days through the end of the school year.

When asked by parents at the April 18 special board meeting how the school could afford the extra expense of an interim superintendent, board members said extra money might be found in various line item accounts. Lane said he doesn't

know yet where the extra money will come from, but business manager Abdel Ibrahim is searching the budget for surplus funds.

Cica Lambert, president of the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization, questioned the availability of funds.

"I thought they had put a freeze on spending," she said. "There was no money for the teachers to buy materials."

Lane told *The News* that no freeze was put on spending, only a requirement for advance written authorization for expenditures.

Parent Gail Skeen also questioned the hiring of an interim superintendent.

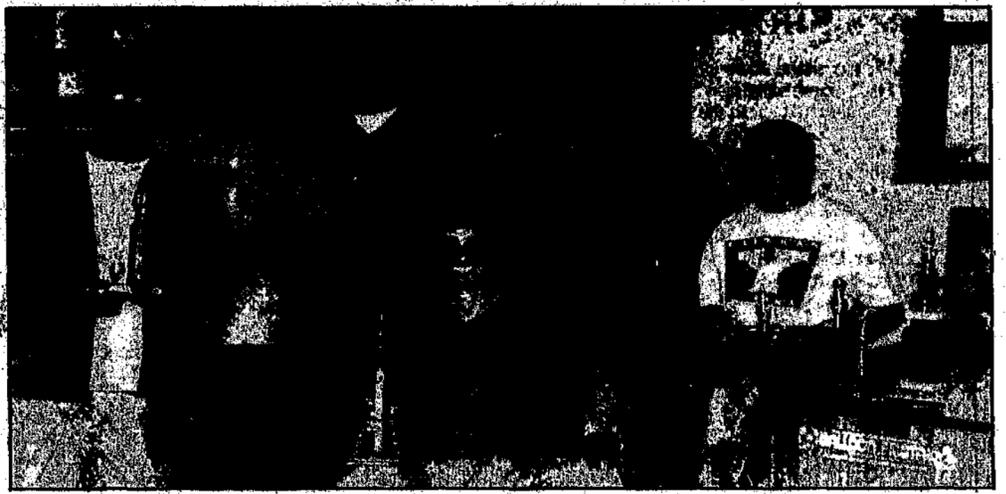
"I think the board is being irresponsible with funds," Skeen said. "I'm concerned that this money could be used for the kids instead of for hiring new people."

Lane retired a year ago from the New Mexico School Boards Association, where he was executive director for six and a half years. Prior to that position, he was superintendent of Cloudcroft Municipal Schools for 21 years. Lane is currently moving again to Cloudcroft from Santa Fe.

"I just want to finish out the school year as smoothly as possible, work out a budget for next year, and help hire a new superintendent," Lane said.

Principal Sam Witt said Uranga was very responsive to faculty requests for materials and texts.

"I had no problems with his performance," Witt said. "His primary focus seemed to be providing what was educationally sound for the students and in doing what was in the best interests of the school district. He facilitated me and others in doing that."



Winners in the C104 Chess Tournament received trophies and other awards. Pictured are trophy winners (left to right) Royce Stewart (1st in Bishop), Justin Ready (1st in Knight), Adrian Wallen (2nd in Knight), Ryan Edwards (seated, 1st in Rook), Nelva Cervantes (3rd in Knight), Marshall Thompson (2nd in Bishop), and Richard Gray (3rd in Bishop).

Chess team among top in the state

by PAMELA CROWWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

In their first year of competition, the Ruidoso High School Chess Team ranked in the top 10 New Mexico teams, and placed third and fifth in two state championships.

In the United States Chess Federation New Mexico State Scholastic Championships, the RHS Chess Team placed third in the novice division, competing against 70 players.

They placed fifth in the New Mexico Activities Association Team Chess Championships. Ruidoso was the only AAA school in the AAA/AAAA division.

"We're only a three-A school, and we were competing against much bigger schools with more experience," said Chess Club Sponsor Galen Farrington. "My plan was to expose the team to the highest level of competition possible to improve their skills."

The Ruidoso Chess Team is selected from the 24-member club, the best players being determined by in-school competitions. The team members are Johnny Adams, Jeff Botella, Ryan Edwards, Justin Ready, Adrian Wallen, and seventh-grader Eric Flores.

Ruidoso High School held its second C104 Chess Tournament this year. Twenty-four students competed in the seven-week tournament. At Rook Level (players with the most experience), Ryan Edwards took home top honors, plus a trophy, a wooden chess set with storage box, and a Radio Shack gift

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GALEN FARRINGTON
CHESS CLUB SPONSOR

certificate for the compact disc of his choice.

Second through fourth place winners in the Rook category were Jeff Botella (second), Pascal Enjady

(third), and Jessie Figueroa (fourth).

In the intermediate or Knight category, Justin Ready won the first place trophy and an Italian wood-like chess set. Second place went to Adrian Wallen, third to Nelva Cervantes, and fourth to Aaron Gillespie.

Nelva Cervantes, one of three girls in the chess club, is the highest placed girl. Farrington said chess clubs across the nation have very little participation from girls.

In the Bishop or beginner category, Royce Stewart was awarded the first place trophy and a competition chess set. Marshall Thompson won second place, Richard Gray took third, and Tim Miller placed fourth.

"These kids are motivated by fun," Farrington said.



Ryan Edwards and Nelva Cervantes practice speed chess.

Nob Hill receives NAEYC accreditation

Nob Hill Preschool Program in Ruidoso was recently granted accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

"This prestigious recognition has been achieved by about only 5% of early childhood programs nationwide, according to NAEYC."

"This is a wonderful tribute to the preschool staff of Nob Hill who have worked diligently for over two years to fulfill the stringent standards of NAEYC," said Roger Sowder, principal of Nob Hill Early Childhood Center. "We are elated, and this accreditation should represent to the parents of our community the excellent programming and child care available at Nob Hill School."

NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process by which early childhood programs demonstrate that they consistently meet national standards of excellence. Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study, collecting information from parents, teachers, and administrators.

NAEYC professionals then conduct an on-site visit to validate the school's self-study results. All of this information is independently reviewed by a team of national experts who grant or deny accreditation.

Accreditation lasts for three years.

"The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experiences," said Cathy Overdorf, lead teacher of the preschool staff. "The process carefully considers all aspects of program provision — including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, administration, and physical environment. But the greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally."

Personnel from the Los Ninos Project first suggested the idea of NAEYC accreditation. Overdorf said. The Los Ninos Project is a consortium of six model preschool programs in New Mexico. The Ruidoso program is one of the six model sites, and the only program thus far to receive NAEYC accreditation.

"NAEYC accreditation, combined with the accreditation processes required by Headstart and the North Central Association, distinguishes Nob Hill Preschool as exemplary programming in early childhood/preschool education. We are of the best in the country," Sowder said.

EDUCATION BRIEFS



Veronica Gomez pretends to test student Jose Flores.

Don't forget Nob Hill registration

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center will hold its annual Registration and Screening Program on from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, April 26. All parents of qualifying preschool-age children, or kindergarten age children who have not attended Nob Hill, are urged to register their children for the 1996-97 school year.

Also, all parents of children ages two to five are encouraged to bring their children for free developmental screening by professional community volunteers.

"Registering the children early enables parents to enhance the transition into school through advanced planning," said Nob Hill Principal Roger Sowder.

Advanced screening and registration allows the school to more adequately plan for the needs and concerns of the individual

child. The screening portion of the program will provide important information about each child, especially those with developmental delays, which helps administrators plan for school programs needs, supplies, and materials.

When developmental delays are identified in a child, early childhood professionals can suggest methods that may erase the concern before the child arrives at school in the fall. Developmental components of the screening include hearing (impedance and pure-tones), speech/language, motor-development, classroom readiness, and vision/color tests.

State-mandated immunizations will be provided by the County Health Office and district nurses.

Children must be five years old before Sept. 1 to enroll in kindergarten. They must also have an up-to-date immunization record and a birth certificate. All parents of Medicaid-eligible children should present their children's Medicaid cards.

The registration and screening program offers an opportunity for the child to become familiar with the educational environment, for parents to avoid the rush of last-minute back-to-school details, and for school personnel to gain valuable knowledge about each child before the child arrives at school.

"There will be balloons for all, fun socks with prizes, and a clown

to help us celebrate the beginning of your child's first year of school," Sowder said.

NMSU-A hosting Career Expo '96

New Mexico State University in Alamogordo will host its first annual career fair in the Technical Education Building from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 25.

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from education, finance, retail, government, emergency services, hospitality, and electronics. Companies and agencies will come from Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and El Paso, as well as from the Tularosa Basin, including White Sands Missile Range and Holloman Air Force Base.

To make it easier, NMSU-A's Career Expo '96 has scheduled other career-related activities. A Career-Search video series will begin every half hour in room 128 of the Technical Education Building. Also, two computers will be set up so visitors can search computer information on occupations using "Choices," a computer software package that assists in career exploration.

Career Expo '96 is part of NMSU-A's Community Events Month celebration. Other events planned for this fun-filled day include a campus-wide open house,

an art show, a blood drive, and the Student Advisory Council's Pizza Extravaganza.

"We planned Career Expo '96 for our students, but we also view it as a community service event. It's free and the public is cordially invited," Fowler said. For more information, call 439-3720.

Meeting here Wednesday on state school standards

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 in Ruidoso.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on the revision of educational "Standards for Excellence."

The meeting will be held in the board room of the Ruidoso Municipal Schools Administration Office.

The "Standards for Excellence" document tells schools what the state expects them to teach. It also identifies procedures for figuring out how well students are doing, and offers ways for schools to meet their education goals.

Copies of the proposed revisions to the "Standards for Excellence" will be available at the hearing.

SPORTS

SPORTS SHORTS

Garage/bake sale to benefit RHS baseball

A garage/bake sale to benefit the Ruidoso High School baseball team will start at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Sierra Blanca Body Shop next to Furr's on Highway 70.

Red Raider Baseball coming to Ruidoso

The Texas Tech baseball coaching staff will offer a baseball summer camp for children ages seven to 18. Ruidoso Baseball, Inc. is hosting the clinic, which will run from June 10-13 at Ruidoso's Eagle Creek Sports Complex.

A day camp will be offered to seven- to 12-year-olds. Cost is \$50. Thirteen to 18-year-olds can attend a two-day camp for \$80. Cost includes lunch each day, a T-shirt and coaching.

For more information, call 258-5885 or 257-7501.

Warrior hoop coaches offer summer camp

Future basketball stars are invited to attend a summer basketball camp sponsored by the Ruidoso High School basketball coaching staff.

All boys and girls in grades three through eight are eligible to attend, said RHS head boys basketball coach Ben Sanchez.

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

Cost is \$30 with preregistration or \$35 at the door. Call Sanchez at 258-4910 (school) or 257-6509 (home) to preregister.

REPLAY

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

10 years ago - Ed & Judy's Concrete Pumping takes first place in the Monday night ladies league at the Holiday Bowl. Pam Viele, Willie Beasley, Judy Miller, Mary Dominguez and Sandra Fulfer are members of the winning team.

20 years ago - Alto Village's Georgia George claims both the Class A scratch and handicap singles titles at the New Mexico women's state bowling championships. She finishes sixth in the overall standings.

30 years ago - Carrizozo is third and Ruidoso sixth at the annual Rose Festival Relays in Tularosa. The Grizzlies' Ortiz sets a meet record in the shot put with a mark of 51 feet, 7 1/4 inches.

40 years ago - Carrizozo's Skipper Harkey is chosen to play on the South All-Star basketball team. The South all stars will play the North all stars in August.

SCOREBOARD

Thursday, April 18

Baseball
 Eunice IV 24, Ruidoso 10
 Eunice 11, Ruidoso 2

Friday, April 19

Track and Field
 Ruidoso boys and girls both 3rd at Artesia Invitational

Capitan girls 2nd of 10 teams and Capitan boys 3rd at Slade Relays

Saturday, April 20

Baseball
 Ruidoso 8, Roswell 6
 Roswell 13, Ruidoso 7

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 24

Senior olympics
 1 p.m. Bowling doubles at Ruidoso Bowling Center

Thursday, April 25

Senior olympics
 1 p.m. Bowling mixed doubles at Ruidoso Bowling Center

Baseball
 3 p.m. Ruidoso at Socorro

Tennis
 3 p.m. Ruidoso vs. Santa Teresa

Saturday, April 27

Track and Field
 9 a.m. Ruidoso at Lovington Invitational
 Capitan at District 6AA meet in Tularosa, hosted by Cloudercroft (Finals at 1 p.m.)

Tennis
 8 a.m. Ruidoso at Artesia Tournament

Baseball
 4 & 6 p.m. Ruidoso at Santa Teresa in Alamogordo

Ruidoso's rough starts too tough to overcome

by LAURA CLYMER
 Ruidoso News Sports Writer

A Ruidoso track team, suffering a touch of dance fever, managed to rattle its way to a pair of third-place team finishes at the Artesia Invitational Friday.

The Warriors had more false starts and bumbled baton exchanges than it has all season, and it might have cost them second-place finishes in the team standings.

"I'm sure it's a little bit of coaching error and mental preparation. I can promise that we will correct those errors this week," coach Ronny Maskew said.

Ruidoso regularly practices its starts out of the blocks. Maskew uses different cadences to prepare the Warriors for the various types of starters. But the Artesia starter was different. That, or the Warriors weren't focused.

"I hope they were thinking about the prom. I hope that was the reason," Maskew said, referring to the dance which was held the next night.

Two Warriors, not affected by the disco bug, qualified for the state meet.

Freshman Olivia Whitaker qualified for state in the shot put with an impressive last throw in the finals.

Whitaker was first in the preliminaries as she threw last in the finals. One of her challengers topped her best effort, so going into her last attempt Whitaker had to throw nearly a foot better than she did year.

Whitaker put it 11 1/2 inches beyond her best ever and qualified for state with a mark of 34 feet, 9 inches.

"For a freshman, to be that focused and prepared is an exceptional job," Maskew said.

Ezra Sandoval was the other Warrior qualifier. The senior qualified in the 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 2.66 seconds. "He did a superb job. He ran almost a perfect race," Maskew said.

Kyle Humphreys and Angelica Figueroa requalified in the long jump and discus respectively for the Warriors.

Overall, Maskew saw improvement in times. Individuals improved their performance, the boys distance runners ran better, and the Warrior relays had better times, Maskew said.

Ruidoso has one more qualifying meet before it hosts the District 3AAA track meet May 3 and 4. The Warriors travel to Lovington Saturday.

"We need to get some more individuals qualified, and one of the main things is getting prepared for the district meet," Maskew said.

At the district meet, running and field preliminaries are set for Friday, with the field event finals slated to begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday. Saturday's running finals start at 11 a.m.

Artesia Invitational

Ruidoso girls, individual results:
 100-meter dash — Lopez, DQ; Daniels, 4th, 13.74; Heineman, 14.47.
 100-meter hurdles — Lewallen, 3rd, 17.47; Miller, 5th, 18.02; Echols, 19.58.
 200-meter dash — Lopez, 1st, 27.74; Dockery, 2nd, 27.89; Rojas, 5th, 28.81; Heineman, 31.70.
 300-meter hurdles — Echols, 5th, 54.19.
 400-meter dash — Figueroa, 6th, 70.78.
 800-meter run — A. Palmer, 4:02.54.
 1600-meter run — N. Palmer, 7:16.84; A. Palmer, 8:23.46.
 3200-meter run — N. Palmer, 13:20.76.
 400-meter relay — Ruidoso (Lewallen, Rojas, Lopez, Dockery), 2nd, 52.38.
 800-meter relay — Ruidoso (Lewallen, Rojas, Daniels, Dockery), 2nd, 1:52.40.
 1600-meter medley relay — Ruidoso (Lewallen, Miller, Daniels, Sandoval), 2nd, 4:38.31.
 1600-meter relay — Ruidoso (Sandoval, Dockery, Pantoja, Lopez), 2nd, 4:19.27.
 High jump — Miller, 4e for 5th, 4-10; Dockery, 4-6.
 Long jump — Lopez, 3rd, 13-10; Lewallen, 4th, 13-9.

Discus — Figueroa, 2nd, 112-3; Whitaker, 3rd, 107-2; Shot put — Whitaker, 1st, 34-5; Hammer, 6th, 30-0; Babe, 24-6 1/2.

Boys team results:

Ruidoso boys, individual results:
 100-meter dash — Humphreys, 2nd, 11.34; Grant, 4th, 11.71; Anderson, 11.82.
 110-meter hurdles — Garcia, 4th, 16.27; Bowley, 5th, 16.53; Heineman, DQ.
 200-meter dash — Humphreys, 2nd, 23.15; Kakuaka, 5th, 24.15; Grant, 24.32.
 300-meter hurdles — Garcia, 2nd, 42.67; Heineman, 5th, 44.41; Bowley, 48.57.
 400-meter dash — Kakuaka, 1st, 54.27; Skelton, 58.46; Minton, 64.94.
 800-meter run — Sandoval, 1st, 2:02.56; Skelton, 2:23.77; Palmer, 2:27.26.
 1600-meter run — Sparks, 5th, 4:49.82; Pafford, 6th, 5:07.83; Kakuaka, 5:13.73; Hough, 5:41.24.
 3200-meter run — Sparks, 3rd, 10:35.50; Pafford, 4th, 10:38.14; Kakuaka, 5th, 11:06.16.
 400-meter relay — Ruidoso (Grant, Brantley, Anderson, Humphreys), 3rd, 49.54.
 800-meter relay — Ruidoso (Humphreys, Brantley, Anderson, Grant), 4th, 1:41.30.
 1600-meter medley relay — Ruidoso (Figueroa, Heineman, Bowley, Commasche), DQ.
 1600-meter relay — Ruidoso (Kakuaka, Commasche, Brantley, Sandoval), 4th, 3:41.59.
 Pole vault — Figueroa, 4th, 10-8; Garcia, N/E; Miquera, 6th, 9-8.
 High jump — Brantley, 1e for 5th, 5-2.
 Long jump — Humphreys, 1st, 21-1 1/2; Anderson, 6th, 17-11 1/2; Grant, 17-7.

Discus — Williams, 6th, 123-4; Hall, 117-11; Quinlan, 102-1 1/2.
 Shot put — Hall, 3rd, 40-11; Williams, 35-8; Quinlan, 34-3.

Fatigue takes toll on Tigers

by LAURA CLYMER
 Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Coming off one of its toughest weeks of the season, the Tiger girls track team had a valid reason to run a bit slower and jump a bit lower Friday at Tularosa's Slade Relays.

First, Capitan had to contend with fatigue — fatigue from its meet at Eunice on Tuesday, April 16. The team didn't get back to the friendly confines of home until 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, and still, all but one trackster were in school when the bell rang 6.5 hours later.

Then, Bryan Massé's team had to deal with the lingering effects of every spring coach's four-letter word: "prom." Capitan was in a state akin to glucose-deprivation from the April 13 dances and post-party festivities.

"Looking back on it, they probably had a reason to be running slow. They were probably giving me everything they had and I just didn't know it," Massé said.

Hindsight is 20-20, indeed.
 Please see *Girls*, page 7A



The sprinters in this heat of the 100-meter hurdles at the Slade Relays in Tularosa step in sequence over the hurdles. Capitan's

Andra Fish, second from right, broke the tape at 17.6 seconds, qualifying her for the Class AA State Track Championships.



Josh Peralta has qualified for the Class AA State Track Championships in javelin and three other events for Capitan. The senior Tiger, who is nursing a sore foot, took second place at the Slade Relays with this throw of 141-0 feet. The Tigers will try to defend their 6AA district crown Saturday in Tularosa.

Sprinting duo earns tickets to Duke City

by LAURA CLYMER
 Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The Capitan boys track team went to the Slade Relays in Tularosa with three objectives: qualify, qualify and qualify.

Coach Ed Davis took just nine track and fielders to Friday's event, hoping to get tickets to the state track meet for his 100-meter sprinter, 200-meter sprinter and 1600-meter medley relay team. The Tigers finished third overall in the team standings.

Tiger sprinters Alan Hazel and Shawn McEuen accomplished two of three Tiger goals. Hazel's first-place finish in the 100 was in a state-qualifying time of 11.1 seconds. McEuen then made the grade in the 200, stopping the clock at 23.4. He took second place, followed by teammates Kali Bagby (24.0) in third place and Nick Pacheco in fourth place (24.2).

Capitan's medley relay team missed qualifying by 8/10ths of a second at 3:53.0. McEuen, Bagby, Hazel and Neil Montee will have to take first place at the district meet Saturday or run a state-qualifying time to make the trip to the Duke City.

"The Tigers weren't challenged in the medley relay, winning the race by 25 yards. Competition could push the Tigers below the 3:52.2 mark needed to qualify.

"There's no comparison when trying to qualify with pressure, versus without pressure," Davis

BOYS TRACK

Hopefully the Tigers will get that push Saturday.

Other potential state qualifiers include Pacheco in the long jump and Jayson McSwans in the high jump.

In all, Capitan is qualified in 14 events, which includes three relays. At the district meet Saturday, individuals must either place first or second, or meet the qualifying standard. Relay teams must win or meet the required time.

"District is going to be real tough because they (all the schools) all perform well," Davis said.

The veteran coach expects a real tight race between Cloudercroft, Tulle and his Tigers. Dexter should bring up the rear.

"I think if (the district title) is pretty much up for grabs," said Davis, whose team won the 1985 crown.

State Relays

Capitan individual results:
 100-meter dash — Bagby, 1st, 11.1; McEuen, 2nd, 11.3; Hazel, 3rd, 11.4.
 200-meter dash — McEuen, 2nd, 23.4; K. Bagby, 3rd, 24.0; N. Montee, 4th, 24.2.
 400-meter dash — N. Palmer, 4th, 54.2.
 800-meter run — N. Palmer, 2nd, 1:02.56.
 1600-meter run — N. Palmer, 2nd, 4:49.82.
 Shot put — J. Pacheco, 1st, 41-0.

Coach delivered a message worth hearing

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

Ruidoso girls basketball coach Dwayne Rogers thought he had a guest speaker at his team's awards banquet April 15, but he didn't.

The scheduled guest speaker was New Mexico State University women's basketball coach Mike Peterson, Peterson, who days earlier resigned from NMSU to accept the head women's job at Texas Christian University, was a no-show at the banquet.

Peterson didn't call to cancel his engagement, and Rogers was unable to get a hold of him that Monday to confirm everything.

As a result, Rogers was left holding the mike — well, actually there was no microphone, just a podium.

Regardless, the first-year head coach delivered an impromptu "guest" speech, but whatever he lacked in organization, Rogers made up for in delivery and content.

Just what was his message? There really is only one champion, Rogers said. There's only one left standing at the end of every NCAA tournament, pro league playoff, pro golf match or boxing bout.

Does that mean that the Syracuse men's basketball or Georgia women's basketball teams weren't successful this year? Does that mean the Pittsburgh Steelers were failures? Is Greg Norman a reject? Does that mean Frank Bruno is a loser?

Trophies are a sign of accomplishment, Rogers said. But they don't symbolize your spirit, character or leadership. Success must be defined on your own terms.

The Warrior coach found light (team grade point average of 3.3) where many would see only dark (a varsity record of 0-21). The varsity, junior varsity and freshmen teams never got down on themselves, he said.

"If you want someone to stick by you, look to your daughter," Rogers told parents.



From the Bench

by LAURA CLYMER
SPORTS REPORTER

The Warriors learned to compete. They discovered an enjoyment in playing the game, Rogers added. They learned to dig a little deeper.

Ruidoso didn't win a trophy this year, but it did win some respect.

In this day and age when we worry too much about ribbons and trophies and medals, it was refreshing to hear a coach talk about character and leadership and effort.

I'd like to send Peterson a trophy for his new accomplishment.

And to coach Rogers, I send this simple message: you don't need a guest speaker at your team's award banquet — you just need a microphone so everyone can hear.

Look for these names in future issues of *The Ruidoso News*. Three Lincoln County athletes won their age-group classifications at the Knights of Columbus state free throw contest held at the end of March in Silver City.

Lincoln County swept the 13-year-old age category in boys and girls. Captain's Kelly Owen won the girls title by hitting 18 of 25 free throws. Kelly, the daughter of Tom and T.J. Owen, won the title in a tiebreaker. Her fellow 13-year-old, Josh Vega of Carrizozo, captured the boys title.

The county's other winner was Ruidoso's Pauline Saans, who took the 12-year-old girls age group.

What's happening with some of the county's former stars?

Dean Seay, son of Roy and Sheila Seay and grandson of Captain's Harold and Earnestine Seay, earned the hardest working player honors on the West Texas A & M University soccer team.

Seay was named the recipient of the "Golden Buffalo Award" at the university's athletic awards ceremony.

Seay is a junior majoring in kinesiology. He's a 1992 graduate of Capitan High School, where he was an all-state football selection his sophomore and junior years.

Luis Tam, a former standout for Ruidoso, is the 1996 recipient of the Jeannine McHaney Athlete of the Year Award at Texas Tech University.

Tam, who has a 3.715 GPA in human development, competes for the Red Raiders in cross country and track and field. She owns the Southwest Conference's second-best time in the 5,000-meter run this spring, a 17:51.19 which is a personal best.

The McHaney award goes annually to a senior Red Raider athlete who displays excellence in the classroom, courage on the athletic field and a never-ending commitment to athletics.

Brandy Pfeffer, a former Ruidoso volleyball player now competing for McMurry University in Abilene, is the daughter of David and Roxanne Pfeffer of Ruidoso. I incorrectly identified Brandy as the daughter of Carolyn Hansen, who submitted the information about Brandy's achievements to me. I sincerely regret the error.

Pfeffer, an accounting major, is excelling in the classroom as well as the court. She earned a 3.6 GPA last semester and carries a 3.41 overall GPA.

Let me know if you're aware of any former high school athletes from the county who are playing college sports. I love giving our local heroes some ink.

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Special hunts deadline is April 27

by BEN HANSON
N.M. Game and Fish Dept.

April 27, 1996 is an important date for big game hunters in the state of New Mexico. This is the deadline to apply for all special hunts during the 1996-97 license year. Species that require special hunt applications and drawings include elk, antelope, oryx, ibex, bighorn sheep and javelina. Also included in the deadline are deer entry permit areas that have a limited number of deer licenses available.

For landowners, May 1, 1996 is a date to note. May 1, 1996 is the deadline to sign up for antelope hunts or make changes. Those that need to sign up may do so by contacting their local conservation officer or by calling Eufemia Cordova at (505) 827-7824.

Young hunters should note the special youth-only hunts available this year. These hunts will be for those 17 years of age or younger. They will be held for deer, elk and antelope. There are also some hunts that have been named "Quality Hunts". This designation has no effect on residents of our state, but non-residents will pay a premium price for Quality Hunts.

Applicants for special hunts should use Form 96 which may be picked up from any license vendor. A

different form is required for each different species. It is also very important to include all information, especially preferred hunt code and the proper application fee (personal check, Cashier's check or money order accepted). Incomplete forms or those filled out incorrectly will be eliminated from the drawing. Applications must be postmarked by April 27 and should be mailed in the pre-addressed envelope to the Game Department office in Santa Fe.

Be sure to check the proclamation to see how many people may apply on each form for the different special hunts. Even though the form has spaces for up to four people some hunts are limited to one person per form. Also, make sure to send the correct fee along with the application. There is a table on page 29 of the proclamation listing the correct amounts. Those that are unsuccessful in the drawing will receive a refund for all but the \$8 application fee.

Be sure to check the proclamation and apply for the desired hunt. There are lots of different hunts for each different species. Remember, the deadline to apply for all special hunts is April 27. If you miss this deadline you will not be eligible for this year's special hunt drawings.

Girls

Continued from page 6A

Regardless of the week's excitement, the Tigers still finished well at the Slade Relays. Capitan took second overall in the team standings to Tularosa.

Four more Tigers also qualified for the state meet. Andra Fish and Debbie Johnson will both make the trip to Albuquerque in the 100-meter hurdles, as will Mary Johnson in the 200-meter dash and Chris Worrell in the 100-meter dash.

In other events, the Tigers suffered some near misses. Debbie Johnson just missed the state qualifying mark by 4/100ths of a second in the 300-meter hurdles.

"Her hurdle times have been coming down. She just barely missed the 300s," Massé noted.

The Tigers had a missed handoff in the 400-meter relay. The relay dropped the baton between its second and third legs after taking the lead. Capitan had to retreat 20 yards to get the stick. It was the first drop of the season for the Tigers, including practice.

"It's just a dangerous relay because, unless you've got the fastest kids by far, you have to have good handoffs," Massé said of the sprint relay.

Then, the 800-meter relay team nearly sang to Tullis at the tape in a thrilling finish to the race. The Wildcats were 2/100ths of a second faster than Capitan.

The Tigers hope to turn those near-misses into victories when Saturday's District 6AA track meet

rolls around. The meet will be at Tularosa but hosted by Clouderoft. Huh? That's right, because the Bears don't have a facility to host the event.

Field events start at 9 a.m., running takes off 10 a.m., and the finals are slated for 1 p.m.

The Wildcats pose the greatest threat to dethroning Capitan, last year's district champ.

"Tularosa has a very deep team and they have (Marrojo) Suggs, who easily scores 28 points a meet for them," Massé said. "They have a lot of kids in their junior high program (who run varsity) racking up points for them."

Suggs is Tullis' star high jumper and hurdler. She also runs legs in the Wildcat relays.

"We hope to qualify some more individuals by time or place, and we hope to be in the hunt for the district title," Massé said.

Meeting the state qualifying standard, or a top two finish at the district meet, sends a finalist to the Class AA State Track Championships in Albuquerque May 3 and 4.

CAT TRACKS: The latest from the Capitan M*A*S*H unit indicates that sprinter Chris Worrell's ankle won't be 100% in time for either the district or state meet. Triana Beidel is still slowed by her ailments. Another Tiger speed demon, Michelle Wilson, has a slight hamstring strain. Other than that, the Tigers are ship-shape... Massé has plenty of praise for his assistant coaches, Dianne Lewis helps with distance runners and Cheryl Downing assists with

the Tiger throwers. The Tigers also get the sage advice of Henry Sanchez, a former Highland High School coach who volunteers his time. "He really knows what he's doing and it's really nice that he comes out and helps," Massé said. The coaching help has paid off. Tiger throwers Julie Berham and Mandi Aldas have been working hard and gradually improving, Massé said... Mary Johnson is just 5 1/2 inches away from the Capitan school record in the long jump. Laura McKay holds the record, with a leap of 17 feet, 1 inch in 1989. "I'm hoping she can get it because she's moving during the summer. We're going to miss her. She's a good competitor," Massé said about his Tiger standout.

Slade Relays

Girls team results: Tularosa 87, Capitan 73, Hot Springs 59, Denton 49, Hatch Valley 43, Clouderoft 28, Bethel Temple 20, Carrizozo 15, Community Christian 7, Lake Arthur 1.

Captain individual results:
Long jump — Mary Johnson, 1st, 16-7 1/2.
Shot put — Mandi Aldas, 6th, 27-6.
100-meter hurdles — Andra Fish, 4th, 17.6.
Debbie Johnson, 6th, 18.05.
400-meter relay — Capitan, 5th, 59.2 (Mary Johnson, Monica Johnson, Michelle Wilson, Chris Worrell).

100-meter dash — Chris Worrell, 2nd, 13.0.
1600-meter run — Justi Autry, 2nd, 6:15.1.
Kris Agency, 4th, 6:27.4; Bryn Autry, 5th, 6:28.0.

800-meter relay — Capitan, 3rd, 1:56.07 (Andra Fish, Michelle Wilson, Triana Beidel, Mary Johnson).

300-meter hurdles — Debbie Johnson, 3rd, 3:26.
300-meter run — Kris Agency, 2nd, 2:47.7.
Jessica Hancock, 5th, 2:57.8.

1600-meter relay — Capitan, 1st, 4:56.0 (Michelle Wilson, Triana Beidel, Kristal Roybal, Kris Agency).

200-meter dash — Mary Johnson, 2nd, 27.5.
1600-meter relay — Capitan, 2nd, 4:50.40 (Michelle Wilson, Kristal Roybal, Justi Autry, Mary Johnson).

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Lincoln County

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

White Oaks Eagle Published in the Center of the Stock Growing and Mining Country of the Southwest. April 28, 1903

Jicarilla News - Curtis & Parker have finished their contract on the Hatfield claim. Mr. Hatfield is thinking about letting another claim... Mr. Chinn, we understand, has struck some

very fine copper and gold ore in his claim on the south side of Monument Peak, which assays 20 ozs. in gold, or a total value of \$300. The extent of the vein has not been developed as yet... The American Placer Company is getting the big dredge ready for work, and expect to start up in the near future, or about the first of July. They have moved all their tanks and pipe from the west to the east side of the gulch... Mr. Hopkins is about ready to install his placer machine on the Hard Scrabble mine.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High...78 Low...33 Sunny



THURSDAY High...78 Low...38 Mostly sunny



FRIDAY High...75 Low...39 Partly cloudy



WEATHER ALMANAC

Table with 4 columns: Ruidoso readings, High, Low, Precipitation. Rows for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

Table with 4 columns: Regional-Wednesday, High, Low, Forecast. Rows for Albuquerque, El Paso, TX, Lubbock, TX, Midland, TX.



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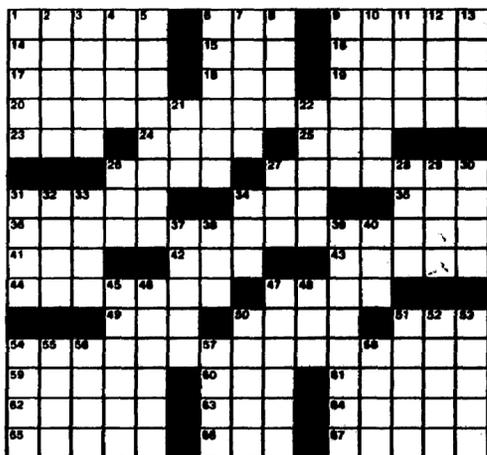
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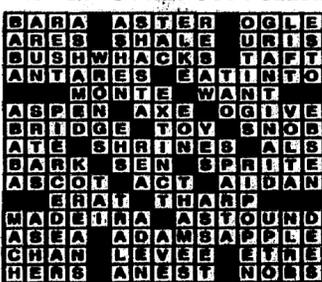
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Puzzle by Deborah Trombley

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OFFICIAL RECORDS

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 (continued from last page)
3:52 p.m. Chase Street caller wants to report accident that happened last night. Report taken.
4:33 p.m. Junction Road caller reports house next door has a door open. Report taken on B&E.
4:36 p.m. Robin Road caller reports she saw two small children trying to start a fire. Fire put out.
5:05 p.m. Apache Hills caller requests officer about woman giving him problems. All clear.
7:20 p.m. Cliff Drive caller requests ambulance for 89-year-old mother who is very sick. Hann't had food or liquid.
7:22 p.m. Main Road caller reports 13-year-old requests officer for unknown reason. Lost. Just walked out. Ride given.
7:26 p.m. Oak Drive caller reports his son is at his cabin and pointed a gun at him. All clear. Negative report.
9:56 p.m. Grindstone Canyon Road caller reports elk in roadway seems disoriented. Unable to locate.

MONDAY, APRIL 15
3 Accidents
1 Alarm
4 Ambulances
1 Assist other agency
1 Check
1 Disturbance
1 Fireworks
2 Non-criminal activities
1 Personal violence
4 Suspicious activities
1 Vandalism
3:03 a.m. Alarm sounding at 2524 Sudderth Drive. All clear, business secure.
9:21 a.m. 2530 Sudderth Drive caller requests officers to check business while they're in the area. All clear. Building secure.
7:45 a.m. Pinecliff Condominium caller reports male in an older green car with white

top tried to pick up some youths. Unable to locate.
8:15 a.m. Probation officer at 301 U.S. 70 requests an officer to pick up one arrested. Subject booked at RPD.
8:56 a.m. Sutton Drive caller reports B&E at church. Report taken on burglary.
9:15 a.m. Sudderth Drive caller reports vandalism at School House Park. Report taken on criminal damage to property.
9:27 a.m. Midd Canyon caller requests ambulance for emergency transfer to Alamogordo.
9:27 a.m. Warrior Road caller reports vandalism. Negative report at this time.
11:31 a.m. Ambulance enroute to Ruidoso Care Center.
11:52 a.m. Crowa Drive caller reports Indian woman sitting under a tree. She states she is sick. Unable to locate.
3:41 p.m. Reese Drive caller requests ambulance for elderly female who needs to be transported to the hospital.
3:47 p.m. Reese Drive caller reports her son was beat up at school today. Report taken.
4:59 p.m. Reese Drive caller reports accident at corner of street. Accident report taken.
7:17 p.m. Warrior Road caller reports her son's car was burglarized. Report taken.
7:24 p.m. 721 Mechem Drive caller reports his believes someone has run counter-felt money through his changer.
8:30 p.m. 1901 Sudderth Drive caller reports gas leak of \$20. No description.
8:34 p.m. Santa Rosa Drive caller reports suspicious person walking around a residence. Open door. All clear. Negative report.
9:09 p.m. Warrior Road caller said her sister called her stating she was in an accident. Unable to locate anyone or anything.
9:10 p.m. 667 Sudderth Drive caller reports suspicious subject walking around houses. Unable to locate.
9:15 p.m. Gavilan Canyon Road caller reports accident with injuries. Ambulance enroute. One arrest.
9:40 p.m. Brady Canyon Road caller reports hearing shots in area. Concerned for

elk in area. Unable to locate.
9:41 p.m. Ambulance enroute for accident near Chiswick.
9:46 p.m. 100 Mechem Drive caller reports fight in progress, possibly two subjects. All clear. Negative report.
TUESDAY, APRIL 16
2 Accidents
7 Ambulances
1 Disturbance
3 Other criminals
4 Suspicious activities
1 Theft
1 Traffic
7:00 a.m. Ruidoso Care Center caller reports female thrown down. Possible hip injury.
7:05 a.m. 5th Street caller reports accident with injuries. Subject ok. Report taken.
8:49 a.m. Inn of the Mountain Gods caller reports female having problems breathing. Ambulance with one to LCMC.
9:41 a.m. Santa Rosa Drive caller reports that there is a horse running loose on his road. Owner has horse.
10:39 a.m. Ambulance enroute to airport to pick up baby and crew and bring them to LCMC.
12:23 p.m. 350 Sudderth Drive caller requests officer for accident behind shop. Mini report taken. Suspicious situation.
12:47 p.m. Casino Apache caller requests ambulance for 84-year-old female who fell. Possible stroke.
12:48 p.m. 398 Sudderth Drive caller requests officer for suspicious male in lobby. Gone on arrival.
1:08 p.m. Lower Terrace Drive caller reports suspicious vehicle in area. Negative contact.
2:56 p.m. Sutton Road caller reports stalled vehicle in the road. May be an accident. Negative contact.
3:42 p.m. Wales Court caller reports neighbor is harassing her and her children. Subject advised to stop.
4:09 p.m. Timberwolf Drive caller reports three children on a three-wheeler without helmets. Unable to locate.

4:21 p.m. Probation officer at 301 U.S. 70 arrested subject. Transferred to Lincoln County Jail.
5:25 p.m. Ambulance transporting patient to RCC.
5:44 p.m. 1901 Sudderth Drive caller reports subject didn't pay for gas. She will check with him tomorrow.
6:48 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from LCMC to RCC.
7:41 p.m. Lower Terrace Drive caller reports subject in red Toyota loaded with furniture driving around the area. Negative contact.
8:03 p.m. Warrior Drive caller reports fight in progress at the Ruidoso High School. Report taken.
9:40 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from LCMC to Albuquerque.
10:01 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reports subject parking threats to her and her son while in a vehicle. Info reported taken.
10:01 p.m. Mechem Drive caller says someone was threatening her and her son while they were in their vehicle. Information report taken.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
Total calls by type:
1 Accident
1 Alarm
3 Ambulances
1 Disturbance
1 Domestic
1 Fire call
5 Non-criminal activities
4 Other criminal activities
1 Theft
1 Vandalism
1 Warrant service
8:11 a.m. 1800 Sudderth Drive caller says a tan Ford pickup ran through her fence. Vehicle was parked and locked up, and jumped out of gear.
9:50 a.m. 2629 Sudderth Drive caller says a man keeps backing into his car. Individual not happy, but didn't want a report.
10:30 a.m. Seenic Drive caller says a phone box is open with the wires hanging out. The telephone company was notified.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
9:15 a.m. An ambulance is requested two miles west of Hoedo for a 77-year-old man with severe cold chills. He needs to be taken to the hospital in Roswell.
9:35 a.m. A Capitan caller reports a dog running loose that keeps bothering her daughter and eating her cat's food.
1:10 p.m. An Alto woman reports someone broke the glass on the northwest side of her garden area.
3:49 p.m. A caller reports dogs barking on Twin Tree Road in Alto. A deputy isn't

able to contact the owner.
SATURDAY, MARCH 13
1:10 a.m. A panic alarm is going off at the Allsup's store at the intersection of U.S. 380 and U.S. 54 in Carrizozo.
8:05 a.m. A woman reports a breaking and entering at Fox Cave. It may be tied to a domestic situation.
9:35 a.m. An ambulance is requested at mileage marker 308 on U.S. 70 for a van that has rolled over. Two young girls were involved. One injured her wrist and was taken to a hospital in Roswell.
9:41 a.m. Loose horses are reported in White Oaks. The owners are known and will be contacted.
10:30 a.m. Trespassing is reported by a Hoedo man who said some people are digging a ditch and have made a road through his property without his permission. He wants to talk to a deputy.
10:39 a.m. A tree is reported down across Carrizo Canyon Road just past Rudy's Body Shop. It took out a power line and it's still hot.
1:30 p.m. A grass fire is reported at mileage marker 301 on U.S. 70. The Hoedo Fire Department, state forestry division, Lincoln Fire Department, Fort Stanton Fire Department and the Bureau of Land Management fire unit responded. The fire is about one mile long, but doesn't threaten any houses. By 1:55 p.m., it is on both sides of the highway.

1:46 p.m. A fire is reported by the Southern Pacific Railroad three miles south of Carrizozo. Two railroad ties are burning and the fire is hot.
6:53 p.m. A Hoedo woman reports a automobile burglary at mileage marker 277 on U.S. 70 near San Patricio.
11 p.m. A loud party is reported at Rancho Ruidoso Condominiums. An officer responds to two complaints from tenants.
11:21 p.m. An accident without injuries is reported on U.S. 54. A vehicle has rolled over. The state police are notified.
11:52 p.m. An accident without injuries is reported at the corner of Airport Road and Rancho Ruidoso. The vehicle is in a ditch. The state police are notified.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



ROSWELL SYMPHONY GUILD PRE-CONCERT LUNCHEON - noon, Friday, April 26, Roswell Country Club.

ROSWELL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Pearson Auditorium, Roswell - 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 27. Reserved seat tickets are available by calling 623-5882 or at the door. Tickets are half-price for children under 12 and students with valid ID.

WOODCHUCK 1 BOOTH RENTALS - available for artists and vendors. This weekend of art & music May 24-May 26 will take place at the old amusement park across from Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Outdoor booth space is \$50 and covered space is \$100. Contact Cheryl, Pete or Jay at 257-3506 or 257-6631.

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.

ENCHANTMENT INN - SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4051 - 7-11 p.m. open stage with Ron Turner Wednesday nights.

THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506 - 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, 257-6093 - 8 p.m. - closing Fridays & Saturdays, dance music with DJ.

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THE ENCHANTED NEEDLE TRUNK SHOW - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday, April 22 through May 4 at 2809 Sudderth, Ruidoso. Joan

Thomasson's 'Sitchin' Stuff.' For more information call 257-2001.

VETERANS DAY OF RECOGNITION - 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 24 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th Street N.W., Albuquerque. For more information call Gene Slow at (505) 827-6300.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD FAMILY CELEBRATION - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at Johnnie Melggs ranch, San Patricio. For information, call 257-5025.

INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER SYMPOSIUM - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday, April 25. It is designed to create partnerships between the 22 New Mexico Indian tribes and tourism industry officials. The center is located at 2401 12th Street NM in Albuquerque.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM LUNCHEON - Thursday, April 25 at the Las Cruces Hilton. The guest speaker will be Dr. Douglas C. Frechtling, an Associate Professor of Tourism Studies at George Washington University. For more information call (505) 881-0707.

WRITING WORKSHOP - Friday, April 26, at The Ruidoso Roastery.

BENEFIT ART AUCTION - exhibition 6:30 p.m., auction 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 26, at Holloman Air Force Base Officers' Club. For information, call Laurie Pechiney at 434-1069.

HARMSEN COLLECTION ARTISTS FEATURED - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., except Tuesday and Wednesday, beginning April 27, at Benson Fine Art, Ruidoso. Call 257-2813 or 258-5113 for information.

ARMANI LIMITED EDITION UNVEILING - 11 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Covered Wagon Collectibles, 2524 Sudderth, Ruidoso.

STATE TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATIONS DUE - 5 p.m., Monday, April 29. New Mexico's Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department is soliciting nominations for a State Trails Advisory Board. Board members will review and select trail proposals from public/private sponsors applying for federal funding to develop motorized and non-motorized trails throughout New Mexico. Anyone interested should submit a resume to New Mexico State Park & Recreation Division, 406 Galisteo St., Room 117, Santa Fe, NM 87504. C/O Sandra Massengill or call 827-7828.

ROTARY ENCHILADA DAY - 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, Ruidoso High School. Adults, \$5; children, \$3.

GREENWARE CERAMIC CLASS - coming in May. By Sandy Stambaugh. For more information call the ENMU office at 257-2120.

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE - sponsored by the Republican Party of Lincoln County at various locations within the county. To find a location near you call 354-4230.

POETRY DISPLAY - April 1-30 at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 N. New York Avenue, Alamogordo. The display will feature poetry written by local children. For more information call (505) 437-2202.

ZOO TO YOU - The Rio Grande Zoo, Albuquerque, currently is scheduling Zoo To You visits for June, July and August. If you would like Zoo To You to visit your community event, day camp, library, senior center, museum or school this summer, call (505) 764-6245.

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PARENTS AS TEACHERS - 5 p.m., Friday, April 26, at Region IX office, 1400 Sudderth, Ruidoso. Program topic: "Ear Infections & Hearing Loss." Babysitting provided.

LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 2 p.m., Sunday, April 28, at Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. Speaker: Jay Wright, director, Museum of the Horse. Admission is free to society members; meeting open to the public upon payment of museum admission charges.

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO COUNCIL - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at Ruidoso Village Hall.

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

SENIOR OLYMPICS PING PONG - 10 a.m., Monday, April 29, Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center.

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Woman accused of gun pointing

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso Downs resident Charlotte Lord Meyers said she pointed a loaded 20-gauge shotgun at her neighbor Sunday because she wants him to leave her alone, Ruidoso Downs police reported.

Meyers also argued that when she pointed the gun at Kenneth Jones, he was on land she leases from the U.S. Forest Service, police said.

But police have concluded that Meyers' means of communication is aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a fourth-degree felony.

The 52-year-old woman was arrested on the felony charge after twice being ordered to drop the weapon by police Sergeant Dana Terlecky and Chief David Hightower, police said.

Meyers was also handcuffed and charged with resisting arrest, a misdemeanor, after allegedly attempting to struggle away from Hightower, police said.

She spent the night in a Ruidoso Downs jail cell before pleading innocent Monday in Magistrate Court, Judge William Butts said.

Meyers has been released from jail on an unsecured \$5,000 bond while awaiting a preliminary court hearing. Butts set conditions for Meyers' release; she cannot possess firearms or have contact with the victim.

If found guilty of all charges, Meyers could be sentenced to a maximum three years in jail and a \$6,000 fine.

The Highlands Drive woman has complained to police about a dozen times in the last 12 months that

Jones harasses her, tears down her tarp or looks in her window. But she's never been able to substantiate her claims, Hightower said.

Her most recent allegation was filed as a citizen's criminal complaint in magistrate court March 25. She charged Jones with misdemeanor criminal damage to property, alleging he tore down her tarp (hung on her property so he won't disturb her), court records indicate.

Jones waived his magistrate court hearing and is taking the charge to trial at district court, Butts said.

"Every time the wind blows hard, she alleges her neighbor ripped the tarp off," Hightower said. "We can't validate it, but we can't ignore it, either."

Judge finds probable cause in child neglect case

An August charge of child neglect by a Ruidoso Downs woman was finally heard in Ruidoso Magistrate Court Wednesday, Judge William Butts said.

April Whitehead, 28, was bound over to district court after Butts found probable cause for the third-degree felony charge.

If found guilty, Whitehead could be sentenced to a maximum five years in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

The case has been delayed because the District Attorney's office had trouble locating Whitehead, who also lives on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, court records indicate.

Whitehead was charged with neglecting her 7-year-old child, after her babysitter called Ruidoso Downs police Aug. 13, police said. She appeared at the court the next day on a criminal summons and was released after promising to appear at a later court date, Butts said.

The girl had open bleeding sores

on her face when her mother was arrested, according to court records. Lincoln County Medical Center personnel diagnosed the problem as an allergic condition. Such a condition can turn into a chronic infection and make the patient susceptible to the type of severe blistering the girl suffered from, court records indicate.

Police allege Whitehead knowingly placed the child in a situation that could endanger her health, by failing to give her medication that would combat her severe allergy, court records said.

Whitehead's three sons appeared in good health when the babysitter alerted authorities, police said.

All of Whitehead's children are now in the custody of their grandparents, police said.

Man pleads guilty to battering wife

A Ruidoso man is spending 90 days in the county jail after pleading guilty Monday to battering his wife, Magistrate Court Judge William Butts said.

Rogio Lopez of Santa Maria Drive was also sentenced to 180

days probation and a suspended \$1,600 fine on three petty misdemeanor counts of assault against a household member and two misdemeanor counts of aggravated battery against a household member, Butts said.

He faced a maximum sentence of 3.5 years in jail and a \$3,500 fine.

Lopez was arrested Friday after his wife called police. She told police that when he came home drunk from a bar and she refused to drive him back to the bar, he called her obscene names, throw her to the floor and began hitting her.

The victim ran into her children's room and Lopez followed, police said. After slandering his wife, police said Lopez slapped his 15-year-old son across the face.

Ruidoso Downs council works out vacation time

The issue of summer vacations for Ruidoso Downs police officers was at the top of the agenda during Monday's Ruidoso Downs Village Council meeting.

At the request of Police Chief David Hightower, the council devel-

oped a summer vacation policy that will apply to all village staff, as well as police officers.

The policy states that only one officer at a time can take time off during the summer, allowing for a possible overlap of vacations by two

to three days during the week. No vacations will be allowed during Fourth of July, Labor Day, or Memorial Day celebrations.

"Our major concern is coverage for major holidays," Trustee Margie

Morales said.

In the budgetary department, the council agreed to allow the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority to defer for two years its payments on equipment it purchased. The payment due is \$10,000 a year.

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESULTS

Following are more results of the April 15 meeting of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

— Commissioners approved 3 to 2 a variance — PV96-010 — to allow construction of a 16-foot mesh and pole fence inside the side and rear lot lines of lot 14, block 15, Golf Course Estates Subdivision. L. Marra & Paula Fry, applicants. Fry wants to install the fence to make her backyard usable and safe from invading golf balls flying in from Cree Meadows Country Club golf course. Commissioners Ovelia Bates and Linda Plack voted against the fence request because it violates a no wire fence covenant in the subdivision.

— Commissioners approved a variance — PV96-011 — for Barry and Denise Carty to build a 12 by 18.3 foot canopy 10 feet from San Juan Road at lot 12, block 3, Town & Country North, unit 2 Subdivision.

— Commissioners approved a variance — PV96-012 — to allow construction of an addition 7.3 feet to nine feet from the property line at lots 449-452, Skyland Addition Subdivision, Guadalupe Gallegos, applicant.

The addition at the Begonia Road building will be used for new restrooms in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and for a hallway to be used as a waiting area at Chef Lape's restaurant.

Gallegos is also requesting a reprint to combine all available property into one lot at the site. That request is still under review.

— Commissioners approved a final development plan — PD96-013 — to allow commercial use of a building as a real estate office at lot 4, block A, of the Navajo Subdivision, and development of seven parking spaces. Applicant MWM Enterprises must also raise the business sign eight feet from the ground and widen the driveway to 23 feet.

— Commissioners approved site development — PD96-014 — of lots 41, 42, 53 and 36, block 9, Juniper Hills Subdivision, to allow placement of modular homes. Two neighboring residents objected to the plan because the homes are prefabricated and because of drainage concerns. Planning and

Zoning Director Cecelia Richards said, state statutes mandated the village must approve modular structures. A large stabilization plan will be developed by the applicant Gene Hoyt. The lots will be developed with homes within one year.

— Commissioners approved a preliminary plan and final plat — PL96-004 & PL96-005 — for lots 343, block 9, Cree Meadows Country Club Subdivision. The subdivision will create three lots. Lot 3a will contain 23,070 square feet. Lot 4a will contain 14,133 square feet and lot 5a will contain 19,980 square feet. Applicants Pat Welch must have all utilities approve the plat.

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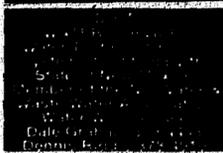
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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that on April 4, 1996, Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc., c/o Akins Engineering Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 3158, Roswell, NM 88202-3158, filed application No. 01313 & H-381-Comb-5 et al (T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily supplement the following existing shallow wells:

NO. H-381-S, SUBDIVISION NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP 11S RANGE 14E, H-381-S2, SUBDIVISION NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 11S, RANGE 14E, by using the following existing shallow wells:

RANGE 14E, WELL NO. H-54, NE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 11S, RANGE 14E, WELL NO. H-55 SE1/4 NW1/4 SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 11S, RANGE 14E, WELL NO. H-56, NE1/4 NW1/4 SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 11S, RANGE 14E, for the continued diversion of up to 99.032 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater, used for domestic and commercial horse operation purposes at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Facilities located in Sections 29 and 30.

Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., and for the irrigation of 15.6 acres of land described as part of the E1/2NE1/4 of Section 30, and part of the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M. This is a temporary application subject to subject to cancellation on November 1, 1996, and subject to renewal annually upon written request of the applicant. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the

application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments,

boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities or institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turley, State Engineer, 1900 "W" Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. 0328 ST(4)17,24(5)

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
BETTY JOAN BENNETT, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of HELEN E. BENNETT, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented at the Personal Representative at

Post Office Box 3433 HB, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88346 or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, P.O. Box 427, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. Dated: 4-9-96. /s/Betty Joan Bennett, Personal Representative 0338 2T(4)24(5)

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