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**Fort Stanton may be boarded up**

Lack of money to maintain Fort Stanton may mean the state will board up the historic complex 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

Lincoln County Commission Chairman Monroy Montes said Thursday he met with officials from the state General Services Department (GSD) who said the state Legislature failed to appropriate \$500,000 to maintain the fort for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

The county commission plans to take over the former state hospital next year and lead the effort to find a new tenant. But commissioners had insisted the state provide current maintenance money, as well as \$600,000 set aside for improvements to help the county market the fort.

"They (GSD officials) said they have no money for fort maintenance and they're willing to board it up," Montes said. "They said they would keep eight to nine people there, but they would be working at Camp Sierra Blanca setting up a farm with \$100,000 budgeted for that purpose."

Commissioners will discuss the issue at their May meeting.

**Chino Well fire stays in boundaries**

The Chino Well fire has not grown in size since Monday, staying at 7,100 acres.

The fire was 75% contained by 5 p.m. last night, and officials hope to completely contain it by tonight. Wind gusts arrived as expected yesterday, but the predicted 'red flag' warning was not issued.

The fire was started Saturday by children playing with matches in the Mud Canyon area of the Mescalero Apache Reservation, about seven miles south of Ruidoso.

Mud Canyon residents met with fire officials last night to talk about any damage to the 42 homes, and how to remove hazardous trees in the area.

Approximately 1,100 firefighters are battling the fire, and seven minor injuries have been recorded, the worst being a separated shoulder.

## Ruidoso protests tribal takeover of Carrizo land tract

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

If the Carrizo Lodge land tract is annexed by the Mescalero Apache Tribe, it would undermine Ruidoso's investment in the property, village officials say.

The loss of the land's tax base is just one of 11 legal and jurisdictional arguments against the annexation the Ruidoso government included in a 16-page protest to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Accusations from the village government include:

- the Mescalero Inn and nightclub served liquor without a state license for three months, and has been issued eight citations for violating state liquor law;
- the tribe has undermined an agreement made by a previous

owner to give the village water rights in exchange for water and sewer services;

- water use at the site has increased substantially since the Mescalero took over businesses;

- and the Secretary of the Interior does not have the authority to put the Mescalero Inn land into a tribal trust.

The response "pretty well covers the gamut" of village concerns about the potential land loss, said Village Manager Gary Jackson.

"It's not just an issue of local concern," Jackson added. "It's an issue all over the country in areas with planned or possible acquisitions of incorporated land."

The Interior Department requested a response from the village by Wednesday regarding the tribe's application to acquire the seven-acre tract. The tribe already owns the property and operates a restaurant and bars on it. The land was given to the tribe last year by the Inn of the Mountain God's slot machine supplier, Gaim-Ko, Inc.

The land was annexed by Ruidoso in 1993 when water lines were hooked up.

A copy of the village's response will be given to the tribe, which will be given a reasonable amount of time by the Interior Department to reply and/or request that the BIA area director issue a decision.

Attorney Chay Rennick, who did much of the research for the village's official protest, hand delivered the copious document to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Mescalero field office two days before the deadline.

Prior to its delivery, Rennick and village attorney John Underwood filed a request (through the Freedom of Information Act) to see the tribe's application to make the property part of its trust. However, the Interior Department hasn't responded, Rennick said.

The attorneys also made similar FOI requests for gross receipt information but, again, they gained no response from the Interior Department. Without that information, the village has no accurate idea of much in gross receipts is collected at the site.

Underwood sent a letter to tribal president Wendell Chino April 18, suggesting both entities have an interest "in reaching an amicable resolution to the application," and that village authorities would like to discuss "the terms" of the proposed acquisition.

No response yet has been received from Chino or tribal councilors, Rennick said.

Lincoln County Commissioners also faxed a protest to the BIA, citing a county ordinance that the federal government must give back land of equal value when it takes land from the county.

The property generates \$11,000 in tax revenues for the county annually.

Governor Gary Johnson's spokesperson Dianne Kinderwater said she knew of no response coming from the governor's office to the Interior Department, nor did she know of one coming from any other state office.

## Long list of annexation oppositions

Following is a condensed version of the village's concerns about the Mescalero Apache Tribe's proposed annexation of the Carrizo Lodge land tract

**No federal power**

A February ruling by the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals states that the Interior Department Secretary lacks congressional authority to acquire land for Indian trusts.

The decision was based on review of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, which gives the Secretary of the Interior the power to acquire lands in trust for the benefit of Indian tribes. But that delegation of authority by Congress violates the U.S. Supreme Court's non-delegation doctrine.

"Accordingly, the Secretary should deny the application at issue herein as being beyond his authority," Assistant Village Attorney Chay Rennick wrote in the response.

The letter also points to a congressional statute which expressly prohibits the enlargement of Indian reservations in New Mexico and Arizona, except by Act of Congress. The statute was most recently upheld by Arizona courts in 1992.

**Indian gaming legality**

Actions of the tribe indicate it considers the Mescalero Inn (the new name of the Carrizo Lodge) to be an extension of the Inn of the Mountain Gods because it's under the same management, the village letter states. The Inn resort operates class three gaming. The state Supreme Court has ruled the casino games are illegal.

The issue of the legality of the gaming operation is pending in federal court. Therefore, the Secretary should not act on the tribe's application until the tribe abides by all federal and state gaming restrictions.

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## Sit down, class

Governor Gary Johnson was in Ruidoso yesterday to attend a state Board of Education meeting. He also stopped by the Museum of the Horse.

## Village council proposes raising gross receipts tax

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
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Playing "catch up" was the key phrase sounded by Ruidoso officials at Monday's 1996-97 budget workshop.

Raising the village's gross receipts tax is one major way to catch up, councilors said.

"I think, if we don't go ahead and use it, we might lose the opportunity and we might be remiss," Shaw said, referring to a state legislative proposal this year to take an additional 1/8th% of the shared gross receipts tax from communities. That proposal failed to pass this year.

Village Manager Gary Jackson proposed creating a new equipment replacement account by adding 1/8th of 1% (0.125%) to the current 6.8125% consumers are charged when buying retail goods in Ruidoso.

The additional tax revenues, which could also be used for an emergency situation, would make

the gross receipts tax 6.9375%. It would generate an extra estimated \$220,000 a year for the village coffers and cost consumers about a penny for every \$10 spent, Jackson said.

With various charts and graphs, Jackson showed how the utility fund (which accounts for all water operations except for the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant) has grown from \$13,397 in 1991 to the proposed \$5.244 million for 1996-97.

"This crystalizes the point, right now, that this council has raised expenditures without raising taxes," Jackson said.

Spending for utilities and equipment replacement has significantly increased since most of the current governing body came into office in 1994.

"Capital expenditures were virtually eliminated in the early part of this decade, and there are ramifications, implications and manifestations of those acts," Jackson explained.

"One of the ramifications is, it causes you in these years to play catch up."

Because of the former skimpy expenditures for capital improvements, infrastructure has weakened. The village has frequent and costly water leaks, groundwater infiltration into sewer lines, and deterioration of heavy equipment.

Gross receipts taxes fund 60% of the village general fund, making this the largest source of village income. Property taxes only funds 15% of the budget. The village estimates it will bring in \$3.549 million in gross receipt taxes in the 1996-97 budget year.

Jackson proposed the additional tax because of the village's need to replace expensive, heavy equipment. Six of the village's 105 vehicles are between 27 and 45 years old. One even dates back to 1951, and one of the fire department's ladder trucks is 36 years

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## Vet gets \$100,000 after sheriff hits vehicle while chasing teens

A local veterinarian has been awarded \$100,000 in a settlement against Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane.

The lawsuit that was settled out of court stemmed from an accident in July 1994. McSwane's vehicle hit Dr. William Pitt's when the sheriff was chasing teenagers who flipped him off.

The settlement was negotiated by attorneys for the county's insurance company without the county being notified in advance, said County Attorney Alan Morel. It contains a secrecy clause that prevents Pitt from talking about the terms of the settlement, he said.

But the defendants, the sheriff and the county, can speak out.

"That's an enormous settlement," County Com-

missioner L. Ray Nunley said. "It's my understanding that at one time it could have been settled for much less, but nobody was willing to talk about it and I'm not talking about the commissioners."

McSwane was charged with reckless driving July 27 after he ran into Pitt's 1977 Oldsmobile on State Road 48 south of Capitan. The sheriff was chasing a car carrying juveniles who had made the obscene gesture toward him as they passed the undercover pickup he was driving. No serious injuries were involved.

The criminal charge against McSwane was dropped in December 1994 when state police officer Michael Browning did not appear at a hearing. The attorney for the agency contended the officer had not received notification, but the case was never refiled.

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## Deputies and cars cut from sheriff's proposed budget

Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane wanted 11 new vehicles and five more deputies to patrol the county around the clock.

But in the preliminary review of budget requests earlier this week, commissioners cut all but one of the vehicles and nixed all of the new deputies.

Five of the department's existing fleet have piled up more than 100,000 miles and two more are nearly at that mark, McSwane said. But commissioners, faced with a deficit-projected budget for 1996-97, were unsympathetic. The package of new vehicles budgeted for \$214,304 was cut to about \$20,000 for one, on the suggestion from Commissioner L. Ray Nunley.

"He bought eight new cars last year, they were 1994s and 1995s," Nunley said.

In a summary of his budget requests, McSwane outlined how five more deputies could provide 24-hour coverage for the county, something sometimes lacking now with 11 deputies. Animal control officer Charlie LaBelle would receive more training and move into a deputy position. Four new certified officers would be hired for a total cost of \$162,407.

With those extra salaries eliminated, the total budget would be \$871,179, down from \$928,726 for the current year. However, commissioners are scheduled to look again at budgets May 7 for more cuts. In addition to the general operation budget, the sheriff also uses a seizure fund of \$22,800, financed by items seized in drug cases, and a law enforcement protection fund of \$21,500, financed by a grant.



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## Meatless chow line

The Ruidoso Vegetarian Club held its first potluck last week at The Ruidoso Roastery. About 20 charter members, including Debbie Hains and Karen Vaughn (pictured), brought a smorgasbord of Italian, Mexican, East Indian and Western dishes. They meet again at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 20. Anyone interested in good meatless food and good company is welcome to attend.

## Councilors whiz through new budget

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso councilors declined to review the proposed 1996-97 budget department by department at Tuesday's budget workshop.

They offered no changes to the proposed \$29.96 million budget, but suggested the Convention and Visitors Bureau restructure its \$419,000 in requests.

Included in the spending proposal are \$6.55 million worth of voter-approved bond issues for seven infrastructure projects which are currently underway. Reserves would total \$6.25 million.

The current 1995-96 budget is \$31.553 million, including \$5.589 million in reserves.

A public hearing on the proposed 1996-97 budget is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at village hall. Then councilors will vote to adopt or reject the package. The final budget is due July 30.

Mayor Jerry Shaw told Village Manager Gary Jackson she didn't think it was necessary for him to go through the department expenditures after he gave a comprehensive overview of the spending package.

"I've looked it through, and it's a good budget," Councilor Leon Eggleston added, agreeing with Shaw that a page-by-page formal review was unnecessary.

Village staff is charged with presenting a balanced budget, "and that's what you've done," Eggleston said.

Shaw asked for questions, but for several long moments there were none until Councilor Bob Sterchi piped a question.

Prefacing it by saying he was interested in the legislative expenditures, Sterchi asked why the mayor wasn't given a car allowance.

"It seems to me, Jerry should have a car allowance," he said.

Shaw's mileage is paid when she's driving at least 25 miles from village limits, but she's not compensated for her jaunts around Ruidoso.

Village Clerk Tammi Maddox explained it's against Department of Finance Administration rules for the mayor to be compensated when traveling around town, and that any compensation the mayor does receive can't be increased while that person is in office.

Silence reigned again. "We've got about \$20 million in here," Jackson muttered as he leaned his elbow across the two-inch-bound budget book.

"There's a box of pencils on page 35," Councilor Robert Donaldson said in jest.

Joe Gomez asked how much was "trimmed" out of original department requests.

About \$2 million, Jackson said. Department heads were asked to keep requests within 2% above the current budget.

"It says to me the department heads were very conscientious" when making requests, Gomez said.

Some of the requests were also reduced by finding alternative ways to achieve the same goals, Assistant Manager Alan Briley said.

Briley helped put together the proposed budget with finance officer LeaAnn Nichols and Jackson, after reviewing the initial requests with the department heads during the past two months.

As an example, the Parks and Recreation Department had requested \$30,000 to overlay a jogging path; the job is now proposed with different materials for \$15,000.

Another parks department budget savings (which has a proposed budget of \$465,893) will be in contracting out for the maintenance of the park land around Forest Lawn Cemetery. Maintaining this "park" is fairly labor intensive for the parks department, Jackson said.

"In lieu of adding people to the parks department, we'll try contracting (the job) at \$12,000," he said. "This will free up personnel."

## Sheriff assistant threatens to sue for salary

by DIANNE STALLINGS  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The administrative assistant to Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane says she intends to sue the county commissioners if they do not increase her salary.

A letter notifying commissioners of her intention was received last week from local attorney J. Robert Beauvais.

"I have reviewed various transcripts of (commission) meetings and other related documents which clearly indicate that commissioners were well aware Ms. Ventura, as

well as Sheriff McSwane, had made numerous requests and adequately documented such requests to upgrade her salary in line with other managerial employees who share similar duties," Beauvais wrote.

He noted that at a meeting in April 1995, then-county manager Carolin Cooney characterized Ventura's request was intended "to bring her up to a level, the same level of other people in the county that are doing the same thing she is doing."

Federal law requires a government employer to provide equal pay

for equal work, Beauvais said.

"If it becomes necessary to file suit to resolve this matter, we will be requesting monetary damages and attorney fees," Beauvais wrote.

Ventura is compiling information to show a specific amount of money necessary to compensate for her "disparate treatment," he wrote.

County Attorney Alan Morel said the claim has been forwarded to the county's insurance company.

"I don't know on what Carolin based her statements," Morel said. "We don't have a matrix saying dif-

ferent people in different jobs are doing the same work. Until I know more, I would just have to deny the validity of the claim."

Ventura was out of the office Thursday and could not be reached for comment.

She currently is paid an annual salary of \$22,617, amounting to \$26,247 with benefits. The administrative secretary in the manager's office is paid \$25,351 without benefits, or \$33,910 with benefits, but other county departments don't list that position in their budgets.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### Tossing cigarettes out windows will bring \$100 fines

Smokers in Ruidoso who flick lit cigarettes from car windows may be

fined \$100 because of the severe fire threat, police chief Lanny Maddox said.

Subsequent violators will be fined \$500 by Ruidoso Municipal Judge Mike Line. Line set the

mandatory fines in agreement with the Ruidoso police.

Officers will not issue warnings first, Maddox said.

Tossing a lit cigarette is a violation of a village ordinance that restricts improper handling of fire.

Enhanced enforcement is being done because of drought conditions.

"Just think of the fire hazard with people flipping their cigarettes on the dry grass shoulders," Maddox said. "A lot of fires get started that way."

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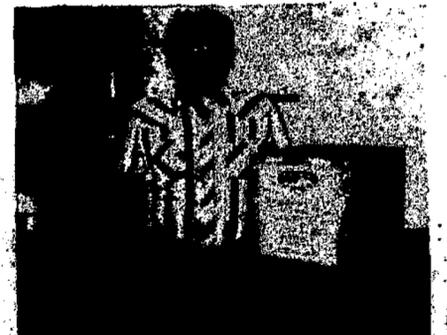
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## Approval of Bonito Lake road agreement delayed

After more than two years of negotiations, an agreement seemed imminent Monday on the reconstruction and future maintenance of the road leading to Bonito Lake from State Highway 37.

But Lincoln County Commissioners sent the document back to the U.S. Forest Service engineer. The commissioners said not enough money was allocated to reconstruct three miles as planned, the suggested base course would be too thick for the type of use, and the agreement's language appears to commit the county to maintenance of an additional 5.5 miles of road.

The county tentatively agreed to provide equipment and labor, the Forest Service agreed to \$150,000 and half of future maintenance, and Alamogordo committed \$159,000 for the future aid (the road serves Bonito Lake and West Lake Campground, both owned by Alamogordo).

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old. Fifteen others are between 17 and 20 years old, and 35 others are between 11 and 16 years old.

"It embarrasses me to know we're sending out public employees in those vehicles," Jackson said.

"You end up spending a whole lot more on them than what they're worth," Shaw said.

Councilor Joe Gomez said he understands the importance of replacing the fleet rather than constantly funding repairs, but asked if there is a way to calculate overall savings.

"It would probably take four to five years to see the reduction in overall operating expenditures," when repairs and maintenance costs are reduced, Jackson said. And even with the approximately \$220,000 that would annually fuel the fund (plus proceeds from vehicles that are sold), vehicles could only slowly be replaced. He

noted how one dump truck costs \$80,000.

Gross receipts taxes are much more volatile than the property tax, Jackson noted. On the other hand, tourists supports the gross receipts taxes, Jackson said.

"Because of state law, it's impossible for the village to learn how much businesses like Wal-Mart are paying in gross receipts taxes to Ruidoso. Councilors said the information would help them plan better if it wasn't confidential.

"It would help us plan for a contingency in case one of the top retailers leave," Donaldson said.

The proposed 1996-97 budget assumes the 125% of 1% gross receipts tax increase would go into effect in January. Councilors will hold a public hearing and then vote on the proposed increase this summer.

The budget's proposed equipment replacement fund includes \$80,000 for three police cars, \$35,000 for a salt truck, \$80,000 for

## Annex

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### Tax Losses

Because 60% of Ruidoso's general fund budget comes from gross receipts taxes, the loss of these taxes would negatively affect the village, the letter states.

The Mescalero Inn is responsible for payment of gross receipts, property and lodger's taxes. A share of the gross receipts taxes, which are collected by the state, is returned to Ruidoso two months in arrears.

The village knows what the Mescalero Inn pays in property taxes, \$4,401. But the state won't tell village and county governments how much in gross receipts taxes are collected from any business, or the amount of taxes collected through the 4% room rental rate.

Village officials estimate that in 1993, a \$1 million business on the property would have produced \$60,000 in gross receipts taxes and \$40,000 in lodger's taxes.

### Water, sewer services

Ruidoso has provided water and sewer to the Mescalero Inn since annexing the land from Lincoln County in 1983. The property's need for water service was the overriding reason for the annexation.

At that time, C-Net, Inc. owned the property and made an agreement with the village that if water lines were added to the property, it would transfer all water rights to the land over to the village. It also promised to provide separate residential and commercial water meters on the property.

This has never been done, although the village did extend the water line to the property at an estimated cost of \$88,000.

It amounts to a material breach of contract for which the village may seek remedies, which may include cessation of water service to the property, the letter said.

And since the property was given to the tribe in August 1995, tribal officials have effectively undermined the transfer of water rights by protesting to the BIA. Meanwhile, the tribe is still making use of the system.

The village's responsibility to continue water service outside its jurisdiction -- if the Carrizo land is annexed by the tribe -- is also unclear. Some case law indicates a municipality must continue providing water and sewer service to property previously served that has been taken into trust status.

If the village is required to provide water service to the Carrizo land without the right to regulatory jurisdiction, it may be powerless to halt further taps into the system which could overwhelm its capacity. The village could also be unable to assure fire protection capability if it can't flow-test fire hydrants or sprinkler systems on trust land.

Since the tribe opened its businesses on the land in November 1995, water consumption has increased substantially. C-Net's representations to the village at the time of annexation were that approximately 2.5 million gallons of water would be consumed at the property per year. Current use is three times that amount.

Increases include an 84,000 gallon increase between January 1995 and January 1996. The total 650,000 gallons consumed in March 1996 (typically a light water consumption month in Ruidoso) is higher than all but the peak months of July and August 1995.

### Police, fire and emergency services

The village public safety departments currently have jurisdiction over the Mescalero Inn, but have had difficulty exercising that jurisdiction since the property has been run by the tribe.

The Ruidoso police will still have responsibility nearby since 78 of the Carrizo Lodge Condominium units will still be in village limits if the annexation is approved. Also, the village has an agreement with Lincoln County to exercise jurisdiction over the unincorporated portions of Carrizo Canyon.

The Ruidoso Fire Department will likely continue being a first responder to fires at the Carrizo tract, primarily because the land is only a mile from downtown Ruidoso but 15 miles from downtown Mescalero. Jurisdiction is necessary.

### Alcohol regulation

The Mescalero Inn's liquor license is held in the name of Gaim-Ko, the company that gave the land to the tribe, according to the state Alcohol and Gaming Division. Title of the property belongs to the Mescalero Apache Tribe and it is under the control of the Inn of the Mountain Gods management.

Village officials were told by state alcohol regulation department officials that since the Mescalero Inn opened on Nov. 23, 1995, the state has issued eight citations for violations of the state Liquor Control Act at the facility. These citations have resulted in a settlement in which \$7,250 in fines have been paid.

The village was also told the license was suspended between Jan. 1, 1996, and March 31, 1996, but the Inn and sports bar on the property continued to offer alcoholic beverages during that time.

The state is investigating these potential violations.

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# OPINION

## Madonna with Child



### Editorial

#### The pain of those left behind after suicide

There are real people behind every story, and we were reminded of this yesterday when a distraught mother came in to talk about the circumstances surrounding the suicide of her son, Aaron Bishop, in Carlsbad, as police surrounded him.

She wanted people to understand that her son was a good kid and people will miss him greatly. Yes, he took some things from a home, but it was his great aunt and great uncle's home. What he took was the gun he used to kill himself when police came after him, said his mother Susan Spall. Relatives are distraught with guilt and self-doubt.

"We felt it wasn't pre-meditated suicide," Spall said. "Aaron had been drinking and he felt closed in. It was a domestic dispute."

Aaron had been staying at his grandparents' house in Carlsbad, across from his great aunt's and uncle's, Spall said. He was dating his second cousin, the daughter of his great aunt and great uncle.

So the Carlsbad burglary seems much less devious than the way a Carlsbad officer described it. The officer like wasn't wrong — he just didn't understand the victim like relatives did, or know details of the situation.

Spall is convinced her son doesn't match the description of the robber at Ruidoso's Allsup's store, either. A DNA sample from hair found a criminal that question soon, so police can pursue a criminal if Aaron's hair doesn't match.

Aaron grew up in Ruidoso. His mother's love for him was unconditional, and that's the way it should be. She had forgiven him for his one jail sentence for burglary. She remembers him saying when he got out, "Mother, I'm never going back."

"I believe our days are numbered like hairs on our head, and it was his time," his mother said. May God eventually take the pain away from her and all those who suffer in the wake of suicides.

**"A free press is indeed a press which appeals to reason in the light of facts, and one in which ownership and direction respect truth and reason."**

DOROTHY THOMPSON  
AUTHOR • 1955

### POLICY

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

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

Letters should be 500 words or less, be of public interest and should avoid name-calling and libelous language. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to edit letters, as long as viewpoints are not altered. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership.

Letters may be hand delivered to The News office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345. The News has the right to reject any letter.

#### Please help us keep Ruidoso's pony baseball league

TO THE EDITOR:

This is an open letter directed to all parents that currently have 12-year old children that play baseball in the local little league.

Ruidoso established what is called the "Pony League" for children interested in continuing to play baseball during their mid-high school years.

Parents: when our children finish this year's season and move up to the "Pony League," we need to do everything in our power to help this league continue. It is my understanding that currently the pony league has only one team to play (Alamogordo) and that 15 children were cut from the league because not enough teams are available to play against.

How do we know that one of those 15 children cut from the league may be the future Cal Ripken? Without the chance to continue to play ball, these players will have to wait until high school for the school team. By then, many of them will have lost interest in the game and/or their ability to even play the game.

Many of us hope that if our child is good enough, they might stand the chance to obtain an athletic scholarship to college by way of this avenue. I know I hope my son has

that chance, so please, if we all band together, offer our time and support and seek out the other towns' leagues, we may be able to save a little bit more of the future and good old-fashioned American Apple Pie for the children.

Susan D. Goodrich  
Ruidoso Downs

#### Gutmann is best Green Party senator candidate

TO THE EDITOR:

The New Mexico Green Party will hold its primary in June 1996. This contested race for the Green Party nomination is between Abraham Gutmann and Sam Hitt. The winner will run on the Green ticket against incumbent U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici.

I, along with many long-time Green Party organizers, am supporting Abraham Gutmann as the Green candidate who stands a chance at successfully defeating Domenici. Gutmann can take a lot of credit for helping build the New Mexico Green Party into one of the strongest challengers to the two-party system.

Over the years, Gutmann personally registered over 2,000 Green Party members — that's half the registered Greens in New Mexico. Perhaps the most important reason

to vote for Abraham Gutmann is his competence as a coalition builder. Cross-cultural healing is needed in New Mexico, and Gutmann has a deep understanding of this process. As a Jew, Abraham Gutmann spent years in Arabic countries, living among and learning from these people.

Gutmann is extremely strong on many issues. He has a multitude of smart, practical ideas for bringing economic empowerment to the community. In reality, Abraham Gutmann is the most viable Green Party candidate for U.S. senator.

William Dooley  
Santa Fe

#### Laws need to protect racehorses

TO THE EDITOR:

Shirley Atwood of Ruidoso stated in a recent letter to an El Paso newspaper that "... With our rich history, it would be sad to lose horse racing at Ruidoso Downs." She thanks the paper for its support of the infamous industry.

The horse racing industry, unable to say no to drugs, accounts for the vast majority of equine abuse in New Mexico. Race horses are forced into excessive training long before their bones are mature, and laws are badly needed to protect them from greed.

Bob Young  
Las Cruces

#### Actors shouldn't crack up on stage

TO THE EDITOR:

If the Ruidoso Little Theatre expects the public to take the organization seriously and to believe (as they claim) that they strive to present quality theater to this area, then they had better stop following the ridiculous "precedent" of allowing actors to ruin the closing night performance by cutting up and breaking character onstage.

It isn't cute, it isn't funny and it is insulting to the audience who have paid to see the same show as every other audience and who deserve the same respect from the cast that they have paid to those actors by their attendance.

Robert L. Tappan  
Ruidoso

#### Write to Congress Your Lawmakers

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## At least apples aren't on 'unhealthy' list

### The Fruit Picture

After a late start, the blossom parade is now in full swing in the mid and upper reaches of the Ruidoso Valley.

And the apple bloom is exceptionally heavy this season.

The winds have held off the heavy frosts of a night; and every day that passes there is less chance of a severe frost.

Therefore, you cannot help but feel encouraged about the fruit picture — that is, after two years of almost total failure all through the fruit belt, we have a good chance of a good apple crop.

The local apple country includes all of Lincoln County, the Mesalero Reservation and the area around Bent.

Along about now — this is being sent to you on April 24 — you may have a glimpse of the apple blossom picture in Ruidoso Downs right next to the Fenton Art Gallery.

The way it looks right now, the chances for a complete area-wide fruit freeze-out seems unlikely because if frosts arrive this late, it is unlikely they will strike the entire apple area.

The same for the hail. It is unlikely that a hailstorm would sweep all the orchard country.

Of course you know that anyone who predicts the weather around here is going out on a limb.

If so, I hope the limb is covered with apples come October.



### The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW  
STORM  
COLUMNIST

#### "An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away"

During the last 30 or 40 years, ideas have come and gone about what you should and should not eat — for your health's sake.

Sausage, bacon, all jersey milk, hot cakes and syrup, fried eggs, coffee and doughnuts — all dietary standbys with us since time out of mind — have been put on the non-healthy list at one time or another.

This is done in sincere efforts to guide us to better health.

However, what stands out to me right now is that in all this there is one article of food that has survived. You guessed it: the apple.

In fact, the apple through the years has gained ground as a health food.

In generations past, people tried to have an apple a day by storing them in bins between layers of straw; and in New Mexico in chisos (half dug-outs).

Let us keep our fingers crossed and hope the apple blossoms come smiling through.

### Summer-like Weather Moves In on the Wind

From far away to the warm country, the southwest winds today are bringing summer weather in April into the vale.

Today, April 24, at half past two in the afternoon, the temperature is 85 degrees.

There is a small hollow spot in the field near the barn with a small cedar growing on the western edge. The two young calves, Spot Eye and Bully Boy, are lying there asleep in the shade out of the wind, which sings a lullaby through the branches of cedar bush overhead.

One by one and two or three at a time, the summer messengers are moving into the vale.

Three kinds of swallows have flown in just today and yesterday (April 23rd and 24th).

First came the barn swallow of song and story that raises its young in a mud nest in the form of a half bowl, on walls of barns or culverts.

The cliff swallow builds his nest under an overhanging ledge on a cliff. He builds it from the top down, with the door at the bottom.

Along the river, you can see the green-winged teal flying to and from the clearing along stream.

Just now the monarch butterfly, orange with black markings, flew by the front gate, the first of the year.

All through the mountain world you feel the spirit of joyful springtime and thankful heart to God.

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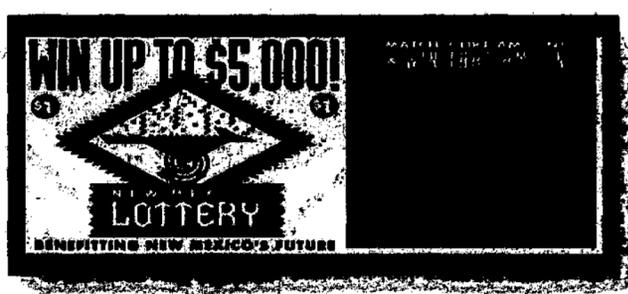
# Let The Scratching Begin

**The \$2 two play area ticket**  
 Two chances to win on the same card... twice the fun!  
 In Game 1, match three like amounts and win that amount.  
 In Game 2, match three symbols and win the prize shown.

On April 27, at almost  
 1,700 retailers across  
 the state, New Mexico  
 residents get their first



chance to scratch. Join in on the fun and  
 excitement of scratching two different games. Just  
 scratch, and if you match three, find out instantly  
 what you've won. Every time you play, remember



that all net lottery proceeds  
 benefit public education  
 in New Mexico.

**The \$1 match three ticket**  
 It's simple! Just scratch off the latex coating on the play  
 area. Match three like amounts and win that amount. Look  
 for brochures at lottery retailers that list odds and prizes.  
 Lottery players must be 18 years old or older.



For more education, pick up a Q&A brochure at your nearest lottery retailer or call 505/342-7600 or 800/642-6689.

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**  
 (Continued from last page)  
 — 12:45 p.m. 1451 Mechem Drive caller reports he was scratched while at work. Report taken.  
 — 1:30 p.m. Alarm sounding on University Drive. All clear.  
 — 1:52 p.m. Wingfield Street caller requests an ambulance for a 71-year-old man who has been flown on the floor for 20 minutes.  
 — 2:10 p.m. Century Club Drive caller reports a burglary. Report taken.  
 — 3:33 p.m. Warner Road caller reports her car has been scratched. Report taken.  
 — 4:58 p.m. Reservoir Road caller requests ambulance for an 80-year-old man who has fallen.  
 — 5:20 p.m. Officer on Wiley Road

checking on accidents who were involved. All clear.  
 — 5:28 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police have a report that RFD holds a warrant for one suspect.  
 — 6:03 p.m. Cynthia Canyon Road caller says his wife is having an his and leaving up the house. Police arrested.  
 — 6:18 p.m. Mechem Drive caller says he wishes to file a complaint about driver being made.  
 — 7:12 p.m. Del Norte Drive caller reports crime scenes on a barbeque. All clear.  
 — 7:59 p.m. U.S. 70 caller says he wants a subject removed from swimming pool. Subject left. All clear.  
 — 8:28 p.m. RFD officer has made an arrest with RFD warrant.  
 — 10:43 p.m. U.S. 70 caller says people at the desk refuse to leave. Subjectly told to leave.  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

Total calls by type:  
 2 Accidents  
 2 Alarms  
 4 Burglaries  
 1 Domestic Violence  
 1 Fire call  
 1 Firework  
 1 Missing person  
 2 Non-emergency activities  
 11 Other criminal  
 1 Personal violence  
 2 Suspicious activities  
 1 Theft  
 1 Traffic  
 — 1:48 p.m. Alarm sounding at 657 S. 4th Drive. All clear.  
 — 2:01 a.m. Meander Drive caller requests ambulance for his husband who is bleeding profusely from his nose.  
 — 3:20 a.m. Meander Drive caller asks officer to make sure the floors are locked at her

residence. Doors are locked.  
 — 8:22 a.m. When Mechem Drive caller reports a 130-year-old boy is missing from school. All clear, boy is in his parents' home.  
 — 7:50 p.m. Century Club Drive caller reports a burglary and missing in her residence. Report taken.  
 — 8:28 a.m. Jeanne Potts Drive caller asks an officer to take a suspect on stolen items from Mechem Drive. All clear, negative report.  
 — 10:05 a.m. Warner Road caller says a girl is walking down the roadway, possible runaway runaway situation. Negative.  
 — 10:15 a.m. Warner Drive caller reports fight at Ruidoso High School.  
 — 11:18 a.m. Wingfield Street caller requests an ambulance for a male who fell.  
 — 12:28 p.m. Warner Drive caller reports a female injured at the high school parking lot.  
 — 12:22 p.m. U.S. 70 caller wants to file a report about a robbery.

— 1:45 p.m. RFD officer says a driver reported that a driver was leaving the Ruidoso area and leaving up Mechem.  
 — 1:55 p.m. 2nd Street caller says a person is taking items. All clear, driver called police.  
 — 1:58 p.m. Warner Drive caller reports a burglary. Negative, no items were taken.  
 — 2:03 p.m. 117 Mechem Drive caller says a business alarm is going off. False alarm.  
 — 2:24 p.m. Warner Drive caller reports a

child is walking the driveway. Report taken.  
 — 4:02 p.m. Oak Drive caller reports of items being taken on driveway. All clear.  
 — 4:23 p.m. American Insulating and Glass Linen County Medical Center in Ruidoso.  
 — 4:44 p.m. Alarm sounding at 2783 S. 4th Drive. All clear.

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Man critically injured in crash**

A Ruidoso man is in serious condition after crashing his car early Thursday morning on Mechem Drive, police say.  
 Duane Vinson, 29, the son of Carrizosa Police Chief Duane Vinson, was the person in the single-car accident, police said.

Vinson's 1981 Dodge hatchback left the roadway just south of White Mountain Drive around 2:30 a.m. The car struck a large rock, flipped over, and Vinson was thrown from the vehicle, police said.  
 Vinson wasn't wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, police said.  
 He was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment and later transported to an Albuquerque

hospital where he's listed in critical condition, police said.  
**Immunizations offered Saturday at senior center**  
 In honor of National Infant Immunization Week, special hours are being offered for immunizations by

the local health department. Immunizations will be given from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27 at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center.  
 Statistics reveal 30% of New Mexico's children under the age of three are not immunized properly.  
 For more information, call the Ruidoso Public Health Department at 258-3252.

**OBITUARIES**

**Aaron Bishop**

Funeral services for Aaron Ray Bishop, 25, of Ruidoso will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at First Assembly of God Church in Ruidoso. The Rev. Bill Leonard will officiate. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.  
 He died Monday, April 22, in Carlsbad, where he was born on March 23, 1970. He was selected to Who's Who among Young Americans his freshman year in high school. He also played on the Ruidoso High School Soccer Team and had lived in Ruidoso all of his life.  
 He is survived by his parents, Susan and Steven Spall of Alto; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bishop of Ruidoso; an uncle, Donald Bishop and his wife Lynda Summers of Ruidoso; an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cosgrove of Carlsbad; two cousins, RaeAnn Rodriguez and Michelle Cosgrove;

and numerous other aunts, uncles, and cousins in Carlsbad and Alamogordo.  
**Milton Hughes**  
 Funeral service for Milton H. "Pluto" Hughes, 71, of Ruidoso will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 26 at First Baptist Church in Brownfield, Texas. The Rev. Ken Flowers will officiate. Burial will follow at Terry County Memorial Park in Brownfield.  
 Visitation will be Friday from 11:30 a.m. until service time at the church.  
 Mr. Hughes died at his home on Tuesday, April 23. He was born Sept. 7, 1924 at Lawton, Okla. to One and Milton Hughes. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1948. He served on the Develop-

ment Board for 10 years and the Board of Directors for the Cowboy Band Foundation, and was a life member of the President's Club of Hardin-Simmons University.  
 He had worked for Midcontinent Oilfield Supply in Brownfield, Odessa, Texas and Denver, Colo. before going into business for himself in Albuquerque establishing Southwest Piping Supply. He retired in 1990 and moved to Ruidoso.  
 He married Grace Lenore Tarpley on July 18, 1947 at Brownfield. He is survived by his wife Grace of Ruidoso; a daughter Tami and her husband William T. Hill Jr., of Houston, Texas; two granddaughters, Kacy Elizabeth and Katie Marie Hill; and a cousin A.S. Martin of Lubbock.  
 The family has requested memorials to M.D. Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

**Ernie Johnston**  
 A graveside service for Ernie Johnston, 82, of Capitan will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27 at Capitan Cemetery in Capitan.  
 Mr. Johnston died at his home on Tuesday, April 23. He was born July 20, 1913 at Springfield, Mo. to Rose and George Johnston. He moved to Capitan five years ago from Colorado, where he had been a rancher all of his life.  
 He married Nina Darlene Hill on Aug. 30, 1941 at Raton.  
 He is survived by his wife Nina of Capitan; a daughter, Joy I. Slane of Capitan; a sister, Gladys Parmley of Moab, Utah; a brother, Glen Johnston of Canon City, Colo.; two grandchildren, Riley Henson of Grants and Clint Henson of Portales; and three great-grandchildren.  
 The family has requested memorials go to the Lincoln County Rodeo Club in care of Connie Whipple of Capitan.

**RUIDOSO'S FOUR-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK**

<b>SATURDAY</b> High...75 Low...38 Sunny	<b>SUNDAY</b> High...71 Low...33 Partly cloudy
<b>MONDAY</b> High...65 Low...30 Partly cloudy	<b>TUESDAY</b> High...68 Low...28 Partly cloudy

**WEATHER ALMANAC**

Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation	Phase of the moon
Tuesday	75	26	.00"	 May 17
Wednesday	80	39	.00"	 May 25
Thursday	80	46	.00"	 May 3

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	78	43	Sunny
El Paso, TX	85	54	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	82	50	Sunny
Midland, TX	84	53	Sunny

Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cam Moore, KBIM-TV

**STARDATE**

To the right of Spica, low in the south-southeast after nightfall, is a little-known constellation that's nevertheless an eye-catcher. Corvus the crow has no very bright stars, but four stars at 000000 of third magnitude and form a shape that resembles a bent square. Corvus is often likened to a four-sided sail. Look for it, a little less than two fist-widths at arm's length, to Spica's right or lower right.

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

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**EL PASO**

**Rotary Enchilada Day**

**Ruidoso High School**

**Tuesday, April 30**

**4:30 pm to 8 pm**

**Adults - \$5<sup>00</sup>**

**Children - \$3<sup>00</sup>**



# NEW BUSINESSES

## Greeters attend NACA conference

Members of the Ruidoso Valley Greeters attended the annual conference of the National Association of Chamber Ambassadors (NACA) in Midland, Texas, April 18-20. Greeters Bonnie Mattox, Trink Edwards, Corrie Benham, Dean Haynes, Gloria Ferguson, and Sue MacFarlane represented Ruidoso at the conference. Ruidoso was the smallest town represented, but had one of the largest delegations. Mattox said her group wanted to make a strong showing in order to extend personal invitations to next year's conference, which will be held here in Ruidoso. "The 1997 conference is already scheduled to take place here at the convention center," Mattox said. NACA is comprised of 12 mem-

ber states with more than 400 representatives from New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arizona, Idaho, California, Tennessee, South Dakota, Arkansas, Missouri and Wyoming.

More than 187 representatives attended this year's conference in Midland, Mattox said. She expects more to attend next year's conference in Ruidoso.

"This is a dynamic organization," Mattox said. "We're especially enthusiastic about bringing them to Ruidoso."

## Beachum invited to Denver conference

Betty Beachum of Betty Beachum, Realtor was invited to The Society of Exchange

Counselors' conference in Denver, Colo., March 10-12.

The society conducts six national invitational marketing conferences each year. Their purpose is to permit members and guests to meet and transact business. More than 100 members and guests represented 25 states, Canada and Mexico.

Membership to The Society of Exchange Counselors is by invitation only. Members are selected on the basis of their integrity, competence, and creative real estate transaction ability.

Beachum is active in national and international exchange transactions. She is owner of Betty Beachum, Realtor, in Ruidoso, specializing in commercial and real estate investments.

## RSVP appreciates volunteers

Ruidoso may be a retirement community, but its older residents are by no means idle. In its second year of operation, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has grown from 42 volunteers serving 26 work stations to 105 volunteers serving 35 work stations.

Last week 147 guests attended RSVP's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at Marie LaVeaux Restaurant. This banquet marks April as Volunteer Month, and is RSVP's way of saying "thank you" to its members.

The Hondo Fiesta Dancers and singer Bethany Rey entertained at the Spanish-style event. David Thomsen, chairperson of the RSVP Advisory Council, was master of ceremonies.

In addition to volunteers and worksite managers, representatives of the village of Ruidoso included Mayor Jerry Shaw, councilors Joe Gomez and Bill Chance, Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley, Human Resource Officer Debbie Rogge, Village Clerk Tammy Maddox, Police Chief Lanny Maddox, and Executive Secretary Irma Nava.

Thomsen also called upon volunteers Wes Kurtz, Thomas Carroll, Sally Martin, and Dale Miller to relate their volunteer experiences with the local elementary school, the U.S. Forest Service's Smokey Bear Ranger Station, the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, and the American Association for Retired Persons free tax service.

Worksite manager Police Chief

Lanny Maddox told of his positive experience with volunteer Don Phillips, who maintained the police records division for 30 days.

The state helps fund RSVP, and volunteers work in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs at government offices, schools and non-profit agencies. Anyone age 55 or older can be an RSVP volunteer.

For more information, call Sandee Jourden or Charlotte Seitz at 257-4565.



Those at the RSVP dinner included (left to right) Carl Marsh from the Lincoln County Food Bank, Clarice Pryor of RSVP Telephone Friends, and Vivian Boshard from the food bank.

## NEW BUSINESSES

## Travelers open Tumbleweed

by PAMELA CROWWELL, Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Like a pair of tumbling tumbleweeds, Sandra and Jeff Kirksey trekked 20,000 miles across the western United States before finally settling here in Ruidoso and opening a new novelty store called Tumbleweed.

Located in LeClair's Mountain Village on Sudderth, this little shop is jam-packed with all sorts of interesting curios, unique Native American artwares and jewelry, yards of specialty clothing, and high-quality knives.

The knives are Jeff's special interest, and he keeps the display case stocked with Colts, Howies, and Bucks, plus custom Alaskan-made blades. These custom knives, with handles of elk and caribou horn, are made by Rick Huston, member of the Athapaska tribe and adopted relative of Hollywood legends John and Angelica Huston.

"Normally custom-made knives start at \$295," Jeff said. "All my knives are under \$150. I don't believe in inflating prices and giving phony discounts. Everything in here is reasonably priced."

Jeff is also Tumbleweed's resident cabinetmaker and outhouse builder — miniature outhouses, that is. His bestseller is the Aggie Outhouse, a two-seater with one hole above the other, accessible by ladder. Jeff, a retired Dallas policeman, also builds little jailhouses and other Old West buildings.

Sandra is the house seamstress, specializing in prairie skirts made

from a full five yards of material, a lot of skirt for \$40. You'll find plenty of cute tops to complement the skirts at Tumbleweed, including tops with the ever-trendy sunflower motif. Sunflowers also come in miniature ceramic tea sets, photo albums, and windchimes.

Tumbleweed features the unusual and unbreakable "jingle box" made by Judd Shalkhauser in Carizozo. This sealed oak box chimes in nerve-soothing tones when you move it.

The Kirkseys order very few items from catalogs, seeking most wares at their source. Artesia artisan Betty Blanton makes the sand-cast candles with Native American designs. They buy Native American jewelry from the Santo Domingo Pueblo near Albuquerque. The Hopi and Navaho jewelry comes from Arizona and Gallup. One artisan's work, Tommy Billy from Tuba City, Ariz., features heavy silver bracelets with unusual

turquoise stones and engraved designs on the bracelet's underside.

Tumbleweed is also an outlet for two other local artisans, Arden Hosetosavit in Ruidoso and Gene Fleck in Ruidoso Downs. Hosetosavit is known in this area for his alabaster sculptures with Native American themes. Fleck replicates Navaho peace pipes made from cholla cactus and deer or elk horn.

The Kirkseys work hard to offer something for everyone, including the gambler and the golfer. Casino-goers will be dressed for success at the slot machines with a black vest by Lori Lunden adorned with five-card-stud collar ornaments, and slot-machine earrings with dangling dice and coins. The avid golfer needs the new Greens Master Swiss-Buck Knife, complete with cleat wrench and grass-repair divet.

Tumbleweed is open 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., seven days a week.



Pamela Crowwell/The Ruidoso News Sandra Kirksey runs Tumbleweed, a new novelty gift shop at LeClair's Mountain Village.

## NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENT DATE

Lincoln County Treasurer reminds Lincoln County property owners that they must pay their second half property taxes by Friday, May 10, 1996 to avoid penalties and interest.

**ACCORDING TO N.M. STATE STATUTE 7-38-81, TIMELINESS - B. ALL ACTS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE DONE BY MAIL ARE TIMELY IF POST-MARKED ON THE REQUIRED DATE.**

The Lincoln county Treasurer's Office does honor the postmark, but your payments MUST be postmarked May 10, 1996.

INTEREST shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month. (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1979)

PENALTY, on taxes that become delinquent, shall be imposed at one percent (1%) of the delinquent tax total, or a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00), for each month they remain unpaid. (Statute 7-38-50).

By NM State law, property taxes are the personal obligation of the property owner, whether or not the tax bill was received, mail payment or contact us at the address and phone number listed below should you have questions regarding your property tax bills. Thank you.

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# CAPITAN

## Capitan school budget to be reviewed by public on May 1

The public will have a chance Wednesday to review the proposed \$4 million Capitan school district budget for 1996-97. The special school board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom at 160 Forest Street.

No major capital purchases or construction projects are anticipated. Money for the next school year was directed at increasing teacher salaries, which went up by an average of 3.6% while insurance costs jumped 9%.

School Supt. Diana Sonnemaker said exact dollar figures of those impacts were still being figured Thursday and were not available.

"It looks like our operational budget will be \$2.5 million, or \$55,000 less than the current year," she said. "Our projected enrollment is 675 students, 20 less than the current year."

Most of the student loss is anticipated in kindergarten, she said. The enrollment there is difficult to figure, she said.

Three new positions will be added to the staff. A principal will be appointed for the middle school, a secondary level band instructor will be hired and a special education teacher will be added at the high school.

## Illustrator to share art process with area elementary students

Scott Blazek, a freelance artist who illustrates children's books, will visit Capitan Elementary Thursday, May 2. Special art workshops and demonstrations in drawing are planned.

Blazek, whose latest book "Clovie Crawfish and Bidon Box Turtle" was published by Pelican Publishing Company, also designed medallions and a U.S. \$5 gold coin commemorating the Bill of Rights.

Parents are invited to attend with their children. Check with the school office for times, by calling 354-2238.

Children's hardbound books illustrated by Blazek will be available for purchase, autographing and personalizing at \$13.95 each. The two full color titles, featuring a little skunk or the box turtle, cost \$14.95. Audio cassettes with two stories also are available at \$9.95.

For the coin collector, Blazek will bring a limited and numbered dual color print of his design for the Madison Commemorative coin, at \$3.

## Zia seeks more gas customers

Zia Natural Gas is moving ahead with signing up customers along transmission lines near Capitan.

The company was denied a franchise to serve the village of Capitan by the Board of Trustees earlier this month. But a New Mexico Public Utility Commission (PUC) hearing examiner on April 16 rejected a request for a restraining order in a five-mile radius around Carrizozo and Capitan requested by Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association.

According to information from Zia, the examiner found that a natural gas association does not have the exclusive right to serve certain areas. He also noted that signing up customers without PUC approval Zia was acting at its own risk and could be subject to sanctions.

A hearing on the issue is scheduled for May 28 in Santa Fe.

"We believe they are acting in bad faith, because they stated the gas line would not be used for distribution when they purchased it from the association," said attorney J. Robert Beauvais, who represents the villages of Capitan and Carrizozo. The line was to be used only for transmission of gas, he said.

While Zia currently is signing up customers for free, Beauvais said Capitan trustees worry the company will come back later and raise rates significantly to recapture its guaranteed 12% return on investment.



Photos by Diane Stallings/Ruidoso News

## Paper pictograph

Students from Iky Schweitzer's fourth class at Capitan Elementary paint with yucca strands some designs on their paper wall stone as part of a school-wide curriculum on archaeology. From left are Tommy Schumper, Alena Browski, Thunder Conner and Darrell Johnson. John Robert Ward is kneeling. In the bottom photo, kindergarten students Janet Torres, Teresa Goodman, Shaddon Tercero and J. B. Parala are surrounded by primitive designs as they display atlatis they created in Linda Turnbow's first grade class.



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At approximately 7:45 p.m. the Ruidoso Police Department received notification of a robbery alarm at the Alsup's Convenience Store located at Sudderth Drive and Mescalero Trail. A subject wearing a ski mask brandished a knife and demanded money from the on-duty clerks and fled the store. The suspect is described as a male, 5'7" to 5'8", light build, approximately 140-150 pounds, light colored eyes, and a single colored tattoo of a rose on the right wrist. The suspect was wearing blue jeans and a white plinstriped shirt.

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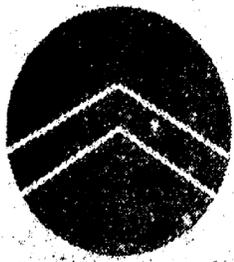
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"San Estevan Church" by Mathias Sandor is one of the 59 paintings in "The West in American Art: Selections from the Bill and Dorothy Harmsen Collection of West-

ern Americana." The five-month exhibition opens Saturday to members of the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs, and Sunday to the general public.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Music

□ **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.

□ **CARRIZO SPRING CONCERT** — 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, old gym, Carrizozo. The high school band and choir will perform. An art exhibit will be held at 6 p.m. featuring a variety of media.

□ **RICK TREVINO SPRING DANCE** — 8 p.m., Friday, May 3, Pan American Center, Las Cruces. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Call 800/654-9545 for tickets.

□ **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, 257-6663 — 8 p.m. - closing Fridays & Saturdays, dance music with DJ.

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

□ **WIN, PLACE AND SHOW**, 2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9983 — 8 p.m. to close Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays, country music.

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□ **THE ENCHANTED NEEDLE TRUNK SHOW** — 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through May 4 at 2809 Sudderth, Ruidoso. Joan Thomasson's 'Stitchin'

Stuff.' For more information call 257-2001.

□ **WRITING WORKSHOP** — 6 p.m., 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 434-1068.

□ **NEW MEXICO PRESS WOMEN CONVENTION** — Friday to Sunday, April 26-28, Las Cruces Hilton.

□ **PHOTOGRAPHY SHOOT ON THE DOWNTOWN MALL** — 9:15 a.m., Saturday, April 27, Las Cruces Hilton. Sponsored by the New Mexico Press Women, the workshop is open to the public. Call 505/646-2042 to sign up.

□ **HATMAKER TO WESTERN STARS MICHAEL MALONE** — 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 27 on K-BUY radio station's Harp & Shamrock Fiesta show.

□ **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, 408 Galisteo St., Room 117, Santa Fe, NM 87504. C/O Sandra Messengill or call 827-7826.

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

□ **LINCOLN COUNTY ARTISTS SPOTLIGHTED** — 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday, May 1-31, Eagle Ranch Art Gallery, Alamogordo.

□ **MEET THE ARTISTS** — 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Friday, May 3, Eagle Ranch Art Gallery, Alamogordo.

□ **PRAYER AROUND THE FLAGPOLE** — noon, Thursday, May 2 at village hall, Ruidoso. Non-denominational National Day of Prayer.

□ **SOUTHERN EAGLE CONTEST**

□ **POW-WOW** — Friday through Sunday, May 3-5, Mescalero gymnasium. Gourd dance is 10 a.m., Sunday with the grand entry and contest pow-wow at 1 p.m.

□ **1996 PREGNANT PAUSE CAMPAIGN** — 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 4 at Cafe Mescalero Night Club, Ruidoso, and Nickels Restaurant, Alamogordo. Bartenders from restaurants in Lincoln and Otero counties will compete to create the most creative and best tasting alcohol-free beverages. Call Kathy Garrett at 257-2368 or Larry Wimbrow at 257-5141.

□ **RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB RUMMAGE SALE** — 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, May 4, 211 Sequoia, Ruidoso.

□ **MINER'S DAY CELEBRATION** — 9 a.m., Saturday, May 4, White Oaks.

□ **IRIS FLOWER SHOW** — Saturday, May 4, Roswell Mall. Hosted by the Pecos Valley and Roswell Iris societies.

□ **IRIS GARDEN TOUR** — 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, May 5, Roswell. Hosted by the Pecos Valley Iris Society, five gardens will be open to the public. Call Pegi Narajo at 505/622-0648 or Leslie Jobe at 505/625-2549 for more information.

□ **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.

□ **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 257-6831.

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## Clubs & Meetings

□ **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** — 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at Ruidoso Village Hall.

□ **RUIDOSO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE** — 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 1 at Ruidoso Convention Center.



## Library

□ **RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 501 Junction Rd. 257-4335 — Annual Book Sale, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., May 6 to 10. Books \$5 a bag. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.



## Movies

□ **AT SIERRA CINEMA**, 257-0444: "James and the Giant Peach," "Primal Fear" Call theater for show times and ratings.



## Museums

□ **ROSWELL MUSEUM AND ART CENTER** — The National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts 1995 Clay National exhibit is on display through May 19. For more information call (505) 624-6744.

□ **MUSEUM OF THE HORSE** —

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Tuesday - Sunday on Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. Showing April 27 to Sept. 22: "Harmsen Collection of Western American Art."

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

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



## Parks & Recreation

□ **LAKE LUCERO CARAVAN** — 9 a.m. - noon, Sunday, April 28 at White Sands National Monument. Reservations are required for this ranger-guided trip. Call monument headquarters at 505/479-6124.

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

□ **BALLET FOR FITNESS** — new sessions beginning Tuesday, April 30. Call 258-4869 or 257-7571 for more information.

□ **RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB**, 415 Wingfield, 257-4600 - Aerobics, Nautilus, racquetball, free weights. Non-members welcome.

□ **THE LINKS AT SIERRA BLANCA**, 258-5330 - 18-hole course is 7,003 yards long.

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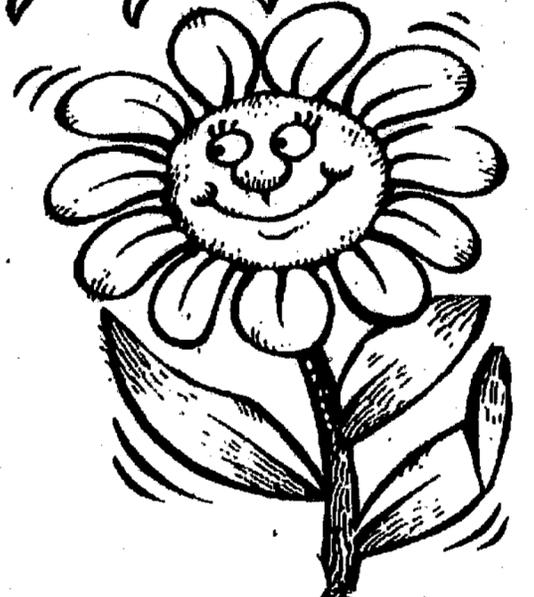
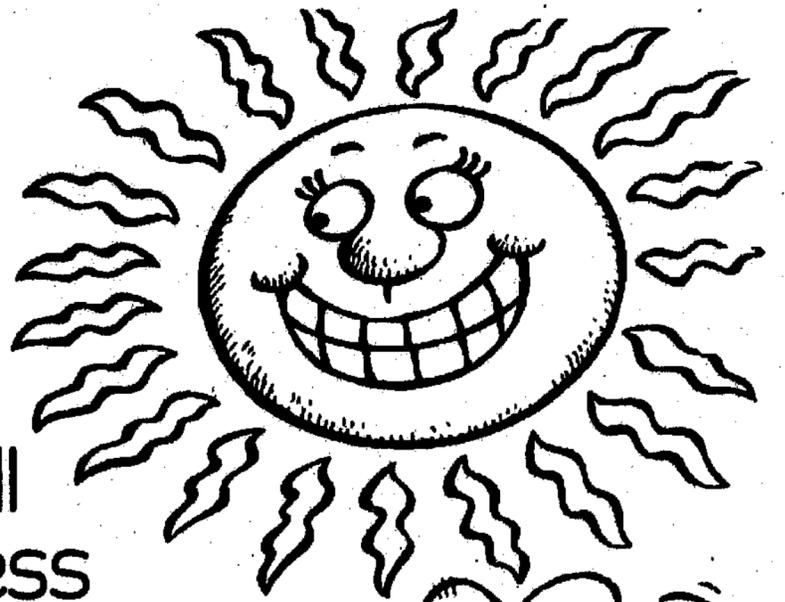
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# SPORTS

## 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.

### REPLAY



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

**10 years ago** - Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course superintendent Ted Martinez earns "amateur golfer of the year" honors from the Sun Country Section of the Pro Golfers Association.

**20 years ago** - Ruidoso Downs Race Track reports a record demand for stalls for the 1976 season. More 2,700 applications are received. Racing secretary Tom Dawson attributes the numbers to the better purse structure and growing success of the track.

**30 years ago** - Track officials announce that the purse for the 1966 All American Futurity is approaching a half million dollars. Nine New Mexico-bred quarter horses are among the 164 hopefuls.

**40 years ago** - Natie Palamarez pitches and bats Carrizozo past Ruidoso for the District 5B schoolboy baseball championship. Palamarez throws a three-hitter for the Grizzlies, who post a 10-1 win. The ZoZo star drives in two runs with a 400-foot homer. A double by Ruidoso's Ronnie Perry scores Bobby Watkins for the Warriors' only run in the sixth inning.

The Warriors were coming off their first-ever district high school baseball win - a 12-9 victory over those same Grizzlies - earlier in the week.

## FISHING REPORT



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**Bonito Lake** - Good fishing using Powerbait and Pistol Pete flies.  
**Eagle Lakes** - Scheduled to open in the first week of May.  
**Grindstone Reservoir** - Excellent fishing using Powerbait and Pistol Pete flies.  
**Ruidoso River** - The water level is so low fishing is poor at best.

# Tiger track coach tries to steal a title



Capitan's Joyce Robbins tosses the discus during the Tigers' meet in Tularosa last Friday. Robbins and her teammates will try to defend their 6AA district title Saturday versus a tough Tulie squad.

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Bryan Massé takes on the role of thief, as he tries to find the right combination that will crack the safe holding the District 6AA track title.

The Capitan girls coach has spent sleepless nights trying to figure what combination will give him the most points for the district crown.

At last week's Slade Relays in Tularosa, the Wildcats scored 14 points more than the Tigers to win the team title. Tulie's sheer numbers helped it achieve that goal. Massé must calculate that factor into what he hopes is a winning combination.

"A lot of it is guesswork. You don't know what the other coaches are doing, either. Everybody's in the same boat. We all trying to finagle it - to get a few points to make a difference," Massé said.

What's the Tiger strategy for Saturday?

"We're going to run the 400-relay as tough as we can. I think at this time of year you need to keep your order (of runners) because the handoffs are so important in that relay. We also want to be strong in the mile relay because a lot of times the meet comes down to that event," Massé said.

One of Massé's relay weapons is senior sprinter Chris Worrell, who has been slowed by a sprained ankle. Massé has run Worrell in just two events most of the spring, the 100-meter dash and 400-meter

relay.

The senior Tiger will see more  
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## Boys in a three-way contest

The boys District 6AA meet appears to be a three-way race among Tularosa, Capitan and Cloudercroft.

"District is going to be real tough because they all perform well," Capitan coach Ed Davis said. "I think it's pretty much up for grabs."

While Davis isn't sure which team will win the district title, he's confident about his team's character.

"I do know this: these young men will give us their best effort. I believe that with all my heart and soul, and you can't ask for more than that," Davis said.

In addition to contending for the district crown, the Tigers will be attempting to qualify its 1600-meter medley relay team. Capitan's team of Shawn McEuen, Kali Bagby, Alan Hazel and Neil Montes needs to run the race in 3 minutes, 52.2 seconds (state qualifying) or take first place at the district meet.

# Warrior linksters prepare for district battle

## GOLF

The Warrior golf teams are primed and ready to hang a pair of shiny new district championship banners in the gym - provided, of course, all goes well in Wednesday's 2A-AAA championship tournament at the New Mexico State University golf course.

Ruidoso will need a tall ladder to hoist the banner, and district rival Socorro may have the key to the janitor's closet.

The Warrior boys will try for a school-record fifth consecutive district title. They face their greatest challenge from Socorro's Warriors.

Meanwhile, the girls team seeks its first-ever district trophy and maybe a little revenge for last year's heart-breaking loss to Socorro in the championship.

Without question, Ruidoso's girls have had their finest season in 1996. Multiple tournament wins and impressive individual performances have highlighted April.

The Warriors will be the team to beat in Las Cruces and a contender at the state championships May 6 and 7.

Heather Stephens, fresh from an impressive 83 at the New Mexico Military Institute Invitational, should challenge last year's district medalist, Socorro's Casey Hall.

"The thing we keep trying to tell the girls is that we want them to play the course and not to worry about who they are playing. The winning takes care of itself," Ruidoso girls coach Les Carter said.

Carter's girls team has had strong performances from Devon Lowe, as well as 1995 all-district selection Cecilia Fuentes, and teammates Leigh Christensen and LeAnn Gerth.

The Warriors' strength is their

consistency. They don't have one overpowering linkster, just five solid ones.

**"They are excited because they are seeing themselves do things they didn't expect."**

LES CARTER  
GIRLS' GOLF COACH

"They are excited because they are seeing themselves do things they didn't expect," Carter said. As a result, the Warrior girls are hungry to play and eagerly await the state championships.

The Ruidoso boys team will have a much tougher row to hoe in the district race. The Warriors have breezed to titles in past years, but

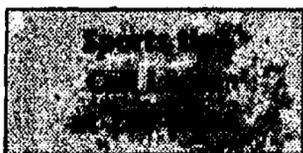
with two juniors, two sophomores and an eighth-grader trying to continue the championship streak, the Warriors will have to exercise lots of patience in the district pressure cooker.

The Warriors got their third and final state qualifying leg in Las Cruces Tuesday at the Bulldawg Invitational. Stephen Houghton and Brian Phillips hold down the top two spots for the team.

Phillips has been a study in consistency this season, shooting no higher than an 85. He's cracked the 70s twice this spring.

Houghton has ridden the golf roller coaster this season, but holds the team's best tournament round of 76 in the Leroy Gooch Invitational April 16.

Rounding out the Warrior squad are sophomore Ryan Humphreys, who led the team with an 81 in Cruces Monday, and Eric Russell and Ben Andrews.



# SPORTS

## RHS nine closes out season

by LAURA CLYMER  
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Ruidoso High School's first baseball team in years concludes its 1996 campaign with a home game of sorts Saturday.

The Warriors host district foe Santa Teresa in a doubleheader to be played at Alamogordo High School. It's the closest thing to a home game that Ruidoso has had in its inaugural season.

By next year when they are eligible to compete for the district title and state playoffs, the Warriors should be able to play home games on their new diamond at the White Mountain recreation site.

Until then, the Warriors will call Alamo "home" as they try to improve upon a respectable 6-12 over-

all record.

Coach Rodney Webb's nine snapped a six-game skid with an 8-6 win over Roswell April 20. The Warriors have split their last two doubleheaders. Against would-be district opponents, Ruidoso is 3-1.

"We want to beat the teams that are going to be in our district (next year)," said Webb, explaining the importance of the Santa Teresa games. "We want to get a mental advantage. They are going to be big games and we're going to go all out" to win them.

The first-year coach is pleased with the progress of his young Warriors. The Warriors have hit the ball well and the pitching staff has held its own.

"We need to work on the mental

aspect of the game more than anything," said Webb, adding the Warrior need to concentrate on making the plays and avoiding defensive breakdowns.

"Our pitching is really coming along pretty well. I stress to the pitchers to just throw strikes," Webb said.

Andy Friberg and Jorge Figueroa epitomize the Warrior hurlers: good control without overpowering speed.

"They couldn't break an egg with their fastball. But they use their curve balls well to set up fastballs," Webb said.

Webb's troops proved they can play with the some of the better

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## Mountains drew the Webbs back

Ruidoso baseball coach Rodney Webb and his wife, Fran, discovered they just couldn't stay away from the mountains.

The Webbs aren't new to Ruidoso. They were here for the 1993-94 school year, and then returned to their college stomping grounds (Tarleton State University in Stephenville) for the 1994-95 school year.

"It was just a mistake that we ever left. I guess we got a little homesick," said Webb, who played football for T.S.U.

It didn't take long for the Webbs to realize that they missed the Ruidoso area.

"It then was a matter of how we could get back out here," said Webb, a native of Dallas.

In his five years of teaching and coaching, Webb has worked for both established and fledging high school baseball programs.

Webb was an assistant coach for two years at Elgin, a Texas high school baseball power. At Elgin, Webb got the opportunity to coach in the state playoffs.

When the Webbs returned to Texas, Rodney took an assistant varsity baseball coaching job at Glen Rose High School. Rodney and the new head coach were charged with jump starting a neglected baseball program.

Webb, who teaches freshman and sophomore English, will continue to assist with the Warrior football program in the fall.

## Grizzlies pin their hopes on qualifying for state

by LAURA CLYMER  
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

With athletic powerhouse Fort Sumner in their district, the Carrizozo track teams might as well concede the team title to the Foxes.

The Grizzlies won't concede much more than that, however.

Coach Kim Gremillion takes a small but talented contingent to Fort Sumner Saturday for the District 3A meet.

Joining the Grizzlies on the Foxes home oval will be Mountainair, Vaughn and Corona. No one can match Fort Sumner's depth. If anyone is to threaten the Foxes it will be Carrizozo, last year's district runnerup.

Carrizozo senior Jeff Maynard leads the Grizzlies' hopes Saturday. Last year's Class A state runnerup in the 110-meter hurdles will hope to add a district title to his laurels.

Maynard has already qualified for the state meet in the 100 hurdles and high jump. His best this year in the 100s is 15.4 seconds, well below the qualifying time of 17.0 and just shy of the state record of 15.1.

How well is Maynard running?

"Let's just say he blew his start out of the blocks, hit three hurdles and still ran a 15.7 in Tulis," Gremillion said. The second-year Grizzly coach likes her hurdler's chances to win it all at the state meet.

Maynard should be defending the 100-meter title, not chasing after it. At last year's state meet, Maynard glanced back at his competition and he got nipped at the tape, losing the title by 100ths of a second.

Don't expect that to happen

again, Gremillion said.

"We're also going to run him in the 300 (meter) hurdles at districts because I think he can qualify in it," the Zozo coach said.

Maynard will try to qualify in the 200-meter dash and long jump also.

**Coach Kim Gremillion takes a small but talented contingent to Fort Sumner Saturday for the District 3A meet.**

Jeff's younger sister, Cortney, will join him in Albuquerque. She made the mark in the high jump, clearing 4 feet, 9 inches.

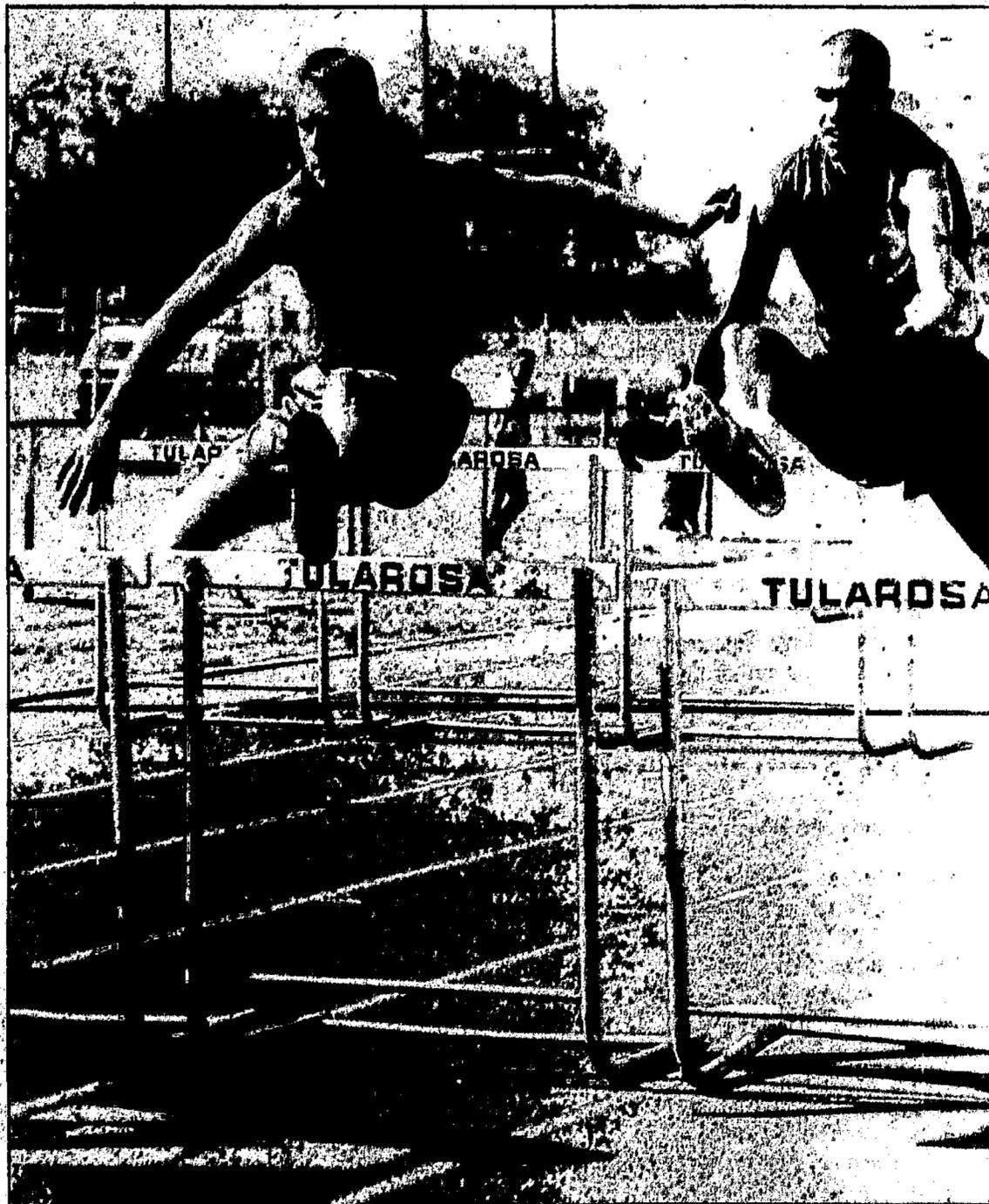
Athletes have one more shot at qualifying at district meets this weekend. They can qualify as individuals by finishing in the top two or meeting the qualifying standard. Relay teams must win the event or meet the qualifying time to go.

Carrizozo's 1600-meter medley relay has the best chance of qualifying for the girls. Amber and Naomi Vallejos run the 200-meter legs, and a pair of eighth-graders handle the final two legs — Renee Rael takes the 400-meter leg and Holly Schlarb has the 800. The Grizzlies nearly qualified in Tularosa April 19.

Naomi and Amber also have chances to qualify in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes respectively.

Another sibling combination hopes to earn tickets to Albuquerque at the District 3A competition.

Ray Barela has been running well in both the 1600-meter and 800-meter runs, while his sister Michelle will try to make it in the discus.



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News

Carrizozo's Jeff Maynard clears the obstacle in the 100-meter hurdles at the Slade Relays. The senior Grizzly is on a mission to win that event at the Class A State Track Championships. Before the state meet, he'll try to win the district title in Fort Sumner tomorrow.

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## Baseball

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prep baseball programs in New Mexico, such as Eunice. The Cardinals simply exploited their experience to break open a pair of close games.

Eunice coach Scott Gladden sang the Ruidoso praises, telling Webb the Warriors "were one of the best first-year teams he's seen."

After the Eunice games and the split with the Coyotes Saturday, the Warriors visited Alamogordo for a doubleheader with the Tigers Tuesday.

In Alamo, they faced a hard-throwing pitcher.

"The pitcher they had throwing against us was the best we've seen all year. He was bringing it. And he had a slider to go with his fastball," Webb said.

The Tiger hurler yielded just a pair of runs. Friberg was on the mound for the Warriors. He countered with an "excellent job of pitching," Webb said.

Even though Alamo roughed up Friberg for 13 hits, the Warrior hurler maintained good control. Of his 64 pitches, 46 were strikes. Ruidoso played solid defense behind Friberg, committing just one error.

In the nightcap, the Warriors blew a 10-8 lead in the bottom of the seventh inning and pulled out a win with a three-run eighth inning.

Billy Rogge, who has been "mashing the ball" of late according to Webb, singled as pinch-hitter in the top of the eighth. He stole second base and then scored on Ricky Pacini's single. Pacini then stole second and moved to third on Brad Davidson's sacrifice.

Jorge Figueroa continued the onslaught with a single to score Pacini. Erik Padilla's sacrifice fly to centerfield scored Jorge Figueroa for the Warriors' final run of the frame.

## Tigers

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action at Saturday's district meet. Massé will let Worrell run the 200-meter dash and the 800-meter relay. He might use Worrell, one of the most experienced Tiger sprinters, in the 1600-meter relay as well.

The Tiger coach will load up with entrants in the field events in hopes of generating some points. He's pulled up several throwers from the junior high program to complement Mandi Aldaz, Julie Barham and Joyce Robbins.

The Tigers don't have as much

"We played better in the first game, but were able to take advantage of the pitcher in the second game. It was a good win," Webb said.

Ruidoso played at Socorro yesterday. The Warriors and Santa Teresa meet at 4 p.m. for their doubleheader in Alamogordo tomorrow.

## Eunice JV 24, Ruidoso 10

Eunice JV.....204 421 11 - 24  
Ruidoso.....110 800 0X - 10  
LP — J. Figueroa 6 2/3 IP, 14 H, 21 R (8 earned), 5 BB, 11 K. Leading hitters — J. Figueroa 3-4; B. Meyer 1-3, 2 RBI, Double.

## Eunice 11, Ruidoso 2

Eunice.....001 064 0 - 11  
Ruidoso.....000 002 0 - 2  
LP — L. Figueroa 5 IP, 7 H, 7 R (7 earned), 3 BB, 9 K (Starting pitcher: R. Pacini 2 IP, 6 H, 4 ER, 0 BB 2 K). Leading hitters — B. Rogge 2-2, 1RS; S. Sebastian 1-3, Double, RBI.

## Ruidoso 8, Roswell 6

Ruidoso.....301 103 0 - 8  
Roswell.....002 001 3 - 6  
WP — R. Pacini (2-1) 7IP, 6 H, 6 R (0 earned), 2 BB, 5 K. Leading hitters — T. Richardson 2-3, 2RBI; R. Pacini 1-1, 2RS; J. Leasingham 2-3.

## Roswell 13, Ruidoso 8

Ruidoso.....201 011 3 - 8  
Roswell.....260 500 X - 13  
LP — E. Padilla (0-2) 6 IP, 15 H, 13 R (2 earned), 2 BB, 3 K. Leading hitters — B. Rogge 3-3, Double, HR; J. Gaston 3-4, 2RBI, 2RS; A. Friberg 3-4, Double, 3RBI.

## Alamo JV 7, Ruidoso 2

Ruidoso.....000 001 1 - 2  
Alamo JV.....000 032 X - 7  
LP — A. Friberg (0-1) 6 IP, 13 H, 7 R (5 earned), 0 BB, 1 K. Leading hitters — E. Padilla 2-3; L. Figueroa 2-3; B. Rogge 1-3, Triple.

## Ruidoso 13, Alamo JV 10

Ruidoso.....030 113 23 - 13  
Alamo JV.....120 401 20 - 10  
WP — L. Figueroa (2-2) 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 2 K. (Starting pitcher: J. Figueroa 6 IP, 12 H, 10 R, 7 ER, 2 BB, 3 K). Leading hitters — R. Pacini 4-4, 3RS, 3RBI, Double, Triple, 2SB; G. Sambrano 2-5, RBI; B. Meyer 2-4, RBI, Double.

depth as the Wildcats, except in one area.

"Thank goodness we have enough good sprinters that we can put some in the open events (to try to pick up points) and not totally unload our relays," Massé said.

It also helps that the Tigers have qualified all four relays for the state championships — that gives Massé a lot more flexibility. The Tigers don't have to worry about making the state qualifying mark. They can concentrate solely on the district meet.

"If both teams perform as anticipated, it's going to be very close," Massé said.



## Bowlers hand out season's awards

Women bowlers ended their season with the annual Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association (RWBA) spring meeting and awards banquet Monday at the Swiss Chalet.

Presiding over the event was president Lucy Servies, assisted by officers and the board of directors.

The business of the meeting was to award trophies to the champions of the 1996 women's city tournament, to elect new officers and delegates for the WIBC 1997 convention in Reno, Nevada and the New Mexico WBA convention in Santa Fe.

Members of the first place team for scratch competition include (left to right): seated — Laura Schryer, Lucy Servies and Gloria Wheeler; standing — Flo Maul and Connie Behringer.



The RWBA handed individual and team awards at its annual banquet at the Swiss Chalet. Winners for the 1995-96 season are (left to right): Flo Maul, first place doubles handicap and scratch; Jeri Waltrip, member of the first place team handicap JW's Housekeeping; Pam Bernard, first place singles handicap and first place all events scratch and first place singles scratch. Not pictured are: Shelley McGarvey, Maul's doubles partner, and Dona Wilcox, Renita Freeman, Glenda Holder and Shannon Brazel of JW's Housekeeping.



The RWBA elected officers for the 1996-97 season. They are (from left to right): seated — second vice president Connie Behringer, president Lucy Servies, first vice president Cindy Sanchez and secretary/treasurer Laura Schryer; standing — director Elaine Garrity, director Jeri Waltrip, sergeant at arms Rayann Dickerson, director Pat Crumley, and director Carol Roller.

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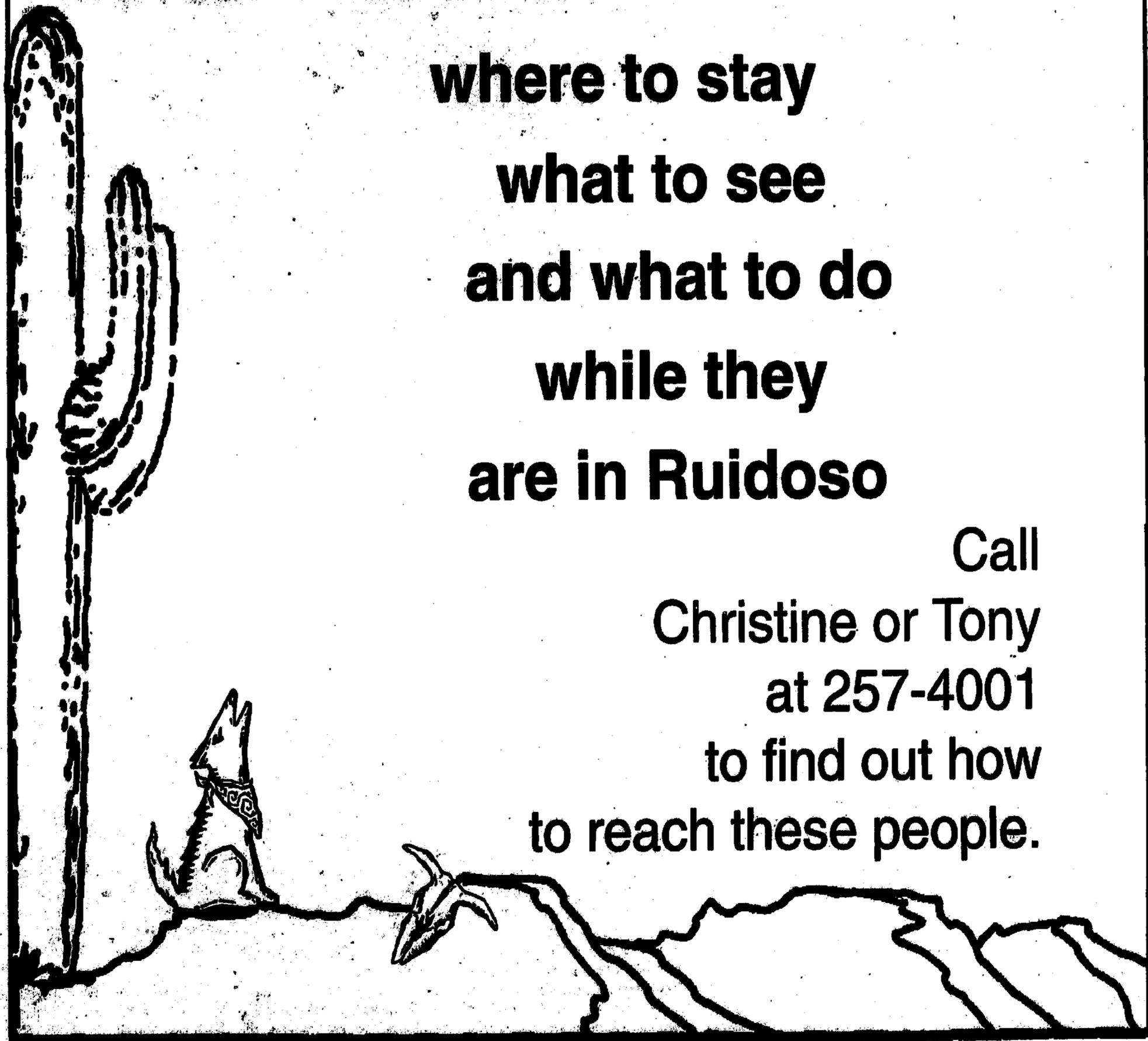
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Museum opens western art exhibit this weekend

The Museum of the Horse opens its biggest show of the year this week, and staff members expect the exhibition to benefit the economy of the entire area.

"The West in American Art: Selections from the Bill and Dorothy Harmsen Collection of Western Americana" kicks off a 10-city coast-to-coast tour with a lengthy stay in Ruidoso Downs.

The members-only opening at the Museum of the Horse Saturday night will be followed by a public opening on Sunday. The exhibition will remain on display here through Sept. 22.

"This may be the most important and relevant exhibition ever shown in southern New Mexico," asserted museum publicity director Scott Wells. "As we began unpacking the paintings on Monday, we could hardly wait to show them to the public. I think people are going to enjoy this show more than anything we've ever had here before."

The members-only preview, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, will feature complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets for the "Chaps and Shooters" gala on May 25 may be reserved by calling the Museum of the Horse at 378-4142.

The Museum of the Horse is promoting the exhibition intensely across all of New Mexico and most of West Texas, emphasizing the rich Western history of Lincoln and Otero counties.

"This exhibition should definitely increase tourism in this area. Last year's Russian art exhibit increased attendance at the Museum of the Horse 38%, and the subject matter of this exhibit is particularly relevant to the people of this region," noted museum director Jay Wright. "Much of the history of this area can be seen in these paintings."

The exhibition was assembled by the Colorado Historical Society from the vast collection of Bill and Dorothy Harmsen, founders of the Jolly Rancher Candy Company. Other cities which will offer the show include Palm Springs, Calif.; Coral Gables and Vero Beach, Fla.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mesa, Ariz.; Muscatine, Iowa; Logan, Kan.; and Mobile, Ala.

The exhibition features 59 paintings by some of the best-known artists of the 19th and 20th centuries, including William R. Leigh, Thomas Moran, Albert Bierstadt, William Keith and Edward Hill.

The paintings were done from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s and include works by 55 artists. Some, like those listed above, are

extremely well-known. Some of them are relatively obscure.

The exhibition should be a treat to the intellect as well as to the eye, since the exhibit is divided into five distinct categories, each with its own subject matter and techniques. The Museum of the Horse has redesigned an entire area for the systematic presentation of the paintings.

"The American Landscape and a National Identity" deals with the panoramic landscapes of the West. Many of these are painted in a romantic style, featuring grand vistas which were unknown to Americans from the east at that time. The works of Thomas Moran, Edward Hill, William Keith and Henry Elkins are prime examples from this category.

"Colorado Inspiration" deals with everything from the breathtaking landscapes to the rowdy mining camps of early-day Colorado. Raphael Lillywhite's "Return of the Stray" and F.C. Bromley's "Mount of the Holy Cross" are two excellent examples from this section.

One of the most interesting sections is "Western Crossroads," which deals with the cultural conflict and transition resulting from westward expansion of the United States. Gerald Curtis Delano's "Friend or Foe" is a spectacular painting from this category. It depicts two mountain men trying to determine the intentions of an approaching band of mounted Native Americans. Other key selections from this portion of the exhibition are Byron Wolfe's "On the Chisholm Trail" and Paul Gregg's "No Mail."

"Creating the Myth of the West" is a category which shows how late-19th century publishing influenced the depiction of the West. Illustrators of romantic novels about the West turned out a variety of works, some of them quite accurate and some less so. These works are intended to tell a story and are some of the most action-oriented paintings in the collection.

The poster image selected by the Museum of the Horse comes from this section. William R. Leigh's dramatic "Greased Lightning" is a splendid example of a fine artist's talents applied to a narrative Western subject. In it, a furiously bucking bronc unseats an unlucky cowboy.

The cowboy's flailing chaps and the sixshooter which has flown from his holster inspired the "Chaps and Shooters" theme of the May 25 anniversary party at the Museum of the Horse. The party

also officially opens the 1996 racing season.

Other major paintings from this segment of the exhibition include Harold Von Schmidt's "The Stampede," a night scene in which a daring cowboy attempts to head off a stampeding herd of longhorns, and Leal Mack's "Great Expectations," which depicts men and

women walking beside their wagons with their attention focused on the westward horizon.

The final section of paintings is called simply "The Southwest." It is comprised of works from both the Taos Society of Artists and the Santa Fe Colony, along with their contemporaries who discovered the astonishing contrasts of cultures,

scenery and lighting which were found in this region in the early part of this century and which continue to make this a haven for artists. "Winter Along the Lower Rancho," by Charles Berninghaus and "La Barranca Hondo" by Julian Rix are two excellent contrasting examples from this section of the exhibition.



### Sing it strong

The Eastern New Mexico University choir performed a spring concert at the First Christian Church in Ruidoso Monday. The choir is directed by Danny Flores.

Pamela Crowwell/The Ruidoso News

## Eagle Ranch Gallery features Lincoln County artists for May

The May show at Eagle Ranch Art Gallery spotlights three Lincoln County artists. Known for their wide range of mediums, Tootie Harshbarger Fouratt, Carol Macsas, and Pamela Earley Alston bring a collection of talent.

A reception to meet the artists will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 3. The public is cordially invited.

Tootie Fouratt, a New Mexican for 46 years, resides in her mountain home in Capitan. She retired from a lifelong teaching career in 1988 and then became a student of art herself. Studying under many well-known artists, she developed a style that encompasses a wide variety of subject matter. Frequently her compositions are of New Mexico's beautiful skies and landscapes, weathered old barns and adobes, cacti, and native wild

flowers. She has won awards in local and regional shows with watercolor, oil and oil pencil.

The art of Carol Macsas reflects the diversity of her interests. She enjoys working in photography, as well as oil, acrylic, watercolor, oil and pencil collage. She selects the medium which best reflects her impression of the subject. Her love of the land and her respect for God's creation is evident in her work and her chosen topics.

Photography was her first medium and she has more than 30 years experience in this field. It was not until her husband's retirement and their subsequent move to New Mexico that she was able to fulfill a lifelong ambition to pursue her studies in other mediums and to begin working as an artist.

Depending on the chosen topic, her style varies from the realistic to the abstract as she conveys the

mood evoked by the subject. A new dimension this past year has been her use of analogous color in her paintings.

Pamela Earley Alston was born and raised in England. A child of the blackouts during World War II, she developed a love of color and bright scenes. She married an American serviceman and became a U.S. citizen in 1958, calling New Mexico her home ever since.

Pamela put her art career on hold until her children were grown and left home. But now her art is in full bloom as you can see by the English cottages and gardens in vivid color springing from her canvas. Many of her paintings hang in England in the cottages she painted.

The show runs May 1-31. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Carrizozo music department spring concert Tuesday

Carrizozo Schools Music Department will host a free spring concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 in the old school gym. The public is invited.

The high school band will play and the choir will present a variety show. The drama class will perform skits between acts.

Dolores Earwood is the music director and Polly Chavez is the art consultant. The stage manager is Miguel Garcia and the drama class will serve as stage crew.

Prior to the music concert, an art exhibition will be held beginning at 6 p.m. The art display will include art by students of all ages. A variety of media will be featured. The exhibit will include the best of State Fair '95 and the ribbons.

## Historical Society hears details on western art show

The April meeting of the Lincoln

County Historical Society will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs.

Speaker will be Jay Wright, director of the Museum of the Horse. It will be open to the general public on payment of museum admission charges. Admission is free to members of the society.

The topic will be "The History and Development of Western American Art."

The talk is based on the Harmsen Collection of Western Art being exhibited at the museum courtesy of the Colorado Historical Society.

The talk deals with the historical trends in Western American Art, from the romanticism of Bierstadt to the modernism of the Taos school of Joseph A. Imhof, Charles Berninghaus and Bert Philips.

The forces of history propelled many artists westward where they were captivated and inspired by the events, landscape, people and scenery they encountered. Their art has affected our collective history as it fired the Easterner's imagination and in part was responsible for the western migration from the mid-19th century to the present

day.

If you have any questions or need more information, call Stan Monks at 336-4896.

## Benson show mirrors museum's

Benson Fine Art Gallery in Ruidoso is featuring artists represented in the world-renowned Harmsen Collection of Western American Art to coincide with an exhibit at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs April 27 through Sept. 22.

Artists featured at Benson include Edward Borein, George Elbert Burr, Maynard Dixon, Herbert Dunton, Clyde Forsythe, Charles Fries, Albert Groll, Edward Kemeys, Edgar Payne, Leonard Reedy, Grayson Sayre, Will Sparks, James Swinnerton and Olaf Weighorst.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Tuesday and Wednesday, or by appointment. Call 505/257-2813 or 258-5113.

The gallery is located at #1 Adobe Plaza, 202 Mechem Drive.

## Benefit art auction at Holloman Officers' Club

The Holloman Officers' Club will host its annual Benefit Art Auction Friday, April 26.

The exhibition begins at 6:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will be used to benefit both Air Force and local charities, as well as scholarships sponsored by the Officers' Wives' Club.

There will be original oils, watercolors, and graphics by internationally-known artists as well as exciting young new talents. Two selected pieces of art will be offered as door prizes, and donations will be accepted.

The event is produced by Perry Berns Gallery of Dallas, Texas. The sizable amount of art purchased at low prices enables all pieces auctioned to start at low opening bids. For more information contact Laurie Pechiney at (505) 434-1069.

## Armani unveiling this Saturday at Covered Wagon

Covered Wagon Collectibles, located at 2524 Sudderth in Midtown Ruidoso, has been awarded a "Masterworks" dealership for Armani Limited Edition sculptures. The store's first unveiling will occur Saturday, April 27.

These dealerships were awarded



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## Beginner beatniks

Skyler Ruch and Joel Hixon dressed for the part last weekend at the Tumblewords Poetry Reading at the Museum of the Horse. The young beatniks said they enjoy occasionally waxing poetic. Events for Poetry Month in Lincoln County conclude with a poetry writing workshop led by Pamela Cronwell at 6 p.m. today, April 26, at The Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street.

to the top 5% of Armani's 1,575 dealers in the United States. Covered Wagon is one of only two dealerships in New Mexico.

"Masterworks" dealers will sell special Limited Edition sculptures produced by Giuseppe Armani's company "Florence Sculptures D'arte" located in Tuscan, Italy. During the last two years, Armani sculptures have soared in popularity in the United States, as he has become one of the most respected sculptors in the world, Covered Wagon owners said.

Each "Masterworks" sculpture will have a worldwide unveiling at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 27. This piece from Greek and Roman mythology is known as "Aurora" ("The Goddess of the Dawn"). This sculpture is limited to 1,500 pieces worldwide.

Covered Wagon employees invite the public to stop by Saturday and join them for refreshments and enjoy the beauty of "Aurora" as depicted by Armani. For additional information please call 1-800-509-1624.

## Classes teach tips on preserving pics

Robin Blankenship, a new Creative Memories Consultant, will teach local classes on how to make safe, meaningful and creative photo albums.

Included are tips on how to organize your photos, what kinds of photo-safe materials to use for maximum longevity, how to start your photo album, documenting your stories and memories, and more.

Are your photos stuffed in shoeboxes or drawers? Or worse, are they stored in one of the many popular albums that chemically destroy your photos? If you are frustrated with the condition of your pictures, then Creative Memories has some answers for you. This informative and hands-on assistance is now being offered at Home Workshops. Other times arranged by appointment. For further information, call 258-3454.

## Retiree advice sought by guide

The authors of a retirement and relocation guide to New Mexico want advice from retirees on why they selected their specific New Mexico community as a retirement destination.

Local writers Kate Wightman, Andrew Webb and Rip Read are publishing the New Mexico Retirement/Relocation Guide later this year with Harris Group, Inc., of El Cajon, Calif.

The information on the book is based heavily on response to a survey the authors send to seniors throughout New Mexico. Those who participate in the survey will get a free copy of the book.

The writers are also interested in hearing from companies involved in marketing goods or services to the over-50 segment of the population.

Those interested in participating in the survey are asked to contact Kate Wightman or Andrew Webb at (505) 294-4212.



Pamela Cronwell/The Ruidoso News

## Expo strumming

Ruidoso musician Adrian Henry performed at the Lincoln County Expo late last week, while fifth and sixth graders from throughout the county milled among booths and attractions.

TRAIL TALK

# Pierce Canyon: splendor in the Capitan Mountains

**General Description:** A 9-mile round-trip hike up a forested canyon on the south side of the Capitan Mountains.

**Special Attractions:** Opportunity to see changes in vegetation zones as altitude is gained. Postcard view of the Sacramento Mountains, the Rio Bonito and Rio Ruidoso drainages.

**Net Elevation Gain:** 1,600 feet.

**Difficulty:** Strenuous.

**Estimated Hiking Time:** 6.5 hours.

Pierce Canyon offers a hike on a well-maintained trail that starts in the pinon pine and juniper foothills and culminates on a conifer-studded ridge high in the Capitan Mountains Wilderness.

To reach the trailhead, go east on Highway 380 out of Capitan approximately 9 miles to the intersection with United States Forest Road (USFS) 57. Turn left (north) onto USFS Road 57 and follow it for about 6 miles to the junction with USFS Road 502. Road 57 veers to the left and is poorly marked. The most obvious sign is an "End of County Maintenance" sign although a small sign with a "57" is also present. Continue on Road 57 for approxi-



Trail talk

JOHNNY HUGHES  
THE RUIDOSO NEWS

mately 1.5 miles to the Pierce Canyon Trailhead sign on the left. The first 6 miles on Road 57 are over an improved dirt road suitable for any vehicle. However, the "End of County Maintenance" sign is an omen of things to come. The last 1.5 miles on Road 57 requires a high-clearance vehicle, although 4-wheel drive is not required. Large rocks protruding out of the road are the primary obstacles.

Pierce Canyon Trail (61) begins at an elevation of approximately 6,600 feet at the base of the Capitan Mountains. The trail follows an old jeep road for about 1/4 mile and then it veers off to the left away from the jeep road. This intersection is marked with a sign. Notice the geologic contact at the base of the sign. The limestone along the jeep road changes over to sandstone at this point. Both the limestone and sandstone are beds within the Yeso Formation.

Pierce Canyon Trail (61) meanders but continues on a northerly course and is relatively easy to follow. The trail crosses a second jeep road after proceeding another 2/3 mile. Look for the continuation of the trail on the opposite side of the jeep road.

The Pierce Canyon Trail is generally well-marked with tree blazes and with rock cairns (rock piles), especially along the lower half of the trail.

The intersection of the Pierce Canyon Trail with Trail 57 (South Base Trail) occurs about 2 miles from the trailhead. This intersection is a good turnaround place to create a hike with an easy difficulty rating. The total hiking distance would be reduced to around 4 miles, a 500-foot elevation gain and an estimated hiking time of 2.5 hours.

The lower two miles of Trail 61 are available for all the mountain hiking enthusiasts in the area, since this portion rests outside the boundary of the Capitan Mountains Wilderness Area. Although the grade of the trail is gentle, there is no shortage of rocks which will prove to be the cyclists' biggest challenge. This trail is probably not suitable for the novice but is ideal for the intermediate-level mountain biker.

Although Pierce Canyon Trail (61) continues in an easterly direction, route-finding difficulties will prove to be a thorn in your side if you decide to ascend the canyon via this trail. The best route into Pierce Canyon requires turning north onto South Base Trail (57).

The South Base Trail follows an old road for about 1/4 mile and then leaves the road and turns back to the west. A sign is present where the Base Trail leaves the road. Continue on the old road past the Base Trail turnoff. The old road is shown on the topo map as an unnamed and unnumbered trail that continues up and over a ridge into Pierce Canyon. The road crosses the dry streambed and abruptly ends. A good trail continues up the ridge from the end of the road. Follow the trail to the intersection with Pierce Canyon Trail (61) in the canyon bottom. Notice the increase in the number of ponderosa pines since leaving the trailhead.

Continue up the canyon on Trail 61 for another mile until a side trail to Pierce Canyon Spring is reached. The side trail is marked and runs about 75 yards to the east to Pierce Canyon Spring. A small shallow pool is usually present at the spring. During wet seasons, the canyon bottom typically has running water for about a mile be-

low the Spring. This 1-mile section of trail becomes progressively steeper as altitude is gained.

Large ponderosa pines, pinon pines and junipers dominate the lower reaches of Pierce Canyon and gradually give way to Douglas firs, white firs and limber pines in the vicinity of the spring.

Above Pierce Canyon Spring, the trail has been rerouted since the printing of the USFS topo map and does not continue up the canyon on the east side of canyon bottom as shown on the map. In reality, the trail crosses the main canyon bottom immediately past the spring and begins switchbacking up the slope on the west side of the canyon. Within 1/4 mile of the spring, the trail reaches up onto the ridge that divides Pierce Canyon from the unnamed canyon immediately west.

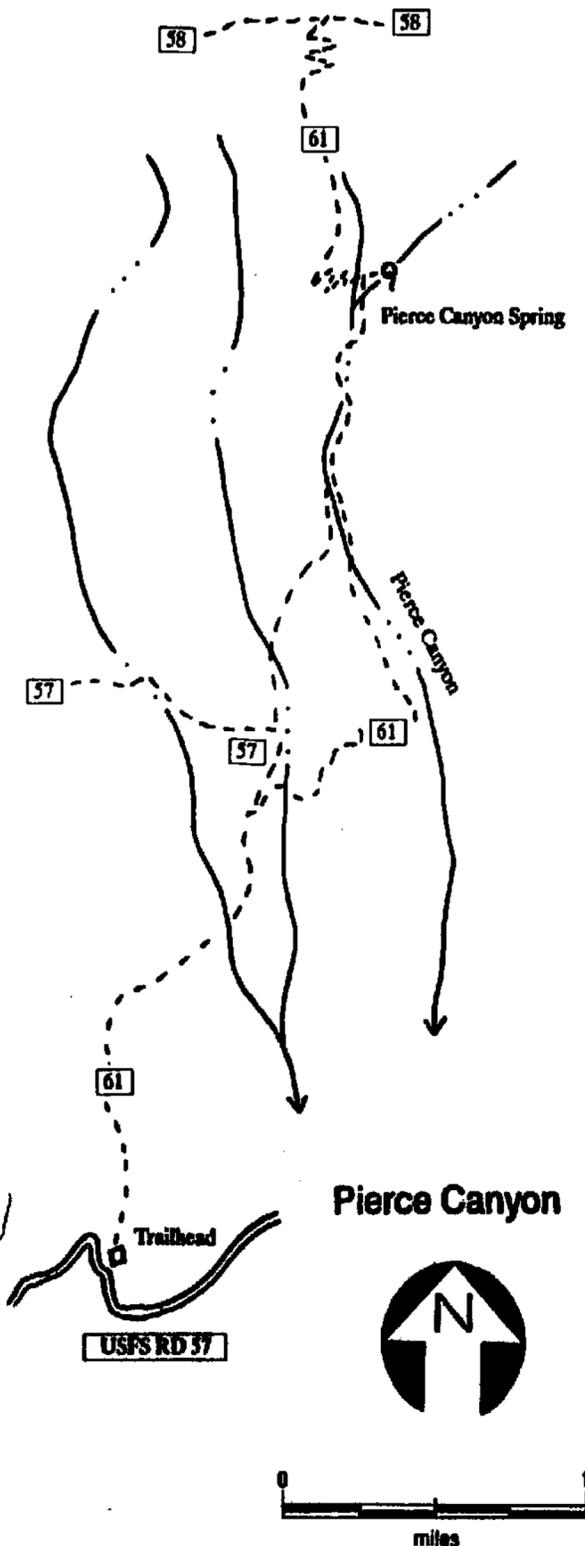
This location sits at about 8,200 feet and is easily recognizable since it is the first time a view into the unnamed canyon is possible from one of the switchbacks. Walk down (south) the ridge for about 40 yards to a small point where a postcard view of the Rio Bonito and Rio Ruidoso drainages presents itself. Sierra Blanca and the core of the Sacramento Mountains form a magnificent backdrop.

"We always hear how a view 'can't get any better than this.' Well, on this hike it's true. The trail climbs approximately 1,000 more vertical feet over a one-mile stretch to the summit from here. Not one panoramic view can be seen from the top mile because of the timber — even from the top. Not much reward for a tough 1,000-foot climb. As a result, my suggestion is to relax and enjoy the view from the ridge and then begin the hike back to the trailhead.

An option for the return hike is to follow Pierce Canyon Trail (61) back down the canyon rather than taking the unnumbered trail back over the ridge. The section of the Pierce Canyon Trail below the intersection with the unnumbered trail follows the path shown on the topo map. A portion of the trail becomes very faint but is well marked with rock cairns. Just past the faint part of the trail, it intersects with a jeep road. This intersection is easily missed during an ascent of the trail, thus the earlier recommendation to avoid it due to route-finding difficulties. During an ascent, the jeep road appears to be a continuation of the trail until it leads you to the canyon bottom and deadends.

Continue south and then west on Trail 61 as it follows the jeep road back to the intersection with South Base Trail (57). Retrace the remainder of Trail 61 back to the trailhead to conclude the hike.

Camping places are numerous along the lower half of the hike but become sparse in the upper half as the terrain becomes steeper. The turnaround point on the ridge has an excellent place to pitch a small tent and accommodate one or two backpackers. The area is free of litter and other signs of careless people. Please keep it that way. Water is usually present below Pierce Canyon Spring for about a mile but beware of seasonal variations, especially this year. Larger backpacking groups should consider camping either in lower Pierce Canyon, or on the summit.



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

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

# PERSONALITIES

## Court process server cracks 'em up at the courthouse

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Because notifying someone of a divorce or a lawsuit can be a dicey scene for the messenger, Tom McNeil is the perfect man for the job.

The 74-year-old process server, who each week delivers about a dozen notices of divorce or legal action to the doorsteps of Lincoln County residents, isn't what you'd expect for such a bad-news position.

"I like it — meet a lot of people," said McNeil, a retired Ruidoso Middle School teacher. "Sure, a few burst into tears after I leave, but every once in awhile, when I've delivered divorce papers, I'm told, 'Man, am I glad to get that!'"

McNeil has been serving the papers, mostly for the Ruidoso Magistrate Court, for the past four years.

"I haven't been shot at yet," he assures, noting that the majority of people he serves with papers are expecting the delivery. "I have had about four people say 'Hey, I don't want these papers.' All I do is drop them and say, 'Buddy, you've been served. You can leave them there

'til Christmas as far as I'm concerned."

"He probably takes people by surprise," says the court's assistant clerk Roseanne Painter. "He's not who you'd expect to come up to you."

"He's so unthreatening," court secretary Joellyn Biggs adds.

Because McNeil, a village councilor from 1988 to 1990, is so good-natured and entertaining, his presence around the court is cherished, Biggs says.

He always has a quip or story to share, she says, sprinkled with sayings like, "If it suits you, it tickles me," or "You're as handy as the pockets on my shirt."

Another McNeil chestnut is "If that was my name, I'd change it to pig sitter."

McNeil also ends his visits with the court by saying he's going home to have a bologna sandwich. If he's done a lot of work that day, he suggests he'll have some cheese on the bologna.

It's his time spent with people that makes McNeil's work so enjoyable, he says.

Being with others, including children, is one of the primary reasons McNeil became a schoolteacher.

He and his wife Marie, also a retired Ruidoso schoolteacher, started teaching here in 1965 — about two years after the Dexter farmers both acquired master's degrees in education from the Portales branch of Eastern New Mexico State University.

Both graduated from Dexter High School, one year after the other.

McNeil had been raised in the small, Pecos River Valley farming community where his dad, the late Jim McNeil, drilled many of the area's artesian wells after settling there with his wife Ollie around 1902.

He recalls everyone working hard for food during his formative years in the Depression, but because the valley they lived in was so well irrigated, there was little drought or sights of hungry people.

"The only thing I can recall is maybe asking my father for a nickel, and he'd say, 'Tom, I don't have



## fast Facts

**Name:** Tom McNeil

**Occupation:** Process server, retired Ruidoso Middle School teacher and former village councilor.

**Favorite Subject:** New Mexico history

**Favorite Pastime:** "Going to sleep."

**Quotable:** "If I had a name like that I'd change it to pig sitter."

a nickel, but if I did I'd give it to you."

McNeil, who has a twin sister, one older brother and two others that are deceased, says he "was the last out of the hatch," having been born about 10 minutes after sister Mary. She now lives in Texas.

"I always tell people she's the oldest," McNeil says, with a somewhat broad grin. "If you look at the wrinkles in her face and you look at the wrinkles in mine, then you can see she's the oldest."

It was as a high school

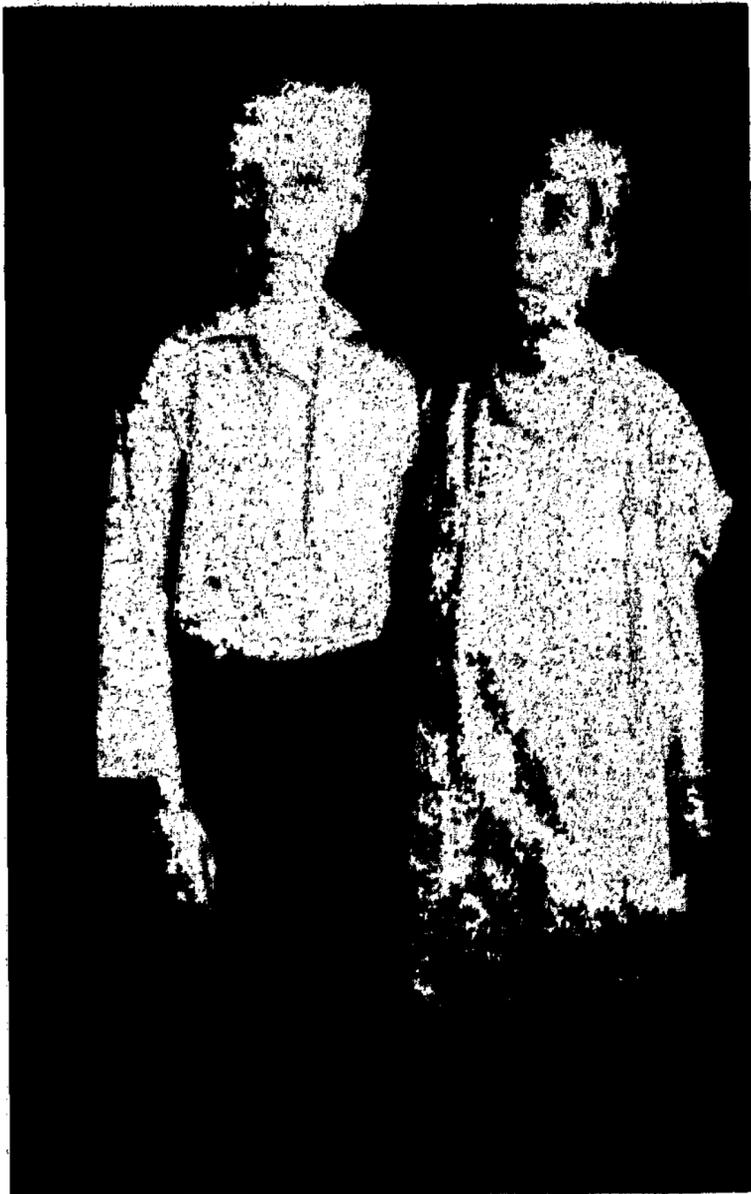
sophomore that McNeil first set eyes on Marie, and the two went together ever since.

"I thought she was a nice looking little ol' gal — pretty," he relates.

The high school sweethearts, married in 1941, attended school at the same time (they were the oldest students at ENMU in 1962) and also retired from teaching at the same time.

"I'm not nearly as good a person as she," McNeil confides. "Best ol'

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Tom and twin sister Mary outside their Dexter home around 1925, when they were about four years old. The two were the youngest in a family of five, and Tom was born last.

"I haven't been shot at yet. I have had about four people say 'Hey, I don't want these papers.' All I do is drop them and say, 'Buddy, you've been served. You can leave them there 'til Christmas as far as I'm concerned.'"

TOM MCNEIL  
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Tom McNeil in 1970.



Newlyweds Tom and Marie McNeil. The Buckner Drive couple just recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

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thing I've ever lived with."

Their master's education was acquired while their daughter Pat was also at ENMU, son Tom was in high school and daughter Mary was in grade school.

"Let me tell you, if that didn't make an ol' man jump up and feed his family...But we made it, though it was pretty tough," he recalls.

To finance their education, the farmers alternated as head residents at the school's men's athletic dormitory. Living with the crew of young men "was an education within itself," McNeil said.

They decided to go into teaching like three out of four of McNeil's siblings did, because, as McNeil explains, "We thought we could do a better job teaching than some of the teachers at that time."

Meanwhile, Tom and Marie were eying Ruidoso as the setting where they'd like to teach.

"This was a pretty small little mountain town and that's what we were looking for," McNeil says.

After several meetings with former school superintendent George White, they both scored jobs teaching their preferred grade levels.

**"Here they (once) had these little faces, smooth skin, and now they're there with a beard and mustache and want to know if I remember them. Well, I say, 'Sure, I remember you!'"**

**TOM MCNEIL  
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McNeil mostly taught middle school students and a few upper-elementary grade level classes; his favorite subject was history. Marie focused mostly on special education classes, being one of the first speech therapists in the Ruidoso schools.

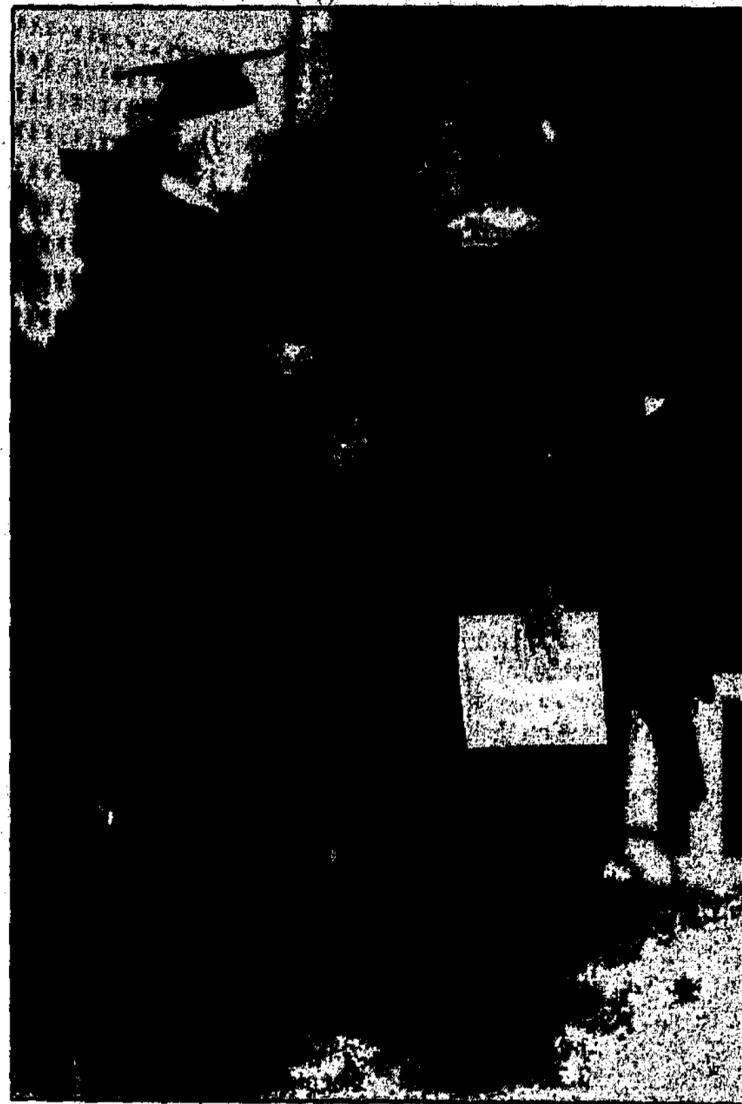
Since retiring in 1983, McNeil is occasionally approached by his former students who ask, "Do you remember me?"

"Here they (once) had these little faces, smooth skin, and now they're there with a beard and mustache and want to know if I remember them," McNeil relates. "Well, I say, 'Sure, I remember you!'"

McNeil says he can't imagine living anywhere else but Ruidoso, unless the village grows into "a real big hustle-bustle type of thing."

And he can't say enough good about the community's school system. Although it does have greater challenges with discipline than when he was teaching, McNeil says it's better than the average.

"The school system here is a darned good one, better than average," McNeil says. "It has good people, good teachers. Any time I can vote for a school bond election, well, I'll do it!"



In 1965, Tom received his Masters in Education and School Administration, having specialized in New Mexico history and government, from Eastern New Mexico University.



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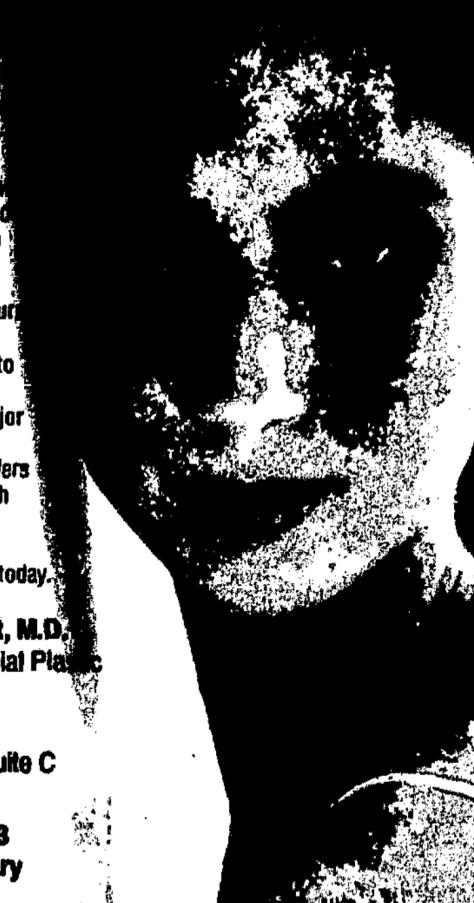
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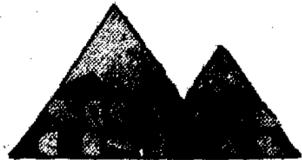
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## PAST TENSE

## Billy the Kid legend began Thursday, April 28, 1881

Some men are legends in their own time. Others become legends after their deaths. But it is a rare occasion indeed when we can look back and pinpoint exactly where a legend began. In the case of Billy the Kid, we know the exact time and day that the legend began to grow.

The legend of Billy the Kid began a little after noon on Thursday, April 28, 1881. Before that day the Kid was well known, but only in New Mexico.

Billy was captured by Pat Garrett's posse in December of 1880 and on April 13, 1881 he was sentenced to death for the murder of Sheriff William Brady a little more than three years before. The sentence was to be carried out on May 13, 1881. But it was not to be.

The Kid felt that he had been treated unfairly, and after reviewing the records, it is difficult not to agree with him. For all the murders committed during the Lincoln County War, for all the atrocities, only one man was ever prosecuted for any crime at all: Billy the Kid.

Pat Garrett lodged the Kid in what had been the Murphy Store during the Lincoln County War, but by this time, it had become the county courthouse.

It is doubtful that the significance of this was lost on Billy. He was awaiting his own death in the former stronghold of his enemies. The Kid, however, was not about to go gentle into that good night.

To make matters worse, one of his guards, Bob Olinger, was a hulking bully who hated the Kid with a passion. Also, Olinger had recently killed one of Billy's oldest friends in New Mexico: John Jones. And there were those who said that Jones was unarmed at the time. Billy found much to hate in Bob Olinger.

Tradition tells us that Olinger also delighted in taunting the Kid with a shotgun that he supposedly had loaded extra heavy just for Billy. "Pecos Bob," as he liked to be called, couldn't talk enough of the unpleasantness of death by hanging, after which he would inevitably invite Billy to make a run for it so that he, Olinger, would have the pleasure of shredding the Kid's slender body with his Whitneyville shotgun. He would, he explained, be 'saving' Billy from the grim death that hanging afforded. Needless to say, the Kid turned down Olinger's 'kind' offers.

The other guard was a man named J.W. Bell. Bell felt no hatred for the Kid and treated him decently. The two (Bell and Billy) spent a good deal of their time playing monte, a game at which the Kid was an expert.

On Wednesday, April 27, Pat Garrett left Lincoln either to go and purchase lumber for the gallows on which Billy was to be hanged, or to collect taxes. History is vague on this point, but in any case, Garrett left town.

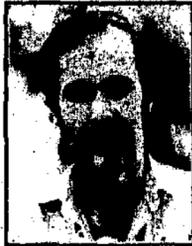
Between Olinger, Bell and Garrett, it was Pat alone who was intimately familiar with Billy's winning ways and the uses to which they could be put.

Before leaving town, Garrett repeatedly admonished both deputies not to be taken in by Billy's easy charm. As might be expected, that was not a problem for Olinger, who hated the Kid. Bell, on the other hand, did not know the Kid and found him to be friendly, cheerful and easy-going. As everyone else in Lincoln already knew, it was easy to be relaxed with Billy.

It is interesting to note that down the hall, on the other side of the stairs from the room in which Billy was being held, was the armory. Pat Garrett would later testify that the armory door had a "bum lock."

Pat didn't seem embarrassed by this, but perhaps he should have been. He had incarcerated the most dangerous man in New Mexico a few feet from a room full of guns that had a door on it that he was unable to lock.

About noon on Thursday, April 28, 1881, Olinger informed Bell that he was taking the jail's other prisoners



## Past tense

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across the street to the Wortley Hotel for lunch. Billy had no such privileges. He took all of his meals in the jail. The only time that he was allowed to leave was to go out back to the privy.

What happened next has been a sore point among historians for more than a century. There is, of course, no doubt that the Kid got hold of a gun. The question is, how did he do it?

This is one version of what may have happened.

There was a gun left for Billy in the privy. It is a good bet that it was put there by Sam Corbet, the man who was employed by John Tunstall to run the Tunstall Store in Lincoln.

When Bell and the Kid came out of the building into the backyard of the courthouse, the only man present was old Godfrey Gauss, who, perhaps not coincidentally, was also a former employee of the late John Tunstall.

The Kid went into the privy for a few minutes and then he and Bell walked back into the courthouse.

Much has been made of Gauss' later testimony that he heard a struggle on the stairs and that Bell had been beaten about the head and shoulders.

But what if there was no struggle at all? What if Gauss lied to throw any suspicion off of Corbet? What if Gauss had simply made that story up so people would think that Billy had overpowered Bell and taken the deputy's gun?

As for Bell's head and shoulder injuries, they could have been received tumbling down the stairs after he had been shot.



Billy the Kid

One thing historians agree about: the Kid shot Bell. The deputy was shot in the back as he fled down the stairs in an attempt to get away from the Kid.

He didn't get far. He staggered out back a few feet and fell dead at Gauss' feet.

Olinger, across the street having lunch with his charges, heard the shot and came running. When Gauss saw him approaching, he (Gauss) cried out, "The Kid has killed Bell!"

But by this time, Billy had hobbled (he was wearing leg irons) into the armory and secured the perfect weapon for the job he was about to do: Olinger's shotgun.

When "Pecos Bob" reached a point just below one of the upstairs windows he heard a voice from above that was chillingly familiar: "Hello Bob. Look up here and see what you get." When Olinger looked up, he was staring into the twin muzzles of his own shotgun not more than six feet away. It was only a moment after Gauss had called out to him, and Olinger replied, "Yes. And he has killed me, too."

They were his last words. The Kid cut loose with the shotgun, and Olinger took the full blast in his head and upper torso. Pat Garrett later commented that Olinger was hit by about a quarter pound of lead. He was dead before he hit the ground.

Dropping Olinger's shotgun, Billy ran back to the armory and armed himself with two revolvers and a Winchester. Running out to the courthouse's upstairs front porch, he announced to the crowd that was now beginning to grow outside that he was master — not only of the courthouse, but also of the town. No one chose to argue with him.

When he came downstairs, he mentioned to Gauss that he was "sorry I had to kill him (Bell), but couldn't help it." He was less sentimental toward Olinger. Tipping "Pecos Bob's" corpse with his boot he said (undoubtedly with a grin), "You are not going to round me up again."

Instructing Gauss to go and get him a horse, Billy chatted easily with the townspeople, most of whom were his friends and held a good deal of sympathy for him.

One of the other (now unguarded) prisoners, a man named Alexander Nunnally, complained to Billy that it was his (Nunnally's) rifle that Billy had taken from the armory. The ever-obliging Billy went and exchanged it for another one, at which point one of the other prisoners pointed out that the Kid now had his weapon. Displaying almost unbelievable patience, the Kid went and exchanged it for a third rifle. No one laid claim to this one.

About that time, Gauss showed up with a horse belonging to a local man named Billy Burt. When the Kid mounted, the horse, sensing that this was not his owner, promptly gave the Kid a flying lesson.

Shaking his head and laughing, Billy remounted. This time he stayed aboard. He told Burt that he would return the horse as soon as he could.

It tells us something when we consider that, throughout all of this, not one person lifted a finger to try and stop the Kid, despite the fact that Billy lingered in the town for about an hour after killing his two guards. It is quite a testimonial to Billy's popularity in Lincoln.

After leaving town, Billy would ride west to the home of one of his closest friends, Yginio Salazar. When Yginio supplied him with another horse, Billy did, in fact, send Billy Burt's horse back to him, just as he had said he would.

After shaking hands with his many friends in the crowd, Billy rode out of Lincoln.

And so, on Thursday, April 28, 1881, a little after noon, the legend of Billy the Kid was born. By the time of his death less than three months later, Billy the Kid was well on his way to becoming the mightiest legend the world has ever known.

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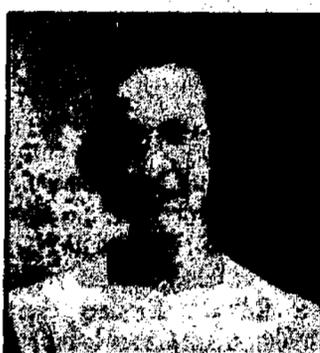
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**NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD**

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## AFTERCARE CHEMICAL DEPENDENT GROUP

4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Counseling Center, 1707 Sudderth Dr. This group is designed to assist people who have completed in or out-patient treatment and have a desire to continue healthy recovery. This group is free. Call 257-5038 for details.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets at the Lincoln Tower, Lower Level, rear entrance.  
Mondays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Step Study.  
Tuesdays - 8 p.m. closed AA and Alanon. Noon meeting.  
Wednesdays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Alanon Study.  
Thursdays - Noon open women's meeting and 8 p.m. Open meeting.  
Fridays - Noon AA meeting and 8 p.m. Book Study.  
Saturdays - 8 p.m. AA open. Noon meeting.  
Sundays - 8 p.m. open ladies' and men's stag meeting. Noon meeting.  
Birthdays, last Saturday.  
Phone number 258-3643

## ALL AMERICAN DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 1 p.m. Saturdays. Open game. Novice players welcome. For information, call Joe Ranne at 257-9228.

## ALTO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meets at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

## ALTRUSA CLUB

Meets at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesalero Trail. 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch. President Karen Morris.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

AARP meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at 10 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. President, Bart Young.

## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Memorial Chairman Sandy Thomas, P.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Telephone: 257-4041.

## AMERICAN LEGION ROBERT J. HAGEE, POST 79

Meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

## AMERICAN SEWING GUILD OF NEW MEXICO

Neighborhood group meeting. Call Jennie Powell at 258-3896.

## B.P.O.E. No. 2086

Elk's meets in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70. 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month.

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## BETA SIGMA PHI

Four chapters meet in members' homes. 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of every month. For more information call 257-5368.

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 59 meets at 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Scoutmaster Steve Norbury. 258-3417. Cub Scouts: Ruidoso pack meeting at 2 p.m. the third Sunday of every month.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF LINCOLN COUNTY INC.

Volunteers serving the less fortunate in the area. 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at 120 Junction Road (Church of Christ building). President Rick Osborne. 257-7162.

## CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Meets at Texas-New Mexico Power Company. Step study meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

## COUNSELING CENTER

Stress management group every Monday at 4 p.m. at The Counseling Center, 1707 Sudderth Drive. Call 257-5038 for more information.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Meets in members' homes at noon the second Thursday of every month. For more information call 258-4006.

## DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS COE-CURRY CHAPTER 23

DAV meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

## FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

24-hour crisis line answered by the Ruidoso Police Department. Call 257-7365 and ask for the Family Crisis Center volunteer. Board meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday at Dr. Arlene Brown's office. Free women's support group at noon Mondays at Dr. Birgit LaMothe's office in Compound 1402 at 1401 Sudderth Drive.

## FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. for a business meeting and program. For more information call Caren Bremer at 257-6788.

## FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #26

Meets at K-Bob's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Meets at the Ruidoso Public Library at 4 p.m. the first Monday of every month.

## GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at noon the first and third Wednesdays of every month for covered dish lunch and games.

## HIV + SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Monday of every month. Loving Others Support Group for friends and family of HIV+ meets the third Tuesday of every month. For more information call 257-2236 or 1-800-573-AIDS.

## HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets at 5:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road.

## KIWANIS CLUB

Meets at K-Bob's in the American Room at noon on Tuesdays. Visiting Kiwanis members welcome.

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Six-week session every eight weeks meets at the Lincoln County Medical Center with meetings at 7 p.m. Mondays. Instructors are Jacque Haddix, RN, and Jan Davey, RN. Call 257-7381 for information or to register for classes.

## LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB

The Lincoln County Bird Club meets once a month. For more information call Anita Powell at 257-5352.

## LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Meets once a month. Call Cece Griffin, chairperson at 257-7558 for date and place.

## LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD BANK

In St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. Food bank hours are noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call 257-5823.

## LINCOLN COUNTY HOMEBUILDERS

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant the first Tuesday of each month. Board of Directors meeting at 6 p.m. and general meeting at 7 p.m. President Jerry Bertramson.

## LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets in the hospital conference room at 9:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month.

## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

Meets at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan at 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month. President Roland Caster, 257-6767.

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL EVENING LIONS CLUB

Meets in the Lions Hut on Skyland behind Mountain Laundry on Tuesdays for supper.

## MASONIC LODGE #73

Meets in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., for dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday (second Monday if first is a holiday) of every month. W.M. - Tim Rich, 257-6758; secretary, Leo Mitchell, 258-4182. All visiting Brethren welcome. Coffee for family & friends each Saturday from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Meets Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the white apartments next to the First Baptist Church on Mechem.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES CHAPTER 1379

Meets at K-Bob's Restaurant at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month. For more information call 258-5464; 258-4980 or 258-4023.

## OPTIMIST CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club from noon to 1 p.m. For information call Bennett Hatch, 258-5717 or Jim Wood at 258-9218.

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR RUIDOSO CHAPTER #65

Meets in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month. Visiting members welcome.

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Advanced Hair Designs, 1101 Mechem, at 6 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information call 258-3313.

## PINE TOP ROD AND CUSTOM CAR CLUB

Meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Texas-New Mexico Power Building.

## QUILTING GROUP

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information call Judy at 336-8064 or Diana at 257-2446.

## REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information call Bob Nys at 258-4372 or Pat Hume at 354-2382.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL RUIDOSO-HONDO VALLEY CLUB

Meets at the Swiss Chalet Inn at noon on Tuesdays.

## RUIDOSO CARE CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets in the Ruidoso Care Center dining room at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday for free lunch with 24-hour advance reservations. 1:15 program for residents and guests. Everyone welcome.

## RUIDOSO CHESS CLUB

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## RUIDOSO DOWNS LADIES AUXILIARY

Meets in the Downs Senior Citizens building at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month.

## RUIDOSO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at 7 p.m. Thursdays. For more information call 258-4332.

## RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB

Meets in the Woman's Club Building, 111 Evergreen Road, each Monday at noon, covered dish luncheon followed by games and at 1:30 p.m. second Wednesday (September through May) for program, tea & business. For more information call 257-2309.

## RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB

Meets in various locations at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month. For information call 258-5509 or 25-2877.

## RUIDOSO GUN CLUB

Meets at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Mount, Mesalero Trail, Ruidoso.

## RUIDOSO GRASSROOTS AA GROUP

Meets at the Gateway Church of Christ, east entrance. Tuesdays - 7 p.m. open meeting Thursdays - 7 p.m. open meeting Saturdays - 7 p.m. open meeting Phone number 257-4074 or 354-3345.

## RUIDOSO PIECEMAKERS

### QUILTING GROUP

Meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the First Baptist Church Hall. For more information call Diana at 257-2446 or Judy at 336-8064.

## RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Meets at noon the second Wednesday of every month at the library.

## RUIDOSO SHRINE CLUB

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information call 258-3348, 336-4175 or 336-4125.

## RUIDOSO VALLEY NOON LIONS

Meets at Cree Meadows Country Club for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

## SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL

Meets at K-Bob's at noon, the first Monday of each month.

## SIERRA BLANCA

### AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meets at the Deck House at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information call Dusty Rhodes at 257-2135.

## SIERRA BLANCA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library for weekly open and novice games. 1 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information call 257-9228.

## SIERRA BLANCA SWINGERS

Meets at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing at 8 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. For more information call 257-2135 or 257-2883.

## TENS

A weight-loss group. Meets at K-Bob's at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

## THURSDAY BRIDGE

11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows. For more information call 258-3631.

## UNITED WE STAND

For information and meeting time, call Roy Proppner at 257-6600.

## VFW Post 7072

Jerome Don Klein Post 7072 at 7 p.m. the second Monday at American Legion Hall at Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

Don Klein VFW Women's Auxiliary Unit 7072 meets at 6 p.m. the second Friday of every month at American Legion Hall, US 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

## WHITE MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE

7 p.m. the third Monday at the public meeting room at Ruidoso High School foyer. Betty Beachum, President; John Lieflick, Secretary. For more information call 258-5441 or 336-9669.

## YOUR HELPING HANDS

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month. The organization raises money for equipment and supplies for White Mountain Search and Rescue. For more information call Susan at 257-9704, Sherry at 257-4787 or Katie at 257-2295.

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The enticing aroma of classic French cuisine and a cozy, elegant atmosphere greet patrons of La Lorraine Restaurant.

While La Lorraine head chef Rick Vashina relishes in preparing gourmet dishes, sauces and desserts, owner/operator Kathy Garber attends to serving the customers. Her husband, Tom, hones the wine list with more than 30 labels.

Their efforts along with the interior decoration of the restaurant — its lead glass, rose-colored draperies and paintings — transport patrons to the French province for which La Lorraine was named.

Items on the lunch menu range from exquisite salads (warm poached salmon salad) to hearty entrees (ribeye) to a lighter fare (grilled fresh salmon or crispy spring rolls filled with crab, shrimp and sausage). The restaurant also offers a fresh pasta daily.

For dinner, many patrons select the restaurant's signature dish, pepper steak, but they can also

choose from beef, lamb, pork, chicken and salmon dishes.

Customers then usually top off their meal with the popular dessert, crème brulee.

Vashina, an 18-year veteran of the culinary profession, found his niche at La Lorraine where he can keep the classic dishes alive.

"My goal is to carry on the classic, the tried and true dishes, because a lot of cooks these days stray off that path," says Vashina, who earned his associate's in culinary arts from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I.

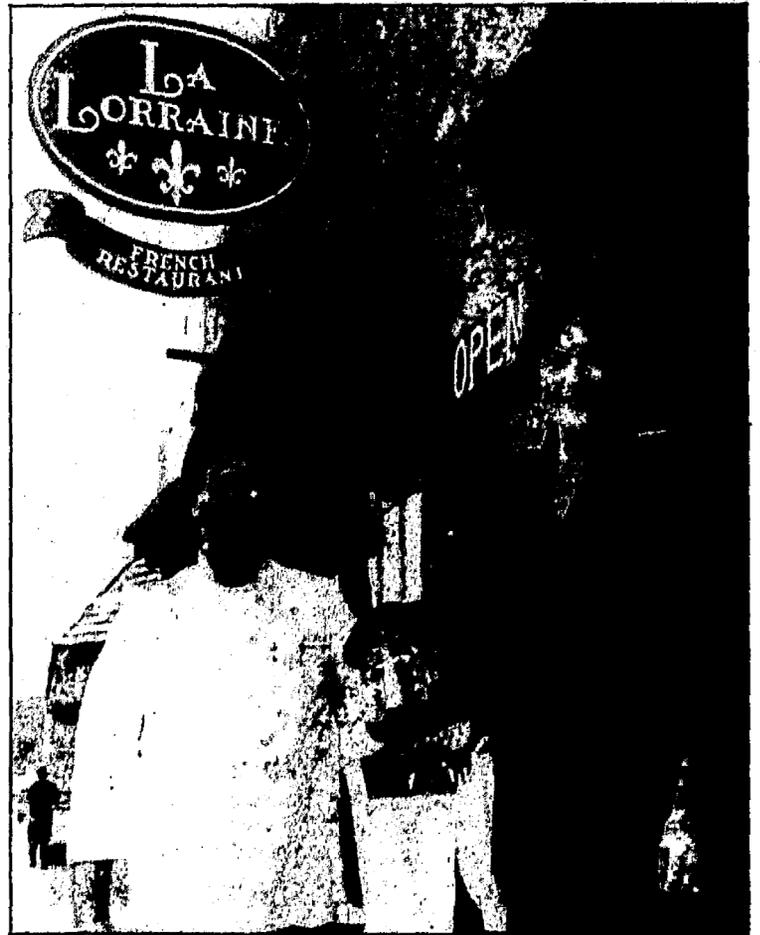
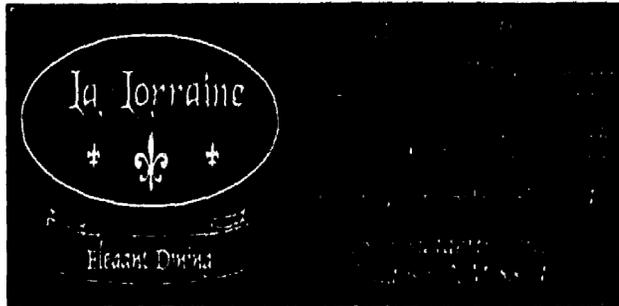
"I've always been into classical

French dishes because, even with the basics, you can be creative," Vashina says.

"The ambiance, the great food and the great service — that's the one thing that I'm really a fanatic about — service," Kathy says.

Lunch is served 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Patrons can enjoy dinner from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Reservations are recommended.

Bon appetit!



Head chef Rick Vashina and owner/operator Kathy Garber outside Ruidoso's only French restaurant, La Lorraine.

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