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**ON THE SIDE**

**Variety of bands perform at free 50th celebration**

Three bands will be performing under a huge outdoor tent Saturday for the 50th anniversary celebration for the village government, racetrack and newspaper.

Turner and Silverman lead off the day with a variety of upbeat rock music. They will be followed by Quatros Suenos with a little salsa from the Hondo Valley. The Lincoln County Blues Regulators wrap up the evening.

The event runs from noon until dark at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. Beer, free pop and free hot dogs will also be available. A variety of exhibitors will set up inside the Civic Events Center.

A short break in the music will occur about 5:30 p.m. to honor people instrumental in the founding of the village, and to ask everyone with memories of Ruidoso from a half-century ago to share a short story.

**BLM hearing focuses on grazing**

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Glencoe Rural Events Center on U.S. 70.

The agency at a later time may propose more guidelines for other uses of BLM-managed lands such as outdoor recreation, wildlife, mining, oil and gas production, off-highway vehicles, and wood and nut gathering.

While Bureau of Land Management land is open to multiple uses, a public hearing Monday will focus on grazing.

Some of the considerations in judging rangeland health and future actions include:

- when grazing practices aren't likely to restore uplands areas at risk, a plan for a specific area may be created.

- grazing practices should encourage recovery of threatened or endangered species and their habitats, encourage restoration of plant diversity and include periodic rest for plants to encourage growth and reproduction.

- corrals, wells, pipelines, fences or practices such as salting and supplement feeding should be outside riparian wetlands areas wherever possible. Grazing practices should be designed to restore vegetative cover and enhance water quality.



Photos by Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News



**Biblical life revisited**

A tent community representing the 12 tribes of Israel appeared on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount this week as the staging ground for a summer Bible camp. A joint effort of Holy Mount with Community United Methodist Church, First Christian Church and First Presbyterian Church, the camp showed children what life was like in biblical times. They created mud bricks, ground spice, and made bread, sandals and pottery. In the photo above, Lori Genta puts the Benjamin tribal name on the headband of Elysia Miner while Stephen Nichols and Jamie Corse wait their turns. Wesley Adaza (photo at left) sands a wooden mallet.

**Tribe gets Ruidoso land**

**Village protest would be a first**

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso got a little smaller Wednesday.

Bureau of Indian Affairs officials said they intend to add the Mescalero Inn to the Mescalero Apache Tribe's land trust in 30 days if affected governments don't appeal the decision.

BIA Albuquerque Area Director Robert Baracker approved the March application from the tribe to annex 7.5 acres of land in Ruidoso.

"The area director felt the tribe sufficiently responded to each of the concerns and believed the acquisition to be in the best interest of the tribe, thereby promoting tribal self-determination and economic development," Baracker's office said in a press release.

Placing the land in trust status severs it from Ruidoso's taxing authority. A separate action to proclaim the land part of the reservation and give the tribe total jurisdiction would involve another notification period, BIA Realty Specialist Lee Maytubby said. A BIA attorney, Ethel Abeita, referred a question on the difference in jurisdiction to the tribe's attorney.

Ruidoso officials are considering trying to overturn the approval by seeking judicial review. If the village takes this action, it may be the first time in the nation.

Ruidoso annexed the land from the county in 1993 and linked it to village water and sewer lines.

The Ruidoso Village Council opposed the tribe's acquisition with a 15-page legal and jurisdictional argument filed with the BIA.

Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw and Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell said they were not surprised by the BIA approval.

"We felt all along they'd get the ruling," Shaw said. "When it comes to the federal government, it usually goes along with tribal concerns — in my opinion."

The BIA won't respond to the village's list of concerns.

"We're just required to request comments with the initial notification," BIA Realty Specialist Lee Maytubby said. "There's nothing that requires us to respond to the comments when they come back in."

Ruidoso officials will make a third request to meet with tribal President Wendell Chino, Village Manager Gary Jackson said.

If Ruidoso's issues cannot be resolved, then councilors will meet to consider seeking judicial review, Jackson said. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 2.

If Ruidoso councilors seek judicial review, it will likely be the first municipality to do so, Maytubby said.

Village of Ruidoso Attorney John Underwood agreed.

"Basically, we'd be the first test case since the South Dakota (court of appeals) decision," he said. "So this is of major importance to the state, this district and the federal government."

Lincoln County Commissioners

also opposed the annexation, 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.

Commissioners will probably discuss the parity issue and a potential protest at their July 2 meeting, Howell said.

"I have yet to see how they'll compensate the county of Lincoln for the loss of revenue and taxes," he said.

**Inside: Ruidoso still wants Inn liquor sales stopped**

No one should take offense to Mescalero Apache President Wendell Chino's efforts to provide for his people, but "they should take offense to the inability of our elected leaders to represent us," Howell said.

The approval comes without conditions restricting use of the property, Maytubby said.

Baracker's notice says the tribe "will continue to utilize the land and associated facilities for commercial uses including lodging, meeting and restaurant purposes.

No gaming activities are planned on the property."

The Carrizo Canyon land contains a building on the National Register of Historic Places. Formerly called Carrizo Lodge, it was renamed the Mescalero Inn in November after the property was given to the tribe by Gaim-Ko, Inc., which supplies slot machines for the tribe's Inn of the Mountain Gods.

A sports bar and nightclub are also located at the site.

Prior to February, the BIA's decision would have been final. But rules were amended for tribal land acquisitions following a U.S. Court of Appeals decision that Congress unconstitutionally delegated its authority for such approvals to the Interior Department.

Ruidoso's decision on whether to seek judicial review will be affected by whether village officials can resolve some issues regarding the property. They have 30 days to request the court action.

Top on the list of concerns is village water and sewer lines hooked to the property, and what the village's responsibility will be to continue these services.

"I'd love for the Inn to be subject to gross receipts taxes and lodgers taxes, but on a scale of 1 to 10, that's not as much an issue as village services and regulations," Underwood said.

The tribe already erected a new boundary sign at the Carrizo site last month, without abiding by village sign ordinances.

BIA officials can't facilitate communications between Indian nations and their neighbors, only encourage discussions, Maytubby said.

"It's part of our process to attempt to get both sides to sit down and discuss concerns," Maytubby said. "But the BIA can't mandatorily commit the tribe to any kind of meeting."

**Councilors gather Monday to consider watering cutbacks**

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
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The Ruidoso Village Council will consider reducing outdoor watering hours during a special meeting at 4 p.m. Monday.

Councilors have talked about reducing hours from 10 to three in phases three and four of the village water contingency code.

If approved, the changes would be effective July 1.

Councilors will also consider prohibiting all outdoor watering the week of July 4 when the holiday falls on a weekday.

The village is now in phase four of the code's restrictions, allowing outdoor watering from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. for odd-numbered residences the first and third Wednesday of the month, and even-numbered ad-

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dresses the second and fourth Wednesday. The change would allow watering from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In phase three, which is triggered by an increase in water supplies and availability, residents are allowed to water from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. every other Tuesday at odd-numbered addresses, and every other Thursday at even-numbered households. The proposed change would make it legal on the same days, but from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Residents used 5.9 million gallons of water during the first legal outdoor watering of the year June 5 — the main reason councilors said

at their June 11 meeting they'd like to change the hours. The water system was severely strained, causing brown water to fill the pipes at some residences. Others were left without any pressure at all, village officials said.

Average daily use this summer is 2.4 million gallons, village officials said.

Officials had asked residents to limit watering to a few hours. Many apparently took advantage of the full 10 hours.

Ten hours was previously granted so people working different schedules all had a chance to water lawns. It was not meant to encourage people to turn on faucets and leave them running all night, Village Manager Gary Jackson said.

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### River rejuvenation

Residents of Riverside R.V. Park on Gavilan Canyon Road waded into the cool water of Rio Ruidoso to clean out trash and protect the shoreline with a rim of rocks and small jetties. The women took out 20 bags of debris over a two-day period on their third attempt to keep the river clean. They hope other groups will be inspired to adopt portions of the river, such as the area around the chamber and Two Rivers Park, and routinely police them for trash. Pictured (left to right): Melissa Pelton, Naomi Cummings, Doris Pelton, Sharon Dawdy and owner Darlene Moore.

## Eve of San Juan Service celebrated for 109th annual time

The dedication of the San Juan Church plaque in Lincoln will start with a service conducted by Reverend Richard Catanach at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 23.

This will be the "Vesperio de San Juan" or Eve of San Juan service, which is a tradition that has been conducted annually since 1887 when the church was completed.

Mass will start at 6:30 p.m. The church will be decorated with asparagus ferns and paper flowers as it was in 1887. A choir of local people will sing during the dedication service.

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pleted in 1887. They gave money, labor, vigas, cattle, sheep, adobes and other material. Records show that 19,000 adobes were donated

for the church. Local workers were paid \$69 to lay the adobes, and some of the labor was probably donated.

The deed to the property, valued at \$575, was given by John B. and Benevita Wilson to J.B. Lamy, Archbishop of Santa Fe. Witnesses to the deed were Jas. J. Dolan and Jose Montano.

The Vesperio de San Juan will be followed by refreshments on the patio of the Lincoln County Heritage Trust center. Everyone is invited to attend the dedication, and the descendants are especially invited.

## Ruidoso officials still want state to stop sale of liquor by tribe at Mescalero Inn

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
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Even though the federal government has approved the Mescalero Apache Tribe's annexation of the Mescalero Inn from Ruidoso, village officials still want alcohol sales at the business to be stopped.

"The issue is not moot," village of Ruidoso Attorney John Underwood said. "It's still very much alive until 30 days after the decision is signed."

Village, county and state officials have 30 days to protest the BIA decision by requesting judicial review.

The tribe and BIA argue the tribe has had jurisdiction over the 7.5 acres of Ruidoso land since filing the application to annex it in March. Jurisdiction would exempt the Mescalero Inn from state liquor laws.

District Attorney Bert Atkins says state law is unclear whether the tribe has jurisdiction.

Ruidoso officials point to BIA and DA actions they think support the village's jurisdiction.

Two weeks ago, Ruidoso police had an arrest warrant signed by the DA's office for a 19-year-old Tularosa man accused of distributing marijuana at the Mescalero Inn.

BIA officials had been told of the sales by Inn security, Ruidoso police detective Pete Esquibel said.

"The BIA contacted us to handle it because it's in the city limits and we have jurisdiction," Esquibel said. "We have to have the DA's approval to issue a warrant. Thereby, the district attorney's office has to believe we have jurisdiction to issue an arrest warrant."

"The BIA has failed to respond, refused to respond to calls at the Mescalero Inn," Underwood said.

But the question of jurisdiction only applies to the alcohol sales because of the state statute's exemp-

tion, Atkins said.

The tribe has been selling alcohol at the Mescalero Inn since November without a state liquor license, the state Alcohol and Gaming Division said. That office contends the liquor sales should cease immediately, and the state Attorney General's office has agreed with the department's findings.

But the sales have not been stopped by either the Department of Public Safety, which is authorized to make arrests, or the District Attorney's office, which can file criminal charges.

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PETE ESQUIBEL

RUIDOSO POLICE DETECTIVE

By not stopping the illegal alcohol sales, the state has abrogated its responsibility to uphold the laws of New Mexico, Underwood said.

Atkins said it's inappropriate at this time to arrest anyone at the Inn for bootlegging until jurisdictional questions are worked out.

"If the (DPS) does make an arrest, it has to bring prosecution through my office. If it intends to charge them with a felony, it would be against my advice at this time," Atkins said.

Legislators' wording of the liquor

license exemption leaves questions because it doesn't say a tribe must hold "exclusive" jurisdiction over the land where it sells liquor, Atkins said.

Evidence of some forms of jurisdiction, primarily through property ownership and tribal police response at the Inn, was given to Atkins by the tribe's attorney Gregory Quinlan.

Underwood says jurisdiction shouldn't be an argument, Ruidoso holds jurisdiction because the land is within village boundaries.

"I'm taking as much action on this as I can," Atkins said. "The people of Ruidoso should be asking Dub Williams and other state legislators how the statute got out of the Legislature, and what their intent was in giving any tribe in the state this much leeway."

Esquibel said the DPS has been derelict in its duties by not making bootlegging arrests at the Inn. The DA comes into the picture after the fact, he said.

Atkins requested direction from Tom Udall's office late last month regarding the jurisdiction and sovereignty questions. He said he received advice last week not to file criminal charges until those questions are resolved.

That will likely be done through a judicial declaratory judgment, which the tribe's attorney suggested filing last month. Atkins informed the attorney Wednesday he'd like to join in that request.

"My concern is with the citizens' safety in the meantime," Underwood said. "The state has abrogated its responsibility to enforce the laws of New Mexico."

"There's been a dereliction of duties to enforce the law, and if we don't have the state backing us up through the DA's office, there's little or no hope of enforcing village ordinances out there, i.e. sewer and water issues."

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A very special thanks to the Disc Jockey, Larry Melton and staff, Pure Energy Production, Mobile Disc Jockey, Holloman AFB, Alamo, NM for the spectacular performance at the reception. Not only the music, but the incredible light show.

Last, but not least, Laura & Mitchell wish to thank the staff from the Enchantment Inn. For making their stay for their honeymoon a very special memory. The food and service was great.

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**County will sell Alto lots**

Thirty-three lots in Alto, acquired by Lincoln County through lien foreclosures and bankruptcy forfeitures, will be sold by the county commissioner.

The Alto Golf and Country Club Association will receive 20% of the net proceeds in exchange for releasing liens it has filed against several of the lots in an attempt to recoup unpaid annual fees.

"The amount of money the county has expended on these lots getting them clear to sell is ridiculous," County Attorney Alan Morel told commissioners recently. He had no exact figure.

Alto was willing to release the liens for compensation, and for a chance to have someone buy the lots who would begin paying the annual users fees for community facilities. Many of the lots are on extremely steep grades or have other flaws, Morel said.

"As commissioners, I guess we can't buy them," said Commissioner Bill Schweitzer.

"If you want, we will set the price for you a little bit higher," Commissioner Chairman Morroy Montes said jokingly.

No minimum bid was set, but commissioners will have the right to reject any bid.

**Rural Events Center agreement sought soon**

Two groups proposing to buy or lease the Lincoln County Rural Events Center at Glencoe will have until July 2 to reach an agreement with the county, or commissioners are going to start looking for another option.

"I've had two or three different calls attempting to purchase or lease the center," Commission Chairman Morroy Montes said at a meeting last week.

County Manager Frank Petter recommended withdrawing the county's

proposal to the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee for the building to be used as an interpretative center on the scenic route.

The other proposal is connected to the use of the center for the annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, he said.

Commissioner Wilton Howell motioned to set a July 2 deadline to consider the two existing offers. If no agreement is reached, his motion would open the center up to a new RFP process.

The center, a former horse sales barn, was purchased for \$250,000 by the state Legislature for the county to use for community events. But commissioners have been disappointed at the lack of interest in scheduling events. They had expected more state money to be available for major improvements, but that source dried up the year after the center was purchased.

**White Oaks Saloon license changes hands**

The famous and sometimes infamous White Oaks Saloon, a watering hole full of history that offers a place for isolated neighbors to get together, is changing owners.

Grady Lee Stewart received approval from the Lincoln County Commission last week for ownership of the bar's dispenser liquor license to be transferred to him from James Dale Fenrod, Sr.

The old-time saloon in the historic town of White Oaks is about eight miles northeast of the county seat of Carrizozo.

In other business last week, county commissioners:

— approved a \$27,324 bid from Sierra Blanca Motor Co. for a 1996 four-wheel-drive Dodge truck with diesel engine for the Honda Fire Department;

— appointed Corina Mayor Ernest Luera to the county planning and zoning commission;

— approved a grant for an \$87,500 grant for the county DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) program, which includes a program director and probation supervisor. The matching requirement of \$15,500 was satisfied with contributions from the community or participants.

— and approved reducing the scope of a road surfacing project from two complete roads to 1.9 miles of Old Post Station Road (County Road D-002). The section runs from the turnoff from State Road 48 at Alto to the intersection with Sierra Blanca Airport Road. Another four-tenths of a mile may be paved on a second off-shoot road, D-003, if money is available. Road department foreman Albert Hernandez estimated the cost at \$36,500, about half of the bid for the two-road project submitted by Ruidoso Paving Company. The estimate uses the same per-foot charge and is within the amount budgeted by the county for the project, which is partly financed by the state.

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

<b>SATURDAY</b> High...85 Low...50  Thunderstorms	<b>SUNDAY</b> High...82 Low...49  Thunderstorms
<b>MONDAY</b> High...77 Low...46  Thunderstorms	<b>TUESDAY</b> High...78 Low...45  Thunderstorms

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Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation	Phase of the moon
Tuesday	88	46	.00"	
Wednesday	89	49	.00"	
Thursday	91	48	.00"	

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	98	65	Thunderstorms
El Paso, TX	106	73	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	104	72	Sunny
Midland, TX	105	74	Sunny

Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cam Moore, KBIM-TV

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Far to Jupiter's upper right, shining in the south after dusk in late June, is the orange-red giant star Antares. Look for the fainter white stars of Scorpius around it. Because they are so far south, Antares and Scorpius show themselves for just a short time each year.

**RUIDOSO COUNCIL AGENDA**

Following is the agenda for the regular Ruidoso Village Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22 at village hall.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
— Transfer of ownership of dispensers liquor license for Ruidoso Bowling, located at 1200 Maclean Drive, Ruidoso.

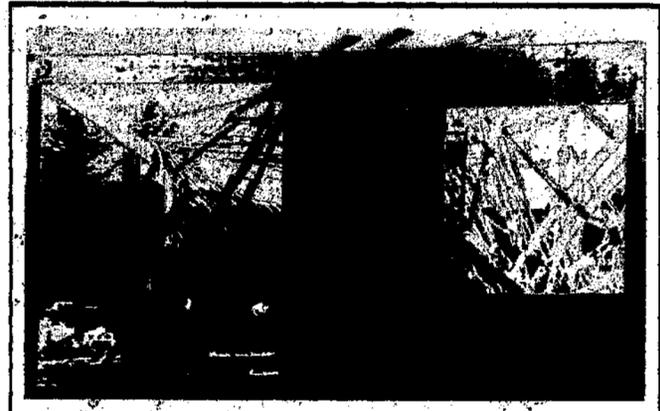
**REGULAR ITEMS**  
— Contract renewal with the Humane Society of Lincoln County.  
— Contract with James Duncan and Associates for an impact fee study.  
— Contract renewal with the Local 3545 International Association of Fire Fighters.  
— Resolution 96-08, relating to PERA contributions to fire fighters.  
— Resolution 96-11, Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District.  
— Resolution 96-12, amending the FY 95-96 budget.

— Consider bids for construction of bridge abut and approaches in the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.  
— Consideration of any action related to the collection and/or disposal of pine needles and litter in Ruidoso.  
— Consideration and possible action: temporary suspension of approvals for new subdivisions during phases 3, 4 or 5 of the water conveyance plan.

— Joint powers agreement with the New Mexico State Highway Transportation Department on scenic byway.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS/CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS**  
— Approval of village council meeting minutes.  
— Joint Powers agreement with New Mexico State University for customer intake in planning department.  
— Addendum to the joint powers agreement with the village of Ruidoso Downs on Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant.  
— Request for award — sewer repair clamps and pipe bid.

**VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS**  
**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS**  
— Water conveyance plan update.  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
— Closed session: Discussion subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation; discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of property and water rights.



Part of the new Ruidoso Post Office on U.S. Highway 70 collapsed Wednesday while under construction. Workers were inside but not injured. The collapse is under investigation by the Ruidoso Planning Department.

**About 150 attend Masonic picnic**

The Lincoln Masonic Foundation held its fifth annual meeting in Lincoln Park June 15. More than 150 Masons and guests attended the session, including Mac Page, Tom Payne, and two other past Grand Masters of New Mexico, a Grand Lodge Officer of Texas, and Omer Horn, Grand Master of New Mexico. Ruidoso Lodge was in charge of the program, with Tim Rich as emcee. The group enjoyed an hour of music by the Bent Tree Band. Les Morrow, Deputy Grand Master of New Mexico, also entertained everyone with several selections of cowboy poetry.

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## EDITORIAL

### You're all invited

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The village, newspaper and racetrack have reached a milestone of 50 years that signifies their solidity. We figure that once anyone or anything reaches a half century, they're in for the long haul.

We've learned quite a bit interviewing early village leaders for today's special section on the tri-50th. We've also had a lot of fun gathering historic photos to use, and leafing through yellowed newspapers.

If you read the special section from cover to cover, we think you'll come to the same conclusion we have: this was, and is, a fascinating place to live. And while things change, somehow they always remain the same.

That fact may be highlighted by stories oldtimers tell between 5 and 6 p.m. Saturday at the Civic Center.



**"Human rights are mutual and reciprocal, and if you take my liberty and life, you forfeit your own liberty and life."**

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**"The only way to settle questions of an ideological nature or controversial issues among the people is by the democratic method, the method of discussion, criticism, persuasion and education, and not by the method of coercion or repression."**

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### Drying up river for Grindstone isn't correct solution

TO THE EDITOR:

Would somebody please tell me how and why the decision was made to reroute the Ruidoso River away from downtown and through Grindstone Dam instead? Oh, I know there's a drought and that the simple answer is to get the water to the dam to be processed, but the simple answer is negated by the fact that there is at least an equal amount of overflow and/or leakage running off on the other side of the dam into Carrizo Creek.

Personally, I was astounded to learn that this past week that it was this decision, and not the lack of rain, that is the primary reason that our river is now bone dry and drying from the Upper Canyon to Two Rivers Park, even as it flows freely above and below.

It is ironic that we have chosen in the present and are planning in the future to opt our own town out of the river's flow, rather than to even consider collecting it at the other end of town, where we could conceivably tap a free-flowing Carrizo Creek as well.

I am concerned because this decision not only takes away one of the village's main attractions—not to mention sources of livelihood, but also because engineers tell me that it threatens the regenerative survival of the river itself, not to mention that it also innocently invites monumental ecological and health problems short-term, and threatens to erode our tax base

longer-term when a dry river starts to affect property values.

Incredulously, this does not appear to be only a short-term solution. It is my understanding that current plans in place will enable the dam to provide no less than 50% of the town's water needs, versus its current 33%. Thus, the addition of this capacity at Grindstone (as opposed to other places) virtually assures a dry river (by virtue of diversion) every time it doesn't rain in the future! Come on now, folks, let's reconsider.

The purpose of this letter is not to ruffle anyone's feathers or to drive anyone into hiding by second-guessing the past—that is already water over the dam (pun intended), but I would like to encourage those responsible for current decisions not only to pray for rain, but also to start making intelligent, prescient decisions for tomorrow without the need to first justify or defend yesterday's mistakes.

The best place to see this diversion first hand is Two Rivers Park, where the picture of the free-flowing Carrizo Creek flowing into the bone-dry Ruidoso River is worth a thousand words.

I will be the first to admit that there is a lot that I am not aware of. In that direction, I beg to be educated. In the meantime, let's keep our river flowing at all cost. If the overflow from Grindstone Dam into Carrizo Creek is primarily leakage, I suggest it's time to fix the roof before we kill a perfectly good golden goose.

Dick Wisner  
Ruidoso

### A solution for piles of pine needles, etc.

TO THE EDITOR:

White Mountain Composting and Recycling Company, a division of Ruidoso Paving Inc., has a convenient solution for the mounting bags of pine needles, yard waste, asphalt and concrete that have been piling up in the city of Ruidoso.

Tom White, the owner of Ruidoso Paving Co. Inc., has a growing interest in helping the city develop some cost-effective ways to deal with this concern.

We will start accepting pine needles, yard waste, asphalt and concrete debris on Monday, June 24.

Our hopes are to recycle this material and reuse it in an environmentally safe and earth friendly way.

We encourage the general public to participate in this new recycling program. White Mountain Composting and Recycling Co. will be providing a more convenient place to direct this material at a lower cost than the current rates being charged by landfills or incinerators.

In the past five years, the composting of leaves, grass clippings, and tree trimmings, have been at the forefront of organic recycling programs.

There have been tremendous changes mentioned trying to utilize organic by-products (yard waste), rather than dumping at landfills and burning it up at an incinerator.

This infrastructure created for yard trimmings is serving as the

most logical first step in the continuum leading toward a healthier and safer environment.

Environmental and public health issues are driving composting as an option into the mind's eye of the city, state and national interest. When combined with environmental and disposal pressures, the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

For additional information come visit us at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center Celebration this Saturday from 12 noon to 7 p.m., or call us at Ruidoso Paving Co., 267-2300.

Tom White  
Ruidoso

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## Looking forward to paper's next 50 years

### Happy 50th Birthday Dear Ruidoso News Happy Birthday to You

Fifty years! Just to think of it! That is half a century. Our country itself is only just more than 200 years old.

A lot of Ruidoso water has flowed under the bridge since Lloyd and Ida Bloodworth founded The Ruidoso News. And yet it seems like only yesterday to me, considering I arrived at Storm's Crossing 20 years before The Ruidoso News hit the streets with its first edition.

Since 1940, many willing and devoted folks have put their shoulders to the wheel so that now the paper is read not only in New Mexico but also in Texas, Arizona, and many other states including Alaska.

I have had the honor and privilege of having written a little something for the paper, including "The Silver Lining" and "The Dreamer" since its beginning.

Through The Ruidoso News, I have made many friends in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arizona, and other states.

Now we will soon be started on our second 50 years, so let us join in the celebration



**The Silver Lining**  
DANIEL AGNEW  
STICUM  
COLUMNIST

### Birthday Dear Ruidoso News

#### The Mountains Land Responds to the Rain

It was great to see the river on a slight rise for the first time in about a year. This year's snowmelt was so gradual and there was so little of it that it caused no noticeable change in the river. It's been raining under a blanket of ash, and the snowmelt has been slow — slow — slow.

Out in the mountains at the foot of the hills, the tiny pine groves are picking up the very young saplings of pines. Rain is soaking up the ground and beyond, the water is soaking up the mountains. It's a good thing that the mountains are so high and steep.

like magic. These include the medium paintbrush, wild sweet pea, evening primrose, morning primrose, purple wild hammers, and wild hollyhock.

It is fun to drive through the small puddles on the way out, and to listen to the robin singing his song of rain.

### Summer Begins

This is being sent to you in mid-afternoon of June 19, the eve of the first day of summer.

The temperature in the shade out at the gate runs up to 98 degrees at one o'clock, the hottest reading of the year. This year the rains started early and the heat came late.

We need the hot weather, for it is an important feature of Mother Nature's plan. And besides, it is such a pleasure to drink cold water, and to take a dip in a cool stream or pool.

If the sun is so hot, the water is so cold, it's a strange thing to see. The water is so cold that it's like a blanket. It's a good thing that the water is so cold, for it's a good thing that the water is so cold.

So always be careful around the water, and don't look forward to more rain.

Let us greet our many friends and give

# OFFICIAL RECORDS

The following reports were made by officers of the Ruidoso Police Department.

## THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:25 a.m. 725 Mountain Drive caller reports a subject took \$250 worth of jewelry and fled to locate subject.  
 1:01 p.m. Susan Drive caller reports a subject took a car out of the area.  
 1:02 p.m. Oak Grove Place caller reports a subject took a car out of the area.  
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## FRIDAY, MAY 31

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 2

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## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following reports were made by officers of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

4:25 p.m. A woman calls to report the death of a cat at 7 a.m. Saturday, 40 head of cattle and calves will be headed through Nogal on State Highway 37 on a cattle drive. The state police are notified.  
 4:38 p.m. A caller reports boulders on the dirt road by the state highway department yard.  
 7:54 p.m. A man reports someone charging on Gavilan Canyon Road. It violates the law against open flames.  
 8:38 p.m. A woman in Capitola complains about a large party of juveniles on Corn Dutton Road. A deputy and Captain police officer respond.

The following reports were made by officers of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

7:35 p.m. A man reports an unattended death near a mobile home on U.S. 70. The person was lying along the roadway and fence line. The person was last seen Wednesday. No sign of foul play. The body was seen for autopsy, but the cause is believed to have died from natural causes.  
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The following reports were made by officers of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

3:46 a.m. A resident of Landfill Road in Capitola reports people stealing things from his vehicles in his front yard. A Captain police officer responds and says nothing is missing, but someone has got into the car and opened the gas tank.  
 5 a.m. An accident with injuries is reported at mile marker 138 on U.S. 54. A semi-truck hit a car. The state police are notified and an ambulance responds. A wrecker picks up the car that is disabled in the middle of the road on a hill. Traffic control is needed.  
 11:46 a.m. An accident without injuries is reported on U.S. 34 at mile marker 168.  
 6:22 p.m. A woman calls to report a battery against another woman in Sierra Vista Estates near Sun Valley. She goes to the emergency room of the hospital in Ruidoso and asks for an officer to take a report.

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# CAPITAN

## Angie Odom named County Fair Queen

Lincoln County royalty will be crowned during the night performance of the Smokey Bear Stampede July 4th.

In a competition staged June 9, Angie Odom was selected as 1996 County Fair Queen at the county fairgrounds in Capitan. The 17-year-old will represent the county at the New Mexico State Fair queen competition in October at Albuquerque.

The selection is based on horsemanship and personality.

Casey Cunningham from Capitan will be the alternate in the event Odom cannot complete the

year or appear at the state fair.

Odom is the daughter of Rene S. Odom and graduated from Carrizozo High School this year.

She has accepted a scholarship to attend New Mexico State University in the fall and will major in Agricultural Business.

"In 1995, I qualified two horses for American Quarter Horse Association's Youth World Show in three events, barrels, poles and stake race," Odom said.

Her current queen title is her third.

In June 1995, she was selected as Lincoln County 4-H Rodeo

Queen, and two months later she was named Lincoln County Rodeo Club Queen.

She was elected to the New Mexico Junior Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors. In May, she won first high individual at three of the five contests judged in Socorro, Los Lunas, and FFA District 2. She also was the 1995-96 FFA chapter secretary in Carrizozo.

Casey Cunningham, nicknamed Munchkin, is 17 and was a senior this year. She is the daughter of Jean and David Cunningham. She

plans to pursue a degree in chemical engineering, possibly at Louisiana State University.

She's a member of the county 4-H club and council, Capitan Lifeguards, Capitan FFA, and she participates in athletics.

She competes in rodeo barrels, poles, flags and goat tying. She has been active in the 4-H Rodeo for the past three years. She also competes in public speaking at a state level.

The public is welcome to enjoy the stampede at the fairground and the main street parade July 4th. Rodeos, dances and good food also are set for July 5-7.

## Hopefuls attend queen clinic

To encourage girls to compete for Lincoln County Fair Queen and other rodeo-related titles, a Queen's Clinic was conducted last month by the Lincoln County Rodeo Club.

Nineteen young women listened to the advice of Connie Coffey English, formerly Miss Rodeo New Mexico, Valencia County.

The two-day clinic focused on preparing for such competition. Since English was nine, she has won a title every year. She's attended modeling school and is a radio announcer with KRST.

She covered speech, modeling and personality the first day, and horsemanship the second day.

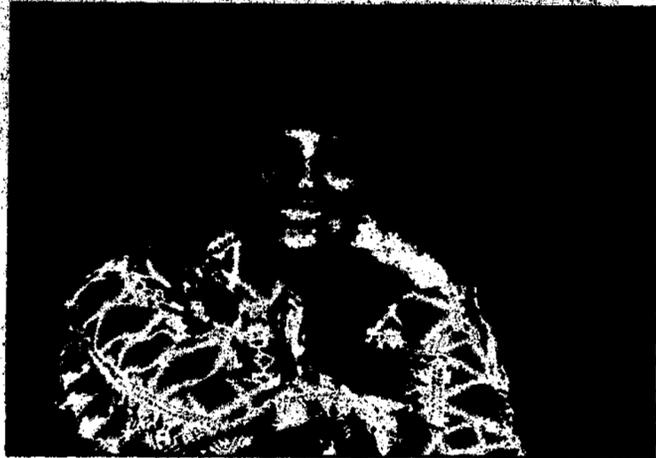
Participating were Misty Williams, Stacey Thorne and Andrienna Flores of Capitan; Angie Odom, Krystal Winfield and Tawnie Lindsey of Carrizozo; Chelsea Finney of Ruidoso; Tami Burks from Tularosa; Shawna McCathy from Roswell; Julie Bostick, Tenisha Berry, Melissa Grandi and Julie Brown of Carlsbad; and Angela Usherwood and Tristy Moore of Artesia.



Participants in a Queen Clinic in Capitan take a break. The clinic focuses on hints for young women competing in rodeo and fair queen contests involving horsemanship and personality.



County Fair Queen Angie Odom



Queen alternate Casey Cunningham

## Zia says attorney conflict doesn't exist in CCNG case

Zia Natural Gas officials say staff attorney Mercedes Fernandez-Wells did not use insider information gained from her time with the state Public Utility Commission to harm Carrizozo-Capitan Natural Gas.

A conflict-of-interest complaint against Fernandez-Wells was filed by Carrizozo-Capitan (CCNG) earlier this month with the commission (PUC), asking that attempts by Zia to gain more service territory around Capitan be put on hold for one year.

In a motion to dismiss that complaint filed June 17, Zia attorney Jeffrey A. Dahl states Fernandez-Wells did not have access to confidential information concerning Zia's pending case while she was employed by the PUC.

The motion also states Fernandez-Wells has not represented Zia at the commission nor appeared before the PUC on behalf of Zia or its parent company, "therefore there is no conflict of interest."

**The complaint is another attempt by CCNG to raise irrelevant issues to avoid a hearing on the merits of its territorial case.**

ZIA OFFICIALS

No precedent exists for CCNG's attorney J. Robert Beauvais to request that Zia's pending cases be dismissed and that Zia be prohibited from refiling the cases for one year, Dahl wrote.

He also noted that Beauvais' complaint appears to be directed at Fernandez-Wells personally and therefore, CCNG has no claim for relief against Zia. The PUC does not have jurisdiction to order civil or criminal remedies against

Fernandez-Wells, he added.

Beauvais failed to cite examples of the confidential information and how it was used to the detriment of CCNG, Dahl wrote.

The complaint is another attempt by CCNG to raise irrelevant issues to avoid a hearing on the merits of its territorial case, Zia officials said.

Beauvais said Thursday a state conflict of interest law and PUC ethics regulations make the issue

relevant, and CCNG stands by its complaint.

The Ethics in Government Act and PUC's rules prohibit former (PUC) employees from representing private parties in matters that come before the PUC within one year after they leave the commission, Beauvais said.

Fernandez-Wells "has compromised the integrity of the hearing process," Beauvais said, because she at one time was staff attorney on a case involving Zia and now is counseling that company on the case before the PUC.

"I asked for the cases to be stayed for the one-year period because that's the period she should not have represented the company in issues before the commission," Beauvais said.

"Whether she's there physically or not isn't the issue," he added. "She compromises the integrity of the process. She should not be an advocate for one of the private parties."

## Smokey Bear Run set for July 4

The 16th Annual Smokey Bear Run is set for 8 a.m. Thursday, July 4 at Capitan.

Registration will be from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

The race will take off from the Ruidoso State Bank parking lot in Capitan. Runners will head north on State Road 246 and return to the original starting line.

The competition age groups are 10 and under, 11-18, 19-29, 30-39,

40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older.

Two races are scheduled, a 6.2-mile course and a two-mile fun run. Participants may register on the day of the race or call Howard or Mary Shanks for a registration form. The entry fee is \$10.

Checks should be mailed to Friends of Smokey, Howard and Mary Shanks, P.O. Box 711, Capitan, N.M. 88316, or call (505) 354-2699.

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**Danny Blake**

Prayer services for Danny Hubert Blake, 56, of Mesalero was at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at St. Joseph's Mission in Mesalero. The funeral mass will be held at the mission at 10 a.m. Friday, June 21. Officiating will be the Rev. Thomas Herbst. Burial will follow at Mesalero Cemetery.

Mr. Blake died Tuesday, June 18, at Mesalero. He was born June 25, 1939 at Mesalero to Mabel and Sherman Blake. He had lived there all of his life and was a member of the Catholic Church.

He married Lydia Shanta on Nov. 9, 1979 at Alamogordo.

He is survived by wife Lydia of Mesalero; two sons, Emerson

Shanta and Dylan Blake, both of Mesalero; two daughters, Darnelyn Blake and Regena Blake, both of Mesalero; his mother, Mabel Blake of Mesalero; two brothers, Sherman Blake Jr. and Pascal Blake, both of Mesalero; and three sisters, Olinda Blake, Bernalesa Blake and Kathleen Murphy, all of Mesalero.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Myron Blake Sr. and Michael Blake.

**Mildreth Pope**

A graveside service for Mildreth B. Pope, 90, of Ruidoso will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23 at the Angus Cemetery in Angus. Officiating will be the Rev. David Jordan of First

Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs.

Mrs. Pope died Wednesday, June 19 at the Ruidoso Care Center. She was born Jan. 14, 1906 at Mt. Pleasant, Mich. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs. She had lived in the Ruidoso area for 40 years, moving here from Carrizozo. She was a homemaker.

She married Herald D. Pope on Oct. 4, 1926 at Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and he preceded her in death on March 17, 1990.

She is survived by four sons, Dick Pope of Kingland, Texas, Bob Pope of Captain, Ross Pope of Schoolhouse, Fern and Roger Pope of Santa Fe; 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RESULTS**

Following is the action taken by the Ruidoso Village Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 17 at city hall.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
Commissioner approved an amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow a mobile home to be used as a second residence in the Ruidoso Village Subdivision. 10-03-1, rezoning, subdivision of 100-1 and revision of map.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
Commissioner approved a rezoning of

PCU96-018 for Lot 25, block 2, White Mountain Estates, Unit 25, Subdivision. Planned Single application.

Commissioner approved a variance on PCU96-018 for lot 15, block 25, Ponderosa Estates Subdivision upon condition that the property be located 10 feet from northwest lot line and be graded six feet setback for front setback from Redwood Drive. Kevin M. Watkins, applicant.

PCU96-019 variance on lot 10A, block 15, Palmer Gateway Subdivision disapproved to

all landscape, parking and drainage plans are submitted. Brian Tomasing, applicant.

PCU96-022 Conditional use for lot 10A, block 15, Palmer Gateway Subdivision, disapproved until landscape, parking and drainage plans are submitted. Brian Tomasing, applicant.

PCU96-027 Commercial Site Development for Lot 10A, block 15, Palmer Gateway Subdivision disapproved until landscape, parking and drainage plans are submitted. Brian Tomasing, applicant.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS



Jim Russell

### Former oil man joins Better Homes

Jim Russell has joined Ruidoso Properties Inc., a Better Homes and Gardens affiliate, as a Realtor associate.

He relocated to Capitan three years ago from the Midland/Odessa area, where he had a long career in the oil field service industry, serving in engineering and sales management positions.

Russell uses his analytical and sales skills to meet customer needs in buying and selling homes, land, or vacation retreats in Capitan, Hondo, Lincoln, Nogal, Ruidoso, and other areas of Lincoln County.

Ruidoso Properties is located at 1309 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso. Russell can be reached at 257-4075 or 800-667-2596.

### Rain improves some livestock, but not enough

Last week's rain was a slight relief to livestock in the state, reports the N.M. Agricultural Statistics Service.

The Ag Service measured a very slight improvement, with 10% of the cattle and 18% of the sheep moving from the poor category to fair, and even a few sliding into the good range.

Slow weight gains are being reported, even with the heavy supplemental feeding. Ranchers continued to report dry stock tanks, dropping water levels and dry wells. Range and pasture feed conditions were 48% very poor, 41% poor, 10% fair, and 1% good.

### Record number of tourists expected in state this season

The New Mexico Department of Tourism (DOT) processed a record 86,496 requests for information in May, announced DOT Secretary John A. Garcia. Last month's volume eclipses the former record of 71,043 requests in April.

Garcia credits the DOT spring advertising campaigns for the increase. DOT promoted New Mexico in direct-response publications like USA Weekend and Modern-Maturity, plus travel publications like National Geographic Traveler.

"This may be telling us that we're going to have a much better warm weather travel season this year," Garcia said. "To put DOT's performance into perspective, we've processed nearly 160,000 requests in just the last two months, and during the first five months of

1995, we've surpassed our 1991 calendar year volume. That's impressive."

DOT processed a record 422,048 requests in 1995, a 12% increase over 1994.



Larry Stratton, LMT

### Massage therapist joins Magic Touch

Karen Laine, owner of Magic Touch Spa Salon, is pleased to announce the association of Larry Stratton, licensed massage therapist. Stratton is a graduate of the Mesilla Valley School of Therapeutic Arts and is a nationally-certified massage therapist.

His specialties include Swedish massage and reflexology for relaxation and wellness, deep tissue therapy for pain and injuries, sports massage for more active lifestyles, and lymphatic drainage massage for detoxification and increased immunity.

Stratton is also available for out-calls for those who wish to have their massage treatments in the comfort of their own homes. He is available by appointment Monday-Saturday at Magic Touch Spa Salon, 257-7777.

### Composting yard waste is made easy

White Mountain Composting and Recycling Company, a division of Ruidoso Paving Inc., has a convenient solution for the mounting bags of pine needles, yard waste, asphalt and concrete that have been piling up in Ruidoso.

Tom White, owner of Ruidoso Paving, has a growing interest in helping the village develop some cost effective ways to deal with this concern.

"We will start accepting pine needles, yard waste, asphalt, and concrete debris on Monday, June 24," White announced. "Our hopes are to recycle this material and reuse it in an environmentally safe and earth-friendly way."

White encourages the general public to participate in this new recycling program. He says White Mountain Composting and Recycling will provide a more convenient place to direct this material at a lower cost than the current rates charged by landfills and incinerators.

In the past five years, the composting of leaves, grass clippings, and tree trimmings has been at the forefront of organic recycling programs. For more information, visit White's booth at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center during the 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration 12-7 p.m. this Saturday. Or call Ruidoso Paving at 247-2300.

## Getting physical treats what ails you

by TODD SCHREIBER  
Ruidoso News Intern

Everything from minor muscle pain treatment to stroke rehabilitation can be found through therapeutic services offered at Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic.

Located in Lincoln Tower on Mechem Drive, the clinic provides modern exercise equipment to help patients recover from ailments such as muscle spasms, edema, decreased joint mobility, sports injuries and back pain.

**"The equipment helps decrease pain, increase flexibility, helps with cardiovascular endurance and balance."**

LYDIA RADOSEVICH  
RUIDOSO PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC  
OWNER

"The equipment helps decrease pain, increase flexibility, helps with cardiovascular endurance and balance," said Lydia Radosевич, who owns the clinic and has more than 15 years experience as a physical therapist. Radosевич is licensed through the state of New Mexico.

The equipment used at the clinic includes a treadmill, recumbent bicycle, stair stepper, free weights and a pulley system.

Another tool at the clinic is pool/aquatic therapy.

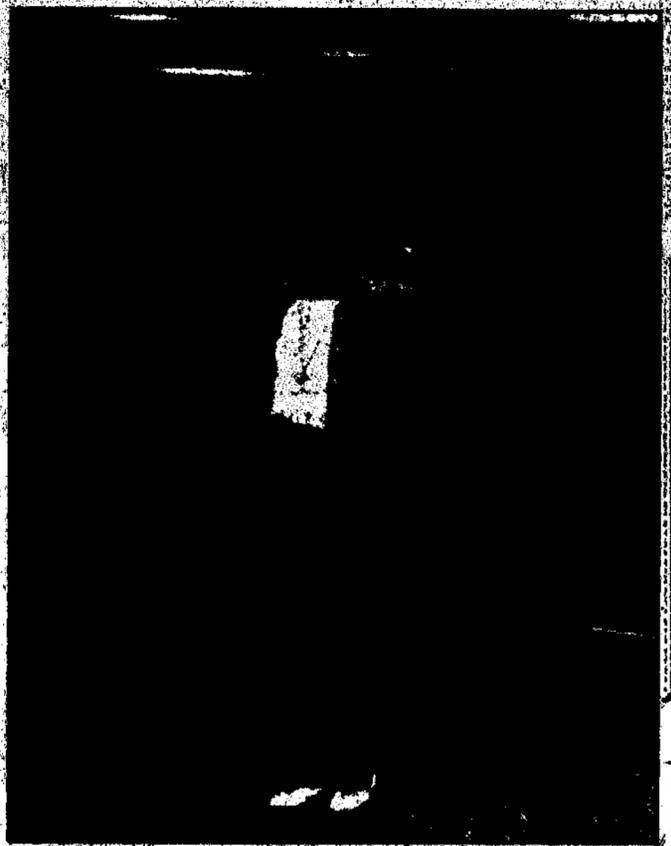
"It's good to use because the water helps take stress off the joints," said Radosевич, who uses the heated pool in The Enchantment Inn for aqua therapy.

Modalities, such as hot and cold packs, are also used at the clinic, said Radosевич, who describes herself as a "patient's advocate."

"I'm very dedicated to my patients. I do whatever's possible to help patients regain their highest level of function," Radosевич said. She bought the equipment and opened the clinic after the original one closed down in March. Radosевич said buying the equipment is the only connection she has with the original Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic.

Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic, which accepts most insurance and worker's compensation claims and is Medicare and Medicaid certified, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information and to make appointments, call 258-9259.



Lydia Radosевич uses treadmills, recumbent bicycles, stair steppers and other physical therapy tools at Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic.

## Senior citizen trades boring idle days for new mattress and bedding business

by PAMELA CROMWELL  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Some retirees just won't stay retired.

Lorraine Justice spent 40 years as a CPA in El Paso then retired in 1987, thinking she would take it easy in the Ruidoso mountains.

Her retirement lasted all of five years, a record for some senior citizens.

"I got tired of being retired," Justice said. "This is my first business venture of my life."

Justice's friend Bill Davidson talked her into opening Sierra Wholesale Mattress and Bedding. Davidson thought Justice should open her own business instead of working at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, as she'd been doing for five years.

"I've got a deal you can't pass up," Davidson told her.

The idea was to sell mattresses, specifically Corsicana Bedding, Inc. mattresses. Davidson happened to be a Corsicana sales representative.

"The more he talked, the more interested I got," Justice said. "I was a little apprehensive, but this has been just marvelous."

Opening the store Dec. 1, Justice found a healthy public response. Many new people are moving into Ruidoso, furnishing new homes. Justice also gets calls from Texas towns such as Dallas, Denton, Midland and Houston from people who own vacation homes here.

"I'm amazed at how many people need new mattresses," Justice said. "It's a pretty long-term investment.



Lorraine Justice, owner of Sierra Wholesale Mattress and Bedding, reclines beneath the hand-carved headboard made by Ato resident Manny Quintana.

You don't see them again for 20 years after they buy one."

Justice is pleased to note that she has the lowest-priced mattresses in Lincoln County. Mattresses carry a five to 25-year warranty, and come in many different brands, including Comfort Master, Slumberpedic, Royal Elegance, Heavenly Impressions, and Majestic Impressions. The Impressions line is Justice's

favorite. These are extra-thick, high-rise mattresses, top of the line luxury.

"They're so wonderful I took one home," Justice said. "The only drawback is that you don't want to get out of bed."

In addition to mattresses, Justice keeps pillows and sheets on hand, and she carries day-beds, trundles, headboards, and bed frames.

"I have a beautiful headboard

carved by a local artist, Manny Quintana," Justice said.

Justice said she feels much better now that she's in business for herself and not twiddling her thumbs in retirement. She felt she wasn't ready to be "put out to pasture" just yet, and she strongly encourages other bored retirees to open their own businesses.

"My advice is, have no fear. Go for it," she said. "Jump in and swim like the devil."

## Medical supplier goes that extra mile

by PAMELA CROMWELL  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso has long been a retirement community, and as the number of senior citizens continues to rise, so does the number of medical supply businesses. The newest is Southwestern Medical Supply at 200 Sudderth, Suite A.

Manager David Hamlin said the market in Ruidoso has ample room for a full-service home care business like Southwestern.

"Our mission is to provide all equipment and services to fill a customer's home health needs," Hamlin said.

Southwestern carries equipment like oxygen home therapy units,

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DAVID HAMLIN  
SOUTHWEST MEDICAL  
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wheelchairs, and hospital beds, plus ostomy supplies, orthopedic soft goods like knee braces, and wound care supplies.

"We're a unique full-service equipment supplier," Hamlin said. "We go the extra mile to get specialty items."

With the support of seven other health care offices in Artesia, El Paso, Las Cruces, Dearing, Carlsbad, and Alamogordo, Southwestern has great resources for special orders.

"Some things are hard to get in rural communities, so we make ourselves known for special orders," Hamlin said. "That's how we've been successful in Alamogordo, and

that's how we expect to be successful in Ruidoso."

Owned by Corner Drug, Inc. in Carlsbad, Southwestern Medical Supply is a sister company to Advanced Home Care, which is opening next door to Southwestern. Ann Edwards, a registered nurse, will be the administrator of Advanced Home Care, and she's helping Hamlin run Southwestern Medical Supply.

Together, the two businesses provide one-stop access to licensed home health care and quality home health equipment for people who want to maintain independent home living.



Registered Nurse Ann Edmunds helps manage Southwestern Medical Supply in Ruidoso and will direct Advanced Home Care.

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**PRIME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** 8800 sq.ft./1 acre. Excellent rental income, fully leased, room to expand. Possible terms. 100 Lower Terrace. For sale by owner. Call Carolyn 258-3535.

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**3 Land for Sale**

**RUIDOSO AREA RIVERFRONT 5.175 ACRES \$48,900**  
Rare chance for affordable water-front property. Over 500 ft. of trout-filled water in your back yard. Paved road, electricity, telephone. Terms. Don't delay, call today. Properties of the Southwest. 1-800-RUIDOSO, Ext. 2373.

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**3 1/2 ACRES, BY THE RIVER, GLENCOE** furnished Adobe 3BRDM/1BA, separate studio, laundry rm., hot tub, barn, 2 water wells, water rights to ditch for apple pear trees. \$137,500. Call 508-258-9020 or 815-686-0168.

**CARRIZO CANYON HOUSE** 1/4 acre, self/rent, commercially zoned, good well/septic. 257-5361.

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**COOL SHADE TREES** not far from river in Honda 2.4 acres in Apple Orchard \$25,000 CASH New Double-wide available 338-4856

**1.11 ACRE-BEAUTIFUL VIEWS** of 53rd/40th Mts. Lots of pines & juniper. City water. Horses/mobiles allowed. \$15,000 #9860472 Call Kinble L. Kearns at 257-9057 CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate

**Mobile and modular lots, developed acreage. Owner financed. Holiday Homes 1204 Mechem 258-3380**

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Perfect place for your dream or retirement home. 100% usable, carpeted with thick grass & studded with tall pines. Paved access, electricity, phone & 25 gpm drilled well. Awesome Sierra Blanca view, too! Call Properties of the Southwest at 257-9045 ext. 2276.

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**REDUCED OWNERS MUST SELL** Approx. 1800 sq. ft. home 3BRDM/2BA-2 living areas NOW PRICED IN 50'S 257-5847.

**ALTO 3BRDM/2 1/2BA** 2 car garage, view, social membership. \$162,900. 535-8062 after 5:30 and weekends.

**FURNISHED CONDO** in convenient location. Would also make a GOOD rental. Lots of square footage for the price. \$47,500 #9860578 Call Joyce 257-9057 CENTURY 21 Aspen R.E.

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**3 Land for Sale**

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**CATHEDRAL CEILING 2BRDM/1BA** plus one bedroom cabin plus lot near midtown. W.I.L.L. SACHFACER 505-291-3948.

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**FOR SALE BY OWNER 4BRDM/3BA**, beautiful views. 2400 sq.ft. Country Club Estates. \$159,000. 258-4843.

**5 Cabins for Sale**

**NICE 2BRDM/1BA** furnished home, NO smoking. No pets. \$55,900 plus utilities. Call 257-7172.

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**NO CREDIT, LIMITED CREDIT**, Lets get you qualified! 4BD/2BA double wide only \$39,900. No cash needed, we take trade ins. Call Aaron 800-793-8569 DL#699.

**3BRDM/2BA** add-on Den w/fireplace double carport & porch on flat lot, near The Links, 258-5725.

**14X70 FLEETWOOD 2BRDM/2BA**, with attached den and bathroom, furnished in adult park. Call 378-4639.

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**7 Houses for Rent**

**2BRDM/1BA HOME**, Huge kitchen with Saltillo tile, nice fireplace, W/D. Next to National Forest. \$525/Mo. Available July 1. Call Mark Tall Pines Realty 257-7788.

**SPRING CANYON ROAD-CEDAR CREEK AREA** furnished 3BRDM/2BA for long term lease. \$975/mo, plus utilities. Call Cindy, Gary Lynch Realty, 257-4011. Lic.#273525.

**COUNTRY HOME 3 bedroom, washer/dryer, \$800/Mo., \$400 deposit. 378-8348.**

**2BRDM/1 1/2BA**, furnished, for the season. Adults preferred. No pets. Bills paid. 257-2320.

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**IN ALTO LAKES Golf and CC, \$1,200/Mo., 3BRDM/3BA**, two-car garage, only one year old. Ask for Van 257-4075 or 338-8412.

**FURNISHED / UNFURNISHED SANTA FE** Spectacular views, 3/4 bedrooms, 4 baths, huge studio, 2700 foot house, extra building, Judy Wilson 1-800-418-1221 Constance Quast 505-982-2981.

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**2300 SQ. FT. secluded, 5 acres, unfurnished, very nice, \$1050/Mo. 338-4491.**

**PRIVATE BEAUTIFUL 2BRDM/2BA** in PINES. Dining, kitchen, vaulted living, decks, views. Utilities paid. Summer by month. Lease \$900/Mo. 257-3584 or 505-233-4398.

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**THREE BEDROOM**, Two bath, No pets. \$695/Mo. Sierra Blanca Realty 257-2576.

**2BRDM/2BA**, close to Bonito Lake w/acreage, horses allowed, call for details. Ruidoso Properties 257-4075.

**UNFURNISHED 3BRDM/1BA**, deck, fireplace, (near Midtown) No pets. \$200/Mo. plus deposit. Call 257-4122.

**LARGE EXTRA NICE 2BRDM/1BA**, furnished duplex. Utilities paid. W/D, dishwasher, carpet, drapes, easy access. No pets please. \$200/Mo. #98200 Dec 112 Garage McCarty Dr. 258-5448.

**3 BRDM/1 1/2BA** Unfurnished, water pd. \$950/Mo. First/last month required. No pets. Close to track. 378-8416.

**CHARMING THREE BEDROOM TWO BATH HOME** fireplace, washer/dryer, large deck, furnished weekly/monthly 258-5074.

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**8 Apts. for Rent**

**LARGE 1000K in Capitan** 2BRDM/1BA, water/sewer/ garbage incl. 354-2008.

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**ONE AND TWO Bedroom** apts. for rent, furnished, bills paid. No pets. Call 258-3111.

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**2 TOWNHOUSES** north of Alto, each 2BRDM/2BA, partially furnished, \$600/Mo. plus utilities. Furnished. Call Carol, Pina Mountain Realty, 257-4700.

**NICE FURNISHED one bedroom** apartment. Bills paid. Good for one person. No pets. \$350/Mo. 258-5751

**VERY CLEAN studio apt.** \$325/Mo. Furnished or Unfurnished, water, sewer and trash incl. Call Mark Tall Pines Realty 257-7788.

**COMPLETELY FURNISHED 2BRDM/2BA**, all appliances including W/D. \$500/Mo. utilities, \$200 deposit. No Pets. Call evenings only 257-9085.

**VALLEY VIEW APARTMENT** #5-111 Rio Arriba, Unfurnished 1 BDR, 3/4 BTH with W/D hookups and fireplace. Recently remodeled, great location with panoramic view. Reduced to \$575 month includes basic utilities. Call Cindy, Gary Lynch Realty, 257-4011. Lic. #273525.

**UNFURNISHED 2BRDM/2BA** w/ one car garage. \$500/Mo. utilities, \$300 deposit. No Pets. Call evenings only 257-9085.

**VALLEY VIEW APARTMENT** #3 111 Rio Arriba, Unfurnished efficiency, 3/4 BTH, wood burning stove. Recently remodeled. Great location with panoramic view. Basic utilities included. Reduced to \$425 Month. Call Cindy, Gary Lynch Realty, 257-4011. Lic.#273525.

**CLEAN UNFURNISHED 2BRDM/2BA**, large decks, \$478/Mo. plus bills. Call 258-4948.

**1BRDM/1BA**, fully furnished, nice view, in the Downs. Call Kerrie, Ruidoso Properties, 257-4075.

**153 PONDEROSA** Darling 2BRDM/1BA unfurnished, refrigerator, stove, W/D, tile flooring, nice location. \$425 plus bills. Call Cindy, Gary Lynch Realty, 257-4011. Lic.#273525.

**REALLY NICE 3BRDM 1 1/2BA** fully furnished, W/D hookup, located on a nice quiet corner lot, 115 Palo Alto, has nice shaded deck. \$495/Mo. plus gas & elec. 1-505-522-3989 or 257-7591.

**UNFURNISHED TWO BEDROOM** two bath, clean mobile with fireplace, in the country, large decks, storage. \$450/Mo. Call 258-4948.

**CAPITAN-MOBILE HOME** for rent, very clean, carport and veranda, 102 E. Bonito St. 257-3381.

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**ADULT MOBILE HOME PARK** has 14 or 16 units available for rent. \$125.00 per month. Call 257-2004.

**SMALL PRIVATE RV TRAILER** for rent. Only convenient to Ruidoso, quiet atmosphere. 378-4923.

**13 Room for Rent**

**AVAILABLE JULY 1ST** \$1350, responsible adult, huge house, washer/dryer, fireplace. No smoke/pets/drugs. 378-7083.

**ROOMMATE** wanted to share nice large secluded house, (monks) (6) - preferred. Check it out! 257-2172.

**L & D SELF STORAGE** 1200 sq. ft. available. 258-5940 or 257-8463.

**17 Business Rentals**

**1600 SUDCORTH** Over 3000 sq. ft. available. Owner. Agent: Barbara Wilford 257-2576.

**1250 SQUARE FEET** Retail space available in The Adic & Friends Complex. Also have 725 square feet of retail space. Call 258-6338, ask for Sally.

**COMMERCIAL BUSINESS SPACE** approx. 610 sq. ft. 3/4 bath, kitchen, living area, work to rent, phone, high ceilings, on Highway 325. \$250/Mo. Ask for Mark. Tall Pines Realty 257-7788.

**REAL ESTATE CONTRACT** \$85,000, will discount 20%. Well secured. 257-3523.

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**23 Auto Parts**

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**LEGAL NOTICE** The Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Clark's Campground, Ruidoso Downs, N.M. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Any party who has questions or needs to make a motion should contact the Clerk at 336-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

**LEGAL NOTICE** The Lincoln County Head Start Transportation - 1996-97 Region IX Education Cooperative is seeking proposals for daily to-and-from-school transportation services of Head Start students in the Ruidoso, Capitan and Honda Valley School Districts. Contractor must provide drivers, driver's compensation/benefits, maintenance, storage and all operating expenses associated with the vehicles. School buses are owned by Lincoln County Head Start. Bids and sub-contractors must submit documentation of ability to provide the following in the proposal:

**LEGAL NOTICE** Request for Proposals for Professional Planning Services for Community Development Grant (CDBG) - Housing Project No. 96-CR-19-052. Proposals will be received at the Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88310 until July 12, 1996, 10:00 AM. Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Village Clerk at 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88310 or will be mailed upon written or telephonic request to Deborah Cummings at 336-2347. The Request for Proposals is to incorporate into a pavement strip the Village limits of water lines, sewer lines, fire hydrants, street lights and to set the Village limit lines to show what services are available within the Village limits.

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2. 2 years experience with early childhood programs and/or 3 years experience in developmental disabilities programs; and
3. Willingness to travel to member REC IX school districts (vehicle and driver's license required).

Only fully-qualified individuals need inquire. Application deadline is June 24, 1996 - 4:00 p.m. Call REC IX - (505) 257-2368 (Fred Romero or Mary Bradley) for complete job description and application. EOE.

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1. High school diploma;
2. CDA licensure or must be willing to obtain CDA;
3. Excellent interpersonal communication skills;
4. Prefer communication skills in Spanish and English;

and:

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New York Stock Exchange listed company, developer of Ranches of Sonterra, needs a personable, professional, people-oriented, office manager. Duties include accounts payable/receivable, processing sales documents, coordinating with sales personnel, banks, title company, ect. Must have excellent computer skills. BOE. Please send resume, along with salary requirements, to: Properties of the Southwest, Attn: Lonnie Phillips, 616 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. No phone calls, please.

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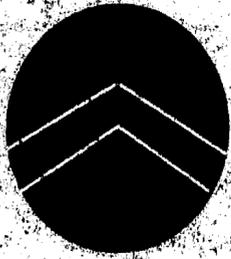
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**Ruidoso  
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Readers are invited to share the memories of two women who were teenagers in Ruidoso's heyday 50 years ago, as part of our celebration of the village and newspaper's 50th anniversaries. A special anniversary section is also included in today's newspaper. Pictured in 1948 are 18-year-old Mary Wimberly (left) and 15-year-old Helen Woodfin as Frontier Days rodeo queen candidates (Mary won). Please see story and photos on page 3B.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Music

**WOODWIND QUINTET** — 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 21 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children and students with ID. For more information call Larl Young at 623-5882.

**FREE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL** — 6-10 p.m. Friday, June 21, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. - noon Sunday, June 23 at Zenith Park Open-Air Pavilion, Cloudcroft. For more information call (505) 682-2733.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY** — Saturday, June 22, at the Convention and Civic Events Center, Ruidoso. Free food and music to celebrate village and newspaper anniversaries.

**"PHADE"** — 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at the upper parking lot at the Space Center, Alamogordo. Phade is a contemporary Jazz group. For more information call 437-2202.

**YOUTH NIGHT AT THE SANTA FE OPERA** — 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 at The Santa Fe Opera. For more information call (505) 986-5900 or 1-800-280-4654.

**SOUTHERN ACCENT BBQ**, 1214 Mechem Drive, across from The Attic — The Lincoln County Blues Regulators play from 1 to 6 p.m. Sundays.

**MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB**, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764 — sock-hop — 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22, music by the Deftones. No cover charge if wearing '50s attire. Different rock and roll band every weekend, performing Friday and Saturday nights.

**IN-ESPRESSO-BLE COFFEE HOUSE**, Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso — Live music every Friday night.

**FARLEY'S FOOD FUN & PUB**, 1200 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-5676 — Live upbeat music on patio every Friday and Saturday night. Also video games, live interactive trivia, pool tables.

**INCREIBLE SALOON**, North Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4312 — Live music on weekends.

**HOLLYWOOD INN**, 2220 Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs — Live music by Randy Jones & Geneva Harlage 7-11 p.m. every Thursday - Saturday.

**SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE**, Enchantment Inn Motel, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 376-4051 — Weazel performs every Wednesday through Saturday night and some Sundays. This one-man band plays everything from pop to country.

**THE TEXAS HOUSE**, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3606 — Live music every Friday & Saturday. Open all night Friday & Saturday. Tedd Sullivan plays a wide variety of music

on keyboards many nights; other musicians scheduled throughout the summer.

**TINNE'S SILVER DOLLAR SALOON**, Tinkle, 653-4425 — Sunday afternoon concerts on the veranda approximately once per month. Call for dates.

**CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB**, 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2733 — 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. "Kerl" will be playing. Kerl plays a variety of dining and dancing music from the 1930s and beyond.

**MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB**, 1 mile north of Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-6693 — Lincoln County Blues Regulators play every Wednesday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$2 cover.

8 p.m. - closing Fridays & Saturdays, dance music with DJ. Also, stand-up comedy showcase every Saturday night. Doors open at 8 p.m. and performance starts at 9 p.m. Admission is \$7. Must be 21 or over. For additional information call 257-6695.

**THE WINNER'S CIRCLE**, 2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday through Sunday - live country western and rock 'n roll, no cover.

**WIN, PLACE AND SHOW**, 2516 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-6692 — Live bands every night. Lincoln County Band, the Rattlers, and the Spokehouse Band are the summer bands performing everything from old and new top 40 to country western music.

**BENT TREE JAMBOREE**, Airport Road, east of Alto, 336-4076 — Country music show and buffet.

**FLYING J RANCH CHUCKWAGON SUPPER AND WESTERN SHOW**, Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4330 — Monday through Saturday performances and meals.

**etc!**

**RINGLING BROS & BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS** — Friday - Sunday, June 21-23 at Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque. For tickets call (505) 851-5050 or 1-800-905-3315.

**BOOK SIGNING** — Friday, June 21 at the Aspen Tree Book Store, Ruidoso. Michael McGarrity, author of "Tularosa," will be signing his book.

**"INVENTING THE AMERICAN WEST"** — by Richard Eklund. The lecture is about how and why the myth of the "Wild West" arose in the 19th century. 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at the Museum of the Horse.

**CANACHO VS. DURAN** — boxing match on TV at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at Mescalero Nightclub, Ruidoso.

**"A CELEBRATION OF TRADITIONAL ARTS AND CRAFTS"** — 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, June 22 and 23. Fifteen miles south of

Santa Fe at Las Golondrinas. Call 471-2261 for more information.

**CLASS REUNION** — The FHS class of 1976 invites all classmates. Registration will be 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at Ruidoso High School. A barbecue will be held 2-11 p.m. Saturday at Eddie Parker's home at 137 Reese Drive.

**INCOME (LOSS) PROJECTIONS & BALANCE SHEETS** — is the fourth presentation in a series titled "Developing a business plan." 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 24 at ENMU-Ruidoso. Business Financing will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 at ENMU-Ruidoso.

**FIRE HAZARD RE-EDUCATION AWARENESS WORKSHOP** — 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 24 at the Cloudcroft Community Center. The program will focus on the overall health of Southwestern forests and increasing threat of wildfire to homes. For more information call (505) 354-2231 or (505) 682-2411.

**DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES** — start June 25 and run for seven weeks. For more information call Donna at 257-9433 or Marlynn at 258-3039.

**"BEHIND THE SCENES RACE TRACK TOUR"** — 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26 in the grandstand area of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Learn how the starting gate operates, visit the barn area and visit with a trainer.

**CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP** — 2-4 p.m. every Sunday ending July 28 (no class June 16). The class is for children aged 13-18 and will be at Paz de Nogal, on Hwy. 37, Nogal. For more information call (505) 354-3209.

**FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED** — desperately in Lincoln County. Call Marian Black at Children, Youth and Families, 257-9217 for more information.

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

**RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK** — Live racing Friday - Sunday and simulcasts. Call 376-4431 for times.

**LINCOLN COUNTY GOLD MINING COMPANY**, 638 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-4970 — Gold panning excursions in the Lincoln National Forest.



## Clubs & Meetings

**N.M. CATTLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION** — will hold its summer quarterly meeting Friday June 21 - Sunday, June 24 in Las Vegas. For more information call (505) 478-2447.

**LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — 2 p.m. Saturday, June 22

at the Woman's Club in Carrizozo. Raymond W. Reed will talk about his history with western music and the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium.

**RUIDOSO VEGETARIAN POTLUCK DINNER** — 6 p.m. Monday, June 24 at Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street, Ruidoso. For more information call Russ at 257-2172.

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PUBLIC HEARING** — 7 p.m. Monday, June 24 in the Rural Events Center on U.S. 70 in Glencos. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss proposed standards to improve the health of rangeland and proposed guidelines for livestock grazing on public lands in New Mexico.

**VILLAGE COUNCIL** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS** — 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26 at the Lincoln County Heritage Trust Historical Center, Lincoln. Tours and potluck.



## Library

**RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 301 Junction Rd., 257-4335. Rock 'n Roll Juggler 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 21. Hondo Valley Fiesta Dancers 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 25.



## Movies

**SIERRA CINEMA**, Ruidoso, 257-9444 — "Dragonheart," "Eddie." Call theater for show times and ratings.



## Museums

**BILL RAKOCY MUSEUM & GALLERY**, 2608 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4377 — Painter John W. Mackenzie has a one-man art exhibition through June 30.

**MINNER'S HOUSE AND SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUMS**, White Oaks — Historical displays in "ghost town" of White Oaks. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Tuesday.

**ANCHO MUSEUM (MY HOUSE OF OLD THINGS)**, Ancho, (505) 646-2468 — Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. May 1 through October 15.

**MUSEUM OF THE HORSE**, Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs — open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily Tuesday - Sunday. Showing through Sept. 22: "Hamson Collection of Western American Art."

**LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER-COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MONUMENT** — Highway 660, Lincoln, 883-4025. 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

**KIDS TENNIS LESSONS** — Now through Aug. 5. Sessions last 1.5 hours per day. Cost is \$40 per week. For more information call Dave Anderson at 336-8143.

**RUIDOSO SWIMMING POOL** — open 7 days a week 11:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Admission for swimming only is \$2.25 and admission for swim and slide is \$6.

**FUNTRACKERS**, 101 Carrizozo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275 — go carts, pro track cars, putt putt golf, bumper boats, and game room.

**RANOW LAKES FUN PARK**, 606 Carrizozo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-6774 — putt putt golf, bumper boats, batting cages, basketball shoot and arcade.

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

**INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS ARCADE**, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Video arcade, pool tables. The Inn also has tennis courts, horseback riding and fishing.

**SLEEPING SPRINGS TROUT LAKES**, 4 miles east of Ruidoso Downs Race track by Hwy. 70, 376-4216 — Fishing for Rainbow trout without a New Mexico fishing license. Paddleboats are also available.

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**, 436-7400

**RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SKATEBOARD PARK**, White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso.

**SMOKEY BEAR RANGER STATION**, Lincoln National Forest, 257-4005.

To have your information listed here free, call **The Ruidoso News** at 257-4001.

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1 p.m. Thursday for Friday

# Ruidoso classmates recall teen life half-century ago

by PAMELA CROMWELL  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

In 1946, it wasn't easy for a teenager in Ruidoso to find entertainment. Though the town had two movie theaters with 10-cent admission, two bowling alleys, and a shooting gallery, most of the entertainment was geared toward adults. Poker and craps were the favorite pastimes, and slot machines rang in every bar and dance hall.

"From about where Candle Power is now, down to about Mountain Arts Gallery, it was all neon lights," remembered Helen Woodfin. "All the bars had live bands, and there was the Davis Bowling Alley and Coke's Shooting Gallery."

Helen Woodfin and Mary Wimberly were 13 and 16 years old respectively that year. Helen worked as a popcorn girl at the Apache Theater, located across the street from today's Ruidoso Office Supply. Mary was a check-out girl at Quality Grocery, located next to the old newspaper office and the post office in a plaza now called Pine Tree Square.

Ruidoso's first high school, the building that is now Ruidoso Middle School, was still under construction in 1946. Mary went to high school in Capitan, while Helen started school in Ruidoso, where fifth through eighth grades occupied one room at the site of today's Ruidoso Police Department.

"While the new high school was being finished, Ruidoso students went to Carrizo Lodge and had classes where Cafe Mescalero is now," Helen remembered. "They sometimes held class out by the fountain."

In 1947, the first class of Ruidoso High School seniors graduated, including Carl "Corky" Haladay, Mary Wimberly's first husband. They married in 1950, when the U.S. Army was drafting young men into the Korean War.

"We decided we had to get married right away," Mary said. "He was afraid I wouldn't wait for him."

The wedding took place within days of the engagement. The young couple got George McCarty to drive them to Carrizozo, where the county clerk waited for them after hours. When they returned to Ruidoso, they found family and friends waiting at the church, and Mary and Corky got married.

"I was all set to be a Sun Princess in El Paso that year, to represent Ruidoso at the Sun Bowl Parade," Mary recalled. "But a Sun Princess couldn't be married."

Helen was a member of Ruidoso High School's Class of '61, the first graduating class to complete all four years at the new building. The 18 graduates included the first

Mescalero student, Marthalene Randall.

During Helen's senior year, she quietly dated her high school teacher John Kilgore. Principal Paul Vance gave his permission if the two promised to "keep it on the q.t." Word soon got around, though.

"When we got married, everyone thought I was pregnant," Helen said.

Helen left Ruidoso shortly after her marriage to live in Central and South America, where John worked as a Foreign Service Officer. She returned 33 years later to retire here and married her second husband, Aaron Woodfin.

Both Mary and Helen were Ruidoso's darlings when it came to fashion shows and beauty contests. At the Navaho Lodge, where Ray Reed and his band played, *Ruidoso News* publisher Lloyd Bloodworth was master of ceremonies for all the fashion shows. Helen modeled for Brunnell's, and Mary for Kay's Dress Shop.

"Just like it is now, there wasn't much for teenagers to do around here," Helen said. "They let us take dates to the Navaho Lodge, where we could dance and listen to Ray Reed's band."

In 1948, the girls competed against each other for the title of Frontier Days Rodeo Queen. They joined local celebrity Ray Reed's tour to promote Ruidoso and the three-day rodeo and racing event. Touring El Paso, Las Cruces, Roswell, Artesia, and Alamogordo, Reed brought along a group of Apache dancers, his band The Lincoln County Boys, and rodeo queen candidates Mary and Helen.

Ruidoso residents would elect the Frontier Days Queen with penny votes.

"There were jars all over town," Mary said. "I remember Mrs. Reading put \$50 in my jar."

Helen was representing Central Bar & Grill, and owner Tommy Hicks promised to boost her vote by \$50, too, but he never got the chance. The night the votes were to be counted, New Mexico State Police raided all of Ruidoso's gambling establishments for the final time.

The police had raided Ruidoso several times in the past. News spread quickly that the cops were coming, and card games were folded and slot machines spirited into hiding. This time, though, there was no warning. Open gambling ended for good in Ruidoso, and 18-year-old Mary was named Frontier Days Queen for 1948.

Mary has lived in Ruidoso for 50 years now, owning several ski shops with her second husband, Ed Wimberly. Mary remembers when the Thunderbird Gift Shop was a drug store, and Wagon Wheel Motors sold Buicks off the lot where First National Bank is now located.



1951 Ruidoso High School homecoming queen Helen Barajas Woodfin with (left to right) Coach Cy Leland, Rex Whiteley, Dave Parks and Superintendent Howard Morris.

The Texas House restaurant was still the home of the Wingfield family, who helped found Ruidoso. Ike Wingfield cut meat to help Mary out one time when she was alone working at the Quality Grocery.

Cree Meadows Country Club was a nine-hole golf course in 1946, and during the '50s people skied at Cedar Creek as well as at Sierra Blanca Ski Area (now Ski Apache).

The old Apache theater is now Murphy's Cleaning, and the Pueblo Theater is now Aspen Tree Bookstore. Quality Grocery eventually changed location and became Bennett's, which is now Thriftway.

And the once illustrious, three-story Navaho Lodge was finally abandoned, becoming a hang-out for derelicts until it was torn down. Condominiums now stand in place of the Navaho, right behind today's Mountain Ski Shop.

Helen remembers when *The Ruidoso News* was five cents a copy and her sister Terry Barajas was writing the high school column. Any little event made the news back then.

"I remember the Bloodworths would call us if we were going to El Paso," Helen said. "They'd print what was served at meetings, who was throwing a shower for somebody. It was really nice to have a newspaper."

Helen said she wouldn't have moved back to Ruidoso if it hadn't grown and changed so much.

"I knew I wouldn't be bored, and I'd be perfectly happy with a slower pace," she said.

Both Helen and Mary spend a

lot of time at Cree Meadows Country Club now, Helen playing golf, and Mary playing gin.

admire Sierra Blanca, the mountain that marks their home. "I tell ya, I love that mountain," Mary said. "I really love it."

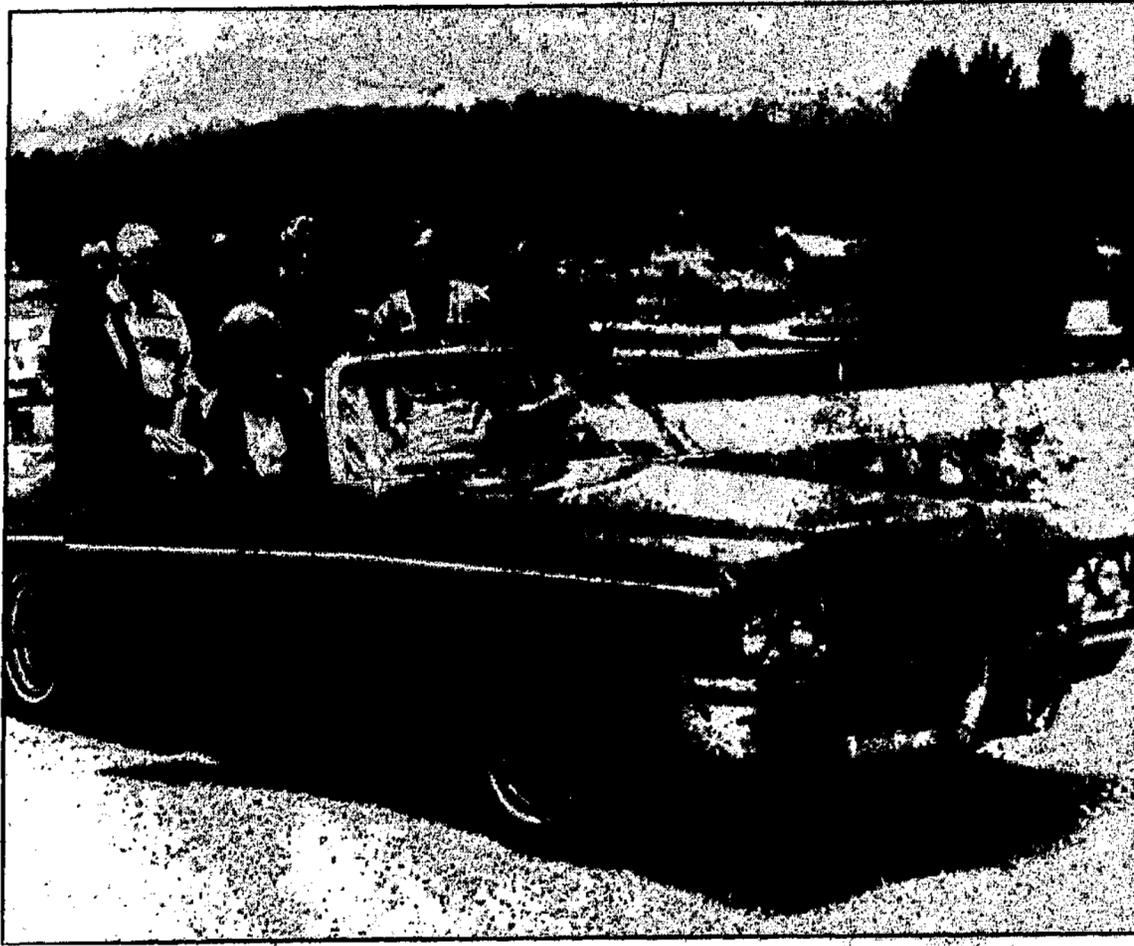


Mary and Helen (front, two at left) during a promotion for Frontier Days in 1948.



Helen Woodfin and Mary Wimberly today at Cree Meadows Country Club, where Helen likes to golf and Mary likes to play cards.

# ENTERTAINMENT



Ready for the benefits are (back, left to right) J. Roberts manager Carolyn Castro, Benefit Blast chairman Bill Rickard, Dana Huffman, Stephanie Lewicki, and Scott Wells; (front seat, left) Ann Blue Rickard and (front seat, right) J. Roberts owner Ann Bolton.

## Pink Cadillac Party, Benefit Blast help hospital buy lifesaving mammogram

by PAMELA CROMWELL  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Partygoers can cruise into '50s mode and help out a good cause Thursday, June 27 and Sunday, July 7.

The Benefit Blast, sponsored by the Museum of the Horse, takes place at the Ruidoso Convention Center July 7; entry is \$150 per couple.

While many benefactors are planning to attend the Benefit Blast, those of more limited means can attend the Pink Cadillac Party. It costs only \$15 per person.

The Pink Cadillac Party takes place 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 27, at Cree Meadows Country Club.

Organizers hope to raise enough money to buy new \$75,000 mammography equipment for Lincoln County Medical Center.

Both the Benefit Blast and the Pink Cadillac Party are organized by Lincoln County Breast Cancer Awareness, a volunteer organization inspired by the courage of breast cancer survivors Stephanie Lewicki and Dana Huffman.

The Pink Cadillac Party will be a '50s blast with plenty of prizes.

Sponsored by J. Roberts and The Attic, the party features a '50s dance contest, so you can twist again to classic show band tunes.

Get those hips loosened up if you want to win the hoola-hoop contest, or if you prefer, just sit back and reminisce over soda fountain refreshments. Prizes up for grabs include a hot air balloon ride and wardrobe gift certificates from J. Roberts and The Attic.

The Pink Cadillac Party and the Benefit Blast are fun approaches to treating a serious problem. Lincoln County Medical Center officials have detected 37 cases of breast cancer since August 1992.

In 1994, 183,000 new cases of breast cancer were detected in the U.S., and 46,000 people died from breast cancer. Mammography detected 70% of the breast cancer in Lincoln County, and it is generally considered the most reliable form of detection. Clinical trials suggest mammography screening leads to a 20-30% reduction in deaths caused by breast cancer.

"I think it's important for us to keep technologically current," said hospital administrator Valerie Mil-

ler. "The new machinery is more advanced than the machinery we have now, and with our financial pressures to remodel and expand the hospital, this fundraiser is a lifesaver."

LCMC radiologist Dr. Donald Wolfel said the upgraded machinery will provide better positioning and achieve a better image than the old equipment, so the technician has a better chance of detecting cancer in the breast. The new machinery also exposes the patient to less radiation.

In addition to helping buy new mammography equipment, the Pink Cadillac Party and the Benefit Blast are introducing the Lincoln County Breast Cancer Awareness group to the public. The group was formed to support and educate victims of breast cancer.

"We will become the place to go for help when a person is diagnosed with breast cancer," said Karen Morris, co-chair of the Pink Cadillac benefit and organizer of Lincoln County Breast Cancer Awareness.

For more information about breast cancer and support groups for breast cancer victims, contact Karen Morris at 257-7712.

## Houston comedian headlines showcase

This Saturday's Stand Up Comedy Showcase will feature professional comic Albert Linton and up-and-coming comedians Gail Wheeler and Roger Maier.

The weekly showcase begins at 9 p.m. every Saturday at the Mesalero Inn Night Club in Ruidoso.

Roger Maier is a comic from El Paso who tells how it is to be a German married into a Mexican family, and his plights with the homeless vendors offering to work for food.

Las Cruces' very own "Queen of Improvisation," Gail Wheeler will have you questioning your own life as she weaves anecdotes of her true-life experiences, ranging from dating to child rearing and employment. It's never the same show twice with Wheeler.



Albert Linton headlines Saturday's comedy lineup.

**If you are an aspiring comic and would like to audition for a spot with the Stand Up Comedy Showcase, contact Mark Kuker at 505/525-0904.**

Starring in this showcase is Albert Linton from Houston, Texas. Linton has played to sold-out houses across the nation; the LAFF Stop in Houston, Texas, Comedy House in Atlanta, Ga., Comedy Catch in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Bear's Place in Bloomington, Ind., just to name a few.

Linton has also appeared in feature films Robo Cop, Dark Dancer and Nightgames, and has starred on TV on Entertainment Tonight, Comedy Connection Special and Unsolved Mysteries.

This is a well-rounded performer who should not be missed. Mesalero Nightclub officials said. Though Linton keeps audiences laughing all night, it is his take-off on Dr. Martin Luther King's dream speech that brings the audience to its feet night after night. The room

is peppered with the refrains of "hallelujah" and "amen, brother," as Linton inspires the audience with his own dream. He has worked with such notables as Bob Zany, Thea Vidal, and Jimmie JJ Walker.

The Stand Up Comedy Showcase is produced by the Donna Ann Repertory Theatre, a non-profit organization from Las Cruces. It features local up-and-coming comics and always headlines a professional comic.

Host is Mark Kuker, a comic and professional actor who is also the DART artistic director.

Doors open at 8 p.m. for those wishing to get the good seats up front (if you dare). Admission is \$3 and is on an open seating basis; no reservations are taken.

If you are an aspiring comic and would like to audition for a spot with the Stand-Up Comedy Showcase, contact Mark Kuker at 505/525-0904.

The Stand Up Comedy Showcase also invites the audience to stay after the show, which lasts about 1.5 hours, to enjoy the heavy beats of Mix Master Mike with all the top jams of the times. You must be 21 or older to enter.

The Mesalero Inn Night Club is located 1.5 miles north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods on Carrizo Canyon Road. For more information or directions call 505/257-6695.

## Free weekend of bluegrass

Seven bluegrass bands will perform free in the Cloudcroft park this weekend.

The festival hours are 6-10 p.m. Friday, 2-10 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday.

Listeners are invited to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the family en-

tertainment. There will be a pass of the hat for those who would like to make donations for the bands' expenses.

For more information contact the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce at 505-662-2733.

# ENTERTAINMENT



"Music in May" performers included (back row, left to right) Kelli Dorgan, Shannon Conley, Paul LeBlanc, Mandin Spence, Shannon Flordan, Rebecca Conley, Alexa Beler and Nicholas Spence; (middle row) Heather McDougal, Rebekah LeBlanc, William Long, KC Dorgan, Audrey Adams, Emily Stewart and Kristen Force; (front row) Angela Zagone, Kristen Johnson, Madison Stewart, Lexi Hall, Taylor Force, Rebekah LeBlanc, Laura Houghton, Jeanette Zagone and Peter Zagone. Students unable to participate were Hannah Hagstrom and Jennifer Hart.

## Students tickle ivories at recital

Celeste Cox, local piano instructor, presented her students in recital on Thursday, May 31. The program, "Music in May," was held in the band hall in the Fine Arts Building at Ruidoso High School.

The program consisted of a wide variety of styles including patriotic, spiritual, classical, traditional favorites, and method pieces. Classical composers such as Handel, Bach, Beethoven, Grieg, and

Tchaikovsky were represented. Contemporary composers such as Alfred, Glover, Thompson, Faber, Shaiman, and Jennings were included to provide a wide variety of composition style to the program.

Students were awarded certificates of congratulations for participation in the recital and for study during the 1995-1996 school year.

Additionally, perfect attendance

awards were received by Lexi Hall, Mandin Spence, and Nicholas Spence. An award for Creative Composition went to Hannah Hagstrom.

Other awards were given based on performance and memory. First place was achieved by Nicholas Spence, second by William Long, and third place went to Rebecca Conley.

## 'Tularosa' author signs books here

How does it feel for a novice writer to struggle for 10 years over a novel — only to strike it big in the New York publishing world?

"This is one of these absolutely remarkable things," says Michael McGarrity. "It's a one-in-a-million shot."

Santa Fe author McGarrity recently signed a two-book deal with W.W. Norton, with paperback rights going to Pocket for six figures.

"Tularosa," the author's first published work, introduces the appealing character of Kevin Kerney, a retired Santa Fe chief of detectives who gets drawn back into investigating when his godson, Sammy Yami, goes AWOL from the White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico.

A book signing will be held Friday, June 21, at the Aspen Tree Bookstore on Sadderth Drive in Ruidoso.

Tony Hillerman praises McGarrity's debut: "Mystery fans shouldn't miss Tularosa. McGarrity's first entry in the field moves

like lightning. An ex-cop, he knows what he's writing about — and how to write it."

McGarrity brings first-hand knowledge of investigating to the character of Kevin Kerney. McGarrity entered the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy in his 40s, and went on to establish the Santa



Michael McGarrity

Fe Police Department's first sex crimes unit. Under his direction, the unit rose to award-winning status, with McGarrity personally breaking many of the unit's most difficult cases. As an almost lifelong New Mexican, McGarrity has what Richard Bradford calls "a sharp ear for Southwestern talk, a clear eye for Southwestern country."

"Tularosa" is set in the boutique-ridden plaza of Santa Fe, the lush, breathtaking Tularosa Valley, the wide-open spaces of the White Sands Missile Range, and over the border in the gambling dens of Juarez, Mexico. The multi-cultural histories of the Southwest — Native American, Spanish and Anglo — are woven into the characters and plot of the book.

McGarrity was raised in Las Cruces, later lived in Albuquerque, and has lived in Santa Fe with his wife and son for the past 22 years. He will visit these areas and many others during a book tour in April and May.

## Ray Reed shares tales of music, poetry

The weather-beaten old ranch house is leaning closer to the ground and the horses and cows have gone on to greener pastures, so where do yesterday's dusty, worn, leather-faced cowboys go to hang their hats?

They just find something else to do for excitement — just like any retiree. Take 80-year-old cowboy and native New Mexican Keymone W. Reed. Besides punchin' cattle and training wild broncs in his youth, he was a master musician, playing for dances at ranches for miles around. His dad bought him his first Gibson guitar when he was 12.

Ray Reed will be guest speaker at the Lincoln County Historical Society meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at the Woman's Club in Carrizozo. Everyone is welcome.

Reed worked on the Mescalero Indian Reservation and was wagon boss and broke horses. He also

worked for the Ruidoso racetrack when it first opened.

He was a government trapper when he first met Bob Crosby, "King of the Cowboys." He started playing in western swing bands all over the country. He has worked with Slim Pickens and Bob Wills, and has signatures of famous entertainers etched on his old Gibson.

In his later years, Reed has taken on cowboy poetry as another sideline. Five years ago he was the catalyst that got the Cowboy Symposium off to a runnin' start. He started the symposium "to keep the right idea of what the ranching families are really all about, the real cowboys, not these legends in their own minds," he said. "The movies kept the cowboy name in front of the people, but they gave the wrong impression." Though he calls Ruidoso his home, he travels all over the country for cowboy poetry sessions and symposiums.

### ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

#### Influence of Wild West shows related at lecture Saturday

An entertaining free lecture titled "Inventing the American Wild West" will be presented by the Museum of the Horse at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22.

During its current art exhibition "The West in American Art," the museum is featuring many lectures and activities which tie in with the subject matter of the exhibition.

Saturday's presenter Dr. Richard Etulain is a history professor and director of the Center for the American West at the University of New Mexico.

The author of numerous books on the west, Etulain will examine the influence of Wild West shows such as Buffalo Bill Cody's, Pawnee Bill's and the 101 Ranch Wild West Show.

He will discuss how, even before the advent of western films in Hollywood, these shows and their participants helped create the myth of the Wild West in this country and around the world.

Refreshments will be served.

#### Smooth jazz next in Tailgate series

The band Phade returns to the

Tailgate Stage at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at the upper parking lot of the Space Center in Alamogordo.

Listeners can fill their cars with people, bring lawn chairs and dinner, and purchase a parking space for \$18.

Phade is a contemporary Jazz group with the smooth sound reminiscent of "Kenny G."

For more information call 437-2202.

#### Woodwind Quintet in Roswell today

The Roswell Symphony Orchestra Guild presents the New Mexico Woodwind Quintet for one performance only at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 21 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center.

The New Mexico Woodwind Quintet performs works primarily from the 20th Century, and frequently premieres new works on tour.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children and students with valid ID, and are available by calling the Roswell Symphony office at 823-5882 or at the door.

## SPORTS

## SPORTS SHORTS

## Bowl for Kids' Sake Bowlathon in September

The Lincoln County Bowl for Kids' Sake Bowlathons are scheduled for September.

The Carrizozo bowlathon will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Carrizozo Recreation Center. The Ruidoso bowlathon will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at Ruidoso Bowling Center.

## Correction

In today's 50th anniversary special section, page 14, Jerry Bailey is incorrectly identified as a horse trainer. He is thoroughbred racing's leading jockey.

The Ruidoso News regrets the error.

## Ruidoso pool hours

Cost for daily swim is \$2.25 and swim/slide is \$6. The pool is open seven days a week from 11:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Adult lap swim time is 5-6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

## FISHING REPORT

COURTESY OF  
JIM MCGARVEY  
OF WESTERN AUTO

Bonito Lake - Fishing is good on salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and powerbait.

Ruidoso River - The river is not even moving in many places.

Grindstone Reservoir - Fishing is good in the morning and evening using powerbait and salmon eggs.

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

Bonito and Grindstone were stocked Tuesday by game and fish crews.

## REPLAY

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

10 years ago - Bank of Ruidoso claims the second half Little League title with a 5-0 record. Dan Seay and Manny Guardiola pitch the Bank of Ruidoso team past Sierra Blanca Motors, 15-5.

20 years ago - Bob Arnett leads the trainer standings at Ruidoso Downs Race Track with a 22.1 winning percentage.

30 years ago - Roma Charge takes the Kansas Quarter Horse Futurity. Mark Duncan owns Roma Charge.

40 years ago - Ruidoso Gun Club's rifle team wins the governor's trophy for the fifth time in six tries. Shooting for the Ruidoso team are Grady Eldridge, John W. Van Noy, Chalmer Alfrey and R. H. Hedgecock.

## More fans betting less at racetrack

by LAURA CLYMER  
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

More people are going to the races at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, but they aren't betting as much at the wagering windows as last year.

Attendance and handle numbers three weeks into the season, or through 13 racing days, bear out an 8% increase in track fans, but a 5% decrease in live handle.

The quicker pace of the race cards suits the fan better, and a strong marketing campaign has helped increase attendance, Baugh said.

The track is drawing an average of almost 200 more fans a race day than last year, but they aren't spending as much. The per capita average through 13 days of racing this year is about \$55. Last year, a fan would spend about \$62 on bets, which means fans are wagering about \$7 less during a day at the races than they did in 1995.

"July is going to tell you the true story. We call this (time) the dark days of June, but we're not really that displeased," said racetrack assistant general manager Rick Baugh.

Baugh is waiting to see what July and August bring. Those two months are traditionally the track's strongest. He said the track will continue its marketing efforts in



Attendance at Ruidoso Downs Race Track is up 8%, but fans aren't spending as much at the wagering windows. Last year, fans bet an average of \$7 more a day at the mountain oval.

hopes of drawing more fans and wagers.

"We have to get further down into the meet before we can get actual, satisfying numbers," Baugh said.

The assistant general manager

credits the increase in attendance to the track's marketing campaigns in west Texas and surrounding areas, and adjustments in the racing format.

Baugh has focused his efforts on improving the live racing product,

paring down the track's dark days simulcasting schedule from last year. Ruidoso Downs carries signals from Hollywood Park, Louisiana Downs and the Downs at Santa Fe on Thursdays, a dark day.

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## Private wells keep golf greens playable

by LAURA CLYMER  
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Water traps usually catch the weekend duffer, but this summer their prey is different.

The ongoing drought has turned normally lush green fairways and rough areas into shades of "mellow yellow," as one golf course superintendent described.

The three major golf courses in the Ruidoso and Alto area all use well water purchased or leased from private sources. Golf course managers say they are trying to conserve it.

"We have two wells and we have leased the rights for all the water from those wells. (Our watering) depends upon the weather. Of course we're in a very conservative mode," said Morgan Clough, The Links of Sierra Blanca general manager.

"We purchased some people's water rights. We own it because we bought it," Clough said of The

Links' situation.

"We do not use any, any village water," he emphasized.

Clough's crews water the greens, tee boxes and fairways at night, but the roughs and mounds are left to what nature provides, which hasn't been much lately.

Last week's rains brought some relief to the area, scattering more than an inch of wet stuff. Those rains, however, aren't enough to make up for lower than average winter snowfall and spring rains.

Course managers at The Links, Cree Meadows and Alto Lakes golf courses focus their watering efforts on the greens, tee boxes and fairways because those areas get the most use.

Automated watering systems rotate during the night at the three courses. One course superintendent, who asked not to be identified, said his sprinklers water an area for only 20 minutes at a time,

then they shut off and another set turns on. This is better than some homeowners who water all night if given the opportunity, he said.

The Links' Clough had no comment for those people who object to watering the golf courses, but he was quick to point out that The Links owns or leases the rights to the water it uses. The Links has owned or leased those rights from private sources for the last 1.5 to two years, he said.

The Links has cut its water usage in half thus far, Clough said.

He predicts The Links will use approximately 200 acre feet or 65.2 million gallons of water this year. (One acre foot of water equals 326,000 gallons of water.)

Cree Meadows has one well to draw water.

Course superintendent Willie Burgos is in his first year at the area's oldest golf course.

"It's holding up pretty good," Burgos said of the Cree course, but admitted it uses "a lot of water."

"It's hard on the turf when it's dry like this. I'm just trying to get by with what I've got," Burgos said he doesn't know how much water he uses on the course.

The Links' Clough reports his course is holding its own.

"The course is in good shape considering we're in a major drought all over the countryside," Clough added.

He also hasn't noticed a significant dropoff in people playing the course.

"It's early June and some of the schools in Texas have just got out... We seem to be on schedule (in terms of attendance)," Clough added. "With the rain we've gotten, we're real pleased with the progress of the golf course."

Regular play at Alto Lakes hasn't fallen off either. Alto Lakes is private and draws water off a water system it shares with the country club's homeowners. Officials declined to say how much water the course uses.

# SPORTS

## Zia, Norgor derbies to test 3-year-olds Saturday, Sunday

At Ruidoso Downs Race Track Saturday, 23 sophomore New Mexico-bred quarter horses will attempt to qualify for the July 7 finals of the Zia Derby.

Heading up the trials is 1995 2-year-old New Mexico-bred Quarter Horse of the Year, Now I Know. Now I Know won last year's edition of the Zia Futurity, and has been running particularly consistent as of late.

The sorrel colt by Magnificence is nine for 12 lifetime with earnings of \$145,000. Trained by Lonnie Barber, Now I Know will break from the No. 2 gate in the first trial.

Two fillies lead the contenders in the third trial. Moolahs Crown and Run For Randi are coming off the same race, the Pelican Stakes run

on Lineage Day at Albuquerque. In that race, Run For Randi was the victor by 3/4 of a length over Moolahs Crown, who ended up third.

Run For Randi was making her first start of 1996 in the Pelican, and is an earner of nearly \$40,000 for owners Kristi and Michael Grison and trainer John Steinbaugh.

She chased Now I Know last year in the Zia Futurity, finishing sixth in that event.

Moolahs Crown won the Señorita Futurity at the State Fair last year, and has \$41,000 in lifetime earnings to her credit. Chris Zamora will make the drive from Santa Fe to ride the brown filly by Crowned Jewel. Moolahs Crown is trained by Richard Fry.

The Norgor Derby highlights the

rating action Sunday at the mountain oval.

Eight 3-year-old thoroughbreds vie for the \$7,500 guaranteed purse. The Norgor Derby is the first open stakes test for the sophomores and is a prep for the Aug. 11 Ruidoso Thoroughbred Derby.

Full Connection received the high weight of 122 pounds for the 6-furlong Norgor. Todd Fincher will ride the Fred Danley-trained mount. Full Connection won the Roadrunner Handicap opening weekend at the track.

Proud And Jivey, also trained by Danley, could give Full Connection a run. Proud And Jivey, who will carry 119 pounds, captured last year's Rio Grande Kindergarten Futurity.

Post time for both days is 1 p.m.

## Wheeling your way through the often-tricky trifecta

The impossible can be reality. The most difficult single wager at the racetrack is the trifecta.

By definition the trifecta is combining three runners in a single race, selecting the three runners that will finish first, second and third in that race in exact order.



**Winning at the Races**

KEITH HENSON

The trifecta costs a minimum of \$1, and can be arranged in many different combinations. The most popular combination is the trifecta box where a person selects a certain number of horses to run first, second or third in any order. For three horses, it costs \$6 and for four horses the price is \$24, so on and so forth.

The easiest and most conventional way to bet the trifecta is with the trifecta wheel. In a trifecta wheel you will need to first pick one horse that is your favorite. This needs to be a horse that you feel has the best opportunity to hit the board (first, second or third).

After deciding on one horse, now it is time to pick additional horses that have a good shot at running well. At this point you have four horses picked with one horse singled out as your top pick. This horse is known as "the key horse." If you were to box four horses, it would cost \$24. When betting a part-wheel, keying one horse in all three positions with three other horses is only \$18 — the same amount of horses for a smaller investment.

The key horse can be placed in any position with any number of horses. When wheeling horses in a trifecta you can hand place horses in any of the three positions. This feature allows you to reduce the amount of the investment while increasing the probable chances. If a horse consistently runs third and usually shows nothing more than a showplace effort, then it is wise to only play that horse in the show position. By placing this horse in all three positions you are risking more money than necessary.

The key to betting the trifecta is getting the most possible combinations for the least amount of money. It doesn't matter if you put together a \$24 combination or a \$1 wager, the return is the same in a trifecta.

For example, you have decided that the No. 1 horse is going to be the key horse — you believe that this horse will run first or second. Next you pick three additional horses that have a good shot, possibly throwing in a long shot. These horses are the No. 4 and No. 5 horses and the long shot is the No. 6 steed. Simply ask the mutual teller for a \$1 trifecta part-wheel, key the No. 1 with the No. 4, No. 5, No. 6. And then put the No. 1 in the second position also with the No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6. This wager will cost you \$12 and you have 12 different possible winning combinations.

Trifectas in general have the largest payouts and are rewarding when won. If you have any questions or would like to see a subject discussed in this column, please feel free to write me directly at Ruidoso Downs, P.O. Box 449, Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88346.

Remember one more thing, "You can beat a race, but you can't beat the races." Be selective.

(Keith Henson is track announcer for Ruidoso Downs Race Track. He hosts the track's in-house handicapping program.)

### Ruidoso Downs Entries

#### Ruidoso Downs Entries June 22, 1996

**FIRST RACE** Purse \$1200. Zia Dby Trs 3yo Nmb 120 400 Yd  
1-Alex Native (no rider) 120  
2-Now I Know (no rider) 120  
3-Lil Bit Of Bessie (Chavira) 120  
4-Merlys Dolly (no rider) 120  
5-Tonto Bats Dash (Zamora) 120  
6-Pyro Shams (Blavins) 120  
7-A Careless Whisper (T Swan) 120  
8-Lencho (no rider) 120

**SECOND RACE** Purse \$1200. Zia Dby Trs 3yo Nmb 120 400 Yd  
1-Rockin Raz (no rider) 120  
2-Cash N Glass (Rodriguez) 120  
3-Totally Bary (no rider) 120  
4-Rod Hot Mag (no rider) 120  
5-A Red Storm Rising (Zamora) 120  
6-Tilted Moot (Theford) 120  
7-A White Diamond (Lucero) 120

**THIRD RACE** Purse \$1200. Zia Dby Trs 3yo Nmb 120 400 Yd  
1-Rainin At Ya (no rider) 120  
2-The Swinging Bear (Fincher) 120  
3-Fortune In The Bar (no rider) 120  
4-Johnny's Chavira (no rider) 120  
5-Moolahs Crown (Zamora) 120  
6-Moforos (no rider) 120  
7-Check Red Rock (Gomez) 120  
8-Run For Randi (J Martinez) 120

**FOURTH RACE** Purse \$1700. Mds 2yo 120 5 Fur  
1-Timberline (no rider) 120  
2-Seaman (no rider) 120  
3-Go Go Go (Roller) 120  
4-Chester (Francis) 117  
5-Sooty Feet (Madrid) 120  
6-Hot Dynamite (Theford) 120  
7-Dynamite (Gomez) 120  
8-Jackpotilla (no rider) 117

**FIFTH RACE** Purse \$2000. 3A 4yo Nvw 3 120/122 Alw 350 Yd  
1-Sue A Hunter (Vicchilli) 120  
2-The Big Big (no rider) 122  
3-Rebokat (no rider) 122  
4-Sweet Madam Ruth (Zamora) 120  
5-Dry The Dough (Madrid) 117  
6-Miss Madam (no rider) 120  
7-Cash On Deposit (Thompson) 120  
8-Uncle Sam (no rider) 122  
9-The Rainbow Rhythms (no rider) 120  
10-Ray Ramon (no rider) 122  
Also Eligible: Up Down Dash, West Crest Dance, Scoldie Ch.

**SIXTH RACE** Purse \$1700. 4yo 4up

**NW2 '96** 120 Clm \$2500 5 1/2 Fur  
1-Atlanta Evening (Ad Fuentes) 120  
2-Dramatic Blur (Roller) 120  
3-France Cuts (Rodriguez) 117  
4-Straight (J Martinez) 117  
5-Cedar Junction (Rivas) 120  
6-A J Chika (Webb) 117  
7-Duel Of Kings (Fincher) 120  
8-Somni Power (no rider) 120  
9-Jakeas (no rider) 120

**SEVENTH RACE** Purse \$1700. Mdn(F) 3&4yo 117/120 5 1/2 Fur  
1-Moon Johnson (Ad Fuentes) 120  
2-Angel Fire (Rivas) 120  
3-Mistic Wink (Gomez) 117  
4-Tip Of The Anchor (J Martinez) 117  
5-Fashionable Bet (Zamora) 117  
6-Two B First (Theford) 117  
7-Tiny Barr Joke (LA Martinez) 120

**EIGHTH RACE** Purse \$2200. Mdn 2yo Nmb 120 5 Fur  
1-Miss True Color (Vicchilli) 117  
2-Justin An Budin (no rider) 120  
3-Great Boss (no rider) 120  
4-Greyjack Balls (Rivas) 117  
5-A J Prince (no rider) 120  
6-Chargin Mel (Smallwood) 117  
7-Sun Balise's King (no rider) 120  
8-Pecos Preferred (Arnold) 120

**NINTH RACE** Purse \$1900. 3yo 4up Nvw 2 117/121 Clm \$3500 6 Fur  
1-Jacobs Place (Madrid) 115  
2-Clover Drive (no rider) 114  
3-Libro De Canciones (Ad Fuentes) 109  
4-Fat's Point (Roller) 115  
5-Fall Touch (J Martinez) 117  
6-Parsons' n Options (Rivas) 118  
7-Early Lady Lad (no rider) 117  
8-Satan's Angel (Smallwood) 118

**TENTH RACE** Purse \$1700. 4yo 4up 120 Clm \$2500 7 1/2 Fur  
1-Sharp Point (Rivas) 117  
2-Love's n Prospect (no rider) 115  
3-Repeat Action (no rider) 112  
4-The Variable (Roller) 115  
5-Discobin (Sherbino) 115  
6-Merlys Hour (Theford) 120  
7-Li Clarence (no rider) 120  
8-Whodunnit (Madrid) 120

#### Ruidoso Downs Entries June 23, 1996

**FIRST RACE** Purse \$1700. 3yo 4up Nvw 2 122 Clm \$900 400 Yd  
1-Lisa Candy Tu Shira (no rider) 117  
2-No Apology (Ad Fuentes) 120  
3-Miss Madam (no rider) 120

**4-Bullish On Me (Perez) 118**  
5-Hosa Rumin Six (no rider) 120  
6-Badger Boone (Rodriguez) 118  
7-Free Racin (Fincher) 120

**SECOND RACE** Purse \$1700. 3yo 4up Nvw 4 118/122 Clm \$2500 5 Fur  
1-Speaking Moment (Webb) 119  
2-Boggy Bottom (Rivas) 116  
3-Slip Dancer (no rider) 116  
4-Velvet Joe (Zamora) 122  
5-Our Patisio (Roller) 119  
6-Macrot (no rider) 119  
7-Our Penny Face (no rider) 114  
8-Crown Me Royally (no rider) 114

**THIRD RACE** Purse \$1800. 3yo Nvw 3 120 Clm \$5000 350 Yd  
1-Oh Baby Be Special (Perez) 120  
2-Texas Tattoo (Webb) 120  
3-Zevia Back (no rider) 120  
4-Atta Gal Val (no rider) 117  
5-A Rugged Lady (no rider) 120  
6-Corporate King (no rider) 120  
7-Pais Out Of The Blue (Gomez) 120  
8-Retireless Dash (no rider) 120  
9-Snow Easy Tudor (no rider) 120  
10-Race N Run (no rider) 120  
Also Eligible: Dry The Dough.

**FOURTH RACE** Purse \$1800. 3&4yo Nvw 3 118/122 Clm \$3500 6 Fur  
1-Half A Harem (no rider) 119  
2-Wild Western Woman (R Rojas) 113  
3-Winner's Choice (no rider) 118  
4-Focus Wonder (Sherbino) 117  
5-Saddle Sam (no rider) 115  
6-Say Again Mungaki (no rider) 114  
7-Ten's First Lady (no rider) 113  
8-Happy See (Gomez) 122  
9-She Doesn't Choke (Roller) 117  
10-Fancy Pick (Rivas) 113  
11-Fine Creek (no rider) 115

**FIFTH RACE** Purse \$1700. Mdn 2yo 120 400 Yd  
1-All Signs Go (Vicchilli) 120  
2-Lion Profit (Thompson) 120  
3-Rain Lovers (no rider) 120  
4-The Sweetest Byst (Sherbino) 120  
5-Rockies Surprise (no rider) 120  
6-What Luck De (Theford) 120  
7-Dean Miracle (no rider) 120  
8-Come Sun Down (no rider) 120  
9-Victory Diamond (Hart) 120  
10-Rod Rocket Away (Zamora) 120  
Also Eligible: Rumble Runaway.

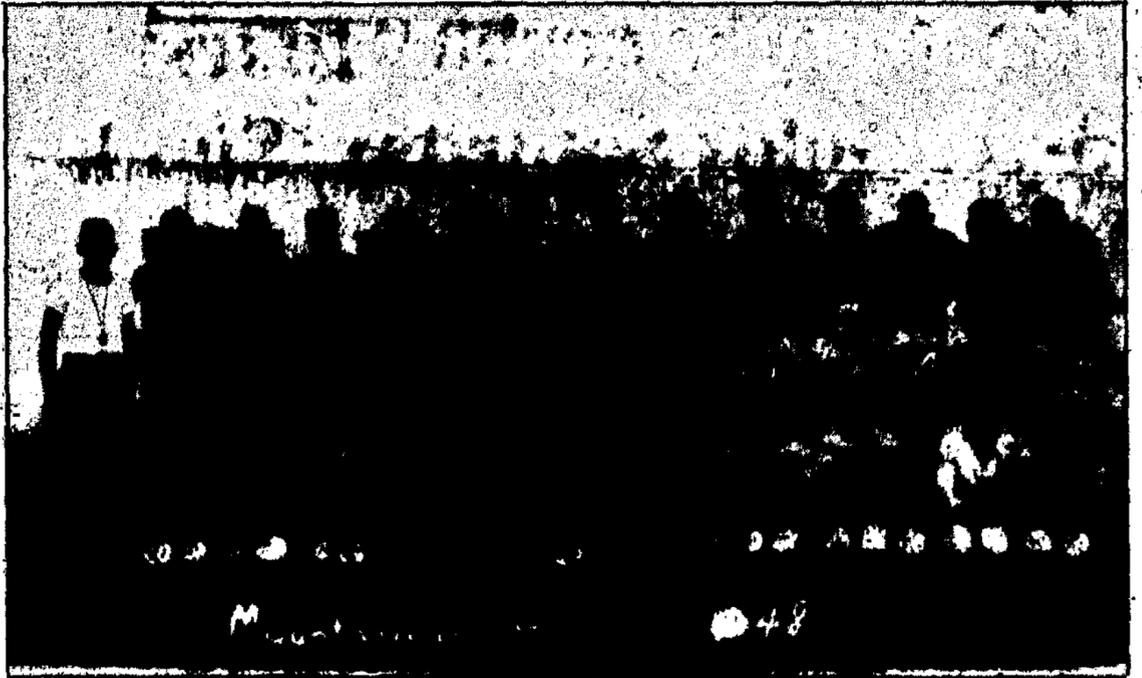
**SIXTH RACE** Purse \$1900. 3yo 4up 120/122 Clm \$4000 550 Yd

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# PERSONALITIES



Ira (back left) with the B17 bomber crew.



Ira (at left) as the lone coach of a strapping Mountainair High School football team.

## Ira Caster keeps pace on the fast track of life

by DIANNE STALLINGS  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Wiry and fit at 75, the spring in William Ira Caster's walk reflects his positive attitude about life, his job and people.

When he's not in a marathon or competitive run, Caster spends his summers working nine-hour days patrolling the forest, dealing with the public and supplying support services for firefighters.

After a 30-year satisfying career in education, Caster in 1979 joined the U.S. Forest Service to follow an interest developed years earlier near Mountainair.

Seventeen years later, as the one of the oldest foresters employed by the Forest Service, Caster still is hard at work in the Smokey Bear Ranger District around Ruidoso.

Although the Lincoln National Forest is closed because of the drought and threat of wildfire, it doesn't mean there's nothing to do.

Caster ferries supplies, equipment and firefighters to base camps and mans a base radio. He patrols trails and camping areas looking for violators of the ban against public use. He accompanies Smokey Bear on public relation appearances for fire prevention.

Many people enviously eye his seasonal job and ask him when he's going to retire, Caster said.

"I'll stop working when I know I can't do the job and I'll know when that time comes," he said.

Keeping a sense of humor about life in general and working at something he enjoys is what keeps him young, Caster said.

### Teaching inevitable

Caster was born in 1920 in

Estancia where his father was working in the local school system as part of a 42.5 year career in education.

His father started as teacher and coach, then went on to become a principal and finally superintendent, moving around New Mexico.

"I grew up thinking I couldn't do anything but teach," Caster said.

He entered New Mexico Normal University in Las Vegas in 1937, and graduated four years later as part of the first class under the new name of New Mexico Highlands University.

His first teaching job was in Moriarty, where one of his elementary students was former governor Toney Anaya. But after one year, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps to fight in World War II.

He served as an engineer gunner on a B17 bomber, was shot down over Latvia in July 1944, was captured and interned in a prisoner of war camp.

Although the experience had its gruesome moments, it was not a work camp, a much tougher existence under German rule. The following May, the camp was liberated by Russians.

After his October 1945 discharge, Caster taught and coached in Mountainair.

"I coached all four sports by myself; football, baseball, track and basketball, and I drove the activity bus," Caster said. "I coached as many as 40 boys at a time."

In March 1946, he married Mary Lou Kubena. The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary earlier this year.

"In summers, I worked on my master's degree, but in 1948, we had a three-month-old baby boy

and I didn't plan on going away," Caster said. "A ranger asked if I'd like to be Forest Service patrolman in the Manzano Mountains at the Tajique camp.

"It was beautiful. The cabin had a wood cookstove and a tub, but no running water. We hauled stream water and heated it on the stove to bathe."

With no refrigeration, perishable food was placed in a window cooler, covered, and cold water was poured over it.

"I patrolled on horseback and would stop at two lookouts, one at Capella Peak and another man who stayed in a tent at Mosca Peak," Caster said. "I'd talk to them each morning to see if they spotted any smoke. It's quite different than conditions today."

The next summer he finished his master's in education, but he returned to the Forest Service in the early 1950s, working as a fire dispatcher in the Mountainair District during the summer.

"I took crews to fires," Caster said. "We didn't have hot shots then. I would grab what personnel I could or the younger men downtown and take them to the fires. I was coaching them and could keep up with anyone in those mountains."

When his education job responsibilities grew from 1958 to 1966 with appointments as principal and then as district superintendent, he was forced to stop his forestry work. But he soon resigned from the education field. He became deputy director of the Mountainair Forest Service Job Corps Center, then director of education for the

Please see Caster, page 8B

## fast Facts



Name: Bill Caster

Age: 75

Marital Status: Celebrated 50th anniversary this year with wife Mary Lou

Jobs: 30 years in education and 17 with U.S. Forest Service

Hobbies: Winning marathons and (someday soon, he hopes) fishing

Best Buddy in Forest Service: Smokey Bear



Ira (center) with his wife Mary Lou and son Bill in 1950 when he won two gold medals (1500m run and 1500m race walk) and three silver (50m dash, 100m dash and 200m dash) in the New Mexico Senior Olympics in Las Cruces.

# PERSONALITIES

## Caster

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women's Job Corps center in Albuquerque, offering training in secretarial skills, electronics, dental hygiene and television broadcasting.

Four years later, he resigned and went back into education, hired as superintendent of the Capitan School District. He stayed there four years and then became assistant superintendent of the Tularosa school system.

Subsequent assignments as superintendent followed in Roy in northeast New Mexico and in Floyd, west of Portales.

He retired from education in 1978 and moved to Ruidoso in August of that year. His wife already was working for the Forest Service, having started as a secretary clerk in the Mountainair District after being trained in the first Job Corps class.

She worked in a similar job for the Smokey Bear District from 1978 to 1995 before retiring last year.

### Forest is first love

The summer after moving to Ruidoso, Caster was back at work with the Forest Service, handling fire prevention, recreation and law enforcement duties (with no power

to arrest) until September of each year.

"Years ago, we also did the hunting season and Christmas tree cutting season, but there's not enough money in the program anymore," Caster said.

He has manned the fire tower at Monjeau when a regular spotter wasn't available, Caster said, adding, "I like it up there. It's not lonely even when there aren't many people up there. You see something new all the time with a 360-degree view."

Occasionally, couples have been married at the peak, and several times family members have gathered after a funeral to spread ashes.

One of the aspects of the job that has kept his interest high is the chance to train in and learn about forestry programs. He also enjoys passing along that knowledge to groups like Boy and Girl Scouts.

During a more normal year of rainfall, Caster said he would be helping supervise fuelwood areas where trees are designated to be cut by Forest Service permit.

"I've had few problems with people in 17 years," Caster concluded. "The public usually is receptive and responsive."

The same is true about most

campers, he said, adding that 90% leave a clean campground and are careful about cooking and campfires.

"Recreational forest users usually have a good attitude toward the forest," he said.

One of the more destructive acts he sees is visitors chopping down green trees or carving into their bark.

"The green wood won't burn in a campfire anyway," he said. "People can use any dead and down wood when there are no burn restrictions."

Forest users have been understanding about closed trails and campgrounds, because of the drought, he said. Few citations have been issued.

"This is the first time I remember seeing so many streams dry," Caster said. "Cedar Creek doesn't have a drop. Some years before, it

got low, but this shows how dry it's been."

Recreational use of the forest has increased significantly since he started 17 years ago, Caster said.

"Last year, the Bonito area was packed," he said. "Oak Grove, Skyline and Monjeau were busy."

Tent camping remains popular, although the use of R.V.s and pop-up trailer tents is on the increase, he said.

At the same time, more people want to help maintain and improve the forest.

"More people all the time ask me how they can help," Caster said. "Trail work is one of the things they really enjoy as volunteers, maybe not moving logs, but cleaning up the trails."

"We don't have any volunteers out now because the forest is closed. We're doing more patrolling to make ourselves visible to the

public."

Caster said he tends to offer advice before a violation rather than cite people later.

In 1990, Caster started running again to keep fit. He won two gold and three silver medals in the New Mexico Seniors Olympics that same year.

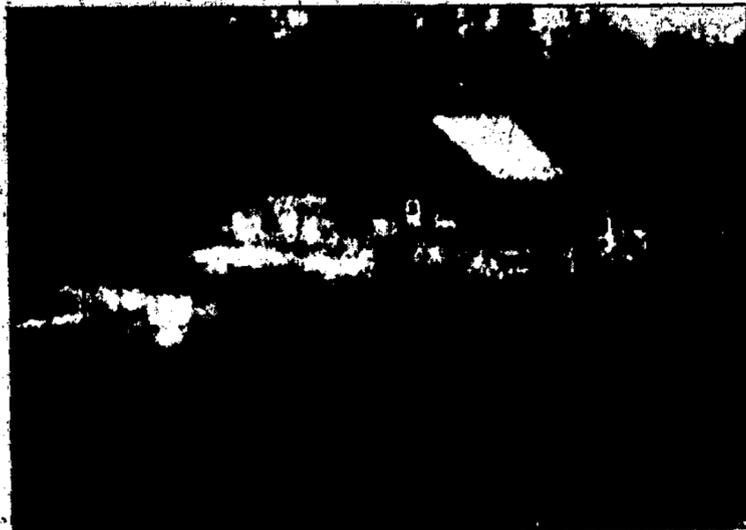
In 1993, he won a gold medal in his age category in the 5,000 meter Duke City Marathon. When he returned in 1995, he took a silver. He expects more gold on his next run.

"Now I'm in the 75-79 category and I'm just a kid in that group," he said. He routinely wins in the Capitan Smokey Bear Run and the Pecos Valley Round Up in Roswell.

"I used to like to fish and hunt, but I lost the hunting fever after seeing so many fawns and their little faces looking at me," Caster said. "Maybe I'll fish again after I retire."



Capitan School District Superintendent Ira Caster in 1972.



Ira's first ranger cabin in the Marizano Mountains, in July 1948.



Ira (right) with Mountainair assistant forest ranger Paul Wild in 1948.



At the Smokey Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso, Ira admires a sculpture of Smokey as a scorched cub in a tree.

## LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

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

**Ruidoso News  
June 27, 1947**

Crowds are pouring into Ruidoso to see the races which begin on June 27 and run through July 6. This is the first season that the Hollywood Race Track has had pari-mutuel and it is expected that the largest crowds in the history of the canyon will be on hand. At the present time there are 360 horses in the stables with a few more to come. A visit to the stables will convince one that the horses to run this year are the best and they come from every section of

the country.

The past ten days not one night has gone by that there have not been clients in the Ruidoso jail...one night there were five! This must be some sort of a record.

The charges have been reckless driving and other traffic violations, speeding, supreme and glorified intoxication, and disorderly conduct which has gone so far as to be called just plain old fighting two or three times.

Every effort will be made all during the summer season to avoid all of these things which are so unpleasant to even witnesses and which, if not taken care of, can give Ruidoso a bad reputation.

At long last we are getting some afternoon showers. It has been so dry and they are so welcome. The showers still seem to be spotty, however.

We went by the construction of the new Spencer Theatre. Isn't it going to be a fantastic addition to the arts and entertainment of Lincoln County? And the patrons will be able to enjoy the backdrop of Sierra Blanca mountain and the wide open spaces.

The Lincoln Preservation Board has been busy trying to catch up with business. A special meeting was held to hear and approve plans by Jim Terrel, who will be doing some improvements to the Chris Zamora home. They will be adding a room and stuccoing, and other work to make it more like the older buildings of Lincoln. Betty Schrengost received approval for her signs. She is planning on opening her home, the Dolan House, as a museum.

The new officers for the board are Francis Gallegos, chairman; Glenn Dennis, vice chairman; and Ralph Dunlap, secretary.

A plaque honoring the builders of the San Juan Church is finished and is beautiful. Bill McVeigh, who engraved it and put it together, did a marvelous job. He began to have second thoughts about doing such a large piece with so many names to engrave, but he didn't need to worry. We hope to see everyone at the church at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 23. The names on the plaque are as they were in the ledger that Reverend Juan Maria Garnier kept.

Cecilia Apodaca, Gloria Aldaz, Francis Gallegos, and Ralph Dunlap have put a lot of work and time into the dedication. They hope to have the San Juan Eve celebration similar to the first dedication of the church.

Following the dedication, Father Richard Catanach will have Mass. A reception will be held at the Lincoln County Heritage Trust patio, following the Mass.

My husband Ralph and I spent some time in Alliance, Neb., where we attended a family reunion on my mother's side. We are working on various families, so we all were busy exchanging information and telling stories.

The Wortley Hotel is now open for continental breakfast, sandwiches, desserts and drinks.

Lincoln is seeing a lot of the Roving Sands military troops — both as visitors and passing by in convoys, including the German families who are stationed in Alamogordo.

## Lincoln Trails

ROSALIE DUNLAP

The Lincoln Masonic Foundation annual gathering was well attended at the Lincoln Park Saturday. There were more than 150 present to enjoy the beautiful setting, visiting, listening to the Bent Tree Jamboree, and the cowboy poetry by Les Morrow of Clovis. The members of the Carrizozo Lodge #41 did another great job with the barbecues dinner. It was nice to see many of the state members present and the visitors from Texas. During the talk of the Grand Master, Omer Horn, two helicopters flew over. He remarked that was the first time he had a flyover when he was the speaker.

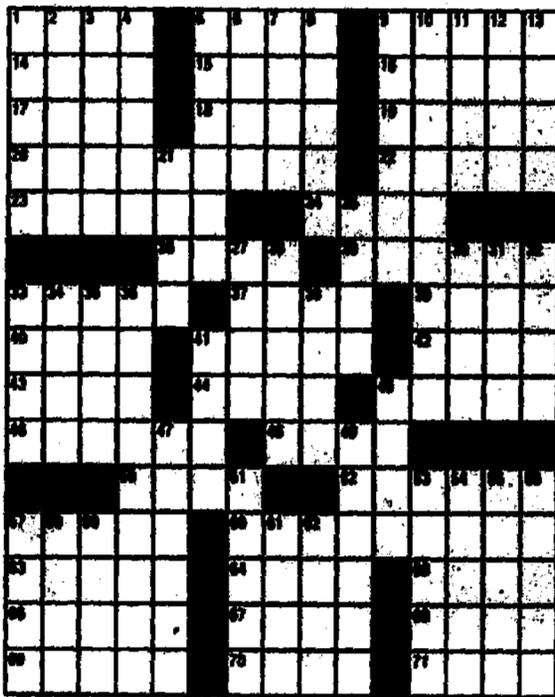
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## Handle

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"The basics to good simulcasting is two to three signals," Baugh said. The track also simulcasts major stakes races from across the country, such as the Kentucky Derby, on live racing days.

More people are staying for the whole racing card because Baugh has decreased the time in between races from 30 to 20 minutes. That means fans are getting out around 4:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.

Through 13 days of racing, Ruidoso Downs has attracted 34,199 people through the gate. In 1995, the first 13 days of racing drew 31,655 fans. This year, fans have wagered \$1,870,541. That number was \$1,959,946 through the first 13 race dates last year.

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- tion. The drought has affected both numbers up, but it's the perils of the times that we're going through right now," Baugh said.
  - He attributes the drop in handle to "the casino five miles down the road," referring to Casino Apache located on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.
  - Track general manager Dick Cummings said the new state lottery has had an affect, too.
  - "Whenever there is a startup lottery in a jurisdiction with both lottery and racing, typically there is a 11 to 18% decline in racing handle," Cummings said. That affect lasts about two years, then it wears off, he added.
  - It is somewhat difficult to draw definite conclusions from the numbers, but track officials think the ongoing drought is part of the equa-
- tion. The drought has affected both Texas visitors.
- Baugh admits the drought means not as many tourists are here because the forests are closed. Texas and New Mexico ranchers have had to unload their cattle because they can't afford to feed the herd, resulting in a drop in market price. That, too, cuts into the number of visitors, who in better times would vacation in Ruidoso and wager at the track.
- "The drought has affected them just in terms of disposal income," Cummings said. "As they fare is often how we fare," he added of the track's west Texas clientele.
- Still, Baugh described the track's attendance and handle as "good for the times and the state of the industry."
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# John Chisum was one of last of great cattlemen

No one has written a fully documented biography of New Mexico pioneer cattleman John Chisum, known at one time as the "Cattle King of the Pecos."

A colorful character among colorful characters, Chisum is richly deserving of such an endeavor.

He was born Aug. 15, 1824 at Hardeman, in Madison County, Tenn.

At the age of 13, Chisum's family, which included John and two brothers, relocated to Paris, Texas.

Chisum reached the fairly advanced age of 30 (advanced, at least, for that place and time) before he embarked on his career as a cattleman, but by 1873, 19 years later, he was occupying an enormous area of land centered around Bosque Grande on the Pecos River.

He seems to have been relatively well liked, but he was not without enemies.

Chisum was no friend to the Mescalero Apaches, from whom he habitually stole horses. To be precise, Chisum got someone else to steal the horses. One of the men he hired to perform this nefarious task was notorious Lincoln County badman Jesse Evans.

At various times, many of the men who would achieve prominence during the Lincoln County War were in Chisum's employ.

Joshua G. "Doc" Skurlock was one. Chisum hired Doc as a line rider, and when Doc found his line-riding partner dead and mutilated by the Apaches, he hot-footed it back to Chisum's South Spring Ranch near modern-day Roswell to quit.

Chisum, who was famous for wanting to pay his debts with cattle (if he paid them at all), refused to accept Skurlock's resignation or pay him off. This didn't sit well with Doc, who proceeded to pay himself off with some horses and equipment, and took it, as they say, "on the lam."

Chisum sent some riders after Skurlock, but when they caught up with him and heard his version of the events surrounding his ignominious departure from Chisum's employ, they let him go, much to Chisum's chagrin.

Several years later, Doc would become one of the last of the elected leaders of the now-famous Regulators.

And then, of course, there was Billy Bonney, who would prove to be a thorn in Chisum's side for years, despite the fact that he was a sometimes suitor of Chisum's niece, Sally.

Chisum was considered to be the financial backer behind the Regulators during the Lincoln County War. Little evidence exists to support this claim, but it does seem to have been the case.

In fact, Billy the Kid, when he was awaiting trial for the murder of Sheriff William Brady, told a reporter that it was John Chisum who got him into all this trouble in the first place. His statement more or less fingered Chisum as the man who ordered Brady's murder. But that is one mystery of the Lincoln County War that will probably never be solved.

In 1875, Chisum sold his cattle interests to the firm of Hunter and Evans, but stayed on to run the business. At about the same time, he hired a young lawyer in Lincoln to assist him with some problems he was having with the government beef contract he had landed with Ft. Stanton to supply the Mescalero Apache Reservation with beef. The lawyer's name was Alexander McSween.

It was Chisum's association with McSween — and McSween's wife Susan — that would link him irrevocably with the Tunstall/McSween faction during the war.

In addition, there is strong evidence that the men known as "The Seven Rivers Warriors," who fought on the Murphy/Dolan side during the war, would not have done so if not for the alliances that McSween and Tunstall had made with Chisum. The Seven Rivers Warriors were, in actuality, small ranchers that Chisum felt were squatting on his land and stealing his beef.



## Past tense

DREW GOMBER  
THE RUIDOSO NEWS

For some time, Chisum hands had been making life extremely uncomfortable for these Seven Rivers men, so it is no wonder they were anxious to ally themselves with anyone who was an enemy of Chisum's.

For the record, it should be noted that while Chisum had no legal title to the "squatters" land, there is a strong possibility his claims that these men were rustling his cattle contained more than a grain of truth.

His battles with these men and others became known as the "Pecos War," or what others termed (more accurately) "Chisum's War." The skirmishes from this war would pale next to the coming storm known as "The Lincoln County War."

When Alexander McSween became embroiled in the debacle over the insurance policy of the late Emil Fritz, Chisum was dragged into it with him.

In December of 1877, Chisum and the McSweens were traveling together. Both had business trips to make and they decided to rendezvous at Anton Chico. The trip turned out to be a disaster, thanks to the machinations of Jimmy Dolan and the Santa Fe Ring.

Dolan forced, perhaps with a certain amount of justification, that the McSweens were going to take the money from the Fritz insurance policy (\$10,000) and disappear with it. Dolan and McSween had locked horns over this money. Dolan needed the money to save his foundering business. Claiming the funds were owed to him by Fritz, he may, for once, have been telling the truth. McSween, however, claimed Dolan had no legal right to the money and refused to turn it over to him. They didn't know it, but both men were sowing the seeds that would lead to war.

The stagecoach carrying the McSweens and Chisum was stopped by a posse and the occupants dragged out. The following is Chisum's own account of the incident, written in the third person: "Chisum was jerked out head

foremost and fell upon his face on the hard road and (was) seized by the throat... He still held his grip until Chisum said to the Sheriff Will you please be so kind as to loosen the grip of this... cur? The Sheriff spoke and the cur loosed his holt so Chisum breathed once more the fresh air of New Mexico they brag so much of.

"McSween was also jerked out of the ambulanch and drug off by a lot of the gang & Mrs McSween left sitting all alone crying in the ambulanch without a driver or even a protector. The Sheriff and his posse very much excited McSween was somewhat confused Chisum laughing and cool. He looked the gang over and noticed one... that had on a clean shirt & had just arrived at the scene of excitement. Chisum asked him if he would be kind enough to drive Mrs McSween to the Hotel which he consented and drove her there. Chisum and McSween were then marched to the Court house McSween put in jailors room & Chisum in the Court house and arrested under a charge sworn out by the Sheriff of resisting the Sheriff of San Magil County in the discharge of his duties as Sheriff aforesaid."

Chisum was destined to languish in the Las Vegas jail for several months before being released. By then, the Lincoln County War was in full swing.

While Chisum always tried to remain the silent partner of Tunstall and McSween, it was common knowledge that he was the most powerful member of the partnership.

Despite this, Chisum managed to remain in historical shadow throughout the war.

He may also have been one of the few men to outwit Billy the Kid, who felt that Chisum owed him money. One day when Chisum was out on the range, the Kid and some confederates suddenly appeared, guns drawn.

When the Kid demanded payment of the money he felt was owed him, he informed Chisum in no uncertain terms that if he was not instantly paid off, Chisum was going to find himself perforated in numerous and unpleasant places.

Chisum remained calm, and in modern parlance, "psyched" the Kid out. Calmly loading and packing his pipe (Chisum never carried a gun), he told Billy he knew the Kid was too brave to kill an unarmed man. This put Billy in something of an awkward situation. If he shot Chisum now, it would negate Chisum's statement concerning the Kid's bravery.

Holstering his weapon, the Kid angrily told Chisum he wouldn't kill him, but instead in way of payment, Billy intended to rob the old cattleman blind. Then Billy and his men thundered off.

Despite his coolness, it is difficult to imagine Chisum not giving at least a small sigh of relief when the Kid departed. Arguing with Billy the Kid was not the healthiest of occupations.

Later, however, Chisum may well have wished for the quick death that Billy offered that day on the plains.

In the early 1880s, Chisum's health began to fail. At the same time, he was beset by a virtual avalanche of lawsuits, the result of his lifelong habit of never really learning any good business practices.

John Simpson Chisum died a broken man, his body riddled with cancer in Eureka Springs, Ark., on Dec. 22, 1884.

He was one of the last of the great cattlemen, and truly one of the last of his kind. He possessed the knowledge and drive to acquire one of the largest herds of cattle that ever existed anywhere, but lacked the business acumen to get rich from it.

*"Do what thy manhood bids thee do, from none but self expect applause;*

*He noblest lives and noblest dies who makes and keeps his self-made laws."*

— Sir Richard Francis Burton (1821-1890).

John Chisum

# Dining Out

An Advertising Feature

## Great views complement unique food

Tucked on the west side of Alto Crest is one of the best-kept dining secrets in Ruidoso.

Possibly because it's situated in the Best Western Swiss Chalet Inn, many still don't know the Ahna-Michelle's Restaurant offers its rolling vistas and hearty menus to all.

"We do have the very best view in town," says restaurant manager Ginger McCann.

Window seating abounds at the Mechem Drive restaurant, with brilliant views of Sierra Blanca Peak. Outside, deck seating for about 20 affords dinners the pleasure of gentle breezes and fresh scents of pine. Visitors are welcome to dine on the deck or simply enjoy cocktails and beverages.

The variety of cuisine at the restaurant parallels the exquisite setting.

A number of the entrees are Swiss-German, but Italian, French, American and Mexican entrees also fill the menu.

"We have international cuisine with a Swiss accent," McCann says.

The nightly menu includes

Annemarie's Wiener Schnitzel, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Ahna's lasagna/shrimp scampi, rainbow trout belle meuniere, and a variety of other offerings.

Chef Angelo also puts out daily specials, soups de jour and home-made deserts.

Dinner is served from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Lunch is not served.

The restaurant also has special all-you-can eat buffets four times weekly. Thursday nights, a Mexican buffet is offered at \$6.50 a person, and margaritas are featured for \$2.

"That's my personal favorite," McCann relates.

The German buffet, \$11.95 per person, is on Friday nights. German beer is offered for \$2.

Saturday nights is the \$13.95 prime rib buffet, which includes fish and chicken dishes.

A breakfast buffet is presented from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sunday. And following the Sunday buffet, brunch is offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Omelette and waffle stations line the room.

Tuesday through Sunday, a variety of omelettes, pancakes, waffles and ala carte items are featured on the breakfast menu, served from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sunday.

Ahna-Michelle's is named for the daughter of Inn owners Hans and Anna-Marie Schlunegger of Texas. The family emigrated to the United States and brought its Swiss heritage with them, characterized at the Ruidoso Inn restaurant and three more in Texas.

"The Swiss decorations really give a contrast to the Southwest," McCann said.

Inn and restaurant decor is decidedly Swiss-German, with Alp horns, cuckoo clocks, massive cow bells, nutcrackers, and countryside photos.

A full service tavern inside the inn is also open daily from 5 p.m. to closing. A stone fireplace lines a wall, a Swiss chalet shelters the oakwood bar, and a piano beckons nimble fingers to play. Happy hours are acknowledged daily, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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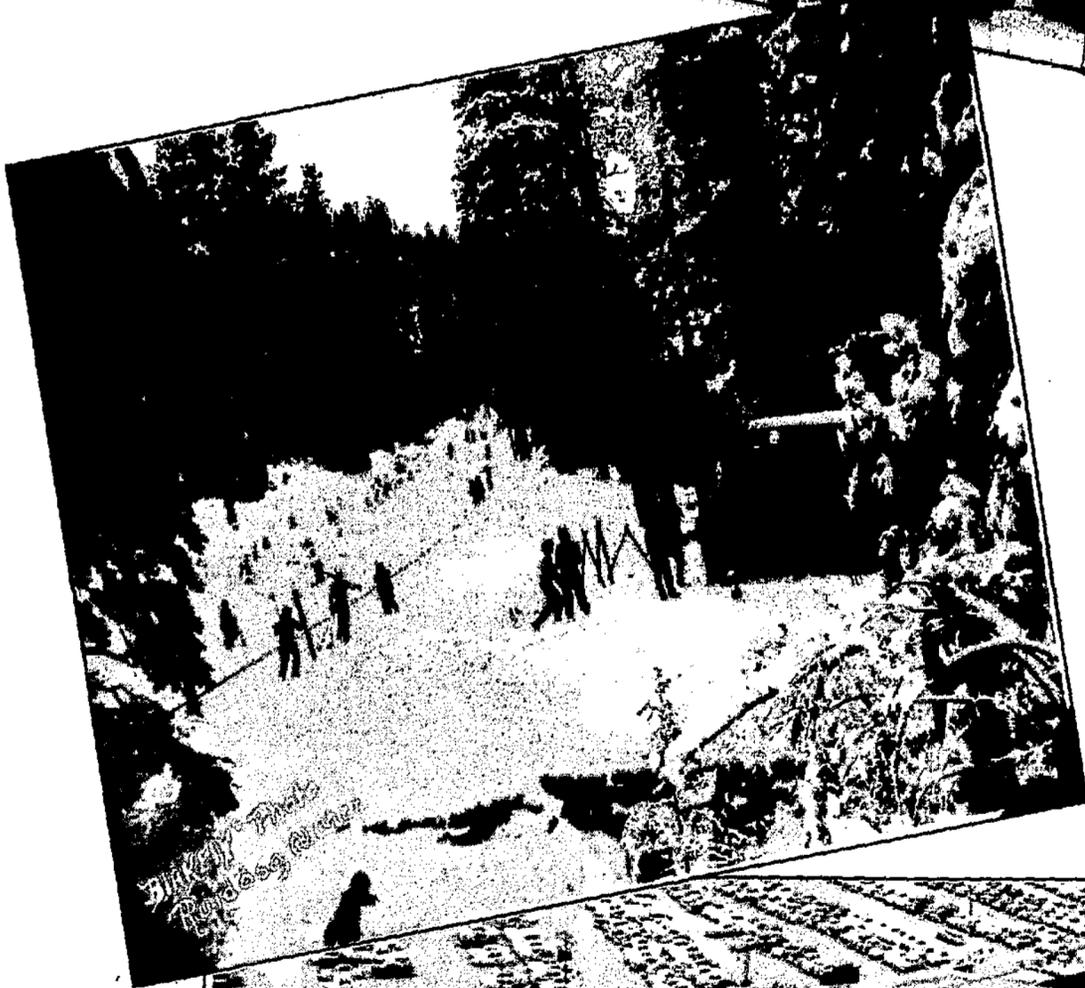
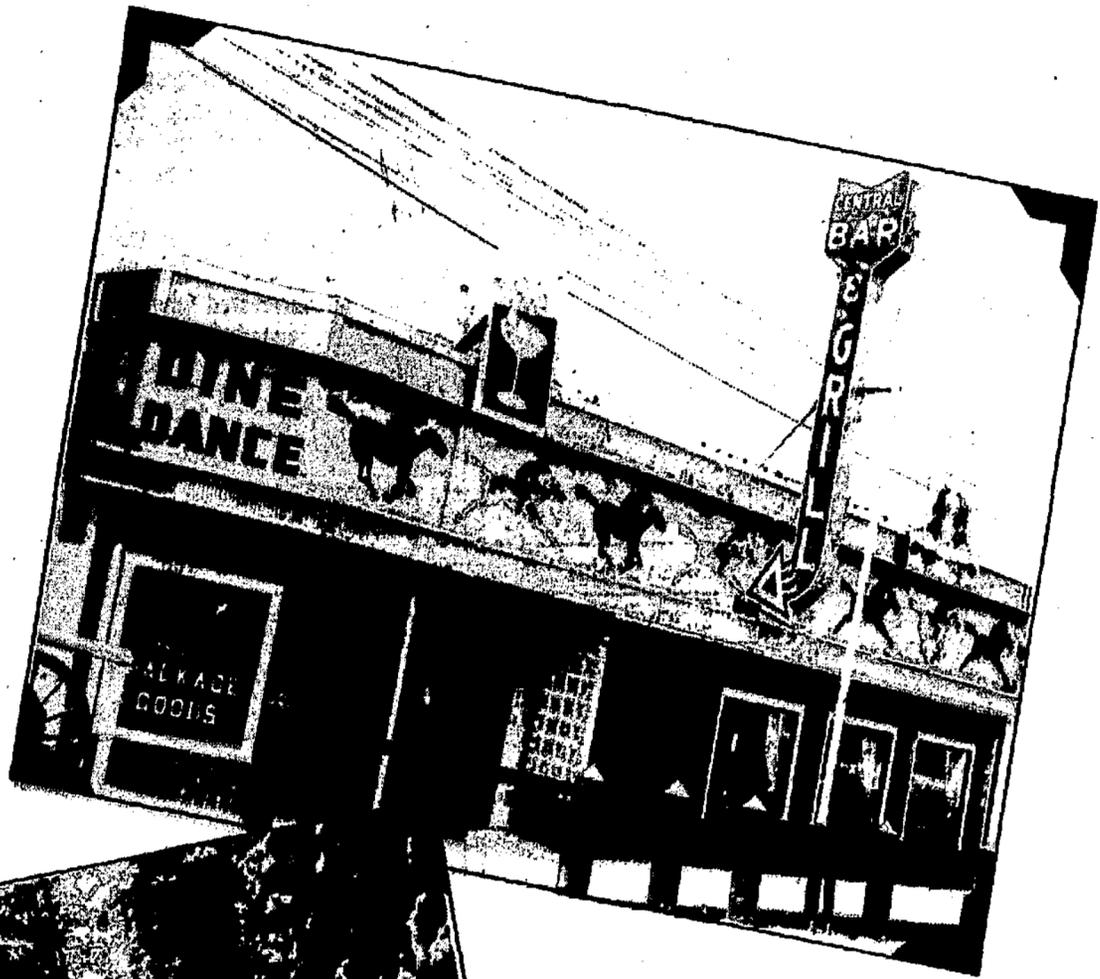
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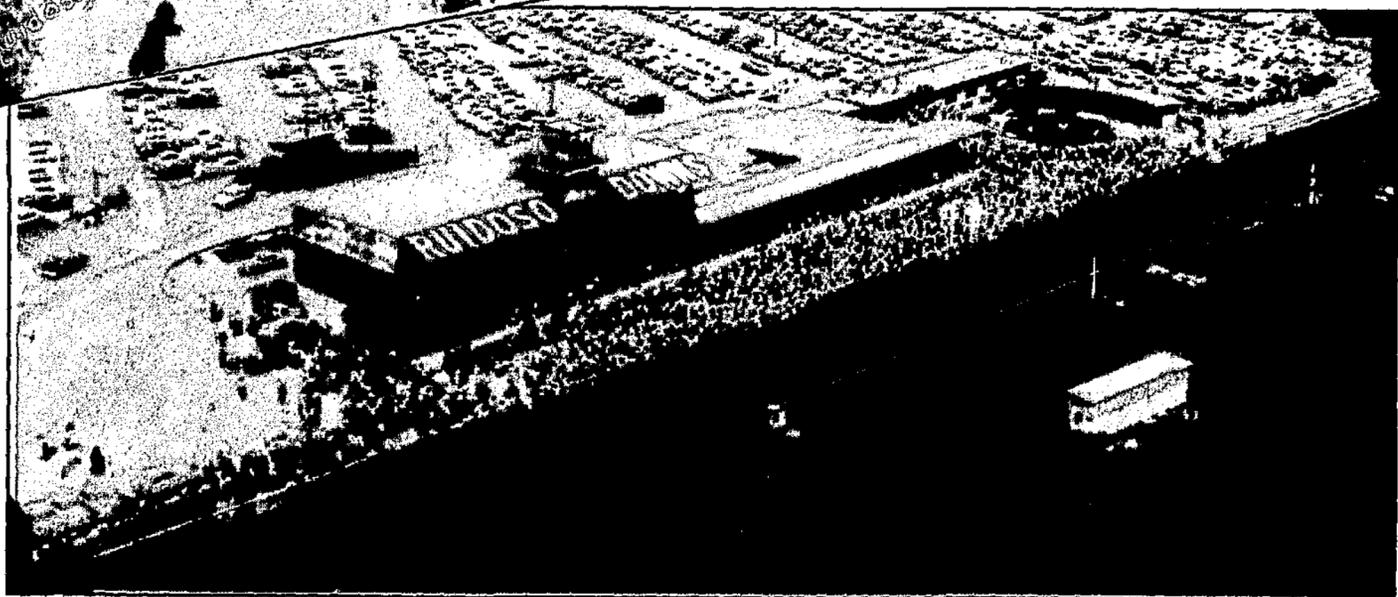
# Celebrate Ruidoso!

## 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 22  
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# 50<sup>th</sup>



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## Project 2046 seeks old, new photographs for local time capsule

Project 2046, a photographic documentation celebrating the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the village of Ruidoso, has begun.

Under the direction of the Photographic Society of Lincoln County, all interested photographers are invited to participate.

The society wants to document everything from teenage clothing styles to special events in 1996.

The society is seeking to copy old photos of Ruidoso as well.

For submission guidelines, contact Herb Brunell at 258-4003 or Leland DeFord at 257-3676.

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**The society wants to document everything from teenage clothing styles to special events in 1996.**

## Happy anniversary to all of us!

Inside you'll find many memories from people who witnessed the early days of Ruidoso — former councilors and mayors, long-time store owners, fans who remember a dirt racetrack, and former Ruidoso News publishers.

It's no coincidence that, soon after Ruidoso was incorporated, a local newspaper came into being and the horse racetrack started offering parimutuel betting. The incorporation was the seed that spurred growth throughout this area.

If you love Ruidoso, you're invited to celebrate its beginnings and its accomplishments with us from noon until dark Saturday, June 22 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

We'll have free music and free hot dogs and pop (and free old-fashioned pop glasses) to thank you for doing your part to make Ruidoso a great place to live and visit.

And if you're one of those people who remember Ruidoso 50 years ago, we'd love to hear a story or two. Show up about 5:30 p.m. and we'll take a break between bands.

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# Bennett's offers travelers a break for a half-century

□ Store on U.S. Highway 70 West was first stop for those heading north

by TODD SCHREIBER  
Ruidoso News Intern

A place of friendliness and aid is a place that will last. And last is exactly what Bennett's Indian Shop has done for more than 50 years.

Betty Bennett can remember many times the shop became a refuge.

"One time during a snowstorm, some G.I.s got stranded (along U.S. Highway 70). They stayed here, told stories, slept and Momma kept them fed," said Bennett. Her

parents, Clayton and Helen Bennett, ran the store until Mr. Bennett died in 1995. Helen Bennett died a few months ago.

"Anyone who was having trouble could knock on the door and never be turned out," Bennett said.

Bennett also remembers travelers stopping to see the "Old Spring," an old wagon spring displayed on the store's property that was given as scrap metal to help the war effort during World War II.



"He started out selling flour, coffee, beans and Indian trading goods. The Mescalero would come in with beadwork and trade for groceries."

BETTY BENNETT  
BENNETT'S INDIAN SHOP  
OWNER



Bennett's Indian Shop in 1951 was located about 100 yards from the present store along U.S. Highway 70.



Early Ruidoso was small but fun, recalls Bennett, who, with 18 other students, graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1954.

"We had movie theatres, two skating rinks, riding stables all over town and dance halls," Bennett said.

"The slot machines were great fun. Some times of the day they were legal, other times they were illegal. We had to disguise them then," said Bennett, adding that

rugs were thrown over the machines to hide them.

Betty's father first came to Ruidoso in 1926 from Indiana. He later brought his wife here and opened his first store in a small building that was destroyed by fire in 1959 and later rebuilt.

"He started out selling flour, coffee, beans and Indian trading goods," Bennett said. "The Mescalero would come in with beadwork and trade for groceries."

The store was moved to its present location near Camelot Castle in 1960 or 1961.

"We've always dealt in Indian goods," said Bennett, who remembers when a large turquoise bracelet, worth \$600 now, could be had for \$100.

Bennett, who just opened the store again after it closed down for about a year, said she hopes Ruidoso and the store will be around in another 50 years.

"Ruidoso will be lively and wonderful if people can conserve water and gambling works. Or it will be back to a population of 350, with old men growling and snapping, remembering the good old days," Bennett predicted.

## Celebrating 50 Years!



Help us celebrate 50 years in Ruidoso!!!

Join us on Saturday June 22, 1996 at 12 Noon at the Ruidoso Convention & Civic Events Center for lots of food, fun, live entertainment & festivities.

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# Buddy Riddle fondly remembers the Good Ole Days

by TODD SCHREIBER  
Ruidoso News Intern

"The Good Ole Days." For Buddy Riddle, that's more than just a saying, that's the way it was in Ruidoso 50 years ago and before, and the way it will probably never be again.

Riddle remembers how simple things were then.

"You could rent a cabin for \$5 a month and get the best place in town for \$10," Riddle said.

A person could also get a meal for \$2 or \$3 and get a horse through one of the riding stables for \$5 to ride all day long.

For Riddle, riding horses has always been a major form of travel and in the early days of Ruidoso, it was sometimes a better ride than the automobile.

"The gravel roads were bad back then. When it was snowing, you'd do better riding," Riddle said.

And Riddle recalls when the horse was a way to bring people, Ruidoso visitors and citizens, together.

"We used to have a riding club, called the Moonlight Trail Riders. We'd go all across this country, down to the (Hondo) valley, to Bonito," Riddle said.

Riddle remembers Sunday and Wednesday night rides when just



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**BUDDY RIDDLE**  
OWNER OF BUDDY'S RIDING STABLES

about everyone in town would head down to Cedar Creek or Carrizo Lodge.

"Everyone who liked to ride and have a big dinner would go," Riddle said.

Riddle said the rides stopped about four years ago.

"We ran out of riding room," said Riddle, meaning that buildings — cabins, houses, etc. — sprang up in the area.

Riddle remembers when the only things that sprang up were the crops from all the farms in the area.

"Everyone had a farm and raised

cows, chickens, pigs and whatever else," Riddle said.

Robberies were unheard of and you never questioned whether or not you should help out a stranger.

"If you saw a car in the ditch on the side of the road, there was no question that you'd help pull them out," Riddle said.

"Today they have signs telling you not to pick up hitchhikers. Back then you didn't worry about it as much," Riddle said.

Riddle also remembers an early Ruidoso of decent, hardworking people, one motel, a barbershop, a sawmill and a few stores.

"John Bogart was the barber, Fred Riley had a cafe and Red Halladay had a sawmill," Riddle said.

Ray D. (Red) Halladay was one of the first village trustees when Ruidoso was incorporated.

Ruidoso really started growing about 1936, when Ruidoso had a population of about 250 people.

"Bars were running full blast. People'd come for all summer and some of them stayed," said Riddle, who described Ruidoso then as a "forest in the desert" and a "party town."

During September and October, when things slowed down after the summer, citizens would spend time stocking up on firewood, in preparation for next winter.

"Then things really slowed down during the wintertime," Riddle said.

But residents decided there was one activity people would still come to Ruidoso for in the winter. Skiing!

"Bill Hart put in a tow rope and motorized pulley at Cedar Creek. People came by the hundreds and were charged \$1 a day," Riddle said.

Everyone in town, including the Boy Scouts, helped out with the ski run.

"Joe Nelson would bring his tractor and pull people (from the

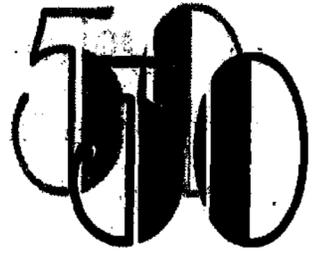
snow banks) free of charge," Riddle said.

Riddle first came to the area in about 1928, when he was about three years old. His parents, Frank and Ruth M. Riddle, moved to Cedar Springs, a small establishment at the Fox Caves.

"We rented out four cabins. My father ran a gas station there, and my mother had a cafe," said Riddle, who remembers travelers stopping there to fish, rest and wash their clothes.

Riddle eventually got a job at Weldon Carter's riding stables near the present-day Winner's Circle, where he made about 25 cents a day.

Today Riddle holds onto one of his favorite activities by owning and operating Buddy's Riding Stables. Horseback riding must still be popular — Riddle's business is still alive and well after more than a half century.



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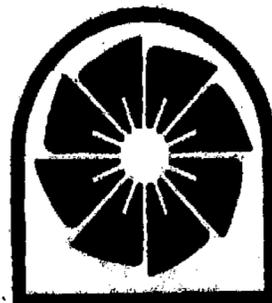
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# Water has always been issue in Ruidoso's growth

## □ Former mayor Leon Farrar says village will continue to grow, though

by LAURA CLYMER  
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Ruidoso has always been a resort town but not a year-round vacation spot, remembers Leon Farrar, former Ruidoso mayor.

"We had three months out of the year to make a living," says Farrar, who now resides in Roswell. "In the wintertime we all swapped hot checks with each other!"

The Capitan High School graduate returned to Ruidoso in 1945 after serving in World War II and went to work for his father's transport business.

The Farrars had the contract with Bill Hart's electric company and hauled diesel fuel to Hart's plants in Ruidoso and Capitan. The pair also ran Pat's Auto Service located in the center of town.

Making a living in Ruidoso required two or three jobs since the village was primarily just a summer resort, Farrar recalls.

"After Labor Day, it was just like you cut the water off — everyone left town," he says.

In the winter months, a small ski run was located at Eagle Creek, and Farrar and his father operated that one year.

But other than that, Ruidoso was a sleepy village until the summer surge of visitors came seeking to escape the heat of eastern New Mexico and western Texas.

While summer visitors sought cool relief in the mountains, gamblers searched for Lady Luck at the Central Bar and The Mint in midtown Ruidoso.

Farrar says the serious gamblers were "real nice people" who wagered mostly against each other. Both gambling halls had slot machines, poker tables and Roulette wheels.

A fire in 1953 burned down a drug store, the Central Bar and The Mint.

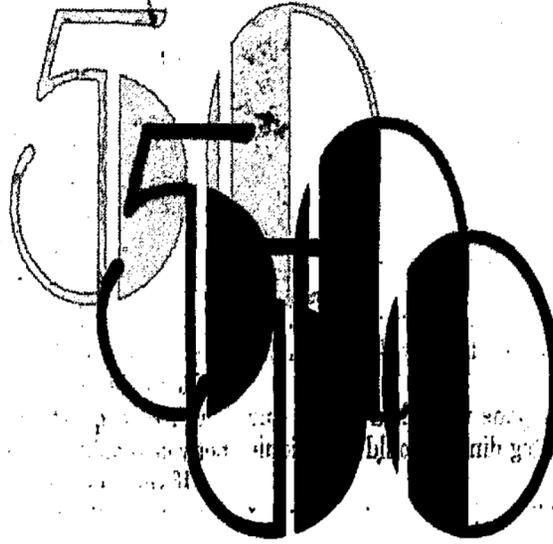
"My dad and I were up on the north fork of the Ruidoso fishing that day when it caught fire, and my wife came all the way up there, about three miles, half running to

tell us the town was burning up," Farrar says.

When gambling was quashed by police, chicken fighting emerged as an alternative, but that didn't last long, he says.

Farrar was just 21 when the vil-

lage launched efforts to incorporate in 1946. He wasn't involved with politics at the time and just vaguely recalls talk about it. "We were busy making a living," he says. Farrar had a wife to support. He married Marie Coe of Glencoe when he was 18 and she was 16. They met at Capitan High School, and have been married for 52 years. The Farrars lived in Ruidoso for 44 years until 1978. Both of their children, Pat and Candace, graduated from Ruidoso High.



**"Water was always an issue; it sure was. Back in the old days, it wasn't kind of brown — it was brown. When the river started running muddy, we had muddy water."**

LEON FARRAR  
FORMER RUIDOSO MAYOR

kind of brown — it was brown," he says with a chuckle. "When the river started running muddy, we had muddy water."

Even though the water issue is as old as the village itself, Farrar predicts his favorite mountain getaway will attract more residents.

"Well, I don't where you are going to get your water to be frank with you," he adds.

But that shouldn't stop his former hometown.

"I think Ruidoso will continue to grow," Farrar concludes confidently.

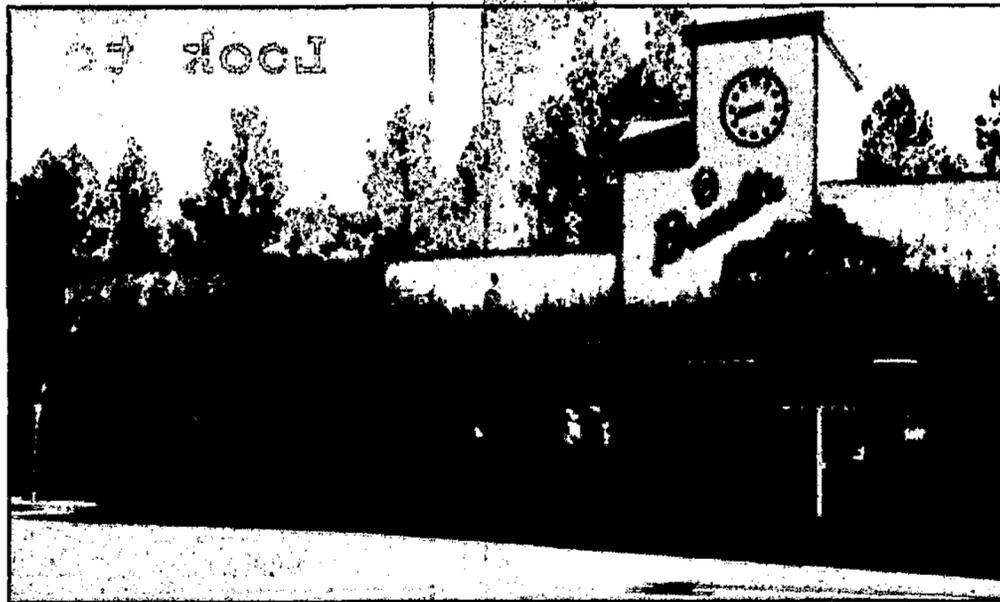
Water was an issue long before Farrar served as Ruidoso mayor from 1972 to 1974.

"Water was always an issue; it sure was," Farrar says.

Water quality seemed to reflect Ruidoso River quality.

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# Columnist Eve Ball chronicled Mescalero Apaches

by DIANNE STALLINGS  
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One of the most respected writers to claim a byline in *The Ruidoso News* during its 50-year history was Eve Ball, chronicler of

the Mescalero Apache and many pioneer families of Lincoln County.

A widow and former teacher, Ball moved to Ruidoso in the spring of 1948 after finding a climate easy on her hay fever.

She taught, coached basketball, wrote more than 100 articles and five books, rented apartments and sold antiques; always independent.

Lynda Sánchez, who became Ball's co-author on "Indeh, An

Apache Odyssey," met Ball at a historical society session shortly after moving to the county in 1973. The two women developed a working relationship and close friendship for 11 years until Ball's death in 1984 at the age of 94.

Like Ball, Sánchez also moved to the county from Arizona looking for a change in her life.

"I always was interested in history. I came through and saw Lincoln, loved it and wanted to live here," Sánchez said. "My mother thought I was crazy. It was isolated and she said, 'What are you going to do?'"

Her degree was in anthropology, but Sánchez had been involved in teaching and later went back to school for her teaching certification. She taught in Ruidoso, currently with Eastern New Mexico University.

Shortly after moving to Lincoln, Sánchez joined the county historical society and at one meeting, noticed an elderly woman sitting in the back.

"It was a show and tell night and she had the war club of Ace Daklugie (nephew of Geronimo and a tribal leader)," Sánchez said. She later learned that woman was Eve Ball.



Eve Ball and U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici (photo courtesy Lynda Sanchez)

"She told the story of how he had hid the club before he was captured as a teenager by the military and how he had given it to her," Sánchez said. "I was fascinated. I had always been interested in Apaches. So I truly think fate was involved in my coming here at a time when Eve Ball was losing her eyesight and needed someone to help her."

"I worked with her for 11 years and she became like a grandmother to me."

Ball was "kind of grumpy" when Sánchez first worked with her. The elderly woman typically labored over a manual typewriter in her kitchen while Sánchez used a small studio room.

Sánchez would join Ball two or three days a week and stay overnight.

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# Ball

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"She'd come out at 5 a.m. with my breakfast and ask if I was ready to eat and start work," Sánchez said. "After about one year, she began to trust me more and realized that I did know history. She would let me write parts of the book or fill in sections."

At the time, Ball was trying to finish a 20-year project, the book "Indeh," published in 1981 and written from the perspective of the Apache, in their own words.

"But I want to stress that she didn't have an interest just in Apaches, but in all of the old-time pioneers and the early Hispanic families in the Southwest," Sánchez said.

Ball encouraged Sánchez to write on her own, resulting in a first article published in 1978 and about 30 thereafter. Sánchez recently co-authored a manual on archaeology for teachers called "Capture the Past for New Mexico Teachers," produced for the state historic preservation office.

## Ball's early life

Born in Kentucky while plantations still operated and graciousness prevailed, Ball always remained Victorian in her personal demeanor, Sánchez said.

She could read by the age of four. During those early years, her family moved to Kansas and the cattle business. Her independent spirit was fostered by her mother, the first woman licensed to practice medicine in that state.

"The year Daklugie died, he brought (Ball) a spruce from the reservation and planted it for her (at her home on Nob Hill)," Sánchez said. "I always look at it as a symbol of Eve standing as woman alone. She came to Ruidoso, which was a tiny village in the 1940s. She was in her 50s and didn't know anybody."

**"I truly think fate was involved in my coming here at a time when Eve Ball was losing her eyesight and needed someone to help her. I worked with her for 11 years and she became like a grandmother to me."**

LYNDA SANCHEZ  
EVE BALL ASSOCIATE

Ball earned a master's in English and taught school at the high school and college level. She didn't start to write seriously until she was in her 50s.

She moved out West to learn more about the Apache. Her first stop was Phoenix, where she bought a guest home and ran it with her mother for a few years and established links with local experts on the different Apache bands.

But her hay fever continued to nag her and when she heard about the Mescalero, one summer visit convinced her she wanted to live in Ruidoso.

She wrote for *The Ruidoso News* for three decades off and on, turning out stories of Indian lore and occasional news pieces on Mescalero personalities or issues, according to former publisher Peggy McClellan, who ran the paper with her late husband Charles McClellan from 1969 to 1970.

Although Ball made friends easily and quickly picked up the racetrack and ranch jargon from guests who stayed at her apartments, not all the interviews for her books and articles came easily.

To hear family stories from a wary Sam Jones, the diminutive Ball rode fence with him, taking shorthand notes on horseback. The Jones boys were part of the Lincoln County War and were considered outlaws. The family stories were published in the book, "Ma'am Jones of the Pecos."

It took Ball four years to convince Daklugie to speak to her. She wasn't put off by initial antagonism.

As Sánchez relates, the woman of Mescalero would walk from the reservation to Ruidoso carrying their babies on their backs.

"They would trudge up that dusty old trail and go right by (Ball's) house," Sánchez said. A couple asked for water and she gave it to them. More stopped as

word spread, although at first they would not enter her house.

Ball set up table for water, lemonade and cookies. As the women cooled off, Ball would ask them about their grandparents, fathers, brothers and uncles, piecing together family ties. Eventually, she asked the women to arrange for her to speak to them.

One of her closest friendships evolved with Ramona, the wife of Daklugie. After several years, Ramona finally convinced her husband, whose hatred of the white man was well known, to speak to Ball. Once he opened up, many of the other men followed.

"The men know more about the major events, because they held the positions of major leadership," Sánchez said. "She showed me a box of documents they brought to her (to substantiate their versions).

"They trusted her because she wrote what they felt. She didn't necessary agreed with them."

Although Ball didn't like using a tape recorder, because it made her guests uncomfortable, she championed the approach of oral histories using shorthand and did tape Daklugie twice.

Painfully for Ball, several of her articles for the paper in the 1950s covered the deaths of these once powerful men who had come to trust her, including Daklugie.

Criticism from Mescalero usually comes from families who were not interviewed for Ball's books, Sánchez said.

"A lot of families wouldn't talk to her," she said. "The ones that did, she took their point of view. If others wouldn't talk to her, what could she do?"

"Her main goal was to present stories from the Apache point of view," Sánchez said. "When she wrote about the Apaches, she would present the military point of view in footnotes."

To write "In the Days of Victorio," Ball interviewed 67 Apaches, using Warm Springs Apache Chief James Kaywaykla as narrator.

Ball was not an anthropologist and sometimes Sánchez debated her mentor long and hard over points in a story, but Ball usually won.

The title "Indeh" was the center of one debate with some Mescalero.

"Technically, it means 'the people' in Athabascan (the root language of Apache), but she interpreted it as 'the dead,' because the oldtimers (Apache) said they were the dead and doomed to conquest by the whites, who were the living or 'indah,'" Sánchez said.

Ball received many awards over the years, including the 1974 Western Writer's of America Golden Spur Award for best short story in 1974 and its Saddlemen's Award in 1982.

"I drove her to that award



Lynda Sánchez stands by the chair used by the late Ace Daklugie, a Mescalero leader, when he was being interviewed by Eve Ball.

ceremony in Santa Fe and she had the whole group in the palm of her hand. She was the star," Sánchez said.

Well-known New Mexico historians Dr. David Townsend, Dan L. Thrapp and others consulted Ball regularly.

"She would hold court," Sánchez said. "She loved attention, although she acted like she didn't. All the famous professors, authors and people who loved her books would come. She would tell stories and give autographs."

At 94, walking had become difficult for Ball and she had stopped eating, but she refused to go to a hospital. She wanted to die at home in her own bed, Sánchez said.

"It was horrible seeing my friend go, because I watched her for 11 years go from a vigorous woman in her 80s," Sánchez said. "I really miss her, I miss her a lot."

"I think we're put here to do certain things, and one of them for me was to help her, and it was a great privilege."

Unfortunately, Ball's family wasn't impressed by her exhaustive study of the Apaches. After her death, her home, built for her in the 1940s by some of the old Hispanic families, was torn down. Items not rescued by Brigham Young University and others who cared, were auctioned in 1984.

## Lessons

Sánchez credits Ball with stressing the importance of presenting information from all angles and allowing readers to make up their own minds.

"She also told me she never really wrote the smut about people," Sánchez said. "I believe in that too. We need to get back to writing about the basic good qualities of people, because we all have skeletons in our closets."

Ball developed a close friendship with Father Albert Braun of St. Joseph's Mission in Mescalero. The two joined forces on many occasions to help families who lost their home to fire or suffered other tragedies.

"That's why I arranged for her services to be at St. Joseph's," Sánchez said. Hundreds from all over the Southwest turned out for the service. Silas Cochise eulogized, Townsend spoke and Donalynn Torres helped translate an English prayer into Apache.

"She was remarkably patient and inspired people," Sánchez said. "She helped so many people, not only through charity and lending money, but young people who were interested in history. She gave pointers and was always willing to read manuscripts if she thought they were sincere."

"I refer to us as the children of Eve Ball."

# Swearingin was one of village's first councilors

by LAURA CLYMER  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

When asked about Ruidoso's early days, venerable Dan Swearingin is inclined to take a historian's look back at our mountain community.

It's hard to find a better person. Swearingin has been in the Ruidoso public eye for most of his life. By 24 years of age, he was sitting on the village council, the first of many public offices (including mayor) Swearingin would hold.

He relates Ruidoso's growth to the development of the automobile and the highway system. Those two forces made it easier for eastern New Mexicans and west Texans to find relief from summer heat of the plains.

Swearingin's parents were part of that crowd. Dan's mother and father moved to Roswell in 1913. His father was a physician who practiced six days a week. On Sundays, Dr. Swearingin would drive three hours to Ruidoso to be with his family which summered in the cool pines.

Ruidoso drew people from Roswell and El Paso. People didn't have any other place to go and it was a relatively inexpensive escape, Swearingin says.

The mountain village experienced growth boom right after World War II because of improved automobiles. Swearingin returned to Ruidoso to settle down and run the family business, Dan Dee Cabins.

In those early days, people lived in small subdivisions or communities stretched along what is now Sudderth Drive. There was Ruidoso, which was near the Sudderth and Mechem intersection. Carter Town was located around the Center Street and Sudderth Drive intersection, and Skyland was situated where Carrizo Canyon Drive intersected with Sudderth.

"Those areas were highly competitive (with each other)," Swearingin says.

So competitive, in fact, one time several Carter Town businessmen tried to steal the Ruidoso Post Office and relocate it to their neck of the woods.

Ike Wingfield was the Ruidoso postmaster at that time. He awoke one night to some noise and looked out of his house to see a truck backed up to the post office. The men were loading up the post office equipment. Wingfield loaded his 30-30 shotgun and confronted the men, Swearingin recalls.

"He spoke rather severely to them," says Swearingin. Wingfield then warned the men that if they ever attempted another relocation of the post office, his next visit wouldn't be just to talk.

Ruidoso back then was primarily a summer resort, which meant money had to be made in a three-



Groundbreaking on the Rio Ruidoso filter plant #1 in 1954. Pictured are (left to right) Councilor S.K. Kirkendal, Mayor Dan Swearingin,

Councilor Harold Jones, A.J. Gates, and a Western Construction Co. superintendent.

month period.

"They tended to sit around in the winter and starve to death and fight with one another," Swearingin says with a chuckle.

But it was the water issue which washed away feelings of separateness among the communities, and precipitated talk of incorporating Ruidoso into a village.

"The supply of water became a serious problem," Swearingin recalls, adding residents also had to deal with waste disposal and the fire hazard.

In the fall of 1945, Ruidoso Postmaster Jack Hull called for a public meeting at the Pueblo Theatre, now The Aspen Tree book store. At the meeting he proposed incorporating as a village. The advantages of incorporation were many, including receiving \$2,000 in fire fund money from the state.

The idea took hold and the residents began the process. First they had to petition the Lincoln County Commissioners for permission to incorporate and then they had to submit a land survey. The commissioners hesitated at first, but then approved the request for incorporation sometime in the late fall of 1945, Swearingin recalls.

"The municipal election was in December 1945, and it was a rouser," Swearingin says.

Jack Hull ran against Olan W. McElhaney in a hard fought contest, and McElhaney emerged the

winner.

The incorporation brought Ruidoso's hamlets together, and disputes among residents of Carter Town, Skyland and Ruidoso faded to black.

"After Ruidoso incorporated, this separate town business just went away. It just quietly went away," Swearingin said.

The village council met twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays, as it set about the business of writing and adopting new ordinances. Most of the ordinances were based on Roswell's guidelines, Swearingin says.

The new village had modest beginnings. Village clerk Joe Dryden one time reported that the treasury had a total of 40 cents. He had sold a driver's license for \$1, and the village got to keep 40 cents of it.

The town's first marshal, Frank Ivey, didn't even have a jail to lock up lawbreakers. Instead, Ivey handcuffed prisoners two at a time to a big old pine, called the jail tree. The jail tree was kitty-corner from the Central and Mint bars, the two gambling halls in town.

The gamblers generously supported the Ruidoso community casues because they wanted to keep the casino operations open.

Gambling was popular and village officials looked the other way, Swearingin says. Every once in awhile, though, the village marshal would run a couple of the gamblers

into jail and make them pay a fine.

Water, the issue that brought the communities together, stayed in the forefront, however.

The village granted a water franchise to Artesia businessman H.N. Morgan. Morgan drilled wells near the site of the old airport and used war surplus high carbon steel pipes to move the water to downtown.

we've got from the Morgan water system," Swearingin says.

Morgan got into more trouble when it was discovered that he was illegally taking water out of the Rio Ruidoso, resulting in a lawsuit against the Ruidoso Water User's Association. Morgan had built a French drain in Upper Canyon and was using the water he had collected from it.



**"After Ruidoso incorporated, this separate town business just went away. It just quietly went away."**

**DAN SWEARINGIN**  
FORMER VILLAGE COUNCILOR

Ruidoso had water, but it was awful, Swearingin says.

The 73-year-old remembers one night after a village council meeting, the councilors went to the Central Bar, which had the best restaurant in town. A guy nicknamed Hot Shot ran the bar and when the councilors sat down, he set tall glasses of brown water in front of them.

"Someone asked, 'Hot Shot, why did you bring us that dirty water?' Old Hot Shot kind of grinned and he said, 'That's the very best water

"They (French drains) are very good for some things, but not for stealing water," Swearingin says.

Finally in 1950, the village decided to take the water problem into its own hands. It issued general obligation bonds worth \$125,000 to purchase water rights and that's when the village went into the water business.

Swearingin was named the village's first water commissioner, responsible for launching the village's new service.

# Bloodworth, others kept The Ruidoso News going

by **DIANNE STALLINGS**  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Lloyd Bloodworth never imagined in 1946 he was establishing a source of local news for Lincoln County that would last a half century.

"Later in life my father said, 'I guess I should never have sold the paper,' but I don't think he thought it ever would grow to what it is today," said his son L.P. Bloodworth.

Since that first edition of *The Ruidoso News* on May 17, 1946, 15 different names have appeared as publisher, four very briefly. Most of the publishers also were owners.

The major players to claim the title were:

- Bloodworth for five years;
- Mr. and Mrs. Vic Lamb from 1952 to 1969;
- Charlie and Peggy McClellan in 1970;
- Alton and Glo Lane from 1970 to 1975;
- Ken and Mary Green from 1975 to 1988;
- Green again followed by Sammy Lopez under Rajon Publishing, which owned the paper from 1988 to 1994;
- and Lopez, followed by Keith Green for WorldWest Publishing, the current owner.

## Remembering Lloyd

Raymond Johns managed the Plainville, Texas, Chamber of Commerce and Bloodworth headed the El Paso chamber when the two men first met.

"He got the idea to come here and I was thinking about starting a farm and ranch magazine for west Texas," said Johns, who now lives in Ruidoso. "We encouraged each other and discussed our dreams.

"He stands out in my mind as a man burning with desire to fulfill needs and always looking for them."

When the first issue of the newspaper hit the stands, Lloyd's wife, Ida Bloodworth, was in Sonora, Texas. Her father was ill at the family ranch.

"Dad mailed a paper to mother and to each child," said L.P. Bloodworth, who maintains a home in the Cedar Creek area. His father used his \$4,000 military discharge pay to start the paper. L.P. was 23 at the time.

"The entire canyon was enthusiastic," he said.

"They started folding papers at 6 a.m. It took two hours," Bloodworth said. Carmon Phillips and his wife, owners of the Old Mill Book and Gift Shop, came by and volunteered their help. By the next issue, his father had hired four girls to fold.

The family had owned a summer home in Upper Canyon since 1937, purchased for \$325 on land leased

for \$20 a year.

"There was no bathroom, so we took baths for 25 cents at Old Pine Tavern, a boarding house that sat at the 'Y' where the city parks its street equipment," Bloodworth said. The tavern owner was Jack Hull, whose daughter Marie Rooney and husband ran the popular Ruidoso Club, a bowling alley and favorite meeting place for families.

"Everybody carried flashlights, because the old engine (the only electric generator in town) would quit," Bloodworth said.

During World War II, his mother stayed at the cabin, because Lloyd Bloodworth, then 47, and the couple's sons were in the service.

"She was in bed when they set off the atomic bomb (at what is now White Sands Missile Range)," L.P. Bloodworth said. "She said the whole place lit up and it knocked her out of bed."

L.P. didn't share his father's interest in the newspaper, preferring to manage the family ranch in Sonora, Texas.

"Dad never was a rancher," L.P. said. "He was educated to be a Methodist minister. He met Mom in 1913 at a revival where grandfather was preaching. They were married two years later. He was a compelling speaker, but he didn't think he could make a living by preaching.



L.P. Bloodworth (left) and his brother Halbert in front of the Ruidoso Club House and bowling alley in the 1940s, where the Pine Tree Square now stands.

an Alpine, Texas, chamber of commerce.

"He was tenacious," Johns said of Bloodworth. "He clung to an idea until he saw it to fruition. And he always was walking around with a cigar in his mouth and that floppy hat."

As driven as he was to try new ventures and succeed, Bloodworth was "easy going and common as an

**"Dad was a nice guy. There are very few times I heard a harsh word, and he never whipped me. Mom whipped me plenty. She was really the driving force behind everything."**

**L.P. BLOODWORTH**  
SON OF FIRST  
RUIDOSO NEWS PUBLISHER

After building a church in Tucson, Ariz., during the Depression, he opened a soup kitchen.

"He seemed to be able to get things done for others, but not for himself," L.P. said.

Lloyd tried land development and public relations. Then in 1935, the family moved to El Paso, when he became assistant manager of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce. His next step was to establish the Southwest Chamber of Commerce.

He remained there until he went back into the service, where one of his duties was to escort the first atomic bomb from Los Alamos to White Sands.

After the service, Lloyd opened

old shoe," said Johns, who published *Southwestern Crop and Stock Magazine* and was editor of *San Antonio (Texas) Magazine*. "Anybody could talk to Lloyd about anything and he was interested in everything.

"He was a wonderful chamber manager, but he always was itchy to accomplish other things. You never knew what he was going to do next. He was a very positive man."

Bloodworth and his wife Ida worked closely together at the newspaper, he laboring over a manual typewriter and she delivering papers and collecting news from her community correspondents.

She learned how to develop her own film so she could make prints for the paper, L. P. said.

"Every time the paper came out and you were here, you were supposed to work," L.P. added. "I folded and rode with mother a couple of times."

"Dad was a nice guy. There are very few times I heard a harsh word, and he never whipped me. Mom whipped me plenty. She was really the driving force behind everything."

His mother was known for her dazzling Indian jewelry.

"She had rings on all her fingers, sometimes even her thumbs," Johns said.

Ida spent 50 summers in Ruidoso. At the age of 84 on a trip back to the mountains from Texas, she still insisted on driving the last mile into town.

"I didn't want Dad to sell the paper, because I thought it was better than a paying job in Albuquerque," L.P. said. "But Dad had itchy feet."

After selling the paper in 1951, Bloodworth announced his candidacy for governor on a reform platform, but the financial realities of the race soon sunk in and he took over the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce instead, selling real estate on the side as he had in Ruidoso.

Lloyd Bloodworth died in 1969 after suffering many years from diabetes, but sneaking doughnuts to eat with his grandchildren until the very end.

"When he died, I thought it was a great tribute that two carloads of associates and friends from Albuquerque drove to Sonora for his funeral. Both of my parents are buried there."

## Successors

In April of 1949, Louis Spain took over the paper with Mary Nell Taeger as editor.

In an article by Bloodworth, Spain was described as someone with many years in the printing and newspaper business, and an interest in an El Paso printing business that would require him to continue to live in that city.

Columnist Dan Storm remembers Spain as speaking with a Southern accent and being "very personable." During that year, Bloodworth still wrote his column, "As I See It."

Ben Vaughn and Vic Lamb took over from Spain in 1951. Bloodworth wrote that Lamb had been editor of *Hale Center American* for 14 years in Texas, one of the first weeklies to pump up reader interest with many photographs. After selling that paper, he became city editor of the *Plainville Daily Herald* and owned the *Abernathy Review*. Vaughn worked with daily and weekly papers in every phase of the business, Bloodworth said.

Vaughn's name appeared only a few times in the publisher's slot, while Mr. and Mrs. Vic Lamb occupied the spot for 17 years.

When he sold the paper in 1969, Lamb wrote that he bought the first modern commercial printing shop to Ruidoso and printed the newspaper in-house instead of having it printed in Roswell, Belen or Alamogordo.

Under his ownership, the paper expanded three times at its location in what is now Pine Tree Square, moved to the Ruidoso Bank annex, circulation climbed to 3,000 and old crank-telephones were replaced by dials.

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## Bloodworth

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"Since we've been here, six school buildings have been added, a couple of fire stations, five new churches and three shopping centers," he wrote in the article announcing the paper was sold.

On Dec. 1, 1968, Mary and Barney Barnett from San Luis Obispo, Calif., became the owners, but their time was short.

They both had newspaper backgrounds. From 1963 to 1968, they owned a news service. She was a reporter with the San Jose Mercury-Herald and he worked on newspapers in Oregon, California and Nevada. But five months after they took over *The Ruidoso News*, Lamb was looking for a new buyer before he moved to Phoenix, Ariz.

Charlie McClellan, who already owned a printing company and office supply store, swept in and revived the paper.

"It was in trouble. I'm not sure why Charlie wanted it," his widow Peggy McClellan said. "I think Vic talked him into it. He had been in the news business most of his life."

McClellan previously worked for the Glen County News in Texas.

"The newspaper was published only once a week when we took over, just on Thursday," she said. "We also had the Ruidoso Printing Co. and were doing the racetrack printing. Both were too much, so that's why we opted to sell."

Alton and Glo Lane lived in southern Idaho and wanted to move south when they heard the newspaper was for sale. Lane had worked for a twice-weekly paper in Idaho, and his wife had been a linotype operator since she was 13.

"It had just begun publishing twice a week and we pushed that into a permanent schedule on Mondays and Thursdays," Lane said. "We also converted from letter press (building a line of words at a time with raised letters) to offset (a photographic process)."

After five years, the Lanes sold to Ken Green and Lane became executive officer of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors.

"I found a guy with more money than sense," Lane joked.

The Lanes also wanted to be able to spend more time with their children, who resented the seven-day-a-week schedule of the paper.

Ken Green grew up in the newspaper business in New Mexico.

"I was always attracted to Ruidoso, its recreation and growth," said Green, who now divides his time between Artesia and Mesa, Ariz.

"I felt it was centrally located for the other two papers we owned in Artesia and Deming. I pestered Al Lane until he said yes."

As Green recalls major offset equipment was installed under his ownership.

He bought the bank annex building and published there for several years.

During the oil boom and consequential boom in Ruidoso, he purchased the land on Park Avenue and built the current newspaper building.

"I made the plans. I wanted to do that from the beginning," Green said. "I wanted it designed the way I wanted. Both my brother and I believe in putting money back into the business."

Under Green, the paper was redesigned with a more updated look.

"I watched the town go through a large boom and then a flattening," Green said. "I sold because Jack Kent Cooke came to me with an idea of putting together a group of newspapers in resort communities from Canada to the Mexico border."

"I knew my brother and I couldn't do it. We already had papers in Artesia, Deming, Socorro, Belen and Ruidoso."

"I liked the idea and the autonomy under his plan to shop for more papers with someone else's money. We picked up the papers in Payson, Ariz. and Steamboat Springs, Colo."

But after a year, Cooke lost interest in the project and Green resigned. Green still owns the Artesia paper and recently purchased a newspaper in Lovington.

Sammy Lopez had been publisher of a newspaper in Fort Sumner and handled similar duties for the Rajon papers. He left in 1995 and now is publisher of the Current Argus in Carlsbad.

The current *Ruidoso News* owner, WorldWest, consists of three generations of the Dolph Simons family of Lawrence, Kans.

## News bits from Ruidoso's first years

Bits and pieces from *The Ruidoso News* of the 1940s and 1950s:

— a mountain was added to the masthead on June 7, 1946. Branches were added in the foreground and the mountain was enlarged two years later;

— a civic reminder to pay the city's occupational tax appeared at the top of the newspaper in 1946;

— in 1946, the paper cost five cents an issue and \$2.50 a year for a subscription;

— one of the first writers was Doyle Kline, who later became editor;

— Mary Nell Taeger was the newspaper's first editor, named when Louis Spain became publisher in 1949. During the next decade, she served several different functions with the newspaper;

— until the 1960s, the newspaper routinely featured cheesecake photographs from Hollywood;

— ads in 1950 appeared for two

theaters, *The Apache* and *The Pueblo*. Each changed its marquee three times a week. The Apache was showing "Duffy's Tavern" with Bing Crosby Sunday and Monday,

"Along the Navajo Trail" with Roy Rogers on Wednesday and Thursday and Zane Grey's "Wanderer of the Wasteland" Friday and Saturday. The Pueblo advertised "Kitty" with Paulette Goddard, "The Enchanted Forest" with Edmund Lowe and "The Bells of St. Mary's" with Crosby and Ingrid Bergman;

— on March 31, 1950, Lloyd Davis advertised that he just bought the Navajo Lodge from Bob Boyce, who had opened it in 1924;

— Carmon Phillips advertised in 1950 as an artist and photographer working out of The Old Mill;

— on April 14, 1950 one of the stories on a crowded page six was a forester's prediction that it would be the worst year for fire in the Southwest;

— a story on May 24, 1950 said a municipal school system was being sought, and another said the city decided to take over garbage collection;

— a crime reported on a front page story in 1950 dealt with illegal fishing;

— on July 5, 1946, the paper reported 2.8 inches of rain fell in 50 minutes the previous day, creating a flood that tore through a self-serve grocery on Main Street;

— the newspaper shared its office with the local chamber of commerce in July 1946;

— Palmer Gateway subdivision was one year old in June 1947;

— a hospital money drive was launched Sept. 17, 1948, and construction started in April 1949;

— an article on Dec. 15, 1950 gave hints about what to do in case of atomic attack, including burying your face in your arms, dropping to the floor and not eating food from open containers.



Lloyd Bloodworth and his wife Ada stand in the 1940s approximately where Sudderth Drive is now located. The downtown area and Sierra Blanca are in the background.

## Ruidoso News publishers

Publishers of the paper since *The Ruidoso News* was launched are:

- Lloyd Bloodworth, 1946-49;
- Louis Spain, 1949-50;
- The Ruidoso Publishing Co. 1950-51;
- Mr. and Mrs. Vic Lamb, 1951-69;
- Ben Vaughn, appearing as Lamb's partner briefly in 1951-52;
- Barney and Mary Barnett, 1969;
- Charles and Peggy McClellan, 1969-1970;
- Alton and Glo Lane, 1970-75;
- Ken and Mary Green, 1975-1988;
- Ken Green and Sammy Lopez under Rajon Publishing, 1988-1994;
- and Sammy Lopez and Keith Green under WorldWest; current owner.

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**KEN GREEN**

**FORMER RUIDOSO NEWS PUBLISHER**

## Columnists from paper's early days

For about 20 years, a great deal of the news was contributed under community headings. Some of the earliest were:

- Fort Stanton News by Marianne Townsend;
- Capitan Captions by Mary Werner;
- Glencoe Glances by Sydney Bonnell;
- Ancho Notes by Bessie Jones;

— Lincoln Locals by H.J. Dock-ray;

— Tinnie Talk by Virginia Guest and Marjorie Titsworth;

— Mescalero Indian Call and similar columns over the years by Virginia Klinekole, Edna Shields, Mrs. Reino Sarlin, Evelyn Pellman Breuninger and Jo Kazhe;

— Hondo Happenings by Mrs.

Leo Joiner;

— Green Tree (Ruidoso Downs) News by Mrs. Jess Harris;

— Nogal Nuggets by Darralene Zumwalt;

— San Patricio Sentinel by Nellie Ruth Lucas;

— Corona Roundup by Mrs. A.E. Mulkey;

— and Picacho News by Polly P. Bowser.

# Ruidoso Timeline

Following is a list of important dates surrounding Ruidoso's incorporation 50 years ago.

The information was compiled by Jim Alston.

1945: Telephone service supplied by Fulmer and Wright, who established the first telephone system in the area in '26, has grown to a total of 72 telephones and nine lines and is operated by a single operator.

October 1945: a census reveals most of the 471 adults residing in the community want municipal incorporation of the village. A series of letters and petitions is effective.

Nov. 15, 1945: Village of Ruidoso becomes an incorporated municipality of Lincoln County.

Dec. 11, 1945: An election for the first village council is held, with Mr. Olan W. McElhaney selected as mayor. Mr. Ray D. (Red) Halladay, Mr. Charlie D. Weems, Mr. Ike N. Wingfield and Mr. George W. McCarty are seated as the first councilors. Mr. L.F. Dryden is appointed as village clerk-treasurer, at a salary of \$125 per month.

1945: The State of New Mexico improves access to this area by paving a substantial portion of U.S. Highway 70.

April 2, 1946: Mr. Ted Montoya is hired as head garbage collector and the purchase of a garbage truck is negotiated. Fees of \$1 per residence and \$5 per business per month are levied.

April 1946: Ruidoso Volunteer Fire Department is formed. Ten men volunteer their services. A 1940 Dodge becomes the command car and is equipped with a Panama pump and two or three 55-gallon drums of water.

April 1946: Ruidoso's first jail is opened, a two-cell, concrete structure.

May 1946: The first *Ruidoso News* is published.

June 22, 1946: Morgan Water Company begins to supply water to the village. The vulnerability of the single water source becomes evident when a diesel oil spill contaminates the well.

July 1, 1946: The Ruidoso government makes the first of series of annexations when it approves the 40-acre Flume Canyon Subdivision.

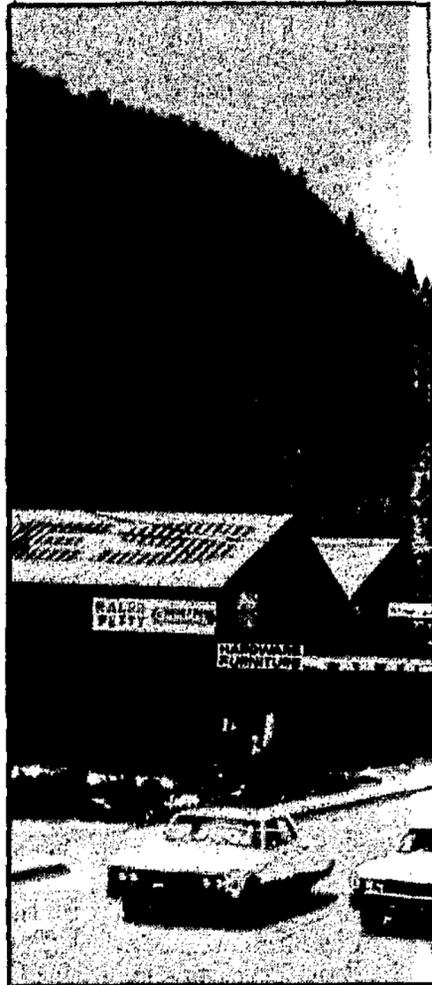
July 2, 1946: A rain and hail-storm generates many complaints about the village's drainage problems. Armed with a \$350 annual street department budget and an existing working relationship with the State Highway Department, the village attempts repairs, primarily cleaning and/or replacing culverts.

Aug. 12, 1946: Trustee George McCarty is selected as the new mayor following the death of Mayor McElhaney by self-inflicted gunshot wound. Ike Wingfield is selected as new president of the board, and Dan Swearingen is selected as trustee to fill George McCarty's seat.

August 1946: Frank Barajas is appointed special policeman and night watchman.

September 1946: Utility Gas Company is sold to Mr. Ray Moyston. The name of the local utility is changed to Ruidoso Gas Company.

August 1946: Land for a community cemetery is deeded to the village. The land becomes occupied by Forest Lawn Cemetery.



Palmer Gateway (just west of the Pink L.)



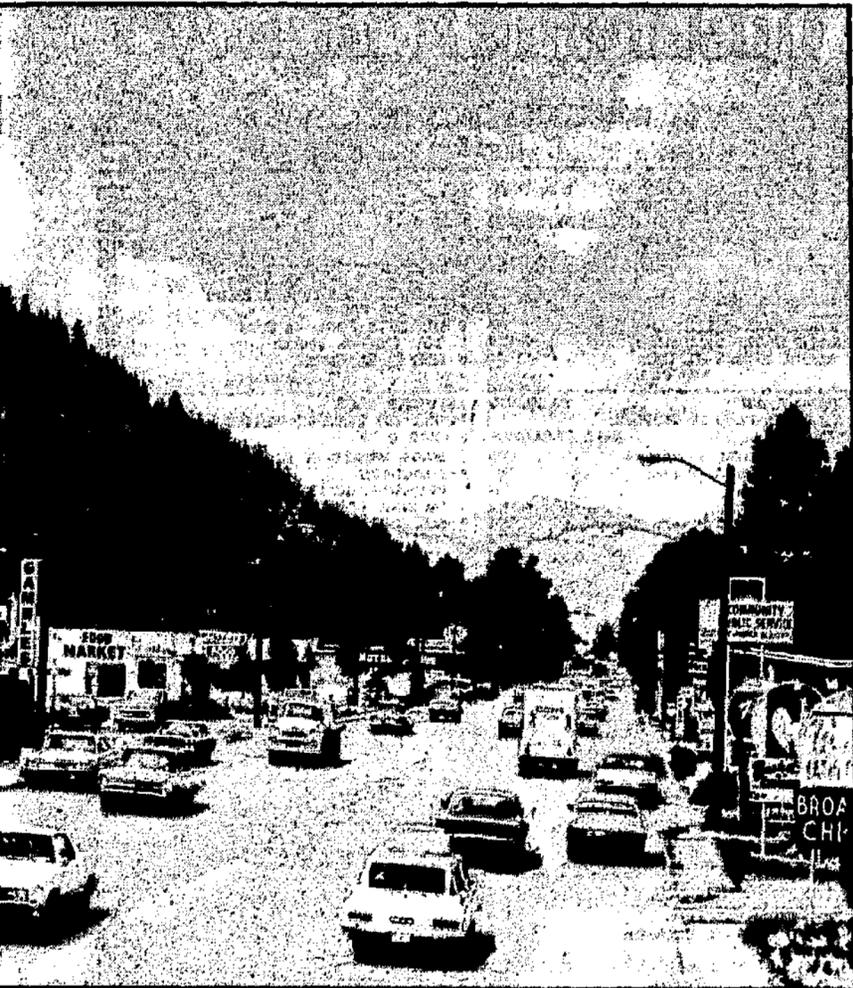
Phone operators in Ruidoso's early days



A large gathering at Ruidoso's Navajo Lodge, which was finally torn down after being abandoned.



Owen W. McElhaney  
Ruidoso mayor 1945-1946



(Ladies Auxiliary) in the early 1970s.



The Ruidoso Store is one of the oldest in the community. It's pictured here in the late 1920s or early 1930s. The Covered Wagon is another business more than 50 years old.



This photo of Ruidosoans dressed like old-time gamblers in Albuquerque in the late 1940s includes the owners and operators of the Central Bar, Ted Johnson (third from left) and Tommy Hicks (fifth from left).

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George McCarty  
Ruidoso mayor 1946-1948



John Christman  
Ruidoso mayor 1948-1949



Ike Wingfield  
Ruidoso mayor 1949-1950

# Fans like Kelley see every All American Futurity

by PAUL RYNEVELD  
Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Fifty years, half a century, the golden anniversary. Many businesses never make it to celebrate this milestone. But survive is what Ruidoso Downs has done since its inception as a parimutuel racetrack in 1947.

Making it to 50 years is no small feat, but to have fans still coming to the track after 50 years is a sign of the fans that Ruidoso Downs has earned over its half century of operations.

One such fan is Claude Kelley, Jr., of Sabinal, Texas. Kelley actually has been coming to the track since before its official opening.

Claude remembers when there was nothing more than a match racing strip that horses used to train on.

"The big racing was up in Albuquerque then. We used to train here and ship up to the state fairgrounds," Kelley says. "Believe me, the road up there from here was nothing like it is today."

Kelley remembers the day track officials decided to go "big time," and the grandstand and 5-furlong oval was built.

"They all met up the road a ways in what used to be a bar there. Johnny Ferguson, Ted Johnson, Tommie Hicks and a few other local businessmen decided right there to build the track," Kelley recalls.

Johnny Ferguson was more well known as the breeder of the champion Go Man Go and the 1962 All American Futurity Winner Hustling Man. Johnson and Hicks were the proprietors of the Central Bar,

known for its restaurant, bar and the open but illegal gambling held in the back.

Kelley tried his hand at training "runnin' horses" in high school but quit because of a lack of money. He did have a couple of good horses; one he can recall was named Sabinal Dandy, after his hometown.

**"If there was a fuss, most often it was settled the next week. Sometimes it wasn't settled peacefully."**

CLAUDE KELLEY, JR.  
DEVOTED RACING FAN

Raised in south Texas, Kelley went to the races in places like Del Rio, Brady and Fredricksburg. He remembers a \$100,000 match race in Del Rio between Barbara D and Miss Princess, who was owned by the King Ranch.

"\$100,000 was a lot of money in those days," Kelley says.

But he also says things could get pretty rough when the money was on the line. Wrong horses, or "ringers," and mixed up saddleblankets were sometimes the case.

"If there was a fuss, most often it was settled the next week. Sometimes, it wasn't settled peacefully," Kelley admits.

Throughout the years in Texas, Kelley saw tracks open, go like gangbusters, and go bust. Del Rio eventually went by the wayside. The track in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico,

also eventually failed, and most recently, Bandera Downs.

His heart and interest has always been in Ruidoso. However, he admits that he "never thought Ruidoso would be as big as it has gotten. Mr. Hubbard got this fixed up pretty nice."

This man who has seen the likes of Go Man Go and Three Bars race simply "likes good horses and horse racing. People don't realize how nice racing is."

Ironically, Kelley has seen every All American Futurity, but he does not have a favorite race or horse.

"I don't get caught up in all the hoopla," he explains.

Kelley continues to do business, running a commercial building stone operation in South Texas around Fredericksburg. Last year's opening of Retama Park in San Antonio allowed him and his wife Fay, also an avid racegoer, the opportunity to frequent the races more often.

"We still love to come up here over anything. We have a table at Retama, but we kept our table here too, and plan to use it as much as we can this summer," Kelley promises. "My wife doesn't like going to the races in Fredericksburg. It's not nice like here. We know everybody we have a table by here, so it's nice."

Claude credits Fay's enjoyment of the races as the reason he has been able to spend a lifetime at Ruidoso Downs. Perhaps racing is the reason the two of them have been able to spend a lifetime with each other.

## HOLLYWOOD PARK, RUIDOSO

First Day June 27, 1947

Entries	First Day	June 27, 1947
<b>FIRST RACE</b> PURSE \$50, PLUS 5% MUTUEL CLAIMING 5 YR. & UP FIVE FURLONGS		
1 TEXAS N	213	
2 AGAN-E. Castleman	214	
3 TEXAS SUN SET-M. Barton	215	
4 DEVERE HISS-M. Southern	216	
5 GOLD PAIR-M. Southern	217	
6 MARGRAVE-J. Haycock	218	
7 HOME BUTTOM-M. Barton	219	
8 BLACK KERRY-M. Barton	220	
(S-1 con.)		
<b>SECOND RACE</b> PURSE \$50, PLUS 5% MUTUEL CLAIMING 3 YR. & UP FIVE FURLONGS		
1 RAY BAROCHI-J. Haycock	221	
2 SUNSHINE-A. Horden	222	
3 HUNDO CAL	223	
4 NUTS-M. Barton	224	
5 RED ROCK-M. Barton	225	
6 BELLETTA	226	
7 HOME BARK-J. Haycock	227	
8 KERRY TIME-M. Southern	228	
(S-Div. of 1st.)		
<b>THIRD RACE</b> PURSE \$50, PLUS 5% MUTUEL CLAIMING 3 YR. OLDS FOUR FURLONGS		
1 AERY BABY-M. Southern	229	
2 VON BLUE-M. Barton	230	
3 LAWYER GOLD	231	
4 JET TIME-M. Barton	232	
5 SANDA HISS	233	
6 GAY POLLY-J. Haycock	234	
7 WHISKEY IN-M. Barton	235	
(No. 1 & 7 Entry.)		
<b>FOURTH RACE</b> PURSE \$50, PLUS 5% MUTUEL CLAIMING 2 & 4 YEAR OLDS FIVE FURLONGS		
1 LADY ROSE	236	
2 BARBARA-M. Southern	237	
3 DANNEY LANE-M. Barton	238	
4 POP QUESTION	239	
5 BONNIE ANN-M. Barton	240	
6 TWO REDS	241	
7 CHAMPION-M. Barton	242	
8 MARQUELLE-J. Haycock	243	
(S)		
<b>FIFTH RACE</b> PURSE \$50, PLUS 5% MUTUEL CLAIMING 2 & 4 YEAR OLDS FIVE FURLONGS		
1 ARMOORAN-M. Barton	244	
2 RUBY BUTOM-W. Barton	245	
3 STANLEY O-M. Barton	246	
4 SWIFT LAMBE-M. Barton	247	
5 TEN DAYS-J. Haycock	248	
6 FAMA D	249	
7 WAKNETTA	250	
8 BONNIE-M. Barton	251	
(S-Div. of 4th.)		
<b>SIXTH RACE</b> PURSE \$50, PLUS 5% MUTUEL CLAIMING 3 YEAR & UP FIVE FURLONGS		
1 HOT SUN	252	
2 BLUE HILL-M. Barton	253	
3 DEVERE HISS-M. Barton	254	
4 MONTICUMA LANE-M. Barton	255	
5 MASTERS FAN	256	
6 MILITARY BAND-M. Barton	257	
7 BOY MAC-A. Horden	258	
8 LEE R-M. Barton	259	
(S-1 con.)		
<b>SEVENTH RACE</b> PURSE \$50, PLUS 5% MUTUEL CLAIMING 3 YEAR & UP FIVE FURLONGS		
1 MARY WOOD-M. Barton	260	
2 FORELADY	261	
3 HUNTON KEEVER-J. Haycock	262	
4 HUGGAS TERRO	263	
5 SIR LAKESHAD	264	
6 IDAMO GOLD	265	
7 BATTLE ROCK	266	
8 DO NOW-L. Jacobs	267	
(S-1 con.)		
<b>EIGHTH RACE</b> PURSE \$50, PLUS 5% MUTUEL CLAIMING 3 YEAR & UP ONE MILE		
1 SEALGOOY-M. Barton	268	
2 GOLAKATUP	269	
3 TEXAS HUNT	270	
4 WEST ACRY	271	
5 SPAN BOY-M. Barton	272	
6 CHARITA BATTLE-L. Jacobs	273	
7 DUNELANT-M. Barton	274	
8 COOETING DEE-J. Haycock	275	
(S)		
<b>NINTH RACE</b> PURSE \$50, PLUS 5% MUTUEL CLAIMING 3 YEAR & UP ONE MILE		
1 MAGNOZIA-M. Barton	276	
2 MY GEL-M. Barton	277	
3 TERRY	278	
4 BARKETT	279	
5 TONY-M. Barton	280	
6 BIG SANDY-M. Barton	281	
7 BILL BEAR-M. Barton	282	
8 CREW-O. Cox	283	
(S-1 con.)		

### WEATHER CLEAR-TRACK FAST.

Nonstarters for the Central Bar and Grill Handicap close Tuesday, June 24th.  
FIRST FOUR-1:30 P. M. Horses must be in paddock twenty-five minutes before each post time. Owners must report riders that are not named on overnight to the string secretary at once.



A cartoon from the June 27, 1947 issue of The Ruidoso News.

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CLAUDE KELLEY, JR.  
DEVOTED RACING FAN



Ruidoso Downs Race Track in 1947.

## Family trains here 50 years

by PAUL RYNEVELD  
Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Racing has been a part of Bob Arnett's life for as long as he can remember. His father, Claude, was a trainer, and he raised and match raced horses in the early days.

The Arnett family moved to Ruidoso Downs in 1946, one year before the New Mexico Racing Commission sanctioned official parimutuel racing at Hollywood Park, which is what Ruidoso Downs was called then.

Since he grew up around racing, becoming a trainer was natural for Bob Arnett, and in 1956 he trained his first horses at Rillito Downs in Tucson, Ariz.

Arnett doesn't get too excited about the fact that he helped one of the best in the business get his start.

He was a good kid, needed the experience," Arnett explains.

That "good kid" is Jerry Bailey, a trainer who now has multiple victories in the Kentucky Derby and

Breeders Cup Classic.

As a picture of consistency and success in New Mexico, Bob has won the training title at Ruidoso Downs six times. He has also led the standings at Sunland Park 11 times, and the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque four times.

This year, the Arnett training team of Bob and his wife Wilma have 19 head of horses on the grounds. Though this is a cutback from years past, they still keep busy. Their son Jon is also a trainer, following in his father's footsteps. He trains horses here and at Santa Fe, along with the other New Mexico tracks. Jon battled for the training title at the recently concluded Downs at Albuquerque meet, finishing second.

Bob is proud of the fact that he has been involved with the running of horses at Ruidoso Downs in all of its 50 years of existence.

"It's my favorite place to race," he says.

# Five generations of Wingfields helped settle Ruidoso

by PAMELA CROMWELL  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Susan Lutterman comes from a long line of community builders. As a fifth-generation member of the Ruidoso Wingfield family, Susan's roots run deep into this mountain village's history.

"That's my mountain," Susan said. "Whenever I see it, I know it's my home."

Raised in Ruidoso during the 1960s and '70s, Susan has been a leader in the schools and community, just like her parents, her grandparents, her great-grandparents, and her great-great-grandparents, who homesteaded here in the 1880s.

Evelyn Estes, Ike Wingfield's granddaughter and Susan's aunt, has kept the family history.

After the Civil War, Charles Wingfield married Mary Litton, and they came to Lincoln County from near Austin, Texas, around 1883. Charles operated the original Old Mill for the Crees, then the Lesnetts.

Four Wingfield children were born at the mill, including Susan's great-grandfather Ike (Isaac Newton) Wingfield, who was born in 1868. Charles eventually homesteaded 160 acres in the Upper Canyon area, including the area where Sudderth and Mechem drives now meet.

Charles also bought the Stewart homestead, 150 acres between

Together Ike and Lula started a general store in 1924. In 1929, they built the Wingfield house, now the Texas House restaurant. The Wingfields occupied that house for three generations. The last Wingfield to own it was great-granddaughter Evelyn and her husband Wayne Estes.

"That house has all my childhood memories," Susan said. "Every holiday, every parade, we were at Evelyn's house."

Susan and Evelyn both find it a little discomfoting to see the family home become a restaurant where strangers gather instead of their aunts, uncles and cousins. But they're also glad the place hasn't been torn down.

Ike was instrumental in getting the post office moved into Ruidoso proper from Highway 70, and he was appointed postmaster in 1949. Ike was elected as Ruidoso's fourth mayor.

Ike also served on the Ruidoso School Board, overseeing the three-room schoolhouse located where the police station is now on Wingfield Street. In Bonito City, Lula's father Benjamin Robinson was also a school board member.

Someone from each generation of Robinson-Wingfields up to and including Susan Lutterman has served on the school board, including Susan's father Buck Morrison and her grandmother (Ike's daughter), Della Wingfield Mor-



The Wingfield block in 1945 included the Wingfield general merchandise store and post office.

After all, even Ike and Lula weren't adored by everyone.

Evelyn remembers her grandparents always supporting Ruidoso's growth.

"They encouraged building in town," she said. "They donated property, money, time."

Lula was an independent, pants-wearing woman, ahead of her time. She started her own dairy business in town, putting a cow lot where the present post office is. She sold milk by the quart, and started her own delivery route in a Ford pickup truck.

"She was a terrible tomboy," Evelyn said. "She liked to ride and hunt."

Evelyn said Lula enjoyed people and loved to visit the businesses growing up around her. She led the founding of the Methodist Church in Ruidoso.

Before World War II, Ruidoso was a sleepy forest used for rest and relaxation mainly by people from military bases in El Paso, Alamogordo, and Roswell. At the end of the war, development kicked into high gear, and the Wingfields were part of it.

Ike died in March of 1954, Lula in October of 1956, just a few months after the birth of her fourth great-grandchild Susan Morrison Lutterman. Susan's parents, Buck (William Newton) Morrison and his wife Claudine, were living in Tucson at the time.

"My mother was only 18, so Lula came to Tucson to sort of supervise things," Susan said.

One evening Lula told her grandson to stay home from the dog races because Claudine was going to have the baby that night. He asked Claudine if she felt alright, and she did, so he went anyway.

"Sure enough, I was born that night," Susan said.

Ike and Lula had three children, Della, Opal, and "Socks" Ike Leslie. Socks drowned in Elephant Butte Lake when he was 14 years old. Della and Opal inherited the Wingfield property and subdivided it.

Della inherited more from her parents than just property. She inherited their independence, generosity, their ability to get things done, and their commitment to Ruidoso. And she passed it on to her children and grandchildren.

Della married Walter Morrison and they had two children, Evelyn and Buck (Susan's father). Della and Walter ran Morrison's Dairy, located on Grindstone Road. The huge dairy barn was eventually

torn down to build the present Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Office.

Della served on the Parks and Recreation Board, as Susan does now, and the park next to the present building is named after her.

Walter died of a heart attack when Evelyn and Buck were four and two years old, leaving Della to raise her children and run the dairy alone. This wasn't too much trouble for the daughter of Lula Wingfield.

"Della was a go-getter, a real mold breaker," Susan said. "She was in real estate and ran the dairy. She was into everything, volunteering, and she was a great entrepreneur."

Susan's sense that Ruidoso is truly her home came from being

with Della. Heritage was important to her, and she would do anything to keep the family going.

"Della was always showing me where such-and-such used to be, and where so-and-so used to live," Susan said. "I really got a sense of belonging from listening to her."

Susan is also a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, an international service organization. Della helped start the first chapter in Ruidoso, and Claudine and Evelyn were once members.

"There are still people in that group who were Della's friends," Susan said. "I'm now in organizations with people who shaped my life as I was growing up. A village or community molds your character. These people watched me in high school, saw me in the paper, came to my wedding ... they've been in my life since I can remember."

Like her father, her grandmother, and her great-grandparents, Susan wants to see Ruidoso continue to grow. She wants it to grow in a good way, though, with people planning and making a commitment to the community.

She hates to see hit-and-run development done by people with no interest in preserving Ruidoso's past or truly investing in its future.

Susan and her family have seen things change in Ruidoso over the past 40 and 50 years. Every year they see more people they don't know, when it used to be they knew everybody. The schools have certainly grown, along with the curriculum.

After elementary school in Ruidoso, Susan attended 7th through 12th grades at what is now Ruidoso Middle School. The current high school was built in 1985. She

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**"There are a lot of old families here and we've all gone to school together through the generations. My grandmother, my father, my aunt, cousins, me, my kids...we've all gone to school here."**

SUSAN LUTTERMAN  
FOURTH-GENERATION WINGFIELD

Grindstone Dam and the present police station, making the Wingfields major property-holders in Ruidoso.

As a young man, Ike "cowboyed" at Seven Rivers Ranch, owned by John Chisolm. When Charles Wingfield died, Ike started his own cattle outfit in Ruidoso and married Lula Robinson.

The Robinsons were a prominent pioneer family in Bonito City (now covered by Bonito Lake). The Robinsons came from Conroe, Texas around 1882. They are descended from heroes of the Texas Revolution whose names are inscribed on the San Jacinto Monument. Lula was born in 1890,

rison. Susan values her role as a Ruidoso School Board member and as president of the New Mexico School Boards Association. It's her way of paying back the community and investing in the town's future, through the education of children.

"There are a lot of old families here," Susan said, "and we've all gone to school together through the generations. My grandmother, my father, my aunt, cousins, me, my kids . . . we've all gone to school here."

Susan's grandmother Della and her father Buck taught her not to be afraid to get involved just because there might be controversy.

# Phillips tenderly cares for Ruidoso historic landmark

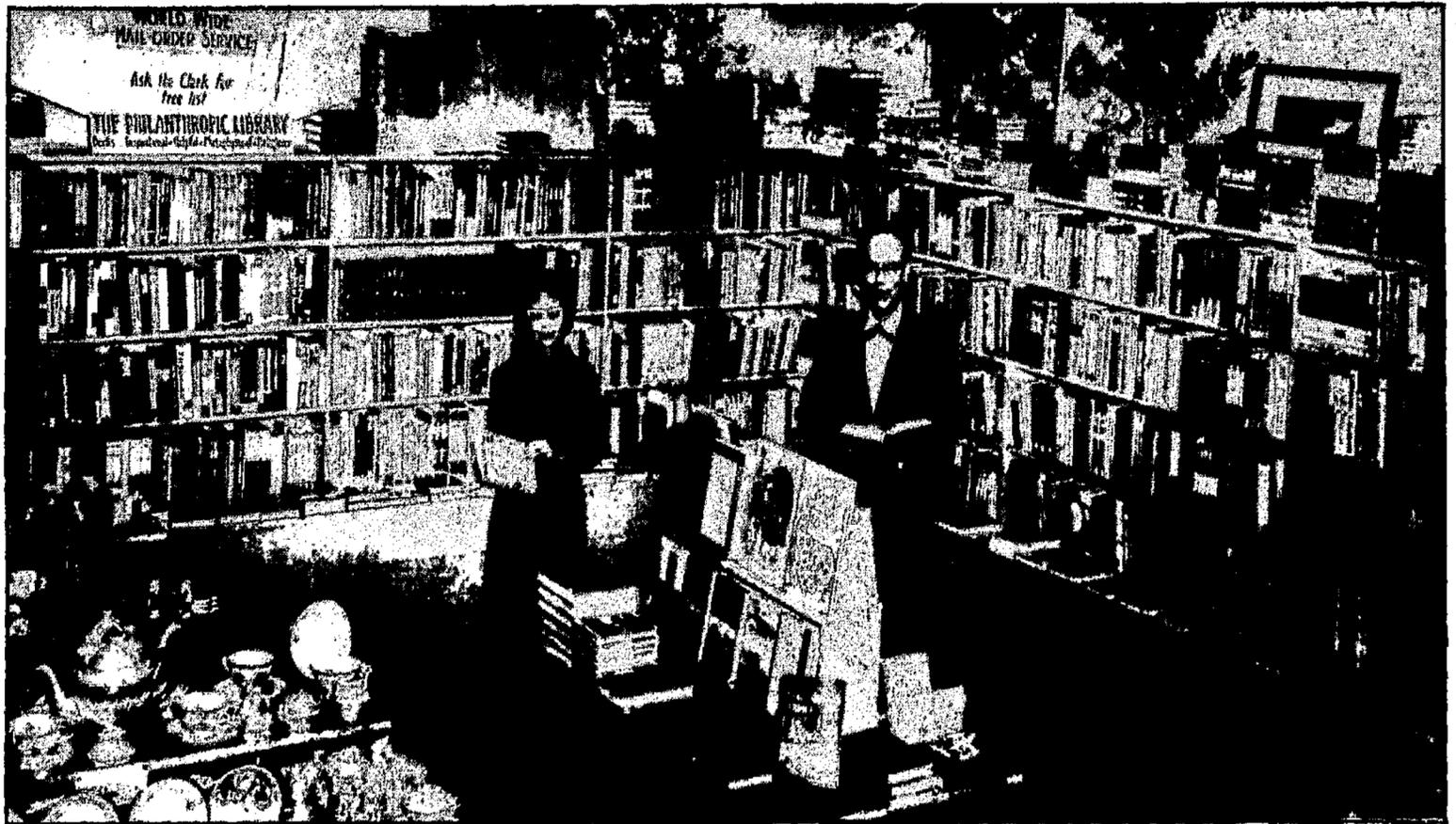
by PAMELA CROMWELL  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

When Carmon Phillips and his wife Leona May bought Old Dowlin Mill in 1950, it had been abandoned for almost 30 years.

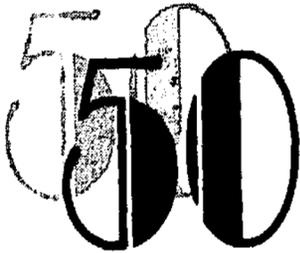
"It was in deplorable condition," Carmon said. "There were huge holes in the walls. Cows had been inside during winter, so there were cow chips everywhere, and people had stored all kinds of stuff here."

The Old Mill was owned then by White Mountain Development, a partnership of three men: George McCarty, Mark Hamilton, and Joe Palmer. They had bought out the estate built by Lord Cree of Scotland.

The mill, though, was something of a liability, and it seemed they couldn't give the place away. After fixing it up, Carmon bought it from them for a few thousand dollars. Using a flat-bed truck, he hauled 12 loads of trash out of the mill, keeping only an old leather-bound



Carmon Phillips and an employee in about 1950 inside the Old Dowlin Mill's bookstore section.



university dictionary.

"I've always been a student of words, especially words in the Bible," Carmon explained.

He eventually filled the Old Mill with books and curios, and he has the best library of metaphysical books in town, maybe in the area.

The old mill wheel was crippled by a broken shaft that left it sitting on the ground. With the help of Bernard Rooney, Carmon restored it.

They went up to Parson's Mine and took apart a monstrous redwood water tank, bringing back the pieces in two truckloads. Pee Wee Taylor took bits of the mill wheel to his shop near the present-day Gazebo, sawed the whole thing out, and put it together piece by piece.

"Pee Wee was a fabulous carpenter," Carmon said. "He built all the gaming tables in town out of red cedar."

Carmon and Leona May moved their shop into the Old Mill in January of 1951, and the wheel has run every year since.

"And I run every year," added Carmon, who is now 82 years old.

The Phillips moved to Ruidoso permanently in 1945, buying the lot next door to the Old Mill for \$500. There they set up a photography studio, doing portraits and commercial art. There was no color photography then, and Leona May, who was an artist like Carmon, hand-tinted pictures.

For awhile they ran an overnight service, so customers who dropped off film by 4 p.m. could pick up their pictures at 9 a.m. the next morning.

"We would work until 1 a.m., then one of us would go to bed and the other would finish up. In the morning, the one who went to bed would get up and open the store," Carmon said. "As soon as I was out of the gutter financially, we quit doing that."

Carmon grew up in Erick, Okla., where he graduated from high school in 1932.

Carmon could see that he had no future in Erick, so a friend found him a job in Clovis as a projectionist at the Lyceum Theater. Carmon's boss soon realized his young employee was adept at entertainment and presentation. He put Carmon in charge of promotions, both of movies and of road shows that would bring hypnotists and mind readers to the theater.

In Clovis, Carmon met the lovely Leona May. She was working at a drug store across from the theater, and Carmon visited her regularly, then married her. They moved around some as Carmon's employers used him to build up struggling theaters in towns like Deming and Eunice.

Carmon worked in film until the U.S. joined World War II.

"I was managing theaters in Denver, Texas," Carmon said. "I remember I had to stop the film, go down and turn on the house lights, and tell the people we'd been attacked by Japan."

Carmon didn't want to go to war. He just didn't think he could kill people. He managed to avoid the draft for a little while, finding a job

laying floors in barracks. He quickly realized that floor-laying was not his field, though he was good at it. And the draft board was on his tail.

He acquired a G-2 Clearance and took a job at Dallas Love Field modifying airplanes.

"They gave me a choice between Wichita and Dallas," Carmon said. "So I flipped a quarter and it came up Dallas. I finished out the war there."

Carmon's top-secret work was

an advertising job with Neiman Marcus. But big city life in Dallas was starting to get to him.

"Things were getting too villainous, with shooting and gangs," Carmon said.

Leona May's family owned a cabin in Ruidoso, where she and Carmon sometimes vacationed. When they moved here in 1945, Carmon joined up with Bill Hart, Dr. Willie Horton, and Ezel Clarke to promote progress in Ruidoso.

Oil tycoon R.O. Anderson also asked the government to free up the land, and he built Sierra Blanca Ski Area, which he eventually sold to the Mescalero Apache Tribe. The tribe renamed it Ski Apache.

The area was on its way to being more than a one-season resort.

"We supported the town's incorporation because there are too many things you can't do without an official township," Carmon said.

Carmon and his friends may have supported the village council, but the council didn't always support them. That's come back to haunt Ruidoso.

Bill Hart found out that the railroad was switching to oil-run trains and wouldn't need to stop in Carrizozo anymore for coal. The railroad was selling Bonito Lake, and Bill and Carmon immediately started negotiating a way to buy it for Ruidoso.

"We went to the Lion's Club and they laughed at us," Carmon said. "They said we had plenty of water. We went to the village (government), and they laughed at us. They said we had plenty of water."

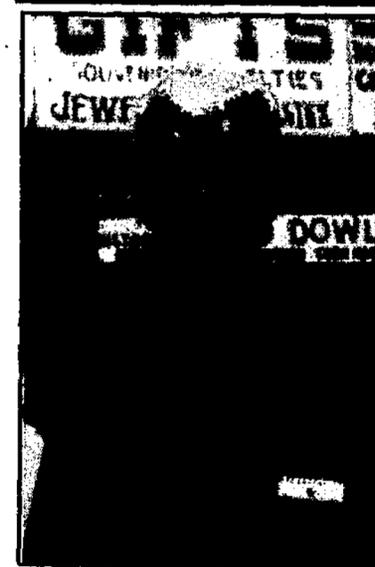
Other ventures were more successful, such as opening a hospital. The first hospital in Ruidoso was little more than a patch-up place for broken limbs.

"Back then Texans didn't know how to ski," Carmon joked.

Another successful venture was *The Ruidoso News*. Carmon worked with the newspaper's founder, Lloyd Bloodworth, as a photographer and sometimes reporter.

"Lloyd was a real fine promoter, and he could get things done," Carmon said. "He was a fine talker, D.C. to remove White Mountain and he went to different places in Park from the wilderness preserve the state to talk about Ruidoso."

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**"We supported the town's incorporation because there are too many things you can't do without an official township."**

**CARMON PHILLIPS  
OLD MILL OWNER**

installing the Norton Bomb Sight and removing it when the planes returned. The Norton was cutting-edge technology that sighted territory on a view screen, letting the bomber aim his weapon.

"When those planes landed, there were immediately surrounded by guards with rifles," Carmon said. "Then I'd come along on my scooter with a .45 strapped to my hip. They'd search me, then I'd go inside the plane and take out the Norton Bomb Sight and put it in a vault with other secret stuff."

When the war was over, Carmon went back into promotions, taking

They worked very hard to bring in a hospital, to open the way for a ski area, and to get roads paved.

"We had the biggest celebration ever seen over the smallest piece of pavement ever laid," Carmon said. "They'd paved about two miles of the highway to Capitan."

In winter the men worked at the Cedar Creek Ski Area selling sandwiches and towing people to the top of the runs on sleds. In the meantime, they gathered 50,000 signatures to petition Washington, D.C. to remove White Mountain and he went to different places in Park from the wilderness preserve the state to talk about Ruidoso. so a ski area could be built there.

# Wingfield

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Susan said. "They play volleyball and basketball. When I was in school, if you were a cheerleader and she thinks that's still a valuable aspect of Ruidoso schools."

"My girls have great opportunities here, like sports," to 1974, Susan was a cheerleader,

and she and her peers did all they could to shock the crowd at games. Psychedelic tights worn with their extremely short cheerleading skirts became their trademark.

As a teenager Susan didn't real-

ly appreciate Ruidoso's tranquility and beauty. She has lived in Denver, Colo. and Las Cruces, but she couldn't stay away from Ruidoso. She and her husband Tom have no doubt that this is where their children should be raised.

When Susan came back to Ruidoso, the smell of the air, the color of the sky, and the presence of the mountain resounded in her with a deep sense of home. Her roots go deep here, where her people have lived and are buried, where their buildings still stand and their names still mean something.

"I want my kids to feel that pride and love," Susan said, "but I don't know if I've accomplished that."

The sixth generation of Wingfields is still very young. The Lutterman's daughters Kelle and Karra are now 17 and 15, and their son Zakary is 14 years old. Susan's brother Bill Morrison still lives here with his wife Laurie, and Bill's 10-year-old son Ike (William Isaac) visits often.

Both Susan and Bill carry on the Wingfield tradition of building community.

"Maybe there's not a lot to do here," Susan said. "But I guess you make it what you want it to be."

**"I'm now in organizations with people who shaped my life as I was growing up. A village or community molds your character. These people watched me in high school, saw me in the paper, came to my wedding...they've been in my life since I can remember."**

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Buck and Ike Wingfield in the late 1940s.

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# Phillips

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When Carmon was still a young man, newly relocated to his home of 50 years, he and Bill Hart climbed to the top of Sierra Blanca.

"We went up South Fork," Carmon said, "and the aspen groves were so thick it seemed like the air

was yellow. It was the right time of year, and it just fooled the eye."

Lugging his camera equipment straight up the mountain face, Carmon finally stood over the marker that said he had arrived at the top. And he had.

Elated, but chased back down

the mountain by approaching nightfall, they scurried and slid downhill.

"When we got back, our feet were bleeding, and we were so tired we went to bed without eating dinner," Carmon said.

Tired, but home.

## Old Mill celebrates 146th anniversary

The Old Dowlin Mill is actually celebrating its 146th anniversary as a Ruidoso business and landmark, give or take a few decades of disuse. Built around 1850 by Paul Dowlin, the mill was the center of town for many years.

The mill wheel was powered by water diverted from the Ruidoso and Carrizo rivers by means of a ditch and small dams. Farmers from Ruidoso, Hondo, Bonito and Tularosa brought grain to the mill for grinding into flour and meal. The mill wheel also powered a large sawmill, a bean thrasher, and other equipment.

The Old Mill was an important trading center in the late 1800s, and many colorful stories center around it. The people held dances, political meetings, and religious services at the mill, and sometimes they took refuge there when

Apaches attacked.

Many cowboy duels were fought at the mill, including a shoot-out that killed Paul Dowlin. In May of 1877, Frank Lesnett (who bought the mill in 1882) brought his wife Annie from Chicago. Of her arrival in Lincoln County, Annie Lesnett wrote [excerpted from "Old Lincoln County Pioneer Stories," Lincoln County Historical Society Publications, 1994]:

"When we arrived at Dowlin's Mill I saw some blood in the front yard. Frank told me that a man named Jerry Dalton had shot and killed Paul Dowlin the day before."

Annie Lesnett eventually made friends with the Mescalero Apaches, and welcomed Geronimo as a guest at the mill.

"Geronimo used to come to our place quite often," she wrote. "Once he brought me a big wild turkey

and another time he gave me a nice Indian basket."

Annie Lesnett also entertained men involved in the Lincoln County War.

"I did give Billy the Kid several meals when he would come to our place, but my husband never knew anything about it, for he had warned me not to feed any of the men from either side," she wrote, "but I did it anyway as I felt so sorry for them when they said they were hungry."

In 1946, Carmon Phillips and White Mountain Development Company restored The Old Mill, which had fallen into disrepair. It was purchased by Carmon Phillips in 1950, and today the old wheel still turns, grinding wheat and corn on a set of flint stones inside the original adobe building.



Phillips outside Old Dowlin Mill.

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# Davis served longest term as Ruidoso's mayor

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

About 50 years ago, Lloyd L. Davis Jr. was an inquisitive lad at Ruidoso's one schoolhouse learning about life in the big league.

He eventually took some of those lessons to future council chambers, serving as Ruidoso mayor for 16 years.

"I was retired by popular demand," chuckles Davis, the manager of the Jockey Club at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track for the last 24 years.

Davis's stint as mayor (1966-1990) is the longest in Ruidoso's short history. He also served four years as a village councilor.

The majority of his mayoral term was served in the same building from which Davis graduated in the eighth grade — the present Ruidoso Police Department on Wingfield Street.

He graduated the year before Ruidoso incorporated in 1946.

Davis, 65, had been visiting this sleepy mountain town with his parents since 1939 — a year after his father bought the land where the present-day Winner's Circle bar is located and built a bowling alley, the Davis Club.

The family would travel up from Knox City, Texas every summer,

and revel in the shade covering their Upper Canyon cabin.

Ruidoso stretched from the present day Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce building through the Upper Canyon riverfront areas. The road leading into the village bent through "the junction" where Junction Road is today, and the first building thereafter was the old Dowlins Mill.

"The Boy Scouts took a census in 1940, and there were maybe 100 full-time residents here," recalls Davis, who was one of the scouts.

And midway through town, where the present Plaza Center is located, was an open park area where some Mescalero Apache Indians would come and dance on Saturday nights, Davis says.

Some years Davis would stay beyond the summer season — much of it spent setting pins at the bowling alley — and go to school part of the year in Ruidoso.

Davis recalls the push behind incorporation being a desire for municipal services — water, sewer, garbage collection and law enforcement.

"Not everyone had their own source of water, and some had to carry it out of the rivers or streams," he says. "Many people got their drinking water from that



Lloyd Davis, Jr.

spring feeding the river across from the (present-day) post office."

Garbage collection was also handled independently, and was very unreliable, he says.

An earlier push around 1938 or 1939 had failed, he says, primarily because people were afraid of higher taxes.

Davis' parents, Lloyd and Daisy, moved here full-time in 1955, starting Davis Development which eventually handled the subdivision developments of Ponderosa Heights, Country Club Estates, Pine Cliff and Town and Country North. The company closed doors in the 1960s.

His parents also bought and moved into the home of Jack Hull, a

former Ruidoso postmaster and mayor. The house is also 50 years old this year.

When Davis returned from his army service in Germany, he decided to settle permanently in Ruidoso.

He immediately started working at Davis Development as co-owner, and in one short year, he found himself involved in village politics.

"The main reason I got involved," Davis recalls of his first council run in 1960, "was several people were real disgruntled about mud."

Although a two-lane Sudderth Drive had already been paved in the 1930s, and Mechem Drive was paved up to the present-day Century 21 Aspen Real Estate offices in 1949, neighborhood streets were dirt. Wet days would turn side streets and parking lot into mud pits, and residents really wanted the streets paved, he says.

So in 1961, with Robert Pearson as mayor, Davis and the three other councilors oversaw the first residential paving assessment in the district, and began the village's efforts at on-going paving, he recalls.

Grindstone Lake Dam was also being built. "It's wonderful we have that water now!" Davis says.

Ruidoso's old airport was tucked between White Mountain, Cree Meadows and Mechem drives, and required tricky landings by the little planes touching down.

It had also become too small, Davis says.

"We hoped to attract a commuter service, like we have with Lone Star (Airlines), and that was the major thrust for getting it built on the mesa," he says.

Building a large airport was criticized as overambitious by no-growth opponents, Davis says. Some residents also said a 12-inch water line extension from Eagle Creek in 1958 was larger than needed, or the sewer system constructed in the 1960s was unnecessary.

Some criticisms were also aired about plans to make the old airport into a golf course — a park Davis says is a real asset to Ruidoso.

"You have to plan ahead to keep pace with the expected growth," he says. "Most everything done in Ruidoso has been done to the benefit of the taxpayers footing the bill."

Reams of changes have happened in the village since Davis first set eyes on it, but from his estimation, much of the area's character has been left intact.



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# Dan Storm has longest-running column in The News

by DAN STORM

Ruidoso News columnist

On June 22 we will be celebrating three 50th anniversaries.

Fifty years ago?

To me, in a way, that seems like the beginning of modern times in Lincoln County, since I came here in 1925.

The first time we came up, someone else drove the 1917 Velie Automobile from El Paso to Glencoe. I drove back to El Paso and in 1926 I drove up to Glencoe. There was no paved road from El Paso to Roswell. Between El Paso and Alamogordo, the beginning was nothing but auto tracks through the sand dunes.

## Early Ruidoso Neighborhood

In those days what is now the Gateway was a green meadow. A narrow dirt road wound through Ruidoso.

The town was mostly composed of small houses finished with pine slabs from the local sawmills. Practically the only buildings were the home of Ike Wingfield, and a dance hall nearby.

There was a post office down at Hollywood, next to where C&L

Lumber now stands. Nearby was Armstrong's Grocery Store.

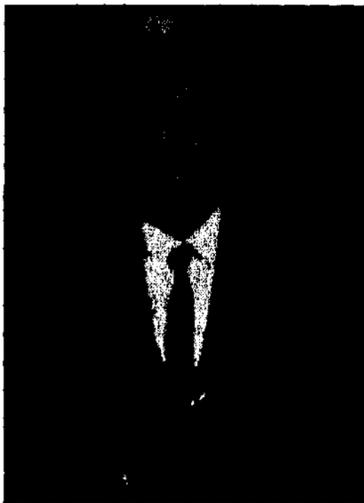
At what is now Ruidoso Downs, the only building was the White Mountain Inn. The highway went by the front of the inn (which still stands) and wound down the valley past the Lone Pine Inn owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Land.

Three miles down the road from where we settled stood the general store and post office of J.V. Tully. It was a landmark between El Paso and Roswell. There we bought our groceries and picked up our mail.

The Tullys were the first folks we met in Glencoe. Later we became acquainted with George and Frank Coe families, and Elzy and Marjorie Pessy, and Bert and Sidney Bonnell.

In the late '20s and early '30s, rodeos were held at different points around the county. The old Cree branding corral used to stand across the street from the present location of the Ruidoso State Bank. Rodeos were held there, drawing entertainers from all around.

Rodeo contestants of the day included Bill, Dick and Dude Browning; Gerald Tully, Jack and Buz Casey, Jack Forester, Cecil Massey, John Thomas, Joe Herrera, Jack Walker, Allan Reynolds, and Roy Coe.



Dan Storm

By 1930, or a little before, the Depression was underway, and the thing that impressed me then was how cheerful and helpful everybody was, and the widespread spirit of good will.

Now we are coming up to "modern times" 50 years ago when *The Ruidoso News* was established in 1946.

Ida and Lloyd Bloodworth, the founders of the paper, put their heart into their mission of starting a paper on this side of the county.

And the community responded. They mailed in local news from all over the county or hand-delivered it.

Lloyd and Ida guided *The Ruidoso News* through its birth and infancy. Then followed other owners who carried on the work the Bloodworths began.

Louis Spain took over and then Ben Vaugh. One of the faithful workers I remember was Mary Nell Taeger, who worked as reporter and editor for several owners.

In due time came Vic Lamb, who carried the ball quite a ways.

Under him I began the column "Silver Lining."

In my native Alaska, during long periods of rain and clouds, I would ask our mother when the sun was going to come out. She would point to the silver lining in the edge of the clouds and say, "There is the silver lining. The sun is still shining behind the clouds, and we will soon have sunshine."

So I started this column in 1962. Then after some years, Vic told me, "I have good news for you, Dan."

When I asked what was the news, Vic said, "I am selling the paper."

With one thing and another, the new folks did not work out, and the paper nearly came to a halt. The new people had no interest in *The Silver Lining*.

Charlie McLellan then took

over, and called me up to tell me to continue the column.

Next on the scene was Al Lane and his wife Glo. One day Al said to me, "Dan, I am going to start a Monday paper." (I understood him to say "just for the summer.")

So I started "The Dreamer." At the end of the summer on Labor Day I told Al, "Well the summer is over. I guess I can quit *The Dreamer*."

"Oh no!" he says, "I am going with the Monday issue permanently."

Following Al and Glo came Ken and Mary Green with Kayle Dickey. Ken built the present building, and presented me with a flagpole, along with Mel O'Reilly.

The present owner is WorldWest, with three generations of the Simons family backing its works.

I have been writing a little something for *The Ruidoso News* ever since the days of Ida and Lloyd.

During these 50 years, I have made many friends within the reach of *The Ruidoso News*, which extends even to Alaska. In fact, everyone who reads my columns is my friend.

I wish to congratulate my friend, *The Ruidoso News*, on the occasion of its 50th birthday.



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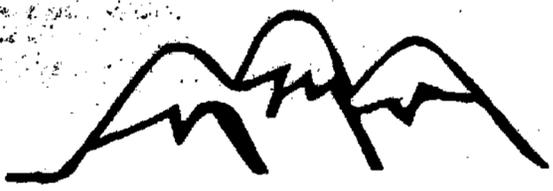
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# McCarty family raised homesites from ranchlands

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In the beginning, Ruidoso was canyons dotted with pines with a river gurgling through.

Ranchlands spread over a few hills, Upper Canyon cabins welcomed visitors, and maybe 100 Ruidosoans took residence along the Sudderth Drive area.

And then came the McCartys.

"Dad and Joe Palmer my uncle were out exploring (the country) and found Ruidoso," says Bill McCarty, a nearly life-long Ruidoso resident. "They probably developed 1,000 lots."

Probably more. McCarty and his clan have been establishing village subdivisions for more than 50 years, and the White Mountain Development company hasn't stopped yet.

"We're still developing it today," McCarty says.

The towering man with presence to match has directly participated in the growth of Ruidoso by building homes for families.

On his drawing board today, the 64-year-old McCarty has plans for plats in his newest White Mountain subdivision at the north end of Hull Road. And his favorite subdivision to date — White Mountain Estates



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FORMER RUIDOSO COUNCILOR

they developed the Palmer Gateway subdivision."

"They imported 500 Angus bulls from Scotland, and rode them overland from Houston to New Mexico," he recounts. "They lost several of them that way."



In all they had 5,000 cattle on their vast Lincoln County range — the largest herd around. But, because of cattle wrestlers and other snarls, the Crees "were not very fortunate in the cattle industry," McCarty continues.

"They even had Pat Garrett under their employ to keep down the theft," he says.

When it became apparent their cowboy endeavors had failed, the Cree brothers sold their dream to McCarty and Palmer. They purchased 7,000 deeded acres for \$18 an acre, and also bought land that was leased by the Crees.

"The boys really liked it out here, made their mark, probably lost Dad a lot of money, and then went back," McCarty says.

McCarty and Palmer started ranching a bit, but soon gave that up and became full-time developers.

But the senior McCarty dabbled in other arenas beyond land development, including politics.

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— continues to develop into a full-blown neighborhood. —

That White Mountain land became part of McCarty's heritage when his father purchased 7,000-plus acres in the late 1930s.

McCarty's parents, Lucille and George, settled in Ruidoso from Tennessee in 1931, and set up the village's only grocery downtown.

"I was conceived here," McCarty says, "and then my mom was hauled off to Tennessee, I was born, and then was shipped back."

Lucille opted to birth her baby in the more familiar and less "primi-

tive" facilities back east, McCarty relates.

That was just a year after they came to the Rockies.

When McCarty and Palmer got involved in the development business, they first developed riverfront

areas in the Upper Canyon and then a golf course where the Lincoln County Medical Center and Palmer Gateway subdivision are

"They were a little ahead of their time," McCarty says of the golf.

"There was very little play. When they gave up on that (in the 1940s),

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# McCarty

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He was Ruidoso's third mayor and served two terms in office.

"Dad did more than his share of community work, (helped) the chamber, and gave a lot of land away to churches," McCarty recalls.

Both he and Palmer also spent a lot of their own "time and money" promoting Ruidoso, he says.

"They probably spent a lot more than they made, because neither of them died as rich people," he says.

McCarty recalls his youth in Ruidoso as being full of adventure and fun.

"We didn't get into any trouble because there was always plenty to do — ride horses, ride bikes, go fishing and hunting," he recalls.

The village only had one constable, and one man was basically all it needed.

"There weren't all the temptations there are today to get into trouble," McCarty relates. "You did notice that people helped each other a lot in those days. They didn't have to work more than two or three days to make a living, not seven days a week with both mother and father working like now."

McCarty also recalls the "roaring 1940s" in Ruidoso, just before incorporation, when four or five gambling bars filled the downtown area.

"It seemed it got Ruidoso kick started from a sleepy little town to gettin' going," he

says. "Probably the wildest times Ruidoso will ever see, because Main Street had a lot of neon lights and big crowds all the time."

From the age of 10 to 16, McCarty worked at one of the gambling halls, the Central Bar and Grill, as a handy boy.

It wasn't as exciting for him as it was for the gamblers. He basically stocked shelves as "people came and went, ate, drank and gambled," he says. "I did notice one thing though, if a guy came in and lost money who couldn't afford to lose it, they'd give it back and say, 'Don't come back.'"

Like his father, Bill McCarty also served the village with two terms as a councilor under the 1960s administration of Mayor Warren Tucker. He also worked around the clock, running his own gravel and pavement business and White Mountain Development until four years ago.

He enjoyed being part of an element that kept the tax base down for "our Texas friends," and created a nice community.

"I'm very pleased with the way the town has grown," McCarty relates. "I wish people would keep it a little cleaner and tidier because it really is a beautiful place."

People still wave to strangers on the street, and much of the community's character has remained in tact, he says.

"We've always been an open-arm community, welcoming all, and Ruidoso should remain that way," McCarty urges.

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# Brunell's store hangs in through changing times

by TODD SCHREIBER  
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When thinking back to Ruidoso 50 years ago, three things come to the mind of Herb Brunell, Jr., immediately: bowling pins, a frigid pool of water and metal ducks.

"There was a guy named Hedge Coke who had a shooting gallery with tin ducks as targets. They would go *bing!* when shot with 22-caliber rifles," recalls Brunell, owner of Brunell's Clothing Store in Ruidoso.

A creek-fed pool of water near Carrizo Lodge was one of his hang-

outs in the early days.

"My friends and I would go swimming over there sometimes, and it was really cold. Sometimes we would feel something brush against our legs, probably a fish. I didn't like that much," said Brunell.

But the highlight of those early years for Brunell was setting up bowling pins at the local bowling alley, back before it was done automatically.

"I was paid 10 cents a line for doing that. I was making big money then," said Brunell.

The businesses along Sudderth Drive looked different when his father, Herbert H. Brunell Sr., opened his store in 1946.

"I remember there were a couple of skating rinks, and one of them had a canvas top. The other one was behind the Thunderhead Curio Shop," said Brunell.

Many were gambling halls until they were shut down in 1950 or 1951.

"There were poker tables and slot machines in the back of one of the bowling alleys," said Brunell.

Brunell's earliest memories are of visiting his grandparents in Palo Verde to get away from the heat and polio scare in Alamogordo.

"Palo Verde was the first name of Ruidoso Downs. Then it was called Green Tree, and finally Ruidoso Downs," said Brunell.

Even then there was a racetrack, though "it was little more than a bushtrack." Brunell's sister had a horse and would sometimes ride at the track.

Brunell's father owned a store in Alamogordo at the time. He decided in 1946 to open another one in Ruidoso. Called Brunell's of Ruidoso to distinguish it from the store in Alamogordo, which shut down in the '70s, it was a general

merchandise store, selling such items as buttons, boots, fabrics and piece goods.

"He had a feeling about community growth and felt he could do something to help it," said Brunell, who started working in the store in 1959.

Three significant events occurred about the time Ruidoso was incorporated, Brunell said, and two helped Ruidoso grow: casino-style gambling was shut down, World War II started and the road between U.S. Highway 70 and Mechem Drive was paved. The blacktop highway eventually became known as Sudderth Drive.

"The vigorous business climate and community growth started about '46 and didn't really stop until about '83. There was no view of a slowdown," said Brunell, adding that everyone had money back then.

And with the money came the tourists, "who always came here to play."

His store has always been able to stay in the game for 50 years because it's kept constant hours and been sensitive to community needs, Brunell said.



Herb Brunell

"And don't forget the word 'luck,'" Brunell added.

Brunell also attributes the store's success to an ability to change with the times.

"People have more of a choice in their clothing now. There was not a broad base of clothing then," said Brunell.

Brunell is now retired from running the store. His son, Albert Brunell, is in charge now. With such a huge family tradition behind the store, the name Brunell may just be seen along Sudderth Drive in another 50 years.



Midtown Ruidoso with Brunell's store on the right, in the early 1960s.

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