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ON THE SIDE

Mescalero turn to pull tabs while casino is closed

The U.S. attorney may have forced Casino Apache to close, but he couldn't take the pull tab games.

Pull tabs remain legal because they match games the state already provides. Now in the main lobby, the ticket costs range from a quarter to a dollar, with potential winnings ranging from a quarter to \$5,000.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe's Inn of the Mountain Gods, where the casino is located, is still doing brisk business. Conventioners, tour bus riders, golfers, hunters and fishing enthusiasts make up many of the visitors. Business in the four restaurants remains steady, officials report.

Students vote in mock elections at RHS today

Ruidoso High School students will "rock the vote" today in a mock presidential election.

Students have one minute to fill out ballots for their choices for president, Congress and state offices. Mock voting booths will be open all day at the high school.

Public asked to comment on sewer line work

Engineers designing Ruidoso's new sewer lines will host a public information hearing at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Those living along the Rio Ruidoso in the Upper Canyon area between the Silver Mountain Terrace Subdivision to Sleepy Hollow Subdivision, the Riverside Addition from Eagle Dr. to Country Club Dr., and all along Paradise Canyon Road might be affected by the sewer line construction. They are especially invited to the hearing to give input.

Wilson and Co. of Albuquerque is working on the designs for the project, which will soon be put to bid. Construction is expected to begin in the near future.

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Casino Apache lays off hundreds

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
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Lady luck frowned on about 270 Casino Apache employees Wednesday, as they were laid off from their jobs at the Mescalero Apache Tribe's Inn of the Mountain Gods resort.

It was this area's largest single group of unemployment filings since 230 workers were laid off when Fort Stanton closed in 1995.

The tribe for a week has been waiting for a court ruling to let the casino reopen, but couldn't hold out any longer. Employees were called in Wednesday so unemployment claims could be filed.

"The junk change in my drawer now has a purpose," said bartender Diana Valenzuela of Mescalero as she stood in the work search line with her 4-year-old son John. "I'm already starting to worry about bills."

Next to Valenzuela was her sister Anita, a casino craps dealer. She is also a single mom, but with eight children (four are foster children) and hefty expenses.

"As of right now we're doing bead work and anything else we can do to get money," Valenzuela said. "The kids sit and help us out beading because they know."

The sisters signed a petition circulating through the Inn (passed down from administrators) that demands state legislators address Indian gaming during next year's regular session or in an earlier special session.

Approximately 270 casino workers had been placed on paid leave since casino doors were locked shut Sept. 24 as ordered by U.S. Attorney John Kelly.

But as the Inn's pay period

ended Tuesday, and the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals still hadn't ruled on the tribe's motions to reopen, the employees were told to file for unemployment compensation, Inn manager John McCullough said.

The money paid out over the previous week is being considered severance pay, he said.

"With this many people, the (continued) pay is no small thing," McCullough said, while watching the diverse population queue into lines to file unemployment claims.

About 145 people filed claims at the morning-long session Wednesday, said Eddie Beagles, the area director of the labor department. Another 40 were not on the list of 225 names Beagles was given from inn administrators, and possibly another 40 casino employees filed claims as office walk-ins this week, he said.

Inn officials told Beagles an additional 100-150 inn employees might be laid off within the next week if the casino remains closed.

Fortunately for the employees, the tribe is one of the few in New Mexico that pays into the state unemployment fund.

Depending on how long they were employed at the Inn, the workers can expect a minimum of \$41 a week or maximum \$212 a week in unemployment aid for up to 26 weeks, he said.

At a maximum, the estimated 270 claims could cost the tribe's fund \$57,240 a week.

While waiting to file her claim, Becky Purser, a casino slot machine data system administrator, was encouraging people to sign the petition to the Legislature.

She's been working full time at



About 185 Casino Apache employees filled the Mescalero Inn Tuesday to file unemployment compensation claims. In photo below, Eddie Beagles, area director of the state labor department, begins processing claims. Mescalero officials waited a week for the layoffs, hoping a court would let the casino reopen while it appeals a ruling.

the casino for a year, leaving her math teaching job at Ruidoso's White Mountain Intermediate School because of the better pay.

"I'm petrified," said Purser, who has been calling state officials ever since the casino was shut.

"What I want to know is, are they going to make my house payment? We're being penalized by a screw-up in Santa Fe. We acted in good faith, just doing our jobs, and we're the ones that are hurt."

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Mescalero still wait for court decision

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
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Although the Mescalero Apache Tribe on Sept. 25 requested court action within 48 hours to reopen its casino, the court still hasn't made a decision.

An identical request from the Jicarilla Apache to keep its casino open was granted by the same court within 48 hours as requested last week.

Judges at the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver still haven't decided whether to grant the Mescalero tribe's two emergency motions to stop U.S. Attorney John Kelly from seizing its gambling machines and to let it reopen Casino Apache.

Kelly forced the tribe to close the casino, located two miles from Ruidoso, Sept. 24.

He also ordered the Jicarilla Apache Tribe in Rio Arriba County to shut its casino the same day, because both the Apache tribes' gambling compacts had been ruled invalid by a federal court.

Although he came down on the Apache tribes, Kelly is allowing nine state pueblos to keep operating their casinos because they gained a court stay and had entered an earlier agreement with Kelly about the fate of the casinos.

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Aspens dwindle, but colors timely for Aspenfest

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
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Quaking aspen trees used to be much more abundant in the Ruidoso valley and elsewhere, says a Smokey Bear district forester.

"They used to be more plentiful in the whole Southwest ecosystem as a whole," says Barbara Luna, "because they usually come in as a result of fire."

With the Forest Service's historical suppression of natural fires, aspens have had less opportunity to regenerate. The only other way to encourage regeneration is by cutting the trees and disturbing their roots, but timber companies prefer other types of trees.

The graceful white-barked trees, which are known to whisper in the wind and display striking leaf colors of gold and even red in the fall, are in the poplar species, the most widely distributed North American native species, Luna says.

Today, the thickest clusters of aspen trees around Ruidoso can be found in the moister, high reaches of the White Mountain Wilderness and the Cloudfcroft area, she says.

Huge stands visible from upper Ski Run Road near Ski Apache are displaying beautiful colors in perfect timing with this weekend's Aspenfest.

Aspens, scientifically known as *populus tremuloides*, pass one genetic line on to another by regenerating new trees through their expansive connected roots instead of seeds, she explains.

"It's the reason you see patches of colors identical in clumps of trees," Luna explained. "It's most common fall coloring is yellow, but the reds also make a showing in the thin leaves."

While the aspens get all the fanfare in Ruidoso with parades and parties, other native plants also dazzle the county hillsides in the fall.



Kathleen McDonald/The Ruidoso News

A twisted grove of aspens adorns the tranquil Argentina Trail in the Bonito Basin of the White Mountain Wilderness near Ruidoso.

Boxelder trees turn a reddish color, as do the Gambel oak. The sumac shrubs turn a deep golden red, and the Englemann ivy, which crawl up posts and chimneys, turn a bright, blood red.

The leaves of cottonwoods, which line the drainages of the Hondo Valley, turn a rich yellow, and the New Mexico Locust turns gold.

Also softening the autumn scene are the gramma grasses which turn a reddish brown tinge.

"It's beautiful," Luna says.

Bear hunter not guilty of disturbing town peace

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Mark Hughes was found innocent Thursday of charges that his hound dogs disturbed the peace within the Ruidoso village limits during a bear hunt Sept. 7.

Municipal Judge Mike Line said Village Police Officer Randy Spears failed to prove his case, because no witnesses were called who actually heard Hughes' hound dogs howling early that morning. No attorneys represented either side.

After the trial, Spears said because the trial was rescheduled just two days earlier, he was not able to arrange for witnesses from Upper Canyon to testify. Those who claim to have been disturbed by the dogs could file their own nuisance charges, he said.

However, the judge warned Hughes, who is a former village animal control officer, not to hunt in the Upper Canyon area again.

"You were found not guilty today, but it could be a different case with the right witnesses," he told Hughes. "I think I'd hunt somewhere else. We can't go out and draw a line each time. We need to respect (the rights of homeowners in residential areas) and their sensibilities."

Hughes contended the only reason he was charged with four counts of animal nuisance was because residents in Upper Canyon

were upset over bear hunting in general.

He didn't intend to upset the residents, Hughes said, adding that the hunt started in the national forest miles away from the point where the bear was shot by his juvenile companion.

It's illegal to fire a firearm in the village, but the juvenile was not charged, Spears said.

Hughes contended his dogs barked in the back of his pickup that morning because he was detained at the scene of the kill above Fox Drive while being questioned by Spears and state Game Warden Ron Moore.

Moore was not at the trial Thursday, because he was testifying in another case in district court.

"I believe this is strictly an attempt by a small group in Upper Canyon to get bear hunting stopped," Hughes said. "This was the last thing they could fall back on to cause us problems."

Hughes acknowledged under questioning by Spears that the howl of a hound dog carries further than the barking of other dogs. But Elmer Hopkins, a friend who was with him on the hunt, said the one dog that treed the bear didn't bark much, and two others released from Hughes' truck when he arrived later also made little noise.

Officer Roxanne Pfeffer testified
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COUNTY BRIEFS

Mountain man group eyes Fort Stanton as staging site

Members of a Lincoln County-based mountain man re-enactment group would like to use Fort Stanton as a future staging ground for their activities.

They hope to join with two groups actively trying to convert the former state hospital into a resort/living museum, said Ron Cecil, spokesman for the organization that encourages members to dress, cook and temporarily live like mountain men at the turn of the century.

Gov. Gary Johnson closed the fort about 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso in March 1995, contending it was too expensive to operate.

Commissioners encouraged Cecil to work with Friends of Fort Stanton and the Save Our Fort groups for the conversion that would accommodate activities such as reenactments.

Cecil said the Lincoln County Long Rifles members have planned their first Frozen Foot Rendezvous Nov. 28 through Dec. 1 in the Jicarilla Mountains above Ancho and White Oaks. The group is negotiating with the U.S. Forest Service on a site, but would have liked to use the fort, he said.

Events will include a trail walk, a survival run, mountain man run and novelty shoots. Prizes will be rifles, pistols, blankets and bags. Traders will be selling goods.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said in an unrelated effort, members of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse Auxiliary want to renovate the corral at the fort.

"They are willing to do it at their own expense to revitalize trail rides in the area," Nunley said.

Commissioners are negotiating with the state to take over the fort in an attempt to either find a new tenant or work toward the resort conversion.

Layoffs

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"They still have their jobs, they're still getting money. How would they feel if it was their jobs, their families?"

Purser said she was especially upset because she left a job she enjoyed to pursue something that had been legalized in a compact signed by Gov. Gary Johnson and the tribe. She even waited for 45 days after the compact was signed to see if they would be upheld.

"It's back to the frozen tundra for me," said blackjack pit boss John Curtis, "back to Minnesota."

Curtis had just moved with three other friends to Alamogordo in May so he could work at the Inn. The veteran Indian gaming casino worker said he read about his Casino Apache job in a national casino magazine.

"My family is waiting up there to come down. I told them to pack their stuff — I have a newborn and a 4-year-old," Curtis said. "Now, quite the opposite happened — I have to come back. This is pathetic."

"This is the best job here," said

Ruidoso native Tommy Gray, who, without his casino job as a card dealer, plans to move elsewhere in about a week. "I've got to pay my bills — I'm not staying here. You can't make this kind of money anywhere else."

"I just got into a house and car," said Mescalero resident Maddie Ontiveros, a casino office manager who last year helped award huge jackpot winnings of approximately \$250,000 to three tourists.

"The people of the state of New Mexico voted for gambling," said fellow casino office employee, Fae Swinford. "So, do we have a government by the people or by the few?"

Swinford, also of Ruidoso, had been a casino secretary for the past two years. She is the income earner in her family; her husband David suffers from a genetic, degenerative disorder that caused him to go blind and deaf 14 years ago.

"At this point I don't know what I'm going to do," Swinford said. "What is the job market in Ruidoso?"

"I've just broken through to a good job," said Alamogordo resident Slobhan Robinson, a divorced

mother of three who previously had little luck finding work since her 1994 early release from the military. "I was looking towards Christmas and shopping for the kids, but that's all been blown out the window."

Working as a part-time teller at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track during summer months is the steadiest work she's had since leaving the service. But since May, when Robinson got her casino job, she finally started making some money. She would work as a game room attendant from 11 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., drive home, sleep an hour, feed her children, and then go to her racetrack job from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Most of her other odd jobs have also been in Ruidoso because it seems connections are necessary for the jobs in Alamogordo, Robinson says.

Robinson suffers from carpal tunnel syndrome and nerve damage. She has no savings, having poured most of it into her car for the commute. Ironically, Robinson was just

told she doesn't qualify for food stamps because of the value of her car, she said.

Her ex-husband, who recently expressed a desire to reunite, just returned from Saudi Arabia and is recovering from the shock of battles being blown up next to him at their barracks this summer.

"It's been hell. I've been trying to do what I can to feed my children," she said. "Do they know the number of people they've put out of work? There's people here with new homes, new babies!"

Before filing their claims, a paternalistic McCullough assured the workers that, "We're all in this together."

He also commented that he wasn't looking out over a "group of gangsters" but "people who come to do your jobs and provide a safe, friendly and attractive form of entertainment."

McCullough, a former accountant, later said he's never had to lay off so many people before, and it wasn't fun.

"Everyone hopes this is all for nothing," McCullough said.

Preliminary plan approved for Kokopelli subdivision

After receiving state assurances that adequate water is available for Kokopelli Mesa Subdivision near Alto, Lincoln County Commissioners approved the developer's preliminary design Tuesday.

The plat was the first in the county to fall under new state subdivision regulations that require more extensive planning, review and improvements for nearly every land split.

Edward Ytuarte, chief of the subdivision review bureau of the State Engineer's Office, told commissioners that the Alto Water Association has sufficient water rights and capacity to serve the new 118-acre subdivision. Thirty-two single family lots and 94 garden home units will occupy 41 acres, a 71-acre golf course is planned and private roads will cover six acres.

"We need to be assured we don't have a subdivision that oversells its capability," Commissioner Wilton Howell said. "I understand a second subdivision is coming, but that has nothing to do with this preliminary plat of Rui Inc.," the Kokopelli developer.

Ytuarte said Alto is just about at its maximum water rights limit. It would have exceeded the mark if water company officials hadn't agreed to limit the irrigation of the Alto Lakes community golf course to 100.5 acre feet of water annually, instead of the previously specified 208 acre feet, he said. An acre foot equals 325,851 gallons.

Letters from all of the state agencies that reviewed the subdivision will be attached to the developer's disclosure statement given to prospective lot buyers, project surveyor Tim Collins said.

New consultant to be hired to write county land use plan

It's taken so long for a local committee to gather background material and public input, the consultant hired to write a Lincoln County land use plan is now busy with other assignments.

County commissioners Tuesday voted to replace the consultant, who has told members of the county Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee he would not object if pulled from the job, according to committee chairman Joel Bonnell.

The land use plan is not to be used for zoning, but to outline the historic use of land, including local customs and culture, as protection against federal or state actions that might impact the county.

The commission allocated \$4,500 for the project and the committee has spent \$1,200 of that money, Bonnell said. Four hundred dollars was spent for the consultant to come up with an outline of the document, and another \$800 was used to send out questionnaires to 12,000 property owners about the historic use of land and about local customs. The committee received a good response with 18% of the surveys sent back, Bonnell said.

The consultant also compiled 100 pages of answers to the questionnaire. The group still is summarizing the results of five hearings across the county, each attended by about 20 residents, Bonnell said.

"I think we need to put goals in place to meet the needs of the people," Bonnell said.

Commissioners suggested the committee, formed in 1991, contact a planning expert with New Mexico State University, who has indicated he would be willing to help the committee.



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Mescalero sisters Diana and Anita Valenzuela wait in line with their children, baby Coral, John and Kyle, to file for unemployment after being laid off at Casino Apache. Anita, who is holding her newest foster child, has six other children at home to feed.



Kathleen McDonald/The Ruidoso News

Ruidoso resident Fae Swinford, a casino office secretary, shares her worries with Slobhan Robinson, a game room attendant. Both women wondered how they will support their families.

Wait

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The agreement stated the pueblos would voluntarily shut down their casinos if a federal appeals court ruled them illegal, as a lower court did in July. The stay allows the pueblos to legally operate their casinos until a court hearing is held Nov. 20.

The Mescalero and Jicarilla did not sign such an agreement, so Kel-

ly argues those tribes don't qualify for a stay. However, the Mescalero did file writings in court agreeing to close its casino if the appeals court rules against it.

The Jicarilla filed a motion with the Court of Appeals Sept. 23, the day before its casino would have been forced to close by the U.S. attorney, and the tribe was granted a stay (delay) the next day.

The Mescalero followed suit, but its Sept. 25 request asking for action in two days has sat in the same Court of Appeals for a week.

"The judges keep us in the dark as much as anyone else," said a court clerk. "The Jicarilla asked for a decision in 48 hours and they did it. The Mescalero asked for a decision in 48 hours and that has long passed. Who knows?"

Also before the Court of Appeals

is a Sept. 25 request filed by Kelly asking the judges to overturn the stay it granted to the Jicarilla.

It's possible that the court is reviewing the Mescalero's request and Kelly's motion at the same time, the clerk speculated.

Kelly's spokesman Ron Lopez said last week that Kelly is prepared to file a similar motion against the Jicarilla if a stay is granted to that tribe.

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Hunter

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 that she received a complaint from a resident on Mountain Breeze Road about hunters causing a disturbance in Upper Canyon at 7:00 a.m. Sept. 7.
 The person complained that hunters had been driving up and down the road every morning with bounds in the back of a white Ford pickup truck, she said. But Pfeffer said she never saw Hughes and was only able to locate one dog off Fox Drive.
 Hughes pointed out that he doesn't own a white pickup and that other hunters also frequent the Upper Canyon area.
 Spears said a second complaint was called in at 8 a.m. Sept. 7,

saying shots had been fired. He and Moore responded to that call and found Hughes, his companions and several dogs.
 Hughes initially contended the 300-pound male bear was shot just outside the village limits. But Lane denied his motion to dismiss the charges.
 He based the decision on testimony of village planning director Cleo Richards about the location of the village boundary line, Spears said, measuring with Moore from Fox Drive. He determined that the shooting site, blood from the bear on pine needles and a discharged cartridge from the high-powered rifle all fell within the village limits.

Following is the agenda for the Ruidoso Village Council meeting, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 at village hall.
REGULAR ITEMS
 - Consider a leasing policy at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and a lease at the airport with Flying W Diamond;
 - Draw by lots, businesses for the annual mandatory audits of lodging vendors;
 - Consider dedicating and naming various parks;
 - Consider a joint powers

agreement with Lincoln County for a parking arrangement at the new village library and for help building Ruidoso athletic playing fields.
 - Consider resolution 96-18, the parks and recreation strategic plan;
BOARD APPOINTMENTS
CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS
 - Consider council meeting minutes;
 - Consider special advertising in the Lincoln County Relocation Guide;
 - Consider withdrawing a portion of a 1989 change in zoning that allowed a commercial property in

Gayitas Canyon to change to industrial. The property owner now wants half the land returned back to commercial.
 - Authorize joining the city of Alamogordo to sell surplus property at an auction;
 - Consider an annual agreement with White Mountain Search and Rescue volunteer group;
 - Consider an agreement with Henninghausen and Olsen for professional services concerning water and water rights;
 - Authorize soliciting proposals

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Ruidoso's 'inflection point,' and learning to survive it

When massive change is at hand, we can use all the advice we can get. But the problem is, do we recognize the change only after it's too late to do anything about it?

The change facing Ruidoso, it appears, is the economic impact brought on by the forced closing of Casino Apache. But we can't know whether it'll stay closed. We don't know what the legislature might do. Approve gaming compacts? Expand casino gaming to racetracks and resort hotels? Nothing?

Regardless, change is upon us. That's been made abundantly clear in the past two weeks, when few people's predictions came true. Casino Apache is closed, people have filed for unemployment. Nobody knows when the courts will act.

In a new book titled *Only the Paranoid Survive*, the head man at Intel Corporation, Andrew S. Grove, posits the idea of "inflection points" in business. That, he says, is when massive, but often denied or unrecognized, changes occur that impact any business, endeavor or economy. How an entity handles that change (as Intel survived when its Pentium chip took it on the chin for a one-in-25 million computing error) determines whether it succeeds or fails. Intel survived because it finally recognized that its customers were no longer computer manufacturers but computer users.

In Ruidoso we may be lucky: We see what's happening, but few know whether it's an inflection point or a glitch that soon will be resolved by a benevolent court or legislature.

So the wisest among us will start now to find new directions, to turn a downturn into an upturn (that's the "inflection point" on a graph) and go ahead.

It appears Mescalero's people recognize that. Pull tabs are back; they're legal. So is bingo.

So what are the rest of us doing to turn transition into opportunity?

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Golden Aspen Rally was great

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of all motorcyclists who attended the Golden Aspen Rally, held in Ruidoso on Sept. 17-22, a big, big, "thank you" to the town for extending your hospitality to us. Your generosity in donating door prizes was appreciated. It's fun to have the storekeepers participate in our poker runs and tours.

As Queen and King of the Aspen Rally, it is our responsibility to promote Ruidoso and the rally to ensure a great turnout for 1997. Fred and I will do our very best to spread the word about what a great place Ruidoso is to spend a vacation and what a fantastic place to ride motorcycles.

We look forward to seeing you all next year and hope the weather is as cooperative as it was this year.

Ruth Edmark
Green Valley, Ariz.
Fred Jackson
Buchanan Dam, Texas
1996 Golden Aspen Rally
Queen and King

Wildlife can appear docile yet be dangerous

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Christy Shows.

I would just like to state that I have been a rancher all my life and still run and operate a ranch.

I have 33 years experience of working with my husband in a veterinary practice, where we deal with domestic and wildlife on a daily basis.

I didn't realize that the Mexico black bear that can come through your ranch and kill 20 or 30 sheep in one night was so different from the Ruidoso strain vegetarian bear.

I do know that you must respect the ability of any wildlife or domestic life because God gave these animals the ability to feed and defend themselves without our help, and if we forget this and get into a situation where they are not friendly, we are going to get hurt. Even the horse and cow can hurt you - the buck sheep and billy goat will turn from blut to butt at times.

We love all wild and domestic life and hate to see them hurt in any manner, but we realize their strengths and we try to stay in control when we deal with them.

My husband was at Yosemite National Park in the '60s when bears started attacking cars because they were being fed from cars by people who didn't heed the park rangers warning to not do so. Several convertible tops were torn off and several people were injured.

I don't care to debate on who's right or wrong on the issue or who has the most experience in the

animal field.

The point made by Christy Shows demonstrates how trusting people are becoming of our wildlife. Close confrontation of our bear with our cameras or otherwise is risky business, and we need to remember that these are not docile backyard pets not matter how darling and loving they seem.

I also stand by Mr. Spencer if his story is true. If the residents are correct then he deserves all the flack he is receiving.

Mary Robertson
Ruidoso

U.S. attorney did right thing to close casino

TO THE EDITOR:

Thumbs up to Mr. Kelly and

Jack Hemby
Artesia

thumbs down to the 10th Circuit Court for not backing him. Mr. Kelly is trying to do his job but a lot of us don't make it easy.

It seems too many people don't care whether it's legal or illegal, just seems to be which ever side of the fence we're on. If we felt this way about all crimes this wouldn't be a very good place to live, would it? Too many people don't seem to understand illegal casinos are a crime. If you don't think so try putting a slot machine in your place of business or selling liquor without a license and see how long it takes authorities to put a stop to it. I think Mr. Chino has been good for his people but I feel he places his self too far above the white man's laws.

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Month of October offers bright, blue skies

Glorious October Arrives in the Mountain Land

On it's first day, the month of October arrived with its true colors, casting its spell of the joy and pride of life throughout the Mountain Land.

And the verse by Helen Hunt Jackson, the beloved American poet, comes to mind:

"O suns and skies and clouds of June
And flowers of June together
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather"

Today on Oct. 2 you look out at the green hillsides with patterns of light gold oak brush, and here and there the crimson of the woodbine, all sparkling under the bright sun.

Then you walk outside. There is the purest blue sky extending all around to the mountain horizon, and you understand the feelings of the writer of this famous verse. For it does seem that surely the sky has saved its favorite sky color just for October.

You are under a vast magic ceiling while all around you are the charms of early fall. Carried on the very light western breeze are the mingled incense of turning leaves - the oak, walnut, boxelder and wild cherry all blended together.

The colors of the trees, sold in early fall colors of bronze, gold, sunlight yellow, orange



The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW STORM
COLUMNIST

and crimson, are all in color harmony with the October sky smiling down.

Here just before high noon, the spirit of joy, of the high tide of happiness, is in the air all throughout our Mountain Land.

The Pinon Jays

Year after year the pinon jays have been flying through the hills and vales in bands, calling and singing as they fly. They have settled in the nearby pinon trees calling to one another, rejoicing as they gather pinon nuts in the rare year when there is a crop of pinons.

Crop or no crop, these native New Mexico favorite winged troubadours arrive to be among us in September and October.

They have always gathered close around the neighborhood.

This year, for the first time that I can remember, they have been flying in and feeding right in the yard along the pathway to the house and at the feeding stations.

You can hear them a half a mile away or so, calling out as they fly. Their calls sound much like human voices, sometimes like laughing.

"Wear-huh-huh-huh
Wier-huh-huh-huh
Wier-wier-wier."

They land in the large cedar tree near the yard gate. Some light down and begin feeding on the pathway, 30 or 40, their prussian blue colors shining in the sun.

Some stay up in the tree as if watching for something, meanwhile calling out.

"Wear-wear-wear,
Wear-huh-huh-huh."

Suddenly those on the ground all at once fly up into the tree and there is silence for a moment or two; then most of them fly back down while a few stay in the tree.

Then they are all in the tree and as if at a signal they all fly away together, calling out their songs in a loud chorus of the air, leaving you glad that they came to pay an October visit.

Let us thank our Lord for glorious October and our blessings.

And let us speak a kind word and lend a helping hand.

County manager gets 11% raise

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The review of his job as Lincoln County manager were mixed, but after his six-month evaluation, Frank Potter walked away with a \$4,000 (11%) raise.

Instead of evaluating Potter privately during an executive session, Commission Chairman Monroy Montes scheduled the evaluation during the open county commission meeting Tuesday.

"I've never heard of such a thing," Commissioner Stirling Spencer said.

Potter said Wednesday he preferred the public evaluation and thinks it was the correct way to proceed.

"I'm an unclassified employee who serves at the will of the commission," he said. "I think it (an evaluation) should be done in public. I'd sure rather have it that way. I think anything they've got to say to me, they should say it in public."

Commissioner Bill Schwetmann, who has been critical of some of Potter's actions, including problems in the finance de-

partment said during the meeting Tuesday he wouldn't comment on Potter's performance publicly.

"I don't believe in doing job reviews publicly," he said. "It could result in a loss of confidence. Yes, I have some reservations, but I will not do this in public."

As an elected official, I assure you I won't say anything in a closed session I wouldn't in public," Commissioner Wilton Howell said.

With 31 employees and five equestrians to work for, you've done a pretty good job in the time you've had and with what you had to work with," Howell told Potter, who previously served on the Ruidoso Village Council and worked in village government.

Spencer said the county manager's job is one of the toughest in the county, but split decisions are common and the five commissioners often have different opinions on issues.

However, he would like to see faster results on a long-term capital improvement plan, job descriptions and a wage classification of employ-

ees, Spencer said. He commended Potter on the improvements the manager completed in the heating and air conditioning system, carpeting and other amenities at the courthouse.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley and Montes echoed Spencer's remarks. Nunley added that he wants to see employee evaluations instituted, something he has been pushing for since he was elected three years ago.

Montes said he also is pleased to see Potter encourage employees to take additional training, and said he appreciates Potter's efforts to improve communication with the sheriff's office.

Spencer encouraged Potter to say "no" to commissioners if he doesn't agree with their priorities and has the data to back his position.

Potter's \$4,000 increase brings his annual salary to \$40,000. The motion passed unanimously, County Clerk Martha Proctor said.

Schwetmann said he voted in favor "to keep harmony."



Hondo Valley resident and attorney Gary Mitchell urges Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday to support the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Mitchell said with an arena, the center will draw horse shows and roping competitions that will bring thousands of people into the county to spend money on food and lodging. The center is a long term investment for the economic development of the county, other supporters said. Opponents of the center told commissioners its time to stop sinking more money into a losing proposition. They want to see the center closed until a new tenant can be found or it's sold.

Commissioners still divided over Glencoe Rural Events Center money

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Accepting a federal grant for an outdoor arena at Lincoln County's rural events center amounts to throwing money away, Commissioner Bill Schwetmann contended Tuesday.

But before the commission meeting was over, commissioners not only approved a resolution accepting the grant, they committed another \$86,000 to the operation of the center on U.S. 70 about 12 miles east of Ruidoso.

Since the \$130,000 federal grant was received two weeks ago, approving a resolution to accept the money was a formality.

But Schwetmann didn't let the opportunity pass to express his opposition to county ownership of the center in Glencoe, a former horse sales barn.

Even after the grant money is spent, the county only will have an outdoor arena, not the indoor type that can draw big horse shows and rodeos, he said. And if all the money goes for construction, nothing will be left to promote the center, he added.

"But it's the basis for (an indoor arena) later," Commission Chairman Monroy Montes said, suggesting the outdoor arena could be covered later.

Resident Wayne Williams urged commissioners to reject the grant and not spend any more tax money on the center.

But during a quarterly budget adjustment discussion later in the meeting, commissioners in a 3-2 vote approved adding \$85,899 to the Glencoe center's budget.

Schwetmann and Spencer voted against the change.

Only \$6,000 previously was budgeted, all for utilities, because commissioners had intended to close the center while looking for a new tenant.

Schwetmann bristled at the budget breakdown, noting that utilities had been raised to \$20,000 and employees had been added.

Although the \$250,000 to buy the sales barn three years ago came from the state Legislature, Schwetmann said with the money the county has spent the last two years, \$630,000 has been invested. Yet the center has generated only \$14,147 in revenue, he said.

Support for the budget increase came from attorney Gary Mitchell and a few other Hondo Valley residents at the meeting.

"Team roping and team pinning are the fastest growing sport in the nation, and we have a perfect loca-

tion for it," Mitchell said. Such events would result in millions of dollars spent locally, he said.

Commissioner Stirling Spencer, who voted with Schwetmann against approval of the resolution, asked what obligations the county was under by taking the money.

The county has to hire an architect to design the arena and complete an archaeological review, Chairman Monroy Montes said.

The architect, Wayne Andrews of Albuquerque, will cost \$4,800, County Manager Frank Potter said. The county also will be expected to grade the arena area and do some site preparation work, but Potter said he didn't have an estimate of the dollar amount.

"When people read about the project in the newspaper, they called to donate their time and expertise toward the project," he said,

adding that those people said the center could become a money-maker for the county.

"Making money is not government's role," Spencer said. "I want to be sure we're not in conflict with private enterprise."

Potter said he is trying to avoid intruding on private businesses. In response to feedback from recreational vehicle parks in the county, RV owners are not allowed to stay overnight at the center and service for such vehicles will not be installed, he said.

By accepting the money, the commission also agrees not to sell, assign or lease the center without approval from the federal government, said County Attorney Alan Morel.

That requirement can be deleted

after a five or 10-year period when the federal investment has played out, Montes said.

The only way to know whether the majority of county residents support the huge investment is to put it to a vote, Schwetmann said.

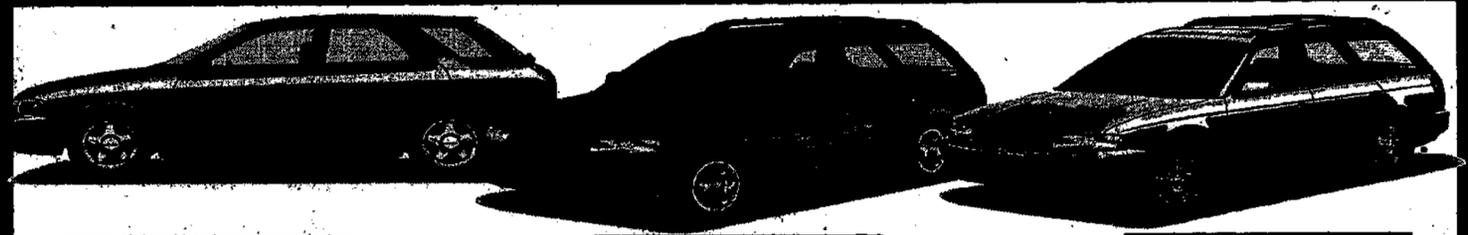
"If it passed, I'd be quiet," he said.

Resident Glen Barrow said a vote isn't necessary, because voters elected the five commissioners to make decisions involving government.

"I think the county's role is to provide facilities to bring in private industry," he said. "I think we will get 10 times back in lodgers tax receipts, groceries and other retail purchases. Counties all over get involved in economic development. Let's get it built and see it work."

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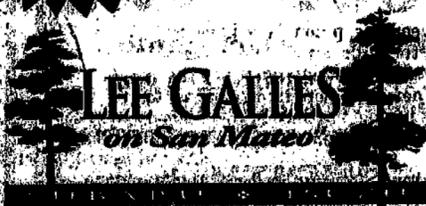


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Commissioner seeks state OK on bill-paying procedure

Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schweitzmann said he wants to see something in writing from the state to reassure him the county hasn't violated any laws by allowing the county manager to pay bills before the commission approves them.

For the past two months, Schweitzmann has refused to sign checks mailed out before the meeting. He has asked for a change of policy, to either hold the bills until the commission votes on them or give County Manager Frank Potter the authority to issue the checks in advance.

Potter promised last month to submit a new procedure for handling bills that would guarantee financial checks and balances, "but I don't see anything on this agenda showing an adjustment in handling the bills," Schweitzmann said during the meeting Tuesday.

"I think it's an illegal act to approve accounts payable after the checks already are mailed," he said. "Everyone was in agreement that the procedure was to be changed by this month's meeting, or we were to have a resolution in place giving the manager that power."

Potter said he had talked to officials with the state Department of Finance and Administration several times, and they agreed the county is not violating any law by issuing the checks ahead of the meeting.

County Attorney Alan Morel said the key point is whether checks mailed without commission approval are for items already approved in the annual county budget. He agreed the county's purchasing resolution should be changed to reflect that the county manager has the authority to prepay, which allows the county to take advantage of discounts.

Felony marijuana charge filed against Ruidoso Downs man

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

For the second time in two months, David Arreola is facing misdemeanor charges of possession of narcotics and paraphernalia.

But this time, he also faces a felony charge of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

The 33-year-old Ruidoso Downs man was arrested about 1 a.m. Sunday at a trailer owned by his parents at 308 Riverview, said Down Police Officer Alex Hansen, who also is part of the White Mountain Drug Task Force.

The police department received a call from Arreola's father in California asking officers to enter the trailer and remove his son, because the younger man did not have permission to be there, Hansen said.

He and Sgt. Dana Terlecky went to the trailer and confronted Arreola. They found a half pound of

marijuana, a small amount of cocaine and syringes, needles, pipes and a pipe, Hansen said.

The felony intent to distribute charge is based on statements from Arreola and because he had scales used to weigh drugs, the drug agent said.

While the officers were completing their search, Arreola became ill and was taken by ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was in a holding cell in Ruidoso Downs Monday and was scheduled to be transferred to the county jail in Carrizozo, Hansen said.

Arreola was out on bond from charges last month of possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. His bond on those charges has been revoked by Ruidoso Magistrate Judge William Butts.

Arreola formerly was employed as a night clerk at Days Inn.

Police find 1996 Toyota pickup at Granddome

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BUSINESS

Award-winning alpacas raise prestige of local breeders in a woolly business

By PAMELA CROWWELL, Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Award-winning alpacas are money-making alpacas, and the animals at Enchantment Farms in Glenora are proving they are worth their weight in wool.

Ann and Rick Evans now own 10 alpacas, imported from Bolivia, Peru and Chile. Alpacas are cousins to llamas and members of the camel family. They are raised in South America for their wool, so soft it is rivaled only by cashmere, Evans said.

The Evans said they are the only New Mexico alpaca breeders south of I-45. The Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association has grown from 300 members to about 1,000 in 3.5 years. Most breeders are located on the east coast, in the Northwest and the Midwest. Northern New Mexico has a handful of breeders.

The Evans' animals are racking up credentials at national shows, including first and second-place winnings for yearling male, weanling male, and public relations. The public relations competition measures how well the animal demonstrates the versatility and intelligence of the breed, Ann Evans said.

You just don't see that at a sheep show," she said.

Gold Crown, a yearling male, raised his value exponentially by placing first under the eye of an international judge at the largest alpaca show outside South America. He is now established as a valuable stud animal, Evans said.

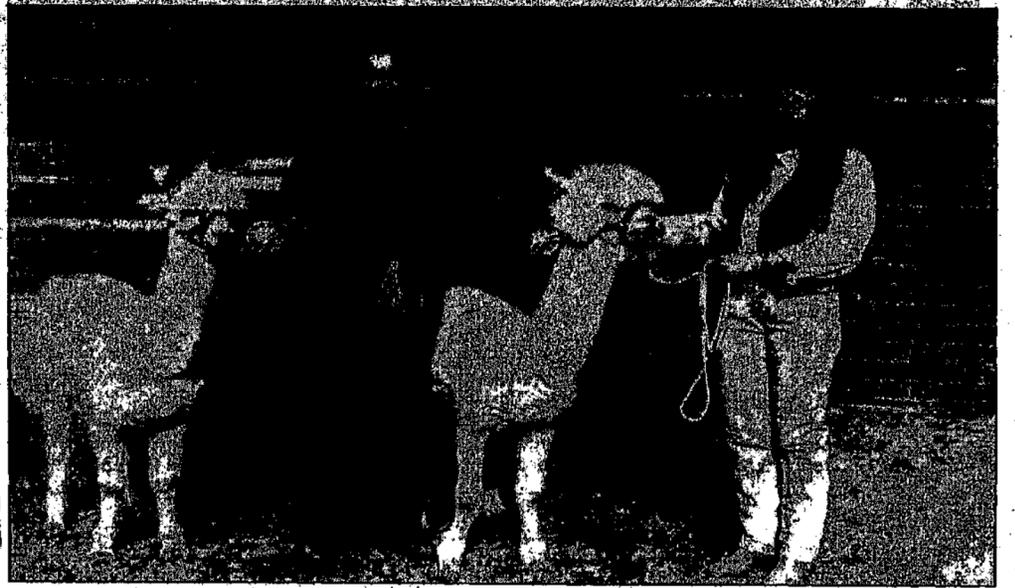
Breeders may sell young alpacas for several thousand dollars. Depending on the wool and breeding qualities, the average breeding female may sell for \$10,000 to \$25,000, Evans said. The highest quality stud male could run as high as \$40,000 to \$150,000.

"Not many sell at six figures," Evans said. "The value is based on its ability to reproduce its characteristics."

The Evans haven't begun selling alpaca offspring because they are still building a herd. They are not trying to make a living from alpaca sales right now, Rick Evans said, but the business will provide a good retirement income later.

The breeding value of alpacas in a growing market is only part of the business. An ounce of unprocessed alpaca fleece lying on the ground is worth \$2.50 to \$3, and it is worth about \$5 an ounce (\$80 a pound) after it's made into yarn. Alpaca wool sweaters, usually containing 10-15% alpaca wool, can sell for more than \$100.

In June, the Evans took 45 pounds of wool off six animals and sent it to Canada where it's being made into yarn. They shear the alpacas once a year. The yarn is eventually purchased by hand spinners in markets.



Rick and Ann Evans present their award-winning alpacas Gold Crown (left) and Sensation (right). Gold Crown placed second in the yearling male category at the largest alpaca show outside of South America in Denver. Sensation placed first in yearling male at a show in Estes Park.

Alpacas in profile

Alpaca wool comes in 23 natural colors. Black is the rarest, but white is preferred because it's easily dyed.

Alpaca wool dyes well because it contains no lanolin like sheep wool. The wool is often blended with other fibers in garments because it is not very elastic.

One commercial mill could process all the alpaca wool in the U.S. in three days.

Alpaca wool is Peru's largest export.

The Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association is organizing a cooperative that will buy wool from producers, process it,

and retail products. Coming from 10,000-15,000 feet in the Andes Mountains, alpacas are heartily resistant to drought and disease.

Alpacas are intelligent, trainable, and can be handled safely by young children.

Alpacas give birth only in daylight, and the young stand on their own within 20 minutes of birth. The calf's body weight, 15-20 pounds at birth, will double in about a month. Alpacas reach breeding age at about 2 years.

At low elevations, alpacas are subject to heat stress. However, there are some large operations in Texas and some in Louisiana.

Since importing began, more than 6,000 alpacas have arrived in the United States. South American breeders raise about 3 million animals. American importers select the finest animals from South American herds, and they keep a strict registry of blood type and DNA to avoid inbreeding.

"Most animals are microchipped in the ear," Evans said.

With this foundation, some of the best breeding stock could eventually come from North America and Australia, Evans said. Evans also believes alpacas will become the main commercial wool industry in this country.

"You'd be hard pressed to find anything softer than alpaca wool," he said.

A large number of American al-

paca breeders are women, Evans noted, perhaps because alpacas are easy to maintain and handle, and they aren't dangerous animals.

Ann has a background in working with animals, especially horses. She has trained race horses and studied equine husbandry.

The Evans have no doubt that their alpacas are a good investment and a smart business venture.

"We were cautious. We did 2.5 years of homework and developed a business plan," Evans said. "I feel like we're on the right road because Ann has an eye for animals."

For more information about the alpaca industry, contact the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association, PO Box 1992, Estes Park, Colorado 80517-1992. Or call the directors at 303-586-5357.

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By BRUCE KERNODLE

for Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce

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Be sure that the page has a meaningful title. It is surprising how many web pages have no title at all, or have a title which gives no indication what the page is about. On some search engines, the search results list only the titles, and the viewer must choose which pages to visit based on this list.

Try to make the first few lines of text on the page present an overview of the site; many search engines construct a summary of the page from these first one or two sentences.

Search engines cannot read words which are contained in graphics and logos. Be sure to

repeat the name and nature of your business in text, along with any other points that you want to make. Web pages can also include hidden key words which are only for the search engines.

Even if the design work on your page is done by a professional, you can do a lot to get it properly linked. Visit each of the search engines and put yourself in the place of someone who is trying to find businesses like yours. Try a search and see how your page fares. If it doesn't do very well, go to work to fix it.

Just about all of the search engines have a way for you to submit the address of your page, so that the robot will visit it and add it to the index. The button to click on will be labeled something like "Add URL," which in English means "Add the address of my page to the index."

Check back periodically and repeat the search. And don't be afraid to resubmit the address if you find your page is still not linked.

Once you have done all you can to lead viewers to your page, will they take time to read it? That is for next time.

"net.news" is a regular column meant to educate the business community about Internet. Bruce Kernodle is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Internet volunteers.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Economic planners meet in October

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District will hold its quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, in Roswell. The board of directors will gather in the banquet room of the campus union building at Eastern New Mexico University.

Special guest speakers at the meeting are: Bill Fulginiti of the New Mexico Municipal League, Donna Smith of the New Mexico Association of Counties, and Jerry Kloeppel of the New Mexico Department of Labor.

A buffet luncheon immediately follows the meeting.

For more information or to arrange for special assistance to attend the meeting, contact Beth Pappas at (505) 624-6131.

law, real estate, family law, probate, personal injury and civil litigations. His new phone number is 258-3483.



Shane Huffman

Power company boosts football

Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNP) customers generated \$1,000 for Ruidoso Little League Football through the company's "Customer Connection" program. Area manager James Bassett presented the check to coach Shane Huffman at Tuesday night's game against Mesalero.

The donation will be used for the purchase of new football equipment. Through the "Customer Connection" program, TNP matches customer donations up to \$100,000 annually.

"Our customers are able to nominate and be involved in determining which projects receive funding, and we'd like to see 100% involvement from all of our communities."

TNP provides community-based electric service to 85 cities and more than 216,000 customers in Texas and New Mexico.

Local businesses can join Canada trade promotion

Small or medium-sized companies interested in entering the global market may want to participate in the Canada First-REP CAN Exhibition and Matchmaker on Oct. 23-29 in Toronto, Canada.

This trade promotion event, organized by the U.S. Commercial Service in Canada, is specifically designed to help new-to-market companies join a trade relationship worth close to \$1 billion a day.

For more information or to join the REP-CAN Exhibition and Matchmaker, contact Tod Honiwell, Trade Division, 505-827-0589.

Local airline offers fall fling in Dallas

Lone Star Airlines has reduced its fare to Dallas/Ft. Worth as part of its "Fall Fling Fare" promotion. Starting Oct. 15, the fare from Ruidoso to Dallas/Ft. Worth is \$96 round trip. Tickets must be purchased no later than Oct. 31.

Round-trip tickets were previously \$237 with 14-day advance reservations.

The Fall Fling price does not include holidays.

For more details, call Lone Star Airlines at 336-4893 or 1-800-877-3932.

Attorney moves into new office

Attorney Richard A. Hawthorne has gone into private practice. His new office is located at 1221 Machem, Suite 2. He handles business law, bankruptcy, employment

Interest Rates

The following interest rates on certificates of deposit and new car loans were reported Oct. 3 from local banks.

CD Rates - (Minimum \$500 balances)	
Pioneer Savings Bank	
3 months	4.32%
6 months	5.20%
1 year	5.30%

New Car Loan Rates	
Pioneer Savings Bank	
48 months	8.75%
60 months	8.75%

All Lincoln County banks are welcome to have their interest rates listed here each Friday on the Business page. Call Pamela Crowwell at 257-4001 for current rates on Thursdays at 257-7053.

Llama tell ya' who's tops

Llamas Agatha Christie and TUL Milky Way pose with their owner Cheryl McCutcheon of Carousel Farms in Ruidoso Downs.

McCutcheon took her llamas to the state fair in Santa Fe and brought home top honors. Agatha won second place in the medium-wool yearling female category, and Milky Way placed first in the heavy wool juvenile female category.

There are about 60,000-70,000 llamas in the United States, and they are primarily used for meat and as beasts of burden. Llamas are cousins to the alpacas, and have slightly coarser wool.



CAPITAN



News tour

Seventh-grade students from the class of Marcia Bertramson at Capitan Middle School ham it up for the camera during a recent tour of The Ruidoso News conducted by Publisher Keith Green.

Village drafting water pack

Capitan village trustees are willing to work out an arrangement to furnish irrigation water to the local school system for its ballfields, but they want some data on the school district's past water consumption first.

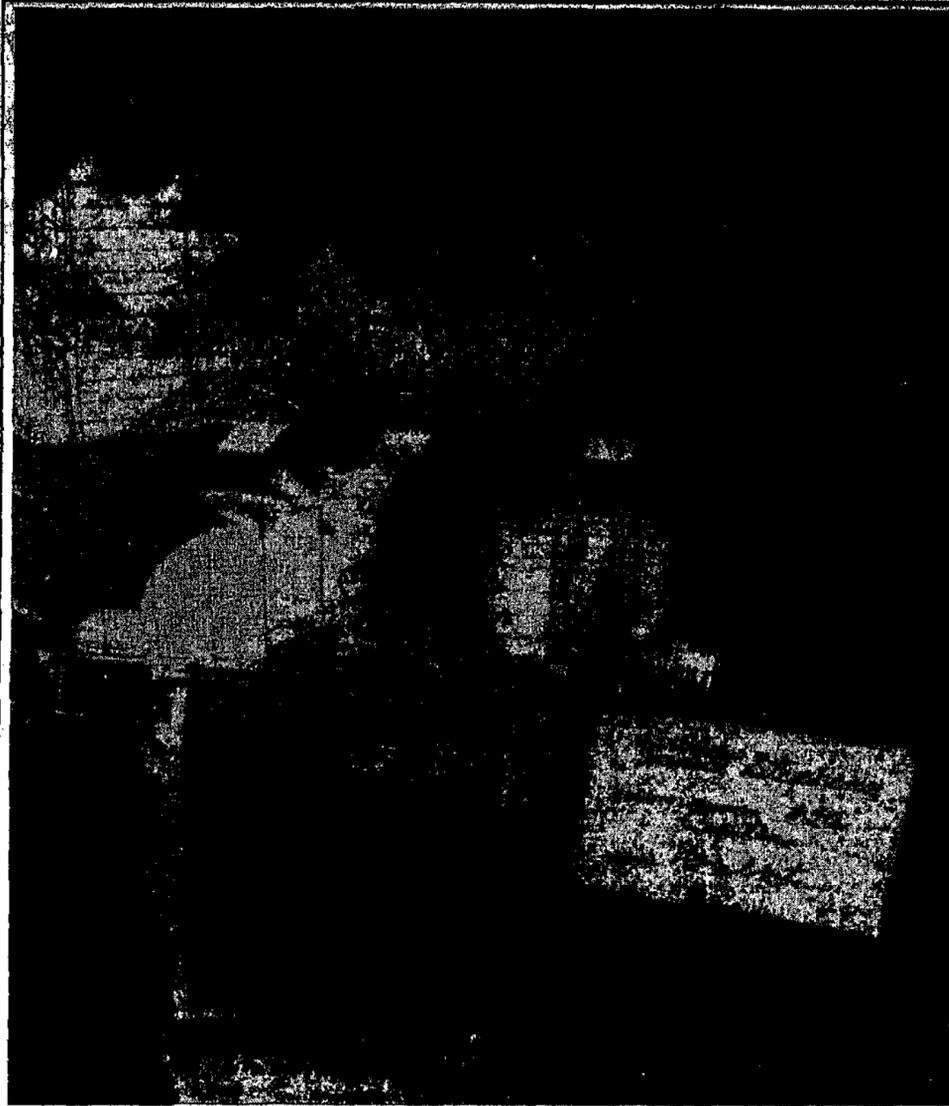
The trustees and school board officials met Monday to discuss an agreement, Village Clerk Deborah Cummins and water department foreman Terry Cox were directed to work with School Supt. Diana Billingsley to draft a cooperative agreement, to determine the cost to the village to supply the irrigation water and to establish fees.

They also asked for a five-year review of the amount of water used by the district. The draft agreement and other information is to be ready in 30 days in time for a second joint meeting of the two boards.



High class heifer

Robbie Burchett, from Hondo Valley in Lincoln County, poses with the dairy heifer he took to the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque in early September for the Junior Dairy Cattle competition. The Burchett family is active in local agricultural activities. Robbie attends school in Capitan.



Stephens' trio wins

Trenna Stephens, a member of the Capitan FFA, shows off her grand champion pen of three rabbits bought by K-Bobs for \$1,100 at the New Mexico State Fair during the Junior Livestock Sale. Stephens' rabbits also won at the Lincoln County Fair in August. Along with her brother, Matt, Stephens raises pigs, rabbits and chickens at the family ranch in the Loma Grande area west of Nogai. The children pay their own expenses for the animals and share their prize money.

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NOTICIA DE JUNTA PUBLICA OCTUBRE 14, 1996 EN CAPITAN

La placita de Capitan los invita a atender una junta publica en Octubre 14, 1996 a las 6:30 p.m. en el Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, New Mexico. Esta junta es para discutir el programa de performe, el uso de fondos en el pasado y eserle saber al publico de las necesidad de casas pure la gente de bajo y moderoados salarios, yo lo que debemos hacer para ayda a esta gente.

El Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programa fue establecido sobre el Title 1 del Developmento acto de casas en la comunidad para asistir a gente de la Comunidad Con las facilidades necesarias para obtener casas decentes para los residentes y pora mantener buen enviremento para su bien estas. El estado de Nuevo Mejico propuso en 1997 apropio \$15,000,000 para distribuir par todo el estado.

Los objetivos de programa CDBG require que haiga aistencia de esto:

- (1). Un actividad que identifique principalmente para beneficiar a personas de bajo y moderado dineros.
- (2). Ayuda pora eliminar shums y blight.
- (3). Ayudar con otros developmentas que sean necsarios para evitar serios y inmediatos tretos para su salud y bien estas un la comunidad.

Las aplicaciones son limitados al Maximo de \$400,000, nomas las aplicaciones del plaro tienen limite de \$25,000.

Todos los actividades y categorias seran explicadas en la junta. Todos los residentes intersados en este programa esta envidados para atender esta junta. Necesitamos sus ideas y soporte en este programa.

Con suficiente noticia tendremos un interpete para la gente que no hable engles.

/s/ Deborah Cummins
 Clerk-Treasurer, CMC
 Village of Capitan

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 14, 1996 VILLAGE OF CAPITAN

The Village of Capitan invites you to attend a public hearing on October 14, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall Bldg., 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, New Mexico. The purpose of the public hearing will be to discuss the 1997 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program — to advise citizens of the program objectives, range of activities that can be applied for and provide other pertinent information; to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs to include the need of low and moderate income people. The CDBG program is designed to meet activities which will address one to three state and national objectives.

1. Benefit principally low-moderate income families.
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.
3. Meet other community development needs of recent origin which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

All counties and incorporated municipalities under 50,000 population are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance under categories including Community Infrastructure House, Public Service Capital Outlay, Economic Development Emergency, Planning and Colonias.

Complete information concerning this program can be obtained at the public hearing along with information on how to receive technical assistance on preparing a proposal of consideration. For further information, contact Village Clerk, Deborah Cummins at 354-2247 at the Village of Capitan, Capitan, New Mexico.

/s/ Deborah Cummins
 Clerk-Treasurer
 Village of Capitan

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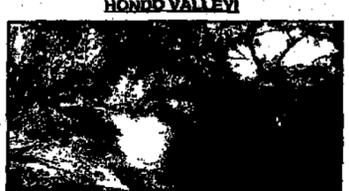
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Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp., NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on October 21, 1996 at 6:00 p.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendment of the zoning district map for the following described property:
Granite Place Condominiums, Granite Place Homesites Subdivision Ruidoso, NM

The above described Lot is now zoned R-1 High Density Residential District and will be considered for rezoning to R-1 Single Family Residential District.

By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission Village of Ruidoso, N.M.
J. Cleatus R. Richards
Planning Administrator
Case #2496-006
0611 11(10)4

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF A.B. RANDOLPH & VIRGINIA RANDOLPH, DECEASED.

PROBATE NO. 1709

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at Ruidoso, New Mexico or filed with the Probate Court.

DATED: Sept. 20, 1996.
Rayna R. Martinez
Personal Representative
0601 21 (9)27(10)4

LEGAL NOTICE
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO
POLICE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
OF FIREARMS

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso Police Department shall sell by public auction contacted firearms. The auction will be held by Charles Dickerson Auctioneer, at 9620 W. Picocho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, beginning at 9:00 AM on October 12, 1996.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:
FEG# 380 Semi Auto Pistol Ser#N26704, Owner-Unknown, Intermix 30 SP 5 Shot Ser#D544058, Owner-Unknown, Smith and Wesson 8 Shot .38 Pistol Ser#442168, Owner-Unknown, Colt S&W Shot Detective Special Ser#AT745400138, Owner-Unknown, RG# 22LR 6 Shot Pistol Ser# T472732, Owner-Unknown, Weatherby 28-0600 Rifle Scope, No Serial Number, Owner-Unknown, Stevens Single Shot .22 Rifle Ser# P658929, Owner-Robert Dye, Ruger 22 Semi Auto Rifle Ser# 124-06812, Owner-Robert Dye, Savage 22 X 410 Over Under Ser# P110, Owner-Unknown, Savage 22 X 410 Over Under Ser# BYU, Owner-Rizze Rodriguez, Semi Auto Pistol Ser# TRF855, 93-08006, Owner-Julian Morales, S&W 7.62 X 39 Semi Auto Rifle Ser# 12236844, Owner-Julian Morales, Winchester MD 189 .22 Cal Rifle Ser# B174587, Owner-Unknown, Smith and Wesson MD 10 .357 Cal Pistol Ser# B340474, Owner-Julian Morales, Smith and Wesson MD 1008 10mm Semi Auto Pistol Ser# TRF855, Owner-Julian Morales, Side Handle Shotgun, No Serial Number, Winchester Shotgun Butt Stock, No Serial Number, Owner-Ruidoso Police Department, Winchester 12 Gauge, 2-20RND, 2-20RND 1-10RND, No Serial Number, Owner-Unknown

The Village of Ruidoso Police Department made a reasonable attempt to notify the original owner, if known, of the

seized personal property, if, prior to the sale, the true owner identifies their personal property to be sold and offers a strict proof of identity and ownership of the personal property, the personal property shall be returned to its true owner. For information or claim to any of the above listed property, please contact Detective Corporal James Biggs, Ruidoso Police Department, 421 W. Highland, Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505)257-7773, between the hours of 8AM and 4PM, Monday through Friday.

DATED this 27th day of September, 1996 and this 4th day of October, 1996.

J. Tammi J. Maddox, Village Clerk
Village of Ruidoso
0592 27 (9)27(10)4

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS
NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on:

GRANDSTONE 3.8MG WATER STORAGE TANK
Project consists of the construction and erection of a ground-level 3.8 million gallon (MG) potable water storage tank including all appurtenances. The water storage tank will be located at the site of the existing Grandstone 1.8MG water storage tank in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the Plans and Specifications for a deposit of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) per set from the Purchasing Office at the Village of Ruidoso, Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 W. Highland, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, (505) 257-2723, or from Wilson & Company, Engineers & Architects, 4775 Indian School Road, N.E., Suite 200, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87110. The deposit will not be refundable.

Technical questions concerning the project and bid may be addressed to Wilson & Company, 4775 Indian School Road, N.E., Suite 200, Albuquerque, N.M., at (505) 254-0400.

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office at 421 W. Highland, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, (505) 257-2723, no later than October 23, 1996 at 3:00 P.M. local time, at which time the bids will be transported to the Village of Ruidoso, Water Department, 419 W. Highland, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

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

By Order of the Governing Body,
Attest: W. Alan H. Peterson, Village of Ruidoso
0613 11(10)4

LEGAL NOTICE
The Planning and Zoning Commission

of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on October 21, 1996 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case# 1709-006. Various requests for the following described property:
Lot 6 & 7A, Block 127 Paradise Canyon Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.
By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
J. Cleatus R. Richards
Planning Administrator
0610 11(10)4

LEGAL NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
The Capital School Health Committee will meet on October 7, 1996 from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM in the Capital Elementary Teachers Lounge. All parents of Capital students and the Capital Community Center are encouraged to attend. These meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact: Ms. Laverne, the Capital School Nurse at 354-2236.
0609 21(10)24

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETING
Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board Meeting

will meet on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1996** AT 6:00 P.M. in the Hospital Conference Room. The agenda will be as listed on the attached agenda. The meeting will be on Monday, October 14, 1996.
0608 27(10)4,11

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CONSTRUCTION OF RUIDOSO REGIONAL ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on the construction of the Ruidoso Regional Athletic Field Improvements.

A copy of the plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of:
Design Workshop, Inc.
9521 4th Street NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114
(505) 897-1818

A copy of the plans and specifications will also be available for public inspection, free of charge, at the office of the Purchasing Officer, Village of Ruidoso, Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 W. Highland, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The project work includes the construction of an baseball field with dugouts, bleachers, concessions, and scoreboard. Three large, multi-purpose

fields, one small multi-purpose field, a rest room/men's concessions, building, stabilized crushed stone paths, site furnishings, path lighting, irrigation, irrigation and site vegetation.

Upon depositing the sum of \$50.00 for each set of documents, any bonafide bidder upon returning the documents in good condition within 10 days following the bid opening, will be returned the deposit.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, October 16 at 2:00 PM at Village Hall, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The Village of Ruidoso will not consider bid proposals submitted by Contractors who do not attend the pre-bid conference.

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office at the Village of Ruidoso, Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 W. Highland, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (505) 257-2723, no later than 3:00 P.M. October 22, 1996. At that time the Purchasing Officer will bring a bid opening to the Village Hall, Public Hearing and reading of the bids received will begin at 3:15 PM on October 23, 1996 at Village Hall, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

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By order of Governing Body
J. Terri Wisenfeld
Procurement Officer
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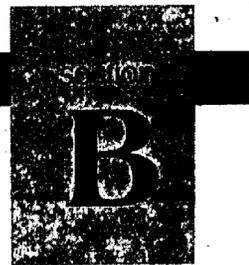
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RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1996

Ruidoso's fall celebration



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PAST TENSE

King of the Rustlers

John Kinney is now forgotten.

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VAMONOS

What's happening?



Live Music

ROSWELL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — opening concert of the 1996-97 season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in the New Mexico Military Institute's Peason Auditorium. The concert features Maestro John Farrer and guest artist Alfredo Lopez performing Claude Debussy's "Premiere Rhapsody for Clarinet and Orchestra."

OPENING RECITAL OF EL PASO PRO-MUSICA SEASON — 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Fox Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, University of Texas, El Paso. Kwang-Wu Kim will perform on piano. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors, the military, UTEP faculty and staff, and \$4 for full-time students with ID.

CAMERON SILVER in Celebrate the Arts Series — 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Street, Alamogordo. "Berlin to Babylon: the songs of Kurt Weill and Friedrich Hollaender from the 30's and 40's". Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. For more information call 437-2202.

DIA DE LA RAZA MUSIC/DANCE FESTIVAL — Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Albuquerque Museum. Final event in the 1996 Hispanic Culture Festival.

LAS CRUCES SYMPHONY — opens its 1996-97 season with two concerts: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. Jeremy Kenk performs Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 in D Minor with Meastra Marianna Gabbl conducting the symphony. Assistant conductor Guillermo Quezada will conduct the symphony for performances of Brahms' Academic Festival Overture and Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F Major. For season tickets call 646-3709.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.

Dan Li Ka Dining Room — Piano dinner music 6-10 p.m. every night with Bill McClain Monday and Tuesday, Dave King Wednesday-Sunday. Bill Gross plays vibraharp for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m.

GALLOPING TORTOISE, 662 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2511 — Live music 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday and acoustic guitar jam sessions 3-6 p.m. Sundays.

HOLLYWOOD INN, 2239 Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs — Live music Thursday - Sunday. Pool tourney Wednesday nights.

MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764 — Different rock and roll band every weekend, performing Friday and Saturday nights.

IN-ESPRESSO-BLE COFFEE-HOUSE, Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso — Mark Remington LIVE 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday night. Folk, soft rock, country music.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday - Sunday - DJ, no cover.

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.

THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506 — Live music every Friday and Saturday. Open all night Friday and Saturday.

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 most weekends. Kerl plays a variety of dining and dancing music from the 1930s and beyond.

MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 247-6695 — 8 p.m. - close Friday and Saturday, dance music with DJ. Also, stand-up comedy showcase at 9 p.m. every Saturday with \$3 admission.

etc!

ART SHOW OPENING, Lacoutre Art Gallery, #11 Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem — 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. Oils of aspens by Paula Price of High Rolls. Catered by the Buttery.

POSTURE/BACK SCREENING, Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic — after the Aspenfest Parade Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Gazebo Shopping Center. The service will be free.

SECOND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, Caballo Lake Riverside Campground RV Rally Site — week-end of Oct. 5. Proceeds benefit 12th Masonic District. Call 743-2814 for more information.

AUTUMN BAZAAR AND AUCTION, Community Methodist Church, behind Daylight Donuts, Ruidoso — craft sales at the bazaar start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. Halloween and Christmas items will be featured. Auction begins at 3 p.m. A 1987 Cadillac Cimarron with low mileage will be featured. Other items include: hand-turned wood bowls and vases, antique draw-leaf table, antique photo album with music box, quilts, afghans, household items, tools and paintings. All proceeds will be used for the church's building fund. Donations gladly accepted. Call Jim Wood at 258-9218 or Bill Denney at 258-5674.

ASPENFEST - Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6. Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday. Rod and Car Show, all day Saturday. New Mexico State Chili Cookoff, 2:15 p.m. Saturday. Arts & Crafts Fair, all day Saturday and Sunday. For more information contact the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, 257-7395.

OKTOBERFEST, Cloudercroft — Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6. Fun in the Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Includes arts & crafts, children's ceramics table, horseshoe tournament. Bluegrass Jamboree 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

COLLEGE/CAREER DAY, Ruidoso High School — 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 in the dining hall. Open to juniors, seniors and parents.

PARENTING COURSE — "Resolving conflict with teenagers and pre-teens." Community Room, Ruidoso High School. Second of six sessions led by Dr. Birgit Lamothe 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8. The course is free, open to the public and no reservations are needed. This Tuesday's topic is "Long Range Parenting."

FARMER-STOCKMAN SHOW — 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 8-10 in Lubbock, Texas. Working farm and ranch show with 800 acres of show site including 54 acres of stationary exhibits and 600 acres of crops for field demonstrations. Admission \$5 per person; 18 and younger free.

EXPANDED FOOD AND NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM CONFERENCE — Wednesday - Friday, Oct. 9-11 in Ruidoso. The EFNEP program focuses on teaching low-income families about nutrition and related topics. For more information contact Martha Archuleta, (505)648-3516.

YOGA CLASSES, Ruidoso Yoga Center — Introductory Course 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. starting Wednesday, Oct. 9; yoga at the Ruidoso Athletic Club 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m. also starting Wednesday, Oct. 9. Yoga for Children 9-10 a.m. starting Saturday, Oct. 12. Other ongoing weekly classes of all levels. Call 258-3399 to register.

LINCOLN COUNTY COWBOY SYMPOSIUM SEMINARS — Thursday, Oct. 10. Chuckwagon cooking 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the chuckwagon area at Glencoe Rural Events Center, Glencoe. Two seminars at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs: cowboy poetry, 9 a.m. - noon; songwriting 1-4 p.m. All seminars \$35 with a limit of 15 participants. Call 378-4142 or 1-800-263-5929 for information and reservations.

LINCOLN COUNTY COWBOY SYMPOSIUM — Friday through Sunday, Oct. 11-13 at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, Glencoe. Cowboy poets, storytellers and singers on Friday and Saturday nights; gospel music on Sunday; western arts and crafts; chuckwagon cooking seminars; horse training demonstrations; and horseback rides to historic sites. Various admission packets. Watch for special section in The Ruidoso News Wednesday, Oct. 9.

CRIMINAL LAW SEMINAR — Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Speakers include El Paso attorneys and judges. Fulfills requirements: 12.75 hours of Texas Continuing Legal Education and 15.3 hours of N.M. Continuing Education. For information call Judge David C. Guaderrama (915)546-2168 or Matthew R. DeKoatz (915)594-1125.

MISS INDIAN NEW MEXICO PAGEANT — Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

DWI BLITZ — by police throughout the state now through Sunday, Oct. 13. Sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are included.



Clubs & Meetings

RUIDOSO OLD TIMERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AND COVERED DISH LUNCHEON — 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at Gateway Church of Christ. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING ON SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS — 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Improvements affect those living along Rio Ruidoso in the Upper Canyon area between the Silver Mountain Terrace subdivision to Sleepy Hollow subdivision; the Riverside Addition from Eagle Dr. to Country Club Dr.; and all along Paradise Canyon Rd. Public comments sought. For information call 257-2386.

LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY SOCIAL HOUR AND DINNER — 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 at the Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo. County Clerk Martha Proctor will explain amendments to the general election ballot. For reservations call Jimmie Luna at 648-2732 or Pat Hume at 354-2382 by noon Saturday, Oct. 5.

RUIDOSO VILLAGE COUNCIL - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Ruidoso village hall.

RUIDOSO SCHOOL BOARD - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 in administrative building.

RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB — 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 111 S. Evergreen. Guests are Mrs. Alice King, former first lady of New Mexico, and Karen Reyer, livestock education specialist of Girl's Ranch. The club is celebrating World Food month, so bring canned goods for the food bank.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCES EXCHANGE — meeting at noon Thursday, Oct. 10 at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem. For more information call Sharon 258-3252.



Library

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSURE — The library will be closed Friday, Oct. 4, for a staff conference and Saturday, Oct. 5, for Aspenfest.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY — meets at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7. Friends and prospective members are invited to attend. For more information call Wayne Bergeron, 257-7389.

STORYTIME AT THE RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY — Free puppet shows, songs, dance, nursery rhymes, storytelling, arts and crafts, and creative drama for 3- to 6-year-olds, 10-11 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday.

RURAL BOOKMOBILE EAST, New Mexico State Library, 461-1206 — Stops at the following locations:

Tuesday, Oct. 8: 4:30-6:30 p.m., Carrizozo/Otero Electric. Wednesday, Oct. 9: 8:45-10 a.m., Nogal P.O.; 10:30-noon, Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe; 2:30 p.m., Lincoln P.O.; 3:30-5 p.m., Hondo Store; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Carrizozo/Otero Electric.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE LIBRARY, Alamogordo Public Library — 2-4 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 6-Nov. 24. Eight weeks of writing workshops and poets on tape as part of the Tumblewords project. On Sunday, Oct. 6 Ann Newell explains "How to talk a poem." For more information contact project coordinator Ann Newell, (505) 585-4769.



Movies

SIERRA CINEMA, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444 — "First Wives Club," "Extreme Measures," "Glimmer Man." Call theater for show times and ratings.



Theater

"I DO, I DO" — a musical comedy performed by Roswell Community Little Theatre, 12th and Virginia Streets, Roswell. Performances at 8:15 p.m. Thursday - Saturday, Oct. 3-5. Reservations may be made by phoning 622-1982. Reservations are not required for the performance on Oct. 3.

"GOODBYE, TILDEN" — 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 3-5. A drama performed at the Eastern New Mexico University Theatre Center, Roswell. Tickets: general admission \$7, senior citizens \$6, pre-college \$5, ENMU students w/current activities sticker \$4. To reserve tickets call 582-2710.



Museums

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142 — open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily Tuesday - Sunday. The museum is located just east of Ruidoso Downs Race Track on Highway 70: Showing Oct. 6 through Jan. 12: Fall American Art Show and Sale. Artists from the southern half of New Mexico will participate in this juried show and sale. Regular admission: Special opening reception with wine and cheese, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.

MINER'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) 848-2456 — Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. May 1 through Oct. 15.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

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

**Ruidoso News
Oct. 4, 1946**

The White Auto Store formerly located on the Canyon road below Skyland has been moved to the Old City Bakery building in downtown Ruidoso and is now open for business.

Fines collected by the Ruidoso Municipal Court during the first quarter of the current fiscal year, June through August, totalled

\$1,352, according to Judge H. Seale.

Carl A. Freeman, veteran of World War II and now operating a ranch near Carrizozo was a visitor in Ruidoso last week in behalf of his candidacy for Lincoln County Treasurer as nominee of the Democratic Party.

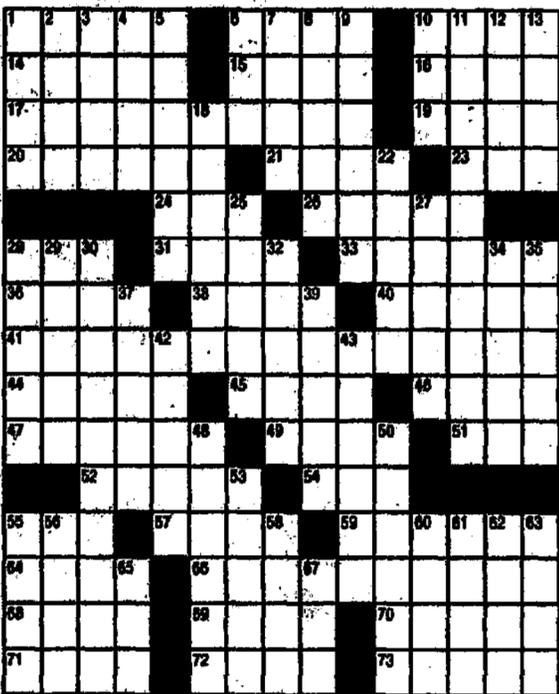
Members of the Ruidoso volunteer fire department Sunday tested out the new Barton front-end power pump.

Mrs. Maudetha Jones and Mrs. Alice Halliday were cohostesses at a pink and blue shower in honor of Mrs. W.H. Miller Thursday morning of last week on Nob Hill.

NY TIMES CROSSWORD

ACROSS

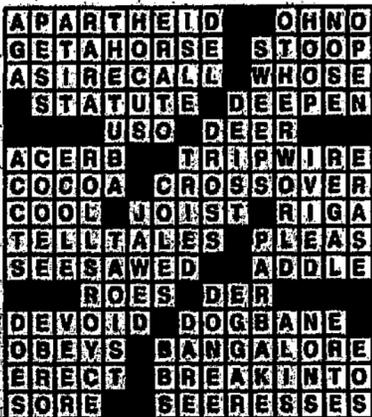
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- 25 Quench
- 26 Conducted
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- 35 "Take — from me"
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- 40 Comforted
- 41 Hans Christian Andersen story
- 44 Foreword
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- 46 Toward shelter
- 47 Clink, clank and clunk
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- 51 Curved letter
- 52 Contractual matters
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- 57 Locale
- 68 Barely conceal one's anger
- 64 Cargo
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- 69 Florence's river
- 70 Jane Austen novel
- 71 Wipe out
- 72 Quarrel
- 73 Store sects.



Puzzle by Sidney L. Robbins

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- 28 Language of Lucretius
- 29 Prefix with centric
- 30 Food guru
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- 35 Borders
- 37 Prize money
- 39 Selects
- 42 Traveling types
- 43 Word with escalator or subordinate
- 48 Deals a heavy blow
- 50 Victimized, with "upon"
- 53 Nonplus
- 56 Dash
- 58 Folk wisdom
- 59 Witty Bombeck
- 60 To be, in Paris
- 61 Snare
- 62 Party thrower
- 63 French seasons
- 64 Speck
- 67 Cartoonist's Krazy —

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- 3 Reclined

Neighbors celebrate Oktoberfest

Cloudcroft welcomes all to its Oktoberfest celebration Saturday and Sunday.

Artists from across the country will display their works amongst the aspen in Zenith Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday during the annual free Arts and Crafts Festival.

Also on tap in the park are a horseshoe tournament at 1 p.m., food booths and a children's ceramics table.

CLOUDCROFT

Start Saturday off with a hearty pancake breakfast, served from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the middle school cafeteria.

Aspencafe tours leave from the Lincoln National Forest parking lot at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. both days. Enjoy the nature talks, cowboy coffee and local apples along

the way.

At 7:30 p.m. on both days, you can enjoy booing and hissing the villain during the melodrama "The Drunkard" in the community center.

For music lovers, the Bluegrass Jamboree begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Cloudcroft High School gymnasium.

For more information, contact the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce at 682-2733.

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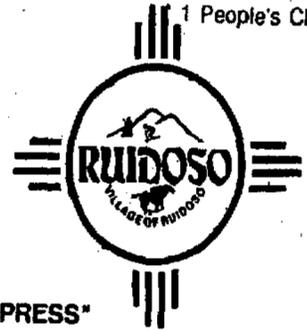
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Going out

EYE
ON THE ARTS

Brunell wins people's choice award

The People's Choice Award for the All American Photography Show at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs was won by "Welcome to My World," by Shirl Brunell of Texarkana, Ark.

The photo depicts a baby seal lying on its back and looking at the camera. It was the first time the photographer had entered the All American Art Show. She is the sister of well-known Ruidoso photographer Herb Brunell.

Artist's show honors glory of the aspens

Artist Palla Price of High Rolls is celebrating Aspenfest this weekend in Ruidoso with her own flair.

Price has created aspens on oil in 15 different paintings that will be on display at Lacouture art gallery, 700 Mechem Drive, #11, Jira Plaza.

The show opens from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 with catering by The Village Buttery.

Roswell orchestra performs Saturday

The Roswell Symphony Orchestra will perform its opening concert of its 38th season at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, at New Mexico Military Institute's Pearson Auditorium.

Tickets are still available for this exciting season opener featuring Maestro John Farrer and guest artist Alfredo Lopez performing Claude Debussy's Premiere Rhapsody for Clarinet and Orchestra.

Season tickets can be purchased by calling the symphony office at 623-5882 or 1-800-457-0302 for out-of-town patrons. Season ticket prices range from \$33 to \$65 for the five-concert series and can be purchased individually with prices ranging from \$9-\$18 depending on location.

Symposium seminars

The Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium is offering three seminars on Thursday, Oct. 10.

Chuckwagon cooking: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The art of cooking an entire meal over an open fire using iron skillets and dutch ovens, \$35 each. Limit 15.

Cowboy poetry: 9 a.m. to noon. Get tips on writing and presenting cowboy poetry. Seminar will be at the Museum of the Horse. \$35 each. Limit 15.

Songwriting: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. How to write the songs that grab and hold the attention of the audience. Seminar will be at the Museum of the Horse. \$35 each. Limit 15.

Call 378-4112 for information and reservations.

Aspenfest Parade marches into town



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

The streets will be lined with onlookers young and old waiting for the Aspenfest Parade, which steps off at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Aspenfest parade is more than a celebration of autumn - the annual downtown parade is also a celebration of village clubs, employees, politicians, school-children and neighboring communities, drawing thousands back every year.

And now that Ruidoso is turning 50 - together with The Ruidoso News and the Ruidoso Downs Race Track - what better parade theme could be chosen than "Ruidoso, Then and Now."

The parade is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, and will wind down Sudderth Drive from its intersection with Mechem Drive to the Chamber of Commerce at Two Rivers Park.

Floats will turn off at Carrizo Canyon Road or Two Rivers Park, and bikes with children and pets must exit the parade at the Ruidoso State Bank.

Viewers will see at least six floats and a number of color guards and bands marching down the street. For the 25th (and what he says is the last time) the ever-zany Pat Healy will dance along in his latest parade costume.

Onlookers will also have more than just one grand marshal to wave at, parade coordinator Ron Anderson says.

ASPENFEST

Saturday, October 5
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hot Rod Show
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Arts and Crafts Fair
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Chill cookoff
10 a.m. Parade steps off
Sunday, October 6
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arts and Crafts Fair

"Because the theme is 'Then and Now,' we thought we'd honor not just one person as grand marshal, but get a bunch of people who have lived here for 50 years to be the grand marshals," he says.

About 15 of the "oldtimers" are expected to be on a float.

"I'd characterize these people as characters - they're so interesting," Anderson adds.

Having the multiple marshals is a break from tradition, but "turning 50 only happens once," Anderson says. "We'll probably do it on our 100th anniversary too!"

Prizes will be awarded to the best floats, pets, bikes and bands. The top float gets the traveling trophy (on display at Wal-Mart, which won last year), and the top three receive \$100, \$50, and \$25, respectively.

Fall All American Art Show debuts at museum

GALLERY SHOWING

The annual Fall American Art Show and Sale, a prestigious juried show of art from artists who reside in the southern portion of New Mexico, will open with a wine and cheese reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m., today, Oct. 4 at the Museum of the Horse.

The show will feature paintings and sculptures by renowned New Mexico artists as well as works by up-and-coming artists whose reputations are just being established.

"We're having the reception on Friday evening in order to have a nice evening event for the numerous people who will be in town for the parade, the chili cookoff and all the other activities scheduled for the Aspenfest weekend," said Museum of the Horse publicity director Scott Wells. "Becky Duval Reese, the director of the El Paso Museum of Art, was the judge for this year's show. Her expertise is widely recognized and I think people will be interested to see the variety represented in the exhibi-

tion. So many people seem to think that all the great artists in New Mexico live in the Santa Fe-Taos region. This show definitely proves otherwise."

Among those local artists whose works were selected for the show were Karen Reeder, Linda Smith, David Smith, Alice Warder Seely, Bob Reynieron, Palla Price, Dee Wescott, Barbara Stephens, Connie Younger, Louise Barratt, Jerry Fugere, Shirley Kellerman and Rita Hadley.

More than 140 works were submitted. The judge selected 51 works, which will be displayed in the downstairs gallery. Admission to the reception is \$10 for non-members of the Museum of the Horse. Members may attend free of charge. The Museum of the Horse is located just east of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track on highway 70 east.

Silver tongue



Acclaimed vocalist Cameron Silver brings the art of German cabaret to the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts with "Berlin to Babylon: The songs of Kurt Weill and Friedrich Hollaender" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children (12 and under). For more information, call 437-2202.

Dining Out

An Advertising Feature

Cafe Mescalero serves haute cuisine from old Mexico

Mexican food isn't exactly hard to find around here, but there's only one place you can find haute cuisine from the exotic shore of old Mexico. Cafe Mescalero on Carrizo Canyon Road serves up traditional favorites and unusual specialties with rare style.

"We get our recipes from the finer restaurants on the coast of Mexico," assistant manager Debbie Walters said. "It took four months of preparation."

Cafe Mescalero takes you on a gourmet tour to such Mexican hot spots as Jalisco, Sonora, Nuevo Leon, Tabasco, and Oaxaca. Along the way, they've picked every pepper from ancho to poblano.

If you order the shrimp lunch special (\$5.50), watch out for that jabanero salsa. Made from the

hottest pepper known to the human palate, the scorpion salsa complements six smoked shrimp in a nest of tri-colored tortillas.

Regular American fare takes on a Latin flare at Cafe Mescalero. Lamb chops come with a barbacoa salsa, and baby back ribs are barbecued in a special citrus sauce. Chef Anthony Carpenter smothers the New York steak in white cheese and green chile. This steak partners fresh lobster tail for only \$9.95.

For the more daring diner, Cafe Mescalero sometimes offers specials such as buffalo or alligator sausage, or ostrich fajitas.

"It's a delicacy," Walters said.

Cafe Mescalero is a favorite of margarita lovers, with \$1 margaritas at lunch and \$2.50 margaritas at dinner. The restaurant is equipped

with a full bar and there is a sports bar downstairs.

Cafe Mescalero serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Brunch is offered 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sundays. The phone number is 257-6693.

"We're the best-kept secret in Ruidoso," Walters said.

Cafe Mescalero is owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe. It is managed by Caverly Smith, Richelle Kaydahazinnie and Debbie Walters.

After dinner, check out the Mescalero Nightclub across the street. Wednesday through Saturday nights you'll find live music, karaoke, dance music, or a stand-up comedy showcase. Call 257-6693.

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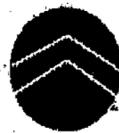
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VAMOS

Neighbors



Winter riding horses near Nogal Peak with the late Arvel Runnels, legendary mountain man.



Darrel pictured with his niece, Jody Jacoby, 12 years ago.

Life comes full circle for Winter

BY LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Most every day, Darrell Winter finds himself in some sort of balancing act.

Sometimes its a balancing exercise of the physical nature, such as when he's skiing, mountain biking, or scaling the rock wall at Bonita Park Conference Center.

Other times its an emotional struggle for homeostasis, when the 44-year-old former grocery store manager becomes "too intense" about work.

"I've always had a drive to do the best that I can, and there's nothing wrong with that until you forget about what's important to you," Winter says.

For 20 years of his life, Winter put what was important aside. He poured himself into his work with great success.

The New Orleans native ran a successful Checker Oil gasoline station for three years in northern Illinois before going into management for Giant Foods in Washington, D.C. In 16 years with Giant, Winter had saved enough to "retire" from the grocery store company.

So in 1992, Winter decided there had to be more to life than making money as a manager. That's when he up and left the east coast and headed to Ruidoso in search of "a way to incorporate what you love with what you do," in search of a balance.

Winter is no stranger to Ruidoso. He had been vacationing here since 1979, visiting his sister Vicki Winter.

It didn't take him long to start exploring the wonderful outdoor opportunities located in Ruidoso's backyard. He became a ski instructor at Ski Apache and started leading day hikes and overnight trips into the White Mountain Wilderness in 1993.

A troubling teenager

But how was it, after 20 years of living in big cities and working at a desk job, that Winter found himself in his element and in balance in the outdoors?

"When I was 13 I was kind of a bad kid, and I was sent off to a camp kind of like Bonita Park," Winter recalls.

Winter's parents sent Darrell to northern Minnesota to a Christian camp run by Darrell's uncle. The way Winter describes it, the camp was more like a family counseling center. It was located 200 miles north of Minneapolis on Leech Lake.

He enjoyed his experience there, but it wasn't always easy. Winter was treated as a staff kid at the camp. He lived there, did chores, participated in the activities, but also learned many of the same lessons as the participants themselves.

"I'd get switched around (staff family to staff family) about every

six months," Winter says with a rueful smile.

Troubled teenagers then weren't like they are today, Winter says.

"Back then there wasn't guns or drugs. It was more just tough kids," Winter says.

Winter says he was more of a troublemaker than anything. A middle child of four, Winter can't pinpoint exactly why he was always in trouble; he just was.

"I guess I never looked at consequences," he says. He didn't understand that a lot of short-term decisions have long-term consequences.

His uncle's camp eventually tamed the wild streak in Winter's nature. It taught him responsibility, punctuality, work ethic and independence.

"Without this camp I would have turned out completely different," says Winter without hesitation.

Coming full circle

Winter became familiar with Bonita Park Conference Center when he started climbing the facility's rock wall during Tuesday's community climb night a couple of years ago. He also met his future wife, Melanie, at the wall. They married this past July 27.

Bonita Park Conference Center is the district campground for the Nazarene Church, north of Ruidoso. The Nazarenes have used the campground since the 1930s. It

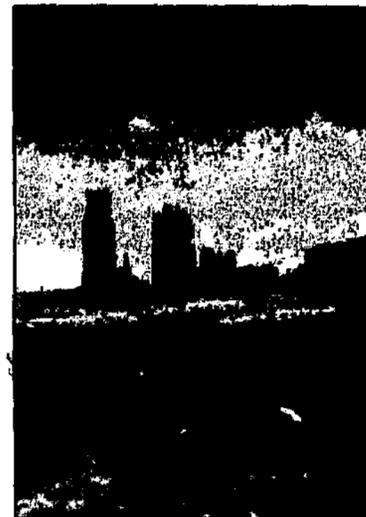
in PROFILE

Darrell Winter

Hobbies: mountain biking, rock climbing, skiing, backpacking, sailing, carpentry.

Favorite author: James Michener.

Quotable: "Come to terms with life and what's important."



Darrell attacking the biker's ultimate dream: Moab, Utah.

can house 350 people, and it's always been a facility other groups can rent. Director Joe Thornton has made the camp more of a conference center in the last eight years, and expanded the programs offered by the camp's staff.

Winter was also intrigued with the camp's challenge course, one of those extra programs the camp staff offered. The challenge course is a set of exercises that teaches groups teamwork.

Winter and his friend and fellow ski instructor, Rankin Harvey, both took a 30-hour class in challenge course facilitating, and they started volunteering at Bonita Park.

Challenge courses use "low" and "high" elements to teach problem-solving, trust and teamwork. A group approaches an obstacle, such

as scaling an 8-foot wall. The group must figure out how to get everyone over the wall. A "high" element might be "The Step of Faith" a team rope walking challenge, or riding the zipline down from the 500-foot tower across Bonita River.

Winter immediately recognized the similarities between Bonita Park and his uncle's camp in Minnesota, and that connection has Winter envisioning a hybrid of the two for troubled teenagers of today.

The children would attend Bonita Park Camp for two or three days. Campers would go through the challenge course the first full

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Eco-Challenge '96

Ruidosoan Darrell Winter organized and trained a group of Texans for the ultimate endurance test.

By DARRELL WINTER
Special to Ruidoso News

Eco-Challenge What is it? After that question is answered, who would want to do it?

Eco-Challenge is adventure racing. A concept set up by the French called the "French Raid." The race lasts eight days consisting of more than 300 miles of different terrain. A team is made up of five coed members, two support crew and a photographer (optional). Racers are challenged, not only by the natural elements but by the different skills they must use on the course. There are eight different events: run/ride, mountaineering/glacier travel, mountain biking, canoeing, white water rafting, climbing, rappelling and Tyrolean traversing. In order to complete the race, all five team members must finish the race together with no outside assistance, except at transition areas.

British Columbia

The 1996 Eco-Challenge race took place somewhere in British Columbia, but the site of the race was unknown to the participants. Seventy-three teams met on Aug. 23 at Whistler, a resort town north of Vancouver in the majestic coastal mountains of Canada. At 11 p.m. the first leg of the course was revealed and the teams had to be up at 3 a.m. the next morning, ready to be loaded onto buses and taken to the starting line 40 miles north of Whistler.

7:15 a.m. Aug. 24: Day 1

The first leg of the race was the "ride and run." This event used the technique from the cavalry forces of the 19th century. Because there weren't enough horses for each man to ride when moving the infantry troops, those men without horses would have to run, holding onto the side of the horses to increase their travel speed.

The start of this leg was located in the Pemberton mountain range. Each of the 73 teams were given two horses per team. Three members would be running.

With a shout, the race was on. Horses and riders were on the side of a meadow. To the other side of the field stood the runners. As the riders moved across the field, the runners joined up with their team members on horseback and began the first 22 miles of the 300+ mile

race. Within moments there were a few injuries, including one broken foot and numerous cuts and bruises.

As they were approaching the end of the first leg, the teams reached the first of more than 30 passport control (PC) points. PC points were set up to enable the team organizers to track and report the progress of each team. Each team carried a race passport which was stamped at each PC. If a team lost their passport, they were disqualified.

It was at this point that the teams approached a fast moving glacier river. Horses were turned over to wranglers, and the teams faced a challenging crossing. Because of the unusually warm temperatures, the glacier melt had raised the level of the river six meters. Many rescues took place as member of teams were swept down river. Team Pathfinder was the first team to be disqualified because of the loss of its pack containing its passport.

Before I continue describing the race, I bet you're wondering how a local of Ruidoso became involved in such an event? A team of four bankers and a lawyer from Houston formed a team known as Team Houston. Frank Richardson, a summer resident of Ruidoso from Houston, Texas, suggested to the team that this terrain, with its altitude and ruggedness, would be perfect for its training. I had met Richardson while teaching at Ski Apache in 1994, and shared with him my interest in mountaineering. In August of 1995 he asked me to join the team as a support member and trainer. The other support member was Kelly Fisher, a whitewater guide from North Carolina. Rankin Harvey, also from Ruidoso, became the team photographer/reporter. The team came several times to Ruidoso and trained in mountain biking, horseback riding (at Runnels Stables), climbing and rappelling a 65-foot tower (Bonita Park Campground), and mountaineering. Each of the team members had experience in marathons and triathalons, but had never tried adventure racing.

Now, back to the race. At certain areas along the race a transition area (TA) would be set up. These areas were the only time support members were allowed to interact with their team. The support members would set up a base camp-providing meals, equipment transfers and maps detailing the next leg(s) of the race. It was only when the team reached a TA point that the next event would be revealed to them.



Canoeing is just one of several challenging events in this race.

At TA-1 the teams changed from their wet clothing and reoutfitted for mountaineering and glacier travel (crampons, ice axes, helmets and ropes). Team Houston was in and out of TA-1 in a little more than an hour. With new energy, they pressed on to PC-2, which they reached just after nightfall. Our team and 11 other teams chose to sleep rather than push on in the dark because of the thick underbrush. They arose at 4 a.m. to begin their 14-hour ordeal of crawling and fighting their way through thorns and brush to another river crossing. Because of possible hypothermia, the team found logs to cross over the river and settled on the other side to attend to one of their teammates who, despite the availability of water, was unable to retain fluids and was experiencing muscle spasms and uncontrollable sweat. After three hours of keeping him warm in his sleeping bag, another team came by. A doctor was one of their team members and recommended that he be flown out, classified as a medical emergency.

Each team had been issued a sealed radio. Once that seal was broken and the radio used, the team would be disqualified. The team could continue the race with four team members, however, they would go on as an unranked team. With no thought to this, Team Houston radioed for help. An evacuation helicopter was sent and the member taken to a local hospital.

The now four-person team pushed on to PC-3 after one more night of fighting through the brush to the beginning of the glacier. It was now the third day and they soon passed PC-4, reaching PC-5. They had been helping another one of their team members walk because of deterioration of his feet, which were now covered with blis-



Weary adventurers soak their aching feet and grab a bite to eat.

ters. At PC-5 they were given instructions to leave him at PC-6 to be evacuated. At PC-6 there were sad good-byes for many teams. PC-6 at this point looked like a M.A.S.H. unit emergency room. Teams with less than four members were required to team up with other teams that had also lost members. Team Houston joined up with Team Mexico, which also lost two team members. They combined to form team Tex-Mex.

The team's first obstacle was the Tyrolean traverse. Each member hooked onto a rope via a harness system. The rope stretched across as large crevice and each member, hand over hand, pulled themselves across the expanse. Once on the other side, they faced a strenuous 1,000-foot climb to PC-7. Their speed picked up considerably and their progress took on new vigor. It was then on to PC-8 and back on to a glacier for their zig-zag route through PC's 9, 10 and 11. At this time, the support crew had moved its position to TA-2, with the two disqualified team members, who awaited the arrival of the team to show their support.

8:00 p.m. Aug. 28: Day 5

Team Tex-Mex arrives in TA-2 (PC-12). Their hunger is satisfied and we decide they should stay the night in camp. The next leg is explained; 50 miles of canoeing with some whitewater travel followed immediately, without assistant support, by 60 miles of mountain biking.

Early a.m. Aug. 29: Day 6

At this point, the original two team members, who had been injured, were allowed to join up with another disqualified team to continue the next leg.

Team Tex-Mex, knowing only 3.5 days remained, loaded the canoes, and pushed hard for 30 continuous hours, having to endure a bitter rainstorm which slowed them

during the mountain biking leg. 4 p.m. Aug. 30: Day 7

Near hypothermia, Team Tex-Mex members reached TA-3 wet, exhausted and most of all, disappointed because for them the race was over. Because of a time limit, teams were held at TA-3 and not allowed to continue.

This leg of the race eliminated all but 14 of the original 73 teams. What awaited the remaining 14 teams was another glacier to cross, an ice waterfall to climb and a sheer face of a 1,000 foot rock to rappel. After descending from the glacier, they whitewater rafted a class 3 and 4 river for more than 50 miles, arriving in the town of Squamish. The teams finished the final leg on mountain bikes to Whistler. Team Eco-Internet/Reebok won, followed by teams Hewlett Packard and the team from New Zealand, who tied for second. All winning teams were international members from France, Australia and New Zealand. As a note for New Mexicans, Team New Mexico out of Santa Fe completed the race with five team members, finishing 14th.

Sept. 1: Day 8

Clean up! As our thanks to communities of British Columbia, Eco-Challenge organized a clean up of Spawning Bay along the beautiful coastline of Squamish where a spawning tributary was reopened. 6 p.m.: The race was officially over. 7 p.m.: PARTY

An announcement was made that next year the race would be held in Australia! As a warmup to that event, five members of an aboriginal tribe performed. A party was held at the top of Whistler Mountain.

Watch for a five-part mini series about Eco-Challenge '96 to air in Feb. on the Discovery Channel. They spent \$1 million and more than 800 hours of film capturing the race.

NEIGHBORS

Witnesses attend Ruidoso assembly

Members of the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses were among the 807 who attended their annual two-day circuit assembly in Ruidoso Sept. 28-29.

Theme of the event was "Experience the Greater Happiness in Giving" based on Jesus' words in Acts 20:35.

"Most people today snatch whatever pleasure they can from life, and when they do, it is often temporary. Such can lead to disappointment and is not true happiness. The assembly program stressed that despite worsening conditions in the world we live in,

true happiness and security is possible through recognizing God's authority. Though many have been frustrated and disappointed with human rulers, they will never be disappointed if they put their trust in God," said Don Russell, local spokesperson for the group.

"Especially encouraging were the talks delivered by two special traveling representatives of the Watchtower Society, Robert W. Simons and Carl Akerlind," Russell added. "The public address Sunday presented by Simons extended the invitation to Unite with God's 'Happy People' and Simons con-

cluded the program with encouragement to 'Experience the Many Facets of True Happiness.' Akerlind provided much fine admonition, including the talk 'Making Friends by Means of Unrighteous Riches.'

"Another highlight was the baptism of eight newly-qualified witnesses. Their baptism is a symbol of their dedication to do God's will and a recognition of His authority.

"We are now looking forward to our special assembly day program, a one-day event to be held in March, which will emphasize education that helps us live satisfying lives," Russell said.

SERVICE NOTES

Hausssler achieves rank of captain

Hans P. Hausssler has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of captain.

Hausssler is a weapons instructor director at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Okla.

He is the son of Greg Hausssler of Capitan, and retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. Teresa J. Wright of 857 Lamar Ave., Paris, Texas.

His wife Debra is an Air Force 2nd Lt.

The captain is a 1985 graduate of Capitan High School, and a 1988

graduate of Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Fla. He received a bachelor's degree in 1991 from the University of Montana.

Maj. Christian commander of comms squadron

Air Force Maj. Shelley D. Christian has assumed command of the 375th Communications Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill.

Christian is the daughter of James and Vera Wood of Ruidoso.

She is the first Air Force information management officer to

assume command of a communications squadron. As commander of the 250 squadron members, she is responsible for all base telephone systems (secure, non-secure, encrypted and cellular), paging systems, public address systems, cable television, meteorological and navigational aids, and communications contracts.

She is a 1973 graduate of Mascoutah Community High School, and a graduate of St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Mo. The major earned her master's degree in 1992 from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Winter: finds perspective

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day, then head out on an overnight camping trip into the White Mountain Wilderness. The week-end course would teach leadership and character building, Winter says.

"I'd like the focus here to be on the kids. So they learn to work with other kids, learn leadership and how to solve problems," he says.

"There's nothing more rewarding than seeing that shy teenager, who doesn't say much at first, bloom with confidence after climbing the rock wall or ziplining across the river, Winter says.

With Eco-Challenge 1996 behind him (see related story this section), Winter can devote his energies to turning his vision into reality.

He's right. There is a way to incorporate what you do with what you love. You have to learn to strike a balance.

Just ask Darrell Winter.

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Ski season is coming! Try your luck and skill at local meteorology. When will Ski Apache receive its first significant snow this season? Roy Parker and Denny Grover will report to The Ruidoso News the time when there is the first accumulation of 6" or more of snow in the Ski Apache parking lot. The closest three guesses will be awarded some great prizes. This is all for fun. The deadline has been extended. Submit your guess to The Ruidoso News before 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14. Each guess must include a time of day as well as the date. One guess per person, please.

First Prize: A Great Escape Package to the Inn of the Mountain Gods and two adult non-holiday lift tickets to Ski Apache. The Great Escape Package includes a luxurious guest room, 2 breakfasts, 2 "Inn" margaritas and video gaming credits (adults over 21 years of age).

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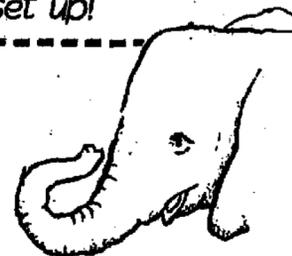
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Sports

SPORTS SHORTS

Ruidoso volleyball breezes past Artesia

Coach Jauna Sanchez's Ruidoso volleyball team recorded its third-straight victory Tuesday with a 15-6, 15-4, 15-13 win over Artesia.

Behind the efforts of Apryl Figueroa, the Warriors downed the Bulldogs for the second time this season in Artesia.

Ruidoso cruised in the first games, before the 'Dogs made a fight of it in the third game. Artesia took leads of 6-1 and 11-4, but the Warriors rallied both times. Ruidoso tied it at 13 and then went on to win the game and the match.

"It was good that they just didn't lose the game and try to win it in the fourth," Sanchez said.

Figueroa paced a balanced Ruidoso attack with 10 kills. Mandi Lewallen put away seven, and Bailey Bishop and Kelle Lutterman each had five kills.

The Warriors, 4-6 overall and 1-0 in districts, don't play this weekend.

The break comes at a good time for Ruidoso, Sanchez said. The Warriors have their toughest week coming up. Ruidoso travels to district-favorite Hot Springs Tuesday, and then hosts last year's district champion Silver City Saturday, Oct. 12.

The race for district laurels appears to be wide open. Hot Springs swept Silver City in three. But no one should overlook the Colts. Silver City had defeated both Class AAAA's schools Roswell and Las Cruces this year.

Sanchez is confident her team can compete with either Hot Springs or Silver City.

"If they'll go out and play as hard as they've been playing, we'll be OK," she said.

Coed softball ends season next week

The Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation coed softball league is scheduled to end next week.

Monday night, four make-up games are scheduled. At 6:30 p.m., Horizon Devils plays T & Ds on field A and Hit & Run plays CoNads on field B. At 7:45 p.m., Horizon Devils plays Love Shack on field A and Hit & Run takes on Tasmanian Devils on field B.

Games rained out Sept. 11 will be played this Wednesday, Oct. 8.

League standings through Oct. 2: Love Shack, 7-0; Tasmanian Devils, 6-1; Hit & Run, 2-4; CoNads, 2-4; T & Ds, 2-5; and Horizon Devils, 0-6.

Warriors face final non-district foe

By LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

To prepare his team for its district schedule, Ruidoso coach Les Carter tried to get the best possible non-district foes on the Warriors' schedule.

He's done just that, almost too well.

Ruidoso's final test before its District 3AAA opener is against Class AAAA's No. 7th-ranked team, the Carlsbad Cavemen. The Cavemen are the fourth opponent ranked in the top 10 the Warriors (2-3) have faced this season.

Just what was Carter thinking when he scheduled the Cavemen?

"We need to play the best competition possible," said Carter, who returns to the sidelines after a two-week absence. (Carter missed the last two Warrior games to attend to his wife, Susan, who was recovering from surgery.)

"They're big, but we also feel like we're getting better. We feel like it's a game that will get us better for districts," Carter added.

The Cavemen enter tonight's (Oct. 4) game with a 4-1 record, including wins over rivals Artesia (40-28) and Lovington (9-7).

"They're really an up-and-down team. They beat Artesia last week, but that's a big rivalry down there," Carter said.

Carter and his troops might catch the Cavemen offguard and resting on their laurels.

"If we get the breaks and play



File photo

The Ruidoso defense will have to contain the outside rushing attack of Carlsbad tonight when they play the Cavemen. Carlsbad is Class AAAA's No. 7th-ranked football team.

well, we can beat them," Carter said. "But getting ready for district, that's probably the biggest goal and that means playing well."

The Cavemen run the wing-T offense, which means they attack defenses with counters and sweeps on the ground. Carlsbad also has a pair of solid receivers, Carter noted.

The Warriors must contain the outside rush and put pressure on Carlsbad quarterback Coby Crouch

when the Cavemen pass the ball, Carter said.

Ruidoso must also stop the big play. That's what led to two Portales touchdowns in the Rams' 20-0 victory over the Warriors last Friday, Sept. 30.

Preventing the game-breaking play and scoring when in the red zone are two priorities for Ruidoso this week.

"Once we get inside the 20, the red zone, we've got to come out of

there with some points," Carter said.

The Warriors were a woeful 0-for-5 inside the 30-yard line against Portales.

"They weren't able to just control the game. We had opportunities to score and didn't. In the past they had pretty much done what they wanted to," Carter said. "I think our defense did a great job."

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. in Carlsbad.

RHS runners in a tough test in Lubbock

Busy weekend in store for local Lincoln county preps.

By LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Lincoln County high school athletic teams will find themselves in the midst of some crucial frays tonight, Oct. 4, and Saturday.

The team with perhaps one of the most difficult assignments this weekend is Ruidoso's cross country teams. Coach Ronny Maskew's Warriors head to Texas where they'll participate in the Lubbock Invitational.

The Warriors will be running against as many as 500 other runners in the race. Ruidoso as a team will compete in Division I, which includes Texas schools Class A-AAA. All the defending state championship teams from those classes will be there.

"It will be a dang tough meet," Maskew said matter-of-factly.

That's nothing new for Warriors, however. Ruidoso has run against bigger schools all season.

Maskew's team is coming off a strong showing in the Clovis Invitational. The girls, led by Erica Romero, finished third, and the boys took fourth.

The Clovis performance came on the heels of a poor Ruidoso showing in Roswell Sept. 21.

"We had one bad week in Roswell, but we came back and ran well in Clovis," Maskew said.

At the Lubbock meet, the Ruidoso girls will run two miles instead of three, like they do in New Mexican meets. The Warriors are used to running the longer distance in competitions.

"Surely it will help us run a shorter distance better," Maskew said.

With 500 other runners, good starts are crit-

ical for the Warriors.

"You can't pass many people in certain areas because it's so narrow," Maskew said.

Maskew and the Warriors are making a weekend of it in Lubbock. They left at 9:30 a.m. today, Oct. 4. Many parents of the team members are going along. After the Saturday morning meet, the Warriors and their parents will have a tailgate picnic before the Texas Tech-Baylor football game that afternoon.

Texico gridders visit Capitan

Tiger coach Ed Davis expects a fired up Texico team with revenge on its mind to come calling tonight, Oct. 4.

Capitan scored a last-second touchdown to beat the Wolverines last year, 24-20.

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SPORTS

'Zozo coach doesn't know when to quit

By LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

PIGSKIN PICKS

Intense, driven, dedicated are some of the adjectives that come to my mind when I think of Carrizozo coach Kim (Gremillion) Padilla.

The third-year Grizzly coach has been the driving force behind the re-emergence of the girls athletic program in our county's capital. She took Carrizozo to the state tournaments in girls volleyball and basketball last year, and it looks like the Grizzlies will head back that way this year.

I play basketball with Padilla in the Mescalero women's league, and she's one of those players you want on your team. I told one colleague last year that she plays the game the way she coaches it — all-out and full-tilt, leading our team in floor burns.



Coach Kim Padilla

Padilla learned that intensity from her family. She

has one older brother with whom she competed against.

"We were competitive in sports against each other. Of course, I was always better," says the 24-year-old with a laugh. "He had the brains and I had the athletic ability."

A Missouri native, Padilla graduated from Eastern New Mexico University. She likes her new home because "the people are friendlier."

Still, how the heck did she pick ENMU?

"I went there because my dad (Doss Gremillion) played football there (1965-'69)," Padilla says. "He was drafted (in the NFL), but he didn't go. My mom said she could have shot him for not going."

Padilla played part of a season for the Zia women's basketball team, describing herself as "that little redshirt who sat on the end of the bench and never got to play."

Her favorite pro football team is the Kansas City Chiefs, but she's not blinded by her allegiance. Padilla picks the Green Bay Packers to win the Super Bowl.

Let's see what Padilla thinks about this week's game.

1) Texico at Capitan: Padilla sarcastically asks, "What's the Tigers' record?" in choosing the visitors. I'll go with the Wolves.

2) Mountainair at Corona: The Cardinals are just too young, I say. Padilla queries, "Is there any doubt?" We both take the visitors.

3) Floyd at Carrizozo: "It's time for the homeboys to prevail," Padilla says. I'll go with the Grizzlies, too. Besides, it's homecoming.

4) Las Cruces at Silver: A "clueless" Padilla selects Las Cruces. I'll take the Colts in this matchup.

5) Penn State at Ohio State: The Buckeyes have looked extremely impressive, but we both choose the Nittany Lions in a mild upset.

6) Michigan at Northwestern: "There's no way Michigan will lose two years in a row," Padilla says. It's hard for me to disagree, but even harder for me not to take the Wildcats in an upset.

7) New Mexico at Rice: Padilla sticks with the Lobos, who are "on a roll, sort of." I'll be a traitor and pick the Owls.

8) Nebraska at Kansas State: Any team that loses to ASU doesn't deserve to be picked, Padilla says. K-State has come a long way, but not far enough. I've got the Huskers.

9) Oklahoma State at Texas: The 'Horns won't lose three weeks in a row says Padilla, and I agree.

10) Green Bay at Chicago: What I would give to see my cheeseheads curdle the Bears. We both pick the Pack.

11) Indianapolis at Buffalo: "There is no stopping the Comeback Kid and his 17 injured teammates," Padilla says. I disagree. The Bills take this one.

12) San Diego at Denver: "Oh please, Denver barely beat Cincinnati," Padilla says in taking the Chargers. Me too.

13) New England at Baltimore: In a snoozer and a drooler, we both choose the Patriots.

14) Carolina at Minnesota: Padilla goes with the Panthers because they beat the 49ers. Not me. The Vikes rebound.

15) Ruidoso at Carlsbad: "The Cavemen will make the Warriors have claustrophobia," Padilla says. The Warriors will notch a moral victory, but not a win on the scoreboard, I say.

Last week's results: I picked 11 of 15 right. Capitan volleyball coach Bryan Masse was 10 of 15 picks. Those results put me in the lead, with a 29-for-45 mark to the guest shot's 28-for-45 effort.

Warrior kickers prevail in spite of Artesia heat

By LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

SOCCER

The Ruidoso Warriors beat Artesia Tuesday, 7-6, in football.

Normally, a win over Artesia would make headlines across southeastern New Mexico if the brand of football were American, not European, which it was Tuesday.

Ruidoso soccer coach Sigurd Schmitz's team rallied in the second half for the win, improving the Warriors to 7-3 overall.

The Bulldogs and Warriors battled evenly throughout the first half in the balmy warmth of an Artesia fall day. The 'Dogs held a 3-2 halftime lead.

Schmitz tinkered with the Warrior lineup at the intermission, and the adjustments worked.

Schmitz inserted junior Todd Strasser at centerforward back, pushing Gerald Gomez to right forward. Gomez responded by scoring one of five Warrior goals in the second half.

The Warriors coach then put in eighth-grader Solomon Barnett at the left forward position. Barnett scored the eventual

winning goal.

Ruidoso built a 7-3 lead, only to see it melt away in the Artesia heat. A penalty kick and some breakdowns in the middle of the Warriors' defense allowed the Bulldogs to get back in the game.

"They were a good team. I was surprised. It was a good game for us," Schmitz said. "It wasn't quite the test that Hobbs was, but I think we gained some of the confidence back from the Mesilla Valley game. They were frustrated with how the game (Mesilla Valley) went."

The Warriors defeated Mesilla Valley, 3-2, Sept. 30, but Schmitz described the game as "out of control" and "chaotic."

Tuesday's match with Artesia was better played, Schmitz said.

It was also more physical. The referees pulled out yellow cards right and left, and a red card was issued to one of the Bulldogs.

Senior Piper Adamian scored three goals to pace the Warriors. Teammate and classmate Jimmy Stover added a pair.

Not only were the Bulldogs a good challenge for the Warriors,

but the game conditions should help prepare Ruidoso for its district matchup with Santa Teresa in Anthony Oct. 12.

Schmitz said the Warriors almost went through two jugs of water during the Artesia game.

"It was nice and hot so the kids got used to playing in the heat a little bit," Schmitz added.

Artesia's field wasn't in too poor of shape, nothing like what he's expecting when the Warriors play in Anthony. Schmitz had heard that the Santa Teresa field is rocky and uneven, which favors the Desert Warriors.

Before the Warriors, who are 1-0 in district play, look ahead to Santa Teresa, they have to get by Hatch. Ruidoso downed Hatch 4-2 at the beginning of the season at the Roswell Tournament, but Schmitz doesn't know how much Hatch has improved since then.

Ruidoso hosts Hatch at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Horton Stadium.

The varsity Warriors have the weekend off, but Schmitz's junior varsity squad travels to Portales Saturday to take on the Rams.

Tough test: CHS girls open district play

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Texico has lost three straight games after winning its first two. The Wolverines are led by the Askew brothers, Toby and Ronny.

Toby Askew is a dangerous running back who plays everywhere. "He's the one who killed us last year because we wouldn't tackle him," Davis recalled.

Ronny Askew quarterbacks the Wolverines, who are a lot like Animas with more speed.

"They're both super fast and 185 pounds," Davis said.

For the Tigers to have a chance, they must stop giving away the football. Capitan has a -15 take-away ratio in the last three games. Four times the Tigers gave Animas the ball inside the CHS 30-yard line last Friday. The Panthers pounced on the favors and pounded the Tigers, 35-0.

"We can play with these people if we stop making these silly little mistakes," Davis said. "We can't continue making mistakes. We have to grow out of it. They're working at it and trying to overcome it, but football is a mental game."

Davis, who expressed belief in his Tigers, said his team must play to win, rather than playing not to lose.

Rivals meet on VB court

Capitan's volleyball team opens the District 6AA campaign Saturday, hosting rival Cloudcroft.

The Tigers and Bears have met once already this season at the Roadrunner Tournament in Hagerman. Capitan won that match in three games.

Cloudcroft didn't endear itself to the Tigers last weekend at the Capitan Classic. The Bears cheered loudly for Capitan's quarterfinal opponent, Grady, Friday night, Sept. 27.

Capitan coach Bryan Masse said his Tigers heard the Bears' support during the match, but he thinks the Cloudcroft players were really cheering more for former Bear teacher J.R. Burnett, who coaches Grady, rather than against the Tigers.

"I think you should be rivals, but you should support your district teams (when they play other teams)," Masse said.

The Bears are led by junior Rachel Gochenauer. They also have a new head coach, Robyn Spruiell.

"You can't just show up and expect to beat Cloudcroft," Masse said. "They can get after you real tough and be right with you."

The match was scheduled originally to be played in Cloudcroft, but because of a gym conflict, it was moved to Capitan. The freshman take the floor at 1 p.m., followed by the junior varsity and varsity games.

Both Grizzly teams face critical district games

Coach Kim (Gremillion) Padilla's 8-2 volleyball Grizzlies travel north Saturday to face District 3A foe Fort Sumner. The Foxes downed 'Zozo last weekend in the Capitan Classic.

Carrizozo's six-man football team opens district play at home against Floyd. It's homecoming for the Grizzlies, and coach Gerald Horacek hopes his troops can snap a three-game skid. Kickoff tonight is 7:30 p.m.



VAMONOS

Church calendar

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian
Assembly of God
Mescalero

Donald Petley, pastor
Telephone: 671-4747

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

First Assembly of God

El Paso Road, Ruidoso
Rev. Bill Lenard, Pastor

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.
Royal Rangers Ministry-7 p.m.
Wednesday

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church
Carrizozo

Hayden Smith, Pastor

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Church training-6:30 p.m. Sunday

First Baptist Church

Ruidoso

420 Mechem Drive
D. Allen Cearley, Pastor

Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Ruidoso Downs

David Jordan, Pastor

General Assembly-9:30 a.m.
Worship hour - 11 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Evening worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday prayer meeting-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Tinnie

Bill Jones, Pastor

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna

420 Mechem Drive

Luis F. Gomez, Pastor

Domingos: Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion, 11 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion 6 p.m.
Miercoles: Estudio Biblico 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission

Mescalero

Rev. Tim Gilliland, Pastor

Sunday School-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Training Union-6:30 p.m. Sunday
Wednesday services-6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church

126 Church Drive

Palmer Gateway

Wayne Joyce, Pastor
Randel Widener, Associate Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Capitan (south on Highway 48)

Floyd Goodloe, Pastor

Sunday School - 11 a.m.
Three services on Sunday
For information, call 354-3119

BAHA'I FAITH

Baha'i Faith

Meeting in members' homes.

For information, call 257-3987 or 336-7739.

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church

Ruidoso 257-2330

Reverend Richard Catanach

Sacrament of Penance - Sat. 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment.

Saturday Mass - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass-10 a.m. (English)
11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday-4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass-St. Jude Thaddeus,

San Patricio-8 a.m.

Women's Guild-7 p.m. the third Monday

Knights of Columbus-7 p.m.

2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Capitan 354-9102

Saturday Mass-5 p.m.

Sunday Mass-9 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Monday-6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church

Carrizozo 648-2853

Father Dave Bergs, Pastor.

Saturday Mass-6:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass-11 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Tuesday-6 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church

Corona

Sunday Mass-6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission

Mescalero

Father Tom Herbst, Pastor

Sunday Mass-10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bent

Father Tom Herbst, Pastor

Saturday Mass-6 p.m.

Sunday Mass-8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road

Bill Kennedy, Pastor

Sunday School-K-12/Adult-9:30 a.m.

Regular Sunday Worship-10:45 a.m.

Chancel Choir-Wednesday 7 p.m.

Youth Group-Sunday 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ

Capitan

Highway 48

Les Earwood, Minister

Sunday Bible study-10 a.m.

Sunday worship-11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS

CHRIST LATTER DAY

SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS

Ruidoso Branch

12 miles north of Ruidoso

on Highway 48 on east side

between mile posts 14 and 15.

336-4359 or 258-9138

Sunday School-11:10 a.m.

Priesthood Relief Society-12:10 p.m.

Primary & Young Women-11:10 a.m.

Sacrament meeting-10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS

Mescalero Branch

Marvin Hansen, President

434-0098

Sunday: Priesthood & Relief Soc. 11:30 a.m.

Sunday School & primary-noon

Sacrament meeting-10:30 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church

of the Holy Mount

121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso

Father John W. Penn, Rector

Sunday Eucharist-8 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Daughters of King-noon

Eucharist & healing-5:30 p.m.

Choir practice-7 p.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan

Lincoln

Sunday: Holy Eucharist-10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel

Glencoe

Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel

Carrizozo, 6th & E Street

Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church

Highway 48, Capitan

Harold W. Perry, Pastor

Sunday School-10 a.m.

Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountain of Living

Water Full Gospel

San Patricio

Sunday School-10 a.m.

Evening services-7:30 p.m. Sunday,

Tuesday and Friday.

The Potter's House Christian

Fellowship Church Full Gospel

New Testament Church

441 Sudderth Drive 378-4608

(behind Gateway Exxon)

Pastor Jesse Arreola

Sunday-10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Service-7 p.m.

Nursery provided, everyone welcome

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall

106 Alpine Village Road, Highway 48

258-3659, 257-7715

Sunday public talk-10 a.m.

Sunday Watchtower-10:50 a.m.

Tuesday Bible study-7:30 p.m.

Thursday ministry school-7:30 p.m.

Thursday service meet-8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana

de los Testigos de Jehova

Alpine Village Road, Highway 48

258-3659, 336-7076

Reunion publica Dom.-1:30 p.m.

Estudio de la Analaya Dom.-2:20 p.m.

Estudio de libro Lunt.-7 p.m.

Escuela del ministerio teocratico

Mier.-7 p.m.

Reunion de servicio Mier.-7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Shepherd of the Hills

Lutheran Church

Hull Road

258-4191, 257-5296

Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor

Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class-9:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Noon-1 p.m. Bible Study

A member of the Missouri Synod

METHODIST

Community United

Methodist Church

Junction Road

Behind Daylight Donuts

Craig Cockrell, Pastor

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.

Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

United Methodist

Church Parish

Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan

648-2893, 257-3614

Warren K. Schoenecker Pastor,

Capitan/Carrizozo

Carrizozo

Sunday School-10:00 a.m.

Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.

Wednesday choir-6:30 p.m.

Capitan

Sunday worship-9:15 a.m.

Adult Sunday School-8:30 a.m., 2nd

Sunday School 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life

Apostolic/Pentecostal

Tabernacle

Capitan, Lincoln Ave.

(2/10 mile past fairgrounds heading

toward the business district)

257-6864

Allan M. Miller-Pastor

Bible Study-7 p.m. Tuesday

Sunday School-10 a.m. Sunday

Sunday Evening Services-6 p.m.

Ladies fellowship-6 p.m. last Thursdays

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene

Angus

at Bonito Park Nazarene Conference Center

12 miles north of Ruidoso

on Highway 48

Charles Hall, Pastor

336-8032

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.

Sunday worship-10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday fellowship-6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church

Ruidoso, Nob Hill

257-2220

James Howland, Pastor

Church school-9:45 a.m.

Sunday worship-11 a.m.

Potluck fellowship lunch after worship the

third Sunday; women's Bible study & brown

bag lunch at noon the second Tuesday.

Mountain Ministry Parish

Community United

Presbyterian Church

Ancho

Sunday worship-9 a.m.

Sunday School-10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church

Worship-11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church

Adult Sunday School-10 a.m.

Worship-11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed

Mescalero

Bob Schut, Pastor

Church school-9:30 a.m.

Sunday worship-10:30 a.m.

Mon. junior high youth-6:30 p.m.
Wed. high school meeting-7 p.m.
Thur. Kids Club (grades 1-5)-3:30

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist

Ruidoso Downs, Agua Fria

Hejman Otschowski, Pastor

624-2684, 378-4396, 378-4922

Sabbath School-9:30 a.m.

Church service-11:00 a.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

American Missionary

Fellowship.

Gregg Horst

354-2307

Ruidoso men's Bible study-noon, Monday,

Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive

Capitan youth group-7 p.m. Wednesday at the

fair building

Women's Bible Study-6:30 Mondays

Adult Bible Study-6:30 p.m. Thursdays

Calvary Chapel

Corner of Mechem & Sudderth

Pastor Ben Slaboda

257-5915

11 a.m. Sunday Worship

7 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-Week Bible Study

Aspen groves sport autumn gold on South Fork

The upper section of the South Fork Rio Bonito contains one of the largest aspen groves in the region. These aspens are quite spectacular at the peak of their fall colors.

Fortunately, this peak coincides with the Aspenfest celebration this year. The Crest Trail to South Fork Rio Bonito hike is the easiest and best way to get a panoramic view of the upper South Fork canyon in its golden splendor.

TRAIL TALK



Johnny Hughes

To reach the trailhead, take Hwy. 48 north out of Ruidoso approximately 6 miles to the junction with Hwy. 532 in Alto. Turn left

onto Hwy. 532 and go approximately 12 miles to the trailhead located at the entrance to Ski Apache. The road is narrow and winds considerably, but is paved the entire way.

The hike starts on Scenic Trail (15) which climbs approximately 350 feet over a distance of 1/2 mile to the intersection with Crest Trail (25). Proceed west on Trail 25.

After proceeding for about 1/2 mile, the trail crosses a ravine with a small spring. This spring typically discharges less than 1/2 gallons per minute and can be intermittent.

The trail climbs steadily over the next mile and a half with three long switchbacks to the intersection with USFS Trail 78. The dominant trees in this area are Douglas fir, subalpine fir and Englemann spruce with some interspersed

aspens. The bright colors of the aspens really stands them out of the crowd.

Turn left onto Trail 78, which is not marked, and drop downhill about 30 yards to Ice Spring, which has a sign marking it. During wet seasons, Ice Spring discharges greater than 5 gpm and is generally perennial except during extended drought periods. Ice Spring is the best location to obtain water on this hike.

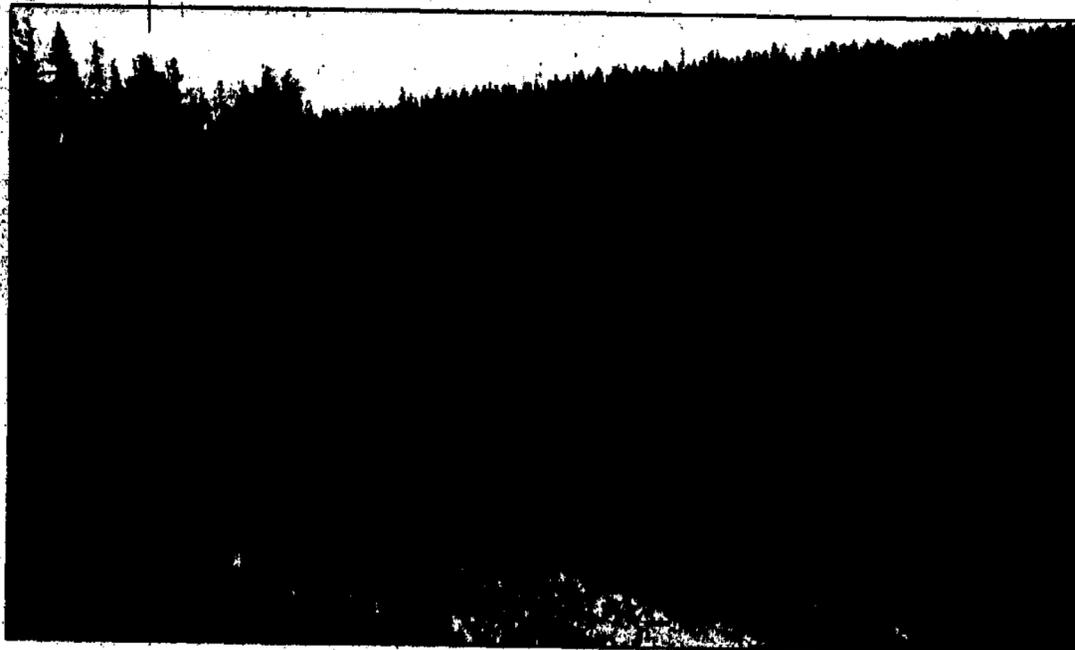
Retrace the 30 yards back to Crest Trail (25) and hike the last 200 yards to the divide. The Crest Trail continues over the divide and then turns north and parallels the divide. The dominant tree along this section is the Englemann spruce.

The route follows the back side of the divide for about 500 yards and then emerges from the spruces back onto the ridge at the head of South Fork Canyon.

Behold the view before you. The aspen grove on the south side of South Fork lies roughly between 9,000 and 10,000 feet. The aspens should be at peak color this weekend within this elevation belt.

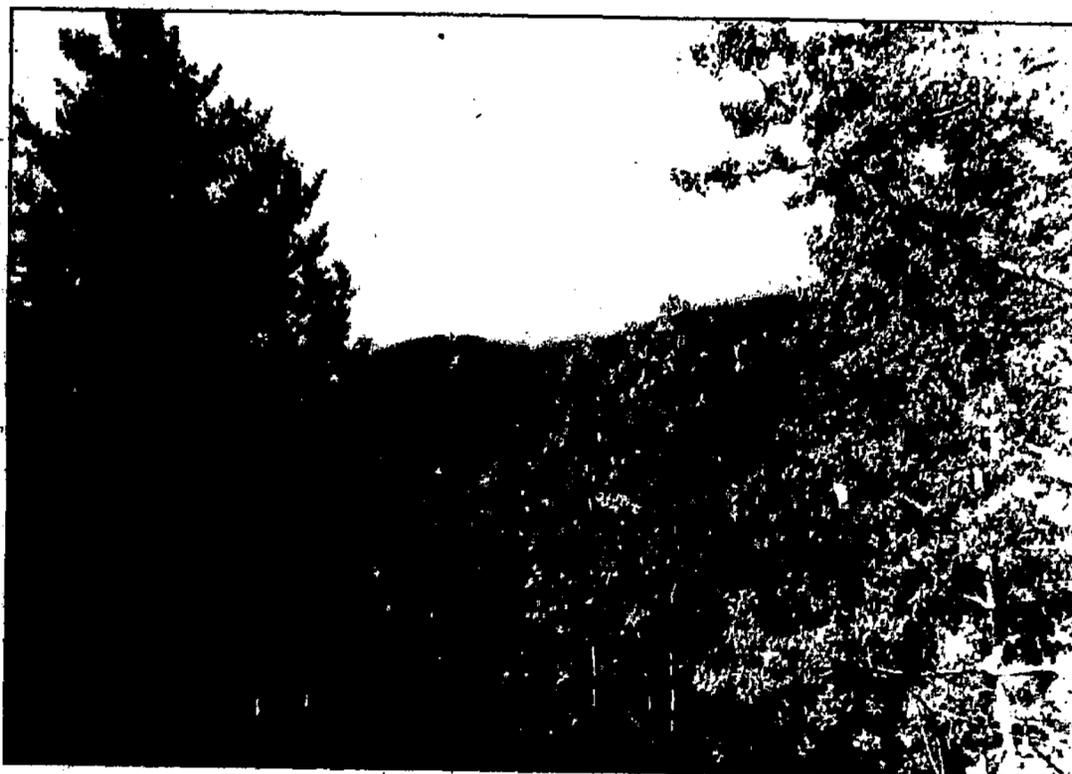
Walk along the ridge a little ways further and some smaller aspen groves can be viewed among the cliffs in upper Three Rivers Canyon. The view and photographic opportunities certainly make the hike worth the effort.

To complete the hike, retrace the route back to the trailhead. One bit of caution though. This hike begins at an elevation of 9,750 feet and climbs to higher than 11,200 feet. Temperatures and weather in general can be very unpredictable at these elevations this time of year. Carry adequate layered clothing or you may find the winds on top of the ridge a little brisk.



Johnny Hughes

Aspen groves on South Fork Rio Bonito should be at the peak of their autumn gold this weekend.



Johnny Hughes

Spectacular views make the South Fork Rio Bonito hike worth the effort. Hikers should carry adequate layered clothing for the brisk winds they may encounter on the top of the ridge.

CREST TRAIL TO SOUTH FORK RIO BONITO

General Description: A six-mile round-trip hike to the divide between Three Rivers Canyon and the South Fork Rio Bonito.

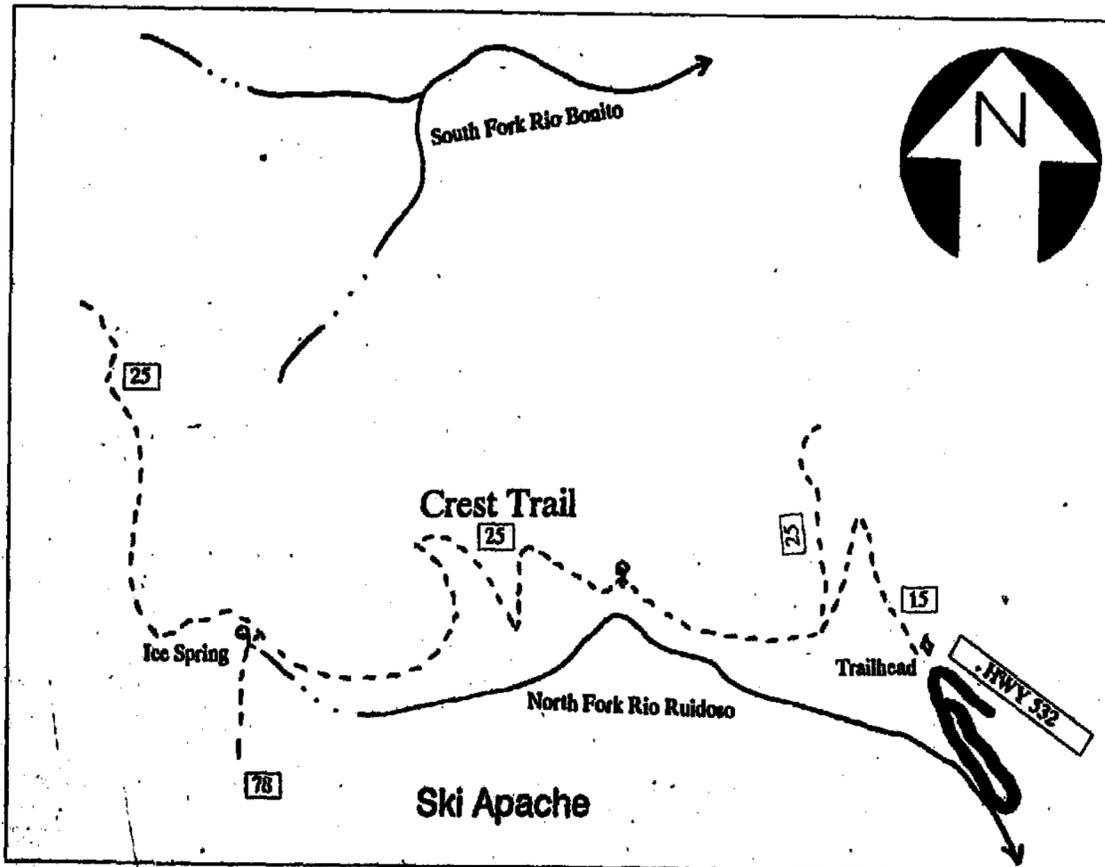
Special Attractions:

Spectacular views of fall aspens, Sierra Blanca, the Tularosa Basin, and the South Fork Rio Bonito Drainage.

Net Elevation Gain: 1,800 feet.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Estimated Hiking Time: 5 hours.





V.V.M.O.N.S.

Club calendar

ADULT SINGLES GROUP

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Adult Singles group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at The Texas Club, Ruidoso. The group has a no-host dinner with speakers and discussions to follow. Activities are also planned throughout the month. All adult singles are invited to join the group for dinner and socializing. For further information call 258-2635 or 378-8469.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets at the Lincoln Tower, Lower Level, rear entrance.

Mondays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Step Study. Smoke free book study every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Ruidoso.

Tuesdays - 8 p.m. closed AA and Alanon. Noon meeting.

Wednesdays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Alanon Study.

Thursdays - Noon open women's meeting and 8 p.m. Open meeting.

Fridays - Noon AA meeting and 8 p.m. Book Study.

Saturdays - 8 p.m. AA open. Noon meeting.

Sundays - 8 p.m. open ladies' and men's stag meeting. Noon meeting.

Birthdays, last Saturday.

Phone number 258-3643

Grassroots Group meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at Methodist Church, East Sunday School Room. For more information call 378-8015.

ALL AMERICAN**DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

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

ALTO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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

ALTUSA CLUB

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

ALZHEIMER'S MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7-9 p.m. at Ruidoso Care Center. Call 257-9071 for more information.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

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

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

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

AMERICAN LEGION**ROBERT J. HAGEE, POST 79**

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

AMERICAN SEWING GUILD OF NEW MEXICO

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

B.P.O.E. No. 2086

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

B.P.O. DOES

Does meet in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70, 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of every month.

BETA SIGMA PI

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

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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

CHOIR GROUP

Meets Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. at 1089EJ Paseo Road, Las Cruces. Call locally for possible carpool and information at 258-5621.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF LINCOLN COUNTY INC.

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

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

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

COMMUNITY FRIENDS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

COUNSELING CENTER

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

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS COE-CURRY CHAPTER 23

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

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

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

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF LINCOLN COUNTY

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

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #26

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

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

HIV + SUPPORT GROUP

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

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets at 4 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Texas-New Mexico Power community room.

KIWANIS CLUB

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER E. DOLAN COUNCIL

Meets in the parish hall at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Fred C. Knapp, grand knight.

LA JUNTA F.C.E.**(FORMERLY HOME EXTENSION CLUB)**

Meets at San Patricio Senior Citizens building at 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. For more information call 653-4912.

LAMAZE PREPARED CHILD BIRTH CLASSES

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

LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB

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

LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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

LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD BANK

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

LINCOLN COUNTY HOMEBUILDERS

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

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY

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

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Meets the third Thursday of every month at Pizza Hut, 1201 mechem, Ruidoso at 12 p.m. For more information call Sharon Miller at 258-3252.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

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

LIONS INTERNATIONAL EVENING LIONS CLUB

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

MASONIC LODGE #73

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the gym entrance at the Gateway Church, 415 Sudderth.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, CHAPTER 1379

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

NOISY WATERS SERTOMA CLUB

Every Wednesday at noon at the Enchantment Inn. For more information call 257-2021.

OPTIMIST CLUB

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR RUIDOSO CHAPTER #65

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

PINE TOP ROD AND CUSTOM CAR CLUB

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

QUILTING GROUP

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

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL RUIDOSO-HONDO VALLEY CLUB

Meets at the Swiss Chalef Inn at noon on Tuesdays.

RUIDOSO CARE CENTER AUXILIARY

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

RUIDOSO CHESS CLUB

7 p.m. (or later) every Wednesday at Pizza Hut on Mechem. No dues or fees. Beginners welcome. For further information call Alan at 258-4757 or Tony at 336-4219.

RUIDOSO DOWNS AUXILIARY

Meets in the Auxiliary Building, 123 Downs Avenue at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. For more information call Shirlene Roberts at 378-4184 or Ida Hal at 378-4766.

RUIDOSO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library. For more information call Margaret Bowden at 258-4678 or 257-2452.

RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB

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

RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB

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

RUIDOSO GRASSROOTS AA GROUP

Meets at the Gateway Church of Christ, east entrance. Tuesdays - 7 p.m. open meeting

Thursdays - 7 p.m. open meeting

Saturdays - 7 p.m. open meeting

Phone number 257-4074 or 354-3345.

RUIDOSO GUN CLUB

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Church of the Holy Mount, Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

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

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Meets at noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Civic Events Center.

RUIDOSO SHRINE CLUB

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

RUIDOSO VALLEY NOON LIONS

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

SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL

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

SIERRA BLANCA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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

SIERRA BLANCA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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

SIERRA BLANCA SWINGERS

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

TENS

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

THURSDAY BRIDGE

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

UNITED WE STAND

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

VFW Post 7072

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

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

WHITE MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE

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

YOUR HELPING HANDS

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

ZIA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

Ruidoso service unit meets at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m.

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Forgotten now, he was once known as 'The King of the Rustlers'

He is all but forgotten to popular history, although he doesn't deserve it. He fought in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, and he claimed to have fought in the Indian Wars.

What was more pertinent to the state of New Mexico was that, for more than a decade, he led a band of outlaws in and out of the state, and in particular, in and out of Lincoln County. He survived more than a few gun battles, most notably the 5-Day Battle in Lincoln, where he fought for the Murphy/Dolan faction. His name was John Kinney.

Lincoln County War historian Frederick Nolan has noted that despite the best efforts of many historians, no one really knows the origins of this man. The most popular theory is that he was from Massachusetts.

PAST TENSE



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We do know that he joined the U.S. Army in Chicago on April 13, 1868. From there, by Kinney's own account, he was trained at Ft. Harker, Kan. and in July of that year was stationed at Ft. Selden, NM. He claimed to have fought in five campaigns

against the Ogallala Sioux in Nebraska and the legendary Cochise's Apaches in Arizona. His discharge, on April 13, 1873, bore a character reference from a commanding officer that called Kinney "A brave soldier, a sober and honest man."

No one really knows Kinney's movements for the next couple of years, but by 1875 he was a well-known badman in the Las Cruces-La Mesilla area.

On New Year's Day, 1876, a group of soldiers who were attending a dance in Las Cruces got into a brawl with Kinney and several others who would achieve a certain status as gunmen during the next several years. Their number included Jesse Evans and Jim McDaniel.

One of the soldiers was beaten so badly that he later died, and Kinney himself had to be carried outside. The soldiers, feeling victorious, went back inside, thinking the outlaws had had enough. It was a mistake. A few minutes later, Kinney's group of merry-makers further enlivened the dance by appearing at the doors and windows and blasting away with their six-guns. When the smoke cleared, three soldiers lay wounded and one was dead, along with an innocent bystander. No action was ever taken by cowed local authorities.

By 1877, Kinney was known as the

"King of the Rustlers." After continued complaining by the press about the lack of action taken by authorities, a 40-man posse went to Kinney's ranch to arrest the outlaw and his men. But Kinney was alone. His men had already departed for Lincoln. They had seen the writing on the wall. And for some reason, the posse didn't bother Kinney himself.

On Nov. 2 of that year, Kinney killed a man named Ysabel Barela in the street in La Mesilla. We can only guess what Kinney's reasons were, if any — there are several theories, one being that the killing was obscurely related to the storm that was brewing in Lincoln at the time.

Kinney, shortly thereafter, hot-footed it to Silver City. From there, he went to El Paso and fought in what has become known as the "El Paso Salt War." John Kinney was a busy man.

He bought into the Exchange Saloon in El Paso, from which he sent a note to the Mesilla News that explained how he was now involved in "legitimate business." He then went on to say that "I wish squibblers (scribblers?) and newspapers would not use my name without any cause, or it may not be good for them." Subtlety apparently was not one of Kinney's strong points.

On May 31, the military reported that Kinney had left to join his former associates, Jesse Evans among them, in Lincoln County.

In Lincoln, as a hired gun for Jimmy Dolan, Kinney gallantly informed Susan McSween exactly what he intended to do to her husband Alexander, then hiding in the hills with the Regulators. "I've killed 14 men and I'll kill him, too," Kinney said.

On July 19, 1878, when the Lincoln County War was coming to its bloody conclusion, Kinney was present.

And thanks to the expert marksmanship of Billy the Kid during the Kid's escape from the burning McSween home, Kinney nearly got his head blown off. Luckily for Kinney, the bullet only grazed his lip.

When teen-aged Yginio Salazar lay badly wounded outside of the McSween house, he had the unenviable pleasure of listening to Kinney and another man discuss whether or not to put another bullet into "the greaser." Luckily for Salazar, they decided not to "waste" a bullet.

During the night, young Salazar crawled off to safety. The next morning, Kinney and three of his men noticed that the young man was no longer lying where they had seen him the night before. They followed his blood trail to the home where he had taken refuge.

The Ft. Stanton surgeon, Dr. Daniel Appel, was already attending Salazar. When Kinney and his men entered, it was the good doctor's presence that prevented them from killing young Yginio on the spot. Appel told

Kinney that if he (Kinney) killed the young man, Appel would see him hang for the deed.

A disgruntled Kinney left the premises and wandered down the street to help his pal Jesse Evans loot the Tunstall Store.

Later the same morning, Kinney had an exchange of words with Susan McSween. The fearless Susan harangued Kinney until he threatened to shoot her if she didn't shut up. "Go ahead!" she shrieked, "You've already taken everything that was precious to me — my husband and my home. I'd just as soon you killed me too!"

However, not even Kinney was prepared to shoot a woman in public, even one as unpopular as Susan McSween. He walked away.

Now that the war was over and there were no more dishonest dollars to be made in Lincoln, Kinney headed back to his old stomping grounds in Dona Ana County, where more than one indictment awaited him. Shortly thereafter, he decamped for Arizona. The local newspaper noted that "Distance lends enchantment when a sheriff is fooling around with his pockets full of warrants."

By April of 1881, Kinney was back. And he was commissioned as a deputy sheriff. In the old west, the authorities tended to have short memories.

Kinney, in the company of fellow deputies Bob Olinger and Billy Matthews, transported Billy the Kid from his trial in La Mesilla to Lincoln for the hanging that would never happen. The trip, however, could not have been a pleasant one for the Kid. Any one of his three guards would have been happy to kill him at the first opportunity. Billy was smart enough not to give them any such opportunity.

After this, Kinney appeared in Rincon, where he apparently observed no law but his own.

One day, while Kinney was having a drink in a saloon, two Army officers walked in. When the older of the two introduced his younger comrade to Kinney, the young lieutenant committed a terrible *faux pas*. "How are you Mr. Kinney, and how is the rustling business?"

Kinney instantly turned to the bartender and requested his pistol belt. After strapping it on, he turned back to the young lieutenant. "What did you say, young man?" was all he said. Luckily, the older officer intervened, explaining to Kinney that the lieutenant was fresh from the east and knew no better. Of



John Kinney

course, whether or not Kinney appreciated it, the young officer's comment was entirely accurate.

In March of 1883, Kinney was arrested in Arizona for rustling. The jury took all of eight minutes to find him guilty. He was sentenced to five years in prison and a \$500 fine. Kinney's new address was Leavenworth.

On Feb. 19, 1886, through a series of legal maneuvers, Kinney was released from prison. He began to drift from one place to another, but apparently, prison had been a sobering experience. He stayed out of trouble. He spent time in Texas, Iowa and Nebraska before he returned to Arizona about 1890.

When the Spanish-American War broke out, Kinney again enlisted in the military and went to Cuba, where, by all accounts, he served honorably.

After his discharge, Kinney became a successful miner in Yavapai County, Ariz., at a place called Chaparral Gulch. He ultimately settled in Prescott. By that time he had been married at least twice and had two daughters. In Prescott, for the first time in his life, Kinney was considered to be a good citizen.

In fact, Arizona Congressman Carl Hayden, when he forwarded Kinney's application for an Indian Wars Survivors Pension, wrote that Kinney was "one of the best and truest men in the whole country." A far cry indeed from Kinney's former reputation.

And so, despite his entire life, John Kinney, in the end, was known as an upstanding citizen. This fact would have caused a considerable amount of consternation among many of his former associates. Bill the Kid, at least, would have probably found it funny.

But the Kid, as well as most of Kinney's other former friends and enemies, was long gone by the time John Kinney succumbed to nephritis on Aug. 25, 1919. He was buried with honors in Prescott.

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