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ON THE SIDE

New cancer support group meets Tuesday

The American Cancer Society's new Cancer Support Group for Lincoln County will meet at 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Senior Center located at 501-A Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

Residents of Lincoln County who are currently in cancer treatment, have family members in cancer treatment, or are cancer survivors are urged to attend the important meeting.

ACS Executive Director Joel Rickman credited local residents Jane Yowell, Karen Morris, Lucie Page, Genevieve Phelan and Barbara Jones for their dedication in starting the cancer support group.

"I think Ruidoso and Lincoln County are very fortunate to have such dedicated residents living in this community," Rickman said.

The February meeting will feature a guest speaker and informative video. Information about the ACS cancer support group can be obtained from Genevieve Phelan at 258-3726, or Barbara Jones at 258-4682.

Workshop on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Wednesday

Region IX Education Cooperative will sponsor a free staff in-service on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Ruidoso High School.

Of particular interest to families and service providers is a three-hour workshop on children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome by Dr. Patricia Tanner-Halverson. Tanner-Halverson is an internationally recognized speaker on behavioral characteristics of children prenatally exposed to alcohol, practical methods of teaching these children, and survival skills for their parents.

Interested persons may contact Kathy Garrett at 257-2368 for more information about attending this free workshop.

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Jane Deyo (right) gets a hug from Kathy Garrett and claps from the audience when Ruidoso News publisher Barb Trimble announces Deyo is Lincoln County's Woman of the Year.

Deyo is Woman of the Year

Jane Deyo was named Woman of the Year in Lincoln County Thursday at the Salute to Working Women luncheon.

Deyo was chosen by the general public through ballots in *The Ruidoso News*. There were 17 nominees in the 5th Woman of the Year contest.

Deyo has volunteered her time to groups for a half-century. She is co-founder of the Aspen Tree Bookstore, a Girl Scout leader and church organist. She was nominated by her Altrusa Club friend Kathy Garrett.

"Over the course of many years, she has greeted locals and tourists alike with a kind word, smile and positive outlook," Garrett wrote in her nomination.

"There should be 17 awards and not just one," said a blushing Deyo to the sold-out crowd of 200-plus at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center as she accepted her award. "There were 16 other wonderful, wonderful women in contention, and I feel we all won!"

Deyo's contenders were: Verna Adams, Denise Dean, Sandra Downes, Helene Kobelnyk, Molly Long, Susan Lutterman, Raymona McAdams, Valerie Miller, Michelle O'Brien,

Nancy Osterberg, Karen Parsons, April Rue, Sally Rue, Diorly Stierwalt, Virginia Vigil, and Nan Wierwille.

Deyo's lengthy resume of community work includes:

— 50 years in Girl Scouting, which she was honored for last year;

— service twice as the president and district governor of the Altrusa Club;

— president of the southeastern New Mexico district of the Zia Girl Scout Council;

— and service twice as president of the Philanthropic Education Organization.

"I've been here for 24 years," she said, "and Ruidoso is a special place for us all."

After giving so much to the community, Deyo is doing something for herself soon.

"I'm retiring," she explained after the luncheon. "I sold the Aspen Tree Bookstore last week, and am retiring from the business world and the church organ, and am off on my new adventure."

She has mixed emotions about her new life that begins next month when she moves to Madison, Wisc. to live near her daughter.

"It's heart wrenchingly diffi-

cult to leave, but I look forward to my new adventure," she said.

Her last performance as the church organist is Feb. 23, and then in mid-March the native New-Englander will be cruising in a Subaru with her daughter and granddaughter to America's Dairy Land.

So possibly her last advice to this community came Thursday.

"Ruidoso is a special place — keep it up," she told the Civic Center crowd. "It's going to grow, but keep the same atmosphere of care, friendliness and enjoyment for everyone."

As the diners picked the last morsels from their seafood salad, rosemary chicken and cheese cake, a fashion show was emceed by Cheryl Wozny.

Models showed off work and play fashions from Michelle's, Evelyn's, Ruidoso Ski Shop, New Beginnings, Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Ski Rental, the Inn Boutique at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Steppin' Out Shoes. Accessories were provided by artist Evelyn Beerman and hair and makeup was by The Look. The Inn Boutique's Houston Geronimo even wrote a poem for the event.

Airline wants to make it work, not fly out of Ruidoso

□ New owners visit community to gather ideas

by JOANNA DODDER
Ruidoso News Editor

Lone Star Airlines is losing money in its Ruidoso market, but new owner Aspen Mountain Air has no plans to pull out, its marketing director said Tuesday.

The Ruidoso-Roswell-Dallas route lost \$80,000 in January, and it needs to earn \$150,000 month to be successful, said Patrick Imeson, director of marketing and corporate strategy for the airline.

Aspen Mountain Air is visiting its new Lone Star markets to see what it can do to make its business a success, and it will make an effort to make all its markets successful instead of pulling out of the unsuccessful ones, Imeson said.

There is no deadline for Ruidoso to make money or lose its airline, Imeson said.

He met with a variety of community leaders at social gatherings and meetings this week,

including the Tuesday luncheon at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs.

Imeson said he was here to understand the community needs and learn "what we can do to improve our service" and be "pro-active to community needs."

Aspen Mountain Air began as a community-based service more than two years ago to fill a service gap in Aspen when Continental Express closed its Denver hub, Imeson explained. United had a monopoly in Aspen and was "gouging" its customers, he said. So Aspen hired Lone Star to bring in another service.

Aspen Mountain Air is owned by the Crown family of Chicago, which also owns the Aspen ski areas, General Dynamics and Material Services Corp.

Recently Lone Star airplanes started getting repossessed. So Aspen Mountain Air bought them.

"We're not short-term players," said Imeson, who noted he first visited Ruidoso 30 years ago.

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Kathleen McDonald/The Ruidoso News

Aromatherapist Bernd Kampfe sniffs a mixture of sandalwood, rosemary and rose oil that he says combines to create an aphrodisiac.

Essential oils help Cupid, aromatherapist assures

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Cupid, that insipid seeker of love, should have considered a mixture of sandalwood, rosemary and rose oil when first trying to capture the lovely Psyche.

The combination of these three aromatic essential oils is a whopping aphrodisiac, says massage therapist Bernd Kampfe.

That's something to note for those seeking a Valentine love.

Sandalwood and rosemary oils affect the metabolic system, and rose oil mentally stimulates, so when properly mixed together "it's a complete knockout," Kampfe assures.

Working at the Centre for the Healing Arts in Ruidoso, Kampfe practices aromatherapy with his Swedish and shiatsu massages.

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Child care shortage critical; local group seeks to help

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A small group of Ruidoso businesspeople is laying the groundwork for affordable, safe child care — something desperately needed in this area, working women were told Thursday.

But the tiny group of citizens can hardly tackle the growing latch-key child problem themselves, Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Director Jim Miller said.

Miller was the guest speaker at the fifth annual Salute to Working Women luncheon and style show at the Ruidoso



Barb Trimble



Jim Miller

About 200 citizens, predominantly women, attended the luncheon sponsored by *The Ruidoso News*. And among those in the crowd, a good third raised their hands when asked if they're concerned about the lack of child

care in the community.

"This is not something we can solve overnight," *The Ruidoso News* Publisher Barbara Trimble said. "We must always keep in mind what our children mean to us. A child is our heritage, our keep-sake."

Lincoln County has an estimated 200-300 children of low-income parents without child care outside the family, Miller said. And 400-500 children of varying incomes have no place to go when their parents are at work.

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SALUTE TO WORKING WOMEN



A sold-out crowd of more than 200 people came to the Salute to Working Women Luncheon, Thursday to find out which of the 17 nominees would be named Woman of the Year.



Photos by Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

In photo above, evening wear fashions from The Inn Boutique at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation are modeled. Sharon Davis (left) and Tamara Willingham (below) are among those who model fashions from Ruidoso stores.



Woman of the Year Jane Deyo co-owns the Aspen Tree Bookstore in Ruidoso, volunteers for the Girl Scouts and the Altrusa Club, and plays the organ at church.

Child Care

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"There's only one child care center here (in Ruidoso) licensed to handle about 15 children, and at the same time the need for care is growing," Miller said. "This small working group can not pull off child care for 400 to 500 children without the help of working citizens like you."

In small meetings with Miller and his fellow ENMU associates, Dinah Hamilton, ENMU's General Education Diploma Director, Gene Simmons, director of the federal Small Business Development Center, and Trimble, the group has been studying the child care problem.

Thursday they asked for help, and by Thursday afternoon, help already had been offered.

The community has several ways to tackle the problem, Miller said: establish child care centers in churches, help home care providers, and set up private and non-profit child development centers.

The group also will direct people to others who can help them obtain day care licenses and/or apply for small business loans, Miller said after the luncheon.

It's no surprise that one of the major challenges for many parents today is finding child care, Miller said.

Five conditions are making the lack of child care a bigger problem, he said:

- the lack of child care cuts across all economic and ethnic lines;

- the lack of child care has been exacerbated by the changing structure of the nuclear family — divorce, working parents, more single parents, and the lack of extended family nearby;

- the lack of child care contributes to problems in the workplace;

- stable child care is vulnerable to economic downturns because parents find alternatives to paying for child care;

- and the wages of child care workers already are low and declining. Few people see a child care center as a business venture.

All these facts contribute to the high staff turnover in child care centers, the poor quality of care, and latch key children — children home alone and often cared for by the TV, Miller said.

There are also three factors that are increasing the numbers of children in need of care here, he added.

With government welfare reform, fewer families will get food stamps and Medicaid.

"A single mom or dad will have to figure out what to do with their kids before getting a job," Miller said.

Ironically, the expansion of adult education opportunities here has contributed to the need for child care, Miller said.

"Start here today with each of us and initiate (a plan) that will continue, over the next years to make safe child care a reality," he said.

Aspen Air lays out local goals

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The Ruidoso News Staff Writer has its own peculiar abbs and flows, and Aspen Mountain Air plans to work with it, a company official says.

"We're looking for a way of mitigating the seasonality here, so we don't lose money and still provide service," said Aspen Mountain Air's Patrick Imeson, director of marketing and corporate strategy.

Aspen Mountain Air, based out of Aspen, Colo., acquired Lone Star Airlines and its service to 18 cities late last year. Presently, it's keeping the Lone Star name for the established flight routes.

The nearly 3-year-old company's goal is to get more people to fly the Ruidoso-Roswell-Dallas air market throughout the year by adjusting the service, Imeson said.

At several social and strategy sessions earlier this week, Imeson met with community representatives and travel agents to understand the market's needs.

The Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce is developing a marketing strategy with Aspen Mountain Air input to promote the new service.

Last year, Lone Star's average passenger load on its Ruidoso route planes was only 44.1%, or about seven people on each of the 19-seat planes. The route's average one-way fare last year was \$130.32, but because of the poor passenger loads, the company only profited an average 28.6 cents for each air mile, Imeson said.



Lone Star Airlines Ruidoso manager Sandra Downes and Aspen Mountain Air marketing director Patrick Imeson.

Achieving Aspen Mountain Air's goal of filling planes may best be done by altering the Lone Star flight schedules and pricing system, Imeson said. Any possible changes should be known in March, he said.

"It's fair to say Roswell carries the market in the winter, and Ruidoso carries it in the summer," and the company is still trying to "rationalize" those markets, he said.

By closely studying local travel habits, Aspen Mountain Air officials hope to avoid the jarring schedule changes Ruidoso customers experienced after Lone Star first arrived in August, 1995.

The airline changed its schedule three times in the first three months of operation, disrupting passengers, Lone Star Ruidoso Manager Sandi Downes said.

"They didn't know where their niche was, timewise," Imeson said.

The company's last schedule change was in April, 1996, when flights were reduced from twice to once daily.

Currently, the service offers daily roundtrip flights on the Ruidoso-Roswell-Dallas route. Schedule ad-

justments might include increasing flights on typically high traffic days, or eliminating them on days with poor travel.

"We're looking at more effective pricing," Imeson added. "We want to use a fair structure to stimulate travel."

The pricing system may include savings for families booking ahead, excursion fares, and benefits for the business community, Imeson and Downes said. Commuter passes are popular in Aspen, where restrictions are waived and prices are mid-range.

"Typically, in a resort community like this, we're partners in business. All the groups need to come together to create a synergy to promote our products," Imeson said. "We're a part of it, but not the driving force."

Because of Lone Star's name recognition, Aspen air officials have decided to keep the Lone Star name — at least for a little while.

"We're doing a consumer survey on whether to leave it, or if Aspen Air works better for us," Imeson said.

Airline

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One of the biggest concerns from Tuesday's group was the need to have a closer hub than Dallas, for Ruidoso's West Texas and Mexico visitors, and for package trips out of Ruidoso. Imeson said Aspen Air is looking at connection points in El Paso, Albuquerque and Santa Fe. El Paso was preferred by many in the Ruidoso audience.

Everyone at the meeting — including representatives from the Chamber, hotels, Billy the Kid Scenic Byway committee, airport, museum and The Ruidoso News —

agreed entities throughout the region need to join together to market the area and the airline.

Chamber director Joan Bailey said a meeting should be called to work on a regional marketing plan, just in time for local agencies' 1997-98 budget year.

A central reservations system has worked well for Aspen, Imeson said, including its use as an advertising tool, and it could help here, too.

"To me, as an outside visitor, you hear very little about Ski Apache," Imeson said.

Lone Star has a small market share in large communities, so some advertising isn't cost-effective, Imeson said. Aspen Air is doing market blitzes with teams in key markets to visit travel agents.

When asked if Ruidoso will ever get larger planes, Imeson said Aspen Air is looking at 38-seat Dornier planes, which are the "Cadillacs" of small planes. But they cost three times as much to fly, so the airline would need to earn \$350,000 monthly on the Ruidoso route to make them worthwhile.

Sewer line work delayed

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso officials were ready for the next phase of sewer line repairs until a contractor threw a curve ball last week.

A protest was filed by one of the project bidders, Affholder Inc., arguing specifications about the contract award were ambiguous, Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley told councilors Monday.

The delay will stall the sewer rehabilitation work for about two months, officials said. The project is being funded by a \$1.2 million voter-approved bond issue.

So far, rehab work in the first phase of the project has been completed along Sudderth Drive, with some work continuing along the river behind the Chamber of Commerce.

Essential 'love' oils can be found here

Essential oils can be found at Desert Sky Health Food, and in candles like Ruby Red "Air of Romance" at Candle Power, both in Ruidoso.

The latter contains oil patchouli, rose, sage, rosemary and lavender, "to free you from a day of frustration," a shop clerk explained.

The use of essential oils to stimulate and relax is as old as the ancient Egyptian tombs, says Bernd Kampfe, a Ruidoso aromatherapist.

But the oils' role in aromatherapy for its cosmetology

The 90-day second phase, will improve leaky sewer lines along the Rio Ruidoso from Midtown to the Upper Canyon, and also along Paradise Canyon Road from Hull Road to Meander Drive.

Officials were ready to award the project to Cook Construction Company of Albuquerque because it gave the lowest base bid for the project at \$515,734. But as Affholder understood the specifications, the award could be divided because Affholder issued the lowest bid for the Paradise Canyon part of the project.

Village officials understand the specifications to read the award goes to the contractor with the lowest overall base bid.

But, because of the potential for a lawsuit, councilors decided to reject the five bids received, have con-

tract specifications redrawn, and put the project back out to bid.

Also at the meeting, councilors: — approved an amendment to clarify language in the village investment policy;

— scheduled a joint workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission for 4 p.m. March 24;

— deferred appointing a new member to the P&Z because there are no volunteers. Mayor Jerry Shaw said she needs suggestions for new appointees;

— deferred authorization to demolish an unsafe building until Planning and Zoning Director Cleatus Richards is present to explain the matter.

— entered a closed session for about 30 minutes to discuss threatened or pending litigation against the village.

and healing properties is only about a decade or two old, after its brief practice earlier in this century, he said.

Each oil has either a parasympathetic (stimulating) effect or a sympathetic (soothing) effect. It can be inhaled, mixed with neutral oils like almond or grape seed for massages, or mixed in water for a soothing bath.

Kampfe, who is originally from Bavaria, Germany, works mostly with 14 or 15 different oils, frequently using orange peel, lemon, sandalwood, lavender and vetiver

when doing massages.

The varying essential oils holistic therapeutic uses include:

— Relaxation — orange peel, or for deep relaxation, mix it with sage and lavender;

— Regeneration, especially of the skin — vetiver;

— Stimulation — sandalwood or rosemary; sandalwood works the fat metabolism on the skin, while rosemary stimulates circulation;

— High blood pressure — sage;

— Respiratory system — pine;

— Headaches — orange peel and peppermint.

Love Oils

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He uses essential oils from seeds, herbs, roots and leaves in his massages to help stimulate hormone production in the body.

When absorbed into the skin, the essential oils enter the bloodstream, stimulating the metabolic system. The oils also retain skin balm and can correct any skin irregularity after several applications, he says.

"Every essential oil has a healing power of the plant part concentrate. It works to stimulate the hormone production in the body," Kampfe says. "It can probably regulate the whole hormone system of the body or stimulate different body parts like the organ systems."

Some of his clients receive his

therapy to heal from muscular aches and tissue damage, which works faster with aromatherapy. Others receive the treatment to smooth skin, reduce cellulitis, stimulate organs, and to relax.

But, on this calendar day set aside for lovers, Kampfe also can suggest oils for a romantic meeting of the minds.

"For those who know someone who consciously wants the experience, they should massage each other with the essential oils, rose, rosemary and sandalwood."

Rose, which is very expensive, can be substituted with orange peel oil. About 25 drops of it, with 12 drops of sandalwood and eight drops of rosemary into a neutral oil, makes a nice solution, Kampfe says.

"They can (take) a hot tub, but not too long, they don't want to drag down, and have some alcohol, just a little champagne for a little French effect," he says, "And then stimulate with massage."

Retraction

In our Jan. 29, 1997 story "Country Club construction extension request is delayed," we reported that the developer of the Country Club Village townhouse project, Glenn Neans, is bankrupt. The Ruidoso News retracts that statement. Mr. Neans is not a party to any bankruptcy proceeding. We regret the error.

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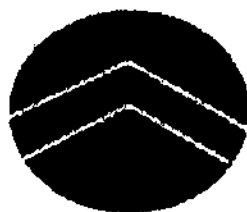
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EDITORIAL

Are there really lower electric bills in our deregulated future?

Few people should object to lower electric bills, especially after a longer-than-usual winter.

What's interesting is that it might happen, if an effort by Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNP) actually bears fruit.

You might recall that TNP got some attention not long ago when it announced an agreement to supply power to the Mescalero Apache reservation, in effect letting the Mescalero people set up their own electric utility.

Now, that idea has been expanded to the point that the New Mexico Public Utility Commission (PUC) next week will delve into the whole idea of "Community Choice" for electric consumers all over the state.

Should the commission approve, TNP customers suddenly would have options galore, with a potential not only for saving money but also for making an environmental statement. The customer might choose the source of his power: solar, wind, coal, water—even nuclear.

The company doesn't produce power; it buys electricity elsewhere and distributes it to about 43,000 customers in New Mexico (10,000 or so in Lincoln County). Because deregulation of power utilities seemed a certainty, TNP chose to jump in at the head of the line.

A number of states already are moving toward restructuring utility regulation in reaction to a changing marketplace. Dave Warren, PUC's executive director, cites a New Hampshire program in which about 17,000 customers have averaged a 15% lower electric bill.

Figuring out where the power originates, when the whole country is in a few huge grids, really is a computer game...but also something like the oil pipeline companies. A distributor buys oil in New Mexico for sale in Washington State, but just exactly where the oil originated is a different matter. What isn't different is the fact that competitive buying should result in lower prices at the end of the line—whether it's the act of filling a gas tank or flipping a light switch.

And yet...when Ma Bell became a bunch of Baby Bells everybody expected wonders. They got wonders, but not always in improved service.

We'll watch, and wait for the PUC decision, perhaps as early as next week.

By Keith Green



Who cares about Wal-Mart?

TO THE EDITOR:

I find it amusing yet sad that the mayor of this fine community still goes around making outlandish statements as if she's representing the people. She does represent the people of Ruidoso, right? I have lost count of the number of customers coming into Wal-Mart and expressing how much they are looking forward to the opening of the new Wal-Mart Supercenter. And for you, Jerry, here's something else to ponder:

Who cares that it's the first supercenter in New Mexico, and being built right here in historic Lincoln County.

Who cares that more than 90% of those new employees will likely be from Ruidoso.

Who cares that approximately 75% of current employees are from Ruidoso.

Who cares that we all pay taxes, spend money on food, even shop at the other stores in town.

Who cares that we all bank our money at Ruidoso banks.

Who cares that our neighboring Village of Ruidoso Downs contributes to the Ruidoso economy via the racetrack, Museum of the Horse, not to mention the future plans for the Billy the Kid Byway.

Who cares that all those tourists stay and spend their money throughout Ruidoso.

And who cares that the Wal-Mart Supercenter is a win-win situation for everyone involved,

bringing more people and more money to the area, not just to Ruidoso Downs.

It's pretty obvious to me that our mayor doesn't care. I find it ironic that the Village of Ruidoso Downs banks all their monies right here in Ruidoso. Here's a wild idea! Let's build a bank in Ruidoso Downs so they can keep all their interest off their own money. That'll teach them, huh? By the way, Jerry, I do agree on one thing with you, you shouldn't be at the ribbon cutting ceremony. After all, it's pretty hard to invite your neighbor to the family barbecue when you've been accusing them of stealing the beef! Oh, and by the way, when the new Supercenter does open, ya'll come by and visit with us (you too, Jerry) because at Wal-Mart, we have no preference, everyone is welcome and we appreciate each and all of you.

Debra Quintana
Ruidoso

Beautiful stay in Ruidoso

TO THE EDITOR:

My family and I spent several days in Ruidoso after Christmas this year. We've been coming to Ruidoso off and on for 20 years and we've seen many changes. I want to tell you how beautiful everything looked, how clean the community is now, how environmentally aware you've become!

Ski Apache (Sierra Blanca to us, still) was wonderful — VERY clean; the ski school instructors

were so capable and kind; and the ski patrol on the slopes, especially Cindy Carey, went "beyond the call of duty" to help us have a fabulous time! Thank you, again, and we look forward to coming back to your beautiful town soon!

Pam King
Odessa, Texas

Apologies to RHS band

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to apologize to the fans and supporters of Ruidoso High School.

I am a Ram football supporter and fan. On Friday, Sept. 27, 1996, I was at the Ruidoso vs. Portales football game.

Your band conducted themselves admirably. I would like to apologize for the conduct of the Ram Band. My family, other Portales supporters and even members of the football team were very upset with the Ram Band.

Everyone could see the Warrior Band waiting, lined up for halftime. There is no excuse for the Ram Band marching in front of your band and proceeding onto the field. The Ram Band was rude. The Ram Band was also very inconsiderate by using all but four minutes and some odd seconds of halftime for their show.

I commend the Ruidoso Warrior Band and wish them the best!

Cheryl D. Buffum
Hereford, Texas

Mountain Asides

KEITH GREEN
EDITORIAL ADVISER

One of the things that makes New Mexico so special is its smallness...in population, not geography. Geography-wise, it's at least two gas fill-ups from corner to corner; maybe three in a '1978 Olds 88 needing a valve job.

But population is a smaller element of our state; we cluster, often as not, along stream-beds or in mountain valleys. That means, though, that we get to know each other because there aren't many of us to know.

Stick round a while and you'll talk, personally, to most of the people who govern us or make our laws.

Bruce Kling was a governor for so long that he probably shook half the hands in the state, sometimes more than once.

In the late '80s, during a span of a few years when he wasn't governor, Bruce did manage to keep in touch.

One hot fall, during Albuquerque's annual arts festival at the shady State Fairgrounds, we spotted Bruce King shambling along with considerable determination, bucking the crowd. Going somewhere.

We got the picture quickly: He came to a halt at the major cross-walk in the center of Main Street, stuck out a hand to a passer-by, and said "Hey, Pablo. How ya doin'?"

And there, automatically, was formed a line of people getting a hand-shake from a former governor. Nearly everybody knew him.

But what bowled us over, as he shook hands for the next quarter-hour, was that he seemed to know every passerby by name, and often as not he would ask about the kids by name. A year later he was back in the governor's mansion as a two-time retreat.

Our small population has provided more than its share of astronauts, including Harrison (Jack) Schmidt. He was one of the last astronauts to walk on the Moon. Jack, after getting famous, spent a term as a U. S. senator, and did his campaigning by driving a beat-up red pickup truck around the state.

He was a native of Silver City, a trained geologist, and one of the few civilians who made it into the Apollo program. As a senator (1977-83), he worked hard but didn't spend enough time in New Mexico, so despite his space hero image, he was a one-termer.

We'll always remember him, though, for a long evening at a Taos Ski Valley watering hole where he gave a brilliant review of America's space effort, and kept about two dozen people enthralled for three solid hours.

Along about the same time (we were working in Taos) a young, rather diffident, lanky-plump fellow came into the newspaper office.

He explained that he was from California, had been born in Mexico, but had been working for the New Mexico Democratic party, and thought he might like to be a congressman.

Republican Rep. Manuel Lujan was a fixture in New Mexico's northern district, and we ended up quizzing the young man about what made him think he could win. He didn't have much of an answer, as we recall.

Sure enough, Lujan won handily in the general election. But two years later a new district had been formed, and the "unknown" Bill Richardson went to Washington.

Now, 16 years later, he's leaving Washington to go to New York as ambassador to the United Nations.

If there's a moral in this story, it's simple: In New Mexico, pay attention to people you meet. Treat 'em nice; they just might surprise you.

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Happy Valentine's Day to one and all

This is being sent to you just before high noon on Feb. 11 and will reach you on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.

Today, the spirit of fond affection reaches out across the vast distances of the world. And here in the Mountain Land there is a mood of fond memories throughout the hills and vales under a bright sun shining down from a blue sky; we feel the message of love from our dear ones on earth and in Heaven.

Today I am remembering how my brothers and I in Juneau, Alaska, were making homemade valentines out of special red and white paper, crayons, water colors and paste, which we gave to each other and then to our mother and father and then to the neighborhood children.

I remember our mother's tears of joy as she read a valentine poem written by our father and sent by telegram.

Here in the house is a telegram sent to our mother by our brother Joe saying: "Thanks for the privilege of being your son."

Today I read again a valentine's card given to me by our mother:



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So, on Valentine's Day bring messages of love, good will and fond affection any way you can — flowers, telegraph, telephone, cards or person to person.

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Wedding Anniversaries of Valentine's Day Season

C.R. and Zella Mae Hicks celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Feb. 8.

I had a visit today over the phone with Glenn Hinkle of Sun Valley.

He and his wife Viola celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day, 1995. Viola was called home by our Lord on the following March 12.

Viola and Glenn were Valentine's Day gifts to each other; and a special blessing has followed their lives — up to the present day and always.

Sir Walter Scott's Poem of Love

In this season of the year we remember a poem about love by all-time beloved poet and author Sir Walter Scott:

"In war love mounts the warrior's steed
In peace he tunes the shepherd's reed
In halls in gay attire is seen
In hamlets dances on the green
Love rules the court, the field, the grove
And men below and saints above
For love is heaven and heaven is love"

Happy Valentine's Day!

County won't raise lodger's tax

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Owners of motels, RV parks and other lodging in unincorporated areas of Lincoln County won't have to pay more to promote local tourism next year.

County commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to keep the amount of lodger's tax at 2%, after hearing from representatives of several businesses.

Mike Long, who owns the Little Creek RV Park on Sierra Blanca Airport Road, said he could lose customers if his charges increase to include a higher lodger's tax. State law allows a county to charge up to 5% to pay to advertise the county and help promote local tourism events.

"I feel it should stay at 2%, because we already collect 5.125% in sales tax," Long said. "To save \$1, an RV owner will go down the street to park for free. You raise it and it will discourage them from staying and shopping in the county."

Pamela Adamson, representing High Country Lodge, submitted a petition with the names of a few other affected business owners, all opposing any tax increase.

The county's lodger's tax fund has a balance of \$42,012 and that money should be spent before the commission considers increasing the amount collected, she said.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley offered a motion to amend other wording in the ordinance to comply with state law and to keep the tax at 2%. It passed 5-0.

The tax generates about \$21,500 a year, said Paul Crown, chairman of the county lodger's tax committee.

The group previously had not

"To save \$1, an RV owner will go down the street to park for free."

MIKE LONG
LITTLE CREEK RV PARK OWNER

been spending what it collected each year, Crown told commissioners. When members learned last year that the state could take any money not spent within two years and use it to promote tourism on a regional or state level, they began paring down the fund, which was more than \$60,000 then, according to county officials.

The fund balance is still well in the black, Commissioner Bill Schwetmann said. With 59% of the

year's tax, the committee has spent 41% of its budget, he said.

Much of the balance remaining is committed to promotions, special events and a three-year lease for billboards in Alamogordo, Las Cruces, Socorro and Carlsbad, Crown said. The billboards were suggested by Commissioner Wilton Howell, Nunley said.

He would like to see a list from Crown of all of the promotions and events to which lodger's tax money is contributed, Nunley added.

After reading about the possibility of the commission raising the tax to 5%, he was swamped by calls from business owners opposed to an increase, Crown said.

"It would make us one of the highest in the state," he said, adding the village of Ruidoso charges 3%.

County to put up warehouse on five lots on Carrizozo site

Lincoln County voting machines may be on their way to a new storage building within the next few months. And in the future, a new jail may be constructed on the site, because the existing one is 90% full.

The county staff was told by county commissioners Tuesday to move ahead with the purchase of five lots forming a 150x250 foot tract in Carrizozo. The land is being sold for \$13,402 by The Beall Family Partnership, which includes as a principal Dr. James Beall of Ruidoso and Green Valley, Ariz., said County Manager Frank Potter.

The county bought the land bordered by 11th Avenue and 3rd Street, across from the sheriff's office, for immediate use as a warehouse for the voting machines and for possible future use as a site for a new jail, he said.

A storage building has to be removed from another construction project at the Carrizozo Health Clinic and will be transferred to the 11th Avenue site after a foundation has been created, he said.

"It's nice flat property," Potter said.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

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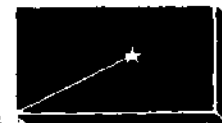
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| Ruidoso Readings | High | Low | Precip. |
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| Wednesday | 39 | 26 | .03" |
| Thursday | 36 | 25 | .14" |

| Regional-Friday | High | Low | Forecast |
|-----------------|------|-----|--------------|
| Albuquerque | 40 | 20 | Mostly sunny |
| El Paso, TX | 55 | 33 | Mostly sunny |
| Lubbock, TX | 46 | 23 | Mostly sunny |
| Midland, TX | 48 | 26 | Mostly sunny |



STARDATE



On Feb. 14 the moon stands to the right of Aldebaran, the brightest star in Taurus, the bull. They are high in the south at sunset and set around 1:30 or 2 a.m.
On Feb. 17 the moon is about four degrees east of Alhena at sunset. Alhena is a second-magnitude star at the feet of Gemini, the twins.

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

OBITUARIES

Morgan Hounsel

Graveside services for Morgan Hounsel, 17, of Ruidoso will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso. Officiating will be Dean Whitaker and John Duncan.

Morgan died Monday, Feb. 10, at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. She was a senior at Ruidoso High School and was involved in many organizations and activities. She attended First Baptist Church in Ruidoso. She moved to Ruidoso in 1988 from Lubbock, Texas.

She is survived by her mother, Annette Anderson; a sister, Cassie Hounsel; a half sister, Helena Hounsel; and many in Ruidoso that she considered her extended family.

Marian White

Marian White, 65, of Ruidoso, died Thursday, Feb. 5, at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. No services are planned at this time.

She was born March 6, 1931 in Enid, Okla.

She was a member of the Lincoln County Democratic Party and was a retired secretary for schools in Tucson, Ariz. She moved to Ruidoso in 1976 from Tucson.

She is survived by a daughter, Jana Schlansker of Los Altos, Calif.; her mother, Reba Warren of Perry, Okla.; a brother, George Warren of Perry, Okla.; a sister, Shirley Williams of Perry, Okla.; and two grandchildren, Steven Schlansker and Jeffrey Schlansker.

The family has requested memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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County opposes expansion of BLM officers' powers

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A federal agency shouldn't usurp the law enforcement authority of the Lincoln County Sheriff on private land, county commissioners said Tuesday.

In a 3-1 vote, commissioners agreed to send a letter drafted by members of the county's Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in response to a plan to reorganize the BLM's law enforcement branch.

Although BLM officials have contended the reorganization is meant to condense law enforcement authority into one section of its rules and does not convey more power to the agency,

county officials are skeptical.

The proposal gives the BLM power to take action against private landowners for polluting neighboring federal land. But PLUAC members fear that provision and others may give the BLM too broad a jurisdiction, PLUAC Chairman Dave Koch said.

"We oppose BLM making arrests on private lands," he said. "We want the local sheriff to address those criminal violations."

One of PLUAC's main functions is to review proposed actions by federal agencies and to recommend responses to the commission. Federal law requires the BLM to consider those responses and reply to them.

In the letter, the county says the BLM rules should:

- include a sentence that BLM law enforcement officers must perform their duties in accordance with state and federal law and in cooperation with local governments and law enforcement authorities;

- tighten certain definitions to avoid multiple interpretations, including the terms dangerous activity, hazard and nuisance;

- delete BLM jurisdiction over "activities on or having a clear potential to affect water bodies on or adjacent to BLM lands;"

- and make clearer restrictions on the use of firearms on public lands.

Mardi Gras here late

If you thought the Mardi Gras Celebration was over, think again!

A taste of New Orleans style celebrating comes to southern New Mexico on Saturday, Feb. 22, as the Museum of the Horse hosts a "Mountain Top Mardi Gras."

Featuring the jazz sounds of the Michael Metz Jazz Ensemble, the party starts at 7 p.m. and carries on until midnight.

The New Orleans party scene will be featured throughout the Museum on the 22nd. Mardi Gras revelers will be treated to some down home cookin' at Gertie's Gator Grille — complete with some authentic Cajun delicacies. A cash bar will be available in Hurricane Alley and party goers can test their skill and chance their fortune on Bourbon Street West. Guests are encouraged to wear traditional Mardi Gras costumes, but museum organizers note that the costumes are optional.

"This is an opportunity for

people to break winter's grip and kick up their heels a little," said Museum of the Horse Director Bruce Eldredge. "At the same time, party goers are contributing to a good cause." All proceeds from the Mountain Top Mardi Gras celebration go toward ongoing projects at the Museum of the Horse.

The Museum's newest exhibit, now under construction, is the Ruidoso Downs Race Hall of Fame. Scheduled to open in July of 1997, this new permanent exhibition traces the racing greats — both equine and human — who have competed at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Tickets for the Mardi Gras are \$35 per person for museum members and \$55 per person for non-members. Because the museum is a non-profit organization, a portion of the ticket prices are tax-deductible. For tickets and more information, call the museum at (505) 378-4142 or 1 (800) 263-5929.

Photographic Society meets

Thursday, Feb. 20

The steering committee of the Photographic Society of Lincoln County has decided that a meeting should be held the third Thursday of each month, beginning Feb. 20. This month's meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Roastery on Rio Street in Ruidoso.

The program will be presented by Ben Frakes on Machu Picchu, where he visited and photographed a couple of years ago.

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Ruidoso Downs man charged with displaying e-mail child pornography

Case is a first for local police

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

When Ruidoso police checked their E-mail about three weeks ago, they found a startling message.

Someone in Ruidoso Downs was sending child pornography through cyberspace.

The tip resulted in the arrest Monday of William Albert Wood, 28, of Ruidoso Downs. He was charged with disseminating graphic images of children engaging in sexual acts with adults.

Police have evidence the children were photographed outside Lincoln County, Chief Lanny Mad-

dox said. All appeared to be under the age of 12 and of both sexes.

Five out-of-state residents suspected of disseminating illegal pornography also may also be connected to the case, and police continue to investigate, he added.

Wood was arraigned in Ruidoso Magistrate Court Wednesday on a charge of sexual exploitation of children, a third-degree felony. Because he fully cooperated with police and has no prior record, he was released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond to the custody of his father, with whom he lives.

Judge William Butts also ordered Wood to immediately report to the Better Days Counseling Center for a psychological assessment.

This the department's first cyberspace pornography case, although they had a case of pornography being randomly sent through fax lines a few years ago, Maddox said.

"Parents should be aware of what their children are seeing

when gaining access to the Internet," Maddox said. "They should be aware that the Internet contains adult pornography, legally, and that almost anything can be placed on the Internet."

Maddox led the multi-agency investigation because he has training on the Internet, he said. The FBI and Ruidoso Downs police also were involved.

Maddox's communications with Wood led Wood to incriminate himself through e-mail, Maddox said.

Maddox was able to find Wood's e-mail address by "going in through the back door" of Internet category listings, he said.

Using an alias name, Maddox sent Wood about six messages asking what kind of pornography he had, if he was the one sending the "kiddie porn," and where he got it.

It wasn't difficult to get the information from Wood, Maddox said.

In his first transmission, Maddox said he e-mailed Wood something like, "I caught some of the

pictures you had on there, but I didn't get the chance to download it. Do you still have them?"

"He wanted me to send him pictures — he'd give me more if I sent some back. My excuse was I wasn't really computer literate, so he kept me on-line," Maddox said.

Wood indicated he was sending the images all over the country after getting them from others, and tried to help Maddox copy the pornography.

After copying several of the messages and images, Maddox obtained a search warrant which was served Friday at Wood's 522 River Lane home. Officers seized Wood's computer and about 250 computer discs containing hundreds of child pornography pictures. During the search, they also found a stack of hard-core pornography magazines, and two, three-liter soda bottles full of urine in his bedroom, police said.

Escorted by his father, Wood turned himself in at the police station Monday, Maddox said.

CAPITAN BUTTS

Capitan receives \$375,000 grant for two water projects

Capitan will receive \$375,000 from the state administered Community Development Block Grant program this year for improvements to its water system.

Information released last month placed the figure lower at \$325,000. The village also received a \$10,000 planning grant, down \$15,000 from its original request.

Capitan was one of the 10 applicants out of 12 in the southeastern economic development district to receive a grant from the program.

Price of Capitan cemetery plots may double next month

The cost of plots may double at the Capitan cemetery.

A hearing is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 10 for the public to hear about the proposal and offer input to the board of trustees.

Plots currently sell for \$100, and the cost for opening or closing graves is \$100. Under a proposal being considered by the trustees, the charges would double to \$200.

With a new addition to the cemetery, about 700 unused spaces should be available in the 1,000-space cemetery, but the number may be smaller, said Village Clerk Deborah Cummins.

City workers have hit rock in some places and uncovered unmarked graves in others, cutting down the space that can be used, she said. The increase in local population also resulted in more plots being sold.



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RESULT

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|--|---------|-----|--------|---------|---------|----------------|
| To approve a new beer and wine license for C.K. Stribling, doing business as Worley Hotel in the settlement of Lincoln. | FOR | FOR | FOR | FOR | AGAINST | 4-1 to approve |
| To approve new policies for the Glencoe Rural Events Center, to set up non-refundable deposits for events and to honor all 1997 bookings to date. | FOR | FOR | ABSENT | AGAINST | FOR | 3-1 to approve |
| To hire Dr. Alex Thal of Western New Mexico University to write a comprehensive land use plan with a section on the culture and customs of the county for \$8,000 or less. | AGAINST | FOR | ABSENT | FOR | FOR | 3-1 to approve |
| To assign the county's contract for legal services from the firm of Parsons, Bryant and Morel to Alan Morel, individually, because the firm has dissolved and Morel is the lead attorney for the county. | FOR | FOR | ABSENT | FOR | FOR | 4-0 to approve |
| To approve a list of county budget adjustments, including using \$22,800 in the sheriff's search and seizure fund to purchase a vehicle for the county drug enforcement officer. | FOR | FOR | ABSENT | FOR | FOR | 4-0 to approve |

County approves state cooperative roadwork projects

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Lincoln County/state roadwork cooperative projects for 1997-98 include improvements near Capitán and Fort Stanton, outside Ruidoso Downs and in the Hondo Valley.

County commissioners approved the projects Tuesday during their monthly meeting. They do not need state legislative approval.

Under the school bus route program, with the county paying 40% and the state 60%, county road department manager Albert Hernandez will put in base course and culverts on 8.4 miles of roads in the Valley View Heights Subdivision south of Capitán off State Road 48.

Six roads in the Agua Fria Subdivision east of Ruidoso Downs will receive attention under the county arterial program, with the county paying 25% and the state 75%.

The \$90,605 project will cover base course, culverts and a chip seal surface on 1.3 miles of Griffith Drive, Parkway Drive, Juniper Road, Canyon Road, Cedar Road and Vegas Road.

Six roads in the Agua Fria Subdivision near Ruidoso Downs will be improved.

Several projects are listed under the cooperative agreement program, with the state paying 60% and the county 40%.

The projects are:

— County Road D003, for \$24,393 to chip seal surface 1.4 miles near Fort Stanton and into Ranches of Ruidoso as an extension of a project started last year on D002;

— County Road E023 for \$13,027 for a low water crossing and associated work on 1.7 miles behind the Sun Country Store in Hondo;

— Holiday Hill Subdivision, \$7,787 for a low water crossing on Dean Road west of Capitán;

— and another \$5,700 for culverts on Griffith Drive and others in the Agua Fria subdivision.

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SPORTS

ON DECK

Friday, February 14, 1997

- Girls district tournaments begin
- New snow welcomes Presidents' Day skiers

SKI REPORT

The snow report for Ski Apache for February 14, 1997:
Inches of new snow in past 24 hours: 9. Inches of new in past 48 hours: 9. New snow in last seven days: 11.

Snow base: varies from 37 to 62 inches on trails open.

Snow surface: powder and packed powder

Number of trails open: 53 of 55, 96% open.

Lifts open: 11 of 11, including the Gondola, chairs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and two surface lifts.

Ski Apache is open daily from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Half-day tickets are sold for afternoon skiing beginning at 1 p.m. Call (505) 257-9001 for the latest conditions at Ski Apache.

SPORTS STATS

BOYS SCORES

Ruidoso 73, Santa Teresa 59
Tuesday, Feb. 11 1997

Summary - Ruidoso overcame a lackluster second quarter to score 45 second-half points and put away Santa Teresa for the third time this season. The Warriors scored just eight points in the second frame and trailed the visiting Desert Warriors by three points at half-time. But Arthur Rojas, Adam Windham, Corey Saez and Scott Sebastian picked apart the Santa Teresa defense for 22 points in the opening period of the second half. Four Warriors scored double figures as the home boys pulled away in the final four minutes of the game for their second District 3AAA win.

Ruidoso 20 13 18 22 73
Santa Teresa 13 18 10 18 59

Ruidoso (9-11, 2-3) - Saez 2(2) 2-4 12, Windham 4 1-2 9, Sebastian 4(2) 3-5 17, Rojas 4(1) 3-5 14, Padilla 6 0-0 12, Miller 0 2-4 2, Grant 1 0-0 2, Cluff 1 0-0 2, Blank 0 0-0 0, Enley 0 0-0 0, Rogge 0 1-2 1. Totals 22 (5) 14-24 73.

Santa Teresa (0-2) - Anaya 4(1) 0-0 11, Augon 6 0-0 12, Villalobos 1 1-2 3, Mena 1 0-0 2, Spears 5(1) 0-0 13, Rojas 6 6-11 15, Hernandez 1 0-0 2, Gonzalez 0 1-2 1. Totals 22 (2) 7-15 59.

Ruidoso team statistics

| | RHS | Opp. |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| 2pt FG % | 43.3% | 39% |
| 3pt FG % | 40% | 28% |
| FG % | 40.2% | 36.9% |
| FTA ave. | 22.6 | 21.4 |
| FTM ave. | 11.8 | 12.8 |
| FT % | 59.7 | 52.3 |
| OFRB ave. | 17.6 | 12.6 |
| DFRB ave. | 28.4 | 23 |
| TotRb ave. | 45.9 | 35.6 |
| Assists ave. | 21.8 | 14.1 |
| Turnovers ave. | 20.4 | 19.1 |
| Ave. points | 63.8 | 61.6 |

Ruidoso scoring leaders

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Corey Saez | 12.6 ppg |
| Arthur Rojas | 10.9 ppg |
| Erik Padilla | 10.1 ppg |
| Scott Sebastian | 7.0 ppg |
| Garvin Grant | 5.7 ppg |

Ruidoso rebounding leaders

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Erik Padilla | 11.3 rpg |
| Adam Windham | 6.8 rpg |
| Garvin Grant | 6.1 rpg |
| Scott Sebastian | 5.6 rpg |
| Tyler Cluff | 4.6 rpg |

Softball association in town for state meeting

The state meeting of the United States Slo-pitch Softball Association (U.S.S.S.A.) will take place Saturday at the Ruidoso Civic Events and Convention Center.

The New Mexico U.S.S.S.A. will hand out annual awards, conduct an umpires clinic and host a meeting for area directors.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

Skiing

Cross Your Heart Cup from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ski Apache. Race on the NASTAR course and raise money for Lincoln County Animal Shelter. Entry fee is \$10. Call 336-4356, ext. 111 for more information.

Basketball

Ruidoso girls at Hot Springs, 7 p.m. Tularosa girls at Capitan, 7 p.m. Capitan boys at Tularosa, 7 p.m. Carrizozo girls at Fort Sumner, 6 p.m. Carrizozo boys at Fort Sumner, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Basketball

Capitan girls at Cloudcroft, 7 p.m. Lake Arthur girls at Hondo Valley, 4:30 p.m. Lake Arthur boys at Hondo Valley, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Ruidoso at District 3AAA meet, THA

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

Basketball

Girls District 6AA and 3A begin first-round games.



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News

Senior heavyweight Brad Beavers might miss Saturday's District 3AAA meet, which would please his opponents. The Warrior wrestler is one of the top heavyweights in the state at the Class AAA level.

Wrestling coach likes Warriors' draw for District 3AAA meet

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The District 3AAA wrestling tournament will take a different form from past years. Instead of tournament style where wrestlers are seeded in weight classes, the four district teams will wrestle each other in a round robin format. The tourney begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in Roswell at the New Mexico Military Institute.

Warrior coach Jerett Perry isn't sure whether or not the new format will benefit Ruidoso's wrestlers, but he does like his team's draw.

Ruidoso begins against Santa Teresa, followed by district favorite Cobre, Silver City and New Mexico Military Institute. With the district's top two teams sandwiched between Santa Teresa and NMMI, the Warriors sit in a good position.

The district coaches elected the round robin format over the tournament style, in part because so many wrestlers had similar records. It was hard to determine seeding, Perry noted.

With the round robin format, the district team champ will be determined by which team accumulates the most points, instead of total individual points in a tourney. Individual champions will be determined by win-loss record, with no losers' bracket.

The Warriors have had two weeks to rest and prepare for the district meet. Ruidoso has wrestled once since its invitational Feb. 1. The Warriors lost to Goddard Monday, 49-34, but Perry was pleased with their effort.

When Ruidoso heads to Roswell, it might be without its top district contender in heavyweight Brad Beavers. Beavers could miss the district meet because of questions surrounding his presence at a keg party busted by police officers Saturday.

Ruidoso athletic director Les Carter said the school will await the outcome of the court's ruling before disciplining Beavers, if it's even necessary to discipline the senior.

"We're just waiting for the due process of the court," said Carter.

Beavers is the Warriors' most dominant and consistent wrestler for Perry. He has a particular prowess for throwing his opponent and then pouncing on top for a quick pin.

Perry believes five other Warriors have good chances at winning their weight class at districts. Sophomore Richard Gray continues to improve at 130 pounds, as does Reny Reidhead at 145. Ruidoso 152-pound entry Seth Bassett will have to get past three-time defending state champ Luis Alvarez of Cobre if he's to win the 3AAA crown.

Jason Leadingham at 171 and Johnny Adams at 215 both have chances to win because of their

tenacity on the mat, Perry added.

Rounding out the lineup for the young Warriors are: Dusty Justice, freshman, 103; Stephan Pietreangelo, freshman, 119; J.J. Rue, sophomore, 125; Jason Lopez, junior, 135; Edward Misquez, sophomore, 140; Matt Ward, senior, 160; and Trey Brantley, senior, 189.

In the 112-pound division, the Warriors lost freshman Xavier Rodriguez, who broke his arm Monday in the Goddard dual meet. Perry is contemplating wrestling Cade Hall in Rodriguez's spot.

Hall, who is just an eighth-grader, has shown lots of promise, Perry said. He'd like to give Hall the experience, but won't make a final decision until today (Friday).

"They've come a long way since the beginning of the year," Perry concluded of his team.

Just how far will be determined Saturday.



When District 3AAA Wrestling Meet Who? Ruidoso, Cobre, Silver, NMMI and Santa Teresa. When: 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Where: NMMI in Roswell.

It's Grizzlies versus Vixens for 3A race

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Once again, it appears the District 3A girls basketball race will come down to Carrizozo trying to unseat perennial power Fort Sumner.

This time however, Grizzly coach Kim Padilla believes her team has its best chance in the last two seasons to do so.

The 12-7 Grizzlies visit Fort Sumner Saturday for the final regular season, District 3A game.

An upset of the defending Class A state champ would give Carrizozo a share of the district title, and force a tiebreak to determine who gets the No. 1 seed in the district

tourney, which starts Tuesday, Feb. 18. The tiebreak is winning margin within the district.

Winning the district also translates into a home court advantage through the district and regional tournaments.

"It's not just for home court advantage; it's also to get over that psychological block of Fort Sumner," Padilla said.

No one in the 3A has really challenged the Vixens. Carrizozo lost to Fort Sumner in its first meeting Feb. 1, 71-46. It was a game closer than the final score indicated.

"We played with them, despite having a really bad third quarter here at home," Padilla said.

"They are not the team they were last year.

"The kids finally realized we can play with the Class A defending state champions. They cried after the game because they finally realized that.

In that first game, the Grizzlies contained Fort Sumner standout Lynn Gonzales.

Carrizozo switched on every pick for Gonzales, which meant she always had a Grizzly defender on her.

Complementing the Carrizozo defensive effort was an aggressive offensive attack.

Grizzly guards Renee Rael and Mandi Baca went right at Gonzales when they had the ball, drawing fouls from the senior Vixen. Gonzales found herself saddled with foul trouble.

"We have to shut down their interior play. We shut down Gonzales, now we have shut their inside play," Padilla said.

Anchoring the Vixens' play in the paint are Shay Overton and Chrystal Ford.

The more-confident Grizzlies also counter with a balanced offensive trio in senior post player Naomi Vallejos (18 points a game), junior guard Mandi Baca (10 ppg) and freshman guard Renee Rael (13 ppg).

Padilla's guard duo has been one of the biggest surprises this season.

Before the emergence of Rael and Baca, Vallejos carried the scoring load for the Grizzlies.

Now Carrizozo has outside scoring power to go with its inside scoring punch.

Rael showed her talent as an eighth-grader at last year's Class A Girls' State Basketball Tournament. She plays like a junior or senior, Padilla noted.

"She's helped take the pressure off Naomi," Padilla said.

Corona's Cardinals remain determined as ever

Corona suits up just five varsity girls each game, but its numbers - or lack thereof - doesn't slow the Cardinals.

Travis Lightfoot's Corona girls basketball team plays just as aggressively defensively and offensively as it would if 15 girls dressed out for the team. Sometimes it results in the Cardinals finishing the game with three or four players on the court. That's one reason why the Cardinals are 1-15 overall and still seeking their first win in the 3A.

But they aren't 1-15 for lack of effort.

"They work real hard and play real hard," said Lightfoot, who has returned to his alma mater to teach agricultural education and coach the girls. "We've played a lot of close games. We've never lost our intensity."

Corona has the smallest enrollment of the five schools in District 3A, with 44 students in grades 7-12.

Lightfoot's only senior is guard Kim Riley, who leads the Cardinals in scoring (15 ppg), rebounding (12 rpg) and assists (6 apg). Rounding out the starting five are a sophomore, two freshmen and an eighth-grader. Of the crop of underclassmen, freshman Sarah Stewart has stood out.

"We try to play within ourselves. We play some man-to-man, but we don't press too much," Lightfoot said. On offense, the Cardinals like to push the ball up the court.

The Cardinals finish out the regular season with three straight games. They played Carrizozo Thursday. Then it's Mountainair Friday and Vaughn Saturday.

Lightfoot likes his team's chances against Vaughn. The Eagles downed Corona by nine points in the first district meeting between the two squads.

Baca has been even more of a surprise for Padilla.

"She's like our inspirational leader. She's always pumped to play. She tries to get everyone else ready to play. I wasn't expecting that," she said. "It's nice to have two shooting guards that can hit the shot."

General end-of-season illness might slow Carrizozo's efforts at upsetting the Vixens. Everyone on the team is sniffing, coughing and aching from the cold and flu.

Senior post player Keri Shafer is slowed by a sore knee, and guard Holly Schlarb won't be as quick on a turned ankle.

If Fort Sumner maintains its grip on the 3A and the standings remain as they are, the Grizzlies will host the quarterfinal and semifinals of the District 3A tournament next week. Corona would travel to Carrizozo for a 6 p.m. game Tuesday, Feb. 18, while Vaughn would visit Mountainair. Tuesday's winners meet Thursday at the higher seed's gym. Then that winner goes to Fort Sumner for the district championship Saturday, Feb. 22.

The top two District 3A teams from the district tournament advance to the Region D tournament, hosted by the District 3A champion.

"It's nice to have two shooting guards that can hit the shot."

KIM PADILLA
CARRIZOZO GIRLS COACH

BUSINESS

Real estate agents urge repeal of state subdivision law

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Local real estate agents urged Lincoln County Commissioners Tuesday to push for the repeal of the state's 1995 Subdivision Act.

Representing the Ruidoso Board of Realtors legislative committee, Rose Peebles said the act's requirements are costly and drive up lot prices. Decisions on whether to split lots should be returned to the county level, she said.

Commissioners agreed the law needs to be modified and that representatives from the real estate industry should be part of the process.

They approved a resolution stating their position to be sent to the state Legislature and the state Association of Counties. The legislature is meeting in Santa Fe until mid-March.

It's important for the association to take the lead in convincing the Legislature to repeal or modify the act, because in 1995, the group proposed the legislation and urged its passage, Commissioner Wilton Howell said.

The Lincoln County Commission never took a stand on the 1995 legislation, but Howell said he opposed its passage personally.

"I'd like to see more local control," he said. "Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent by counties all over the state to implement these state rules, and they are no closer to solving their problems."

He doesn't want to see the state law lose all its power, however.

"I don't want it stripped to the point that developers could make

off with all the money and never deliver the services," Howell said.

County commissioners from all over the state who are members of the association, including Howell, met Wednesday in Santa Fe to develop a strategy for repeal or modification.

During the Tuesday commission meeting, Commissioner William Schwettmann said the National Home Builders Association intends to introduce some legislation to blunt the 1995 act's impact.

"We're not going to be able to completely repeal it, but it could be changed to give the counties more say," Schwettmann said. "They know their areas and what's happening. Comment (on development) would be allowed by state agencies, but it would not be binding and it would have to be sent within 30 days (after plans are submitted for comment)."

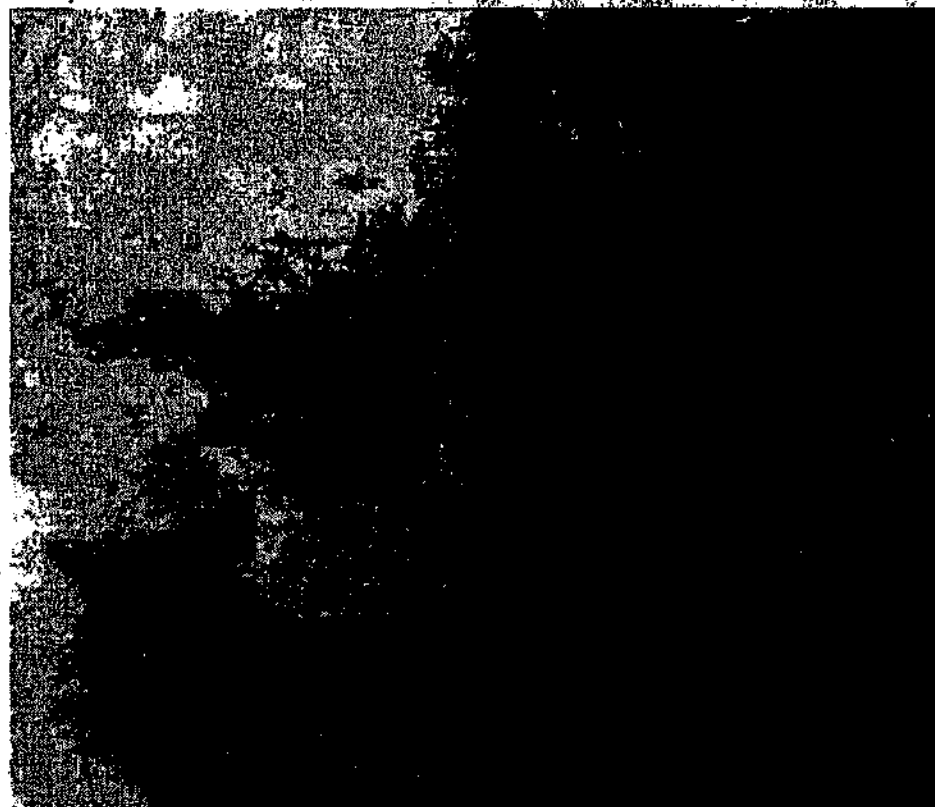
"Municipalities have control over their development, so why shouldn't counties?"

Lincoln County has no zoning, but does operate under state and county subdivision regulations.

"Water is the real issue and I'm glad to see the county pursuing a water plan," Peebles said in reference to a recently-formed county water advisory board.

Because of the state prohibition against lot splitting except under specific and limited circumstances, real estate agents "can't go out and sell property that's not in a subdivision," Peebles said.

The 1995 law set stiffer requirements for subdivisions and included all lot splits under the subdivision definition. The require-



Realtor Rose Peebles says the state's subdivision law has driven up the price of homesites because new subdivisions cost too much.

ments for water, roads and other improvements have driven up the cost of creating a subdivision, discouraging potential buyers of large tracts, real estate officials said.

Lots in existing subdivisions have become the "safe" buy, but their prices are going up as the number available goes down, they said.

The net effect is to drive up the cost of property and homes, driving out many of the young people in town, who can't afford to buy, she said.

Joining the call for repeal, real estate agent Mark Mobley said existing state environmental regulations already safeguard against too many or ineffective septic tanks.

Turning to local regulations, Mobley asked commissioners to change the wording in local subdivision regulations that the county "may" accept roads built to its standards after successful completion of

a two-year test period.

"It reads at the discretion of the commission whether the roads are taken over by the county for maintenance or not," he said. "I'd like to see that changed to, the county shall take over," if they pass the two-year test period and meet specifications.

"That's not going to happen in Lincoln County for awhile," said Chairman Monroy Montes. "In fact, we are encouraging private roads (in subdivisions) right now."

In other business, commissioners:

— accepted an \$18,830 price from Sierra Blanca Motors to buy a 1996 or 1997, 15-passenger van with less than 20,000 miles;

— and approved an updated plan for services by the Maternal Child Health planning Council, a multi-option associated grant proposal and a council membership list.

Conover appointed to state mining commission

Governor Gary Johnson has appointed Marshall Conover to regulate and permitting coal surface mining operations in New Mexico under the New Mexico Surface Mining Act.

Conover, a retired engineer who has visited Ruidoso since 1958 and moved to Ruidoso full-time four years ago with his wife Alice, has more than 35 years engineering experience and expertise that spans fossil, solar and geothermal energy programs; environmental engineering consulting services to most industry sectors; and missile and space programs such as Nike, Redstone, Atlas, Mercury, Apollo, Skylab and Space Shuttle. Conover consulted to the U.S. Department of Energy in the development of the National Fossil Energy Plan.

Conover's combined technical capabilities in fossil energy and environmental regulatory compliance matters will be useful to the Coal Surface Mining Commission, "which performs a vital function in the activities of this important segment of New Mexico's economy," said Jennifer A. Salisbury, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department in Santa Fe. The Coal Surface Mining Commission is responsible for protect-

ing New Mexico's environment by regulating and permitting coal surface mining operations in New Mexico under the New Mexico Surface Mining Act.

The Coal Surface Mining Commission's operation is the responsibility of the Mining and Mineral Division, a segment of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department. By law, the nine-member Coal Surface Mining Commission is composed of representatives of the Mines and Mineral Resources Bureau; Game and Fish Department; Environment Secretariat; Soil and Water Conservation Commission; NMSU Agricultural Experiment Station; State Engineer's Office; Public Lands Commissioner's Office; plus two public members, including Conover.

As with all commission appointments, the Senate Rules Committee must confirm Governor Johnson's 150 appointments during the current legislative session. A hearing appearance before that Senate committee will be required. State senators Pete Campos (D) and Diana Duran (R) have agreed to sponsor Conover's appointment onto the Senate floor for confirmation.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Smith Ranches joins Angus Assn.

Smith Ranches of Picacho is a new member of the American Angus Association.

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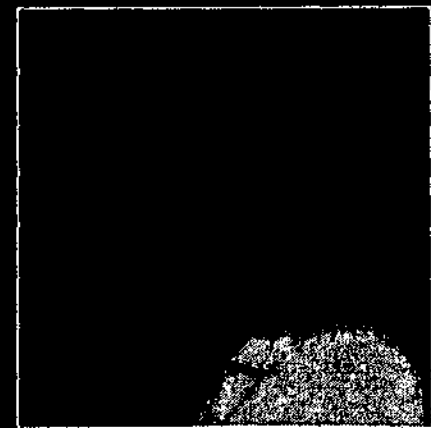
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BUSINESS

Bill would reduce employment tax

Representative Terry Marquardt (R-Ore.) introduced legislation Jan. 30 that would reduce state employment taxes in calendar year 1998 by approximately \$10 million. The change to the New Mexico Unemployment Law would also enhance identification of child support debtors and intercept unemployment benefits. Payments would then be applied to child support debts.

Marquardt quoted statistics that show New Mexico has seen a shift from seasonal employment to year-round employment over the past 20

years. Because of this shift, New Mexico has more stable employment and consequently fewer unemployment claims, he said.

"Because we are collecting more in taxes than making benefit payments, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund can safely be reduced without harming the solvency of the fund," Marquardt said.

Marquardt's bill coordinates with Governor Johnson's goal of stimulating New Mexico's economy through increased efficiency in budget management, he said.

"In addition to the tax reduction and consequent stimulation to the economy, I have received a great deal of support from my colleagues for the enhanced identification of parents who are remiss in supporting their children and the application of unemployment benefits to their child support debts," Marquardt added.

"The neat thing about this legislation, is that it not only is economic development legislation, but it also addresses social concerns regarding the children of our state," he concluded.

by TOM UDALL

New Mexico Attorney General

What scams should you beware of when you're surfing the Net?

With 40 million users, the Internet offers a wealth of possible new targets for scam artists. The National Consumer League's Internet Fraud Watch project has identified the top five Internet scams. They are:

— Ponzi schemes, in which early investors make some money, but most investors lose all of their money;

— Internet-related services, such as web site design, that are never delivered;

— sales of computers or computer-related equipment that is of inferior quality or never delivered;

— business or franchise opportunities that misrepresent profits, available work or supplies provided;

— and offers that, like business opportunities, promise more than they deliver.

Are any work-at-home offers on the Internet legitimate?

It's a good idea to approach these offers cautiously. Although some work-at-home offers are legitimate, many are not. Con artists have moved from the classified ads

in newspapers to the Internet.

Work-at-home frauds discovered on the Internet have included promises of work in word processing or computer graphic designs. But after investments ranging from \$35 to \$500, consumers have found that the promised work didn't materialize. In a word-processing scam, consumers bought software after being told they could pull job assignments off of the sellers' central main frame computer. In reality, the software did not allow assignments to be downloaded. Rather, the disk contained text files of companies that hire people to do word processing for them, but only at their businesses, not in the consumer's home.

In the graphic designs scam, a company sold consumers a graphics program, promising to purchase any graphics produced. But after the graphics were produced, the company refused to purchase them, claiming the designs did not meet their quality control standards.

How can you know if it's a legitimate offer?

Check out the company before you pay any money to it. Call the Better Business Bureau at 1-800-878-2224 or the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-

800-678-1508. Consumers also can get advice by calling the National Fraud Information Center's hotline at 1-800-876-7060 or by visiting its website at <http://www.fraud.org>.

There's also the Netchek Commerce Bureau at <http://www.netchek.com/default2.htm>. It is similar to the Better Business Bureau, in that browses can call up companies by name to see if any consumers have complained about them. Netchek also has a directory of businesses that registers with it.

Remember, whether it's on TV or on your computer screen, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

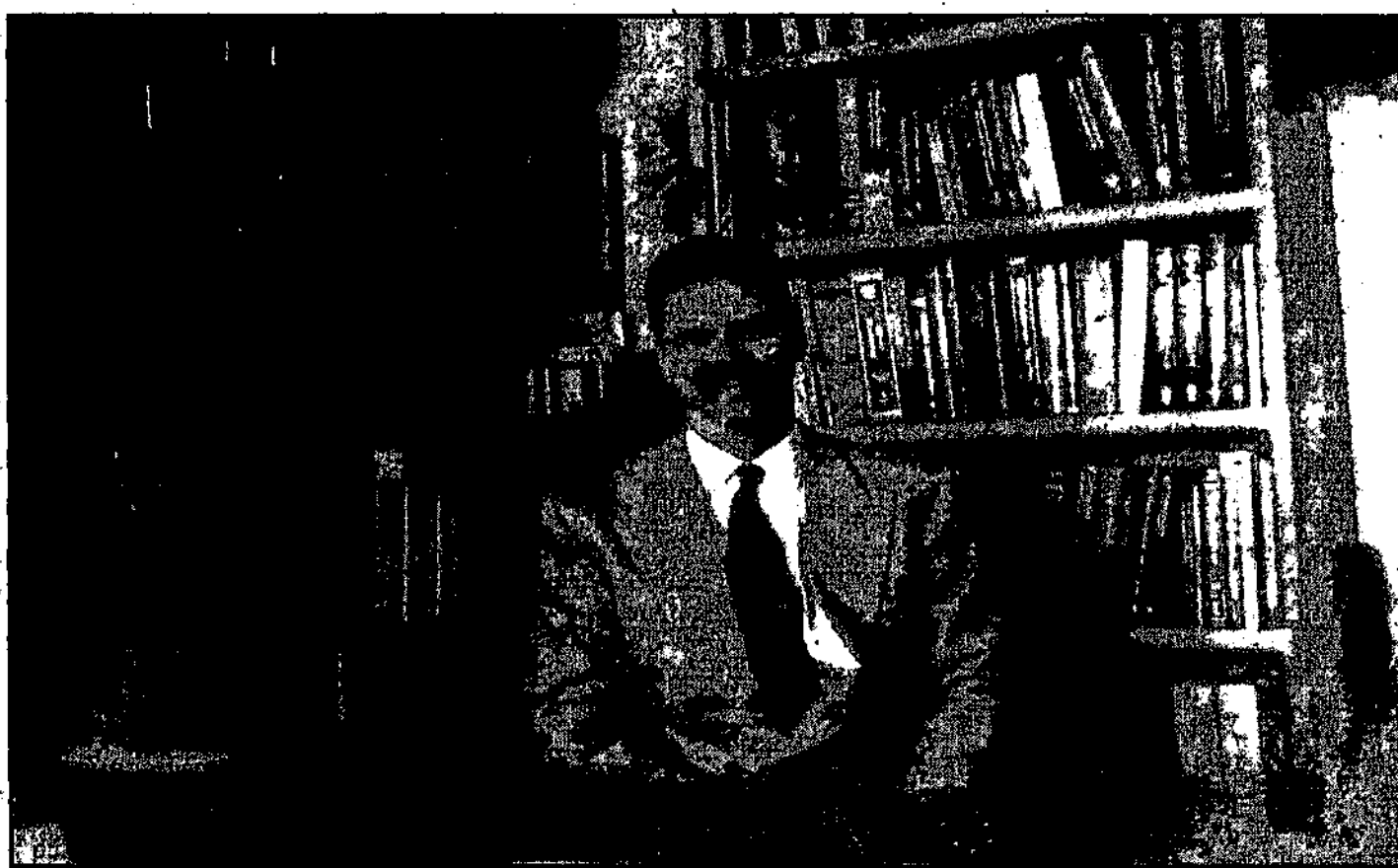
If you're the victim of an Internet scam, who can you turn to?

Fraud committed on the Internet breaks the same federal and state laws as other types of fraud.

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Dr. Jack Waters

Chiropractor offers free consultation

New Ruidoso Chiropractor Dr. Jack Waters has a unique offer: if you stop by his office for a consultation, it's free.

If you don't want additional care, there's no future obligations. Being new to town, he just wants you to give him a chance, and he's confident he'll win you over.

Waters may be new to Ruidoso, but he's not new to this state. A native New Mexican, he has been a Doctor of Chiropractic for 10 years after earning his degree at the Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Mo. He is a Diplomate American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedics, and is a certified

chiropractic sport physician. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University.

His office is equipped with an x-ray unit to aid in the speed and quality of diagnosis of musculoskeletal health problems.

State-of-the-art computerized equipment makes it quicker and easier to process health insurance, workman's compensation and personal injury insurance forms and claims.

Waters will even arrange for appointments on weekends if needed.

"We seek to provide the highest degree of health care possible," Waters said. "We take our commitment to your needs seriously and

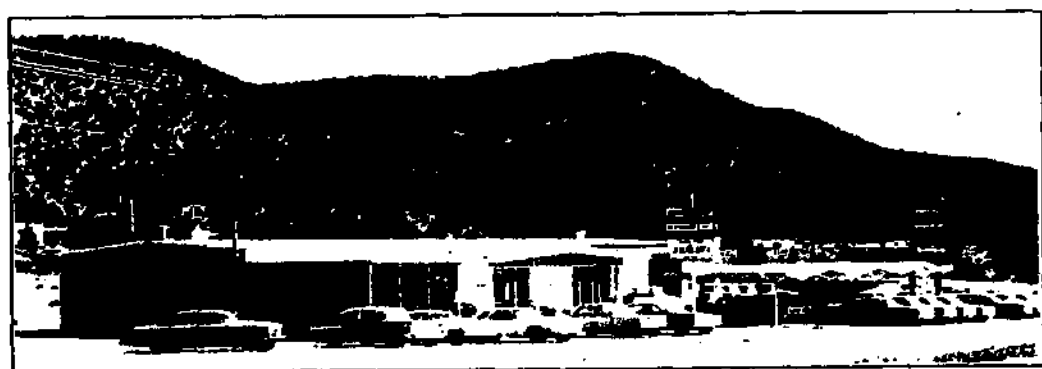
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"In our office, we feel it is a privilege to treat our patients, and to take care of their health needs. Service is our number one priority."

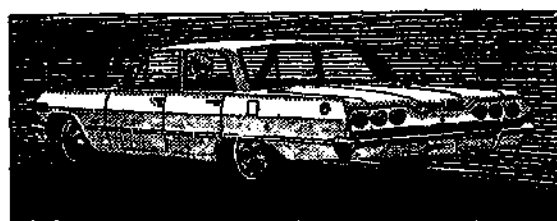
Waters offers a long list of pain spots he can help relieve: headaches, neck, mid-back, rib, lower back, arm, hand, elbow, shoulder, leg, foot, ankle and knee.

His office is located at 206 Porr Drive, and his phone number is 257-2626. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays; and Friday afternoons and weekends by special appointment.

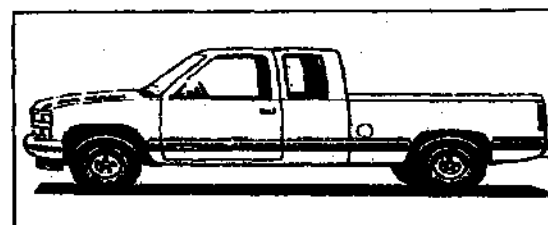
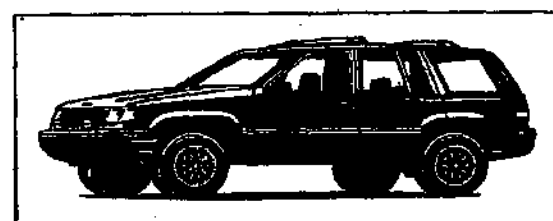
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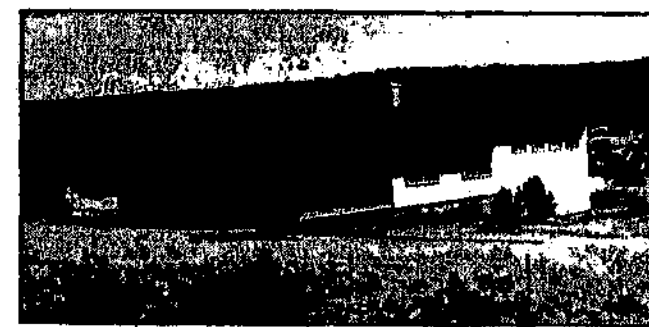
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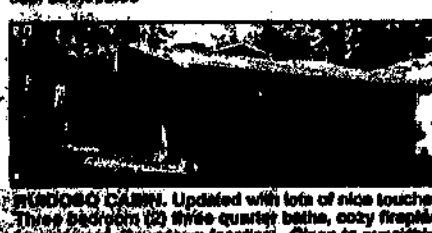
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103 Nogal Place Value Range 11

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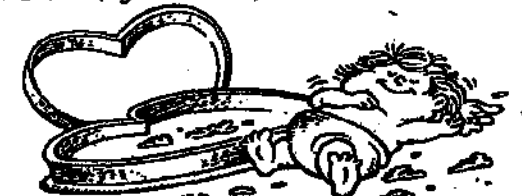
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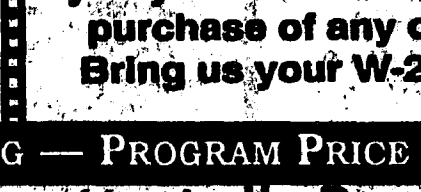

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Lincoln County resident Ernest McDaniel recalls a long, rich life in the valley.

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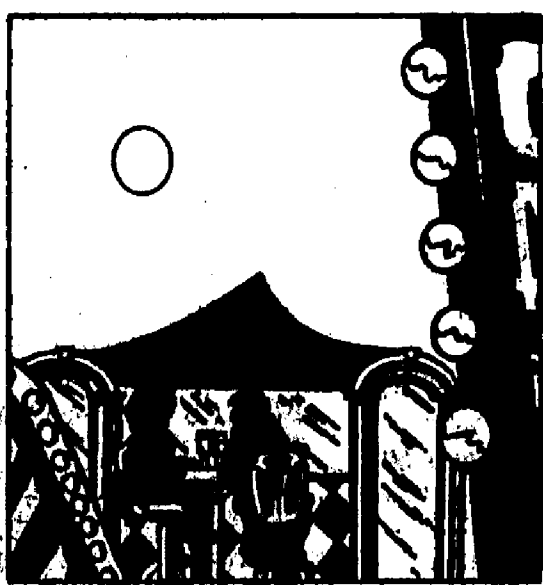
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A garden variety lunatic

Johnny Ringo. Page 10V





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What's happening?



Music

BLACK MOUNTAIN MALE CHOIR OF WALES, Buchanan Hall, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales — 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. A repertoire from classic traditions and selections from opera, folk, hymns and popular music. No admission. Open to the public. For more information contact Carol Brock at 505-562-2227.

"KAIRNE, CELTIC ORIGINS" CD SIGNING, Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street, Ruidoso — 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. Meet Ruidoso artist Debra Funke-d'Egnuff and hear her perform while you sip a great cup of coffee. For details call 257-2001.

SWEETHEART DANCE sponsored by Lincoln County Pride — 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 in the Screaming Eagle Lounge at the Enchantment Inn, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso. Admission \$3 singles, \$5 couples.

THE COFFEE POT, 606 3rd St., Tularosa, (505) 585-6262 — Saturday evening, music and dinner. 1 block east of Catholic church. Look for the pink windows.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB, 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2733 — 5-30 p.m. Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Randy Jones on his guitar. Randy plays a variety of music, from country to blues.

GALLOPING TORTOISE, 662 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2511 — 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Randy Jones and friends perform rock 'n' roll, country and blues.

HOLLYWOOD INN, 2239 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs, 378-9911 — 8-12 Friday, Feb. 14 Cuatro Suenos. 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, Talamas Duo plays country, blues, oldies and more.

IN-ESPRESSO-BLE COFFEE HOUSE, Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso — Live music on Saturday nights.

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 McCain Monday and Tuesday, Dave King Wednesday-Sunday. Bill Gross plays vibraphone for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m. Apache Tee — Mark Remington 6-10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 12-15.

INCREIBLE SALOON, N. Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4312 — 9 p.m. Wednesday nights, Randy Jones. 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15-16, Frank McKenna & Co.

MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764 — Live music on weekends.

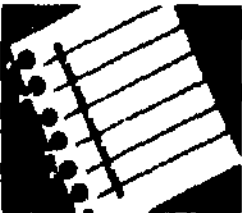
MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-6886 — 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, Smokin' Guns play country western. Cover \$3 singles, \$5 couples. 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 Stand-Up Comedy Showcase features Barbara Copeland, Jennie Lou Oakes and David Rout. Cover \$3. DJ Mike B after the showcase.

SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Enchantment Inn, Hwy. 70 west, Ruidoso, 378-4061 — 8 p.m. — close Thursday through Saturday, Karl plays a variety of music from the 1930's forward.

THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506 — 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday live music.

WIN, PLACE & SHOW, 2516 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9882 — Live country music 7 nights a week, 8:30 p.m. — 1:30 a.m.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2835 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9536 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday - Sunday. DJ, no cover.



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"CHOCOLATE AFFAIR," Villa del Ray Retirement Village, 2801 North Kentucky Avenue, Roswell, 605-625-8426 — 2 p.m. — 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. An indulgence of the sweet tooth with choco-

late delights of all sorts. Music provided by Targitell Sisters. Tours of the village will be available. Reservations would be appreciated. 505-622-1658 or 505-625-8426.

OPERATION DWI BLITZ — Starts Friday, Feb. 14 and runs through Feb. 23. Ruidoso police and police agencies throughout the state will set up checkpoints throughout the area to enforce DWI laws.

MYSTERY WRITING WORKSHOP, Minter's Hall, University of Texas at El Paso, 505-915-747-5142 — 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. Best selling novelist Mary Elizabeth Lynn will conduct a workshop for new and experienced writers.

HEARTS ON ICE — 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 free ice skating party in Cloudcroft. The skating pond is located on the south side of Hwy 82, one block east of the gas station. Entertainment, skates, a warm fire, cookies and hot cocoa will be provided.

OPERATION BUCKLE DOWN BLITZ — Now through Feb. 15. Ruidoso police and police agencies throughout the state will step up enforcement of adult and child restraint laws. Unbuckled motorists can expect to pay \$42 for violating the seat belt law and \$67 for violating the child restraint law.

PARENTING THE YOUNG CHILD, "Communicating with young children," Public Meeting Room, Ruidoso High School — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. The fourth of seven sessions led by Dr. Birgit LaMothe, geared to those who deal with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The course is free and no registration is needed. For further information call 257-6149 or 354-2761.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SEMINAR, Chapa, 607 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo — 7:30 a.m. — noon Friday, Feb. 21. Speaker is Merilee J. Dannemann, Public Information Coordinator, New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration. Local employees will have the opportunity to ask questions directly relating to their type of business. Registration fee \$20, includes buffet breakfast. For more information call 505-437-9210.

CAPTAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL — 8 a.m. — 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. State licensed. Ages 3-5 years. \$10 a day. To register call 354-8015 or 257-5176. Child care reimbursement applications through the state government are available.

SCI-FI SHORT STORY CONTEST, Space Center, Alamogordo, 1-800-545-4021 — Stories written by students in grades 7-12 will be judged in May. There are two divisions: middle school and high school. Stories will be judged on their structure, plot, story development, grammar, spelling and vocabulary. No more than two stories may be submitted. Deadline for submitting entries is mid-night, May 1. For more information contact the Space Education Department 1-800-545-4021.

SANTA FE OPERA YOUTH POSTER AND T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST — deadline Saturday, March 1. Students of New Mexico schools may submit entries in any media which reflect the current theater location or ideas for a new theater. One winner will be chosen for the poster and one winner for the t-shirt. For more information contact Andrea Fellows Walters at the Santa Fe Opera, 505-888-5823.

"DANCING IS SILENT POETRY," Ballet New Mexico School of Dance, 1204 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-4660 — Ballet classes now starting. Pre-ballet, 3-6 year olds; beginning and advanced ballet; ballet fitness for adults. A spring performance is in the works with dances from Snow White, a ragtime dance and Pas de Quatre.

AARP TAX AID VOLUNTEERS — 2-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday afternoons until April 11. Volunteers will be at the Ruidoso Senior Center behind the public library on Junction Road, to help elderly and low-income taxpayers with both federal and state income taxes. Taxpayers should bring a copy of their 1998 tax returns and federal/New Mexico income tax packets. For more information call 257-4565.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — slots, live blackjack, and poker tables. Open daily.

RUIDOSO DOWNS SPORTS THEATER, half-mile east of race track, off Hwy. 70 on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs — simulcast racing throughout the week. Call 378-4431 for races and times.



Clubs & Meetings

RUIDOSO/LINCOLN COUNTY ADULT SINGLES GROUP — 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 Valentine's Day celebration at Tinnie's Silver Dollar. Reservations are required. Call Patsy at 653-4232.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS — 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at Perfect Health Therapeutic Massage, 1204 Mechem, Suite 11, Ruidoso.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION — 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY — 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Ruidoso Civic Center.

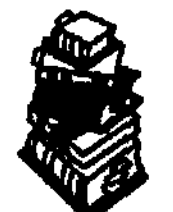
DRIVER'S EDUCATION REGISTRATION — 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the Ruidoso High School dining hall.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR LINCOLN COUNTY — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Senior Center, 501A Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. Residents of Lincoln County who are currently in cancer treatment, have family members in cancer treatment or are cancer survivors are urged to attend. The meeting will feature a guest speaker and informative video. For more information call Genevieve Phelan at 258-3726 or Barbara Jones at 258-4882.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

LA JUNTA FCE CLUB — 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Phyllis Zumwalt's home in Honda. Phyllis will present the lesson, "Taking care of Lizzy" (care of your car). Call 505-653-4871 for directions.

UNITED WAY OF LINCOLN COUNTY — 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 in the public meeting room at Texas-New Mexico Power Company, 1100 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso.



Library

STORYTIME AT THE RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY — 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, puppet shows, songs, dance, nursery rhymes, storytelling, arts and crafts, and creative drama. For 3- to 6-year-olds, no sign-ups and it's free.



Movies

SIERRA CINEMA, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-4444 — "Star Wars," "Dante's Peak," "Absolute Power." Call theater for show times and ratings.



Theater

"SQUARE ROOT OF LOVE," Alamogordo Community Theatre at the Cree Meadows Country Club, Ruidoso — Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15 and Feb. 21-22. Dinner theatre featuring an adult romantic comedy. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the performance starts at 8 p.m. Call 257-2733 for reservations.



Museums & Galleries

SILVER CITY ARTISTS TOUR — 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 and noon — 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16. Samples of artists' work will be displayed at 19 sites within downtown Silver City, and in addition five studios within a short drive are available for visiting. Tour is free. For further information call 505-538-5232.

THE ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM, 2000 Mountain Road NW, near Old Town, Albuquerque, 505-243-7255 — "Zones of experience: the art of Larry Bell," exhibition runs Sunday, Feb. 16 through May 18. A representative group of works spanning a career of more than 40 years. Common Ground exhibition through mid-September. A unique section features a series of western landscapes by Albuquerque artist Wilson Hurley, on exhibit through May 11. Admission is free. Museum hours: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday and holidays.

BENSON FINE ART, Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2813 — The gallery will open at its new location in mid-February. It will feature contemporary and period southwestern and American art, Native American baskets, pottery and textiles and contemporary fine crafts.

EAGLE RANCH ART GALLERY, 7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999 — 7:30-9:30 p.m. Artists of the Mountain Majesty Workshops have works on display throughout February. The show features a variety of media from watercolor and oil to stone sculpture and Ukrainian eggs. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. — 6 p.m. seven days a week.

FECHIN ART WORKSHOPS, Donner Ranch, San Cristobal, 505-776-2622 — Five-day workshops May through October. The series includes workshops in oil painting, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, drawing and sculpture. Contact the ranch for further information and booking details.

JONSON GALLERY, UNM campus, 1809 Lee Lomas NE, Alamogordo, 505-277-4667 — "Raymond Jonson: the value of light" on exhibit through Mar. 21. Examples of Jonson's light explorations from throughout his 70-year career. Museum hours: 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 5-8 p.m. Tuesday; closed weekends. Free admission.

KIMO THEATRE GALLERY, 423 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, 505-848-1370 — "Art for the new millennium" on exhibit through Mar. 18. The exhibit highlights new ideas and media experiments in the area of visual arts. Free admission (except during evening and weekend performances).

MAXWELL MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, University of New Mexico, off University Avenue north of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Albuquerque, 505-257-4406 — "Mones de Cochiti: historic clay figurines and their present-day counterparts." This exhibit on display through June 1, 1997.

MOUNTAIN LEGENDS GALLERY & FOUNDRY, 610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-6040 — 7:30 a.m. — 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, public bronze pourings and tour of the foundry.

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142 — Showing through March 31, "200 years of firearms: rifles, pistols and commemorative from the collection of G.L. 'Bones' Wright." Regular admission. Museum hours: 9 a.m. — 5:30 p.m. daily Tuesday - Sunday.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE, Dynamex Theater, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, 505-841-2826 — 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. every hour on the hour through Friday, Aug. 29. "Whales," a 41-minute film documenting the migration of the world's largest mammals. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors and students; \$2 for children age

3-11; combination ticket to theater and museum is \$5 for adults; \$6 for seniors and students; \$3 for children.

ROSWELL MUSEUM AND ART CENTER, 108 West 11th Street, Roswell, 505-824-8744 — "Spirit ascendant, the art and life of Patrofilo Barrios," on exhibit through April 27. "The spirit's inner journey: paintings by Bernadette Vigil," on exhibit through May 11.

SPACE CENTER, Alamogordo, 1-800-545-4021 — "Electric space: exploring our plasma universe" through April 27. The exhibit takes a closer look at the sun and how it can cause Earth's largest light show, the polar aurora, and examines key concepts in space physics. Through interactive exhibits visitors can explore the realms of our plasma universe.

UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM, UNM Center for the Arts, Albuquerque, 505-277-4001 — "Mythos: H. Jack Lieberman and friends" on exhibit through March 8. Street photographs and the poems they inspired.

"Sequences and series: prints and photographs from the permanent collection" on exhibit through March 23. Artists explore the modular quality of prints and photographs to construct a series or sequence of images.

"French oil sketches and the academic tradition" on exhibit through May 18. Historically significant works of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries from a private collection. Museum hours: 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 5-8 p.m. Tuesday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM DOWNTOWN, 516 Central SW, Albuquerque, 505-242-8244 — "Landscapes: tapestries by Olga de Amaral" on display until March 1. "The School of the U" on display until March 29. This exhibition features the works of UNM Fine Arts Department alumni, who were graduated between 1940 and 1990. A gallery talk will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.

"Cupid and Other Winged Creatures" on display until April 12. Museum hours: 11 a.m. — 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Free admission.



Parks & Recreation

ASTRO ACADEMY, Space Center, Alamogordo, 1-800-545-4021 — 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 13 — March 27. A seven-week course on how to use telescopes and an introduction to observing the night sky. Course fee \$40. Class limited to 12 participants and is open to seventh graders through adults.

PRENATAL AEROBICS — 5:15-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The class will be taught by a certified aerobics and prenatal fitness instructor. Contact Ruidoso Athletic Club, 415 Wingfield, Ruidoso, 257-4800 for registration information.

BOSQUE DEL APACHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BIRDING TOURS — Guided tours and workshops in February. The free outings are limited to 20 participants. For more information or to make reservations call 505-835-1828. The refuge is located eight miles south of San Antonio on Hwy. 1. Birding the bosque — 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 and 22, three-hour session. General refuge tours — 1 p.m. every Sunday in February, two-hour tour.

WOMEN'S POOL LEAGUE — 7 p.m. Sundays at the Ruidoso Bowling Center, 1202 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. For information and sign-up call Melissa at 257-3557.

RUIDOSO GYMNASTICS — Year-round boys and girls classes for ages 18 months through high school. For more information call 378-4661.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 426-7400

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS ARCADE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Video arcade, pool tables.

RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 415 Wingfield, 257-4800.



Neighbors

The importance of being 'Ernest'

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Many know Ernest McDaniel and his brother, Robert, as hard-working ranchers who have watched Lincoln County survive the moods of nature and the economy throughout the last half century.

But behind the doors of their simple adobe ranch house in Hondo Valley, the brothers have conducted lives rich in literature and other pursuits such as astronomy. Both are college graduates, who gave up other careers to live and ranch near Ruidoso.

They know the history of their adopted county and literally know where the bodies are buried. Using what he learned to earn a degree in anthropology, Ernest McDaniel has participated in university excavations as well as some explorations of his own.

They have lived together, worked together and helped others in their community together since they moved to Lincoln County full time in 1941.

Ernest even jokingly insists his brother, who lost his twin at an early age, has been trying to make him into his twin ever since.

Early signs

Ernest was born on April Fool's Day, 1912, in Muskogee, Okla.

His father, who started as a teacher, owned and published a newspaper that later became The Tulsa World. His mother taught at the Nuyaka Tribal Mission School.

His maternal grandfather used to bring longhorn cattle from Texas for distribution to all of the Indian tribes in Oklahoma.

As a young boy, Ernest attended school at Okmulgee, the capital of the Creek Indian Nation. An old council house built of sandstone still stands in the middle of town, partly because of his father's efforts to preserve it when some in the town wanted it torn down.

In 1925, the family moved to Texas after Ernest's father invested everything in a wildcat oil well that fizzled.

"It came in as a beautiful gusher, but just lasted 24 hours," Ernest said.

His father dabbled in advertising for a Texas newspaper, but gradually drifted into the oil business full time.

"It was the start of The Depression when everyone else was going under," Ernest said.

The two boys lived three blocks from the state capitol and used to pass through the building on their way to school. At the age of 12, Robert became a Senate page.

Back then, Texans graduated from high school in the 11th grade, and Ernest headed to the University of Texas since the family lived in Austin.

"All our buddies and friends were sons and daughters of professors there," he said.

In college, Ernest joined the university's first swimming team, taught Red Cross lifesaving techniques to lifeguards and developed a lifelong affinity for the water.

"I was going to be a zoologist, but at that time the university's zoo logy department was strictly pre-med," Ernest said. "I met a lot of doctors-to-be and changed my major to anthropology."

Robert earned his degree in petroleum engineering.

Ernest's first official excavations occurred around Austin.

"It's good flint country and we found a wealth of knives, dart points and arrowheads," Ernest said.

He later spent a summer excavating a burial site of a coastal Indian tribe, the only one in North America to practice cannibalism. Ernest's team located 93 burials near Corpus Cristi, Texas.

While testing another site three miles away, they found pottery and a silver Spanish coin about the size of a quarter, dated 1720.

Most of his work was concentrated in East Texas and included Goliad, where a famous massacre occurred.

By this time, the family had started visiting his father's brother, who had been a doctor since 1913 with the Indian Health Service. He had inactive tuberculosis, so he was assigned to care



Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

Ernest McDaniel (right) and his brother Robert sit on the steps outside their adobe ranch house in Hondo.

for military tuberculosis victims at Fort Stanton.

"He liked the country so well, he decided to stay in Tularosa," Ernest said. His first call was to pronounce a man shot dead in a pasture while fighting over water.

His uncle and aunt soon tasted the unpredictable nature and effects of weather in New Mexico. When a flash flood washed out the highway, he and his wife took a Southern Pacific hand-pump car and pumped 17 miles north to Three Rivers, to help some injured people.

"It could happen again right here," Ernest said, referring to highways being washed away with flash floods. As areas to the west

and higher than Hondo Valley are paved over in commercial development, more and more water, running faster, will head into the valley during heavy rains, he said.

His uncle lost his health completely during a severe flu epidemic, because he'd go anywhere any time, Ernest said.

"He had one of the first automobiles in Otero County, but there were few roads," Ernest said. "So he would go in a buggy and if he couldn't make it on that, he'd go on horseback to treat patients. He went all over this valley and the Cloudcroft area."

Although Ernest later became a personal friend and neighbor of

the late artist Peter Hurd, the first in the family to know the famous Western painter was his aunt's brother.

"His name was Parker Kalloch, and he had been Hurd's tack officer at West Point and bought his first painting," Ernest said.

Life on the ranch

Ernest's father decided he wanted property in Ruidoso after he visited his brother, who had leased a little cabin in Upper Canyon next to the forest on the river in Ruidoso.

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McDaniels (front row, left) joined the University of Texas' first swimming team when he was in college.

McDaniel: local chronicler has a wealth of stories

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The owner later sent Ernest's father a telegram, saying that if he wired \$250, he would sell his furnished cabin and land. Although it was a holiday, Ernest's father complied. It was the first of many purchases by the family, which still owns about 2,000 acres in the county, including about 60 acres in Upper Canyon.

By that time, Ernest's father worked in oil royalties and leases and could conduct a lot of his business long distance or by driving to New Mexico's southeastern corner in a few hours. He enjoyed fishing in Ruidoso and moved up here in 1933. He became close friends with the Cree family that at one time owned most of what is now the town of Ruidoso and the Cree Meadows Golf Course.

"At one time, they wanted to sell 12,000 acres for \$55,000 and terms," Ernest said.

Although he enjoyed archaeol-

ogy, Ernest had discovered that it was not a high paying job.

"The top pay was about 30 cents an hour," he said. "I took on the job as cook for the (excavation) camps too," he said. He was allowed 30 cents a day to buy groceries for the crew.

A lot of his work took place in Titus County, Texas, where the infamous Bonnie and Clyde had relatives and were making a reputation for themselves as fearless bank robbers.

"They would visit at night and the next day their kinfolk would come and tell us about it," Ernest said. "The reason they could outrun the sheriffs and police is because they had one of first Ford V-8 engines around."

The two sons followed their parents to Lincoln County in the 1940s. Robert had been working the oilfields and had finished a foreign drilling contract. Ernest had just wrapped up a two-year excavation in South Victoria, Texas.

But first they took off for a tour of the West with a friend. When they returned, they saw an ad about a small ranch for sale.

The Cavanaugh Ranch was owned by a woman in her 70s and her daughter. It was furnished and had cattle, chickens, horses, dogs and cats.

However, there was only one cold water faucet in the kitchen sink, and baths were accomplished in a tin washtub with water heated on a woodstove. Light came from coal lamps that often clogged with

in PROFILE



Ernest McDaniel

Born: April 1, 1912

Last book read: A Reporter's Life: Walter Cronkite
Latest recognition: for 46 years of dedicated service from the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation Service
Misses the most: swimming

soot from using cheap diesel fuel, cutting off the light.

Art Blazer, who was raised on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, solved that problem.

One night when he came for dinner, a lamp clogged and the brothers resigned

themselves to eating in the dark. But Blazer grabbed a salt shaker and sprinkled some down the chimney, restoring the light and winning the undying admiration of the McDaniels.

Lying in a valley north of

Pajarita Mountain, the ranch offered a grandstand view of all of the rocket shows from White Sands, Ernest said.

On July 16, 1945, Ernest and his brother were stirred from sleep by a bright white light and explosion. Later in the day, they picked up two soldiers hitchhiking who were so excited about what they saw that morning on guard duty, they could hardly speak.

The official story was an ammunition dump exploded, but after the Japanese surrender, the brothers learned it was the first A-bomb.

Ernest remembers Gerald Champion buying cattle that had been grazing in the area, and their hair had turned gray.

"The Atomic Energy Commission left the Trinity Site (where the bomb was detonated) wide open," Ernest said. "The Navajo and Hopi were hauling off great quantities of trinitite (sand

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McDaniel, kneeling, shows a group of Boy Scouts how to create an arrowhead during an outing in Lincoln County. In the past McDaniel has actively shared his knowledge of archaeology with many groups.

McDaniel: local chronicler

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melted into green radioactive stones from intense heat) to make jewelry."

The brothers lived there on the ranch eight years and still own it.

They dry farmed 90 acres the first year, 1941, which happened to be the wettest recorded in New Mexico. But a succession of droughts then forced the brothers to either buy expensive cow feed or reduce the herd, which reduced their income.

They decided to buy an irrigated piece of land in 1948, which included the parcel on which they live today along the Hondo River near San Patricio.

"It was the old John Newcomb place," Ernest said. Lincoln store owner John Tunstall was killed nearby, starting the Lincoln County War and spawning the outlaw Billy the Kid.

"They came here and got a wagon from the Newcombs to bring the (Tunstall) body to Lincoln," Ernest said.

Besides cattle, the brothers raised feed crops, oats, winter wheat, oats and corn.

Although they no longer run cattle, they lease out some of the land to other cattlemen.

"I'm nearly 85 and Robert's 83, and it's just too much for us," Ernest said.

White Tail tales

The brothers became friends with several Mescalero Apache.

Storms routinely rendered mud roads in the valley impassable. The McDaniels often would reach town by going through White Tail, a Chiricahua settlement, which had better roads.

"They were less likely to wash out," Ernest said. "You could see storms coming and would take the path where it didn't rain."

On their way through, they would pick up whole families headed on foot in their direction. Few Mescalero had vehicles then.

"The men and boys always got in the cab," Ernest said. "The women, girls and little children got in the back no matter what the weather."

Some of the best corn the brothers ever planted was given to them by the late Ace Daklugie, a Mescalero leader.

Flooding then and now

In 1941, the McDaniels were enlisted to help two aviators who were crop dusting and were forced down by a storm at Cow Camp #2 in the northwest corner of the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

"We threw stuff in the pickup and took off in a pouring rain," he said. "All the draws were rivers of water. We got to Cow Camp #2, but there was so much water, we

couldn't go across. The ranch foreman came across on horseback and brought the aviator and his companion. We took them through Cow Camp #1 to Ruidoso and they phoned into the company."

Traffic was backed up both sides of Carrizo Creek, along the entrance to town.

"All you could see was bridge rails sticking out of the water," Ernest said. "I waded across so Robert could tell how deep it was. When we came back, it was higher and we were stranded in Ruidoso for four or five days during the 1941 flood."

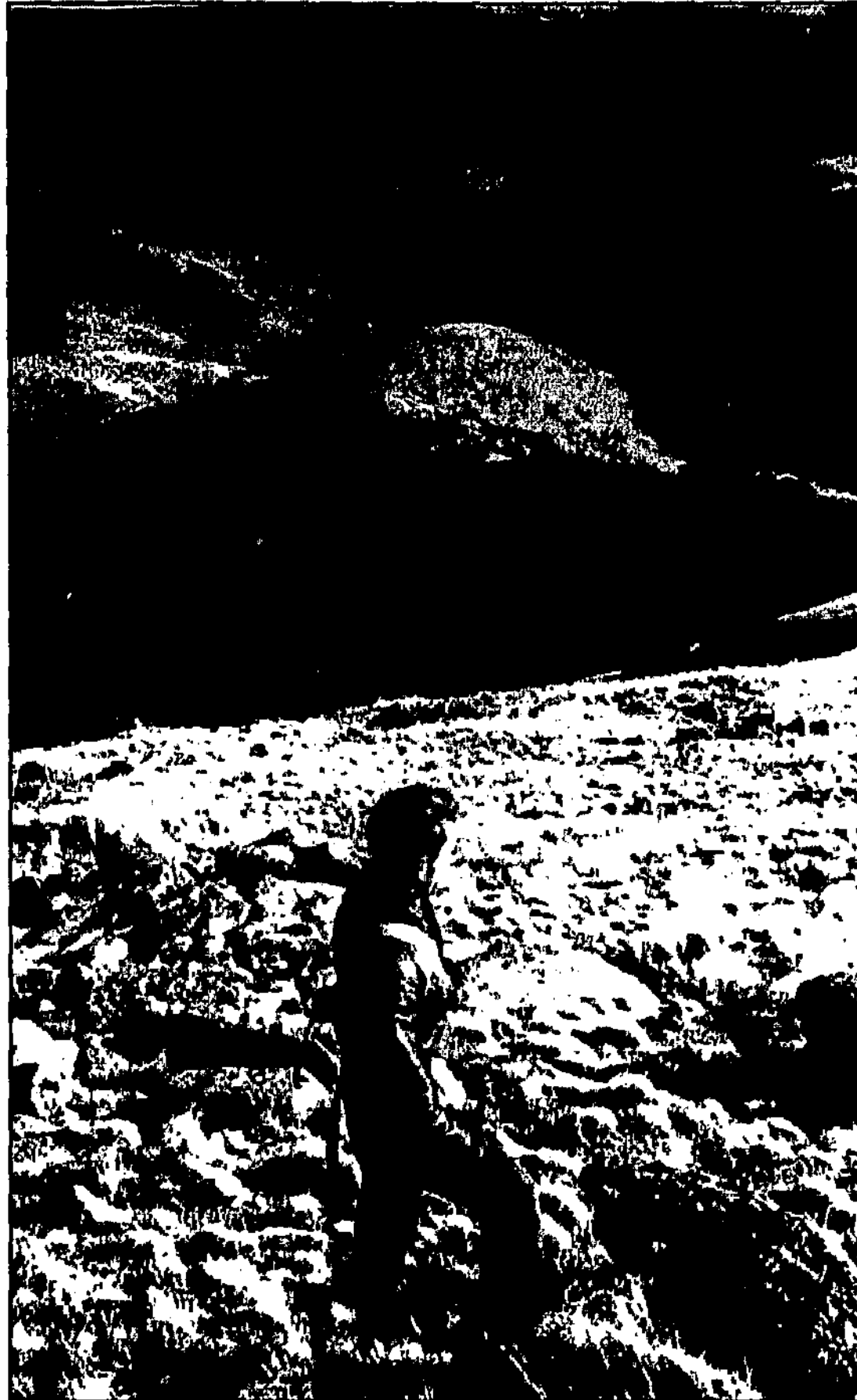
Houses and other wreckage washed down the Rio Ruidoso, he said.

"We borrowed a cross cut saw and went down to the banks of the Carrizo and there was a lone pine on the Ruidoso side," Ernest said. "We sawed it down and it fell across the river and lodged so we could walk over to the other side."

Robert walked back to their ranch, while Ernest and Jim Hale took the aviators back to their plane.

But the roads still were impassable for cars. The Biscuit Hill and Fox Cave area east of town were totally washed out.

"During the night, people came and said there was a car wreck with some people trapped in it and could we help get them out," Ernest said. The bridge was out on



McDaniel at the top of Sierra Blanca in November 1935. The temperature was below zero but like many recent winters, there was no snow.

Biscuit Hill. A local wholesale liquor dealer had been returning home with a truckload from California when the semi went off bridge.

"The fifth wheel of the trailer sheared off and came across the trailer truck and killed the driver," Ernest said. The owner was rescued, but died at the hospital in Mescalero. The brothers volunteered to take his body to the undertaker in Alamogordo.

"He lived out of town and the phones were washed out, so we had to spend all day with a corpse on our hands, looking like bums and stinking like booze," Ernest said.

Although today Lincoln County Commissioners and others worry about draining water resources for development, Ernest said he's worried about development in floodplains.

People like to build along rivers and even if underground supplies dwindle, a hard rain could cause flash floods like most people in the area have never seen before, he warns.

And if it's not floods and rains to worry about, drought and fires will do, said Ernest, who worked on the Capitan Mountains fire in the 1950s where a cub later called Smokey Bear was rescued.

Digging up history

The brothers stayed in Hondo Valley "because it's a pretty place to live," Ernest said.

And it gave him occasional opportunities to be part of official university archaeological excavations locally, and to do some scouting for artifacts on his own.

He found Neolithic pieces on his own land, an arrowshaft straightener at the mouth of Gavilan Canyon dating to AD 100, pipe bits with the original tobacco in them in Otero Canyon Basket Maker caves, and abalone shells near Pecos.

However, he is not a collector. "Possession of artifacts is not too important to me," he said.

Although age in recent years may have forced him out of the cattle and excavation business, Ernest is not a person to stagnate.

He's interested in astronomy, watches the local wildlife and feeds birds, he does wood carving and macrame, and he reads constantly. His interest in his community also has not dimmed.

Last year, he was awarded special recognition from the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District for 46 years of dedicated service.

AROUND THE TOWN

Local culinary group elects new officers

The local chapter of the non-profit American Culinary Federation (A.C.F.) held its annual election on Jan. 14 in the Dan Li Ka Room at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

New elected A.C.F. officers are: President: Brandon Gochenour (re-elected); Vice President: Del Salai, C.E.P.C. (re-elected); Secretary: Joseph House; and Treasurer: Chef James Muldowney, C.E.C.

Other new electees are: Chef and the Child: Manuel Largo; Public Relations: Donalyn Torres; Photographer: Terry Williams; Sergeant at Arms: Heath Barry; Newsletter: Joseph Kazhe.

New members are Tony Carpenter, Donalyn Torres, Joseph Kazhe, Terry Williams, Omar Enjady, Myra Mendez, Jerry Valdez, and Heath Barry.

On the agenda and discussed were the comsource classes, chef and the child program, teepee program, gingerbread houses, and delegation of the president's duties.

The new members recently attended an intensive workshop in Albuquerque with other A.C.F. members including June Shaw and Brandon Gochenour. The Albuquerque A.C.F. chapter organized these classes in conjunction with Watson Foods. The classes range from nutrition classes to culinary competitions to Artisan breads.

Trainees received certificates at the end of the workshop.

FCE members attend Albuquerque meeting

Lincoln County will be well represented at Legislative Days and the Mid-Year FCE meeting.

Phyllis Zumwalt, Geraldine Tully and Mollie Mason plan to attend both functions and Inez Marrs will be joining them in Albuquerque for the mid-year board meeting.

If you know of an FCE club member who is not receiving a newsletter, please contact the Lincoln County extension office at 648-2311.

If you are a paid member of the State and National FCE, you should be receiving the "Bits of Enchantment" and "FCE Today." Neither newsletter is monthly, so you might not be aware of them. The next issue of "Bits of Enchantment" will probably be printed in March. If you do not receive it, please let the county treasurer Lucia Vega know and she will inform the state treasurer to include your name on the list.

A Shriner thanks



Courtesy photo

Ruidoso Shrine Club outgoing president Fred Fryer receives an appreciation plaque from secretary/treasurer Jim Matsler. Newly elected officers of Ruidoso Shrine Club are: president Lynn Starr, first-vice president Marshall Conover, second-vice president Tom York, secretary/treasurer Jim Matsler. The Ruidoso Shrine Club meets every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant.

WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARIES

The Downes



Courtesy Photo

Emmett and Sandra Downes celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 11, 1997. Sandra is the city manager for Ruidoso's Aspen Mountain Air/Lone Star Airlines. Emmett hosts the weekly radio program "The Harp and Shamrock Fiesta." The Downes, who moved to Alto from Palm Beach two years ago, are originally from Chicago.

SERVICE NOTES

Clarke returns from Persian Gulf with Navy

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael J. Clarke, son of Robert G. and Eva W. Clarke of Ruidoso, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf plus the Western Pacific and Indian oceans while serving with Sea Control Squadron 35, embarked aboard the

aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson.

Home-based in San Diego, Clarke's squadron traveled approximately 62,000 miles while embarked on the lead ship of the eight-ship USS Carl Vinson Battle Group.

During the initial phases of the deployment, Clarke's squadron helped enforce the no-fly zone over Iraq.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

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

Ruidoso News February 14, 1947

The Longhorn Cafe, owned by Mr. John Cozart, will reopen Saturday morning after being closed for over a month for complete remodeling.

Will T. Coe, representative for Lincoln County in the legislature visited with his family and friends

in Ruidoso and the valley over the last weekend. Will stated that things were humming in Santa Fe these days and that he was doing his best to see that all of the interests of his county were looked after.

Friday of last week shortly after noon a Stinson plane being piloted by John Griffin, C.A.A. inspector for this area, crashed two miles north of the airport about one hundred yards from the main road after being tossed by down drafts so that no altitude could be gained to clear the tall pines in the area.

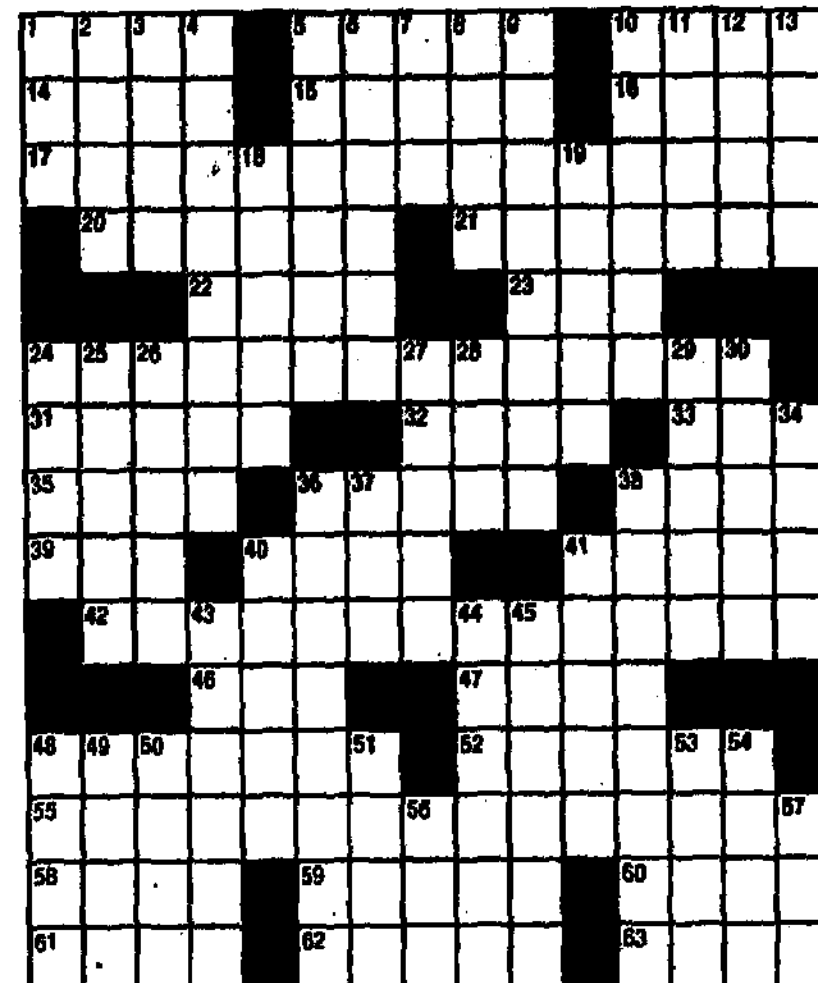
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Puzzle by Norman S. Wizer

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Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: (800) 762-1665.



Going out

Trio of comedians takes Nightclub stage

The comedy talents of female comic sensation Barbara Copeland will be on stage this Saturday night, Feb. 15 at the Mescalero Inn Nightclub on the outskirts of Ruidoso.

Joining Copeland in this comedy extravaganza will be "missed-placed" Alaskan Jenni Lou Oakes and the dead pan delivery of David Rout.

From her comedy routines to her hour-long keynote addresses, Copeland knows how to keep a crowd's attention, show organizers say. Comedy club audiences will remember her best as the "opera-singing Ricki Lake." "Lucky Underwear and Other Secrets to Success" and "Silent Night Puking Night" are some of her most requested stories.

Copeland's humor has often been described as "intelligent," but she can even reach the densest of audience member, organizers say. From politics to religion to entertainment, nothing is outside her reach. Parents and grandparents have heard her

routine, and her language and subject matter is appropriate for even the most "virgin ears."

Copeland is no stranger to the microphone. She has been performing since she was a teenager. She has opened for many big-name comics across the nation, including Gabe Kaplan.

Feature performer Jenni Lou Oakes has been on the comedy circuit for six years, and is always welcomed back at every club in which she performs. From the far reaches of Alaska, Oakes will do anything to reach an audience be it by dogsled, bush plane or snowmobile. Her sharp tongue and quick wit complement her female points of view about men — their habits, taste in women and overall lack of mentality.

To round out the comedy trio, David Rout will start the laughs rolling with his deadpan delivery, the likes of Steven Wright. Rout tells us of his upbringing as a military brat and the real reason why he hasn't been

dating. He comes to us from El Paso, and has performed in Las Cruces, Deming, Alamogordo, Phoenix and the entire Southwest.

The madness all starts at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Mescalero Inn Nightclub on Carrizo Canyon Road. Doors open at 8:30, and admission is \$3. Patrons must be 21 or over to attend.

The Stand-Up Comedy Showcase and the Mescalero Inn Nightclub invite everyone to stay after the show and enjoy the jams of DJ Mike B, as he spins the hottest tunes on the charts.



Barbara Copeland



Jenni Lou Oakes

For additional information or directions please call 257-6695. The Mescalero Nightclub is located on Carrizo Canyon Rd., just north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Smokin' tunes



Courtesy photo

The popular Albuquerque band Smokin' Guns visits Ruidoso for a special Valentine's Day performance at the Mescalero Nightclub Inn tonight (Friday). Doors open at 9 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples. Smokin' Guns has opened for such country stars as Randy Travis, Carlene Carter, Shenandoah and James House. Joyce Marie is the band lead female vocalist. She's been singing professionally for more than 20 years. A native New Mexican, Marie performed in the Los Angeles club scene for 10 years. Tom Sams is the group's lead guitarist, joining bassman Rick Hambleton and drummer Dave Dyer. Smokin' Guns plays classic and hit country tunes from a diverse song list that includes Patsy Cline, Trisha Yearwood, Merle Haggard, Wynonna Judd and George Strait. Original songs include "Border Town," "I Wish You Love," and "When Your Name Comes Up." Smokin' Guns takes the Mescalero Nightclub stage at 9 p.m.

Ruidoso Little Theater sponsors talent show

Do you have a special, hidden talent for singing, acting, dancing, etc.? Then enter the Ruidoso Little Theater Talent Show and Contest. Cost to enter is \$10, and entries must be received by March 7. The Golden Talent Award nets the winner \$100 prize.

The talent show will be Friday, March 21 at The Castle. For more information, call Pamela Cromwell at 354-3209.

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p.m.

\$3 singles
\$5 couples

Lincoln County Pride Sweetheart Dance
 8 p.m. Sunday in the Screaming Eagle Lounge
 at The Enchantment Inn, Highway 70 near the "Y"

OUTDOORS

EYE ON THE ARTS

Space Center hosts 'Astro Academy'

The Space Center and the Alamogordo Astronomy Association will team up in February and March to present "Astro Academy," a seven-week course on how to use telescopes and an introduction to observing the night sky.

Two-hour sessions will be presented at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building at 7-9 p.m. on Thursdays from Feb. 13 until March 27. The fee for the course is \$40. The class will be limited to 12 students and is open to seventh graders through adults. Participants do not need to own a telescope to participate in the program.

Topics to be covered during the classes are: "Using Telescopes and Binoculars to Study the Skies," a classroom presentation on types of telescopes and binoculars and how they can be used to study astronomy; "Using Star Maps and Star Guides," a classroom/outdoor session on using these tools to find objects in the sky; "Constellations and Mythology," a classroom session celestial mythology; "Terrestrial Planets and Outer Planets," a tour of the solar system; and "Messier and the New General Catalog," hunting for deep sky objects.

A general program will be presented with observation time, using the Space Center's telescopes, following each classroom session.

Participants in this unique program will also have the opportunity to earn certificates of recognition based upon their observing skills. The certificate program is

sponsored by the Alamogordo Astronomy Association and is based on the participants' ability to find specified objects in the night sky. Two sessions of the program will consist entirely of telescope and binocular observations.

For more information about the program, or to register for it, contact the Space Center's Education Department at 437-2840 or 1-800-545-4021.

Ruidoso native in Duke City art show

Dan Pilgreen, a Ruidoso High School graduate now living in Albuquerque, is among the 24 artists in an Albuquerque show that opens this Friday.

"Art for the Next Millenium" opens with a reception at 4-7 p.m. Friday at the Kimo Theater. Pilgreen does abstract paintings.

Texas Tech students perform in Roswell

The Roswell Symphony Orchestra announces its 1997 RSO Chamber Music Series slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, 11th and Main in Roswell.

This three-concert series opens with a presentation of "Musical Theatre and Operetta Scenes" by the the "Texas Tech University Opera and Musical Theatre Workshop" led by soprano Shela Wolk.

Season ticket prices are \$13 for the three-concert package for adults; \$6.50 for child/student. Individual ticket prices are \$7 for adult and \$3.50 for child/student. For more information, call RSO at 1-800-457-0302.

You'll find great skiing on the Elk complex runs

Since the skiing is so good on the Chair 8 trails right now, I decided to change direction and talk about Elk Ridge, Buckhorn, Bear, Oscars, Bullrun, Cliff, Ringtail, Bambi and the Chair 8 Liftline this week.

There are four ways to get to the Elk Complex. You can drive to the far end of the parking lot and park next to Elk Lodge and purchase your lift ticket at the sales booth located next to the lodge, or, ride the Capitan Lift (Chair 4) and turn left as you exit the chair. Ski through the gap in the fences onto

TRAIL TALK



Jim Secor
Ski Apache

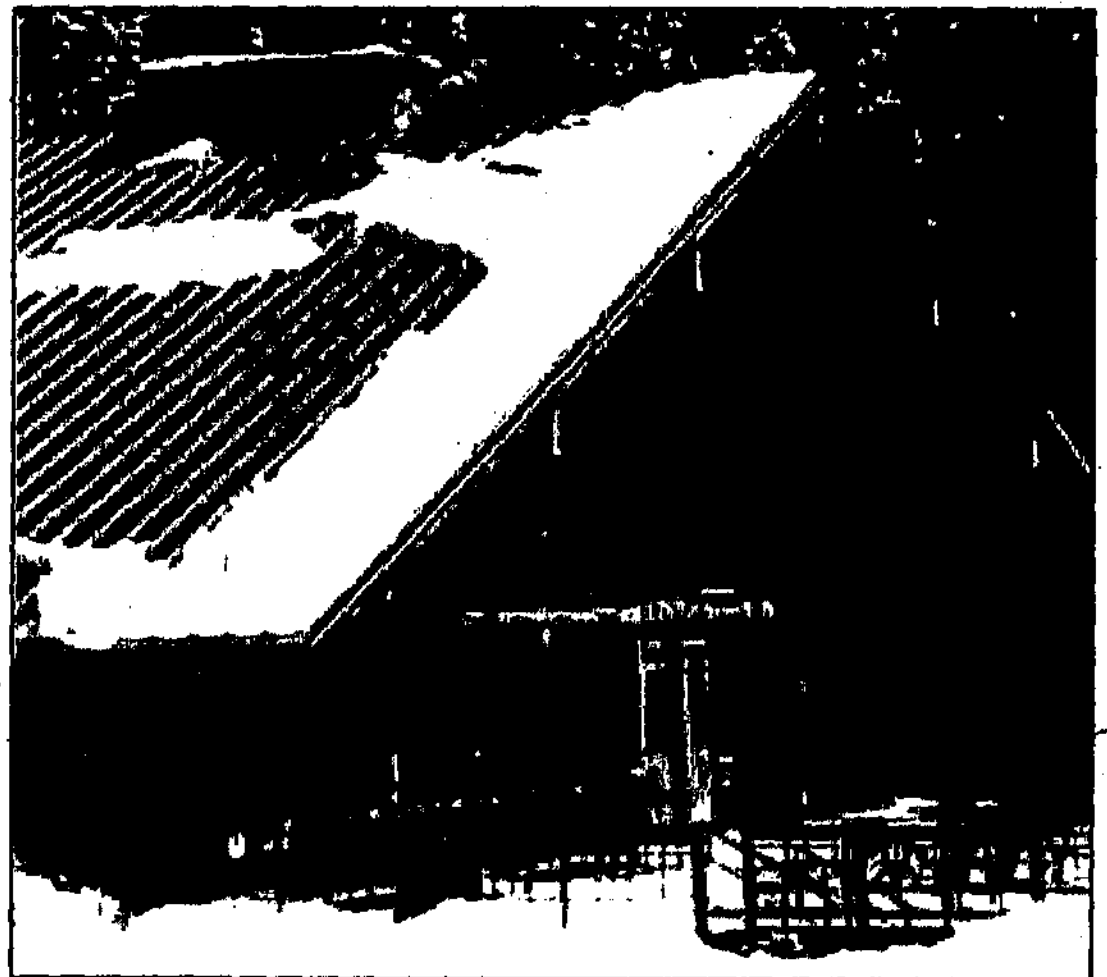


Photo by Jim Secor

The Elk Day Lodge.

Bullrun and down to Chair 8. On busy days, if you park near Satellite Sales (midway down the parking lot), you can purchase your lift ticket and take the trail just behind the sales booth to Chair 8. But my favorite is to take the Gondola or Chair 1 to the top, traverse all the way across Apache Bowl and ski Game Trail to the Chair 8 off-load. Game Trail is scenic and narrow but not very steep.

With its high speed quad lift, Elk Complex is a great place to get a lot of skiing mileage. It is well protected against wind and all runs have snowmaking. Daily grooming makes these trails some of the best intermediate and advanced terrain on the mountain. Spend a morning at Chair 8 before lunching at Elk Lodge (Check out the great baked potatoes).

Bullrun

All Chair 8 trails except the Liftline empty into Bullrun. The easiest of the of the trails, very wide for easy turning. The right side has a double fall line, the left is flatter. Bullrun is rated blue (intermediate).

Elk Ridge

The first trail off the lift and fairly flat at the top and steeper after the break over. To the skier's left is the easier side to ski. Carry a little speed and go straight to Capitan, or left on Bullrun to return to Chair 8. A great intermediate trail.

Buckhorn

A little more technical than Elk Ridge, this intermediate trail is a little steeper after the break over. Steepest on the left toward the bottom. The vista viewed from this trail is awesome.

Oscar's

Enter to the right off the top of Buckhorn. Probably skis the best of any trail on the mountain this week. A number of terrain changes gets the adrenaline pumping. Not the easiest black trail on the mountain

but one that one you should try once you are comfortable skiing moderate blacks.

Chair 8 Liftline

This one gets an A+ in my book. An easy cruzin' black trail that is almost always groomed and smooth. Cut off on Cliff Trail (across from the rock cliff, of course) if you want to avoid the more difficult bottom stretch, but don't miss the opportunity to ski it on a powder day.

Bear

A left off the Liftline puts you on Bear. On of our easier blacks. A good trail for advanced intermediate skiers who are ready for steeper terrain. A lesson from one of our instructors will help you make the transition.

Cliff Trail

Not only a cut off from the Liftline, but surprisingly fun. Rated black because its only access is via the Liftline.

Ringtail

This new trail was cut just last year. The steepest of the Chair 8 blacks with a sharp break over. This trail needs a lot of snow to be skiable and has not been open this season.

Bambi

Ready to call it a day? A left off of Bullrun onto Bambi will take you back to the main base area.

Next Week - The easier black diamond trails. (Jim Secor is a former Ski Apache Ski Instructor. He now serves as webmaster for the Ski Apache web site, www.skiapache.com and is the systems manager for the ski area.)

THE MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB

Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero, NM • 257-6693

THURS

LADIES NIGHT

DJ Mike B. spinning the latest in dance, house, techno hip-hop, old school, retro and even country!
Drink specials.
9 p.m. to midnight. No cover.

FRI

DJ MIKE B.

Spinning the latest in dance, house, techno, hip-hop old school, retro and even country!
9 p.m. to close. No cover.

SAT

STAND-UP COMEDY SHOWCASE

DJ Bush after show til close
9 p.m. to ?
\$3 cover for show. No cover after show.



VAMONOS

Church calendar

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of God
Mescalero
Donald Pettey, 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-9:30 a.m.
Sunday morning worship-10:45 a.m.
(includes children's church)
Sunday evening praise-6 p.m.
Wednesday family night-7 p.m.

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-9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
AWANA Wed-6:30 p.m.
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-6:00 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 Tuesdays.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan 354-8102
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 257-9691
Sacrament meeting-10 a.m.
Sunday School-11:10 a.m.
Priesthood Relief Society-12:10 p.m.
Primary & Young Women-11:10 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.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road
258-3659, 258-3204

Sunday public talk-1:30 p.m.
Sunday Watchtower-2:20 p.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
106 Alpine Village Road
258-3659, 336-7076

Reunion Publica Dom.-10 a.m.
Estudio de la Atalaya Dom.-10:50 a.m.
Estudio de Libro Lun.-7 p.m.
Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico
Mart.-7 p.m.
Reunion de servicio Mart.-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, 257-5614
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 Hail, 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 Hovland, 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 Schui, 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
207 Parkway • 378-4161
Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1004
Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206
Sabbath school-9:30 a.m.
Church service-11 a.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday-7 p.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

433 Gateway Center
Pastor Ben Slaboda
257-5915

11 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-Week Bible Study & Kids' Adventure Club

Christ Community Fellowship
Capitan, Highway 380 West
Ed Vinson, Pastor
354-2458

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:30 a.m.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Square,
613 Sudderth Drive
257-9265

B.A. Thurman, Pastor

Sunday services 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday-7 p.m.

Iglesia Hispana Casa de Oracion

(nos reunimos en Calvary Chapel)
433 Gateway Center, 257-5126
Pastor Carlos Carreon
Martes 5 p.m. predicacion
Domingos 3 p.m. predicacion

Living Word Church

441 Mechem, 257-3470
Pastors: Terry and Suzanne Lewis
Renewal services:
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday noon - intercessory prayer
7 p.m. - mid-week services

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)

Alto North
Jeamsie Price, Pastor
336-7075
Service Schedule:
Morning chapel - 6:50 a.m. (Sept. thru June)
Sunday Service - 11 a.m.

Ruidoso Word Church

Ruidoso Downs
Al and Marty Lane, Pastors
378-8464
Children's Ministries-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m.
Thursday services-7 p.m.

Trinity Mountain Fellowship

Gavilan Canyon Road
336-4213
Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m. Prayer
9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30-12 Noon Service
For our weekly schedule call
378-8391.

Please mail corrections and/or additions by noon Monday for Friday's Vamonos to:
The Ruidoso News, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or fax them to 257-7053

Johnny Ringo — your garden variety lunatic

Johnny Ringo. There's something magic about that name. For more than a century, it has conjured up an image of a hard-eyed gunslinger, standing face-to-face with the marshal in the street, a la TV's "Gunsmoke."

PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber
Ruidoso News

Hollywood has been particularly crazy about the name. Back in the 1950s, Gregory Peck starred as "Jimmy" Ringo in "The Gunfighter."

There was even a hit song titled "Ringo" sung, or rather spoken, by "Bonanza's" Lorne Green, of all people.

The real Ringo was another story.

He was born John Peters Ringo in Missouri about 1850. In the 1860s, when his family migrated west, he was a witness to the accidental, and grisly, death of his father. The elder Ringo accidentally discharged a shotgun at point-blank range at his own head, blowing both his hat and his brains some 20 feet in the air. Some of Ringo's later suicidal talk and behavior has been linked to this incident.

Ringo was greatly feared by the time he got to the boomtown of Tombstone, Arizona Territory. Not, however, because he was such a "fast gun," but because even his friends thought him to be psychotic. And he may well have been.

Remembered by Hardin

John Wesley Hardin, in his autobiography, mentions that Ringo was in the Austin City jail at the same time that Hardin was there in 1877. He mentions Ringo specifically, as though he were a name to be reckoned with, but the fact is Johnny Ringo was nothing more than an assassin. There is no record of his ever having been involved in a fair fight in his entire misspent life.

The Ringo family remembered John as being "a drunkard" and that he had "left home at 19 in 1869 ... leaving the family in the lurch" in San Jose, Calif., where they had ultimately settled. The family was never proud of him and, in fact, unanimously rejected him on several occasions.

In the late 1870s, the Mason County War, also known as the "Hoodoo War," erupted in Texas. It was an ugly little war, based in bigotry. On one side were first- and second-generation German settlers, derisively called "Dutchmen" by the opposition, who considered themselves to be the "Americans."

The Germans, it seems, had committed the unpardonable sin of supporting the Union during the Civil War, and absolutely no one was inclined to forgive them for this outrage.

Ringo claimed allegiance to the "American" side, but in reality he was using the opportunity to prey like a vulture on the

unfortunate victims of the war. He was not alone in this. Bands of marauding outlaws roamed freely all over Mason County at this time.

Rides with the Cooley Gang

He rode with Scott Cooley, an outlaw who easily outdid Ringo in the psychosis department. Cooley was fond of scalping his victims.

At one point, the Cooley gang was led into an ambush by a Mason County gambler named Cheyney. One member of the gang was killed in the gun battle that followed, and another wounded. When the other gang members discovered that it was Cheyney who had betrayed them, he was marked for death.

Ringo and a man named Williams were appointed as Cheyney's executioners. Tom Gamel, who had been with the posse that ambushed the outlaws, wrote later of what happened: "Ringo (sic) and Williams rode up to Cheyney's house early one morning and hollowed (sic) 'hello.' Cheyney came out and they asked him if they could get some breakfast. Cheyney asked Ringo and Williams down and they stepped upon the porch and washed their faces. Cheyney washed and was drying his face and while he had his face covered with the towel, Ringo and Williams shot him down and rode back to where their friends were awaiting them...."

"Brave" Ringo

What courage they had. It must have taken a lot of nerve for Ringo and his cohort to shoot a man who had his face covered with a towel...

Shortly after this, the great gunman Ringo killed a man named Charley Bader, who had done nothing wrong at all. Ringo simply mistook him for his brother Peter.

On Nov. 7, 1876, Ringo and a man named George Gladden were arrested and jailed by the Texas Rangers. Texas didn't want to see Gladden for awhile, so he was sentenced to 99 years in prison. There is no record of Ringo's sentence, leading most historians to believe that he beat the rap and, taking the hint, high-tailed it out of Texas.

Ringo and a pal named Joe Hill apparently spent some time in New Mexico, as Hill managed to make the wanted list published by Governor Lew Wallace. Feeling unloved in New Mexico, the two miscreants then headed for the boomtown of Tombstone, A.T. ... and destiny.

Tombstone, at the time of Ringo's arrival, was still without any form of law and order. Outlaws all over the Southwest considered it to be a safe haven.

It wasn't long before Ringo established his reputation in Arizona. On the night of Dec. 9, 1879 in Safford, Ringo shot a man named Lewis Hancock in the throat.

Legend-makers like to claim that Hancock had made some unchivalrous remark about a woman plying her trade in the street, and the gallant Ringo shot him for it.

Poppycock.

Ringo shot Hancock because he had offered to buy Hancock a drink and Hancock had had the temerity to order beer! What an insult! The fact is, Ringo was so drunk he could hardly stand up and it's a miracle that he hit the unlucky Hancock at all.

The same people that like to make Ringo into a gallant character claimed that Hancock died of his wound. Not so. Hancock survived and lived the rest of his life with a scar on his neck to remember Ringo by. A local newspaper carried the story: "Last Tuesday night a shooting affair took place in which Lewis Hancock was shot by John Ringo. It appears Ringo wanted Hancock to take a drink and he refused, saying he would prefer beer. Ringo struck him over the head with his pistol and then fired... Ringo is under arrest." There is no indication that Hancock was even armed.

Then in 1880 Ringo, the feared gunman, shot another man — himself! Ringo wrote to Pima County Sheriff Charley Shibel, informing the officer that he was unable to appear in court for shooting Hancock as he had recently shot himself in the foot and couldn't ride a horse.

Poor loser

While playing cards one night in Galeyville, Ringo was losing heavily and not liking it. Jerking his pistol, he robbed the card game and fled into the night. Later, he returned the money, claiming that it was all a big joke. Few agreed with him.

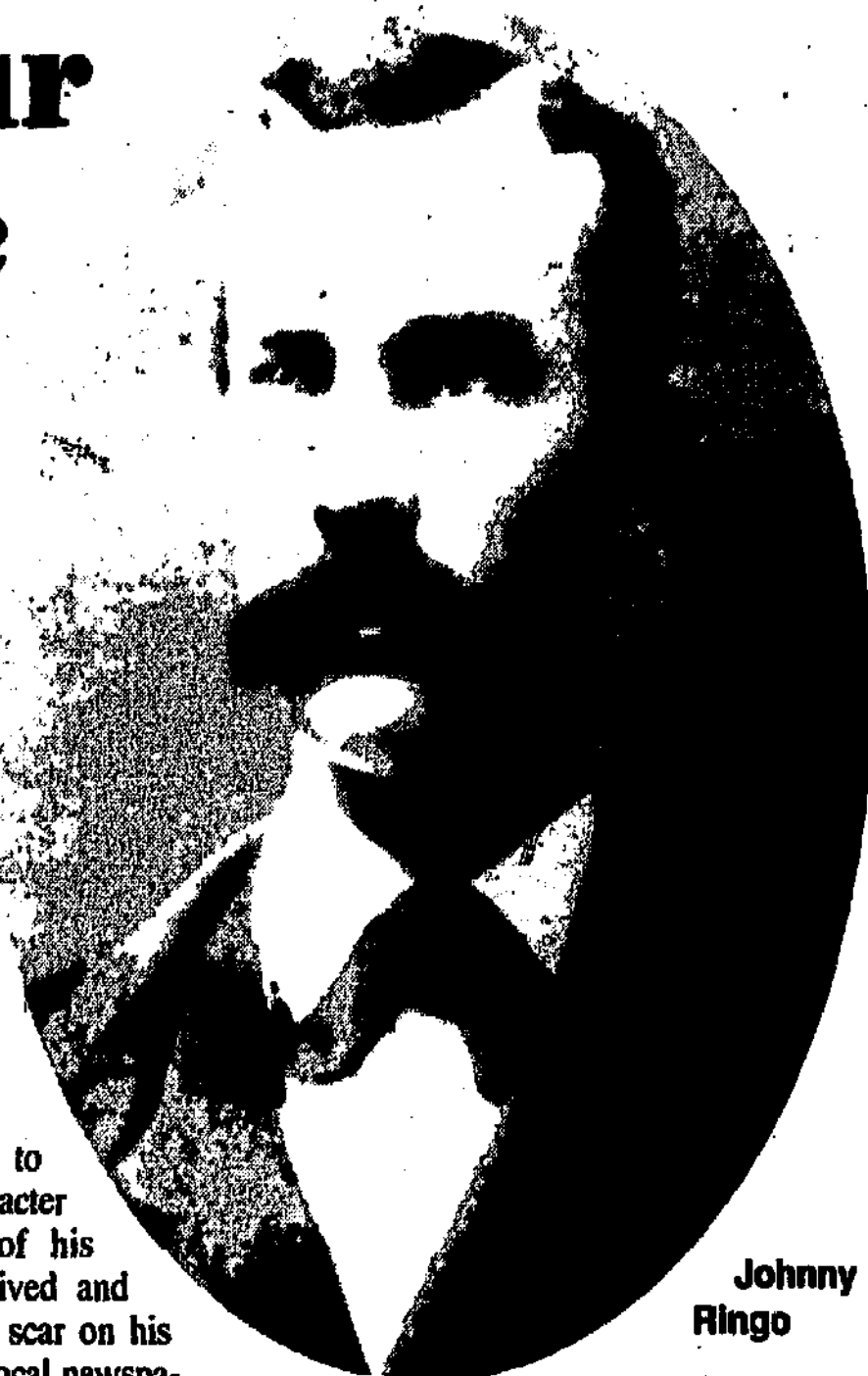
When Doc Holliday and the Earps arrived in Tombstone, Ringo became one of their most vocal and visible opponents among the "Cowboys," as the outlaw element was locally known.

He was thought by Wyatt Earp to be one of the triggermen in the shooting and crippling of Virgil Earp.

Then, on Jan. 17, 1882, Ringo actually did something brave, if somewhat stupid. He challenged Wyatt and Morgan Earp, along with Doc Holliday, to a duel in the middle of the street in Tombstone.

Wyatt Earp thought to his dying day that it was a set-up, that there were hidden marksmen ready to support Ringo. Doc Holliday, on the other hand, was not so concerned with continuing his own life and told Ringo that "I'll be your huckleberry — that's just my game."

Luckily for all concerned, alert lawmen broke up the altercation before it really got started.



Johnny Ringo

Then, on March 18, 1882, Morgan Earp was assassinated while playing pool in Hatch's Billiard Parlor. Ringo was again thought to be one of the triggermen, but this time Wyatt Earp was no longer interested in letting the law take its course.

After the death of his favorite brother, Wyatt embarked on a vendetta that people in Tombstone are still talking about. When it was over, there were bodies strewn all over southeast Arizona, and organized crime in that area was dead.

Hides out in Mexico

Ringo the Courageous, in all probability spent this time cooling his heels in Mexico. He was acutely aware of the fact that Wyatt Earp, who had always been a hard man, was now temporarily insane. This, coupled with the fact that Earp had ice water for blood and was a dead shot, convinced Ringo that a vacation from Arizona was in order. He didn't return until after the Earps and Holliday had left the territory.

He should have stayed in Mexico. On July 14, 1882, Ringo's body was found along the side of a road, a bullet through his head. The death was ruled a suicide, but few believed it. There were no powder burns around the wound as there would have had to be if Ringo had fired the shot himself. Also, his gunbelt was on upside down, as though someone else had put it on him.

Many theories have been advanced over the years as to exactly who killed John Ringo, but as time goes by, it seems more and more likely that Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and others snuck back into Arizona to complete some unfinished business, which they did in an efficiently deadly fashion.

Ringo was buried near where he fell, and he lies there still. Perhaps historian Jack Burrows said it best with the title of his book about Ringo. It is called "John Ringo — The Gunfighter Who Never Was."



Club calendar

ADULT SINGLES GROUP

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Adult Singles group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at The Texas House, Ruidoso. The group has a do-hoat 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 258-4680 or 257-5077.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

ALL AMERICAN DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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

AUTO 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.

AUTISM 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

Meets at noon every fourth Thursday in the Lincoln County Medical Center conference room. For more information contact memorial Chairman Jane Yowell, P.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Telephone: 257-4066.

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. DOE

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 PHI

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

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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

CHOW GROUP

Meets Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. at 1089 El Paso 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.

DIVANED 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 11:30 a.m. for a business meeting and program. For more information call Bobbie Milburn at 257-4402 or Genevieve Sewell at 258-5164.

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.

HUMAN 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.

PREPARED CHILD BIRTH CLASSES

Eight-week sessions meet 7 p.m. Mondays, at the Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Qualified instructors. Ask your doctor or 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 HOMEOWNERS

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 PRIDE!

Meets the first Sunday of each month at various locations. Call Judy at 336-1006 for meeting times and more information. Lincoln County Pride! is a social and political action group for Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bisexual community and its heterosexual allies.

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 Tom Carter, 354-2132.

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 at the corner of Mescalero Trail and Nob Hill Drive, for dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday (second Monday if first is a holiday) of every month. W.M. - Jim Matsler, 336-9699; S.W. - Marshall Conover, 258-3446; J.W. - Walt Argall, 257-7190. All visiting Brethren welcome.

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.

NOBY 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 Haich, 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.

PINE TOP ROD AND CUSTOM CAR CLUB

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

QUILTING GROUP

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

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL RUIDOSO-HONDO VALLEY CLUB

Meets at the Swiss Chalet Inn at noon on Tuesdays.

RUIDOSO CARE CENTER AUXILIARY

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

RUIDOSO CHESS CLUB

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 Shirleen 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, 116 Evergreen Road, at 1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month September through May. 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 GRAMMERCY 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 PECEMAKERS 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 SHINNE 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 7:30-11:30 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 Propsner at 257-6600.

VEGETARIAN CLUB

Meets monthly for 6 p.m. potluck at the Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street, Ruidoso. Also monthly lunches at different restaurants. For information call Russ Warwick at 257-2171 or Karen Vaughn at 258-4939.

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 Lieftinck, 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.

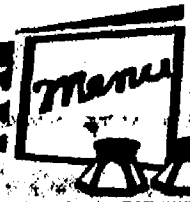
ZIA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

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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