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▶ **HAMMING IT UP**



Ed Stalzer of Ruidoso talks to someone far away on his ham radio. Stalzer has the advantage of knowing seven languages. He and others in the Ruidoso ham radio club carry top FAA certification.

## Local ham radio operators travel world over airwaves

• Thanks to Ruidoso's altitude, ham radio operators have better reception than most, and can talk with Japanese, Russian, New Zealand counterparts daily.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The world is full of hams, and Dusty Rhodes knows many of them by name. The 69-year-old Ruidoso man and longtime ham radio aficionado is one of several in the area certified as a top flight radio operator. Armed with wide-band receivers and antennas, they can pick up the radio waves of other radio operators from around the globe. "At this altitude, we have very little interference from electrical static," Rhodes said.

"And with ham satellites up in space, we can talk to satellites, too," said Gunnar Carlson, a Ruidoso man who found his wife, Beverly, over the ham radio airwaves 20 years ago. "And the Mir station - we can talk with the space station," Beverly Carlson said. "This is just a unique way to talk to the world." The three are members of a social group of ham radio operators in Ruidoso. The trio has the highest rating for ham radio operators - extra class - and are certified by the Federal Communications Commission to administer tests for the lower levels of radio operator licenses. Rhodes is the unofficial president of the club, which has about 12 members who live here year-

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## Lincoln residents may sue county to preserve historic look

• Lincoln residents accuse county commissioners of lack of commitment to their community's historic preservation law.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Residents of the historic Lincoln settlement 30 miles east of Ruidoso may resort to court action to ensure Lincoln County Commissioners enforce the preservation law that governs the 10-mile historic district. Before deciding whether to seek a judicial review of a recent variance to the law granted by the commission, the group wants to listen to the tape recording of the commission meeting and

review the official minutes, said Cleis Jordan, owner of Casa de Patron Bed and Breakfast in Lincoln. She was one of the people who met Tuesday to discuss the situation, after the adjournment of the regular session of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, a volunteer board appointed by the commission. "If the tapes and minutes reflect what we were told happened by people who attended the commission meeting, the consensus is that we are going to press the issue," Jordan said. "We have found with the commission that this is a pattern. But this is a law and they need to support the

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## Tax protesters fill up meeting at civic center

• In a record turnout for a local government meeting, county residents urge elected officials to push for lower tax rates, while grilling state officials about how their property appraisals have increased 50% or more.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For more than two hours Wednesday, more than three dozen of the 500 people attending a meeting on tax rates and property tax values poured out frustrations and shot questions at state and county officials. Spectators called it an unprecedented turnout for a government-related meeting in this county. County property owners had been invited to show up by Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell, who promised a chance to get answers from representatives of taxing entities in the county and from state representatives. Since property owners received notice of their new taxable values following a county-wide reappraisal, elected officials have been flooded with complaints about some lots or homes going up in value by 50% or more. But after hearing about Howell's meeting, Ruidoso village officials scheduled their own property tax rate workshop at the same time and in the same building. So questions about the village's budget or tax rates went largely unanswered. (please see related story.)

"This (large increase in value) is not just happening in Lincoln County," he said. "It started in Santa Fe and spread out. The appraisal there went up, but the tax rates stayed the same. The revenues grew and grew and were spent for more and more services. That's where you're at now. "Are you going to allow government entities to continue to take the money?"

Leo Barrazas,  
 state property tax division  
 director

Howell was pleased with the turnout and encouragement from county residents, many from Ruidoso. They told the commissioner to push ahead in asking the state Department of Finance and Administration's property tax division to apply the lowest possible tax rates to the county in view of a 20% increase in taxable property value.

Howell said he would ask the Ruidoso Village Council to join the commission in calling for that action. He urged people to attend budget hearings, because that's the time to secure cuts. He also plans to push for a Truth in Taxation requirement to give the public a better picture of how government expenditures impact what they pay in taxes.

"A lot of people told me they really got an education, and I think we spared people a lot of trips to Carrizozo (the county tax assessor's office). Now they know how to protest and the best way to succeed in a protest," he said. Several residents hoped for an extension on the May 1 deadline for filing protests to taxable values. Leo Barrazas, director of the New Mexico property tax division, said he would go back to Santa Fe and try to have the time period extended by a few weeks.

Julian Grace, senior budget analyst with the state Department of Finance and Administration, explained that the state's yield control formula is designed to limit the impact over time of rising valuations, but it is not applied to individuals, only to property tax levels imposed by a municipality or county on their residents.

He told residents who asked how valuations could double in one year that either improvements were made, or the property had been grossly undervalued the previous year.

A high-dollar sale should only affect other properties in a subdivision or neighborhood, not a whole town,

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Paul Baca, chief appraiser in the county assessor's office, points to a chart showing how much taxes go to Ruidoso's operations and debt service.



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## What they said

Here's a sampling of the comments made at Wednesday's hearing on taxes at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center:

Ruidoso resident and former village councilor Al Junge said he challenged the increased taxable value on his property, but after listening to an explanation by an appraiser in Lincoln County Assessor Patsy Serna's office, he walked away convinced the process and conclusion was right.

"It seems we're taxed without representation, because property owners are taxed, but renters aren't, yet they can vote on bond issues and city council," one Ruidoso man said.

"One of the items we might consider in combining services could be consolidation of the five school districts," said Ruidoso attorney Don Dutton, adding that he lived in a Texas town of 200,000 and the two school districts there were consolidated, saving administration salaries and expenses.

"I have a vacant lot and in 1996, it was valued at \$12,500," said Upper Canyon resident Hazel Haynsworth. "In 1997, it is valued at \$180,000. That's a little more than 5% I think."

Holding up a real estate property sales book, chief county appraiser Paul

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# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 84 Low ... 83



Showers/thunderstorms

SUNDAY High ... 62 Low ... 58



Partly cloudy

MONDAY High ... 65 Low ... 54



Partly cloudy

## WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	64	23	.00"
Wednesday	59	26	.02"
Thursday	64	30	trace

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	66	43	Showers
El Paso, TX	74	52	Thunderstorms
Lubbock, TX	75	53	Thunderstorms
Midland, TX	68	53	Thunderstorms

### March/April phases of the moon



Mar. 31 Apr. 7 Apr. 14 Apr. 22



Weather data courtesy of meteorologist Cam Moore KBIM-TV

### STARDATE

April 18: The moon passes just south of Mars, which looks like a bright red star in the southeastern corner of Leo. The two are only a couple of finger-widths apart. They stand fairly high in the east at sunset, and set about two hours before sunrise.

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



A downtown Ruidoso traffic jam. Car buffs can identify the date by the vehicles. Photo courtesy of Chris Stromberg, Trading Post Antiques.

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

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Since this paper has added news columns from most of the communities in the entire county, it is of interest to everyone. (The following columns are: Tinne Talk (Mrs. Bert Smith); Corona News (Mrs. A.E. Mulkey); Capitan Captions (Mrs. Theophile Laramie);

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# Hams: Radios reach out to world

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round, and about 13 more who have summer homes.

They all have interesting stories about their hobby — either how being a ham radio operator changed their lives, or how they got started on the consuming hobby.

Edward Stalzer, for instance, a world traveler for decades, attributes a 1965 crash landing in an Amazon jungle to his decision to learn ham radio operation several decades later.

Back injuries caused by the crash were complicated from another accident off an island in the Gulf of Mexico in 1988, when unexpectedly high waves flattened him on the beach. Subsequent back surgeries left him temporarily unable to walk, keeping him from his regular world-wide jaunts.

"So, I thought, 'Well, I will become a ham radio operator, since traveling for me was a way of life . . . At least I could talk with all these people around the world,'" Stalzer explained. It also helps that Stalzer speaks about seven languages.

He went from a novice radio operator to extra class in two years. At that level of classification, applicants must be able to send Morse code at 20 words a minute.

With his radio, Stalzer has made friends world-wide; and, since his back improved, has even visited a few of his air-wave friends in New Zealand and South Africa.



Beverly Rhodes adjusts the frequency on his ham radio digital display.

Rhodes, who has been a ham radio operator since 1956, said he ended up in the middle of the war because of a fondness for the hobby. After World War II he enlisted in the military reserve to learn to be a radio operator. When the Korean Conflict heated up, Rhodes, with his radio skills, was sent in.

Rhodes started the Ruidoso club in 1989, and has received cards from people he's talked to all over the globe. It's a lot of fun to talk over the radio with improved technology, he said. "But we are old-fashioned operators, and we still like to get on the air and use Morse code."

Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw said she finally gave in and became a ham radio operator only after her father, mother, daughter and husband had all taken to it.

"It's a very interesting hobby, which my father helped pioneer back in West Texas. I forget how many hundreds of hams he helped put on the air. He was really into it," said

## How you can join the hams

The FCC requires all ham radio operators to take a one-page test (they get a copy of the answers first) and be licensed.

Their equipment ranges from the self-made and inexpensive to digital repeaters that can cost as much as

\$3,500, Rhodes said. Novice radio operators can often purchase a hand-held radio within their licensed band range for about \$50, he said.

For more information about the club or certification, call Rhodes at 257-2135.

Shaw, who added she isn't an active radio operator since her husband's death.

The Carlsons also have several good tales — from stories about the people they have assisted in crisis situations to their own romance.

Though they both lived in the same Oklahoma town when they met over the radio, Gunnar Carlson was born relocated to Washington, D.C. for his job. "From Washington to Oklahoma, we had long distance romance going on," he said. "And everyone in the world was listening in like it

was a soap opera."

In 1967, the couple was the first to put out a tornado warning for their Oklahoma area, giving people sufficient time to get to safety. The tornado, which passed within miles of their home, did considerable damage, Beverly Carlson said.

They all say many out-of-town hams from around the country come to visit them, often meeting for breakfast at a local restaurant.

"It's a community," Beverly Carlson said of ham radio operators. "But it's a world-wide community."

# Lincoln: Residents may sue county government

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board they appointed."

Earlier this month, commissioners granted a variance to Nat Palomarez, allowing him to leave up a roof that didn't conform with the preservation ordinance. The commission concluded the average person would not notice the difference in the roof's slant.

"It did not significantly affect the historic integrity of the community, the best we could tell," Commission Chairman Monroy Montes said. Once the residents hear the tape, they will see that commissioners deliberated the issue thoughtfully and fairly, he predicted.

Attempts by commissioners and the county's legislative delegates to add more protection by having the state also declare the area a special historic district failed.

"As far as we not being supportive of the district, that's not true," Montes said. "We are being as supportive as we can without

undue hardship on residents who live there and that's a hard balancing act."

To be enforceable, the law should be applied fairly to everyone, he said, but the preservation board seems to be selective when choosing which violations to pursue.

Jordan does not serve on the board, but said she is worried the historic integrity of the community will be compromised, if the preservation law is not enforced.

That's also the basis for the involvement of J. Robert Beauvais, a resident of Lincoln and a Ruidoso attorney.

"We will not move ahead with this out of spite, it's out of a genuine concern that the first time the new ordinance is called on to be enforced, it was summarily dismissed by commissioners," he said. "Commissioners have the right to grant variances, but it has to be based on specific findings of fact."

But Beauvais said that's not the overriding issue.

"He (Palomarez) entered into a written

agreement with the preservation board and submitted plans, and then he deviated from that," Beauvais said. "A variance is not intended to address that type of situation. There's a concern that the commission is not taking the ordinance seriously. We feel the integrity of the ordinance is important to property owners."

About 15 people discussed the possibility of legal action Tuesday, but if a judicial review is pursued, the entire community will be invited to attend a meeting and sign on as parties to the lawsuit, Jordan said.

"All we're asking commissioners to do is support the law they put on the books in the first place," Jordan said. "This is not just the Palomarez case we are trying to settle." Beauvais pointed out that Lincoln is recognized nationally as one of the best historically preserved towns in the nation.

"Other may have historical sections of a town, but this is an entire town in the fabric of a particular historic era," Beauvais said.

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# Ruidoso holds its own meeting next door about property taxes

Residents of Ruidoso who opted to attend a tax rate session called by a county official instead of going to a workshop for the village will have a second chance to say it all again.

Village Manager Gary Jackson said he will go over the same tax rate material again at a 5:30 p.m. meeting Thursday, May 8, at village hall, as well as at workshops May 12, May 15 and May 16.

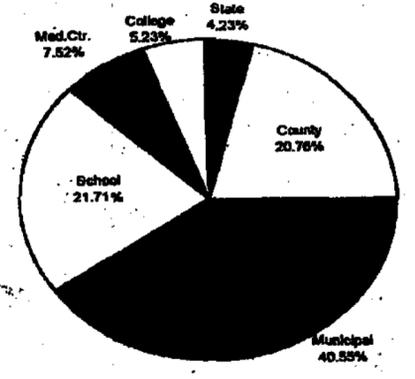
The workshop was called within the 24-hour period required for special meetings, Jackson said. It was scheduled for the same time and same building as the county meeting called by Commissioner Wilton Howell. The county meeting was to include a review of a request from the Ruidoso Village Council for the commission to help pay for some municipal services used by county residents. About 500 people attended the county meeting and about two dozen went to the Ruidoso council workshop, according to people at the village session.

The county meeting encompassed more than just the Ruidoso tax rate. It dealt with the valuation process, including appraisal and protest procedures. Our meeting was for only the Ruidoso tax rate. One thing that came out of comments by councilors was a general consensus that the village should approach the state Legislature about imposing a yield control (formula) to limit increases in appraised value of property over any one year."

Gary Jackson, Ruidoso Village Manager

## ► 1996 Village of Ruidoso Tax Rate Comparison

Item	Rate	Entity	% of Rate
1	1.556	State	4.23
2	7.633	County	20.76
3	14.912	Municipal	40.55
4	7.982	School	21.71
5	2.766	Med. Ctr.	7.52
6	1.923	College	5.23
Total	36.772		100.00



taxable value for county residents, consensus also was reached among councilors that if the current property re-appraisals in Ruidoso are approved, the tax rate for village operations and debt repayment will decline, he said.

His presentation to the council included an explanation of tax rates for operation and for debt service; a review of how yield control works and how it would apply to Ruidoso's municipal operations property tax; a review of a 10-year history of tax rates Ruidoso residents have paid as county residents; and a breakdown of where tax dollars go to provide village services.

In a parting shot at the county, Jackson Wednesday pointed out that residents of Ruidoso are paying more property taxes for operations to the county than to the municipality, "and someone could ask what they're receiving in return."

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"One thing that came out of comments by councilors was a general consensus that the village should approach the state Legislature about imposing a yield control (formula) to limit increases in appraised value of property over any one year," he said. Currently, yield control only limits yearly increases in property tax rates based on the Consumer Price Index with a 4-5% cap. It doesn't control property values.

In view of the preliminary 20% increase in

## Survey shows tax dissatisfaction

About 300 people returned surveys about their attitude on taxes and services handed out at the tax rate meeting called by Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell Wednesday. A brief review of

the preliminary responses by Howell showed that:

- only two out of the total said their taxes were not too high;
- 90% favored fewer services and lower taxes;
- several wrote that some of the five school districts in the county should be consolidated;

- nearly 100% wanted to see cooperation or consolidation of services between county and city to save money, specifically jails, police dispatch and road departments; fewer favored consolidating police with the sheriff's office;
- and 40-45% favored spending tax money to enhance tourism.

## Taxes: Meeting draws record crowd

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Grace said. But Barrazas said to understand the tax picture, residents must look at several factors: the valuations, the budgets of the taxing authorities, self-imposed taxes through bond issues and other voter-approved projects.

For the village of Ruidoso, 36.76% of the property tax revenues go to operations and 63.25% are self-imposed (voted on by taxpayers). That's 64 cents out of every property tax dollar paid to the village, he said.

"The last turnout for a bond issue (in Ruidoso) was 11% (of eligible voters)," Barrazas told the audience. "It seems to me you're letting the minority make the decisions for the majority."

"The reason for re-evaluation is not to raise money, but to equalize the tax burden," he

said, to expressions of disbelief from some in the audience.

"You could have a drop in value on your property and still have a tax increase," he said. "The services a village provides have to be paid for. The spending portion is the factor to look at."

When some residents asked why property is reappraised every two years, Barrazas said, "The longer the interval between reappraisals, the bigger the impact."

Even then, it's impossible for the county assessor's staff to catch all the sales and property improvements. They try to get as close to market value as they can, said Tom Garcia, deputy director of the state property tax division. When one resident pressed him for an answer about differences in values in the same area, an irritated Garcia said, "If you'd shut up a bit, I will try to answer." He apologized for his remark later.

To determine if an assessor has done a good job at setting values, Barrazas said his office tries to determine if property is valued at 90% of market value and if there is uniformity in the values.

"This (large increase in value) is not just happening in Lincoln County," he said. "It started in Santa Fe and spread out. The appraisal there went up, but the tax rates stayed the same. The revenues grew and grew and were spent for more and more services. That's where you're at now."

"Are you going to allow government entities to continue to take the money?"

To receive an explanation about why taxable value has gone up, an owner doesn't have to file a protest; he or she can call the assessor's office, Barrazas noted.

The protest board includes a state representative and two local residents, one with some real estate experience.

## Quotes: Residents express opinions

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Baca said, "I wonder if these individuals would take the assessed value of their property. There's a small cabin built in the 1940s for sale at \$269,000 and we've valued it at \$166,000."

"I think there's something fundamentally wrong with that kind of assessment," Ruidoso resident Ben Mason said about high-dollar sales that impact a neighborhood. "It suffers from the Ted Turner syndrome. He buys a ranch and all the property around it goes up in value. It's too much of a lightning strike."

"I'm satisfied with my tax rate, because it reflects what I'm getting," one Ruidoso resident said.

Noting that the Ruidoso Civic Events Center does not generate enough revenue to cover its operation, Ovella Estes said her real estate clients are impressed with the facility, "and I don't want my taxes to go down one thin dime if it hurts (the center)."

We have to pay a bigger piece of the pie (because of the high percentage of state and federal land in the county), but wouldn't you rather live here than in Albuquerque or Lubbock? I'm not complaining about my taxes, because I have good roads to drive on and a good hospital."

"Truth in taxation is a contradiction in terms," Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said. "High taxes stagnate economic development. We need to pay the least amount of taxes to deliver services."

# Ruidoso

SEASONED JUST RIGHT

## Nominees for Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



Steve W. Tally, certified hotel administrator, is general manager of the Best Western Swiss Chalet Inn. He is a board member of the New Mexico Hotel & Motel Association. He is optimistic about the recent direction Ruidoso and the Chamber is taking, with the Mountain Summits, hospitality training and the forming of business committees. "It's an exciting time to be in Ruidoso and I'd like to offer my time and help as a board member."



Bruce Kernodle is owner of Story Book Cabins and a four-year resident of Ruidoso. He has served as a community volunteer for the KHFH translator, the Chamber internet site, and also installed modern computer equipment at the Chamber Visitor Center.



Debbie Haines, formerly public relations manager and now district manager of Zia Natural Gas, has been involved in the community extensively. "If elected as a chamber director, I believe I can make a difference because of my personal commitment to our village."



Janet Goodwin has been the owner of Schlotzsky's Deli for 17 years. She wants to champion the fact that Ruidoso is being recognized as a healing community, "a place where people can come to be revitalized and nurture themselves, and an ever-growing place to heal."



Bill Bartlett is vice president of On Track Inc. and O. T. I. Video Services. He heads O.T.I.'s advertising department, which has 18 cable system advertising contracts in three states. He has 25 years' experience in audio/visual media. He first came to Ruidoso in 1980 and made it his permanent home in 1989. His wife is a teacher; he is a member of the Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus and a board member of the Lincoln County Food Bank.



Rosemary Scrimshire worked with the Junior League of El Paso, the American Heart Association and the PTA. She has been a travel agent in the El Paso and Ruidoso area for seven years. "I feel that while in the chamber I would be kept abreast of events and be able to take advantage of this by promoting tourism...I have something to offer the Chamber and I hope to be accepted on the board."



Curtis Keith, owner of Pine Ridge RV Campground, says he considers the Chamber a vital asset of the community. "Serving with other board members, I want to continue promoting the economic growth of our village."



James (Jim) A. Stoddard is director of the N. D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation and is a former educator. He says there are "two types of people, those who stand around and complain and those who get involved to make improvements in whatever situation arises."



Darlene Hart says she would like to be a part of the Chamber team because the community has given much to her and her family in the 19 years she has lived here, "and I believe in giving back whenever I can." Currently vice-president of Pioneer Savings Bank, she has been president of Ruidoso Little League Baseball for three years. Her family includes husband Paul, daughter Jenny and son Matthew.

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**OUR OPINION**

**Taxing issues mount**

Yes, Ruidoso consumers do pay the highest gross receipts tax in the state; can't deny the figures from the Department of Taxation and Revenue.

Taos has a gross receipts tax rate almost as high as Ruidoso's...and for years the Taos politicians have bragged that what the locals got in public services were paid for, mostly, by out-of-state visitors.

Little Milan, tucked in among the dregs of non-operating uranium mines west of Grants, has a much higher property tax rate than Ruidoso, but with only a fraction of the property valuation—\$2.8 million against \$122.7 million.

All of which, realistically, is interesting but not very meaningful. Every community in the state has its own unique economic profile, its own set of needs, its own list of social and civic requirements.

Ruidoso taxpayers, just like everybody else, everywhere, at some point must pay for the services they want, whether for improved infrastructure, a bigger hospital or indigent care.

Thus, the warning from Administrator Valerie Miller at Lincoln County Medical Center that another way must be found to meet our obligation to provide medical care for those who can't afford it themselves. For years, the hospital has been contributing substantially to the state indigent fund from the county's special hospital levy, so that taxpayers here have not been burdened with a direct indigent care tax. But now operating costs are drying up that option, and the Medicaid program requires local matching money.

The hospital's analysis is supported by Dr. Arlene Brown, the chair of the county Health and Wellness Board, who notes that nearly 1,100 families live in Lincoln County who are unable to pay for their own medical care—just about the number of families receiving some sort of income support.

The Health and Wellness Board has proposed multiple options, but leans toward a fund set aside from property tax receipts rather than from gross receipts taxes. The argument goes that property taxes would be paid by lots of second-home owners who live elsewhere; and, besides, a gross receipts tax (added to nearly every retail purchase made in the state) would put an unfair burden on the very people who can least afford it—the people who can't pay for medical care in the first place. But they made the same argument favoring gross receipts taxes in Taos, didn't they?

Confusing, isn't it?

We don't pretend to have an answer but one has got to be somewhere there in the tax system, or in the political will of those Lincoln County residents who are concerned about the welfare of all the people who live here, even part of the time.

**Q&A**

**New Mexico's property tax exemption for vets**

I live in Texas, but have residential property in Alto. My wife is a veteran. Are we eligible for a veteran's exemption on property taxes?

Doug Whittaker, Lincoln County deputy assessor, said under current law, it does not matter where a veteran resided when he served in the Armed Forces to qualify for a \$2,000 deduction from the taxable value

on the veteran's home in Lincoln County. But the home must be the person's main residence. Previously, only New Mexico veterans were eligible.

Queries for "Q & A" may be mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, attention Editor; they must be signed with a phone number for follow-up.

Calls also are welcome at 257-4001 during business hours, or at 257-1122, the hotline, 24 hours a day.



**THE SILVER LINING**

**Spring returns to mountain and vale**

This is being sent to you an hour after midday on April 15, right in the middle of the month of April showers and spring flowers.



BY DAN STORM  
 COLUMNIST

It is an even 70 degrees out at the yard gate, even with a breeze out of the north and heavy clouds drifting in overhead.

Quite a sudden change from morning temperatures of 18 and 20 just yesterday and the last few days.

Several days ago the purple clematis vine beside the doorway sent out its first leaf sprouts.

They were a foot long when the last blizzard struck and were frozen stiff in the mornings after the cold blasts.

Yet every day they bounced back and kept on growing.

The purple verbena near the gate kept blooming through the snow.

This morning was warm for a change, and I went out to see if the apple tree behind the old garage had survived the cold frosts of the last few days.

There were the first blossoms, pink and white among

the red un-opened fruit buds and the apple-green leaves. A few bees came humming and buzzing and you inhaled the blossom fragrance—the essence of the flavor of the apple itself, floating on the sunny morning air.

It turned out that about one in three blossoms and buds survived all of these hard freezes.

Then I called some of the orchard folks in San Patricio, and they said the apple trees were in full bloom when the recent blizzard was at its coldest.

They have hopes for some of the red apples, that is Winesap, Red Delicious, and Jonathan, if the trees make a second blooming as they sometimes do.

However, the old faithful, the golden delicious, has not yet come out in full blossom. So if no more hard freezes come, there will be some goldens.

In the upper Ruidoso around Bisquit Hill and on up, the apple trees are very late in putting out their blooms; so there is still a good chance for the apple to make it through this unseasonable cold spell.

I have not yet heard how the apples over near Bent and Mescalero made it through the cold spell—or the ones on the upper Bonito, or down toward Hondo or Picacho.

The apple trees cover such a

wide area that a complete freeze-out is unlikely. I will keep you posted on the fruit picture. Among the apple varieties, I forgot the Roman Beauty, a late bloomer that bears fruit most every year.

Other varieties are Jonathan, and Red Gold (a combination of double Red Delicious and Golden Delicious).

Some older varieties are to be found still bearing fruit on the upper Bonito, some above the dam, survivors of the pioneer days, going back to the days of Parsons Mine and Bonito to City.

These varieties include Arkansas Black, several kinds of winesap, black twig, and pearmain. On account of the colder weather in the higher altitude, these trees blossom late and make fruit almost every year.

The story of the apple in Lincoln County is an old story which is still being told year by year.

In the record book of Mother Earth, these late snowstorms are recorded as early moisture, which makes her heart rejoice.

It gives the grass, brush, herbs and other grazing and browsing creatures food a running start into a good year.

Let us be ever more grateful for all our blessings.

**YOUR OPINION**

**Nobody needs a visitor at the local hospital**

To the editor:

I went to your hospital recently and asked if I could visit someone sick. The supervisor told me no one there needed a visitor; they all had family.

I have visited hospitals all over Texas and New Mexico and I've never been told that.

Wanda Gorton  
 Ruidoso

**School boundaries fixed long in the past**

To the editor:

This is in response to the letter by Suzanne Gonzales concerning the realignment of Capitan School District. I have some comments that might set things in perspective.

The district boundaries were set many years ago before the current population demographics and are not subject to change. The schools are bound to abide by the boundaries set for them and provide service to all areas within them. It is no fault of the school districts if the boundaries do not agree with personal preferences of its members.

It was stated that the narrow two lane road from Alto to Capitan is dangerous, but I ask you: is the road from Alto to

Ruidoso less narrow and dangerous? Also to set the record straight, the Capitan bus does not go "all the way into Hondo" but turns around at the Felis Montana ranch which is a good five miles from Hondo, not exactly "walking distance."

The size of the Capitan district may appear to be large but it is in fact one of the smallest (in square miles) in the State, as is Ruidoso.

Frank Silvio  
 School Bus Contractor  
 Capitan

**Regional EMS conference attracts 500 to village**

To the editor:

I would personally like to thank everyone who attended the 1997 Region 3 EMS (emergency medical services) conference which was held in Ruidoso April 9-12, and which was a great success.

There were approximately 500 emergency medical professionals who attended this conference.

I would also like to thank the Ruidoso and Lincoln County communities for their support without this support the conference would not have been possible. Many people and businesses donated time, food, drinks, prizes and accommodations.

While it is true that Ruidoso

EMS did win the award for "Paid Service of the Year," this award would not have been possible without the continued support from our community and region.

Don Merritt  
 Ruidoso EMS

**LETTERS POLICY**

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**Violent Sierra Blanca?**

There are some people who think that Sierra Blanca is not a beautiful volcano ready to blow its top. Some people think it's just a mountain. ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN  
 RUIDOSO NEWS

Sierra Blanca, according to geologist Johnny Hughes, is merely the most visible accidental left-over of a monster volcano that once puffed up after a shallow sea receded that once covered most of what we now call southern New Mexico.

It was no slouch of a volcano either, measuring at least 25 miles across at its base and towering...well, nobody knows how high above sea level, because there's no trace of how high the land was above the sea in those ancient eons.

All the rugged canyons and valleys we live among today actually resulted from perhaps 40 million years of erosion, which slowly chewed away at that single monster pile of magma spewed from the depths.

Actually, however, the last spewing from the depths in our part of the world came just a tick of the geologic clock ago, west of Carrizozo, and created the Valley of Fires, he said. That happened fewer than 10,000 years ago.

Hughes, who spent years as a practicing geologist in Texas before moving to Ruidoso in the early '90s to live the good life and operate a lodge, dispelled some of the geologic myths about the county for Rotarians this week, and does the same regularly in classes at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

He says ENMU-R is reaching out before long with classes at Capitan, and one of his geology classes might be one of them.

And come Summer, he'll be teaching a field geology course out among all those trees, canyons and rocks. No desk work, he said, and lots of fresh air and exercise.

As Dan Storm notes in his column today, Spring finally seems to have slipped into our picturesque corner of the Southwest...at least for a few days.

Another sign of Spring we recorded last week was the vast and insistent interest the News' female house cat, Copycat, had in the outdoors.

Poor friendly Copycat.

She this week had that scheduled visit to the vet, which she survived quite handsily, and now is prepared to explore the outdoors occasionally, but only as an observer.

**"Quote"**  
 OTHER VIEWS

These attributed quotes are by area residents, or are quotations from other newspapers worthy of note.

"(The Forest Service) is worse than the KGB in Russia...human life has to be worth more than the enforcement of an alleged technical violation of the law."

Retired rock diver Bobby Unser of Albuquerque is testifying about his being charged with violating the Wilderness Act of 1964 by getting lost in a blizzard and straying across a wilderness boundary in his snowmobile. Quoted by Associated Press

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# Ruidoso doctor wins lawsuit against Lincoln County Medical Center, doctor

*A Ruidoso physician's 4-year-old lawsuit claiming she was defamed and the victim of an anti-trust conspiracy is upheld through the entire judicial system's appeal process.*

By TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dr. Arlene Brown feels a decade younger this week.

"I felt like I gained 10 years, and let 10 pounds off my shoulders," said Brown, a Ruidoso family practitioner. "It is just a wonderful feeling."

On Monday, she learned the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of her 1993 lawsuit against Valerie Miller, administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center, and Vickie Williams, a Ruidoso obstetrician.

In all, Brown was awarded more than a half-million dollars in the lawsuit.

The case has attracted national attention from the medical industry because physicians rarely prevail in similar lawsuits against hospitals, Brown's attorneys said.

"Doctors are very interested in the fact that another doctor obtained a verdict against a hospital for a peer review action," Albuquerque attorney Phil Krehbiel said. "It simply doesn't happen very often because of the immunity issue."

This stands among just a handful of cases.

A jury in 1995 concluded Miller had defamed Brown by characterizing her as incompetent, and that Miller and Williams together had conspired to keep Brown out of the obstetrics business in Ruidoso.

Those jury decisions and another against the hospital's management company were upheld by the U.S. 10th Circuit

Court of Appeals in November last year. Only Williams and Miller's portions of the lawsuit were appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It has been a hell," said Brown, who with her husband, Paul Vordermann, opened the Family Practice Center in Ruidoso in 1989. "There's no other avenue of appeal to my knowledge or to my attorney's knowledge. Hopefully, it can just be put behind us all."

Presbyterian Health Care Services, which manages LCMC, financed both Miller's and Williams' defense and has assumed liability for damages in their portions of the lawsuit, attorneys said. The company is to pay \$441,000 in actual and punitive damages in addition to the \$75,000 in damages it paid last year for interference with Brown's contract.

Miller said this week she would rather not comment about the case or the Supreme Court's decision to not hear her appeal.

"We spent three years mending the rift," she said. "It's over with, and that's that. We will just keep doing business the way we've been doing business."

Williams declined to comment, saying Presbyterian would make a statement on her behalf.

A Presbyterian spokesperson said the failed appeals and payment of the damages would have no impact on operations at LCMC. "It is behind us and we need to move on," said Claire Catanach, with the Presbyterian public relations office.

Ben Bird of Albuquerque, Brown's other attorney, said the key issue and the basis for the defendants' appeal was whether they had immunity under a federal statute called the Health Care Quality Improvement Act.

The act allows doctors to review other physicians' standard work without fearing a lawsuit.

However, the act does include exceptions to the review immunity, Bird said. And, "The court held that they were not

immune - that their conduct fell outside the parameters established by the Health Care Quality Improvement Act," Krehbiel said.

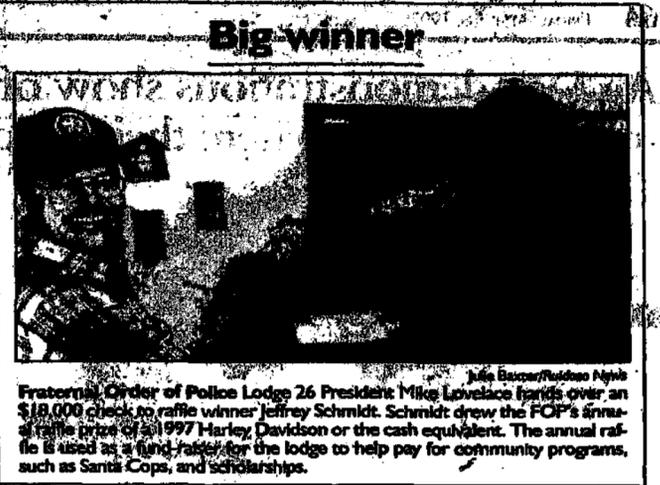
The actual judgment against Presbyterian for contract interference was \$62,500. The judgment against Miller for defamation was \$30,000 in actual damages and \$75,000 in punitive damages. The anti-trust judgment against Williams and Miller was \$112,000, which was tripled, as required under federal law, to \$336,000. Because of that law, a \$75,000 punitive anti-trust award was set aside by the trial judge, Bird said.

In December 1995, an injunction against the hospital restored Brown's obstetric privileges. In the two years her privileges were suspended, Brown continued to perform obstetric procedures at hospitals in El Paso, Las Cruces and Alamogordo, her attorneys said.

Her privileges to perform procedures in other areas of medicine were never revoked at LCMC, attorneys said. Brown said the legal battle

has been "a horrendous burden." She added that an Albuquerque federal judge still has to rule on whether her attorney's fees will be paid by Presbyterian.

"I've been back to the kind of practice I've always wanted to have, but now I feel like I'm justified in doing exactly what I've wanted: taking care of patients and providing the kind of medical care for this community I've always wanted to do," Brown said.



Mike Lovelace/Ruidoso News  
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 26 President Mike Lovelace hands over an \$18,000 check to raffle winner Jeffrey Schmidt. Schmidt drew the FOP's annual raffle prize of a 1997 Harley Davidson or the cash equivalent. The annual raffle is used as a fund-raiser for the lodge to help pay for community programs, such as Santa Cops, and scholarships.

## Doctor's lawsuit claimed defamation

By TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dr. Arlene Brown's lawsuit was finally resolved this week, two years after a jury trial vindicated her of allegations of incompetency.

The three-pronged lawsuit, first filed in an Albuquerque federal court in 1993, said officials at the Lincoln County Medical Center took away the local family practitioner's privilege to deliver babies and perform other obstetric procedures at the hospital, for non-medical reasons.

The real reason, according to her lawsuit, was because a hospital administrator had conspired to promote the business of hospital-recruited doctors, namely Ruidoso obstetrician Vickie Williams.

The LCMC administrator, Valerie Miller, also defamed Brown by telling others in the medical profession Brown had lost her obstetric privileges at the facility because of incompetency, the lawsuit said.

The company managing LCMC, Presbyterian Health Care Services, interfered with Brown's contract by discouraging other physicians from

working with Brown, the lawsuit said.

The three-week trial jury, which concluded April 11, 1996, supported all of Brown's claims and awarded her actual and punitive damages in the case.

During the trial and afterward, LCMC officials said the hospital board was right to revoke Brown's obstetric privileges, based on a peer investigation of her work. Three doctors who reviewed the medical charts from two of Brown's obstetric cases said she didn't consult with obstetrical specialists when she should have.

But Brown's attorneys said those doctors conducted an insufficient investigation of her work. And Brown said the patients in the two cases had successful deliveries.

Brown's attorneys also said testimony during the trial indicated those patients' medical charts may have been altered.

"There was some evidence that the records the committee reviewed were not totally complete," said one of Brown's attorneys, Phil Krehbiel. "But that wasn't really the basis for the jury's finding. It was broader than that. It was simply that there wasn't a thorough inves-

igation." Krehbiel said another physician reviewed 50 of Brown's cases over a period of six months and concluded Brown "clearly showed" she appropriately referred cases to specialists when required.

"In other words, he said there's a good doctor here. And that looking at only two charts gives you a distorted view of her ability," Krehbiel said.

The defamation portion of Brown's lawsuit is based on Miller telling a medical database that Brown's privileges had been revoked for incompetence, malpractice and negligence.

"There was a unique set of facts here, just given all the things that happened to her," Krehbiel said. "There's some more background here: Presbyterian is sort of at odds with Dr. Brown."

In 1991, Brown declared bankruptcy, wiping out a \$400,000 debt to the hospital, attorneys said in earlier interviews. Vordermann said he and his wife decided to take that action when the hospital demanded full payment of their debt, rather than in installments as previously agreed on.

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## Ag Day demonstrations show off ranch skills, remind students where their food comes from



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Capitan Elementary students watch Barry Herd demonstrate how to show a horse during the annual Ag Day that showcases ranching skills.

Milking, shoeing and shearing demonstrations captivated elementary students in Capitan Wednesday during the second Agricultural Day sponsored by the Corriente Cowbelles.

Twenty-five volunteers showed up to help children learn about how food winds up on their plates and fiber in their clothing.

"We need to educate the children as to where the food and fiber comes from," said Ruth Shannon, a local cowbelle as well as president of the New Mexico Cowbelles. "So many of them are far removed from ranches and they don't see grandma and grandpa there anymore."

Ag-Day programs were started 20 years ago by the state organization, but they didn't become popular and spread out across the state until about five years ago, Shannon said.

Children rotated from a dairy cow milking to a puppet show by Darrell Brown of Partners in Education, then stopped at a petting zoo with llamas, alpaca, goats, lambs, piglets and calves. The next station included a sheep shearing demonstration by Gerald Montes and wool spinning by Ralph Dunlap. Shannon branded faces with markers, Game Warden Ron Moore talked about wildlife and Barry Herd nailed shoes.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Henry Berry gets to know Pony Express, an alpaca who came to Agriculture Day at Capitan Elementary, an annual event sponsored by the Corriente Cowbelles.

## Training for queen candidates in May

Rodeo royalty will offer advice and training to girls interested in competing for the title of Lincoln County Rodeo Queen, or who are interested in acquiring the poise that could help them throughout their lives.

Connie Coffey English, formerly "Miss Rodeo New Mexico," will be on hand for a two-day queens clinic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 3-4 at the Capitan

- Fair queen training
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 3-4
- Capitan fair building

fair building. English started in rodeo and horse show competitions at the age of nine. She has won titles yearly since 1989. She also attended modeling school and currently is a radio personality with KRST.

The clinic is open to all age groups. Early registration is a must, since space is available only for 30 participants. The cost of the two-day clinic is \$30.

Girls provide their own horses. Stalls will be available for \$10 a night. Topics to be covered are personality, speech, modeling and horsemanship.

For more information and registration, contact Missy Parker at (505) 354-91432.

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TODAY BRIEFS

Choirs, new orchestra perform here next week

The ENMU College Community and Show Choirs will be having their spring concert at 7 p.m. Monday, April 21 at the First Christian Church, 1217 Hull Road, Ruidoso. Admission is free.

The choir will perform contemporary, rock-pop, classical and Broadway musical selections. They are directed by conductor Danny Flores.

The April 21 concert will also be the first public performance for the newly formed Show Choir, a touring group available for group meetings, conferences and conventions in the region. For more information, call 257-2120.

The inaugural concert of the new ENMU College Community Orchestra has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24 at the First Christian Church. Admission to this concert also is free.

The approximately 20-piece orchestra, led by conductor Nate Kruse, will perform a variety of numbers, and will be followed on the program by the New Mexico State University Jazz Ensemble.

For more information, call 257-2120.

Roving Sands exercise creates more air traffic

Residents of much of the southern half of New Mexico likely will notice increased aircraft noise as military aircraft participating in Roving Sands '97 fly through the area April 18-26.

Roving Sands officials said significant efforts have been made to minimize the overflight of residential and commercial areas and stay away

from civil aircraft. Approximately 100 military aircraft will participate in the exercise. The flying schedule for the exercise is as follows:

Friday, April 18: 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19: noon to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday-Friday, April 20-25: 2 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.

Saturday, April 26: noon to 5 p.m.

Roving Sands '97 is the world's largest air defense exercise. Its participants total approximately 20,000 troops from all branches of the U.S. armed forces and the nations of Germany, Canada and The Netherlands. This is the sixth Roving Sands exercise.

People with concerns or complaints about the noise should call the White Sands Missile Range Public Affairs Office at 505-878-1134; Fort Bliss Public Affairs at 915-568-4605; or Roving Sands Joint Information Bureau at 915-569-8330.

L.C. Tourism Council learns P.R. skills

Representatives from the tourism councils in nine New Mexico counties met this week for a conference on improving public relations skills, officials said.

Karen Watson, with the federally funded Rural Economic Development through Tourism office, said the conference kicked off Sunday afternoon. About 45 conference participants met Sunday afternoon for a reception and art exhibit of more than 90 Lincoln County artists in Capitán.

The group then toured the Hurd Gallery in San Patricio before heading back to the Ellis Store in Lincoln.

Rand Harmon, director of the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, gave the keynote address of the conference Sunday night, discussing the economic impact of cultural arts on communities, Watson said.

Mike Cook, a writer with an extensive background in public relations, instructed conference participants Monday on how to prepare press releases and how to make people in their communities aware of tourism opportunities. He also offered suggestions for things to do during National Tourism Week, May 4-10.

Lynn Ditto, from U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman's office, discussed pending federal legislation that can help tourism projects, including road improvements and the construction of bike trails, Watson said.

Vegetarian Club potluck on Earth Day

The Vegetarian Club of Ruidoso is sponsoring a vegetarian potluck at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 in celebration of its one-year anniversary and Earth Day. It is open to the public and will be held at the Ruidoso Senior Center.

Musicians will be performing and the club hopes to have information on Earth-friendly products, projects, vegetarianism, and alternative health issues. Anyone interested in participating in the celebration with information or donating a covered vegetarian dish, please contact Russ Warwick 257-2179, Karen Vaughn 258-4989, or Fay Aldridge 257-5765.

The Club normally meets at the Roastery, 118 Rio Street in Ruidoso at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month (dates are subject to change). The club is open to the public

and encourages everyone to try an evening of vegetarian cuisine, even if you're not a vegetarian, and enjoy the good ideas and great networking.

Attorney general opposes Zia Gas price increase

State Attorney General Tom Udall is opposing a gas rate increase requested by Zia Natural Gas Company, which serves customers in Ruidoso, Hobbs and Jal.

The company requested the \$2.8 million rate increase on Nov. 1. It is asking for a 30-40% rate hike for Hobbs residents. Increases in Lincoln County would be in the 8% range.

In the AG filing, utility finance expert Jim Cotton said most of the costs Zia seeks to recover have not yet been incurred. The company has stated that increased costs were due in part to the recent takeover of the Hobbs Gas Company by Zia.

"An increase of this magnitude in utility rates is never justified," Udall said, "especially when it is requested to recover the costs of a utility merger or consolidation. Our analysis concludes that no increase is indicated at this time."

Locals get jailed to fight Muscular Dystrophy

Some of Ruidoso's most notorious residents were locked up for "good" on Thursday, April 17 at Norwest Bank, to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Food, fun, and a lot of laughs were "served" to these volunteers who were put behind bars "for good."

The funds raised through the Ruidoso Lock-Up will help provide important services to

more than 400 New Mexicans with neuromuscular diseases, with three of those 400 residing in the Ruidoso area. These services include regular clinics at University of New Mexico Hospital and Carrie Tingley Hospital, assistance with the purchase and repair wheelchairs, a special summer camp for kids, and funding for important research projects. All these services are provided at no cost by MDA.

Call the Muscular Dystrophy Association for more information at (505) 828-1331.

Ruidoso's notorious jailbirds are:

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- Grace Lopez - Art & Gram Chalet
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- Claudia Branum - NAPA Auto Parts
- Camille Mansell - Mansell's Accounting
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- Mark Decker - Seeley & Co. Insurance

DOE backs up WIPP's opening date to May '98

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) has been delayed from its November 1997 opening, until May 1998, because of delays in Environmental Protection Agency reviews.

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Area Office will release a revised Disposal Decision Plan that gives May 1998 as the projected opening date.

The EPA has informed the DOE that it cannot complete the required rule making on

the certification decision until April 1998 at the earliest. The Secretary of Energy's approval for opening the facility is linked to the certification decision. The WIPP could thus begin operations 30 days after that decision, or May 1998.

The WIPP is designed to permanently dispose of transuranic radioactive waste left from the research and production of nuclear weapons. Located in southeastern New Mexico, 26 miles east of Carlsbad, project facilities include disposal rooms excavated 2,150 feet (almost half a mile) underground. Transuranic waste consists of clothing, tools, rags, and other such items contaminated with trace amounts of radioactive elements, mostly plutonium.

State prosecutes unemployment fraud

In an effort to discourage fraudulent claims for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits, the New Mexico Department of Labor will now prosecute if UI benefits have been fraudulently received.

Labor Secretary Clinton D. Harden said this will demonstrate that UI fraud will be dealt with as a serious criminal offense and, through court action, his department will recoup stolen money.

District Attorneys from each Judicial District will be contacted for their help in prosecuting these cases, Harden said.

"In the past, this has been a very effective method in preventing fraud and collecting overpayments that are due the UI program," said Harden. "Our administrative penalties, denying future benefits, have little deterrent or punitive value in these fraud cases."

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# New Mexico Community Foundation opens southern New Mexico office in Silver City

The New Mexico Community Foundation has opened a new office for Southern New Mexico in Silver City.

Betty Vega, former vice president and community reinvestment officer for Sunwest Bank of Grant County, has joined the NMCF staff as chief financial officer and program director.

Three community-based economic development projects already are underway in Dona Ana, Sandoval and Grant counties, targeting Rural Water Systems and Land Use, Rural Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency and Self-Employment, Affordable Housing and Youth Entrepreneurship. "These initial projects are indicative of the Foundation's strong commitment to expanding rural economic development in the southern part of our state," Vega said.

"This southern office site expansion and Betty's leadership and financial expertise will open many new doors of opportunity for New Mexico communities and their greatest asset...people," said Janet Voorhees, Executive Director of the New Mexico Community Foundation.

You can visit with Vega by calling 505-534-1556, fax 505-534-1848.

The New Mexico Community Foundation is a statewide endowment-building and grant-making organization that serves and invests in New

Mexico's communities.

Since 1980 the NMCF has provided grants, technical assistance and training, impacting the lives of thousands of people in more than 100 communities throughout the state to maximize community capacity and achieve self-reliance. In the past two years the foundation has developed and established major funding initiatives and is beginning new ones.

Programs include:

- The Luminaria Endowment for Rural Communities Campaign - The Ford Foundation has challenged the NMCF to raise \$1 million in 1997, which it is matching with \$500,000 for grants and programs to help rural communities. The foundation started three Community-Based Economic Development projects in Dona Ana, Sandoval and Grant counties, targeting Rural Water Systems and Land Use, Rural Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency and Self-Employment, Affordable Housing and Youth Entrepreneurship. The foundation also sponsors Community Capacity-Building Workshops throughout the state, training

participants and empowering communities to build on their strengths, resources and skills to improve the economic security of rural families and communities.

- The Rural Livelihoods Initiative - The NMCF has convened a consortium of New Mexico and national funders to launch this multi-year Community-Based Economic Development initiative. Capacity-building grants and technical assistance to New Mexico rural communities will focus on small business development, financial management, job training, product design, regional and global marketing strategies, transportation alliances, youth entrepreneurship, distance learning networks, cultural and environmental preservation, rural arts, and strategies for sustainable agriculture. The foundation's aim is to raise \$2-3 million for these Community-Based Economic Development projects, which build on the traditions, assets and entrepreneurial skills in rural areas.

- Via the Strengthening New Mexico Families Initiative, the NMCF is working with several community-based organizations including the

UNM Family Development Program to help parents and infants through intensive preschool attention to children, parenting skills training, early childhood development education, home visiting programs, and the creation of community family resource centers. The goal is to break the cycle of poverty for infants and families in disadvantaged circumstances. This program is based on highly successful models in North Carolina and Minnesota.

- Via the New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership, sponsored by the National AIDS Fund, the NMCF has generated more than \$370,000 in new funds for HIV/AIDS education, prevention and services in New Mexico in the past two years with special emphasis on rural communities and youth. Grants awarded include support of an alternative therapies fund, establishment of the Girls Mentorship-Leadership Program for low-income, at-risk 12 to 15-year-olds in Albuquerque, and the formation of the Students and Philanthropy HIV/AIDS Peer Education Program in Roswell. This initiative is based on a unique model in which organizations are challenged to raise their own funds for projects, thus increasing their own fund-raising capacity and eliminating their dependence on dwindling state and federal funding. Matching funds are provided by the National AIDS Fund, through the NMCF on a one-for-two basis.

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Executive Director of  
the NM Community  
Foundation

## DEATHS FUNERALS

**Jacob Salas**  
A graveside service for Jacob Alexander Salas, 88, of Ruidoso Downs was at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, at Mescalero Cemetery at Mescalero. Officiating was Deacon Ben Vigil of St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso.

Jacob died April 8, 1997 in Alamogordo. He was born Sept. 3, 1908 at Mescalero to Jake and Rita Salas. He had lived in the Otero and Lincoln counties areas all of his life. He graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1929 and from New Mexico State University in 1939. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his mother Rita of Ruidoso Downs; four brothers, Wade, Jordan, Brian and Franklin Torres, all of Mescalero; five sisters, Shirlene Glossop and Shelley Torres, both of Mescalero, and Barbara Cachora, Bernadine Cachora and Sharon Cachora, all of Winterhaven, Calif.

She married Ellis B. Rhodes on Mar. 16, 1937 at Titusville, Fla. and he preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1981.

She is survived by her sister, Norma R. Cannon of Greensboro, N.C. and three nephews and one niece.

The family has requested memorials to the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

### Raymond Wormley

SM Sgt Raymond E. Wormley (USAF ret), 77, of Ruidoso Downs, died Sunday, April 13. He was a resident of El Paso for 44 years and moved to Ruidoso Downs three years ago, after being a summer resident here since 1954.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 21 at Fort Bliss Center Chapel One, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Born and reared in State Center, Iowa, he studied dairy science at Iowa State University and briefly worked as a cheesemaker. In 1940 he joined the Army Air Corps and was decorated for his World War II service in Alaska. He was chief aircraft inspector with the SAC 95th Bomb Wing at Biggs AFB and was nominated to serve on the flight crew of Air Force One when he retired in 1961.

In 1965 he earned a BBA in accounting from UTEP and was awarded the scholarship key of Delta Sigma Pi for the highest academic record among Business Administration graduates that year. He joined the IRS in 1966 and was a field auditor until 1973.

During 25 years as a ham radio operator he earned numerous awards and was named a Master County Hunter in 1993. Fellow ham operators all over the world knew him as "WN5MBS."

Preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine, he is survived by two daughters, Claudia Wilson and Mary Wormley; two sons-in-law, Brett Wilson and Don Frederick; and three grandsons, Colin Wilson, Dalton Frederick and Michael Frederick.

Memorial contributions can be made to Home Health Services of Ruidoso or to the Raymond Wormley Memorial Scholarship Fund of the UTEP College of Business Administration.

### Vera R. Rhodes

A graveside service for Vera R. Rhodes, 84, of Ruidoso Downs was at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso with the Rev. David Jordan officiating.

Mrs. Rhodes died Monday, April 14, at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

She was born May 20, 1912 in Norwich, Kan., to Pearl and Henry Riney. Mrs. Rhodes was a retired bank teller and homemaker. She had lived in the Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs area since 1973, moving from Longwood, Fla. She was also a member of First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Ruidoso Village Planning & Zoning Commission took the following actions Tuesday at its regular meeting:

- CONTINUED a public hearing on proposed changes to the village of Ruidoso's sign laws. The discussion will be continued at the commission's next meeting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. A couple members of an ad hoc committee working on amendments to the 20-page ordinance protested several staff suggestions that differed from their recommendations. Commission member Linda Flack said the continuance would allow more members of the ad hoc committee to attend the hearing, and would allow commission members time to "digest some of these changes."

- DENIED, with one dissenting vote, a request to overturn an administrative decision to deny Jimmy Smith a permit to put a sign for Cree Meadows Country Club on the property of One

Stop Auto. New commission member Glen Barrow voted against the denial. Smith, who accused the village planning and zoning department of double standards, showed commission members numerous signs about the village that he said violate ordinances. He said Cleatus Richards, head of the village planning department, would not approve applications from either him or his father, Don Smith, because of a personal bias.

- APPROVED unanimously an amendment to the village's laws for building on hillsides, and sent the decision on to the Ruidoso Council for final approval. Several developers protested the amendments in a public hearing before the commission's vote, saying they would prefer the village to drop the ordinance entirely. "But I think it's an improvement (over the existing law)," said Jace Ensor, a Ruidoso builder. The amendment reduces the amount of property that must be left

undeveloped if construction is on a slope that exceeds a specified angle.

- APPROVED an amendment to the village's laws on driveway requirements unanimously following a public hearing, and sent it on to the Ruidoso Council for final approval. The amendment eliminates a current dip requirement in driveways. Instead, it would classify driveways that wash gravel into roads as nuisances. Property owners will assume responsibility for washed-out driveways under the amendment.

- TABLED a request from Ensor to build a 6,000-square-foot building off of Upper Terrace, until village attorneys can determine whether the building will be allowed as warehouse. In his application, Ensor listed the structure as a lumberyard, though he said it would be used as a private-warehouse of construction materials and not as a retail supplier of lumber. A group of residents near the proposed building

protested the state highway department's creation of a run-off pond next to the proposed warehouse.

- APPROVED unanimously a proposed zoning change for a lot along College Drive in the White Mountain Estates from high density residential to low density residential, and sent it to the Ruidoso Council for final approval.

- APPROVED unanimously a request to use village right-of-way along Sudderth Drive and Paradise Canyon Road, with certain conditions, and sent it on to the Ruidoso Council for final approval. Two homes planned for the largely undeveloped hillside would partially enter the right-of-way areas.

- APPROVED unanimously a request for a permit to build a home addition at 177 Juniper Road, with conditions, and sent it on to the Ruidoso Council for final approval. The homeowner wants to add 30 square feet to his home, which would move the structure 3 feet beyond established village

parameters from the roadside.

- APPROVED unanimously a request to amend a commercial site, the in-Espresso-bis Cafe House on Sudderth Drive, to use the building as a restaurant, with certain conditions, and sent it on to the Ruidoso Council for final approval.

- APPROVED unanimously a request from the Texas House restaurant on Sudderth Drive to use part of its parking lot for loading and unloading a covered wagon, and sent it on to the Ruidoso Council for final approval. Commission members said while the restaurant may use the parking lot to load the wagon, the village and state may not allow the wagon along a route up First Street to D Street, then north on D Street to Main Road to the reservation boundary and back.

- APPROVED new officers for the Planning and Zoning Commission. They are Leroy Nowell, chair, and Linda Flack, vice chair.

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## The girls and boys of summer gear up for softball league play

• Changes in national and state bylaws include a provision allowing teams to play tournaments with nine players.

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS WRITER

More women and fewer men will be playing in this season's village of Ruidoso adult softball leagues.

Eight women's softball teams, up from two last year, and nine men's teams, down four from a year ago, begin with the women leading off April 28.

Parks and recreation sports coordinator Claudia Branum said the drop in men's teams is because of work commitments, specifically construction.

Missing from this year's men's league are Radio Shack Attack, Carrizozo, Rookies and Sierra Blanca Motors.

Most of the players without a team have been absorbed by others teams, Branum said.

In the women's division, Sierra Bank has joined the fray along with Kelly's Girls. Defending league champion No Excuses returns as does defending league tournament champ Diamond Sals. Both teams were moved up to the class C level by virtue of their successes in 1996.

Rounding the women's league are Wild Things, Flamingo Softball Club and LCMC.

Both the men's and women's teams will play each other at least twice - three times if Branum has the fields and time.

The women will play Monday nights and some Thursdays. The men will play their games Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Rule changes designed to promote the game

At the national meeting of the United States Slo-Pitch Softball Association (the governing body of Ruidoso softball), several rule changes were enacted.

Instead of having designated home run hitters, teams now have a limited number of home runs. Classifications are designated by the number of home runs allowed, i.e. class E and D teams, zero home runs; class C teams, three home runs, etc.

The second major rule change allows teams to start and finish with nine players, instead of 10. A team can start with nine players and add one in the 10th spot of the batting order at any time. No additional hitter (AH) can be added. A team that starts with nine takes an automatic "out" in the 10th spot of the batting order until it's filled by a player. Additionally, a team can start with 11 and finish with nine (because of injury), and then add back to 11, provided the team doesn't drop down because of ejections.

"You can fall back for injury - that's the only condition," said Branum, who is also the area's umpire in chief. "You can't fall back because of ejections."

Two state bylaws will also impact this year's play. Teams must enter all tournaments through their area directors by the Monday preceding the journey. In order to qualify for post-season play, teams must play in at least two qualifying tournaments as well.

The bottom line, said Branum, team managers should read the rule book.

## Swingin' into spring



These girls took full advantage of the sunshine and the swing recently at the White Mountain schools playground. Pictured are (left to right) Ashlee Stella, Tabitha Sportsman, Shalane Duquette, Rachel Hawthorne, and Lauren Sportsman.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

## Tee-rific



James Stephens/For the Ruidoso News

Ruidoso High School golfer Leigh Ann Christensen did her part at St. Pius and helped drive her team to a first-place finish.

## Golfers gearing up for Gooch

The Ruidoso Warrior golf teams set their sights on the state's largest high school golf tournament Monday and Tuesday as more than 24 schools hit town for the Leroy Gooch Invitational, which, next to the state tournament, draws the toughest field of the year.

In addition to last year's boys AAA State Champion Los Alamos, defending AAAA champs Carlshad is also entered in the Gooch, which is named after local golfer Leroy Gooch, who started the high school program there 30 years ago.

Monday's boys play will take place at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club while Tuesday's action shifts to The Links at Sierra Blanca. The varsity girls and the boys JV squad will play at Cree Meadows both days.

The warrior boys team is coming off a sharp effort. After

winning Tuesday's St. Pius Quad, the team needs a couple of good rounds in the Gooch to set the stage for a state tournament bid next month. Since the boys captured their third and last qualifying leg at St. Pius, the Warriors should respond as they did last year - by playing their best golf of the season in late April.

On the girls side, RHS is enjoying its finest season ever after upsetting perennial powers Albuquerque Academy and West Las Vegas in the Great Eight.

The Gooch should make it three in a row for the girls who, with the Great Eight win, have taken dead aim on the state championship. Neither Academy nor West Las Vegas accepted invitations to the Gooch, however, as always, Portales is in the field and the Warriors have beaten the Lady Warriors once already this year.

## Tracksters host Ruidoso Invitational

### SPORTS SHORTS

Artesia and Hot Springs join host Ruidoso in a track and field triangular meet beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Warrior Stadium.

Saturday's meet will be the Warriors' first qualifying meet of the season. Ronny Maskew's crew was supposed to run last Saturday at the Oñate Invitational, but an unexpected snowstorm kept the Warriors at home.

"It was perfect down there (Las Cruces), but I just wasn't going to take a chance when the police were discouraging travel," Maskew said.

The longtime Ruidoso coach said the Warriors will practice hard this week to make up for the lost competition.

"It's a qualifying meet so we're going to get after it," he said.

Field events start the action at 10 a.m., followed by preliminaries in the running events at 10:15 a.m. The finals are slated for 2 p.m.

"We keep it small intentionally so that people have a chance to run in the prelims and finals," Maskew said.

### Baseball team takes a pair from Hot Springs

Faced with a challenge, the Ruidoso baseball team met it Tuesday in Truth or Consequences.

"I challenged them to assert themselves as one of the better teams in the district," Warrior coach Rodney Webb said before the Warriors took the field Tuesday at Hot Springs High School.

Assert they did. The Warriors shelled the Tigers 18-6 in the first game, and followed that up with a 14-4 pounding in the nightcap.

"We ought to beat teams like Hot Springs like that," Webb said.

The doubleheader sweep upped the Ruidoso record to 5-10 overall and 1-4 in District 3AAA play.

Next on deck for Ruidoso is a tough Cobre Indian nine. The Warriors' host the visitors for a 1 p.m. varsity contest at the White Mountain Recreation Complex diamond. The two schools' junior varsity teams square off at 3 p.m.

Saturday's game is an important one, Webb said.

"We want to let teams know that when they come to Ruidoso they're going to have their work cut out for them," Webb said.

The Warriors, who lost to the Indians earlier in the season, might have a few tricks up their sleeves for Cobre, Webb said.

Senior outfielder and pitcher Ricky Pacini continues to swing a hot bat. He was four-for-seven with four runs batted in versus Hot Springs.

Webb will move Pacini up two spots in the batting lineup from fifth to third in hopes of generating some early runs.

Ruidoso's snowed out doubleheader with Santa Teresa has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 6, in Gadsden.

### Scramble rescheduled

Because of last weekend's snowstorm, the RHS golf scramble has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 20 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The starting time will be 1 p.m. All players will have to re-register with the Inn's pro shop before Sunday at 11 a.m. in order to play. Open to the public, the scrambles cost is \$25 plus cart fees and feature prizes of \$500. Proceeds go toward the travel costs of the Warrior golf program.

## BOTTOM OF THE FIRST

### GAME TIME

Friday, April 18  
Senior Olympics - Team bowling, 1 p.m., Ruidoso Bowling Center  
Softball - Ruidoso at Cobre, 4 p.m., Bayard Track & Field - Capitan at Tatum Relays, TBA, Tatum

Saturday, April 19  
Ruidoso vs. Portales, 10 a.m., Ruidoso municipal courts  
Baseball - Ruidoso vs. Cobre, 1 p.m., White Mountain Recreation Complex  
Softball - Ruidoso at Silver (DH), 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Silver City Track & Field - Ruidoso Invitational, 10:30 a.m., Ruidoso High School  
Little League Baseball Opening season ceremonies, 10 a.m., Gavilan Canyon baseball diamond  
Sunday, April 20  
Senior Olympics - Golf, 1 p.m. at The Links. This was incorrectly reported as happening Saturday in the last edition.

### ON DECK

Any Miller Memorial Softball Tournament A double elimination, one-pitch softball tournament will be held Saturday, April 26. Men's Open and Women's Open divisions. Entry fee is \$100 and is due by 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 23. Awards for first through third places, plus individual awards. Sponsored by the Diamond Sals Softball Club. For more information, call Claudia Branum at 257-5030.

Marilla Valley Track Club Marathon A 5K run/20K bike/400M swim triathlon will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 20, at the NMSU Natatorium in Las Cruces. Pre-registration fee is \$25 for entries post-marked before April 15, and \$30 thereafter. Awards for first through third places in each age group. Call Genia Sheppard at 505-524-7824 for information.

Scramble Golf Scramble The Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces will host a benefit golf scramble Friday, May 2, at the Las Cruces Country Club. The hole-in-one scramble will include three \$100 prizes for each. Entry fee is \$25 per person and covers meals, cart, team pictures, and a charitable contribution. Entry forms are avail-

able at the Las Cruces Country Club Golf Shop and The Catholic Diocese Pastoral Center. For information regarding registration, contact Dorothy Medina at The Catholic Diocese Pastoral Center, 1280 Med Park Drive, Las Cruces, N.M. 88005 or call 505-523-7577.

Loveless presents sports exhibit A traveling display from the Ontario Science Centre will be open to the public at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 4. Hands-on activities test visitors in their sports skills and knowledge.

White Sands Missile Range Men's D/E Slopitch Invitational A men's class D and E slo-pitch invitational tournament will be May 17 and 18 at White Sands Missile Range. Entries must be received by May 14 with a \$50 deposit. Full entry fee is \$90. Checks should be made payable to WSMR IMWR. Send entries and deposits to: Bell Gym, STWES-CA-RS, P.O. box 400, White Sands Missile Range, N.M. 88002. For more information call Bell Gym at 505-678-3374.

Youth baseball tournament A competitive youth baseball tournament will be held for 13- and 14-year-olds at the Albuquerque sports-plex May 30 and June 1. Teams attending will qualify for nationals and state championships. Registration fee is \$250 per team, with a guarantee of at least five games. Call Dana Gilmer at 505-452-8485 or 505-823-2343.

### WHAT'S BITING

This past week was an unusual week for fishing. The last few weekdays saw high to nearly gale-force winds. Then the weekend - snow! We really need the moisture, so who can complain? Grindstone Lake has been spotty with propeller flies behind a bubble doing the best and with small gold or silver spoons also catching fish. Small damselfly nymphs have been spotted in the water so that means a good damselfly hatch soon. Bonito Lake has been about the same as Grindstone. Small Adams and baetis dry flies have been the ticket in the late afternoon. The Rio Ruidoso has continued its runoff. Fish are scattered but hungry. Pheasant tails, rock worms, and cuds have been steady producers. Snowmelt continues to fill the river beds. Eagle Lakes are open. Hoot has informed me that block propeller flies are hot. Please remember to leave the area where you fish cleaner than when you found it.

Practice catch and release always. Jim Shoop Fly's Etc.

### DISTANT REPLAY

A look back on Lincoln County sports and recreation history as compiled from back issues of the Ruidoso News by Meredith Keeton.  
40 years ago - April 9, 1957- Pat Rooney and Bob Prior are elected to lead the Warrior varsity football team as captain and co-captain in the upcoming season. April 17, 1957- the Warrior baseball team ties up a winning season by capturing the District 5-8 title.  
30 years ago - April 16, 1967- Allen Baker places his winning high jump of 5 feet 4 inches at the T or C Hot Springs invitational track meet, leading the Warriors to victory.  
20 years ago - April 12, 1977- Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center offers a belly dancing class to Girl Scouts and their mothers.  
April 14, 1977- Darrell Stierwalt and Bob Elder, coach and assistant coach of the Warriors track team, lead the team to victory in the season's first practice meet in Tularosa against Tularosa and Cloudcroft.  
10 years ago - April 18, 1987- Carl Mori instructs the last adult ski lesson of the season at Ski Apache.

### SCOREBOARD

Tuesday, April 15  
Baseball Ruidoso 18, Hot Springs 6 Ruidoso 14, Hot Springs 4  
Girls Golf Ruidoso ... Warrior golf teams scored big Friday at the Great Eight Invitational tournament. Warrior girls placed first, 376, out of the six attending teams, with top individuals Heather Stevens, 91, and Leigh Christensen, 92, placing fourth and tying for fifth, respectively.  
Boys Golf Ruidoso... The Warrior boys placed third, 350, out of eight, beaten by Los Alamos, 329, and Academy, 340. Top individual for the boys was Ben Andrews, 85, placing 10th.

**Sports Tip?**  
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# Community invited to polish hospitality skills this spring

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso businesses and government officials are being asked to participate in a community-wide hospitality training session, "Excellence through Service," that begins April 29.

"We have this wonderful reputation for being very friendly," said Joan Bailey, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. "Although we all have our own individual horror stories about how people were treated . . . So what we would like to do is make that a thing of the past."

Bailey, in a report to the Ruidoso Downs Village Council, announced the dates for the community-wide hospitality training session for Ruidoso.

The endeavor was first discussed in March at an open meeting on how to better market the Ruidoso area.

Bailey said the training is to kick off at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, in the Ruidoso Convention Center with a keynote address from New Mexico Department of Tourism Secretary John Garcia on the importance of hospitality training and customer service. A "train the trainers" session will follow on April 30, with more training sessions scheduled May 13-16.

"One of the things we have noticed in the tourism industry is that the actual marketing and selling of our area is only half of what we really need to be focusing on," Bailey said. "The other half is how to treat these people when they are here . . . so they will come back."

The training sessions are not solely for tourism-based businesses such as restaurants and lodges, but also for "our fire department, our police department, our convenience stores - anybody who gives service in this community and

has a one-on-one contact with visitors," Bailey said.

The training sessions, sponsored in part by Cattle Baron's Restaurant and the Ruidoso News, will be conducted by Allison Southworth, a trainer with the federally funded Rural Economic Development through Tourism. Southworth, whose organization has worked with nine New Mexico counties, trained Roswell businesses to be more hospitality conscious with the "Catch the Enchanted Spirit" program.

One aspect of the training sessions will be instructions for an 11-step process to successfully deal with difficult customers, Southworth said at the March marketing meeting.

The hospitality training, which will be tailored to Ruidoso, consists of identifying the needs of the community and its visitors, and then educating the community, Southworth said.

## Ruidoso top site to visit

Last week, the New Mexico Department of Tourism initially ranked Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs third in the top 15 places visited in the state. The list is compiled by the Travel Industry Association and is based on the number of visitors to a location.

"And I think that's very exciting. It was Albuquerque, then Santa Fe and then our community," Bailey said.

## Training dates

- Tuesday, April 29, 7-9:30 p.m. - New Mexico Tourism Secretary John Garcia to give kick-off speech at Ruidoso Convention Center.
- Wednesday, April 30, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - A "Train the Trainers" session for larger businesses at Ruidoso Convention Center. Those trained are asked to go back to their businesses to train more employees.
- Tuesday, May 13, 6-8:30 p.m. - Customer service training sessions for smaller businesses, individuals at the Best Western Swiss Chalet.
- Wednesday, May 14, 8-11:30 a.m. - Customer service training sessions for smaller businesses, individuals at the Best Western Swiss Chalet.
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The state later amended Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs ranking to fourth after it combined Taos with Red River, Angel Fire and Eagle Nest.

Bailey also detailed a breakdown of where Ruidoso's visitors come from, with the majority from Texas, and the next largest group from New Mexico. She said, "The next two states yielding tourists for Ruidoso are California and Illinois. Neither state has been a significant target of Ruidoso marketing efforts, Bailey said. The Illinois visitors primarily come because of time-share condominiums.

Gov. Gary Johnson also will issue a state proclamation declaring Thursday "Indian Tourism Day."

For more information on the symposium, contact Lorentino Lailo or Leslie Kedelty at the NMDOT (505)827-7406/7382 or by mail at 491 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, 87503.

## Martin to speak at tourism conference

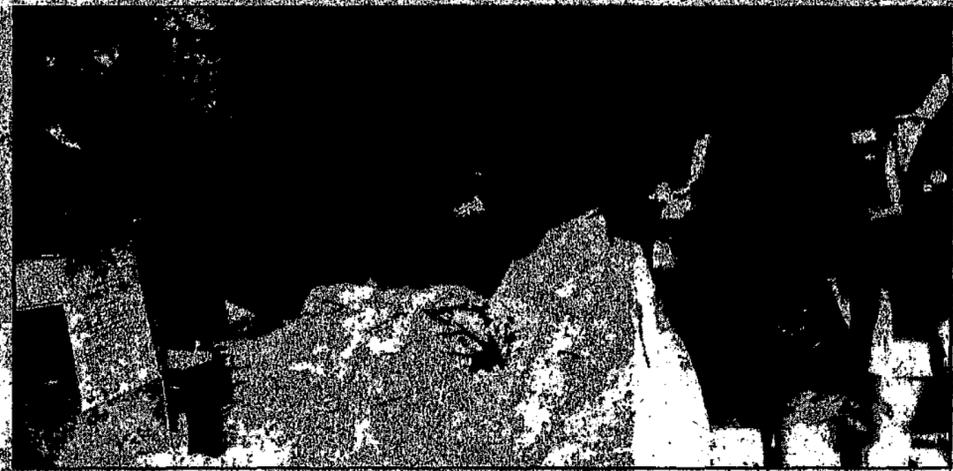
John Martin, president and CEO of the Martin Consulting Group, will be the keynote speaker for the Tourism Association of New Mexico's upcoming Tourism and Marketing Research Conference.

Martin, an authority in using database marketing to increase visitor arrivals and expenditures, will speak on the issues of finding a workable balance of contemporary marketing and communication tools and processes through his "New Integrated Approach to Marketing" presentation.

The program for the conference, May 1-2 at the Albuquerque Hilton Hotel, will include presentations of tourism and research material, in addition to hands-on workshops from noted regional and national tourism marketing professionals. Scheduled topics include on-line marketing, mature traveler marketing and communication effectiveness and evaluation.

For more information on registration, contact The Tourism Association of New Mexico at (505)456-4477.

## Ambassadors arrive



Joan Bailey (left) and Barb Vick (right) check out a sweatshirt after signing in Thursday at the Best Western Swiss Chalet. Behind them, Tom Edwards, Jerry Shaw, and Arlene Velasco welcome their visitors. Hannegris and Vick are two of the 150 ambassadors for the one-day convention at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

## Women's clubs to converge on Ruidoso

Ruidoso will play host to more than 150 visitors next week when the New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs members gather for their 85th annual convention.

Women from across the state will come together next week at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and "Reach for the Stars."

The New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs, an affiliate of the national General Federation of Women's Clubs, will hold its 85th annual convention April 25-28. The event will be hosted by the Ruidoso Federated Women's Club and the Ruidoso Best Presidents Council. The theme of the two-day convention, which is chaired by New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs President Charlotte Jarratt, Ruidoso President Gladys Dendy and Past Presidents' Council President Ammy Griffith-Patterson, will be "Reach for the Stars."

The yearly convention marks the culmination of a year full of volunteer work for the 32 Federated Clubs in the state. The Federation is billed as the largest women's volunteer organization in the world. Jarratt said the club is very active in providing scholarships and was the first women's organization to start libraries, a pursuit the clubs and their members still busy themselves with.

The official opening of the

convention will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 25. Rev. Gene Bill Kennedy, pastor of the First Christian Church, will offer an invocation, followed by the presentation of colors by the Fullman Air Force Base Color Guard. Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw and Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Director Joan Bailey will also be on hand to welcome the 150-plus visitors expected.

Other events on Friday's ticket include a safety workshop conducted by Ruidoso Police Chief Larry Mandula from 9 to 5 p.m. and "The Stars at Night Dinner."

The dinner will be kicked off by the performance of the Eastern New Mexico University Show Choir, directed by Danny Flores. The featured speaker will be Patricia Siegfried-Giles, director of JER Giles Artworks Inc. in Dallas, Texas. Siegfried-Giles has served at many levels within the club including local, district, state, region and national. She is currently serving as fund-raising chairman for the club's South Central region and is a safety program chairman in the Texas Public Affairs Department. She will give a presentation titled "Volunteers - Stars in the Federation Sky."

A special tribute to past state presidents will also be given Friday night.

The activity picks up again Saturday morning with the "When You Wish Upon a Star" breakfast hosted by the junior

clubs. Special Junior Awards also will be presented.

Saturday workshops will be conducted by the six departments of the Federation, along with a session called "The Magic of Reporting." Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso will also host 24 delegates for Jarratt's President's Special Project, "Intergenerational Computer Connections." The program pairs club members with young students as "buddies" to help members become more familiar with computer technology. Dr. Vickie Williams of Ruidoso will be the featured speaker at the "Color Me Healthy Luncheon" Saturday, which will be followed by a memorial service and an art department presentation. The day will wrap up with a business session.

The two-day event will conclude with the "Are the Stars Out Tonight?" dinner at the Flying J Ranch. Jarratt will be honored at the dinner and the public is invited to join in the festivities. Reservations can be made by contacting the Flying J.

The convention marks the first time the annual gathering has been held in Ruidoso since 1990. And Jarratt, a Ruidoso resident said members always enjoy a trip to this area. "The people always like to come here," she said. "We may even have more than 150."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Manufactured home sales this weekend

The New Mexico Manufactured Housing Association will hold its seventh annual statewide New Mexico Manufactured Home Show/Sale today through Monday.

Admission is free and each district will offer prizes, sale prices and financing.

In Roswell, Luv Homes Inc. will be showing homes from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. In Alamogordo, Big Jack's RV & Mobile Homes and Home Mart Mobile Homes will be showing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

### Tax workshops coming soon

The Department of Taxation and Revenue (TRD) and the Anderson Schools of Management, University of New Mexico will be offering tax workshops for anyone interested in learning about the tax statutes, tax collection, and the rules, regulation and practices of the TRD.

The workshops will be offered on a variety of subjects including gross receipt taxes, nonprofit organization taxation and payment, construction services, government employees, services in New Mexico, and a workshop for tax practitioners, accountants and attorneys.

The following workshops are scheduled for May:

• May 20 - Government in Albuquerque at the Sheraton Old Town.

• May 21 - Government in Santa Fe at the Doubletree Hotel.

• May 22 - Gross Receipts in Santa Fe at the Doubletree Hotel.

• May 28 - Gross Receipts in Roswell at the Roswell Inn.

Registration forms for all workshops are available at District Tax Offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Roswell; at the TRD web site (<http://www.state.nm.us/tax>); the Tax Information and Policy Office (827-0928) and Anderson Schools of Management (277-3020). Registration costs range from \$40 to \$170 depending on the workshop.

### Indian Tourism Symposium April 23-24

The New Mexico Indian Tourism Association (NMITA) and the New Mexico Department of Tourism (NMDOT) Indian Tourism Program will sponsor the second annual Indian Tourism Symposium Wednesday and Thursday at the Santa Ana Pueblo's Prairie Star Restaurant. Wendell Chino, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at Wednesday's "Celebrating Indian Tourism in New Mexico" symposium.

The event will be held during Indian Week sponsored by the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center to showcase Indian culture throughout New Mexico.

This year's program focuses on attracting international visitors and expanding the market. NMDOT Secretary John Garcia explained that "partnerships between the Native American communities and the tourism industry are important when promoting the state in the international market."

## New motion slows electric power choice in county

A motion filed Friday with the New Mexico Public Utility Commission will delay the progress of Texas-New Mexico Power Company's plan to allow its Lincoln County customers and others to choose what company provides electricity to TNP.

The NMPUC approved a stipulation for Community Choice, TNP's competition plan, March 27. The three-year transition period began April 1.

But the motion requests a rehearing of the order ratifying the plan. The motion was filed by the state's Attorney General, the New Mexico Industrial Energy Consumers and the advocacy staff of the PUC. The parties cited a section of the approved stipulation that outlined ways the plan could be

terminated.

"We were surprised to hear that the motion was filed," said TNP CEO Kevern Joyce. "We're confident, however, that our strong customer support for competition will be a positive factor in the Commission's swiftly dealing with this minor technical issue."

TNP filed a response to the joint motion today. It is unknown at this point how long it will be before the NMPUC issues an order on the motion for rehearing. The NMPUC may either deny or grant the motion, and TNP cannot predict which might occur or what the result would be in either event.

Community Choice would enable TNP's customers to be the first in the state to have a

choice of electricity suppliers which, under the current stipulation, would be effective April 1, 2000, at the end of the transition period.

Texas-NM Power Company provides community-based electric service to 85 cities, nine of which are in New Mexico, including Ruidoso. The company serves more than 218,000 customers, 48,000 of whom are in New Mexico. It is the principal wholly owned subsidiary of TNP Enterprises, Inc. (NYSE:TNP), which is based in Fort Worth, Texas.

## USDA loans to expand state electric utilities

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service has approved \$12 million in loans to expand rural electric service in several New Mexico counties.

The Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative Inc. of Mountain has been awarded a five-year, \$10.7 million, 35-year loan to construct more than 100 miles of distribution line

and make other system improvements. Sam Pete Dominick said.

The cooperative services Lincoln, Bernalillo, Chaves, DeBaca, Guadalupe, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Socorro, Torrance, and Valencia counties, and plans to add service for 1,182 new customers.

## Interest rates this week

The following interest rates on certificates of deposit and time CD loans were reported April 17 from local banks:

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18 months	5.50%
24 months	5.75%
Home Savings Bank	
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Cost of \$50.00 per player includes green fees, prizes, and dinner at Farley's.

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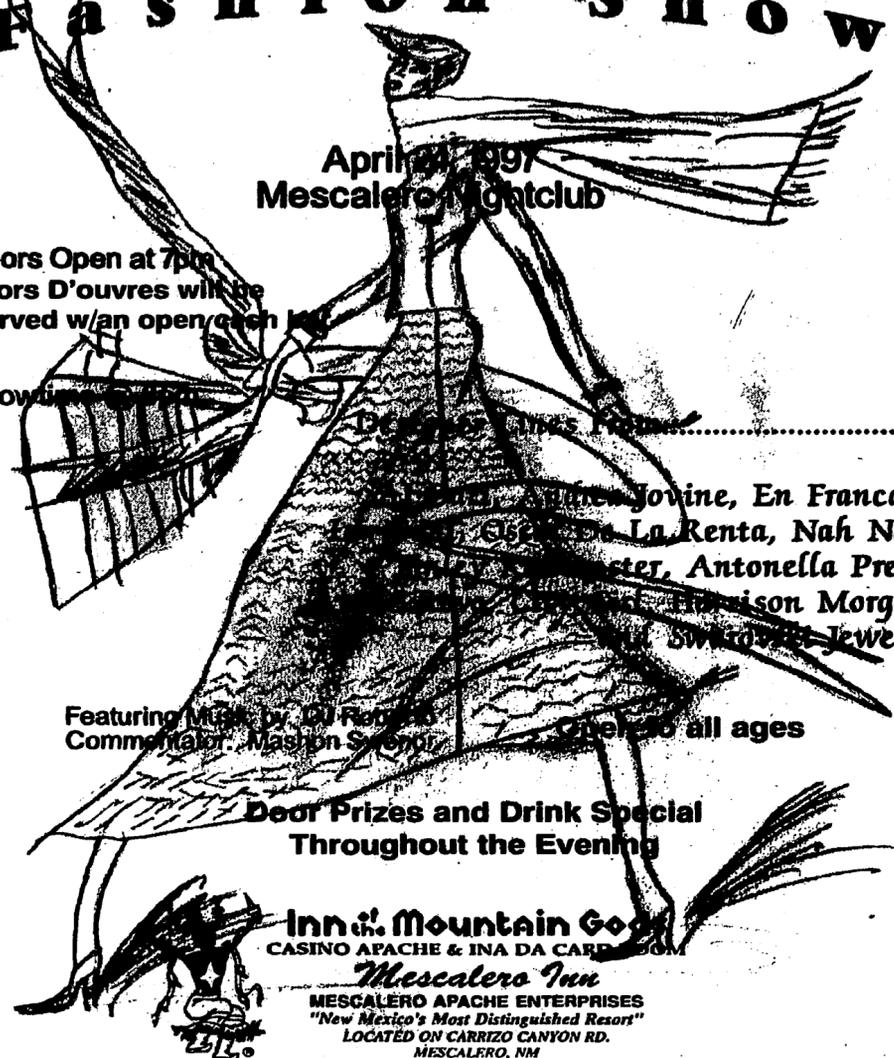
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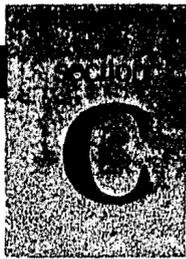
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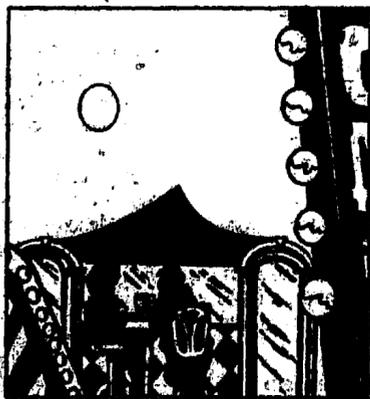
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# Neighbors

AROUND  
THE TOWN



Shirley Stephenson  
and Jason W. Skinner

## Creation for a celebration

BY LAURA CLYMER  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso artist Candyce Garrett is celebrating her approaching 50th birthday with a 16-ton slab of limestone.

"I wanted to do something to mark my 50th year. Something challenging," says Garrett as she carves a sign from inside her Sudderth Drive studio.

Outside the studio in the brilliant morning sunshine looms an 8.5-foot tall slab of Hadrian limestone — Garrett's latest work in progress. When finished, the sculpture will feature three intertwined figures. One is definitely a woman, but Garrett won't reveal the genders of the other two.

"Everybody wants to know what it's going to be. I mean, they see the top (the woman), and they wonder what else," Garrett says.

The yet-to-be-named limestone sculpture is not a commissioned work, unlike her two previous stone creations — both of which garnered some controversy because

of their subject matter (one was a naked woman and the other was a couple

in an intimate pose). But the new sculpture is for sale, Garrett said.

Work on the new sculpture is on hold for a week. Garrett has several orders for her trademark wood signs to complete first.

"I've got to make a living," says Garrett, who is eager to return to the slab of limestone, which came from the Texastone Quarry in Big Spring, Texas.

Garrett's work with big blocks of limestone has caught the attention of other sculptors.

She's been invited to be a guest instructor at the 10th Annual International Stone Sculpture Symposium in July in Seattle. More than 125 sculptors will attend the week-long workshop, which includes an international cast of eight instructors.

"I think the reason they asked me is because I work with such large pieces," Garrett suggests.

Garrett has another teaching set in September. She'll join her friend Rollie Grandbois, who is director of the session, at the Southwest Stonecarvers Symposium in Jemez Valley. Those interested in attending the



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

Sculptor Candyce Garrett's latest work in progress is three intertwined figures.

September symposium can call Grandbois at 505-829-3588.

Garrett has carved wood signs for more than 18 years. But ever since discovering sculpture, she's preferred that art medium over her wood carving. One day she hopes to sculpt exclusive-

ly, but until then Garrett's carvings are her bread and butter.

With that in mind, Garrett returns to work on the sign for an Albuquerque microbrewery. The sooner she completes it, the sooner she can return to work on her sculpture celebrating a half century.

### Grandson of Ruidoso woman earns rank of Eagle Scout

Jason W. Skinner received the rank of Eagle Scout on March 25 in a court of honor held by Troop 233 at Memorial Christian Church in Midland, Texas.

Jason is the son of Randy and Laurie Skinner of Midland, and the grandson of Shirley Stephenson of Ruidoso. He is a sophomore at Midland High School.

Jason began scouting as a Tiger Cub, working up to the Arrow of Light Award. His career through scouting has led him to five summer camps at Buffalo Trails Scout Camp and one 10-day trek at Philmont Ranch in New Mexico. Jason has earned 38 merit badges and served in many leadership positions with his troop. The Eagle Service project was done with the Confederate Air Force's Special Show for Special People.

Jason follows in the footsteps of his father Randy and his uncles Sheldon and Kendall Skinner, who also received their Eagles through this same troop.

### Elks Lodge installs new officers

The Ruidoso Elks Lodge 2086, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, installed new officers the last weekend in March.

The new officers of the Lodge are: Exalted Ruler: O. C. Proctor; Esteemed Leading Knight: Don Hendricks P.E.R.; Esteemed Royal Knight: Rick Aldridge; Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Larry Vigor; Secretary: Ed Pennington P.E.R.; Treasurer: Richard Thompson; Tiler: Harold Corn; 5 Year Trustee: Tom Hall P.E.R.; 1 Year Trustee: Fred Bernard.

### RMS garage sale slated for Saturday

A garage sale to benefit the Ruidoso Middle School students will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the middle school.

Booths are \$15 each, or people can donate their items to the RMS booth. For more information, call Barbara or Gina at 257-7324.

# Former Ruidoso resident writes book about Icelandic trolls

Lisa Streeter Wenner, a 1982 graduate of Ruidoso High School, is the author of the new picture book "Shoes in the Window." The book is a traditional Icelandic Christmas tale with a twist.

As a child, Wenner enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Mexico with her parents, two brothers and a sister. She grew up in Ruidoso and attended NMSU. After marrying Karl Wenner, also a graduate of Ruidoso High, the couple moved away. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Navy.

She wrote the book while stationed in Keflavik, Iceland with her husband and three children. It was then she discovered Iceland's delightfully naughty Christmas trolls.

"When I found out the children in Iceland put their shoes in the window every night for 13 nights before Christmas, I was fascinated." She said. "When my children found out the trolls left gifts and treats in the shoes, they were thrilled. Trolls and Santa. It seemed almost too good to be true."

Wenner began searching for more information concerning these

trolls. She came up with nothing. There were no books available relating the tale of these mischievous lads.

"I wanted to know more, so I began asking the local Icelanders

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Lisa Streeter Wenner,  
Author of "Shoes in the Window"

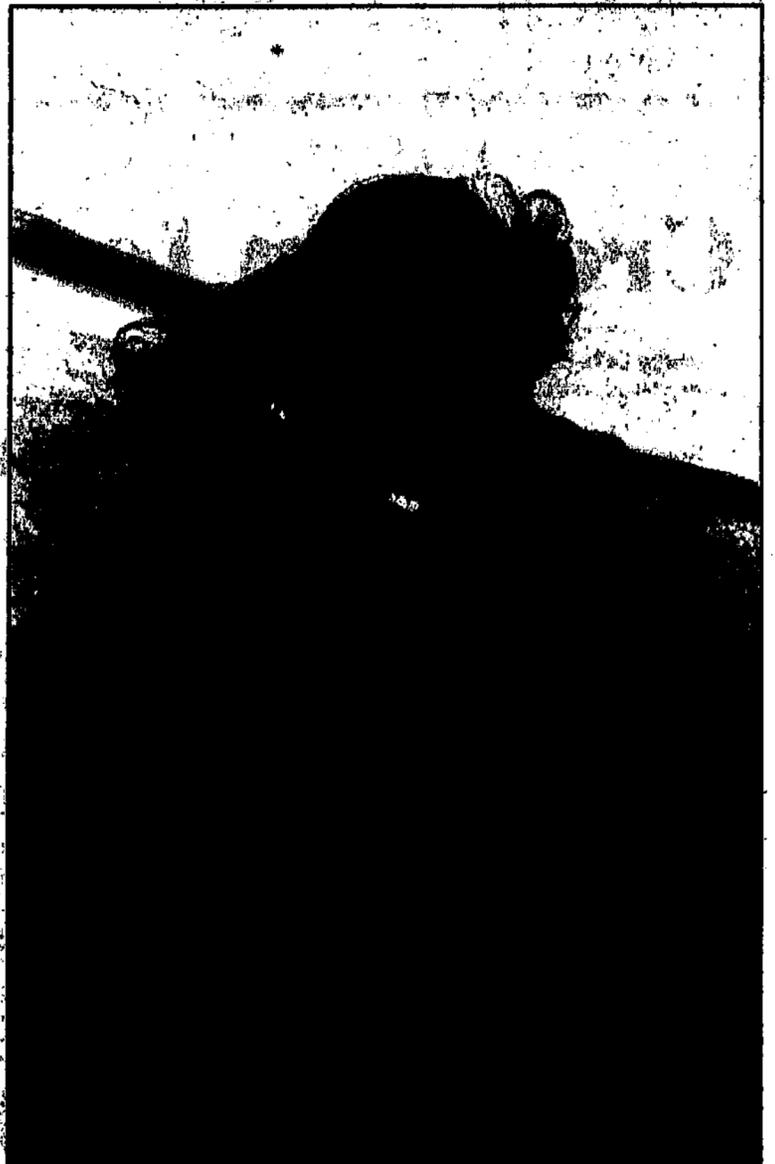
about the trolls everywhere I went. As is typical when dealing with magical beings, every person I spoke with had a different impression of these Yuletide lads. Everybody agreed on three things, however - the trolls live in the Blue Mountains, they can be very mean and very sneaky, and they hang out with a cat. I found this ancient saga about the trolls intriguing, so I wrote a book. Not just for the fun of it, but to answer one question no one had answered

for me. The trolls went from being very, very mean, to leaving treats in the shoes of children. Why?"

After collecting information, Wenner wrote the book and sold it to an Icelandic publishing company. The book was published in November of 1996 both in Icelandic and English. The illustrations were done by an Icelandic artist and the book has been well received by Americans and Icelanders. The publishers will take the book to the Frankfurt book fair in October, and the author hopes the book will eventually be for sale in the United States.

Don and Clara Wenner of the Ruidoso Aspen Lodge have donated a copy of the book to the Ruidoso Public Library. It is now available for check-out. Personally signed books are available through the author. For more information, contact Clara Wenner at 257-2978.

Wenner now resides in Indianapolis, Ind. There she continues to write children's books and novels for young adults. A military family, the Wenners continue to travel throughout the world, but they still consider Ruidoso home.



Courtesy photo  
Lisa Streeter Wenner, formerly of Ruidoso, authored the children's book titled "Shoes in the Window."

**Sierra Cinema**

**JUNGLE TO JUNGLE (PG)**  
\*1:00 3:30 6:30 \*8:45

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**THE SAINT (PG13)**  
\*1:30 4:00 6:45 \*9:15

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**ANACONDA (PG13)**  
\*1:15 3:15 5:15 7:15 \*9:30

\* Friday - Saturday only  
**257-9444**

## Conner, Beatty to wed



Mr. and Mrs. Ronney Conner of Colorado City, Texas announce the engagement to their daughter, Melinda Beth Conner, to Matthew Rex Beatty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beatty of Ruidoso. The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She teaches Spanish at Evans Junior High School in Lubbock. The groom, also a graduate of Texas Tech, is a third-year law student at South Texas College of Law in Houston. They will be married June 7, 1997 in the First Christian Church of Lubbock.

## Local raffle can be hunter's dream come true

Every year the Carrizozo Masonic Lodge conducts a raffle and the proceeds enable it to grant several scholarships.

Last year one of the holders of a lucky raffle ticket bagged an antelope on the Bob Shafer ranch that went down in the record book on account of the length of the animal's horns.

Anyone interest in buying any of these raffle tickets can send \$10 to Carrizozo Masonic Lodge, Box 159, Carrizozo, NM or they will be on sale at Mike Shivers NAPA Store in Carrizozo. The winners will be announced at Lincoln County Fair in August.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Went with the flow
- 6 Chicken pox symptom
- 10 Nellie Melba, e.g.
- 14 Harmony
- 16 Rightful
- 18 Left gaps
- 17 Old wheels of Wisconsin?
- 20 Head out of port
- 21 Royal Scots
- 22 Synthesizer inventor
- 24 "Hail to the Chief" chid
- 25 Mescal and others
- 29 Prefix with polar
- 32 Throwing out a moldy vegetable, e.g.?

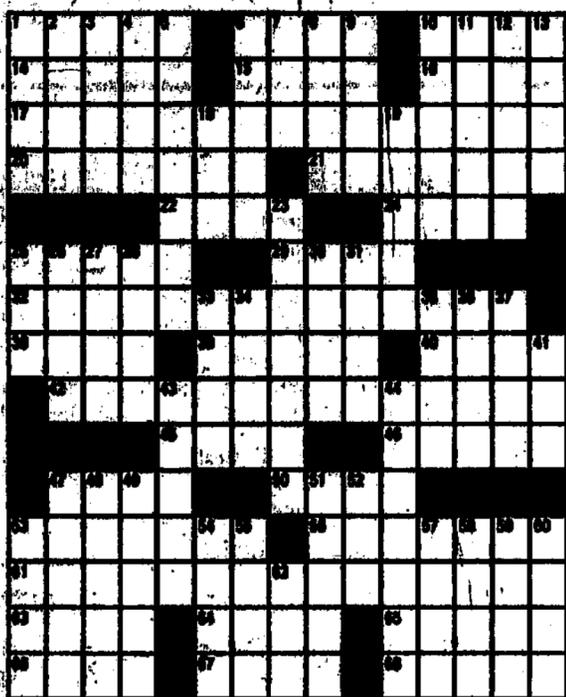
**DOWN**

- 33 Room at the Alhambra
- 34 Curtain sheer
- 35 Caliph who founded Cairo
- 42 Campaign slogan of 1856?
- 43 Loading
- 44 "Midnight Cowboy" role
- 47 1982 Disney film
- 48 As soon as
- 49 Foulard
- 50 Sudden swell
- 51 Why the hot dog vendor made the grade?
- 52 Commercial endorsement person, maybe
- 55 "Lou Grant" paper, with "The"
- 56 Like some kitchens

- 66 Biblical miracles site
- 67 Luminox's cry
- 68 Alexander once of "60 Minutes"

**DOWN**

- 1 Makes it
- 2 Hungarian patriot — Nagy
- 3 Reduced fare
- 4 Tour de France times
- 5 Vigorous
- 6 Fascist aviator Balbo
- 7 Sample
- 8 Quart quartet
- 9 Race part
- 10 Senegal's capital
- 11 A courant
- 12 "I Love Lucy" name
- 13 TV's Byrnes and Hall
- 14 Book jacket item
- 15 Noted matchmaker
- 16 1988 NASA launch
- 17 "All in the Family" network
- 18 Kyrgyzstan's mountains
- 19 Branch Davidians, e.g.
- 20 Society affairs
- 21 — fides (bad faith)
- 22 Uncle Remus term of address
- 23 "Heroides" writer



Puzzle by Cathy N. Davidson

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

PAZ	ACTOR	REPPYS
INA	ELENA	OARED
SIP	ROREN	SNETS
AMALEWARD	BRIDE	
NATION	LATEXES	
SLAT	IBSEN	IMP
	CONAN	TASTY
	THEGREATEST	
STAIR	AVANT	
HEX	YOKEL	EROS
EMPORIA	ERRANT	
AMONKEYS	SUNCLE	
TOYED	TRAMS	KIN
IRENE	ATLES	UNO
TORNO	GEENA	PEG

- 34 Laze
- 35 Spanish castanet dance
- 36 Bleep
- 37 Sounds of impact
- 41 Model T contemporary
- 42 Some stoles
- 44 Shifts
- 47 Bara, the Vamp
- 48 Wisconsin college
- 49 City SSE of Gainesville
- 51 Anesthetizes
- 52 Computer center, for short
- 53 Smart
- 54 "— perpetua" (Idaho's motto)
- 55 "Camelot" Franco —
- 57 Dixie National Forest site
- 58 Pro —
- 59 Beam
- 60 Actress Best
- 61 Brief swim

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5658 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: (800) 762-1665.

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# Church calendar

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian  
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Mescalero

Donald Petty, 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 Calunach

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 Tuesday.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

Capitan 354-9102

Saturday Mass-5 p.m.

Sunday Mass-9 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Monday-6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church

Carrizozo 648-2853

Father Dave Bergs, Pastor.

Saturday Mass-6:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass-11 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Tuesday-6 p.m.

**St. Theresa Catholic Church**

Corona

Sunday Mass-6 p.m.

**St. Joseph Apache Mission**

Mescalero

Father Tom Herbst, Pastor

Sunday Mass-10:30 a.m.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Bent

Father Tom Herbst, Pastor

Saturday Mass-6 p.m.

Sunday Mass-8 a.m.

## CHRISTIAN

**First Christian Church**

(Disciples of Christ)

Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road

Bill Kennedy, Pastor

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

Regular Sunday Worship-10:45 a.m.

Chancel Choir-Wednesday 7 p.m.

Youth Group-Sunday 6 p.m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Church of Christ**

Capitan - Highway 48

Les Earwood, Minister

Sunday Bible study - 10 a.m.

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

Wednesday Bible study - 7 p.m.

**Gateway Church of Christ**

Ruidoso - 415 Sudderth - 257-4381

Jimmy Sportsman, Minister

Sunday Bible study - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday worship - 10:30 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 - 336-4359 or 257-9691

12 miles North on Hwy 48 on east side

between mile posts 14 and 15.

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 - 434 (N98)

Marvin Hansen, President

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. Peina, 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**

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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.

Monday 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

Mun. - 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

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## 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 11:00 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-8 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 Hill, Pastor

336-8032

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.

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

Wednesday fellowship-6:30 p.m.

## PRESBYTERIAN

**First Presbyterian Church**

Ruidoso, Nob Hill

257-2220

James Howland, Pastor

Church school-9:45 a.m.

Sunday worship-11 a.m.

Postluc fellowship lunch after worship the

third Sunday; women's Bible study & brown

bag lunch at noon the second Tuesday.

**Mountain Ministry Parish**

Community United

Presbyterian Church

Ancho

Sunday worship-9 a.m.

Sunday School-10 a.m.

**Corona Presbyterian Church**

Worship-11 a.m.

**Nogal Presbyterian Church**

Adult Sunday School-10 a.m.

Worship-11 a.m.

## REFORMED CHURCH

**Mescalero Reformed**

Mescalero

Bob Schut, Pastor

Church school-9:30 a.m.

Sunday worship-10:30 a.m.

Mon. Junior high youth-6:30 p.m.

Wed. high school meeting-7 p.m.

Thur. Kids Club (grades 1-5)-3:30

## SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

**Seventh Day Adventist**

Ruidoso Downs, Agua Fria

207 Parkway - 378-4161

Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904

Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206

Sabbath school-9:30 a.m.

Church services-11 a.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday-7 p.m.

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**American Missionary**

Fellowship

Gregg Horn

354-2387

Ruidoso men's Bible study-noon, Monday.

Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive

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

fire building

Women's Bible Study-6:30 Mondays



# Going Out

EYE  
ON THE ARTS

## Russian folk group makes its way to Ruidoso for final community concert of the season

The Moscow Balalaikas will perform as the last concert in this season's Ruidoso Community Concert Series at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 18 at the First Christian Church in Ruidoso.

After two seasons of coast-to-coast sold-out performances and standing ovations, the award-winning virtuosi instrumentalists and vocalists of The Moscow Balalaikas return to the U.S. with performances of a new program of authentic Soviet classics on traditional Russian folk instruments, including old favorites as well as a few surprises.

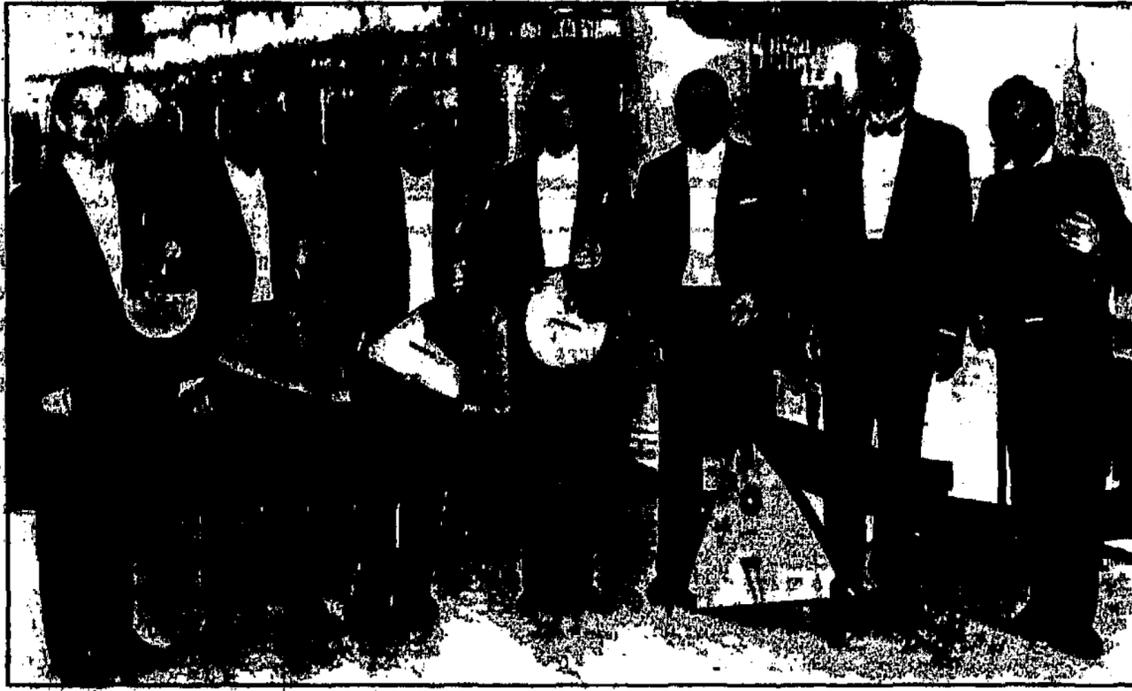
Founded in November 1988, the ensemble rapidly gained acclaim among folk music enthusiasts throughout Moscow, and its first tour abroad took place within a year of its formation. In April 1989, the group took part in the cultural program of the Soviet exhibition Perestroika in Action during Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to England, and in December of 1989, the ensemble's concert in the Netherlands was recorded onto compact disc by the Koch International Company.

Known for their versatility, The Moscow Balalaikas are also called the "Russian Festival" in Russia. This intimate ensemble's soloists and duos fill an auditorium with as much volume, color and musical variety as a full orchestra. Each member of the group is highly regarded in Russia and contributes his distinctive creativity towards an exhilarating and unique performance.

Although the major artistic goal of the ensemble is to promote Russian musical heritage, its repertoire and method of playing also embrace a large variety of different styles from all over the world, creating a most unusual program with universal appeal.

Konstantin Avksentiev is the director of the group; a balalaika-alto player who hails from a family of highly-acclaimed balalaika players. He graduated from the Moscow Gnesiny School and Moscow Culture Institute. Former leader of the Ivan Surzhikov and Alexandra Strechenko groups, he is known for his fine sense of rhythm and sensitivity to ensemble performance. He has toured extensively in the former Soviet Union and abroad.

Mikhail Gorobisov began his



Courtesy photo

The Moscow Balalaikas perform at the First Christian Church in Ruidoso at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Friday).

musical studies at the Moscow Pedagogical College and while still a student, was invited to play in various professional groups such as "Boian" under the artistic direction of Mr. Poletaev. He went on to excel in the Gosteleradio Academic Orchestra, where he played domra-alto and later became a concertmaster and a soloist. Mr. Gorobitsov received the honorary title of Laureate and was recognized as the best domra-alto musician at the 3rd All-Russian Competition (musicians playing folk instruments).

Serguei Luckin, a domra player who graduated from the Russian Musical Academy, was named a Merited Artist of Russia and won the first prize and received an honorary title of Laureate at the Third All-Russian Competition. Luckin's refined technique combined with outstanding musical culture and the excellent feeling of each musical piece characterized his mastery as a musician. As well as being a member of The Moscow Balalaikas, he is the concertmaster in Ossipov's State Orchestra of Folk Instruments.

Alexander Marchakovski possesses virtuoso mastery of the balalaika, the most beloved Russian folk instrument. A graduate of the Moscow Music Pedagogical Gnesiny Institute, the internationally renowned musician is also a

well-known educator who teaches and works as an editor for educational programs about performers of Russian folk instruments broadcast on the All-Union Radio.

Mikhail Korzhenievich is a balalaika-bass player who has performed in symphony, jazz and folk orchestra. He has toured in Africa, Europe and Southeast Asia. A graduate of the Leningrad Conservatory, Korzhenievich holds the distinction of The Deserved Artist of the Republic. In addition, he works as a piano accompanist for the Mosconcert.

Yury Sidorov is one of the most popular accordion players in Moscow. Former soloist for the State Academic Russian Folk Orchestra, graduate student of the Moscow Music Pedagogical Gnesiny Institute, an active teacher, recording artist and soloist, this technically adept and

expressive musician performs a repertoire ranging from Russian folk music to the most difficult works of Bach and Wever as well as original compositions of contemporary composers.

Eugeniy Polikanin is a baritone known for her personal rapport with audiences worldwide. He was a soloist for the Kuibishev Opera, and has performed in America, Europe, Asia and Africa. His diverse repertoire includes Russian songs, classical opera, arias and popular songs.

Eugeni Schlikhtin is acknowledged as one of the best musicians in Russia, as is well-known in many countries of the world for his virtuoso performances on folk music instruments and percussion. For the past 12 years, Eugeni has performed as a soloist for the Moiseyev Ensemble. Eugeni is a graduate from the Moscow Gnesiny Institute.

### Tickets for 1997-98 community concert series now available

Season tickets for the 1997-98 Ruidoso Community Concert Association are now available. Write to RCCA at P.O. Box 1184, Ruidoso, NM 88355. Tickets for four concerts are \$35 for adults, \$75 for families and \$20 for students.

### Ruidoso drama department presents classic musical

The Ruidoso High School Drama Department will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic musical "Oklahoma!" May 8, 9 and 10 at the Museum of the Horse.

The Thursday May 8 show will feature a dinner catered by the TeePee Lounge prior to the show. Admission to the play and dinner is \$12.50. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a 7:30 p.m. show time.

The May 9 and 10 performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information or tickets, call Cathi McIntosh at 258-4910, ext. 239.

### Snow doesn't scare patrons away from Capitan arts fest

An organizer of the Capitan Arts Festival said about 350 people showed up at the three-day event despite snow Friday and Saturday.

"The discussion was wonderful," said Virginia Watson-Jones, one coordinator of the event held at the gallery she owns in Capitan.

Watson-Jones said about 45 people attended a panel discussion of the arts Friday night at the Lincoln County Mercantile and Trading Post in Capitan.

She said another 150 people came to a public showing Saturday of Lincoln County artists, which featured the works of 75 people.

About 100 people attended a Sunday reception for representatives from nine counties in Southern New Mexico, she said.

The event was sponsored by the Lincoln County Tourism Council and the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism, a project of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service at New Mexico State University.

### San Patricio teen sings on new CD

Fifteen-year-old recording artist Bethany Rey Sanchez from San Patricio is one of the youth artists who participated in recording a compact disc published by Y.D.I. (Youth Development Inc.), a non-profit organization which aids in the fight against drug abuse, gang violence, and breakdown of the traditional family.

The C.D. will feature approximately 20 of the most prolific Hispanic artists from New Mexico. Sanchez, along with other youth artists, recorded a song written by Steve Ortiz of Albuquerque called "The Children of the World."

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## GOING OUT

# Middle school students perform murder-mystery at little theater's Castle

The murder-mystery farce "Death by Chocolate" continues this weekend at the Ruidoso Little Theatre Castle at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19. Produced by RLT and directed by RLT president Leon Eggleston, the play is performed by the Ruidoso Middle School drama class. All tickets are \$5.

This murder-mystery farce takes place at a health resort located in an old mansion. When guests start turning up dead, every health nut on the premises is suspect. The cause of death seems to be related to forbidden chocolate. Audiences will find cause for laughter by a fatal blow to the funny bone at "Death by Chocolate."

"The kids are excited about using the Castle and doing a real show for the public," Eggleston said.

This is the first year drama classes have resumed at Ruidoso Middle School since the program was dropped a few years ago. Eggleston volunteers as an assistant to instructor Robin Johnson, and the class draws about 30 students per semester. Eggleston and

Johnson are optimistic about the program's continuation at RMS.

The 7th and 8th grade students get experience not only in acting, but in directing, stage management, technical work, and managing props, make-up and costumes. Participating in a drama class is a great skills-builder for children, said RLT manager Pamela Cromwell.

"A drama student learns creative expression, becomes a better public speaker, practices organizational skills, leadership — just about every skill you need to be a successful person, you can practice in drama," she said.

Ruidoso Little Theatre's mission is to stimulate interest in the arts, especially in young people, Cromwell said. Community theatre is for all kinds of people who love drama but aren't necessarily theatre professionals. Many RLT members have a background in professional theatre, but RLT is mainly propelled by people who "do drama on the side." Anyone interested in joining Ruidoso Little Theatre may contact Cromwell at 354-3209.

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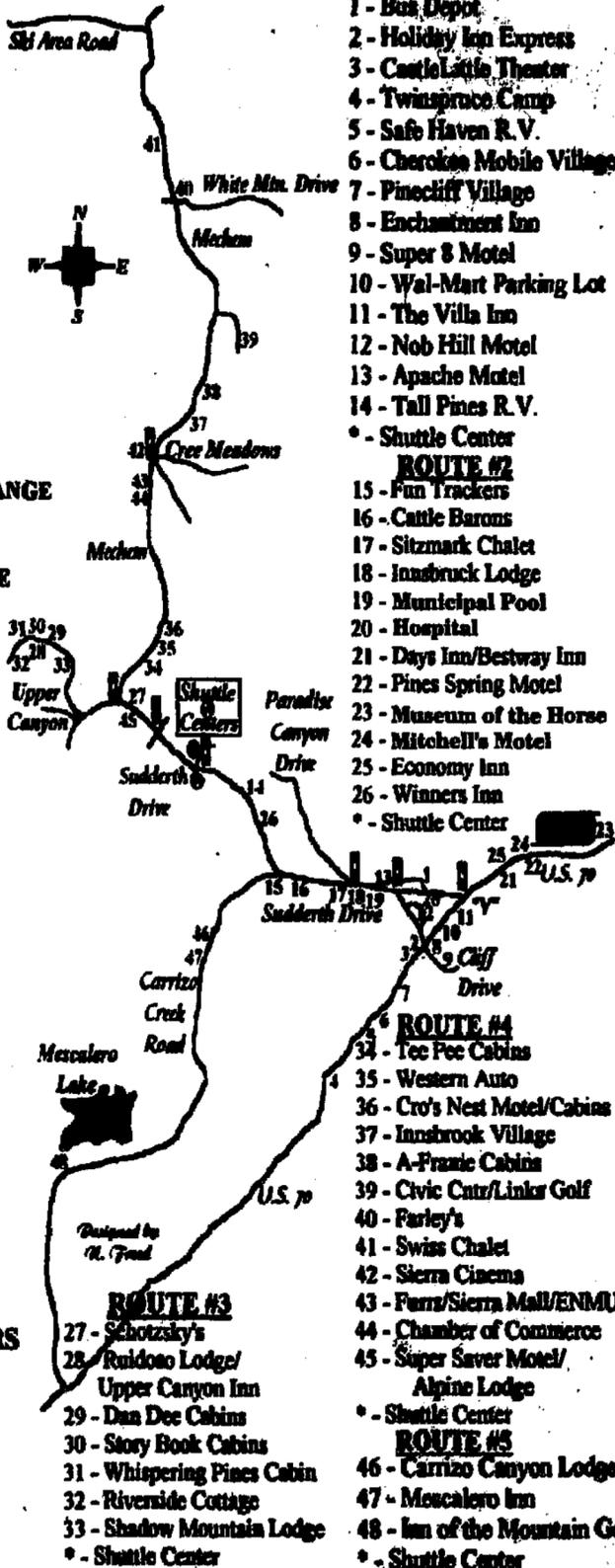
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- ◆ EVENING SHUTTLE
- ◆ GROUP SHUTTLE
- ◆ PRIVATE SHUTTLE

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#### ROUTE #1

- 1 - Bus Depot
- 2 - Holiday Inn Express
- 3 - Castle Little Theater
- 4 - Twinspruce Camp
- 5 - Safe Haven R.V.
- 6 - Cherokee Mobile Village
- 7 - Pinecliff Village
- 8 - Enchantment Inn
- 9 - Super 8 Motel
- 10 - Wal-Mart Parking Lot
- 11 - The Villa Inn
- 12 - Nob Hill Motel
- 13 - Apache Motel
- 14 - Tall Pines R.V.

#### ROUTE #2

- 15 - Fun Trackers
- 16 - Cattle Barons
- 17 - Sitzmark Chalet
- 18 - Innsbruck Lodge
- 19 - Municipal Pool
- 20 - Hospital
- 21 - Days Inn/Bestway Inn
- 22 - Pines Spring Motel
- 23 - Museum of the Horse
- 24 - Mitchell's Motel
- 25 - Economy Inn
- 26 - Winners Inn

#### ROUTE #4

- 34 - Tee Pee Cabins
- 35 - Western Auto
- 36 - Cro's Nest Motel/Cabins
- 37 - Innsbrook Village
- 38 - A-Francis Cabins
- 39 - Civic Cntr/Linker Golf
- 40 - Farley's
- 41 - Swiss Chalet
- 42 - Sierra Cinema
- 43 - Fern/Sierra Mall/ENMU
- 44 - Chamber of Commerce
- 45 - Super Saver Motel/Alpine Lodge

#### ROUTE #5

- 46 - Carrizo Canyon Lodge
- 47 - Mescalero Inn
- 48 - Inn of the Mountain Gods

## Free concert at RHS

A free concert at Ruidoso's Willie Horton Stadium is being hosted at 4-9 p.m. Saturday, April 19 by the Ruidoso High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The evening at the RHS stadium opens with the introduction of "Swingshift," a semi trailer truck complete with a sound stage and lights for the concert. The truck also offers games, prizes, skits, music and food. Swingshift is used for concerts all over the country and appeared at the '96 Olympics.

Radio station KLYT of Albuquerque uses Swingshift as a completely mobile youth outreach center. The Christian Broadcasting Academy runs KLYT and its translators around the state. The high school praise and worship band "Shabach" starts off the evening of music. The concert ends with the gospel group "Witness." You also can meet students from Texas Tech FCA at the stadium.



Courtesy photo. The gospel group "Witness" performs Saturday.

## Alamogordo High School variety show May 3, 4

The Alamogordo High School Drama Club is putting on its annual Variety Show in May. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts.

The show contains scenes, monologues, one-act plays, and a special Grand Finale. The material is both dramatic and comedic and is suitable for the whole family. It will last approximately two hours. Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased from any drama club member or at the door.

## LINCOLN COUNTY BLUES & JAZZ SOCIETY • ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

7 p.m. Monday April 21 at In-Espresso-ble Caffé House, 2111 Sudderth, Ruidoso • 257-2528/257-0634

## Talking pictures indeed!

Having attended several Chicago Film Festivals over my 35 years of living in the Windy City, I never fully appreciated what an undertaking producing a film festival really is until I got to Taos last weekend.

IN REVIEW



Joel Carothers  
Special to the News

More than 140 feature films were shown, not to mention several dozen short films and videos. The cross-section of films, the

categories, the genres was exciting: foreign films, animation, kid flicks, sci-fi, documentaries, comedy, drama, and more.

The films included Hollywood representation in the likes of Louis Gossett Jr., Robert Downey Sr., Lolita Davidovich, Dennis Hopper, Holly Hunter, John Lithgow, etc. starring or appearing in cameo roles, but the majority of the actors, directors, writers and producers were people you've never heard of.

New Mexico and Native Americans got an excellent showing. During the blacklisting era of the '50s, three stalwarts in the industry came to New Mexico and shot the film "Salt of the Earth," which is based on an actual strike at a mine near Silver City. Another selection was called "Native Narratives," which included three films about Native American culture.

As a budding screenwriter, the most exciting time at the festival for me came Sunday morning when I joined about 50 other budding screenwriters in a workshop presented by the president of Writers Guild of America West, Brad Radnitz and his partner, Jeannine Riley. Brad wrote, among many other credits, the original episodes of "Ironsides." Jeannine is one of the original stars on "Petticoat Junction".

The second weekend in April is a time to mark on your calendar for next year. The chance to meet and talk with the people who create these films is exciting. It is not an expensive weekend (\$6 tickets) and if you love movies, the Taos Talking Picture Festival is the place to be.

## Sporty new Woodsy Owl debuts Earth Day

Woodsy Owl will appear at five national Earth Day events beginning April 19 to introduce his sporty new look and his expanded mission of "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land!"

Woodsy Owl, the U.S. Forest Service symbol for conservation education, will be the guest of honor on Saturday, April 19, at the New Mexico Special Olympics at the Alamogordo High School stadium.

Woodsy will greet the public and the Special Olympic athletes at 9 a.m. and will return at 2 p.m. for the closing ceremonies, when he will present each represented community an Earth Day tree to be planted at home. Those attending Woody's debut will be given a limited edition Earth Day poster.

"When children become aware of their environment and how to care for the land, it can lead to a lifetime of stewardship," said Jose M. Martinez, Lincoln National Forest supervisor. "Woodsy's new program opens a window of knowledge to the world around them and gives them a better

understanding of the results of their actions."

Children have become familiar with Woody's slogan "Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute," but are now being asked to do more. Tucked under Woodsy's wing are new teaching materials designed in cooperation with the Children's Television Workshop for children between the ages of 5 and 8. These educational tools are designed to help young Americans understand their personal role in the conservation of our country's natural resources.

"For 26 years, Woodsy Owl has been carrying the USDA Forest Service's message to children. Now sporting a backpack and hiking shoes as part of his new image,



Courtesy drawing

Woodsy Owl's new look debuts Earth Day.

the updated Woodsy embodies today's youth. I encourage teachers, educators and others interested in environmental education to attend Woody's debut at the N.M. Special Olympics in Alamogordo, where they will see the change in his appearance and become familiar with his new mission," Martinez said.

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**GOING OUT**

**Community Earth Day Fair in Alamogordo Saturday**

This year's Community Earth Day Fair in Alamogordo will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19 at the Alameda Park Zoo. There will be information booths with free information, demonstrations, puppet shows, activities every hour, giveaways, project kickoffs, and award and project recognition ceremonies.

A logo contest was held with local schools to create a design for buttons to be given away at the celebration. The top three designs will be awarded prizes during the afternoon award and project recognition ceremonies. Prize sponsors are Alameda Park Zoo, White Sands National Monument, and Lots-A-Shops. All the logo entries will be on display at the White Sands Mall during Earth Week and National Parks Week, April 19-26.

Alameda Park Zoo and the city of Alamogordo will be hosting the day's events. Admission to the zoo will be waived for the day. The zoo's Education Building will be open all day and Donna Hoidahl will be presenting her HSSS reptile education program, Herpetology Simplified Science Show, there throughout the day. Holloman Air Force Base is providing tents to shade the exhibit booths.

Booths with information and displays will include: Alamogordo Friends of the Zoo; Alamogordo High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America; FLORES; Donna Hoidahl from HSSS; Holloman Air Force Base Environmental Flight; Lincoln National Forest; New Mexico State Forestry; Otero County Chapter of the Native Plant Society; Otero Soil and Water Conservation District; Ruidoso Vegetarian Club; White Sands National Monument; and White Sands Wolf Coalition.

Lincoln National Forest will be unveiling the new Woodsy Owl. Our local forest is the only one of five locations nationwide to pre-

sent the new Woodsy in time for Earth Day celebrations.

Earth Day also is coordinating tree plantings at local schools and around the city. Individuals and local groups are still needed to help with the tree planting project. To volunteer, contact Mona Fredrick at 434-7291 or be at the zoo at 8 a.m. on that day. Volunteers need to bring shovels, gloves, sunscreen, sack lunch and drinking water. Some groups participating are Girl Scouts, 4-H, Otero County Extension Service, Master Gardeners Group, and students from the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped.

Citizens hope to plant more than 100 trees in Alamogordo's Washington Park (contact Robert Pacheco at 439-4142 for information). And at nearby White Sands National Monument, the Alkali Flats Trail will be spruced up (contact Cindy Roper at 434-4494 to help).

Tularosa Brownies will be conducting an archaeology project and study with Human Systems Research in Fresnal Canyon.

**Schedule of events:**

- 8 a.m.: Project Kickoff Ceremony with the mayor and Woodsy Owl plus various other officials;
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Community Earth Day Fair;
- 10 a.m.: Project Learning Tree activities;
- 11 a.m.: Earth Day Puppet Show with Woodsy Owl;
- noon: Project WILD activities;
- 1 p.m.: Earth Day Puppet Show with Woodsy Owl;
- 2 p.m.: Recycling Olympics;
- 3 p.m.: Awards and Project Recognition Ceremony. Free picnic lunch for project volunteers and logo contest winners. Food is being donated by local merchants.

For more information, contact Ange Doherty at White Sands National Monument, 479-6124.

**Full moon programs begin at the White Sands National Monument**

White Sands National Monument begins its 1997 Full Moon Program series on Thursday, April 22. The evening's activities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a ranger-guided Sunset Stroll Nature Walk. The Sunset Stroll will focus on the plants and animals that live within the dune field and will provide an opportunity for photographing the dunes at sunset.

Following the walk, at 8 p.m., Park Ranger John Mangimelli will present a program titled "The

Yellowstone Legacy: Discovering America's National Parks." As a part of National Park Week, this program will showcase the diversity of the National Park System and discuss the recreational and educational activities available for park visitors.

Visitors will be able to enter the park until 10 p.m. on Full Moon night and must exit the park by 11 p.m. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the monument. For more information call 479-6124.



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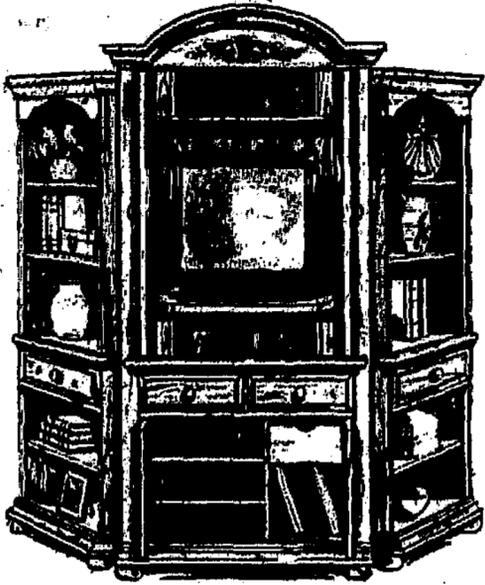
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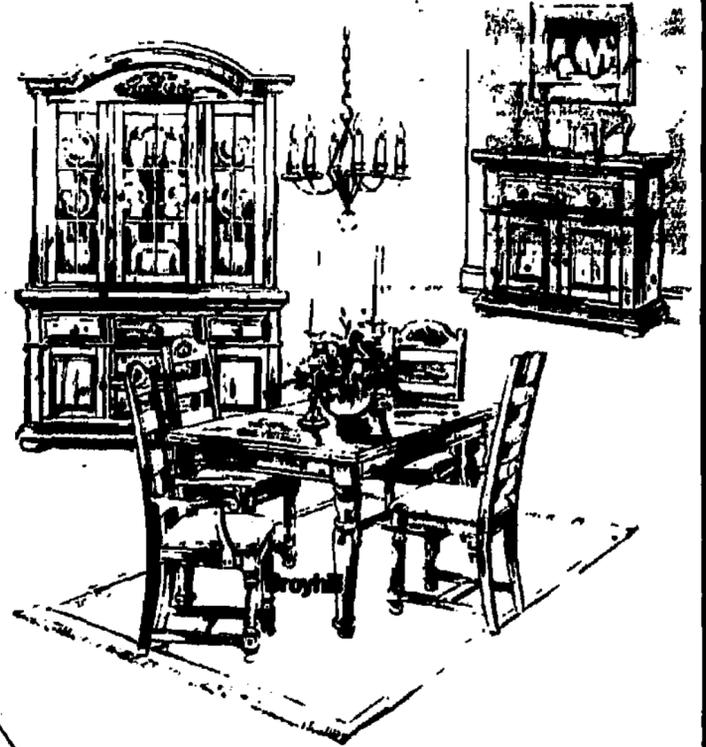
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# Club calendar

## 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 no-host dinner with speakers and discussions to follow. Activities are also planned throughout the month. All adult singles are invited to join the group for dinner and socializing. For further information call 258-4680 or 257-5177.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

## ALL AMERICAN

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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

## ALTO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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

## ALTRUSA CLUB

Meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail. 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 257-9171 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, Virginia Quesenberry.

## 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: 257-4166.

## AMERICAN LEGION

### ROBERT J. HAGEE, POST 79

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

## AMERICAN SEWING GUILD OF NEW MEXICO

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

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

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

## B.P.O. DOES

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

## BETA SIGMA 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.

## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Senior Center, 501-A Sudderth Drive. Call 258-4682 or 258-3726 for information.

## CHOIR GROUP

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

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

## 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 4 p.m. Mondays at The Counseling Center, 1707 Sudderth Drive. Call 257-5138 for more information.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Meets in members' homes at noon the second Thursday of every month. For more information call 258-4106.

## DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

### COE-CURRY CHAPTER 23

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Hwy. 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.

## FAMILIES & FRIENDS FOR FAIRNESS & SUPPORT

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. 2nd Monday of the month at #12 Tara Woods Condos, 102 Eagle, Ruidoso. We give support and information to families and friends of special needs persons. For more information call Jenny at 258-3993.

## FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #26

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

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

## GOLDEN AGE CLUB

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

## HIV + SUPPORT GROUP

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

## HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

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

## KIWANIS CLUB

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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### FATHER E. DOLAN COUNCIL

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

## LA JUNTA F.C.E.

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 HOMEBUILDERS

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

## LINCOLN COUNTY

### MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY

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

## 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 at noon the second Tuesday of every month at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, Ruidoso. For more information call Sharon Miller at 258-3252.

## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

Meets 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan. 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 Matzler, 336-9699; S.W. - Marshall Conover, 258-3446; J.W. - Walt Argall, 257-7190. All visiting Brethren welcome.

## "THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY"

Christian alternative to chemical dependency support group meets 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. every Thursday at Calvary Chapel of Ruidoso, 433 Sudderth, Gateway Center.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED

### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, CHAPTER 1379

Meets 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. For more information call 258-3493 or 378-4669.

## NOVY WATNE 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 Hach, 258-5717 or Jim Wood at 258-9218.

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

### RUIDOSO CHAPTER #65

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

## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Meets 10 a.m. every Saturday at Perfect Health Therapeutic Massage, 1204 Mechem, Suite 11. Please call 258-1153 for more information.

## LINCOLN COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Meets 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio St. Camera Questions 2-4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the roastery. For more information call 257-3676 or 258-4003.

## PINE TOP ROD AND CUSTOM CAR CLUB

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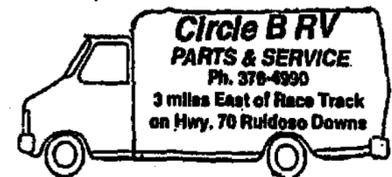


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# In-laws can be trying — but this is ridiculous

For all of his brief adult life, Brown Bowen yearned to be considered a "bad-man," a man whom others respected, and more importantly, a man whom others were afraid to tangle with — something of an accomplishment in Texas of the 1870s.

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Drew Gomber  
Ruidoso News

But no matter what he did, Brown could never surpass, or even equal, the "accomplishments" of his brother-in-law — John Wesley Hardin, perhaps the deadliest gunman of all time.

## There was a young man named Brown Bowen

Brown Bowen, whom census records listed variously as Josiah, Joshua and Robert Bowen ("Brown" was apparently a nickname), was the eldest child of Neill and Mary Bowen, married in Escambia County, Fla., in 1848. Neill and Mary had five children: "Brown," Nancy, Elizabeth, Jane and Martha. It was Jane who, at the age of 16, married the already-notorious John Wesley Hardin, aged 18. The pairing was to have catastrophic consequences not only for Jane, but also for her brother, Brown.

Sometime during the 1860s, Mary Bowen died, because by the time of the 1870 census, Neill Bowen was married to another woman with the unlikely name of Purity Sunday. Brown, however, had already left home and was married himself to a young woman from Arkansas named Maggie. Nevertheless, his chief ambition in life still seemed to be that of becoming a man to be reckoned with, or at least feared.

Brown's brother-in-law, John Wesley Hardin, who wanted neither to be reckoned with or feared, was both, much to the chagrin of Brown. Women told their misbehaving children to "Be good or Wes Hardin will getcha." This rankled Hardin, who felt that virtually all of his victims had been killed in legitimate cases of self-defense. No one will ever know for sure, but Hardin's tally of dead men down his back trail is somewhere in the vicinity of 40. This is a stunning number when you consider that men such as Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and Wild Bill Hickok together did not even kill half this number.

In short, Brown was trying to break a record that could not be broken — but oh, how he wanted to.

Hardin, who spent his life going out of his way to be loyal to friends and relatives, performed the same service for Brown, who, regardless of Hardin's personal feelings about the man, was still his wife's brother.

## An insult leads to feuding

When Texas' infamous Sutton-Taylor feud began to heat up, Brown was still in his teens, but saw an opportunity to make a name for himself on the side of the Taylors. He never did, but his brother-in-law, who actually tried to stay out of the conflict, became one of the leaders of the Taylor faction.

Hardin's reluctance to become involved evaporated when Jack Helms of the Sutton faction made the terminal mistake of publicly insulting Jane Hardin. In almost no time at all,

Helms was just another statistic added to Hardin's long list of victims.

December of 1872 was the month of the killing that would eventually estrange Hardin from his brother-in-law, Brown Bowen.

Tom Haldeman was 24 years old at the time of his death. Although there is no evidence to support the accusation, some thought that he was a member of or at least an informant for, the hated Texas State Police. This alone was enough reason for anyone — Hardin, Bowen or anyone else in their circle — to kill Haldeman, which is exactly what someone did.

## Haldeman shot in a stupor

Hardin and his friends had taken to "hanging out" at the store of one William Billings. They drank, raced horses, and practiced with their pistols almost incessantly. Billings' 14-year-old son John "Mac" Billings remembered the men throwing the round tops of cracker barrels into the air as targets. According to Billings, Hardin was the only one ever to hit these targets, which he did with pistols in both hands, no less.

It was young Mac who, on Dec. 17, 1872, was walking back to his father's store when he noticed Tom Haldeman sleeping under a tree. Haldeman, it seems, had imbibed a tad too much tonsil paint and had gone outside to sleep it off. As Mac Billings passed by, he testified later that he saw Brown Bowen come out of the store, walk over to the supine form of Haldeman, pull the cover from the face of the sleeping man, and shoot him. According to Billings, he saw "Haldeman's head rather sink at the fire from the pistol."

Racing back into his father's store, the agitated youth nearly ran right into John Wesley Hardin, who asked him, "Mac, who shot out there?" Mac told Hardin what he had seen and Hardin advised him to say nothing lest Bowen shoot him as well. The boy considered this to be excellent advice and took it, at least for the moment.

Less than two weeks passed before the local authorities arrested Bowen and charged him with the murder of Thomas Haldeman. He wasn't incarcerated for long, however, before the ever-loyal Hardin and a band of cronies broke him out of jail on March 26, 1873.

## Hardin lives on the run

In 1874, after shooting a lawman (ironically it was a clear-cut case of self-defense), Hardin was forced, with his wife Jane and their children, to flee Texas. Moving to Florida, which Hardin had heard was good cattle country, the Hardins lived in Gainesville, Micanopy and Jacksonville, where Hardin so ingratiated himself to the local authorities that they actually warned him when detectives came sniffing around.

Once again, the Hardins relocated, this time to Pollard, Ala., where they were joined by Jane's fugitive brother, Brown Bowen. Brown's arrival signaled the beginning of the end for Hardin.

Back in Texas, Neill Bowen, Jane and Brown's father, had hired a young man to help out on his farm. What Neill did not know was that the man, Jack Duncan, was actually a special operative for the Texas Rangers, who had been quite anxious for some time to make the acquaintance of Neill's deadly son-in-law, John Wesley Hardin.



John Wesley Hardin.

Though a fugitive, Brown had continually stayed in touch with his family. One day, Duncan found himself temporarily alone in a room in which an opened letter lay on the table. It was from Brown Bowen and closed with the remark that "my sister joins me in sending love." Duncan knew that where Jane Hardin was, John Wesley would not be far off and wired Ranger Captain John Armstrong the code words "Come get your horse." Texas' No. 1 desperado had been located at last, thanks to the carelessness of Brown Bowen, compounded by that of his father, Neill.

## Bowen starts his own trouble

Meanwhile, back in Pollard, Brown wasn't long in getting into trouble. Irritated by the very existence of a black man in the area who refused to kow-tow to white men, Brown began chasing the fellow around Pensacola Junction, Fla., just across the state line from Pollard.

When a white man told Brown to cease and desist, Brown waved a gun in the fellow's face. Knocking the gun from Brown's hand, the man proceeded to beat the living be-jesus out of him. When Brown finally picked himself up, he loudly announced that all concerned would be sorry, because he was going to return with J.H. Swain, who was really John Wesley Hardin, the deadly gunman. It seems Brown just couldn't keep his big mouth closed.

In August of 1877, Hardin was captured, after a fierce struggle, aboard a train in Pensacola Junction (now Flomaton, Ala.). He was immediately whisked back to Texas for trial. The arresting officers didn't even bother going after Brown Bowen. Why go after a minnow when you've just caught the biggest fish of all?

They didn't completely forget Brown, though, and it wasn't long before he was also safely in custody and on his way back to



Brown Bowen

Texas. In no time, both he and Hardin were incarcerated in the Austin jail. Hardin held some bitter thoughts about Brown's carelessness, but what happened next really alienated the two.

## Bowen takes the murder rap

At Brown Bowen's trial for the murder of Tom Haldeman, young Mac Billings finally came forward and testified about what he had seen. For the first time, Brown realized there had been an eyewitness to his indiscretion, and he panicked. Brown announced that it was not he, but rather his brother-in-law, Hardin, who had killed Haldeman. Apparently, Brown's logic was that Hardin was guilty of so very many killings, he wouldn't mind having one more laid at his doorstep.

Hardin did mind, and despite the entreaties of the Bowen family, refused to take responsibility for the death. "Every tub must stand on its own bottom" was what he wrote to the Bowens in reference to Brown, even after Brown had been sentenced to death for the killing.

John Wesley was very bitter about Brown's accusations, and his wife Jane, Brown's sister, found herself between a rock and a hard place. In the end, she stuck by her husband, refusing her family's requests to intercede on her brother's behalf. It was a decision that was destined to have disastrous consequences for her.

Abandoned by her own family, Jane found herself with children to raise, no husband, and few others in any sort of position to render assistance. She managed to "get by," but after 15 years of struggling and premature aging, she finally died in 1894, shortly before her husband's release from prison. Her death was a blow from which John Wesley Hardin never really recovered.

And Brown Bowen? On Friday, May 17, 1878, Brown mounted the 13 steps to the gallows in Austin, Texas, still proclaiming his innocence. Those present said he died bravely and well. And he was, at long last, finally considered to be a desperado of consequence.

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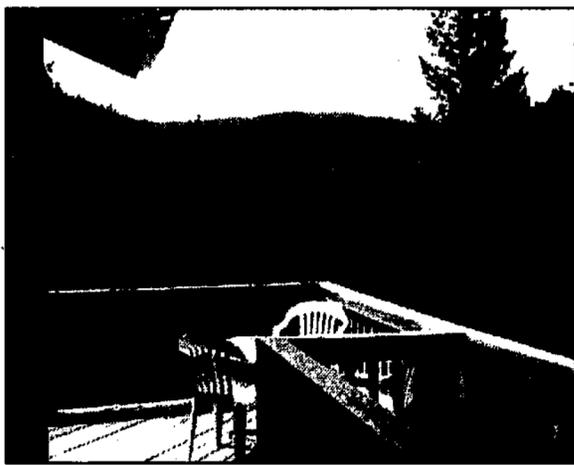
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3/2 1/2, like new, full golf membership.



**Nearing Completion**

**Alto**

Powers • \$298,500 • 101 Juniper Ct.  
4/3 under construction, full golf membership.



**Alto**

Loyd • \$295,000 • 102 Coggins Ct.  
4/3 #6 Fairway, full golf membership



**Alto**

Messer • \$295,000 • 106 Forest Dr.  
4/4. Full golf. On 17th Fairway



**Alto**

Sager • \$299,000 • 104 White Ct.  
3/2. Full golf. All one level. Sunny!



**Alto**

Lemaster • \$382,500 • 728 Deer Park Dr.  
3/3, full golf membership! Classy!



**Alto**

Thompson • \$330,000 • 525 High Mesa Dr.  
4/3.5 #4 fairway, full golf membership.



**Alto**

Neessen • \$53,000 • 839 Deer Park Dr.  
Beautiful social membership lot!



**Under**

**Reduced to \$367,500**

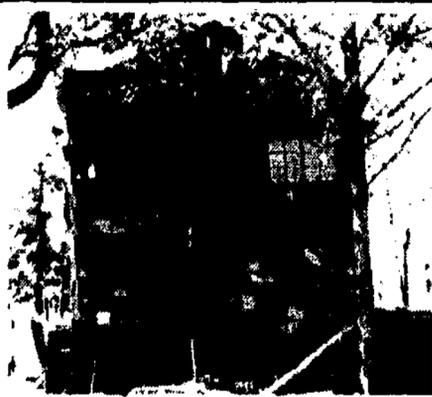
**Alto**

Bostic • \$379,000 • 714 Deer Park Dr.  
4/3 1/2, new, full golf membership!



**Alto**

Kreins • \$410,000 • 204 French  
4/3.5. Like new. Full golf.



### Midtown

Hunsaker • \$32,500 • 204 Ridge  
Bdrms 1, Baths 1, Cabin-Fixer Upper



### Airport West

Lazenby • \$47,500 • 119 Bonanza  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Nicely remodeled.



Under Contract

### Ruidoso Pine Lodge

Varan • \$55,000 • 103 Third St.  
2 houses, 1 price. Investors!



### The Springs Condo

Davis • \$69,500 • #21 The Springs.  
Bdrms 2, Baths 1 3/4, Nice condo.



### Pinecliff

Nelson • \$84,900 • 402 Swallow  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, garage, fenced yard.



### Pine Top Hills

Timmerman • \$88,300 • 128 Old Lincoln Rd.  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Doll house, cute!



### Unrestricted

Whipple • \$89,900 • Hwy. 48.  
2250 sq. ft. workshop & well on 9 acres



### Palmer Gateway

Proctor • \$99,500 • 116 Pippin St.  
3/2 Knotty Pine, very clean! Carport.



### Pinecliff

Campbell • \$119,000 • 113 Cardinal  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, large open room!



### Capitan

Eckland • \$124,000 • 103 East Grandview  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, level on 1.7 acre tract.



### Builder Needs Offer

2 New Homes • \$148,000 & \$152,000 •  
439 Canyon Rd. Finished 3/2, great views.



### Midway Townsite

4-Plex • \$150,000 • 206 Ridge Road  
Bdrms 1, Baths 1, Owner financing!



### Great Kitchen Cree Meadows

Harris • \$169,500 • 135 Rowan.  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Fairway home.



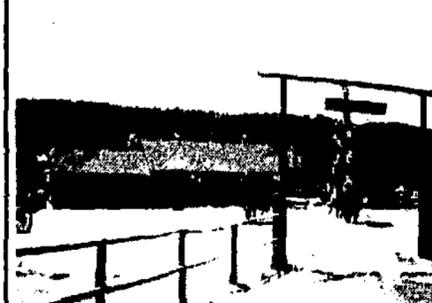
### Townhome

Ebener • \$169,900 • 132 Geneva  
Bdrms 4, Baths 4, Innsbrook Village.



### Cree Meadows

Faulk • \$174,900 • 137 Rowan.  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Fairway home - level.



### Twisted Cedar Ranch

Bartley • \$178,500 • Old Ft. Stanton Rd.  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, horses OK, barn, view!



### White Mtn. Meadows

Davis • \$189,900 • 545 White Mtn. Meadows  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2 1/2, view unsurpassed!



### White Mtn. Meadows

Perkins • \$199,500 • 104 EE Miller Ct.  
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, Trades considered.



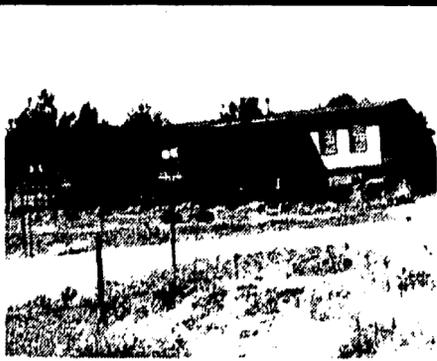
### Recent Facelift Take a Look!

Spires • \$214,000 • 101 Rim Road  
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, The ultimate view!



### Highwood

Odom • \$249,500 • 102 Wildwood Dr.  
Bdrms 4 Baths 3 1/2, furnished, big view!



### Capitan

McSwane • \$55,000 • 101 Crestview  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, horses OK, fenced.



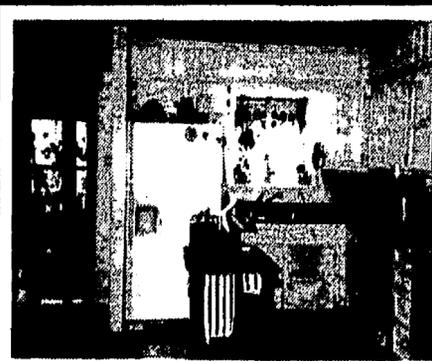
### Town & Country North

Whitaker • \$119,900 • 401 Mary  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, corner lot, fairly new



### Upper Canyon

Holcomb • \$149,900 • 116 West Riverside  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, listen to the river, furnished



### Airport West

Cronin • \$149,500 • 201 University  
Bdrms 4, Baths 2.5, Jacuzzi Room!



### River

Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Upper Canyon on river



### Great Kitchen New & Different

Owen • \$269,000 • 333 Wht. Mtn. Meadows  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2 1/2, large, unusual, new.



### Reduced to \$279,900 River

Scott • \$290,000 • 358 River Trail  
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, plus guest quarters.



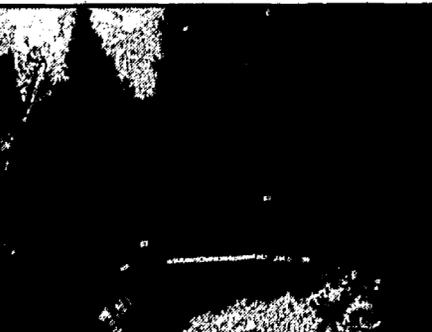
### Professional Decor

Duncan • \$298,000 • 155 Coronado  
Bdrms 4, Baths 2 1/2, Awesome view!



### River

Armstrong • \$425,000 • 1030 Main - Upper Canyon  
Large river home with separate guest house.



### Reduced to \$419,000 River

Holt • \$439,000 • 146 North Loop  
Prestigious Upper Canyon River Home



### River

\$469,000 • 1026 Main • A must see!  
3/2 on river - guest suite - prestigious



### Building is Vacant Commercial

Scott • \$145,000 • 1690 Hwy. 70 East  
Nicely finished offices & workshop.



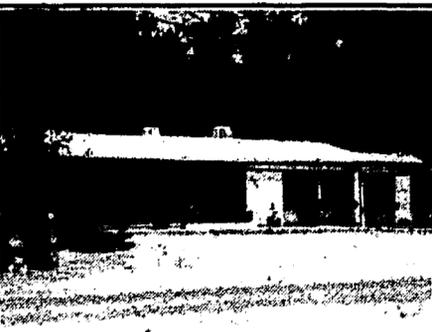
### Commercial

Land & Building • \$177,500 • 714 Mechem  
Land & building only, 2000 sq. ft. space.



### Commercial

McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza  
Last unit for sale - new - nearly finished.



### Commercial

Whispering Pines • \$195,000 • 428 Main Rd.  
Below appraisal - land - building - equip.



### Commercial

Blitz • \$229,000 • 2800 Sudderth  
Land & bldg. 2400 sq. ft., drive thru potential



### Business Only!

Jack's T.V. & Appliance  
\$275,000. Name, inventory, and equipment.



### Commercial

The Attic Complex • \$599,500  
Land & building. Lease Space Available.



### Commercial

Rainbow Lake Fun Park • \$395,000  
806 Carrizozo Canyon Rd.  
5.023 acres. Sell all or part



### Commercial

Centre for the Healing Arts  
\$598,000 • 100 Lower Terrace. Lots  
of potential. Call for package.

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