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Apology follows violation

Open Meetings Act slip acknowledged by Nunley

By DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Acknowledging that he violated the state Open Meetings Act by attending an unadvertised session with the county auditor and two other commissioners, Lincoln County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley has reported the violation to District Attorney Scot Key.

Nunley attended the session with Commissioners William Schwettmann and Rex Wilson. "I violated the law and it was inadvertent," Nunley said Saturday, the day after the legality of three commissioners attending the audit "exit interview" was challenged by activist Tony Seno. "I called Scot Key today and reported myself. He said he would get back to me later. He asked if any vote was taken or if something was discussed that influenced the next commission meeting and I said I didn't think so.

"I feel pretty bad about it, but all I can do now is apologize."

Key said Monday that although the special petty misdemeanor carries a penalty of a fine up to \$500, the emphasis is on ensuring compliance, not punishment.

"I'm going to look into it to assure myself that there is a violation," he said. "And if there is a violation, we will look to a measure to hopefully cause this not to happen again. And if we can do that with voluntary compliance working with commissioners and county attorney, that's our intent, to ensure citizens of Lincoln County that everyone is in compliance."

The legality of three commissioners meeting with the auditor was questioned by Seno during a regular commission meeting Friday in Ruidoso.

"Doesn't that constitute a quorum?" he asked.

Nunley said he had been advised by County Manager Frank Potter and the auditor that a provision exists for any number of commissioners to attend audit meetings to

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Nadine Sanders of Dallas was one of seven people to debark Monday from Aspen Mountain Air's daily flight to Ruidoso. Citing heavy losses, the airline is pulling its service from the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

Overwhelming losses on route cited, despite a strong October Aspen Air pulling out

• The airline is ending its Ruidoso flights because of losses, but may resume flights in the spring provided the community chips in.

By TONI K. LAXSON
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Airline service to Ruidoso will be grounded indefinitely beginning Dec. 2, said an executive with the only carrier at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

Aspen Mountain Air, owners of the former Lone Star Airlines, has announced that Ruidoso flights will be discontinued because of heavy operating losses on the route.

"We've been averaging about \$100,000 to \$150,000 (of losses) per month on the route," said Patrick Imeson, a vice president of the Colorado-based company, on Monday.

Customers coming in and leaving on Ruidoso's only commercial flight Monday expressed disappointment that the service was ending.

"I'm not that frequent a traveler (on the airline), but I sure hate to see this," said Peggy Wilhelm, who was awaiting the out-going flight Monday.

Nadine and Gene Sanders, who arrived Monday from Dallas, said they used the service about once a month. Now, said Nadine Sanders, they will have to catch flights out of Roswell.

"I guess so. That's better than taking Southwest to El Paso (and driving in)," she said.

Angie Fontenot, one of Aspen Air's two employees in Ruidoso, said the company will either refund tickets dated for after Dec. 1 or honor them for flights out of Roswell.

low worker Cindy Richardson said the company is trying to notify ticket holders by telephone as well as sending out notices.

Both Richardson and Fontenot say they will soon be out of work. Imeson, however, said he believes the company plans to relocate Richardson and Fontenot to other Aspen Air sta-

"The whole month of October we were overbooked..."

Angie Fontenot, station manager

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Funds for county recreation program set aside

• Reluctant commissioners compromise on emotional appeal for funding to help youth recreation.

By DIANNE STALLINGS
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Responding to a plea for more recreational facilities in the county, Lincoln County Commissioners have set aside \$150,000, but will decide later how the money will be distributed and for what.

During an emotional session Friday in which parents and others asked for help, Commissioner William Schwettmann said he'd go along with putting up \$150,000, if the county first received a commitment from the state Legislature to match it.

He also said without guidelines

and prior approval of plans, the distribution might not be fair to the rest of the county and some communities might object.

Joan Bailey, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said she found Schwettmann's remarks "absurd."

A small village such as Corona without books in its school library would be happy for any help, she said.

"To even contemplate that the rest of those areas and the valley would object to the county trying to improve the lives of their children is absurd," Bailey said, adding that not being willing to support the needs of children is "absolutely obscene."

Capitan Mayor Norm Renfro stood up and said, "We'll take all we can get. There's no ball field in

Capitan."

Schwettmann and Commissioner Rex Wilson subsequently voted against Commissioner Monroy Montes' motion to designate \$150,000. But commissioners unanimously approved an amendment to the motion stating that at their December meeting, they would set criteria for using the money.

"I know how emotional this is," Chairman L. Ray Nunley told the audience. "Let us work this through. It's difficult to spend your tax dollars. If we hadn't been careful, we couldn't consider this or the \$2.1 million for your hospital."

Jim Stoddard, chairman of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission, said the plan recommended by a committee that includes

representatives of the Ruidoso school district, the chamber of commerce and village hall, is for the county to return a portion of property taxes back to entities in proportion to what their areas generated.

That would allow the county to give money to Eastern New Mexico University for vocational programs, he said.

One half a mill would generate about \$200,000 from a property tax base of more than \$400 million. One mill equals \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

How the half mill would be acquired would be up to commissioners, he said. It could be a new tax levy or an existing one.

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Casino Apache grows

By KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS INTERIM EDITOR

Wendell Chino cut a ribbon essentially doubling the area of Casino Apache on Friday night, and a few minutes later the hundreds of additional slot machines were jingling.

The Mescalero Apache tribal president, in brief remarks, welcomed "Texans, Mexicans and people from around the world" to the new facility, which he said is now the "biggest in New Mexico, and might even compare to Las Vegas." The entire upper level of the casino building that formerly housed a convention hall now is filled with slot machines.

Chino said the outside deck at that level will be developed into an all-night restaurant, "so the Apache employees never will need to go home." That brought laughter from many workers on hand.

In his remarks, Chino made no reference to a Nov. 13 meeting with New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson's representatives over the Apaches' non-payment of a percentage of gaming revenue to the state, in accordance with the compact he had signed.

However, in the context of responding to criticism on the subject in another newspaper, Chino issued a statement on Monday:

"The compact signed by the Mescalero Apache Tribe was done in protest. The protest stands."

"The race tracks and fraternal are 'shirt tailing' the Indian tribes with regard to gaming; therefore, they are not in the same category as the Indian tribes. They can deal with the state on their percentages apart from the tribe, on their own merits."

"(The) Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act prohibits the state from imposing any assessment against Indian tribes, except for regulatory function only. This act solely deals with Indian gaming. For this reason, the Mescalero Apache Tribe will not become a party to an illegal act on the part of the state. Therefore, we refuse to pay the state percentage."

"The protest still stands," Chino stated in the release.



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Rep. Dub Williams supporting recreation.

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High ... 58
Low ... 26

Partly cloudy

THURSDAY High ... 57
Low ... 24

Mostly cloudy

FRIDAY High ... 49
Low ... 29

Rain/snow

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	52	27	.00"
Saturday	51	25	.00"
Sunday	57	16	.00"
Monday	64	17	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	64	33	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	74	38	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	64	41	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	68	49	Partly cloudy



Nov. phases of the moon



STARDATE

Mercury stands highest in the evening sky Thursday night and tomorrow night for its current orbit around the Sun. Unfortunately, at this time of year planets rise and set at a shallow angle, so they never appear far from the horizon. Mercury is only a few degrees above the southwestern horizon as darkness falls, so it will be difficult to find the elusive planet. Pluto is in conjunction.

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Carmon Phillips/The Old Mill

General Aviation has had a place in Ruidoso for most of the century.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

1948 New Mexico license plates, originally scheduled to go on sale Dec. 1, has been held up by a paint shortage.

Ruidoso News Nov. 28, 1947

The bottom of the newsprint barrel has been pretty cleanly scraped, and the shortage probably will continue through 1948, the Department of Commerce reported recently.

He said 954 gallons of blue paint and 175 gallons of white paint, which were to have been shipped from an eastern factory Oct. 22 had not arrived. By working the penitentiary plate shop 24 hours a day, Gage said he could complete the tags within three or four weeks after the paint arrived.

State Penitentiary warden Howell Gage said Thursday that delivery of 180,000 sets of

The new plates, which are made of aluminum, will be sold in sets of two for the first time since the outbreak of the war.

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Revised excavation rules in village aired

Several members of the local development industry object to the law, which village officials say would be a measure to help control common flooding problems.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Every year, people complain to the village of Ruidoso about their homes or property being flooded during rainy seasons. Several even file lawsuits, say village officials.

The culprit is almost always construction on property either above or adjacent to the problem area, said Village Manager Alan Briley.

"We live on a mountain and everything flows downhill," he reminded.

Several people, though, are objecting to a proposed ordinance to regulate earthwork done for construction, in part, they say, because the village has enough permit requirements already.

"All of these regulations allow for no flexibility in design whatsoever," said Wyatt Sparks, a local land surveyor who attended last week's meeting of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

The new regulations, discussed in the meeting, would preempt engineers' ability to come up with innovative solutions to drainage problems, Sparks said.

About six people, including Sparks, attended the meeting either to ask questions about the new ordinance or to object to it.

Despite those objections, the commission sent the 15-page ordinance to the Ruidoso Village Council for final approval. A public hearing and vote on the issue is expected in mid-January, village staff said.

The proposed ordinance, adopted from the Uniform Building Code, was submitted to the commission at the request of village councilors. A council sub-committee is studying proposed changes to the vil-

lage's hillside protection ordinance, which regulates what percentage of a lot may be disturbed when it is on a certain degree of slope.

The sub-committee wants to allow landowners the right to develop 55 percent of a hillside lot compared to the current 10 percent limit.

The increase in allowable area for development creates a need for the proposed excavation and grading ordinance, staff members said.

The proposed law would establish what types of earthwork would fall under the ordinance and require a permit.

"Basically, it determines how much of a cut, how much of a slope before you have to go into benching," Cleatus Richards, director of planning for the village, said at the commission meeting.

Two parts of the law questioned by Sparks and others require permits for excavations of 2 feet or more and for fills higher than 1 foot and that

exceed 50 cubic yards of dirt on one lot. Sparks objected, saying those requirements would apply to most construction work.

Richards said he didn't agree, saying that the fill requirement applied to 50 cubic yards of dirt—the equivalent of at least five dump trucks full of dirt.

"Our concern is if you are going to be placing large amounts of fill or doing large cuts on a piece of property, then we need to be able to check more closely on how that's going to be done to ensure it's not going to have negative impact on that property or on adjoining properties," Richards said.

The current hillside protection ordinance has only minor restrictions on cuts into slopes and the type of material used as fill, he said.

"But there is no permitting requirement, no inspection or final clearance on how they cut or how fills are done."

AIRLINE: Last-minute effort to save service comes up short

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tion manager.

Since the airport opened in 1988, Aspen Air is the third company to offer commercial flights there. Aspen Air is also the third company to pull out of Ruidoso because of losses.

Imeson said Aspen Air may resume flights this spring if it can acquire a federal subsidy. But the 33-month-old airline, which offers service to 22 cities in seven states, wants to change its Ruidoso-to-Dallas flights.

"We think that maybe there's a better way of serving the (Ruidoso) market and that's

through El Paso," Imeson said.

He estimated that it would cost the company \$790 for every 40-minute flight on the El Paso route. Round-trip costs, he estimated, would cost customers about \$150.

The effort to save Aspen Air's Ruidoso service began about 60 days ago when the company announced tremendous losses, said Airport Director Tim Morris.

Aspen Air is now finishing its proposal for the federal subsidy, which would require the community to contribute half of the money needed by the airline to recoup losses, said Imeson and Morris. Imeson said he did not yet know what

the community's projected contribution would be.

The subsidy is available through the U.S. Department of Transportation under 1978 piece legislation called the Essential Air Service Act, Morris said.

Domenici asks help

Earlier this month, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., joined the effort by asking for a federal subsidy under the essential service legislation. However, the Ruidoso flights don't qualify under that provision because the legislation applies only to flights initiated before 1978, Morris said.

So, the company will seek

funding through a clause for ineligible places, which could be difficult because no one has ever applied for that particular subsidy before, said both Imeson and Morris.

"It will probably be looked at very closely," Imeson said. The community's contribution could not come from local governments, but would have to be generated through commitments from businesses and other organizations. Imeson said the subsidy proposal itself would be developed over a period of time in which input would be gathered from the community. Also, the community commitment could be canceled with a 30-day notice, he added.

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07:40 am - Ruidoso
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11:55 am - Arrival at Ski Apache

Ski Apache Departure

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Byway on the Highway



Sierra Blanca Construction workers begin laying roofing material on the new Billy the Kid Interpretive Center in Ruidoso Downs next to the Museum of the Horse. The \$325,000 center is due to open next year and will offer tourist information about attractions on the "Billy the Kid Scenic Byway" and the entire southern portion of New Mexico.

Spiritual Breakfast on Dec. 6

The women of St. Eleanor Catholic Church will start the holiday season with their 12th Annual Non-Denomination Spiritual Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 6 in the Cree Meadows Country Club.

Joan Bailey, director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Ruidoso's 1994 Woman of the Year, is the featured speaker. Her topic will be "It's a Wonderful Life."

Music will be provided by Ruidoso Chief of Police Lanny Maddox and Patty Tiscareno, a vocalist from El Paso.

Reservations may be made at the St. Eleanor Catholic Church, 120 Junction Road, or by calling 257-2330 before Dec. 1. Admission is \$8 and includes breakfast.

Bridge repairs done

Ruidoso street crews have completed repairs to the bridge at River Trail and Willow roads, a village official said.

Work on the bridge began last month and was finished last weekend.

DEATHS FUNERALS

Edward A. Voorhees Jr.

Edward Voorhees, Jr. died his home Las Cruces on Nov. 16. He was born on Sept. 4, 1926 in St. Louis, Mo. Services were held at the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Las Cruces on Nov. 19 and at the United Church in Los Alamos, Nov. 20, with the burial following at Guaje Pines Cemetery in Los Alamos.

The Rev. Jim Hovland of the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso officiated at both of the services.

He has lived in Illinois and Florida, attended Georgia Tech and Maryville College, and received a master's degree from Vanderbilt University in 1949. He was a mathematician and retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory in 1982. He and his wife Jeanette recently spent summers in Ruidoso. He played the cornet with the Mesilla Valley Concert band at New Mexico State University and performed his last concert there on Oct. 5.

Survivors include his wife Jeanette, to whom he was married since July 17, 1976. His children of his marriage to Loretta Nunn Castle are his daughter, Elizabeth of Los Alamos, son Ron of Santa Fe, and Bruce Voorhees who died in 1992. His extended family include Barbara Tegtmier of St. Louis, Mo., John Tegtmier of Vicenza, Italy, and Janet Smith of Bossier City La. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren.

John H. Dittmar

Services for John H. Dittmar, 81, of Ruidoso were Tuesday at the La Grone Funeral Chapel with the Rev. David Jordan officiating.

Mr. Dittmar died Friday at Lincoln County Medical Center.

Born Jan. 29, 1916, in Muskogee, Okla., he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a retired brick mason and a lifetime member of the brick mason union. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He moved to Ruidoso eight years ago from Oklahoma.

He married Edna Jones on March 9, 1963 in Cushing, Okla.

He is survived by his wife; daughter and son-in-law Ann and Dale Muchow of Chowchilla, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law, John and Bonnie Dittmar of Chowchilla; and son, John Dittmar, also of Chowchilla; sisters, Lorena Tincup of Tulsa, Okla., Carolyn Bengs of Lake Isabella, Calif., and LaDean Carlyn of Eufaula, Okla.; grandchildren, Michael Muchow, Joseph Dittmar Jr., Chris Dittmar, J.D. Dittmar, Mindy Dittmar and Sarah Dittmar.

The family has asked that memorials be made to Home Health Services of Lincoln County.

Charged murder suspect chooses not to appear for arraignment

Terri Payseno, charged with killing a Lincoln County rancher and then hiding her body, chose not to appear in district court last week to enter her plea of not guilty.

She has contended the shooting occurred in self-defense.

Since she originally was charged in September with shooting her companion, Sonia "Sonny" Kirkwood, 58, other charges have been added, said District Attorney Scot Key.

Payseno, 40, now faces a total of 16 counts. She is charged with an open count of murder with a firearm enhancement, one count of being a felon

in possession of a firearm, two counts of tampering with evidence and 11 counts of violation of the Remote Financial Service Unit Act.

Payseno is accused of withdrawing about \$4,000 from ATM machines with Kirkwood's ATM card after the victim's death, Key said.

According to her statement to deputies, Payseno quarreled with Kirkwood about leaving the ranch. The two struggled and a .357 caliber Magnum pistol discharged, killing the older woman. She offered no explanation for her decision to lock the body in one of the stalls of a two-horse trailer. The gun was recov-

ered by deputies in brush about a quarter mile from the ranch house, located about five miles southeast of Hondo.

Payseno was arrested 12 days after the shooting when she notified the sheriff's office about the death.

This isn't Payseno's first brush with the law.

She was convicted in Omaha, Neb., in May, 1996, of interstate transportation of stolen property and was sentenced to 18 months in prison, three years supervised release and restitution of \$11,207, according to Don Rupe of the Albuquerque probation office. The prison portion of the sen-

tence was reduced by three months when she appealed.

She spent part of her sentence in a federal prison in Nebraska. In May, 1997, she was released on an electronic monitoring program that she completed in July and started her supervised release through the Redswell probation office.

When she was arrested for murder, Rupe said his office notified Omaha and a federal warrant was issued to detain her. Her record also includes a number of other convictions for a variety of offenses.

Her trial on the charges in Lincoln County probably will be sometime in late spring.

Hill recovering from stroke

Wayland Hill, administrator of the Lincoln County Detention Center, is recovering from a stroke in St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque.

He suffered the stroke Nov.

7 while transporting a prisoner to a jail in Las Cruces, county officials said.

Cards may be sent to Hill in Room 501 in care of the center at 505 Elm St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Ballet benefit Saturday at Museum of the Horse

An Event of the Arts, a benefit for Ballet New Mexico, will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Museum of the Horse, coordinators said.

The benefit includes a show and sale of the works of noted Santa Fe artist Poteet Victory, who will attend the event. Victory is known for his lithographs.



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OUR OPINION

Strength in unity

We wish every youngster — and most adults — in Lincoln County had been tuned to the area's public television station for the past three nights. Those who did received a riveting, enlightening, dramatic six-hour presentation of the people and events that brought our country into being.

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Here before the Revolution was old Ben Franklin, famous as the discoverer of lightning and a wealthy printer, scheming to get England to give him a country of his own, Pennsylvania.

Here is the autocratic George Washington, wealthy by marriage, with a little experience fighting on the frontier, ready to become the leader of the Continental army — and terribly concerned about the price of good cloth for his uniforms.

And Alexander Hamilton, probably the wealthiest gentleman in the Congress, sulking because he wasn't selected to head the army.

And the wonderful Abigail Adams, John's wife, whose letters to her husband reveal so much about the fear and uncertainty that faced the people of Massachusetts as Britain's redcoats held them hostage, and who nevertheless let John know that all women were created equal, right along with the men, and he shouldn't forget it.

And Thomas Jefferson, the shy architect from Virginia, whose first draft of the Declaration of Independence was ripped apart so that little more than that stipendous preamble remained: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." Tom was selected to write that document, John Adams said, "because you write so much better than I."

The minority who were the driving force of the American Revolution, and founded the world's first government of rule by the governed, were far from downtrodden; in fact, one of the major burs under their blanket was the way the British saw them — useful subjects of the king, but really not quite suitable, ya' know.

The people who made America in the 18th Century, wrote the Declaration of Independence, fought a war against overwhelming odds, and finally established a government like none ever seen before in the world, can be likened to people today — a mixed bag, each with an agenda, finally recognizing that strength must come from unity.

And aren't we thankful, as Thanksgiving Day arrives in 1997, that they did?



THE DREAMER

To be thankful is to be happy

On the approach of Thanksgiving Day there is a mood of joyful contentment in our heart, and it comes to us daily how many ways we are being blessed day by day by our good Lord,

Now with the arrival of the season of late fall, with the trees bare if leaves and the fields turning golden, we feel thankful for the simple blessings of life: enough wood for the fireplace, the faithfulness of friends, the devotion of our loved ones.

We cherish memories of many happy Thanksgivings days which remain clear as yesterday only years ago. And we send up a prayer to our loved ones in Heaven, and feel their spirits fondly near this time of the year.



BY DAN STORM
COLUMBIAN

The first Thanksgiving

The first Thanksgiving that held by our pilgrim forefathers in the Plymouth Colony in December, 1621. This was a festival of Thanksgiving to the Lord for the deliverance from a year full of hardship — and especially for a beautiful harvest.

The pilgrims' neighbors, the Native Americans, who had helped them through their

first year in their new home, were invited to the feast. The meal included pumpkin pie, turkey, wild grapes and other native fruit, corn, squash, and the products introduced to them by their new friends and neighbors. The day became an annual event and in time spread to other states.

President Lincoln in 1863 declared the first Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day; and it has become favorite annual holiday.

President George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation in 1789 in honor of the new constitution.

Thanksgiving dinners of today feature foods introduced to the pilgrims by the Indians, including pumpkins, cranberries, turkey, and corn.

Wendell Chino's Thanksgiving services

In the days when president Wendell Chino was the first Apache ordained minister, he used to invite everyone up to his Thanksgiving service at the Dutch Reformed Church, and Thanksgiving dinner afterwards, I attended several of these gatherings and could feel the spirit which surely abided during the first Thanksgiving.

In the same spirit, let us wish our Mesclero Apache neighbors a happy Thanksgiving.

And let us respond to the desire deep within us to help others have a blessed Thanksgiving season. Let this be our Thanksgiving prayer to our Lord.

YOUR OPINION

A special time

To the editor:
Thanksgiving should have a special place in our hearts as a time when people come together in love and gratitude.

May I present the following as a meaning of Thanksgiving:

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as gifts to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of thanksgiving.

What a wonderful life we would have if we made every day Thanksgiving, and what a wonderful world we would have if we as a world family

made every day a Thanksgiving day.

Julian Wells
Ruidoso

'Dirty tabloid' spirit

To the editor:
I take issue with the article appearing on page 3A of the Nov. 19 edition. This non-story took 7 inches of space, it was dirty tabloid in spirit, and embarrassing to name individuals in the case of medication chemical imbalance. Does this mean the News will start printing incidents at the local hospital or nursing home sites?

Irene Norman
Ruidoso

Soccer Leagues' (LCYSL) annual "It's a Kick Picnic." The picnic is a chance to say "thanks" to the many volunteers who help coach, referee and administer league businesses, and to the kids and adults who support the league through their participation...

(The board thanks its commercial business supporters and) we recognize that league business doesn't make them rich; it is their dedication to their community that motivates them to provide their services at little profit.

Although it is difficult to thank each supporter and volunteer personally, the LCYSL board appreciates the efforts of everyone who contributes to the leagues' success, from the coaches who put in full days at jobs then come directly to the soccer fields to teach kids to love kicking a ball in the grass, to the moms and dads who make sure the kids have a cold drink and a well-deserved treat after the games. Your

contribution to the league and your community is invaluable.

Sue Kuhn
LCYSL, Ruidoso

Choice on the 'Net

To the editor:
"Your Opinion" exchanges about Ruidoso's Internet service has been interesting. Like Dave Shultz (Nov. 21), I applaud TrailNet's willingness to connect our town to cyberspace. Our village is far too small to interest most ISPs (Internet Service Providers). Without them, we might still be unconnected.

... Like Early Adamy, Internet access is crucial to my livelihood... Like Mr. Shultz, I have never had an outage or busy signal with ZiaNet...

All else aside, Ruidoso residents are fortunate to have a choice of two Internet providers... If you're not happy with your current choice, try the other guy.

Ed Juge
Ruidoso

Lesson learned?

To the editor:
Now that Wal-Mart has succeeded in getting our gas prices lowered, shouldn't this organization be rewarded for saving us so much on gas? When I need gas now, I drive all the way to Wal-Mart to get it. After all, if they had started out selling gas for \$1.27.9, we would all still be paying that.

I notice that all the stations around town still have lines of customers, rewarding them for lowering their gas prices, when in fact they were the ones that were gouging us to start with. Maybe if no one patronized them, they would get the message.

Bobby J. Johnson
Ruidoso

LCYSL celebrates

Another successful soccer season was celebrated Nov. 1 with the Lincoln County Youth

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The News reserves the right to reject any letter.

It's 6 days in jail on bond forfeiture for Officer Esquibel; trial delayed

Judge William Butts revoked the Ruidoso police officer's bond because he did not contact his attorney for several months.

By Tom K. Lawson
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso police Officer Pete Esquibel ignored letters and telephone calls from his attorney for about two months.

On Friday, the officer, who hasn't been on active duty since February, went to jail for six days because of it.

"Mister Esquibel," at the time that I released you, you agreed to maintain contact with your attorney," said Magistrate Judge William Butts during Friday's court proceedings. "And I don't believe you've done that, sir."

Esquibel was to have his trial Friday on misdemeanor charges that he had accosted a woman in a local bar. But the trial didn't happen, and Butts revoked Esquibel's release on a \$500 unsecured bond because the veteran police officer never tried to reach his attorney.

Though his lawyer, Lorenzo Tapia, said Friday he was unprepared to defend Esquibel because of this, the trial didn't take place because

Esquibel initially asked for a trial by jury. Neither Prosecutor Les Williams nor even Tapia knew of Esquibel's request for a jury trial, they said.

Tapia was not aware of any jury demand until this morning," Tapia told Butts, adding that his client was not interested in waiving the request.

"Even if you had a jury today I do not believe I could be adequate counsel," Tapia said.

At the time of Esquibel's arraignment in April, he indicated he wanted a trial by jury, and named Roswell attorney Randy Clark as his counsel. However, Butts said he contacted Clark who told him he would not be representing Esquibel, and that if he were, he would not ask for a jury trial.

"So the court was under the impression that that was a waiver of trial by jury," Butts told the courtroom Friday.

Williams, a prosecutor from Carlsbad, said Esquibel was entitled to a jury trial, which will probably be set in January, Butts said.

It is not unusual for defendants to ask for a trial by jury; however, their attorneys usually convince them to switch to a judge's ruling, Butts said after the trial.

Tapia told the court his last con-

tact with Esquibel had been sometime in either August or September. Since then, he has called Esquibel several times at Esquibel's sister's home in Tularosa, where the Ruidoso police officer had been living. He also sent certified letters and uncertified letters to the Tularosa address as well as to Esquibel's former address in Ruidoso, Tapia said.

Esquibel told Butts he did receive some of the letters sent to him by Tapia.

"I know I should have contacted you," Esquibel told Tapia during the court proceedings. "But I can't afford an attorney and I can't afford you."

Esquibel, who was demoted this summer to the position of dispatcher, has been on disability leave since April. A physician at the time said Esquibel was suffering from post-traumatic stress.

According to policy, village employees on disability receive full pay for the first 11 weeks and then half pay for 22 weeks, said Debbie Rogge, director of personnel for the village.

Esquibel told Butts he had applied for free legal help from the public defenders' office in Alamogordo. On Tuesday, Butts said Sam

Damon will be representing Esquibel. Damon oversees the office for Lincoln and Otero counties, Butts said. He is releasing Esquibel today from the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo at the request of Damon, Butts added.

When the next trial date is set, it will be the fourth for Esquibel. The first three trials were postponed at the request of Tapia — once for medical reasons, once because of a time conflict and a third time because Tapia asked to be excused as Esquibel's counsel. Butts denied the motion, at the time, but granted Tapia's renewal of his request Friday.

Following Friday's court proceedings, Tapia said he regretted not being able to defend Esquibel, because he believed he could win the case.

"I believe these charges are being brought against him for reasons other than are stated," Tapia said, adding that this is the first time in his 39 years of practicing that a client was unwilling to cooperate with him.

Esquibel is accused to trying to fondle a 29-year-old woman at Farleys, a restaurant and bar, against her will and despite her attempts to stop him. The offense is listed as a misdemeanor battery.



Tom K. Lawson/Ruidoso News
Officer Pete Esquibel, face covered, was escorted to jail last Friday after forfeiting his bond. He was due to be released today.

The following items are unclaimed property.

These items may be claimed at the Lincoln County Sub-Station at 105 Kansas City Road or by calling 258-5607. Unclaimed items will be auctioned at the next Lincoln County Auction.

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Warriors yield to powerhouse Artesia, 45-20

BY STEVE BENNETT
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The top-ranked Artesia Bulldogs put a screeching halt to the Ruidoso Warriors' play-off bid by handing them a 45-20 pasting last Saturday in the quarter-final round at Artesia's Bulldog Bowl. The Warriors end their season with 6 wins against 6 losses.

Artesia's scoring blitz struck early and often as Bulldog quarterback Cole Golden passed for three first-half touchdowns and added another on a one-yard sneak. Though the Warriors twice penetrated deep into Bulldog territory, penalties and miscues — as well as a swarming Artesia defense — kept Ruidoso out of the Bulldog endzone.

Finding themselves behind, 28-0, at halftime, and with Artesia busy building their lead to 45-0 by the 4th quarter, Les Carter's troops were relegated to a "playing for pride" situation. But in the 4th quarter, though the game was out of reach, Ruidoso — and Corey Saenz — did just that.

The Warrior rally started when linebacker Arthur Miller gobbled up an Artesia fumble on the Bulldog 41 yardline. On

the first play, Warrior quarterback Corey Saenz twisted his way to the Bulldog 16 yardline and then scored on his next run. Brett Meyer added the extra point and Ruidoso put up a 7 to Artesia's 45.

After a brief Bulldog drive that ended in a missed 33 yard fieldgoal, the Warriors stormed right back with Josh Varnadore's 57 yard pass reception that set up Saenz' second TD on a 14 yard run. The PAT kick was short and the Warriors trailed 45-13 with a just over a minute remaining on the clock.

The ensuing onside kick was recovered by Garvin Grant and on the next play, Corey Saenz again snaked his way into the endzone on a 52 yard romp. Brett Meyer added the PAT kick and the Warriors added 20 against Artesia's 45.

The Warriors recovered a second onside kick and once again threatened to score when time ran out. Though the Ruidoso rally proved too little too late, no doubt it took some of the sting out of the defeat.

After the game, Les Carter chose to be upbeat when he told his players, "We had a great season. We went a lot farther than anyone expected. You're all a great bunch of

kids."

With the 1997 football season behind him, Les Carter is already looking to the future. And all indications are that it ought to be a bright one. Though the Warriors will miss the likes of seniors Arthur Miller, Seth Bassett, Juan Warner, Andy Cano, Johnny Adams, Tyler Cluff, and Justo Quintana, Carter will return virtually his entire team. By contrast, Artesia will see 37 seniors graduate this spring.

Carter told the Ruidoso News on Monday, "We're excited about next year. This year we got done the things we needed to... we put in a new offense and made it work. This is the first year since I've been here that we'll have this number (19) of seniors. We should also have more depth than we've had in the past. And as far as the incoming sophomores, let me just say there's going to be a lot of competition for starting positions next year."

So, when will the Warriors begin the long road toward the 1998 season? When will Carter commence his off-season strength training program?

Carter laughed, "Tomorrow."

Scoring recap

Artesia. Jacob Rogers (9:46 in 1st period), 73 yard pass from Cole Golden. PAT run by Brandon Stark, Artesia 8-Ruidoso-0.

Artesia. Cole Golden (3:08 in 1st quarter) 2 yard run. PAT kick by Gabriel DeHoyas good. 15-0.

Artesia. Chris Olivias (:01 in 1st quarter) 1 yard pass from Cole Golden. PAT kick by G. DeHoyas good, 22-0.

Artesia. Charles Maupin 16 yard pass from Golden. PAT run failed. 28-0.

Artesia. Chris Olivias (8:23 in 3rd period) 1 yard run. PAT kick by G. DeHoyas good. 35-0

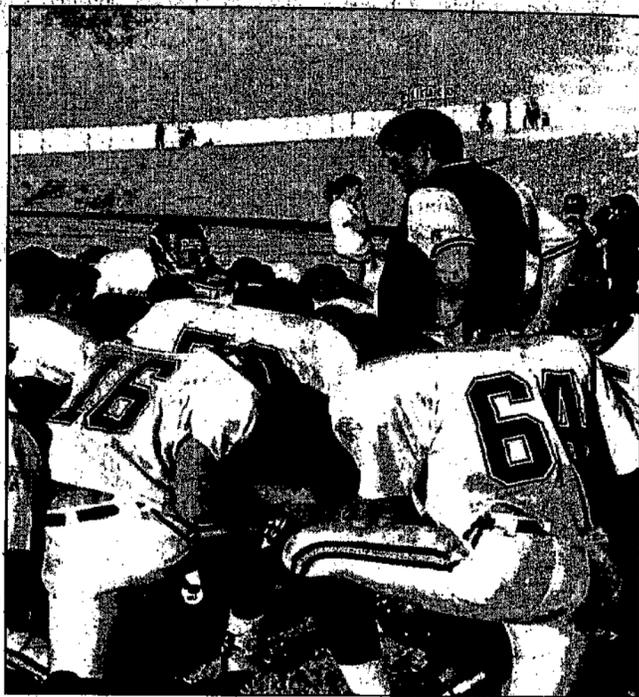
Artesia. 25 yard interception runback by Jared Bowen (7:44 in 3rd). PAT kick by G. DeHoyas good. 42-0.

Artesia. 54 yard field goal by G. DeHoyas. 45-0

Ruidoso. 16 yard run by Corey Saenz (5:54 in 4th). PAT kick by Brett Meyer good. 45-7.

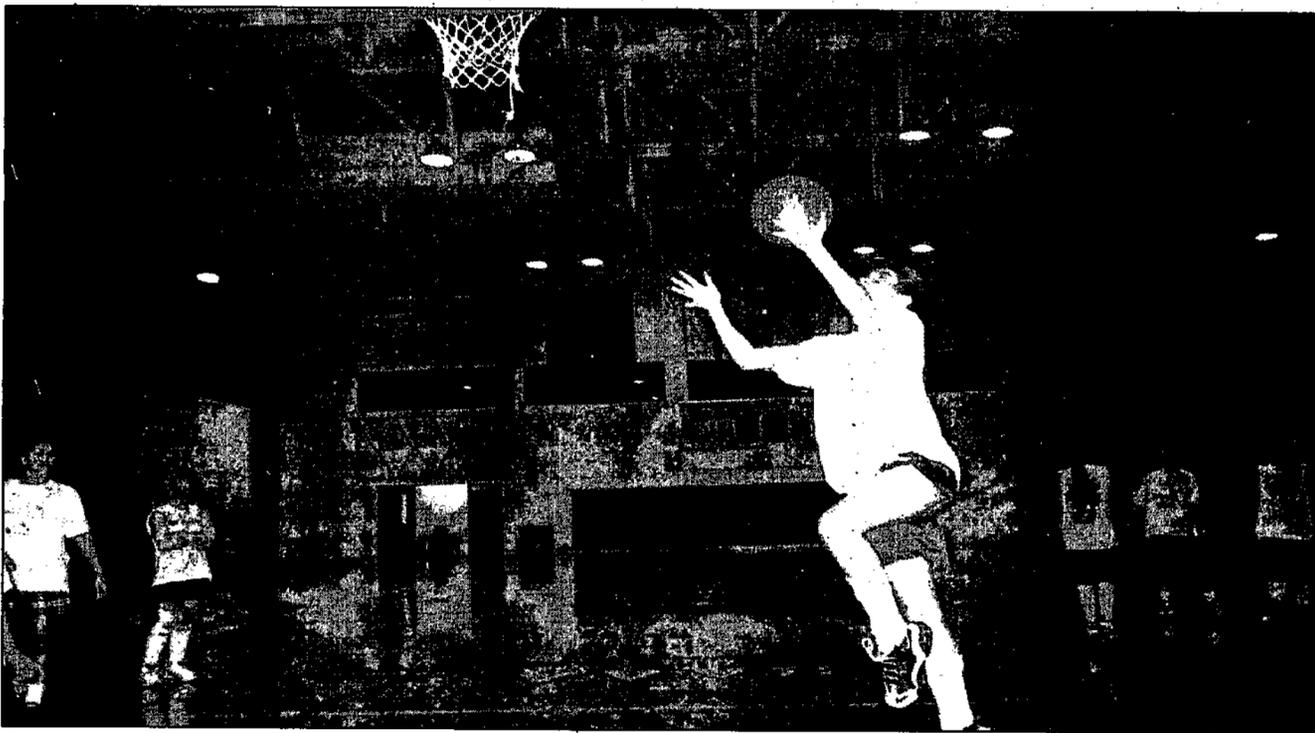
Ruidoso. 14 yard run by Corey Saenz. PAT kick failed. 45-13.

Ruidoso. 52 yard run by Corey Saenz (:58 in 4th period). PAT kick by Brett Meyer good. 45-20.



Coach Les Carter tells his Warriors "we had a great season. We went farther than a lot of people expected us to," after Saturday's loss to top-ranked Artesia.

► HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS



Steve Bennett/Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso High School Lady Warriors practice Monday for their Tuesday season opener against Cloudcroft.



The RHS boys squad were busy with passing drills and other skill builders in preparation for their Tuesday night season opener against the Capitan Tigers.

Let the games begin

With basketball season upon them, the Ruidoso High School boys and girls squads are gearing up for the year.

Both teams look to improve upon mediocre records.

"We're going to be better this year," said girls' coach Dwayne Rogers. "We're going to reverse our record."

Here's a rundown of who RHS will face in 1997-98:

Boys:

- Head coach - Gary Grahn (1st year)
1996-97 record - 9-15
- Nov. 28-29 - V, JV at Alamogordo, time TBA.
 - Dec. 2 - V, JV, FRB at Capitan, 4 p.m.
 - Dec. 5-6 - Hondo Tournament, time TBA.
 - Dec. 6 - V, JV at Tularosa, 5:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 8 - FR host Carrizozo, 5:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 9 - V, JV at New Mexico Military Institute, 5:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 11-13 - V in Moriarty for Bruce King Tournament, 3:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 11-13 - FR at Grants, time TBA.
 - Dec. 19 - V, JV, FRB at Artesia, 4 p.m.
 - Dec. 20 - V, JV, FRB at Artesia, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 6 - V, JV, FRB host Capitan, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 8-10 - V host High Country Shoot-out, time TBA.
 - Jan. 13 - V, JV host Tularosa, 5:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 15 - V, JV host NMMI, 5:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 16 - JV at Artesia, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 20 - V, JV at Portales, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 22 - FR at Carrizozo, 5:30 p.m.

- Jan. 24 - V, JV, FRA host Santa Teresa, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 26 - FRA, FRB at Capitan, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 31 - V, JV, FRA at Hot Springs, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 6 - V, JV, FRA host Silver City, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 7 - V, JV, FRA host Coble, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 10 - V, JV, FRA at Santa Teresa, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 14 - JV at Artesia, 11 a.m.
- Feb. 17 - FRA, FRB host Capitan, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21 - V, JV, FR host Hot Springs, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 27 - V, JV, FRA at Coble, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 28 - V, JV, FRA at Silver City, 4 p.m.
- March 2 - District 3AAA Tournament.

Girls:

- Head coach Dwayne Rogers (3rd year)
1996-97 record - 6-16
- Dec. 2 - A, B, C at Tularosa, 6 p.m.
 - Dec. 4, 6 - A, B at Alamogordo Tournament, time TBA.
 - Dec. 8 - C host Carrizozo, 4 p.m.
 - Dec. 9 - A, B, C host Tularosa, 4 p.m.
 - Dec. 11 - A, B, C at Artesia, 6 p.m.
 - Dec. 19 - A, B, C host Socorro, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 2 - A, B, C at Lovington, 6 p.m.
 - Jan. 6 - A, B, C at Socorro, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 8, 10 - A at Smokey Bear Tournament, time TBA.
 - Jan. 8, 9 - B hosts JV Tournament, 10 a.m.
 - Jan. 12 - A, B, C at Tularosa, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 15 - A, B, C at Coble, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 17 - A, B, C at Silver City, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 22 - C at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 24 - A, B, C at Santa Teresa, 1 p.m.
 - Jan. 27 - A, B, C host Portales, 3 p.m.
 - Feb. 3 - A, B, C host Santa Teresa, 4 p.m.
 - Feb. 6 - A, B, C host Coble, 4 p.m.
 - Feb. 7 - A, B, C host Silver City, 11 a.m.
 - Feb. 13 - A, B, C host Hot Springs, 4 p.m.
 - Feb. 21 - A, B, C at Hot Springs, 4 p.m.

Area basketball teams shooting for success in 1997-98 season

Basketball season is in full swing with several of Lincoln County's six high schools already having tipped-off the 1997-98 season. Here is a preview on area girls and boys high school teams.

Carrizozo boys

- Head coach Rick Beserra (1st year)
- Dec. 9 - host Capitan, 7:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 12 - at Mescalero, 7 p.m.
 - Dec. 13 - at Magdalena, 7 p.m.
 - Jan. 3 - host Quemado, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 5 - at Mesilla Valley, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 8-10 - at Capitan Tourney, time TBA.
 - Jan. 15 - at Capitan, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 17 - at Corona, 7 p.m.
 - Jan. 23 - host Vaughn, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 24 - at Mountainair, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 27 - host Mescalero, 7 p.m.
 - Jan. 29 - at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 31 - at Fort Sumner, 7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 5 - host Mountainair, 7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 6 - at Vaughn, 7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 10 - host Corona, 7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 13 - host Fort Sumner, 7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 17 - host Mesilla Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Carrizozo girls

- Head coach Rick Beserra (1st year)
- Dec. 2 - at NMMI, 5 p.m.
 - Dec. 5 - at Tularosa, 7 p.m.
 - Dec. 9 - host Capitan, 6 p.m.
 - Dec. 12 - at Mescalero, 5 p.m.
 - Dec. 16 - host Tularosa, 7 p.m.
 - Jan. 8-10 - at Capitan Tournament, time TBA.
 - Jan. 15 - at Capitan, 6 p.m.
 - Jan. 17 - at Corona, 5 p.m.
 - Jan. 23 - host Vaughn, 6 p.m.
 - Jan. 24 - at Mountainair, 6 p.m.
 - Jan. 27 - host Mescalero, 5 p.m.
 - Jan. 29 - at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
 - Jan. 31 - at Fort Sumner, 6 p.m.
 - Feb. 5 - host Mountainair, 6 p.m.
 - Feb. 6 - at Vaughn, 6 p.m.
 - Feb. 10 - host Corona, 6 p.m.
 - Feb. 13 - host Fort Sumner, 6 p.m.

Hondo - boys & girls

- Boys head coach Michael Booty (1st year)
Girls head coach Julie Montoya (1st year)
(Note: time indicates start of girls' game; which precedes boys' game.)
- Dec. 5 - host Mescalero, 6 p.m.
 - Dec. 6 - host Ruidoso JV, 2 p.m.
 - Dec. 11 - host Alamogordo sophs, 5 p.m.
 - Dec. 12 - at Vaughn, 5 p.m.
 - Dec. 15 - host Gateway Christian JV, 5:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 19 - at House Invitational.
 - Dec. 20 - at House Invitational.
 - Jan. 8-10 - at Ruidoso Invitational.
 - Jan. 16 - boys host Cloudcroft, 5 p.m.
 - Jan. 16 - girls at NMMI, 5:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 19 - at Alamogordo, 5 p.m.
 - Jan. 20 - at Corona, 6 p.m.
 - Jan. 22 - host Gateway Christian JV, 5:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 23 - boys at NMMI, 5 p.m.
 - Jan. 30 - host Lake Arthur, 5 p.m.
 - Jan. 31 - host Mesilla Valley, 7 p.m.
 - Feb. 5 - at Hagerman, 5:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 7 - host Corona, 5 p.m.
 - Feb. 12 - host Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 14 - at Lake Arthur, 4:30 p.m.

Mescalero - boys & girls

- Boys head coach Christy Lopez (1st year)
Boys 1996-97 record 8-10
Girls head coach Jera Jones (3rd year)
Girls 1996-97 record 24-11
(Note: time indicates start of girls' game; which precedes boys' game.)
- Dec. 1 - host Capitan C, 5 p.m.



- Dec. 5-6 - at Hondo, time TBA
- Dec. 11 - at Gateway, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 12 - host Carrizozo, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 16 - at Alamo C, 5 p.m.
- Jan. 8-10 - at Ruidoso Invitational.
- Jan. 24 - at Mesilla Valley, 2 p.m.
- Jan. 27 - at Carrizozo, 5 p.m.
- Jan. 31 - host Lake Arthur, 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3 - host Hagerman, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 5 - at Lake Arthur, 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - at Hondo, 5:30 p.m.

Capitan - boys & girls

- Boys head coach Gerald Montes (3rd year)
Girls head coach Bryan Masse (1st year)
Girls 1996-97 record 6-17
(Note: time indicates start of girls' game, which precedes boys' game.)
- Dec. 1 - B boys and girls at Mescalero, 4 p.m.
 - Dec. 2 - A, B boys host Ruidoso, 4 p.m.
 - Dec. 4-6 - A boys and girls at Hagerman Tournament.
 - Dec. 6 - B boys and girls at Cloudcroft, time TBA.
 - Dec. 8 - B boys and girls at Gateway Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 9 - A boys and girls at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.
 - Dec. 13 - B boys, A, B girls host Mountainair, 4 p.m.
 - Dec. 18-20 - A boys and girls at Cloudcroft Tournament.
 - Jan. 6 - A, B, C boys at Ruidoso, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 8-10 - A boys and girls at Smokey Bear Tournament.
 - Jan. 8-9 - B girls at Ruidoso Tournament.
 - Jan. 12 - B boys and girls at Chaparral, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 13 - A, B boys host Estancia, 6 p.m.
 - Jan. 15 - A boys and girls host Carrizozo, 6 p.m.
 - Jan. 17 - A, B boys at Hatch, 5:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 17 - A, B girls host Tatum, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 20 - B boys, A, B girls at Mountainair, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 24 - A, B boys, A girls host Hatch, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 26 - B, C boys host Ruidoso C, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 27 - A, B girls host Tularosa, 5:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 29 - C boys, B girls host Gateway Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 30 - A, B, girls at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 30 - A, B, C boys host Cloudcroft, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 31 - B boys and girls host Chaparral, 10 a.m.
 - Feb. 3 - A, B, girls host Dexter, 5 p.m.
 - Feb. 3 - A, B, C boys at Dexter, 5 p.m.
 - Feb. 6 - A, B girls at Tularosa, 5:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 6 - A, B boys host Tularosa, 5:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 10 - A, B girls at Dexter, 5 p.m.
 - Feb. 10 - A, B, C boys host Dexter, 5 p.m.
 - Feb. 13 - A, B girls host Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 13 - A, B, C boys at Cloudcroft, 4 p.m.
 - Feb. 17 - B, C boys at Ruidoso C, 4 p.m.
 - Feb. 20 - A, B, C boys at Tularosa, 4 p.m.

RECREATION: 'It's paid off in Ruidoso'

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Under that formula, Ruidoso would receive 47.4 percent of the money, Ruidoso Downs, 4.0 percent, Carrizozo, 1.3 percent, unincorporated areas, 44 percent, Capitan, 2.1 percent and Corona, 3 percent.

The money would be used for capital improvements so there would be something tangible for future generations.

Mike Gladden, superintendent of the Ruidoso school district, said his staff is in the process of planning this year for a "School to Work Transition" program along the lines of a career technology academy or junior college in Hobbs.

"It's more important each year for schools to provide this opportunity to students," he said. "We must do this, all school districts agreed. I believe a portion of the \$200,000 would be going to such an endeavor."

State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glencoe) agreed that more emphasis should be placed on vocational opportunities or anything else that could improve the lives of the children. He pointed out that 2,000 jobs are available at Intel in Albuquerque, but the Albuquerque vocational school only graduates 100 students a year.

Leann Smith said she would like to see a "really nice" park developed for parents to take their children now and in the future.

Bonnie Richardson, a supporter of gymnastics locally, said New Mexico has a dismal reputation as a place to raise a family. Washington, D.C., was the worst, but New Mexico placed 47th out of the 50 states and the nation's capitol.

"I recognize Commissioner Montes's demands for accountability for each penny spent, but we also need to recognize that if we don't provide recreation now, we will need more jails later," she said.

Ron Anderson, president of the chamber, said at first the village of Ruidoso didn't want to put money into recreation either, but it has paid off as an attraction for new residents and tourists.

"It's about taking care of kids," said Joe Zagone, who heads local Little League Baseball.

The playing field on Gavilan Canyon Road is sinking into the ground and the county could help restore that area, he said. "I've never said I pay too much in taxes; I'd just like to see you chip in," Zagone said.

One negative voice

Among the encouraging words was one negative voice.

Duane Williams of Capitan said his property taxes went up 25 percent and the last thing he wants to see is another half mill on his taxes. The county should focus on roads and law enforcement and leave recreational facilities to somebody else, he said.

Former Ruidoso village councilor Al Jungo urged going with a full mill, because requests usually are cut.

He asked commissioners to set a time frame to allocate the money, but he suggested the county act only as a fiscal agent and stay out of decisions on how the money is spent.

A committee of representatives from across the county could be formed to review and approve plans, he said.

The first motion by Nunley, to determine whether dedication of millage to recreation is feasible and to appoint a committee, failed to muster a second.

A second motion by Howell, to fund as suggested by Stoddard at half a mill and send it back to communities on a proportionate basis, also failed for lack of a second.

After a short break, Nunley said Williams thought the legislature might match whatever amount the county was willing to dedicate to recreation.

"So often the first question legislators ask is what a community is willing to do for itself," Williams said.

"We went to the legislature three or four years ago and asked for recreation funds and it seems to me that's exactly what they said," Zagone said. Since then, the school district donated land for ballfields and the village and county worked on the fields.

Wilson wasn't ready to approve the concept, however. A more appropriate time to review the request would be at budget time, he said, adding that he was uncomfortable moving too fast.

One of his major concerns is that if the money is divided proportionately, small communities will end up with too little to make much of a difference.

But James Paxton, president of the Ruidoso School Board, urged the board to look at the issue as a county need, pointing out that the board has been splitting 3-2 on most issues.

"I hope this can be one time you could look at what's best for the county," he said.

The word on employment



"Hiring & Firing" was the subject of a seminar sponsored by the Lincoln County Job Service Employer Council (JSEC) Friday at the Enchantment Inn. About 40 local business and public executives attended the presentation by Penn Strode, staff development specialist with the Human Rights Division, New Mexico Department of Labor. Information on Lincoln County's JSEC is available from Ann Green at 257-9296.

APOLOGY: Future meetings of 3+ will be advertised

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be briefed.

"It was closed to the public and the public wasn't told the meeting was being held," Seno said.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll read a summary of the Open Meetings Act and pointed to a line that specifically requires public meetings when a majority of commissioners are present and discussing county business.

County Attorney Alan Morel said he had not been contacted for an opinion on the meeting and that he didn't

know of any special provisions covering exit audit interviews.

Potter said it didn't matter how many commissioners attended; the information is available when the annual audit is released. But Commissioner Monroy Montes said board members must be aware of the perception of illegality as well as the fact.

"Common sense tells us to advertise any time three commissioners may be together," he said.

"Maybe we ought to fire our attorney and hire the auditor to decide whether we should advertise meetings,"

Howell said.

"If this (auditor meeting) was an error, no malice was intended," he said Friday.

Wilson said the question of whether the auditor meeting was legal was asked twice before the session.

By the end of the commission meeting, Morel was back with an answer.

The meeting should have been advertised as a closed executive session, he said.

Potter said in the future, all meetings where three commissioners might show up will be advertised.

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4 County Commission meetings scheduled in Ruidoso in '98

It was a ping-pong match on public meetings, and where.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

At least four Lincoln County Commission meetings will be conducted in Ruidoso in 1998, but they may not be "regular" meetings.

Commissioner Monroy Montes started the verbal ping-pong match over meeting sites at Friday's commission meeting in Ruidoso.

"In light of past actions and what led to setting the last two meetings of the year here (in Ruidoso), I propose we commit to conducting four regular meetings in Ruidoso in February, May, September and November," he said. "By law, quarterly meetings must be held at the county seat (in Carrizozo) and this would not interfere with that requirement."

Last month, Montes resigned as commission chairman partly because of the way three commissioners handled the scheduling of the last two meetings of the year.

He said the intent of a motion passed in 1996 was to conduct three regular meetings in Ruidoso. That intent was ignored when staff responded to input from Commissioners L. Ray Nunley and William Schwettmann and rescheduled a November regular meeting to Carrizozo.

After some discussion about the issue at an early November special meeting, Nunley acknowledged he may have acted without knowing all of the background. He joined Montes and Commissioner Wilton Howell in voting to conduct the last two meetings of the year in Ruidoso to satisfy the intent of the motion for three regular meetings, although it was stated only as "three meetings" in minutes adopted by the board.

Montes said February would be a good month to meet in Ruidoso, because commissioners start talking budget and it would be right to come to the county's population center for that discussion. The final budget is adopted in May. The tax rate is set in September and the dates and places of meetings for 1999 will be set in November.

Schwettmann disagreed, saying, "When we ran for office, we know where the courthouse was. Regular meetings are a real problem for staff and costly. With everyone here, county government is almost out of business and we have no back-up data."

"I don't mind having three meetings here, but I don't think we should tie ourselves down to four regular meetings, because we don't know now (where the public would be best served to discuss issues)."

Montes replied, "If we lived in the horse and buggy days, it might be a problem. But we



Wilton Howell (far left) moved to the end of the Lincoln County Commission table Friday as L. Ray Nunley (second from right) was elected, 3-2, as chairman

until January. Howell had been serving as vice-chairman. Others shown are William Schwettmann, to Nunley's right, and Monroy Montes, former chair.

could have the material over the phone or Faxed in 30 minutes."

Commissioner Rex Wilson said he's not opposed to meeting in Ruidoso.

"I think it's appropriate to meet at different places, but I'm bothered by being tied down. Let's leave it open and schedule as we see items," he said.

Commissioner Wilton Howell pointed out that the calendar is passed by resolution. The one for 1997 didn't reflect what commissioners had approved, but was adopted by them without catching the error.

County staff members drive county cars to the meetings and a slight slowdown in county

government for a day could be a positive thing, he said.

"We could meet more often, maybe 24 times a year and that would dilute the proportion of the meetings in Ruidoso," Montes said.

"You have apples to pick and I have drugs to sell," Nunley, a pharmacist, said, mixing the idea of doubling the number of meetings.

Montes motion for four scheduled meetings was defeated 3-2 with Schwettmann, Wilson and Nunley voting against it.

Nunley then proposed a minimum of four meetings in Ruidoso, leaving it up to commissioners if they are regular or special meetings.

Nunley said special meetings in Ruidoso may be more appropriate, because they deal with specific issues of interest to the area.

Commissioners Schwettmann and Nunley represent Ruidoso, but you'd hardly know it today," resident Al Jungo said after walking to the podium.

"In light of the largest portion of taxes coming from here, I think it would be fair to have every other meeting here. I think four is a bare minimum and three is atrocious."

"The option is open that it could be four regular meetings," Nunley said, "But we need the flexibility."

His motion for four meetings in Ruidoso, the type and dates to be determined later, passed 3-2 with Montes and Howell voting nay.

In a related action, Schwettmann proposed removing the authorization for a commission chairman to schedule special meetings.

He wanted to see that power limited to agreement of three commissioners with 24-hour notice. Commissioners agreed with his view, but specified after a short debate that the chairman still has the power to call emergency meetings.

"I have a concern that if the staff is not able to find three

commissioners and there's a disaster and a real need for speed," Montes said. "I don't think we're worried about calling meetings off the top of his head, but it's just one person to contract instead of three. I think the chairman should have the ability to call emergency meetings."

"We have a provision for emergency meetings," Nunley pointed out.

"Where is it addressed if not in the Open Meetings Act?" Howell asked. "I think the chairman should have the ability to determine an emergency and call a meeting. You're not going to have a meeting unless a quorum is present anyway."

Nunley turned that statement around.

"If you can't find three, you couldn't have a meeting anyway," he said.

"We'd be hampering ourselves," Montes countered. "This is just a shorter line of communication."

Wilson suggested the motion be amended to allow the chairman to call emergency meetings, but three commissioners be required for a special meeting.

His amendment was approved 4-1 with Schwettmann voting against it. The original motion as amended then was approved unanimously.

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HOMES & FAMILY

1B WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26, 1997

Hectic schedule winds down in time for holiday

It has been a busy and hectic month. It seems we have been gone somewhere most of the time.

Eleven members of the Lincoln County FCE clubs — a.k.a. extension clubs — attended the New Mexico State FCE meeting held in Silver City. The

LINCOLN TRAILS



BY ROSALIE DUNLAP

group enjoyed the various workshops and seminars. These included angel and box making, learning how to care for your photos, how to prevent fraud, and the business sessions. All the members who had entries in the

cultural arts show all came home with ribbons.

One evening was spent attending the melodrama at Pinos Altos. Everyone had a great time enjoying the melodrama and the delicious dinner.

At the banquet Friday night, there was a surprise roasting for Mary Ellen McKay. She was presented with a beautiful quilt made from quilt squares by the different counties. Several friends and coworkers then told stories about Mary Ellen.

Following the roasting, a program on the history of the discovery and preservation of the Mimbres Indian ruins by one couple who settled in Silver City.

Twenty-one members of the Lincoln County FCE met in Roswell at the China Star for their quarterly meeting. Following the meeting and lunch, the group had a guided tour of the Roswell Museum.

Later everyone met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lock for delicious desserts. Helen and Leon have recently moved to Roswell from Carrizozo. Helen is the immediate past president of the Lincoln County FCE.

Those seen at the annual Farm and Livestock Bureau meeting in Las Cruces were Mr. and Mrs. Wally Ferguson, Matt Ferguson, Carrizozo; Duane Frost, Yeso; Rep. and Mrs. Joe Skeen, and Ralph and I. The entertainment at the banquet Friday night was LaDonna Gatlin, sister of the Gatlin Brothers. The Gatlins grew up in Odessa.

As part of her program, she called three members from the audience to sing. One of them was our county president — Duane Frost, who has a great sense of humor.

Ralph and I also made a trip to Las Cruces for Ralph to attend the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum foundation meeting.

All our prayers are with Governor King and his family.

Also with the families of Juan Garcia and Maxine Frances, who passed away last week.

Ralph and I and Rosina Locke enjoyed the lovely Thanksgiving dinner held at the San Patricio Senior Citizens Center.

Rosina Locke spent three weeks with her family in Oklahoma, returning home just ahead of the last storm.

The LaJunta FCE Club held their monthly meeting at the Senior Citizens Center. The ladies made Santa Claus faces from cloth and bottles in the afternoon.

Lincoln will celebrate with their annual Victorian Christmas. The Trust will have music and other goodies the weekend after Thanksgiving. Some of the other shops will also be open. So come and shop and enjoy Lincoln. I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving Day.



Dance instructor Karen Butaud, above, puts young students through their paces as they learn a cheerleading dance routine. Below right is Butaud with some of her dancers.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News



Butaud strikes a dramatic pose.

Courtesy photo



As a young girl Butaud resembled Shirley Temple and her mother made sure she learned to dance.

Courtesy photo

In step for a lifetime

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Leading a dance session in front of a half dozen young girls, Karen Butaud looks young enough to be a student herself.

Chalk one up for consistent exercise and toning.

Butaud, 41, has been dancing since the age of three and taught her first class (as a favor to an ill teacher) when she was in sixth grade. Among her long list of instructors over the years was Patsy Swayze, mother of actor/dancer Patrick Swayze, and who also taught John Travolta.

"I took everything, ballet, jazz, acrobatics, tap and (baton) twirling," Butaud said. "I never stopped."

She was an only child and lived in the country around Houston. Her mother thought she favored Shirley Temple and wanted to make sure she was exposed to dance.

With 25 years of teaching experience (not counting her early childhood class), Butaud says she knows the latest dance techniques and can teach anyone willing to learn.

Before moving to Capitan four years ago, she operated a successful studio in Houston for 15 years.

Dance is good for more than performing, she said. It develops stage presence and showmanship that can translate to other endeavors, including public speaking. It instills a sense of discipline, improves coordination and keeps a child active and focused.

She will teach classes to



any age group and previously developed a chorus line of grandmothers in Capitan.

"It's good exercise for their bodies, their hearts and their minds," she said. "It creates excitement."

Currently, most of her classes are in the Ruidoso area, but with a sufficient number of students and a large enough space, Butaud will consider classes wherever there is a demand.

She brings not only her personal talent to her classes; she has the accumulated expertise of instructors with impressive credentials, including Al Gilbert, known in Hollywood as the Pied Piper of Dance.

Hollywood actress/dancer Nannette Fabray, Caprice Walker, former ballerina for the Westside Ballet, Los Angeles Western Ballet Co., and Karen Hebert, principal ballerina for the New Orleans Ballet Co.

"I don't think as a teacher you should ever stop learning," she said. "You find different techniques to use on different children and learn a more rounded approach."

Butaud also has been certified by several dance and twirling associations. Her teaching extends to drill team, baton twirling and cheerleading. Butaud majored in dance in college and took child development courses to help her teach.

She has amassed a long list of awards for competitions in ballet, tap, jazz, twirling, drill team and cheerleading.

But Butaud's first love is teaching.

"I knew from the beginning what I wanted to do," she

said. "I wanted to teach and be around children. But I like all ages, because they fulfill me in different ways. Preschoolers are really special."

She moved to Lincoln County four years ago, because her husband wanted to live in a cooler climate than they could find in Texas. Although she was reluctant to sell her successful studio in Houston, she was optimistic that other mothers would recognize the advantage in coordination, appearance and manners that tie in to dance, plus the thrill of performing on stage in costume.

"Ballet is a little stricter discipline, but the amount of discipline depends on the children and jazz dance can incorporate some of the same technique," she said.

She tailors her classes to the interests of the children to ensure they enjoy the experience.

Popular dancers like Patrick Swayze have helped increase the prestige of dancing again, Butaud said. And Swayze has shown that very masculine men also are attracted to dance, making it more acceptable for young boys. She has two in her classes now.

Even football players use dance instructors, she pointed out. Cleveland Browns bruisers took a workshop in ballet in their off season to help them learn the benefits of stretching their muscles on a routine basis and before a game, Butaud said.

For more information, contact Butaud at (505) 354-3166.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays, open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 24 hours Friday and Saturday and until 10 p.m. Sundays. Also Blues Sundays. For more information call 257-3506.

ETC

12th Annual Non-Denomination Spiritual Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Dec. 6 in the Cree Meadows Country Club. Joan Bailey, director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce an Ruidoso's 1994 Woman of the Year, is the featured speaker. Her topic will be "It's a Wonderful Life". Music will be provided by Ruidoso Chief of Police Lanny Maddox and Patty Tiscareno, a vocalist from El Paso. Reservations may be made at the St. Eleanor Catholic Church, 120 Junction Road, or by calling 257-2330 before Dec. 1. Admission is \$8 and includes breakfast.

Cloudcroft Pet Parade

2 p.m. December 13 on Buro Avenue. Bring your pet - cat, dog, teddy bear, fish, rock etc... Afterwards, have your photo taken with Santa.

26th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot Competition

2:30 p.m. December 13 at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. This national free throw shooting contest for youngsters age 8 through 13. For more information contact Chub Hall at 257-4782.

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Roswell Museum and Art Center Present Jim Wagner

Now - Nov. 30 Two and three-dimensional works will be featured. For more information call 505-624-6744.

Area-Wide Christmas Decorating Contest

Registration forms are now available for the contest. Pick up your registration form at the Chamber of Commerce located at 720 Sudderth.

Community Thanksgiving Service

7:00 p.m., Nov. 23 at First Baptist Church, 420 Mechem.

Cowboys and Hatters: Bond Street, Sage Brush and the Silver Screen

Roswell Museum and Art Center. The exhibit features 80 hats from the 1830s to the present. Call 505-624-6744 for more information.

Ruidoso Community Christmas Gala

7:30 p.m., Dec. 11 at the RLT Castle on Hwy 70. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children. For tickets or reservations call Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, 257-7395 or R.L.T. Box Office at 257-5190, Apache Spirit at 257-7227, Candle Power.

Healing Circles

7 p.m. every Wednesday at White Mountain School of Applied Healing, 1204 Mechem, Ruidoso. Drumming, guided meditation, chanting, story cre-

ation, energy healing. For information call 258-9046.

Ruidoso Senior Center

Water Color Classes. 10 a.m. Thursdays with Pat Russell instructing. \$5 per class. The Ruidoso Senior Center is located behind the public library on Junction Road, Ruidoso.

Lincoln County Food Bank

Food and money donations needed. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at Ruidoso Office Supply or call 257-2281. Mail donations to Lincoln County Food Bank, P.O. Box 1372, Ruidoso, N.M. 88355.

Casino Apache

Slots, live blackjack, poker tables. Open daily. The casino is located on Carrizozo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.

RLT Christmas Program

8 p.m., Dec 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20. Join Ruidoso Little Theater for a joyous holiday celebration.

Ruidoso Downs Sports Theatre

Simulcast racing throughout the week. Call 378-4431 for races and times. The sports theatre is located a half-mile east of race track, off Hwy. 70 on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs.

clubs/meetings

Natural Foods Co-op Monthly Meeting New Day and Place

Dec. 8. call 354-4012 for directions and information. No membership fee.

Lincoln County Republican Party Christmas Party

Dec. 9 at the Alto Lakes Country Club. Social hour starts at 5:30 and dinner buffet will be at

6:30. Ticket sales conclude by noon Saturday, Dec. 6. Call Libby Babcock at 336-9628 or Duane William at 354-4230 to purchase tickets. Bring an inexpensive gift for the gift exchange.

Model Rocket Association

The association meets the first Thursday of every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building. The club's next meeting will be on Dec. 4. Call Bob Turner at 437-2840 days, 434-0405 evening. Outside Alamogordo area call Turner at 800-545-4021.

Optomist Club

The Optomist Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Casa Blanca Restaurant, 501 Mechem Drive. New members always welcome. For more information call Lynn Price at 257-4991 or Vera Wood at 258-9218.

Library

Celebrating the Season

3:45 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Ruidoso Public Library. Don't miss the opportunity to hear the unique story about Icelandic Christmas traditions. Meet Lisa Wenner, author of Shoes in the Window.

3:45-5:15 p.m. Dec 11 "An Animal Christmas". Create bird treats, an ornament, bake animal Christmas cookies.

3:45-5:15 p.m. Dec 18 "A European Christmas". Stories, caroling, Christmas cookery, movie.

Bookmobile Schedule

Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10 Carrizozo/Otero Electric 4:00-6:30 Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11 Carrizozo/Otero Electric 7:30-8:30 a.m. Nogal Store 9:00-10:00 Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe 10:30-12:00

CLUBS

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets at noon and 8 p.m. in the lower level of the Lincoln Tower (rear entrance), 1096 Mechem, Ruidoso. 258-3643

Alta 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.

Altruus 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, 257-5068

Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Care Center. 257-5071

American Association of Retired Persons AARP meets at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at 10 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month.

American Cancer Society Meets at noon every fourth Thursday in the Lincoln County Medical Center conference room. Jane Yowell, P.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

American Legion Robert J. Hages, Post 79 Meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at S.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. 257-5796.

American Legion Highway 70 Neighborhood group meeting. 258-3876

B.R.O.E. No. 2066 Meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month in the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

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

Cancer Support Group Meets 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company, 1100 Mechem, Ruidoso. 258-4682

Choir Group Meets 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El Paso Road, Las Cruces. Possible carpool. 258-5621

Co-Dependents Anonymous Support 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.

Stress Management Group Meets 4 p.m. Mondays at The Counseling Center, 1707 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. 257-9338

Daughters of the American Revolution Meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month, Sept. through May. 258-4593 or 257-6974.

Disabled American Veterans Col-Carry Chapter 23 Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs. 257-5796

Lincoln Co. 2-45-3000 Honda Store 400-5000 Capitan Public Library 530-6300

Capitan Public Library 106 S. Lincoln Ave. Free registration. The library is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, with Wednesday evening hours 5:30 to 7:30, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Public Library The library will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 27, 28, 29, and 30.

Preschool Story Hour 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10-11 a.m. Thursdays. Fun for 3- to 6-year-olds. No sign-ups and it's free.

Sierra Cinema 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444. "Mad City," "Starship Troopers" and "Red Corner." Call the theater for show times and ratings.

MOVIES

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Christmas Program 8 p.m., Dec. 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20 at the Ruidoso Little Theater, The Castle, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. Join Ruidoso Little Theater for a joyous holiday celebration.

Betty Awards

8 p.m. Jan 10. Ruidoso Little Theater and its season patrons honor the best and the brightest at this gala event.

The Territorial Theater of Capitan Presents "A Christmas Memory" 8:00 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 12, 19 & 20. Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 free. All performances will be held at the Lin-

coln County Mercantile, 320 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan. For more information or tickets by mail, please call 505-354-2316 or 505-258-3808.

parks/recreation

Fantrackers 101 Carrizozo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275.

Inn of the Mountain Gods Arcade Video arcade, pool tables. The Inn also has tennis courts, horseback riding and fishing. The arcade is located on Carrizozo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.

Rancho Soregado Trout Fishing/Picnics Fishing and picnicking at S. Nogal Canyon Road, Bent, 24 miles W. of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 671-4580.

Ruidoso Athletic Club 415 Wingfield, 257-4900.

Ruidoso Bowling Center Saturday nights "Rock 'n Bowl" at 1202 Mechem Drive, 258-3557.

Ruidoso Gymnastics Association 107 Canyon Rd., Agua Fria subdivision. Year round recreational and competitive gymnastics for boys and girls ages 3 to 12.. 378-4468 or 378-4661.

Ruidoso Municipal Skateboard Park White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso.

Women's Pool League 7 p.m. Sundays at the Ruidoso Bowling Center. 257-3557.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of God Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald Petrey, pastor. 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 Leland, 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.

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 420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Sunday. Contemporary praise & worship 8:30 a.m.; Bible study/Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; traditional worship 11 a.m.; evening prayer and worship 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer and discipline time 6:30 p.m.; Youth Bible study & fellowship 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Ruidoso Downs. David Jordan, Pastor. Sunday: 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 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Tinne. 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. Domingo: Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.; Canto de Predicacion, 11 a.m.; Canto de Predicacion, 6 p.m. Miercoles: Estudio Biblico 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission Mescalero. Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Randal 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 49), 354-3119. Floyd Goddard, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA Wed.: 6:30 p.m.

BAHA'I FAITH

Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Richard Casarich. Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Santa Bible Study: 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.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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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, Venn Edmondson, Interim Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Church of Christ Captain - 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 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 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 LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Branch, north on Hwy. 48, between trailer markets 14/15, 336-4339 or 257-9691. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11:10 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. 12:10 p.m.; Primary/Young Women: 11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schildknecht, President, 671-9506. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W Penn, Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King; noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel Glenoco. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountain of Living Water 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.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.; Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meet 8:20 p.m.

Congregation Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom.: Re-union Publica 10 a.m.; Escuela de la Alayala 10:50 a.m.; Lun.: Estudio de Libro 7 p.m. Mart.: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.

Lutheran MO. Synod 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Sunday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church services: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

Shepherd of the Hills 1120 Hull Road, 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. Third Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., call for location; Call for events.

Nov. 23rd 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at 1st Baptist on Mechem. 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service followed by dinner.

METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Daylight Donuts. Harry Riser, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

United Methodist Church Parish Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan. Bob Boyd Pastor, 648-2893, 648-2846. CARRIZOZO: Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11:10 a.m. CAPITAN: Sunday worship: 9:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 257-6864. Allan M. Miller, Pastor; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services: 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Wed. fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Wed. fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church Nob Hill, Ruidoso, 257-2220. James Hovland, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Tuesday: Bible study 10-11:30 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship every third Sunday.

Mountain Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church Archo. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church Ruidoso. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday 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. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; 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 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Sunday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church services: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Family Church 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Green, pastor. Sunday worship 4 p.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship Gregg Horst, 354-2307. Monday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive; Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Capitan youth group 7 p.m. at the fair building; Thursday: Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Chapel 433 Gateway Center, 257-5915. Pastor Ben Sabadosa, Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wed.: Mid-week bible study & Kids Adventure Club 7 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

Cornerstone Church Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. B.A. Thurman, Pastor. Sunday services 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion 212 Junction Rd. (en la Iglesia Metodista). Pastor Carlos Carrion. Reunion General: Domingo 6:00 p.m., Jueves 6:00 p.m. Reunion De Oracion: Lunes 5:00 p.m. Club Amistad (niños): Sabados 10:00 a.m.

Living Word Church 441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors Terry and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday: Renewed services Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: intercessory pray-er noon; mid-week services 7 p.m.

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC) Alto North, 336-7075. Jeannie Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept.-June); Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Mary Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Children's ministries 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:45 a.m.; Thursday: services 7 p.m.

Trinity Mountain Fellowship Gavilan Canyon Road, 356-4213. Sunday morning prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; services 10:30 a.m.; Thursday home Bible study 7 p.m.

CLUBS

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Principal's picks



Courtesy photo

White Mountain Elementary School recently held an honor roll ceremony for the first nine weeks of school. Principal's award winners for that time were also named. Third-grade principal's award winners are, back row, left to right, Brady Herring, Kendra Martin, Sierra Trueblood, Jeremy Commanche, Nikl Hudson, Justin Morrison and Marisa Olvera. Middle, left to right, Sean Purphy, Kelsey Coonle, Colen Brodsky, Davey Riser, Cherylce Enjady, Sheila Heinemann, Sean Lahey and Brandi Willis. Front, left to right, Kayla Coronado, Michaela Francis, Joey Baldonado, Nayara Megarity, Averi Smith and Nadia Ramirez. Third grade winners not pictured are Danielle Dawson, Rocio Badachi, Morgan Ingram, Taylor Vantiger and Armando Perez.



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Fourth-grade principal award winners are, back row, left to right, Sara Coca, Rogelio Guerrero, Robin Heinemann, Dillon Hoffman, Greg Crow, Jerome Montes, Frances Rocha, Megan Smith and Chris Nolan. Second row from back, left to right, Alyssa Williamson, Sam Lundquist, Jared Storey, Tashmira Treas, Sergio Castanon, Jazmin Gandara, Justin Padilla and Andrew Ramirez. Third row from back, left to right, Victor Amaya, Jose Bonilla, Alejandra Ramirez, Yadira Ramirez, Caitlin Dennehy, Jason Kampsky, Crystal Prosocco and Trista Ray.

Good citizens



Courtesy photo

Sierra Vista Primary School recently named its Good Citizens for October. First-grade honorees were, back row, left to right, Elizabeth Torres, Ethan Riser, Paula Baca, Paul Nazaria, Vincent Magoosh, Christine Authement, and Marisa Hernandez. Middle, left to right, Katie Cluff, Daniel Lundquist, Brenda Pinon, Delaney Daves, Timothy Lufkin, and Amanda Tompkins. Front, left to right, Alec Black, Ashley Tompkins, Ashley Vantiger and Chon Miranda.



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Second-grade students honored as Good Citizens were, back row, left to right, Jerrick Jim, John Carrillo, Mariyett Hernandez, Frank Gandarilla, Heather Mabry, Moriah Enjady, Cody McMurray and Nikkee Johnson. Middle, left to right, Mariana Ramirez, Autumn Evans, Taryn Yuzos, Adam Cappuccilli, Jacqueline Montes, Nicholas Humphry and Stephen Nichols. Front, left to right, Katie Gomez, Jeremy Brillante, Veronica Baeza and Austin Romero.

SCHOOL MENUS

Nob Hill & Sierra Vista
Monday, Dec. 1 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: pizza, tossed salad, Rice Krispy treat, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Breakfast: glazed donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: cheeseburger macaroni, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 3 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: baked lasagna, corn, roll, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec. 4 - Breakfast: churro, milk, fruit. Lunch: red beans and corn bread, tossed salad, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec. 5 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: Warrior burger, oven fries, hamburger trimmings, fruit, milk.

White Mountain
Monday, Dec. 1 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: pizza, tossed salad, fruit, Rice Krispy treat, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Breakfast: glazed donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: cheeseburger macaroni or steak fingers, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 3 - Breakfast: churro, milk, fruit. Lunch: baked lasagna or turkey pot pie, corn, roll, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec. 4 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: red beans and corn bread or beef tacos, tossed salad, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec. 5 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: Warrior burger, oven fries, hamburger trimmings, fruit, milk.

Middle & High School
Monday, Dec. 1 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit.
Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Breakfast: glazed donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: lasagna, tossed salad, corn, garlic bread, cherry cobbler.
Wednesday, Dec. 3 - Breakfast: sausage and biscuit, milk, fruit. Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, roll, tossed salad, fruit.
Thursday, Dec. 4 - Breakfast: churro, milk, fruit. Lunch: BBQ chicken on a bun, potato salad, tossed salad, fruit.
Friday, Dec. 5 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Middle School - cheese enchiladas, spicy pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit. High School - chicken stir fry, steamed rice, roll, fruit.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Thanksgiving Grocery Stories

The Turkey Tales

Wild turkeys ...

Supermarket turkeys ...

- almost became extinct. Hunting laws were passed to limit the number killed. Today, they are hunted as a sport.
- were proposed as our national bird by Ben Franklin, rather than the eagle.
- were probably familiar birds to the Pilgrims, who served them at their harvest feast in 1621.
- were taken to Europe by the Spanish, where they became a popular treat.
- were probably discovered by Christopher Columbus on his first trip to the
- are eaten by nine out of every 10 Americans on Thanksgiving Day.
- are raised mostly in barns on turkey farms. As many as 15,000 hens might live in one barn. Machines feed and water the birds. Hens and toms are raised in separate barns.
- A female turkey is called a hen. A male is a tom. Both hens and toms are raised for meat. A baby is a poult.

The wild turkey is skinner than the supermarket type. These birds sleep in trees at night.

Most of the turkeys sold in supermarkets are whites. You can tell this is a tom because only toms can fan out their tails. Hens cannot.

The tom in the photo has a snood, or long piece of flesh that dangles over the beak. Hens have a snood too, but it is not as long. So the snood won't get in a turkey's way, farmers usually remove it when the turkey is still a poult, as shown in the drawing.

The wattle is the pinkish flesh that is part of the throat and neck. The hen's wattle is not as big as the tom's.

Meet Catherine Sutherland

Catherine Sutherland plays Katherine on the show "Power Rangers ZEO". Catherine was born in Sydney, Australia. She moved to Southern California, where she has worked as a singer, actress, model and dancer. She has been in several TV commercials and music videos. She has also been in the show "Sweet Valley High".

In 1992 she graduated from the McDonald College of Performing Arts in Australia. She later studied acting for several more years.

In her free time, Catherine likes riding horses, in-line skating, working out at a gym and spending time with friends.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

WHY DOES A TURKEY SAY "Gobble, Gobble, Gobble?"

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THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
A: Pilgrims!

Q: What has no hearing but lots of ears?
A: A cornfield!

(All jokes sent in by Amanda Maye)

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Thanksgiving Try 'n Find

Words about Thanksgiving dinner are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: DINNER, FOOD, TURKEY, POTATOES, STUFFING, MEAT, CORN, CRANBERRIES, SAUCE, GRAVY, SERVE, CASSEROLE, EAT, BREAD, CARVE, ROLLS, DESSERT, PIE.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are having Thanksgiving dinner. See if you can find:

- ear of corn
- word MINI
- carrot
- letter W
- knife
- number 3
- letter Z
- sailboat
- kite
- ruler
- heart
- number 2
- question mark
- boat

marshmallow

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North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA IS THE TOP TURKEY-PRODUCING STATE.

THE AVERAGE EAR OF CORN HAS 800 KERNELS IN 16 ROWS.

Potatoes

HOLD THE POTATOES.

Potatoes were not served at the first Thanksgiving dinner. Sweet and white potatoes are native plants of Peru. Spanish sailors brought them to Europe. English settlers brought them back across the ocean to the Colonies, but not until after the first harvest feast was held.

More potatoes are grown than any other vegetable in the world. The white potato is grown more than the sweet variety. Potatoes grow underground.

Cranberries

MASSACHUSETTS IS THE LEADING STATE FOR GROWING CRANBERRIES.

The Pilgrims found cranberries growing wild along the New England coast. They did not serve cranberry sauce at the first harvest feast. Cranberries are grown in bogs, or freshwater wetlands. They are planted in the sandy soil in the spring. It takes five years before they are ready to be harvested.

In the late fall, after the ground has frozen, the beds are flooded and then they freeze. Covering the vines with ice protects them during the cold winter.

Corn

In the fall of 1621, the thankful Pilgrims held a harvest feast. Today we celebrate this event as our first Thanksgiving.

Here are some fun food facts that will make your dinner interesting as well as tasty!

Pumpkins

Pumpkins were first taken to Europe from Mexico. Like other squash, they were new to the Pilgrims. Because of the lack of sugar, Pilgrims would not have served pumpkin pie.

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Trucks

Trucks drive out on the frozen bogs and spread sand on the ice. When the ice melts, the sand will go to the bottom and help protect the young roots. The bogs are drained in the spring.

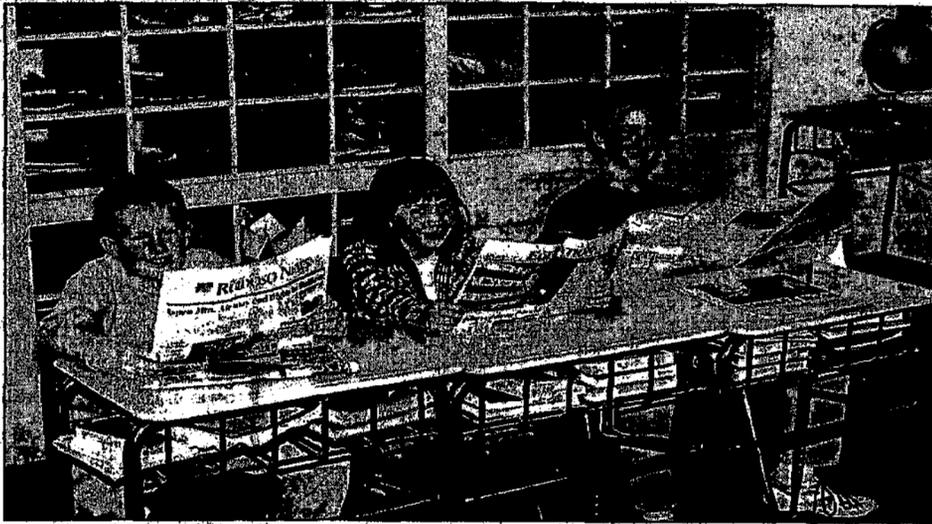
After the cranberry plants have spent five years growing in the spring and summer, the bogs are flooded in the early fall. Cranberries for sauces and juices are harvested by machines that beat the berries from the vines.

Look at your paper's food ads and plan a Thanksgiving meal for four using \$20.

Pilgrims Plantation was the site of the first harvest feast. You can visit the Web site at <http://www.pilgrims.org>

Next week, The Mini Page is all about mountains, Yellowstone National Park and a famous painter.

Using the news in the classroom



Fifth graders (left to right) David Sidwell, Stephanie Brewer and Sam Garner enjoying the newspapers provided by the Ruidoso News and sponsors in the school system's Newspapers in Education program. The newspapers are used for studies in a variety of classes.

7 'Zozo FFA'ers at meet in KC

By MOLLIE HIGHTOWER
NEWSLETTER STAFF

Seven Carrizozo FFA Chapter members attended the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 12-15. Despite the fact that the temperature never rose above 40 degrees, the Carrizozo Chapter enjoyed participating in many activities.

Workshops were provided to help develop leadership skills, personal growth and career choices. Colleges advertised at the FFA National Agri-

cultural Career Show. Hypnotist Chuck Milligan performed. A huge dance was held in Bartle Hall and the American Royal Rodeo featuring Diamond Rio also took place.

Among the many fun filled activities was a visit to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, a tour of the Ford Motor Company plant in Kansas City and dinner at the famous Golden Ox Restaurant at the Kansas City Stockyards.

While at the Hallmark Crown Center, the entire group ice skated for the first time

which was a most interesting spectacle.

Katie Hightower earned third place in Zoology for the Agri-Science project entitled "Creep Feeding: Is It Worth It?". She is currently a freshman at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, and is an alumnae of the Carrizozo FFA Chapter.

Members attending the State Convention were: Eli Avila, Mary Beth Bond, Jordan Dixon, Bryan Hightower, Katie Hightower, Mollie Hightower and Rob Shafer. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hamby.

AROUND TOWN

Joe and Suzi Felm will again host the Annual Chamber Christmas Party on Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. It will be potluck/byob with food and entertainment.

Other Christmas events:

Donation cans are placed throughout town for the luminaria display. Norwest Bank also has an account that will accept donations. Volunteers will be needed to help with the display. Dorothy Forsythe's soup kitchen will be set up for the volunteers and Roy's Gift Gallery will provide free coffee to keep warm while working.

The Christmas Lighting Display Contest is being planned by the Chamber for Carrizozo.

Cash prizes will be awarded. Residential and Non-residential entries will be accepted. Look for more info at local businesses, the Lincoln County News, or call Beckie at 648-2356.

Chamber hosts 2 open-houses

By TINA FULL
NEWSLETTER STAFF

Open House - Last month we celebrated at Valley of Fires and had 30 people attend including some camping guests. This month we celebrated on Nov. 21 with the new owners of the Grizzly Den Video Store. Guests enjoyed refreshments provided by the Chamber and voiced their welcomes and compliments to the new proprietors.

Food Drive - A food drive is being held at the Rec Center along with a Chamber Christmas angel tree at Norwest Bank. Food, clothes, cash and any items will be accepted at these locations. Local law officers will help distribute these gifts at Christmas time.

Art Loop - The Art Loop will be here again Dec. 13 and 14. Artists in Carrizozo and surrounding communities open their homes to show their work to guests. Show your support for these multi-talented folks by visiting their homes while enjoying a drive through Lincoln County. Location maps are available at the Rec Center.

Election - Chamber officer elections are underway. Those interested in running for a position must submit his/her name as a nominee by Nov. 28. Ballots will be sent to Chamber members by Dec. 1 and must be returned no later than Dec. 8.

Winners will be announced at the Dec. 10 meeting. Positions available are president, vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and public relations officer. Nominees so far include Forest Hansel, Eileen Lovelace, Donna Harkey, Tina Full, Beckie Frey, Alice Payton, Janet Lynn, Suzi Felm, Suzanne Donazetti and Pat Voss. For more info call Forest at 648-2402.



Drew Gomber, guest speaker for Carrizozo Historical Society, a branch of the Lincoln County Historical Society.

Go for facts in history

By ANN BUFFINGTON
NEWSLETTER STAFF

Drew Gomber, whose popular column "The Old West" appears weekly in the Ruidoso News, was the featured speaker for the Carrizozo Historical Society meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8.

His talk on "Myth and Fact in the Wild, Wild West" drew a large crowd for the public program at the Woman's Club. Focusing for the most part on Billy the Kid, Gomber talked about the myths perpetrated by Hollywood and how those myths have come to be accepted as factual. Gomber also used the Earp brothers and the Gunfight at the OK Corral other examples of how history has been distorted by the movies and TV. Gomber urged

those interested in history to keep insisting on getting the facts instead of accepting popular legends. Gomber is currently employed as historian for the Lincoln Heritage Trust Museum in Lincoln where he continues his research into the history of the Old West.

The Carrizozo Chapter of the Lincoln County Historical Society will hold a business meeting on Wednesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Matthias Church. Members will discuss programs for the coming year, progress on the proposed Museum, fund-raising projects and other matters. Anyone interested in local history is cordially invited to attend. The next program will be held in January, date and topic to be announced at a later date.

RC&D group hears about visitor's center in caboose

By TINA FULL
NEWSLETTER STAFF

The train caboose, on its way here, was on the agenda for the RC&D (Resource Conservation and Development) monthly meeting in Carrizozo on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Recreation/Community Center.

Carrizozo Action Team (CAT) members are making a reality of this once long-ago dream to locate a visitors' center in town utilizing a caboose as headquarters. The caboose will be located next to the Fire Station.

Representatives from around the state attend the RC&D meetings to discuss various projects. Topics such as soil and water conservation or the Community Action Team's projects are brought to the table at these meetings. Carrizozo was

well represented with seven locals, including the Mayor, who was there to issue a statement of thanks and support of RC&D.

The Grant Research Library also is a hot topic and members are working hard to make it a reality in the near future.

Some research material is on hand already and a room has been equipped for anyone wishing to visit or utilize this resource. The location of the library is inside the Rec Center.

Members enjoyed a full turkey dinner served by the Cafe Centre Pointe after the meeting.

Keep your eyes open for the caboose coming soon and come on down to the Rec Center sometime to visit the new Grant Research Library. For more information about RC&D, contact Howard Shanks' office, the Ruidoso State Bank branch in town, or any CAT member.

Superintendent's Report

Defining quality in education

By PAULA PAPPONI
SUPERINTENDENT

There are times when being an educator means having to defend that which has been your life's work, your passion, your commitment, your career; and that is providing the very best education and educational environment possible for students.

Within their glossy covers, the October and November issues of such noteworthy magazines as Time, Newsweek and American Heritage promise further controversy on the subject of American education. Some of the news is very good, and some not so good. One thing on which we can depend, however, is that education has been and continues to be a hot issue, and rightly so, for nothing is more important than our children.

In spite of the controversies, the ever-shifting philosophies, and the changes in concepts, good things do happen as a result of good schools and good

families working together to make wonderful things happen for wonderful children.

For example, let me tell you about Jordan Dixon and Eldon Offutt. Both are high school seniors at Carrizozo High School. Both students took the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test, scored extremely high, and received full \$40,000 scholarships for four years to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Congratulations to both of these fine young men. They exemplify the very best in young people today. They are a credit to their families, their community, and our school. The Carrizozo School District is very proud of all of its students, especially Jordan and Eldon. We applaud their excellent achievement and extend our congratulations to their parents. This achievement on the part of both these boys is certainly, in part, a result of the love, help and support they

receive from their families.

Also, congratulations are in order for the Carrizozo 8th Grade Knowledge Bowl team. Patrick Hightower, Nick Morerod, Matt Offutt, Brandon Langley, Adrian Goad and Robert James won first place at the recent Knowledge Bowl competition in Cloudcroft.

This group of outstanding students worked hard and were well prepared to meet the tough competition they encountered from other 8th grade teams from Capitan, Cloudcroft, Ruidoso, Tularosa and Hondo. Many thanks go out to Patricia Prosser, teacher and sponsor.

Parents, educators and community members can begin to improve our schools and lessen the controversies which arise by appreciating and celebrating our many accomplishments as partners in a system which is constantly striving to maintain the very best in education for all students.

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Norwest Bank Promotes Mike Cheney

Cheney Promoted to Manager of Norwest Bank Ruidoso

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Cheney held the position of business banker for Norwest in Lea County prior to his promotion and also served as an assistant vice president and business banker at United New Mexico Bank in Albuquerque. He began his banking career with First National Bank of Belen in 1989.

Active in the community, Cheney serves as vice president of the Boys and Girls Club of Hobbs. He is a board member and the fund-raising chairman of the Hobbs Rotary Club as well as a member of the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, the Association of Energy Services Contractors, and Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity.

Cheney holds a bachelor of business administration from New Mexico State University and has completed a number of courses through the American Institute of Banking and the Western States School of Banking.

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Huge 3/2 with 2 living areas, 2 storage areas, new paint and carpet. Fenced yard. Close to town with easy access. 338-4317

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE near river. Washer/Dryer 257-2278 \$330/MO

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2BDRM WHOLEY \$360/mo. 1st and last No Pets. References. 378-4912

9 Mobiles for Rent

ONE BEDROOM - SUITABLE FOR one or two adults. Call 378-4639

CHEROKEE VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK 2 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home available for rent, \$400 mo+utilities. Call Jo Rae 378-8205

ROCKY MT. MOBILE HOME PARK Mobile homes for rent. (1) 3 bedroom, (5) 2 bedroom available September 1st. Clean, affordable. 378-8068.

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10 Condos for Rent

222 CHAMPION BLVD. 2/2 BR. 1/2 Bath. Call only. \$850/\$950. No pet. No smoking. References to agent. Please call Condolet at 258-5800.

LONG TERM LEASE SINGLE level three bedroom, two bath, two car garage home. \$450 per month. \$500 security deposit. No pet. No smoking. References to agent. Please call Condolet at 258-5800.

SKI SEASON RENTAL 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Innsbrook Condo. Call CHAPMAN REAL ESTATE 257-2898.

CONDO FOR RENT BY Night. Week of Month. Two bedrooms, two baths. \$125.00 per night. Call 257-4442.

16 Storage for Rent

L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy. 48. Space available. 258-4599 or 257-9493.

17 Business Rentals

OFFICE AND RETAIL SPACE for lease at Pinetree Square, 2810 Sudderth Drive. 257-5155. Monday thru Friday 9AM to 4PM.

FOR LEASE: 850 sq. ft. office space, Jira Plaza, available 4/1/97. Brokers welcome. Owen Russell, Real Estate Broker. 505/257-6341.

650 SF COMMERCIAL RETAIL LOCATION Inquire at High Country Lodge. Bring your ideal 336-4321.

OFFICE SUITE for lease 2 months,oyer, storage area and bath, approx. 800 SF good exposure, access & parking. 1216 Mechem, Echo Plaza. 258-3934.

OFFICE SPACE - GREAT FOR professional or small office, two or three desks. 257-4274 or 336-4125. Very reasonable, utilities paid.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT 2 Suites could be made into one. Good location. Call 258-5898. Ask for CHRIS or 257-4898 evenings.

616 SUDDETH 5500 SQ.FT. rent all or part-ideal for nice owners quarters plus business. Owner/Agent 257-2575.

COMPOUND 1401 OFFICE SUITES: amenities include receptionist for telephone calls. 1401 Sudderth 257-3080, evenings 257-4171.

1600 SQ.FT. COMMERCIAL SPACE for lease on sunny side of Sudderth. Call Carmine Ruidoso Properties, Inc., 257-4075.

OFFICE WAREHOUSE FOR RENT Large fenced yard on Mechem, 2400 SF \$1550 month 528-8116.

18 Bus. Opp.

BUSINESS WANTED Investor will consider any opportunity lodging, retail, manufacturing, distribution, etc. Current owners could stay full or part-time. Located in or near Ruidoso. Will be in town Dec 26-Jan 1 to review investment purchase. Send information in advance to: Bob Lucas 27th Ave. N.W. Anoka, MN 55303.

PARADISE GRILL RESTAURANT located in the heart of Mid-Town. Building leased, equipment stays. Make offer. (505)933-5562 or (605)258-4509.

19 Autos for Sale

1989 TOYOTA CARRY 4dr. auto, windows, power windows, power locks, auto changer, super clean, runs great. \$3,800. 258-3184 after 5:30pm.

1982 FORD PROBE GT 6spd 5.0 liter, leather, fully loaded. 257-4588.

1984 MERCEDES 190E for sale. All power, runs great. \$3,000. 257-7473.

1977 LINCOLN TOWNCAR all leather interior, excellent condition, new tires. \$2416. HELEN OR SUZANNE will help with your Classified Ad. Call 257-4001.

20 Trucks/4X4's

FOR SALE: 1995 1/2 TON TACOMA 2.5L 4WD, V-6, 100,000 mi. AM/FM, Air Bags, Security Sys, Bed Liner, Etc. Under 24K miles. Book \$18,300. Sell for \$17,800. Can be seen at 610 E. HWY 70, LEGENDS GARAGE, 379-8040. M-F, 9:00-5:00.

85 JEEP WAGONER CLEAN & good. 199,000 miles. \$3,500. See at 310 Mechem. 257-5388.

1978 CHEVY C-20 4X4. Strong engine, great for work or play. \$2,300.00. Call 554-9118 after 4:00PM or weekends.

1988 SUBURBAN 4X4 Low miles. Excellent condition. AT, Cruise, Dual AC, AM/FM, Cassette. Towing package. Good tires, 685-4482.

1987 GMC JIMMY Loaded, 2 wheel. \$22,500. Roswell 258-0468.

1989 FORD BRONCO 4X4. Custom wheels, 91,000 miles, runs great. \$7,350. O.B.O. 257-2862.

1983 DODGE DIESEL TRUCK 3/4 ton, 5 speed, 4X4. 82,000 miles. w/ loader. \$14,500.00. OBO. 354-2005.

KWIK LUBE-located next to Ruidoso Tool Rental, 1109 Mechem-offers full service oil changes for diesel trucks. Call for details, 258-5391.

1982 Ford Bronco, 4WD, new snow tires, good condition. \$3500. 257-4907.

82 SUBARU LOYALE WAGON Red 4X4, standard, 65K miles. Good condition, A/C. \$6,900. OBO. 1 8 0 0 5 8 4 - 3 6 2 6. 505-339-4484.

24 RV/Travel FOR SALE: 1978 DODGE BROUGHAM motor home. 440 engine, 44,000 miles. Clean! Mechanically perfect. \$9,500.00 or will trade for other vehicle 378-9181.

R.V. SPACE FOR RENT Off Canizo Canyon Rd. \$125 monthly. 420-7100. 354-3187.

Big Jack RV Mobile Home Center 7054 US Hwy 54/70 Alamogordo, NM 1-800-258-0078 RV Storage Available \$30.00 per mo. Full service shop on premises for winterizing.

25 Livestock CABRIO FOR THE HOLIDAYS \$50.00. Bred Nubian. Doelings \$75.00, Ancho. 649-2790.

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30 Arts "GREAT GIFT FOR YOUR COWBOY" Jim Porter Limited Edition pawter, Western Heritage Museum: "The Fur Trapper", "Wrangler", "Gunfighter" and "Prospector". Set for \$250.00. Also, Cowboy Wrangler lamp - New was \$300 - Now \$100.00. Call (505) 257-9838 After 7 p.m.

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31 Household FOR SALE: OAK Entertainment Center \$180, Thomasville Oak Hutch w/ Light \$200, Crib and Mattress \$75. All in excellent condition. 257-6171.

32 Miscellaneous STEEL BUILDINGS - new, engineered 40x60x12 was \$15,500 balance \$9,990. 50x100x16 was \$26,200 balance \$19,990. 60x200x16 was \$62,500 balance \$39,972. 1-800-409-5126.

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CAUSE NO. PB-97-DIVISION III

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The annual report of RLT, Inc., for its calendar year ended December 31, 1996 is available at its principal office for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 60 days after the date of this notice.

The address of the Corporation's principal office is 407 Camelot Lane, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The president and director for 1996 of the Corporation is E. Leon Eggleston.

E. LEON EGGLESTON President, Director November 18, 1997

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT OF THE CIVILIZED CONFEDERATED TRIBES AND BANDS OF THE SHOSHONE INDIAN RESERVATION

JUDICIAL HEARING

Case No. J97-18083

In re: WILLIAM OWEN BEAU MICHEL DOB 05/06/80, Minor Child.

TO: SHEILA EVANS YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Minor-in-Need-of-Care Adjudicatory Hearing Pursuant to Civil Code Chapter 5-2 will be held at the Tribal Courthouse, Agency Campus, Nageezi, Washington, on the 10th day of December 1997 at the hour of 11:00 AM. The sole purpose of this hearing will be to determine whether the above named minor should be adjudged a Minor-in-Need-of-Care.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED to appear at this hearing at the time and place indicated. Failure to appear may result in an Order of Default against you.

Dated this 6 November 1997.

Lin Sonnenberg Prosecuting Attorney

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY TAX DIVISION

505-627-0878 (County Treasurer 505-648-2397)

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, the Property Tax Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department will offer for sale at public auction, in LINCOLN COUNTY, beginning at

TIME: 10:00 AM DATE: December 4, 1997 LOCATION: the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1000 S. Carrizozo, New Mexico

the sale to continue until all the property has been offered.

The terms of the sale will be provided by the Property Tax Division upon request and will be explained prior to the sale. REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT THE TIME SET FOR THE SALE.

CONTACT PROPERTY TAX DIVISION OR THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR ADDRESS WHERE AUCTION WILL BE HELD. CONTACT THE COUNTY ASSESSOR 505-648-2305 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPERTY.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 3rd day of November, 1997.

Tom Garcia, Jr. Deputy Director Taxation and Revenue Department Delinquent Property Tax Division Sales Liaison Advertisement for 12/04/97

Report Date: 10/20/97 Page: 1

(3) 26141893 Sales, Charles E. Unit: V Block-32 Ponderosa Heights SD. Lot: 3 in Ruidoso on Spruce Dr. & South of Fir Dr. Minimum Bid: 250.00

(4) 26265493 Brooks, Charles E. Unit: 8 Deer Park Valley SD. Lot: 226 in Alto on Antler Dr. Minimum Bid: 500.00

(5) 26279893 Brown, Mauris E. & Cindy L. Unit: 3 Deer Park Valley SD. Lot: 63 in Alto on Antler Dr. Minimum Bid: 500.00

(6) 26411993 Christopher, Tony R. & Unit: 2 Rio Bonito Estates Lot: 62 A/K/A Tract 34. Amended plat filed in Cab D. Slide 356, Appx 6 MI E of Alto on Rio Chama. Minimum Bid: 200.00

(8) 26583993 Diamond & Davis, Unit: 1 Block-3 Camelot SD. Amended Lot: 6 in Ruidoso on Cambridge Way & North of Winwood Dr. Minimum Bid: 1,100.00

(9) 26589793 Dingman, Douglas & Enchanted Valley Estates SD. Lot: 34, Appx 6 MI E of Alto on Krevzer. Minimum Bid: 700.00

(10) 2677893 Foster, J. David, ET AL; Block: 17 Forest Heights SD. Amended Lot: 23 in Ruidoso on Alder Dr. Minimum Bid: 500.00

(11) 26743993 Friley, David & Lydia; Unit: 2 Shadow Mountain Estates Lot: 56, Appx 3 MI E of Alto on Rio Berrendo. Minimum Bid: 200.00

(12) 26740793 Franklin, Joseph Lee & Erika; Unit: 3 Block-6 High Hill SD. Lot: 55 in Ruidoso on El Camino Dr. Minimum Bid: 500.00

(13) 2672193 French, Lew d., JR. & Frances; Section-27, Township-10S, Range-13E Tract of land located in the desc. in deed BK 93, pgs 1170-1173. Less acreage sold, leaving a balance of 0.294 acres, more or less. Approx 2 MI North of Ruidoso on Hwy 48. Minimum Bid: 260.00

(14) 2671393 Garcia, Ricardo, ET AL; Block: CC Singing Pines SD. Lot: 18, Singing Pines SD. on Forest Ln. Minimum Bid: 550.00

(15) 26761493 Garcia, Robert R. & Enchanted Valley Estates SD. Lot: 37 Appx 6 MI East of Alto on Krevzer Dr. Minimum Bid: 550.00

(16) 26782793 Gardner, Bill; Vera Cruz SD. Lot: 8 Phase 1, Approx 6 MI East of Carrizozo off HWY 350. Minimum Bid: 300.00

(17) 26619193 Goldfarb, David; Unit: 1 Block-4 Camelot SD. Amended Lot: 1 in Ruidoso on Woodchuck Dr. Minimum Bid: 200.00

(18) 26842293 Gordon, Sugar Miss; Unit: 1 Block-8 Camelot SD. Amended Lot: 16 in Ruidoso on Hampshire Rd. Minimum Bid: 270.00

(19) 2687893 Guibas, Diane Mordcaunt; Enchanted Valley Estates SD. Lot: 32, Appx 6 MI E of Alto on Holdew. Minimum Bid: 700.00

(20) 2684793 Hawthorne, Charles E.; Devon Place Lot: 2 in Ruidoso on Devon Court. Minimum Bid: 9,000.00

(21) 2691993 High, Marjorie E.; Unit: 8 Deer Park Valley SD. Lot: 229 in Alto on White Tail Dr. Minimum Bid: 1,200.00

(22) 26106493 Huchette, Benjamin S.; Unit: 1 Deer Park Valley SD. Lot: 41 in Alto on Deer Valley Dr. Minimum Bid: 500.00

(23) 26115793 Karan, Ted S.; Unit: 1 Block-6 Camelot SD. Amended Lot: 2 in Ruidoso on Edinburgh Pl. Minimum Bid: 500.00

(24) 26119593 Kimbrell, E. Marie; Block-11 McDonald Addition Lots: 11 12 -W.75 FT. of lots only in Carrizozo on 8th St. Minimum Bid: 1,500.00

(25) 261231293 Lakeside Corporation; Unit: 4 Deer Park Valley SD. Lot: 114 Less .1425 AC. out of Lot 114 to Alto Village Services Corp. in deed book 116 pg. 786-787 in Alto on Antler Dr. Minimum Bid: 1,300.00

(26) 26123193 Lakeside Corporation; Unit: 8 Deer Park Valley SD. Lot: 139-146 acres there-of in Alto on Red Deer Dr. Minimum Bid: 1,100.00

(27) 26123193 Lakeside Corporation; Unit: 6 Deer Park Valley SD. Lot: 150 in Alto on Red Deer Dr. Minimum Bid: 500.00

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EDITOR'S NOTE — NOVEMBER

The Call and Power of Unity

We live in an age and a world of individualism. We all want to do it "our way". This mindset is not only in the secular world but in our Christian community as well. We have more denominations, off-shoots of denominations, and more nondenominational church fellowships than at any other time in history. Why? I believe it's because many believers have not understood the call to and the power of unity in the Body of Christ.

Webster's definition of unity is: a condition of harmony, the quality or state of being made one, the singleness of effect. Ephesians 4:4-6 (New Living Translation) tells us: *We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and there is only one God and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all.*

So how do we start? Unity or oneness is not me conforming to you or you conforming to me. Oneness is both of us conforming to the Word of God. Second Timothy 3:16,17 (NLT) says: *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.*

When believers conform to the Word of God, that makes us one with each other. In other words, we do not achieve unity horizontally, we achieve it vertically.

I believe that is why *Miracle Monthly* is such an important tribute to the churches that have chosen to be a part of this outreach in our community. The churches in this magazine have chosen not to focus on their doctrinal differences. The churches in this magazine have chosen to focus on joining together for a "singleness of effect": to publish a magazine that will reach into the homes and lives of those in this community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I thank God for the pastors, the congregations, the believers in the Ruidoso community that have discovered the call to and are applying the power of unity in our Christian community.

—Pam Stevenson, Editor, *Miracle Monthly*

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Hebrews 12:2a

Giving Thanks

In a sermon at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Gary Wilburn said: "In 1636, amid the darkness of the Thirty Years' War, a German pastor, Martin Rinkart, is said to have buried five thousand of his parishioners in one year, - an average of fifteen a day. His parish was ravaged by war, death, and economic disaster. In the heart of that darkness, with the cries of fear outside his window, he sat down and wrote this table grace for his children:

*Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices.
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath led us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.*

Here was a man who knew thanksgiving comes from love of God, not from outward circumstances. I am reminded of Paul's words in Philippians 4 where he says, "Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again - rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard



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your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:4-7 NLT)

How difficult it is at times to give thanks. We have recently had a tragedy come in to our lives, and there have been many days of anguish. Yet even in the midst of the darkest days, as we have trusted God, He has given that peace that Paul spoke about — a peace which is "far more wonderful than the human mind can understand." The grief is still present, the loss has not changed, but God's peace has been present to "guard our hearts and minds" and keep us from hopeless despair.



Gregg and Staci Horst, Nathan, Kaylin

As missionaries with the American Missionary Fellowship, America's oldest home mission, we have numerous ministry outreaches. If we can be of help, or if you would like to learn more about some of the various Bible studies (men's, women's, couples, youth) and other ministries through the AMF, contact Gregg Horst at 505-354-2307. We would love to serve you.

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I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20:35

Miracle Monthly Messages

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"El Camino de la Salvacion Para Vida Eterna"



Mission "Fuente de Agua Viva"
San Patricio, New Mexico

"The Way of Salvation for Eternal Life"

by Rev. Benjamin Chavez

Juan 14:6 Jesus le dijo, "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida, nadie viene al Padre, sino por mí. (Jesús es el camino al Padre. El es el mediador entre Dios y los hombres.)"

1 Timoteo 2:4,5,6 "El cual quiere que todos los hombres sean salvos y vengan al conocimiento de la verdad. Porque esto hay un solo Dios, y un solo mediador entre Dios y los hombres, Jesucristo hombre, el cual se dio a sí mismo en rescate por todos, de lo cual se dio testimonio a su debido tiempo."

Hechos 4:12 "Y en ningún otro hay salvación; por que no hay otro nombre bajo el cielo, dado a los hombres, en que podamos ser salvos."

1 Corintios 3:11 "Porque nadie puede poner otro fundamento que el que está puesto, el cual es Jesucristo."

Romanos 3:23 "Por cuanto todos pecaron están destituidos de la gloria de Dios."

Génesis 6:5 "Y vio Jehová que la maldad de los hombres era mucha en la tierra, y que todo designio de los pensamiento del corazón de ellos era continuo solamente el mal."

1 Juan 1:8 "Si decimos que no tenemos pecado, nos engañamos a nosotros mismos, y la verdad no está en nosotros."

El Pecado Enganoso

1 Timoteo 2:14 "Y Adán no fue engañado, sino que la mujer, siendo engañada, incurrió en transgresión."

2 Timoteo 3:13 "Mas los malos hombres y los engañadores iran de mal en peopr, engañado y siendo engañados."

Tito 3:3 "Porque nosotros también éramos en otro tiempo insensatos, rebeldes, extraviados, esclavos de concupiscencias y deleites diversos, viviendo en malicia y envidia, aborrecibles, y aborreciéndonos unos a otros."

Romanos 5:12 "Por tanto, como el pecado entró en el mundo por un hombre, y por el pecado la muerte, así la muerte pasó a todos los hombres, por cuanto todos pecaron."

Romanos 6:23 "Porque la paga del pecado es muerte, más la dádiva de Dios es vida eterna en Cristo Jesús Señor nuestro."

Juan 3:16 "Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo Unigénito, para que todo aquel que en el cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna."

Fuente de Agua Viva,
Rev. Benjamin Chavez

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

1 Timothy 2:4,5,6 "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men. The man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

1 Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Genesis 6:5 "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth; and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

1 John 1:8 "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

The Deceiving Sin

1 Timothy 2:14 "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

2 Timothy 3:13 "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

Titus 3:3 "For we ourselves, also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another."

Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Fountain of Living Water,
Rev. Benjamin Chavez

The measure of a man's character is not what he gets from his ancestors, but what he leaves his descendants.

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John 13:15

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Promises Promises

How to make good
on all those
GOOD INTENTIONS



ARE WE A PROMISE-KEEPER

In this month of November our thoughts turn to commitment, loyalty as the church stresses faithful stewardship. Every year it is pretty much the same... Fall is the time of reflecting upon our faithfulness. Of course too, this is our month of National Thanksgiving, we as Christians thank our Lord Jesus for everything we have! Faithfulness and Thanksgiving can go hand in hand. This is evident in the promises we say we will keep and then we actually don't.

We all do it. We call a friend, visit a family member. We say "I'll write you," "I'll call," "Let's have lunch," "I'll be sure to pray about

that." Sometimes we deliver. Sometimes we don't!

Too often "I'll call you" really means "See you later." It's a social shorthand everyone understands. We don't really intend to follow up; it's just that we're caught up in the warm feelings or lively conversation at the time. The time passes, life gets in the way, and more time passes...

Does it really matter if we don't follow up on a casual commitment? On a scale of bad behavior, not phoning someone when you say you will seems like a minor, forgivable trespass. Failing to show up to help out at some event may inconvenience a

few folks, but chances are, they have plenty of other help. And that person you said you'd call probably isn't waiting by the phone twiddling her thumbs!

But often, when someone says they will do something and it is not done it leaves us feeling not quite the same about that person again.

A pattern of unkept commitments—or even one big broken promise—can damage a relationship. And God cares about our relationships especially of Christians within His church. God wants us to reflect Him in those relationships, to believers or even unbelievers (Col. 3:17). When we break our word, what does this lack of integrity demonstrate about our faith to others?

Jesus put it plainly in the Sermon on the Mount: "Simply let your 'yes' be 'yes', and your 'no' be 'no'; anything beyond that comes from the evil one", (Matt. 5:37). In other words, mean what you say and say what you mean. Throughout Scripture there are warnings against the harm a loose tongue can do.

Our promises matter to God. He holds a different standard. God wants our thoughts to be like His thoughts. Our God is a God of covenants, of promises, the Lord who throughout Scripture keeps His promises: to Noah, to Abraham, to Jacob, Moses, David, even to Jesus Christ. He always delivers!

Is there a way out of the "commitment-lite" habit? How can we learn to make promises that mean something—and how should we respond when we're the one who is let down?

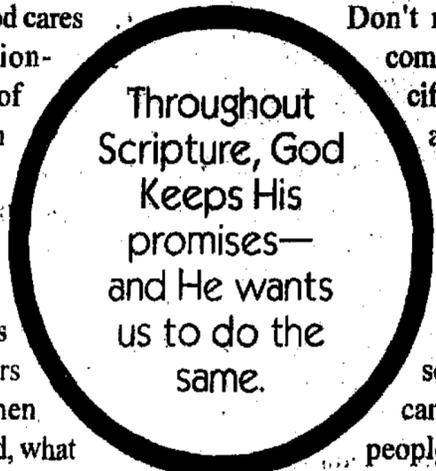
The best place to start is to watch *what we say*. Be able to deliver those well-meaning impulsive promises. Don't overestimate your capabilities. Know your limitations. Learn the art of tongue biting. Don't be vague.

Don't make open-ended commitments. Be specific. Think it through and pray about your gifts, values and priorities! We can have only so many friends. We can use our talents in only so many ways. We can help only so many people. We all live 24 hours daily, too! Set priorities.

Perhaps never make a commitment on the spot... Ask for a day or more to think or pray it through, in this way we are not tempted by an impulsive spirit or by pressure from others!

Commit our speech and actions to God. Ask Him for wisdom and discrimination in all the commitments we make. If we need a refresher course on promise-keeping, Scripture is full of lessons and models. Above all, we have the model of Christ Himself. He will equip us for each challenge. That's a promise that will never be broken! May God grant us greater commitment and faithful promises!

—Pastor Kevin L. Krohn



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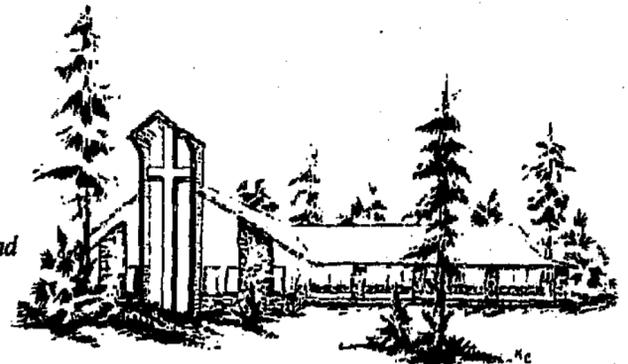
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He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you.

Matthew 6:14

Thanksgiving Thoughts...

Would I thank God if I had more, or would I thank Him if I had less? If half of our congregation died, or if half of a thankless person's family died this week, would that person become a thanking person? Maybe, maybe not.

The first "Thanksgiving" observed by the Pilgrims in Massachusetts in 1621 was born out of suffering. Many things had gone wrong. Forty-seven of the original 102 had died. The severe winter weather had been cruel and hard. Sickness and suffering brought a lot of sadness but they gave thanks to God. What they had lost reminded them of what they still had. Edward Winslow wrote to a friend in England, "By the goodness of God, we are far from want." So they gathered and thanked God.

Some people today also thank God, some who have much and some who have little. They give thanks every day to God at mealtime and devotion time; they give thanks to God as they gather weekly in God's

house with His people; they give special thanks to God as they gather annually in His House on our National Thanksgiving Day. Some have little, some have much. Some will let good things stand in the way, such as cooking, company, hunting, football, etc. Some will also enjoy such things when and if there is time, but the special Thanksgiving Service to God comes first.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." (Ps. 100:4-5)

Please join us this Thanksgiving Day for Worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by a special Thanksgiving pot-luck meal at 11:30 a.m.

—Pastor Kevin L. Krohn.



Rev. Kevin L. Krohn has been the pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church since February 1990.

A Moment of History...

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) history goes back to April 26, 1847, when 12 pastors and 16 congregations formed the "German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States" at St. Paul evangelical Lutheran Church, in Chicago. It was made up mostly of German immigrants who had come to the United States in search of a better life. They brought their Lutheran faith with them. Later the long name was shortened to "Missouri Synod." The word *synod* comes from the Greek phrase "going the same way".

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The guiding principles of the Lutheran Reformation continue to be our standard: **Scripture Alone. Grace Alone. Faith Alone.**

Through missionaries and overseas workers, the LCMS is committed to sharing the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in our own country and in 29 nations of the world.

Together, we are called and empowered to: "*make disciples of all nations.*" Matthew 28:19.

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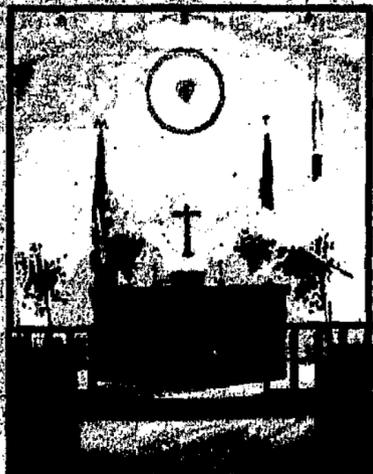
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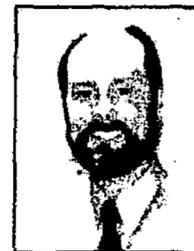
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As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men...

Galatians 6:10

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The Cross - A simple reminder to all who enter the Carrizo Christian Fellowship

Carrizo Christian Fellowship

Sr. Pastor Leonard Kanesevah III



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As we begin to look ahead, and we begin to experience a supernatural change in our church, community, and world, there is one word that God speaks to my heart continually. And that word is *expectancy*. I tell my church week in and week out that the atmosphere of expectancy is the breeding ground for miracles. I believe the key to a supernatural move of God is living in a realm of not only grace and mercy, but also a realm of giving birth to the

possibilities of God. Don't get me wrong, I thank God for grace and mercy, but when you dare to step up on the ladder of continual blessing and harvest, it begins with absolute faith and confidence in a God Who's Word never changes. In the book of Acts, we read of a lame man that gave heed to the words of Peter and John. Acts 3:5 records that this man gave attention to Peter and John expecting to receive something from them. You see, this man was lame from the time he was born. Tired of looking down and at his circumstance all his life, he decided to change his perception and gave heed. As soon as he changed his

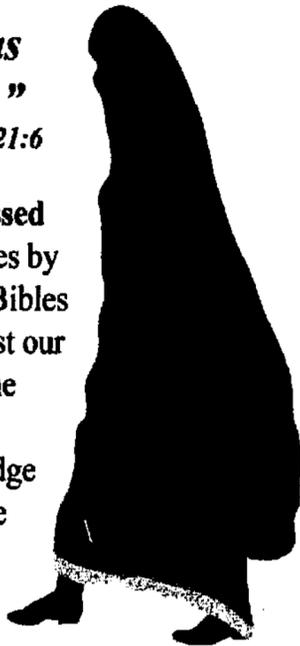
perception and his ability to hear, he looked with expectancy and received his miracle. We must understand as he heard, and he acted, he expected. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. When we begin to hear God's Word, faith comes truly alive. As he heard Peter and John, he was challenged. When you begin to read God's Word not only on Sunday, your faith will also be challenged. You see, he was tired of life as usual. All his life he was looking down and crawling through life, but when he heard, he dared to look up. When you also look up, you will also receive. He changed his

perception. *Friend, quit going through life with your head down. Look up. Hear the voice of God and look up. Change your perception.* That was not the end. He looked with expectancy, believing to receive something from them, and he did. (Hallelujah.) David in Ps. 62:5 declares "*my soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him.*" As you begin to glance at your problem for the last time, turn

"The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them."

Matthew 21:6

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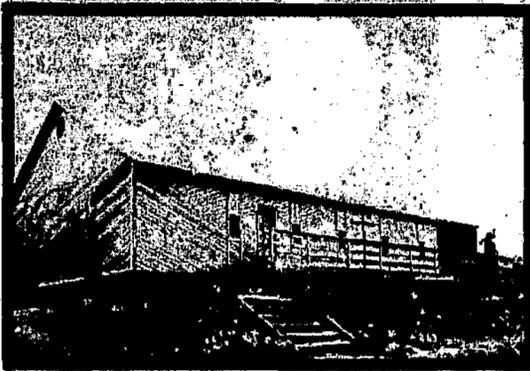
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your head in an upward direction, with great expectation. I know God will do a miracle for you. Proverbs 24:14 states, "So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul; when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward and thy expectation shall not be cut off." Knowledge and wisdom of God's Word will create such an atmosphere of expectation that the blessing and harvest of our relationship with Him shall not be cut off, but will only increase.

Let's be like the lame man.

I. He heard... Peter and

John. Let's listen to the voice of the Spirit.

II. He acted...he changed his perception.

Get your eyes off your circumstance.

Look up.

III. He expected...

The more you look up, the more your expectation will grow.

...And when your expectation grows, all things become possible.

Let me share one more verse, Proverbs 23:18 says "For surely there is an end; and thy expectation shall not be cut off." Friend, God's word says there is an end. An end to discouragement, an end to trials, an end to fears. No matter what you face, there will be an end. Practice the three steps daily, and watch the impossible become possible.

—Sr. Pastor
Leonard Kanesevah III

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The Guiding Light



We as Christians are required by God to set a good example daily to those we come in contact with. Our lives should be a reflection of Christ and His love. True, we are human and may say or do something to offend someone. But as Christians, we must strive to be more like Christ. Whether intentional or unintentional, we should make amends to them. If someone offends us, we should do as Christ would and forgive them. Forgiveness plays a very important part in our lives. If we cannot forgive others, how can we expect God to forgive us? Our prayer life will be greatly affected if we do not cleanse our hearts before we come before God in prayer.

We must remember Christ is our pathway to God and we should praise God daily for all the blessings He bestows on us and yes, even give thanks through the hard times — for these can make us stronger in Him.

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—Psalm 107:1



LEARNING TO LEAN

by Paul Stevenson

*"Learning to Lean, Learning to Lean,
I'm Learning to Lean on Jesus.
Finding more power than I've ever dreamed.
I'm Learning to Lean on Jesus."*



The words of this touching praise song strike deep in many of our hearts as we realize we cannot make it on our own. In a culture of self-made men and liberated women, it seems we've been led to believe humanist philosophies that suggest empowerment comes from within. Perhaps Jeremiah the prophet best expressed an understanding for this folly of humanity, "O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." Jer 10:23 (NKJ)

What Jeremiah apparently knew, we find very hard to believe and even harder to accept. Yet, we each come to points in our lives where we feel overwhelmed by the frustrations and uncertainties of life. Where do we turn for help and direction? Self-help, self-esteem, and self-motivation are great catch words and would seem to offer an answer. But, stop for a minute and think. Where did the frustration, uncertainty, or even failure begin? Was it not from within ourselves when we determined to handle it on our own? What a tragedy it is when the creation begins to declare it's own ability rather than that of He who created.

Do you know, man is the only thing in all creation that has taken it upon himself to reflect his own glory rather than the Creator's? The most intelligent, rational, inductive, and complex being chooses to look to self rather than to that from which he came. Or, at greater heights of moronic theory, suggest he simply "happened" at astronomical odds that can't even begin to be calculated. What a contradiction to say, that, something comes from nothing, effect has no cause, or design comes without a designer. The rest of our world speaks for itself. "The heavens declare the glory

of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world..." Ps 19:1-4 (NIV)

My question for those who would propagate such a theory is, "Where's the hope?" The wise man Solomon once said, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov 14:12 (NIV) Hopeless? I should say so. When will we begin to realize our impetus, power, and direction come not from within, but from where we came. Only then we will begin to see hope at the end of life's tunnel. What we can do is acknowledge, know, and choose whom we will serve. Remember Joshua's words? "...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 (NIV) Who will we place on the throne of our heart, mind, and soul and begin to lean upon? David said, "Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee." Ps 143:8 (KJV)

Our Savior invited humanity to His haven of security and peace when He said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matt 11:28-30 (NKJ) Sound too easy? Maybe. But is it any less reasonable than thinking we can sit back and find within ourselves the solutions to the needs of this life? All we have to do is look around at our world, watch the evening news, or pick up a newspaper to see that taking matters into our own hands is not working.

Why would we go to Jesus for

help or anyone for that matter? Would it be because of financial where-with-all, intellectual aptitude, or perhaps physical strength? No, a child may never see any of those things in a mother or father yet turn to them in times of trial and need. Why? Because they care! The Apostle Peter wrote in his first letter to the dispersed Christians of the early church, "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." 1 Pet 5:6-7 (NKJ)

Learning to lean? Why has it become so hard, for so many, for too long, to recognize real peace comes not from within but from Him who loved us and gave Himself for us? Christ offered these words of assurance, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27 (NKJ)

I'm sure many have accomplished great things in this life, but what do they really amount to? Will we carry some kind of tally sheet into eternity or better yet, take these accomplishments or material possessions with us? During my years of ministry I've been blessed to share with many families times of memorial as they have laid loved ones to rest. But, I have yet to follow behind a hearse pulling a U-Haul trailer. Why? Because we don't take it with us. No, hearses don't have trailer hitches and graves don't come with a storage shed, but are only mediums participating in the process of dust returning to dust.

So you say, "What's the answer?" God's simple reply is, "My Son." "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but

to save the world through him." John 3:16-17 (NIV) Yes, the choice of where to lean is ours and ours alone. Will we choose our own understanding, abilities, or accomplishments or He who was in the beginning and came to our world to give life and give it more abundantly?

Lord, help us to commit ourselves to the words of the Apostle Paul as his life came to a close. "But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you." Phil 3:7-15 (NKJ)

May we each one be so blessed as we Learn to Lean on Jesus...

-Paul P. Stevenson,
Ekklesia Ministries

Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.

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Jesus Knows...

Have you ever thought about your weaknesses? None of us ever like to admit to having them but the fact is we all have some kind of physical, emotional, and spiritual weakness. We certainly don't like others to know about them. Often we will go through great pains to try to cover our weaknesses up. Why? Maybe it's because we are afraid if they see our weaknesses others will reject us. But there is someone that knows ALL of your weaknesses. His name is Jesus.

Did you know there are different kinds of "knowing" about something? You may know about outer space but chances are you have never been there. You may know about the military because you've been around it. And then there is a totally different kind of knowing, the kind that comes by *experiencing* it first hand.

So which kind of "knowing" does Jesus have about your weaknesses? He's God, right? So how does He know what it feels like when you are hurting? How does He know what it feels like when your friends are pressuring you to do something you know you shouldn't? How does He know what it feels like to be made fun of because you're a Christian?

Hebrews 4:1215 (New Living Translation) tells us: *For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are. Nothing in all creation can hide from him. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes. This is the God to whom we must explain all that we have done. That is why we have a great High Priest who has gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to him and never stop trusting him. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin.*

In Luke chapter 4 you can read about the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. He was tempted in body, soul (mind and emotions), and in spirit. He wasn't just tempted three times. He was tempted for 40 days (v. 2 NLT). Jesus knows what you feel like when you are being tempted. When you are at your weakest, Jesus knows what you are experiencing because He experienced it too. But Jesus doesn't stop at just understanding how you feel. In Hebrews 2:18 it also says: *Since he himself (Jesus) has gone through suffering and temptation, he is able to help us when we are being tempted.*

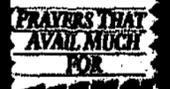
So how can Jesus help us when we are being tempted? He tells us in Hebrews 4:16, *So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it. Grace is unmerited favor. You don't earn God's grace, it is a gift.*

God's grace warned Judas just before he betrayed Jesus that sin was waiting to devour him (Matthew 26:23-25). Judas refused God's grace and he destroyed himself. God's grace met Saul on the road to Damascus in the book of Acts. Saul responded to God's grace and it literally changed him from Saul into Paul.

God's grace is waiting to help aid you in your weakness. Why? Because He knows first hand what you are going through. Don't cover your weaknesses, ask Jesus for the strength to overcome them. Don't refuse God's grace, respond to it. Will you enter His presence and ask Him for help?

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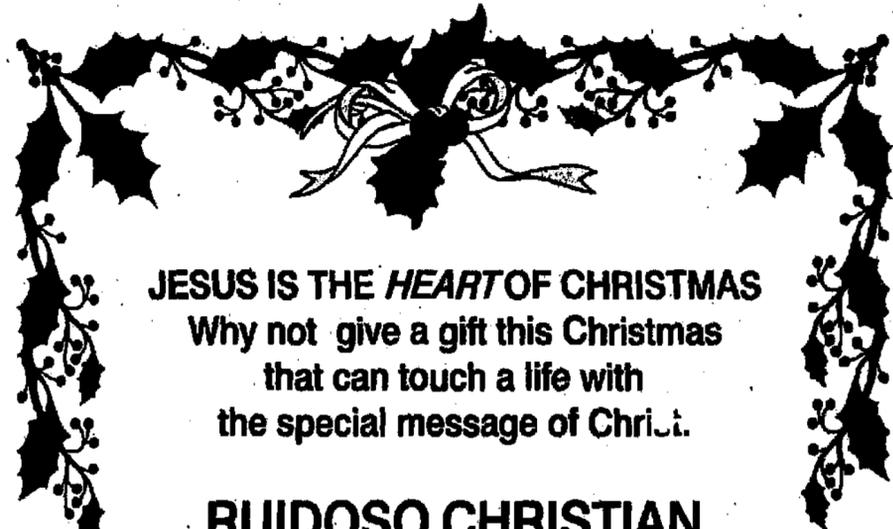
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WORD-SCAPES

Hear my cry, O God...

attend unto my prayer.
From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.
I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.
For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.
Thou wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations.
He shall abide before God for ever.
O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.
So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM 61
(A Psalm of David)
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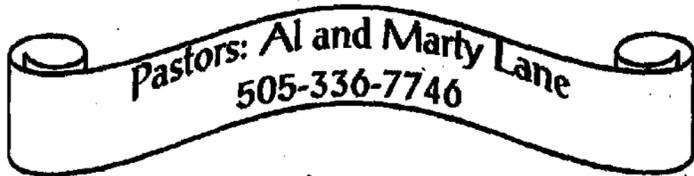
The hardest thing to give is in.

And even though Jesus was God's Son, He had to learn from experience what it was like to obey, when obeying meant suffering."

Hebrews 5:8

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"Have you heard the Word?"

by Pastor Al Lane

The salvation

God offers us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is sufficient to every need you and I will ever encounter in this life or the next. The meaning of the Greek word we translate as *salvation* speaks of the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal happiness. At the same time it encompasses an assurance of God's interest in and provision for our physical, financial, emotional, and social needs as well. The scriptures are clear: in no area of our lives does God abandon us to our own resources. He is there to help when we turn to Him.

Let's consider several passages of scripture which underscore God's faithfulness to respond when we reach out to Him.

First of all, the opening words of James 4:8 say very simply, "Come near to God and He will come near to you." (NIV)

When you open your Bible and read carefully words inspired by

your Creator Himself, you are coming near to God. When you pray, asking His assistance with difficulties you encounter, or thanking Him for His goodness, wisdom, and power, you are coming near to God. When you attend church and invest your time and energy and financial resources in the activities and ministry of a local congregation of believers, you are coming near to God. As you endeavor to obey His instructions and structure your life according to His wishes, you are coming near to Him, reaching out to Him, and He has vowed to come near to you and involve Himself on your behalf.

Hebrews 11:6 instructs us further as to the nature of God and His intentions towards those who ask His aid. *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."* (NIV)

Notice the two things we are

commanded to believe. First of all, we must believe that God exists. It is ludicrous to imagine someone turning for help to a God they don't think to be real. Belief in the existence of a divine being is not optional: it is essential to the Christian faith. And yet,

revealed in this verse of scripture, is another principle mandatory to you and I if we sincerely desire God's assistance. We are commanded

to believe He rewards us if we earnestly seek, or come near, Him. To doubt God's willingness or ability to deal actively and effectively with our problems when we invoke His aid is just as insulting to the Spirit of Grace as to doubt His existence.

Remember too; though, God will not commit Himself on behalf of the casual seeker. In the tenth chapter of Mark's gospel, we see Jesus turn and heal a blind man when the man shouted loudly for Jesus' attention even though the

crowd was offended at the noise he was making and insisted he quiet down. In Jeremiah 29:15, the prophet, speaking for God Himself, offers this assurance and challenge:

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (NIV)

The scriptures are clear: in no area of our lives does God abandon us to our own resources.

God reserves Himself and His blessings for people who know their complete dependence upon Him and who are willing to adapt as a controlling motive of their lives the passionate pursuit of an intimate relationship with Him.

Act today to reorder your priorities. Set aside time each day to spend with Him in the

scriptures and in prayer. Structure the rest of your activities around that time. As you honor Him by acknowledging His preeminence and lordship, you will see evidence of His miraculous activity all around you.

Al and Marty Lane, Pastors for Christ Church in the Downs

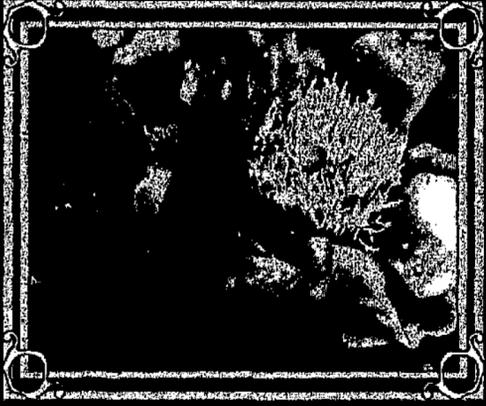


Life is what happens while you're making other plans.

"For whoever finds me finds life and wins approval from the Lord."

Proverbs 8:35

FEATURED ARTIST: MARTY LANE



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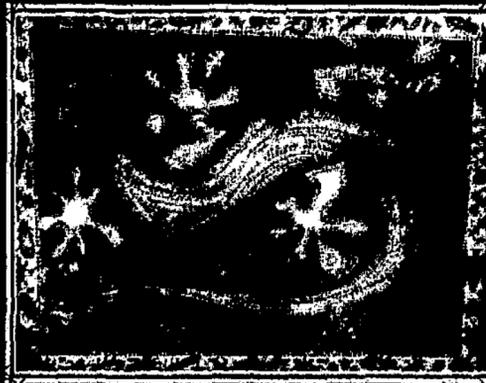
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Hollyhocks, 22 x 30



Land, 28 x 22



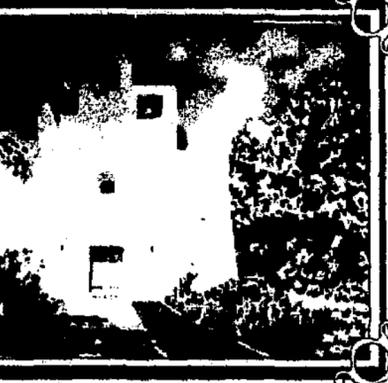
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Centerpiece, 22 x 30



Adam, 28 x 20



Mission in Tularosa, 24 x 18

ART

The best of human creativity and imagination pales in comparison to the awesome handiwork of God's creation described in the first two chapters of the book of Genesis. Yet we are humbled and undeservedly blessed by the truth in the statement the Artist of Artists makes in Genesis 1:26; "Let Us make man in Our Image according to Our likeness." (NKJV). One aspect of this image is the ability to create and imagine.

God intended from the start for this facet of His image to be utilized in magnificent ways to His glory, but the fall of man diminished and perverted the vibrancy of imagination and creativity. Down to the present, history is stained with the evidence of the misuse of this glorious gift of imagination.

As Christian artists, we need not apologize for placing art in the center and not just the periphery of our lives. On the contrary, if we make a claim to the title, 'artist', we obligate ourselves to do our work wholeheartedly and excellently, as unto Him. The works we create are to be reflections of the original creative God who resides within the regenerated man shining as a light in the darkness of a world system given over to rebellion against its Creator. In his book, Art and the Bible, Francis Schaeffer asserts, "A Christian should use these arts to the glory of God—not just as tracts, but as things of beauty to the praise of God. An art work can be a doxology in itself."

—Marty Lane, Artist

Christian employees are loyal to their employer as a consequence of being loyal to their Savior.

Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things.

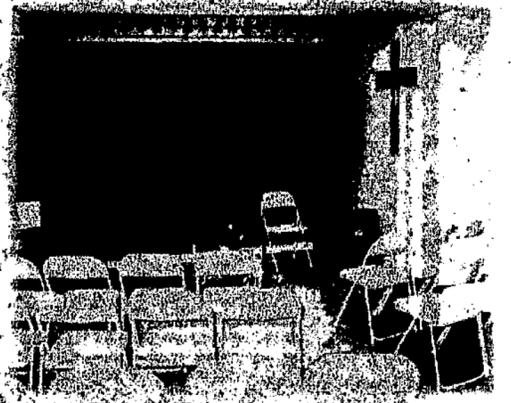
Titus 2:9

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Abundant Life FAMILY CHURCH



Everyday We
Thank You

Thanksgiving Day is a holiday set aside to reflect on those things for which we are most thankful. However, I am of the opinion that the Christian community should celebrate Thanksgiving every day of the year.

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When I look to the scriptures, it is apparent to me God was trying to communicate a very important principle to the church when He declared in four different openings "the just shall live by faith", (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). Faith is a necessary ingredient in the making of a successful Christian life; and when I say successful, my definition is "victorious"!

It has never been God's plan for His children to endure a defeated, depressed existence. On the contrary, the Christian's life should be a vibrant, vital, and victorious adventure of faith. The children of

Israel were given to us as our example, and whenever they walked in obedience to God, nothing or nobody could defeat them or hold them captive. Our success is contingent upon our obedience, and our obedience is a direct reflection of our faith in God. According to Hebrews 11:6, it is impossible to please God without faith.

Another identifier of our faith in God is our level of gratitude. Just a few Wednesday night's ago, my wife's brother-in-law was in town, and knowing his ministry background I asked him to share with our congregation in Alamogordo. He made this statement, "Our faith in God causes victorious events in our life. These events spawn gratitude, or thanksgiving to God. And in turn, thanksgiving builds our faith in God." He called this "the circle of faith."

As I sit here rehearsing several other commitments my wife's brother-in-law made, I realize defeat and depression gain access into our lives because of lack of gratitude. You may say, "what has God done for me for which I can be thankful?"

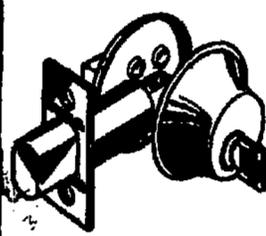
In the First chapter of the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul relates the event which required the greatest release of God's power ever seen. Some might ask, "Was it when God created the heavens and the earth?" or "Was it when He expelled Lucifer from heaven?" No, the greatest release of God's power occurred when God raised Jesus from the dead. Why was that so great? Because He raised us up together with Jesus; and as a

result, the greatest single event to ever take place in our life is the New Birth, or being Born Again.

What does this have to do with the giving of thanks? Thanking God for what He has done establishes a foundation of faith on which a life of victory is built. If you are a Christian, you will always have something to be thankful for! Thanksgiving is the "fruit of our lips," and our faith in God is released by speaking, just look at Second Corinthians 4:13, "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;..." Our giving of thanks for what God has done builds our faith, and will set the stage for the next victorious event in our life.

Let's read on in Second Corinthians 4:15, *For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.* Giving thanks brings God's "abundant grace" on the scene, and this "abundant grace" is an all-sufficient supply of power and ability to bring all things to pass for our sakes. This scripture says this "abundant grace" is applied to our circumstance through our thanksgiving; and, as a result, God gets all the glory. We should not wait for God to do something before we give Him thanks.

My final thought comes from two of Paul's letters. As we have seen from the scriptures, the Christian life must be a walk of faith; and as we look to Colossians 2:6,7 we can also see that

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a life of faith is also a life which abounds in thanksgiving: *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.* Strong faith gives thanks to God in the face of adverse circumstances. We don't thank God "For" everything, but we heed Paul's words as he wrote to the Church at Thessalonica...*In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

As we head into this Holiday Season, remember to maintain an "attitude of gratitude" for this is the will of God. Our thanksgiving prepares our victorious future.

Pastor Mark Gentry, Abundant Life Family Church



Thank You, Lord

Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan

For all that You've done,
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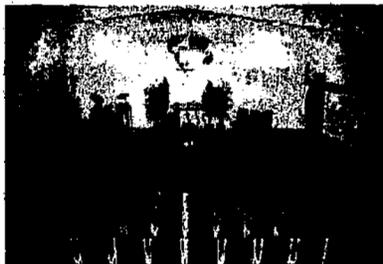
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The Dedication Service begins at 6pm, December 7.
Children's Ministry is provided.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To Pastor Mark Gentry and the Miracle Monthly Editor:

Dear Brothers in Christ, I would like to express my appreciation to your fellowship at Abundant Life Family Church. My wife "Niki" and I attended your Thursday night meeting on October the 16th and were openly received and felt right at home, even though we were on our honeymoon and were far away from our home church "Canton Cowboy Church" in Canton, Texas. I would also like to Praise God for the Miracle Monthly Publication and your article we found there. I bought a local newspaper to look at the real estate as we sat down for breakfast. Looking through the paper I noticed the Miracle Monthly. That was when I found your article and was blessed to find that everything I was reading lined up with the way we believe.

As the day progressed we found out where Pine Tree Square was located from the local Christian Bookstore. We later decided to visit

your church, feeling a need for corporate worship and fellowship with other believers. As I pulled into the parking lot and found no sign for Abundant Life, I felt dismayed and disappointed. After the second round through the parking lot, Niki said, "look up there, I think I saw someone upstairs through the window."

As I pulled in and got out, I saw the small sign on the ground floor and thought to myself "How neat — the upper room!"

We both enjoyed the warm greeting from the congregation and the worship experience that night.

I know that the Ruidoso area will be blessed through your ministry and it will have a far greater outreach. May peace, love and joy in the Holy Spirit be with you as you walk with Christ!

—Keep up the good work. Love,
your friends, Kevin and Niki Homer

"Trust in the Lord, with all your heart."

—Gingi Nokes Ahokas, member of
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

If you are alive and breathing, if you have food to eat and clothes to wear, then God has met your basic needs.

And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

1 Timothy 6:8

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Faith Chronicles

by Ron Rice

The Bible is like a leather sack full of living seeds for a future blessing! Every word is alive, and brimming with power to produce "after it's kind" a like-substance for like-harvest. The Word of God can be planted in our hearts, and grow overnight to the size of the famous "Jack and the Beanstalk" story, or it can require a growing season, unseen and underground, that requires patient and persistent faith.

Once the seed is sown, the dormant seed will instantly begin to grow. If the seed sown is for a harvest of faith for a healing, then faith will grow stronger each day that the Word of God is sown. The only way God can sow His Word-Seed is when someone speaks forth His Word, or reads His Word. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17). When we hear the Word of God, and believe what we hear, the

seed is produced by the Holy Spirit in your heart, and planted simultaneously.

Faith begins to grow the second it is planted. In fact, the best way to get an abundant harvest of faith is to plant more and more seed! In the natural, a farmer who only has 500 acres, can only plant 500 acres. But, in the supernatural fields of the heart, we have an endless supply of fertile soil to cultivate and sow seed in. Some people are small listeners, and only plant several hundred acres of faith seeds, while others who are big listeners just plant, and continue to plant, and then plant some more! The only thing that will limit your planting is the amount of seed you have to plant, after all, the amount of land for planting is limitless. So how do we get more seed to plant? Faith-seeds are provided by hearing, and hearing, and hearing the Word of God! The more we hear God's Word, the more Faith-Seeds we have for planting!

Faith comes during a growing season. Faith is born of the Word of God. It is a supernatural substance. It has a Heavenly origin, and can only produce a like-faith

substance when mixed with belief and trust. Jesus gave us light on this subject when He said, "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." (Mark 4:26-28).

Faith almost always requires a growing season. Faith must first produce the blade, then produce the ear, and then produce the fully ripe ear of corn. Faith is sown by hearing the Word of God. Faith can then be planted deep in the fertile topsoil of your heart by believing the Word. The more hearing, and the more believing we can do, the quicker and larger the faith harvest will be. The prolific Kingdom of God grows in you when you "cast" Word-Seed into the ground of your heart by hearing and believing what God says through His Word. The larger the Kingdom of God becomes in our life, the more dramatic will be the growth of faith, and the character of God in our daily life.

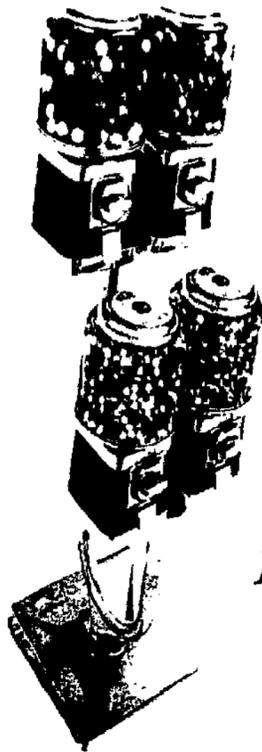
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Men do not usually reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.

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Seeds of Life

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As we begin our morning Bible study, the shrilling ring of the telephone interrupts. It's a member of the Seeds of Life prayer team. Her voice sounds heavy with emotion as she passes on this prayer need that literally contains life and death implications. "We have a fifteen year old girl who has already done a home pregnancy test. The test results were positive. Her mother called the center this morning and wants her daughter to have an abortion. She is looking for a place to take her and refuses to come to the center." As we hang up, a flood of emotions wash over me as we all sit motionless in our little family circle. After ministering for over ten years in the abortion arena, I'm still struck by the intensity of such a call. My mind goes to the counselor on call this morning and though I haven't spoken directly to her, I can feel her feelings of frustration and helplessness. I silently wonder how many of the prayer team members are home this morning. I pray that they will feel the same urgency that I'm feeling. I look up to see four pairs of eyes looking in my direction. "Let's pray!" They nod and we bow our heads.

Our prayers begin with five year old Luke, "Help this girl not to kill her baby. Help her mama not to kill this baby." To the point! Angela, eight continues, "Please Lord, bring people to this girl who can help her. Don't let her believe the lies, but help her to see the truth so she won't have an abortion." Fourteen year old Ricky prays, "This is just an innocent baby Lord, you have plans for him. Help them to see this so they don't bring destruction to themselves as well as this baby." Danielle, thirteen years old, asks for their eyes to be opened, for them to get help. "Bring them to the center so they can hear the truth and not kill this baby." As our prayers continue, I give thanks that there are others praying too. Thankful that God has allowed this

call to come through, that we might go into the very throne room of God to beseech His help on their behalf.

This is what Seeds of Life is all about, standing in the gap for those in need. We are grateful that God has given us the opportunity to minister in this way for the last 10 years. The needs are very great in our community and the outlying areas. We get calls like this on a daily basis, many we are fortunate enough to see, others like the one I have just related to you, we can only plant a seed and then intercede on their behalf. The bottom line is, only by God's Spirit are hearts changed and lives saved. So whether we counsel face to face or pray from a distance we know God's heart is touched to act for the needy.

As we finished our prayers for this fifteen year old girl that morning, I felt grateful that God had given us an opportunity to stand for this family in desperate need. I think of my children's prayers and know that they went directly to the heart of God. We may never know what happens in this family's life, but we know our Heavenly Father and His faithfulness. We also know that prayers are and always will be the life changing tool that we must implement.

We want to thank each of you that pray for this ministry. We need your continued prayers and we encourage you to pray for those that labor alongside us. Those prayers

are our undergirding and our sustenance. Thank you for your financial support as well. As you know we are a Christian, non-profit organization, depending solely on financial supporters like yourself, as well as the King's Treasure contribution. It takes all of us working together to reach the least of these. And

over the last ten years we have reached many families. There are children as old as nine years old who you may see playing on the playground because God led their mom to this ministry. There has been a great harvest over the last ten years, but there are still fields left to be harvested. Please continue with us as we move forward in what God has called us to do, ministering to families and babies facing life and death decisions. All of us working together really does make a difference! *Bear one another's burden and thus fulfill the law of Christ. And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. Gal. 6:2&9.*

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Hebrews 12:2

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Cornerstone Church

Thanksgiving — The Good and the Bad of It

by Pastor B. A. Thurman



People are very thankful for the blessings.

That's good.

But people have forgotten the source of all good things.

That's bad.

Man is focused on and loves creation. That's good. But man doesn't think of and has stopped loving the Creator. That's bad.

We owed a debt impossible for us to pay. He paid the debt He did not owe that we could be free. That's good. But with all the freedom we haven't made time to show our thankfulness to our Savior. That's bad.

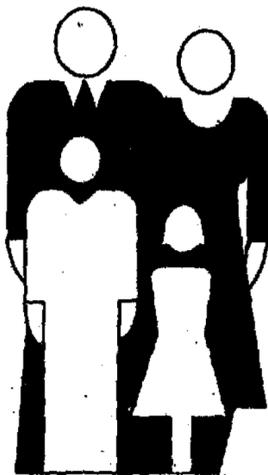
A Gallup Poll surveyed over 1,000 Americans asking them what they were most thankful for. Following are the results of the survey:

#1 Family was rated most important by 61% of those surveyed.

#2 Health by 50%.

#3 Job or Career by 21%.

#4 Children by 20%.
#5 Just being alive by 12%.
Older Americans emphasized the importance of health. The younger generation rated job and career higher in their list of importance. And ethnic minorities and the poor were more likely to be thankful for "just being alive".



Where was God on the list? Only five to eight percent of the demographic groups named God as one of the three things they were most thankful for. That's bad!

In Luke 17:11-17 (New Living Translation) the Word of God gives us an example of gratefulness and ungratefulness: **As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, their leprosy disappeared. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God, I'm healed!" He fell face down on the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked,**

"Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Does only this foreigner return to give glory to God?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has made you well."

Ten lepers were healed. That's good. Only one leper came back to give thanks and to worship Jesus. That's bad.

A man at a post office desk was approached by an elderly fellow who asked, "Sir, could I get you to address this postcard for me?" The man did so gladly and then agreed to write a message on the card also. He then asked, "Is there anything else I can do for you?" The old fellow thought a moment and then said, "Yes, add this at the end, 'P.S. Please excuse the handwriting.'"

The United States has become

one of the most ungrateful and unthankful countries in the world. Much like the prodigal son parable found in Luke 15:11-32, we demand all of our inheritance now. We aren't thankful for the blessings. In our "abundance" we rarely take time to thank God. And also like the prodigal son, it isn't until we are in desperate need that we begin to seek God and be thankful for what He had given to us before our time of lack.

Colossians 2:7b (NLT) tells us: **Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.** If God never did another thing for us, what He did for us by sending Jesus Christ to earth to die for our sins should be enough for us to give God thanks and praise Him for the rest of our lives.

Remember you have to be alive to complain. Look around and you can find plenty to be thankful for. If you can't think of anything you can at least be thankful this Thanksgiving that you're not a turkey!

The famous scholar Matthew Henry was once robbed. After it happened he wrote the following in his diary: "Let me be thankful first because I was never robbed before. Second, because although they took my purse, they

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Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray...

James 5:13a NIV

didn't take my life. Third, because although they took my all it wasn't much. And fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."

In 2 Chronicles 32:23,24 (NLT) it tells about King Hezekiah's ungratefulness. It says: **About that time, Hezekiah became deathly ill. He prayed to the Lord, who healed him and gave him a miraculous sign. But Hezekiah did not respond appropriately to the kindness shown him, and he became proud. So the Lord's anger came against him and against Judah and Jerusalem.**

Like King Hezekiah, our pride can become a barrier keeping us from thanksgiving and praise to God for what He has done for us. Pride can act as a wall keeping us from God. Remember, a closed hand cannot receive. Man robs himself and those around

him when he is not thankful to God.

Don't be one of the many who are missing the blessings of God because you have forgotten to take the time to thank God for what He has done for you. This month make time to thank God. As 1 Corinthians 15:57 (KJV) reminds us: **Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**



"Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all He has done."

—Colossians 2:7b (NLT)



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the chief corner stone.*

Ephesians 2:20

Faith...



And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! . . . And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." (Mark 10:47, 52)

There's little doubt that our faith, our trust, plays a big role in making us well both physically and spiritually. We can and should give credit to the skills of physicians, nurses, technicians, dieticians. We can also be thankful for technical equipment and medications which make medical miracles more commonplace. Still, most people would say that all these skills and advances in medicine are usually successful where there is some presence of an ingredient called "faith."

How much faith we have in our doctor and the hospital personnel is important. How much faith we have in God's working in our life is also important. We may be unaware of it, but it will come back as we come out of our despondency. As it emerges and we feel its surge within, it becomes a source of healing strength in us. When necessary, it can even bring about an acceptance of the inevitable.

Faith can bring us through to new health, and it will ultimately bring us new life. We only ask that God understand our wavering faith and renew it within us. No stronger affirmation can we have than to have Jesus' affirmation, "Go your way, your faith has made you well."

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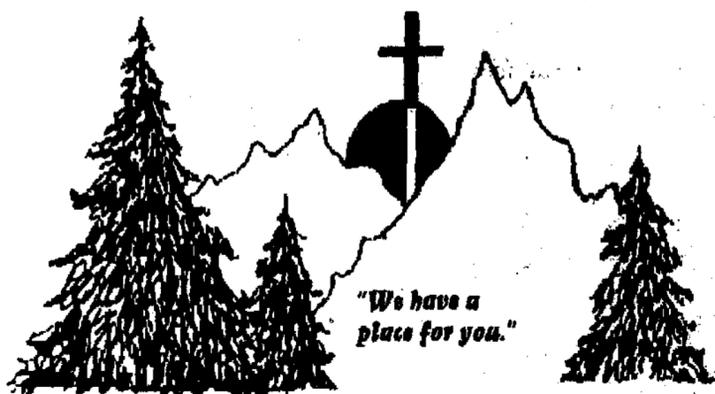
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For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:7,8 NIV

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ANGUS FAMILY NEWS

Who Is Angus Church?

Pastor Charlie Hail

Angus Church has been a part of Lincoln County since 1916 when it began as the Providence Church of the Nazarene. In the mid 70's the church moved to the old Angus Community, where it has been located on the Bonita Park Nazarene Conference Center.

On Easter Sunday, 1995 the church moved into their beautiful, new facility. The move to the new building

gave the church much needed space for their growing congregation, but more importantly the new facility provides visibility and accessibility for people in the community.

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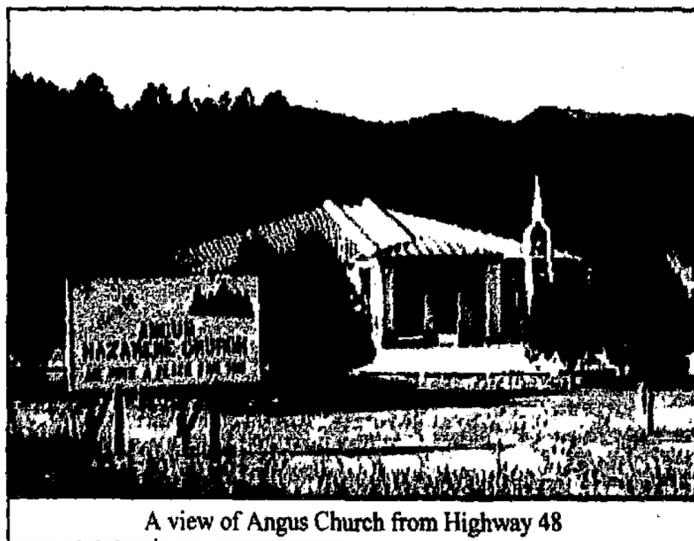
Nazarene, a 1.2 million member denomination with churches in over 110 countries.

We believe that it is possible to find peace and value in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We also believe that a person can live a God-honoring life with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Angus Church is made up of various people from many different walks of life. Some have been Christians for years, others are coming just to ask

questions and to watch and see if God is real and His Word is relevant.

If you do not yet have a church home you attend regularly or even occasionally, we invite you to consider us. It really is alright with us if you are "just looking".



A view of Angus Church from Highway 48

Children's Ministries Kicks Into High Gear

Roxie Stephenson

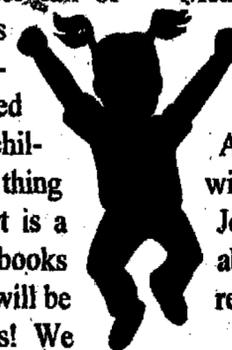
The children's department of Angus Church is off to a great start for fall of 1997. We had a parents meeting in early October, at which we decided to try to expand our children's ministries. One thing we would like to start is a library of Christian books and video tapes. You will be hearing more about this! We also will be featuring the children in a five minute "Spotlight on Kids" once a month during the worship s

Coming up - for the holiday

season will be the annual children's Christmas program, "Meanwhile, Back at the Stable." Mark your calendar for December 7th. You won't want to miss it! Also coming in December will be operation "Share the Joy." We will tell more about this later, but to get ready, save your shoeboxes!

Wishing you a wonderful fall,

Roxie Stephenson



What In The World?

Pastor Charlie Hail

How many times has someone asked you, "What in the world are you doing?" That is also an important question God is asking His church. Jesus looked at His 12 apostles and said, "the world, folks. Don't let your vision be for anything less than the world." (Pastor Charlie's paraphrase).

At Angus Church, we are proud to be able to answer that question by saying we are supporting missionaries, schools and hospitals around the world. In fact, we give over 10% of our church income for the work of our denomination around the

world.

But at Angus, it is more personal than that. Two of our families are missionaries who are currently serving overseas. One family is planting churches in Fiji, the other couple serves at a hospital in Papua New Guinea. Several people from our church went to Guatemala this summer on a bus converted into a mobile medical clinic, bringing medical care into the remote mountain villages.

What in the world are you doing? We hope you enjoy the "Love Letters" story from one of our missionaries.



Keep company with good men and good men you will imitate.

Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 27:17

How Do Love Letters Affect You?

Harmon Schmelzenbach

The rhythmic sound of the steel wheels, as hour after hour they moved across the narrow gage tracks, was hypnotizing. The train was packed way beyond capacity. The people, clutching their precious few belongings were crammed in.

The doctor was from America. Donating his time, he was trying to make his way deep into the interior of Korea to a mission hospital that desperately needed him. In front of him, knees actually touching his, was an old Korean man. The old man's eyes were clouded with age, his kinky hair was pure white. He was bent over, using all of his concentration. With stubby fingers that had seen a lifetime of hard work, he was slowly following along, sounding out the letters and words in a tattered little book.

The doctor spoke only English, but he recognized the format of the old man's book, it was a New Testament. He placed his hand on the old man's knee, the old man looked up, with his other hand the doctor pointed to his own heart... "Jesus?" ...the doctor asked. The old man came alive, dropping his precious book, with

the palms of both hands pounding his chest, he yelled "JESU, JESU!!" He was talking fast now, gesturing and laughing, frantically looking for his Bible, the doctor noticed the tears freely running down the old wrinkled face. It took the Korean man a little bit to find it, but finally he pushed the worn Bible into the doctor's hands, pointing to a verse that had been underlined a long, long time ago. The doctor pulled out his own Bible and found the correlating verse in English. Slowly he read in First John where it says... "We know that we have passed from death into life, because we love the brethren..."

How long has it been since reading the Bible has really stirred your heart? The "Spiritual Formation" class held in the Corner Room each Sunday morning is exploring God's personal note to us... His eternal Word. How can we develop a hunger for what He has to say and know that we are hearing Him? We invite you to come listen with us.

God has something to say to you!

You Are Chosen

Pastor Charlie Hail

A friend asked me to speak at a special occasion recently, and I was thrilled he had chosen me. But then he was way too honest and said, "Charlie, it's only fair to tell you that you were my second choice." Well, that's alright, but just out of curiosity I asked, "who was you first choice?" Teasing, he said, "Anybody."

It is great to be chosen anyway. If it's as a replacement, or to play as an extra left-fielder. I just like the thought of being chosen. It is good to think,

"somebody wants me."

Jesus said to his disciples, "Instead I have called you friends... you did not choose me, but I chose you." (John 15:16). Jesus and his disciples had just had dinner together, what we now call the Last Supper. They were walking out of the city, out to the olive grove where Jesus often prayed. Jesus knew, but his disciples did not, that he would soon be betrayed, arrested and crucified. The disciples were about to face some difficult times. They were going to be

Chosen, cont.

afraid, they would run, feel guilty, doubt themselves. Maybe they would just go away and forget about Jesus. And so, some of the last, most important words Jesus spoke to them reminded them, "I chose you."

He is the One who comes looking for us. When we feel like we need Him, He gives us that feeling. I know I wasn't looking for Him. We are usually so busy going through life, trying to figure it out, that we aren't looking for Him. And many of us spend a lot of time running from Him. Apart from God there is an emptiness inside us. We try filling it with crazy things: bad relationships, bad attitudes, overwork, underwork and so on. Jesus reminds us that it was while we were caught up in our problems, thinking only of

ourselves, that He chose us.

The Bible says it in many ways, but I like the way Jesus said it best, "I chose you." OK. But why would He choose us? Why would he choose anybody? Look at the people He chose in the Bible, would you have chose any of them? Their lifestyle was different, they misunderstood Him, they argued with Him. He chose them, why? Don't look at the one chosen. Look at the heart of the chooser. If we are puzzled at why he chose them, try putting your own name there, "I chose _____." Remember our being chosen does not come from us, but it comes from the heart of the one calling our name. It comes from His love. He sees potential in you and wants to share His life with you.



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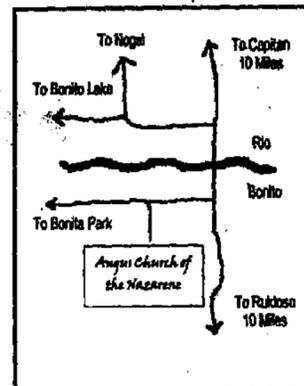
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Psalm 68:19

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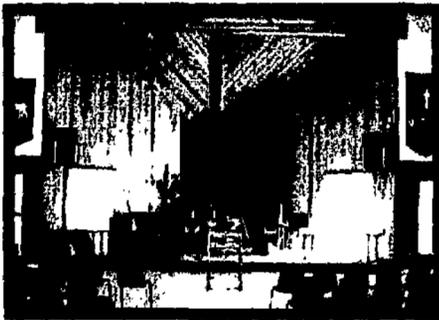
"THE LORD'S SUPPER"

I would like to paint you a word picture—to set the stage at the last supper of Jesus and His Disciples, some 2,000 years ago.

On the night that Jesus was to be betrayed, He gathered His disciples in the Upper Room for the evening meal. This was a special meal, it was a Passover meal, and Jesus was about to take it to another level of meaning.

Here we see a group of common men that had walked and talked with Jesus for the past 3 years. They were probably wondering what was going to happen, perhaps confused, maybe even discouraged at the very least they did not really understand. Even one of them would be the one that would betray Him (and Jesus knew this).

We see Jesus who knew the trial that He was about to face. That He would be leaving them and yet they (the Disciples) had not comprehended what was about to happen. Can you imagine the feelings that Jesus must have felt? The love that He was about to demonstrate



to the world and the world could care less.

And here, in the midst of this, Jesus was about to give them a new ordinance that they could keep until He returns—one that we all can keep until He returns. This covenant was prophesied

in Jeremiah 31:31-34. It is recorded in three of the four Gospels and in I Cor. 11:23-26; Mat. 26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20. This is one ordinance established by Jesus Christ for His people to observe.

The Lord's supper is also called 'Communion' as we see in I Cor. 10:16 and some refer to it as the *Eucharist* which means "The giving of thanks." Jesus Christ took the cup and the loaf - the ingredients of a common meal in that day and transformed them into a meaningful, spiritual experience for believers. It was celebrated on the night of Passover and just as Passover celebrates deliverance from slavery in Egypt, so the Lord's Supper celebrates deliverance from sin by Christ's death.

Jesus speaks of a new agreement of covenant. In the old covenant people could approach God only through the priest and the sacrificial system. Jesus' death on the cross brought a new covenant. People can personally approach God and communicate with Him.

When we take the Lord's Supper, we are publicly professing that the Lord died for us. Realizing that we are members of His body. The value of the experience depends on the condition of our hearts as we participate. It is a serious thing to come to the Lord's Supper with an unprepared heart, or to receive the Lord's Supper in a careless manner. (I Cor. 11:29,30).

What should we do to be prepared?

First, we should look back to the broken bread that reminds us of Christ's body, given for us, and the cup that reminds us of His shed blood. He wants us to remember His death. It was not His life, but His death that paid for our sins.

He was our substitute, paying the debt that we could not pay. In

remembering Him, it shows us His love for us. In the Lord's Supper we have fellowship with a living Savior as our hearts reach out by faith.

Second, we should look ahead—He says "do this in remembrance of me 'till I come'", which is our blessed hope. He not only died, but He rose again and ascended to Heaven and one day He



shall return.

Third, we should look within. Paul did not say that we had to be worthy to partake the Lord's Supper, for none of us are worthy, but that we should partake in a worthy manner. We must examine our hearts, judge our sins and confess them to the Lord.

Finally, we should look around, not to criticize other believers, but discern the Lord's body (I Cor. 11:29). For the church is the body of Christ (I Cor. 10:17). The Lord's Supper should be a demonstration of the unity of the church. The Lord's Supper is a family meal.

It is a time of thanksgiving and joyful anticipation of seeing our Lord. Jesus gave thanks, even though He was about to suffer and die. Let us give thanks also.

May it never become just a ritual, but a time in which we gather to partake in the bread and wine and in a loving relationship in remembrance of His death and resurrection until He comes again. Amen.

—Bill N. Yates, Minister

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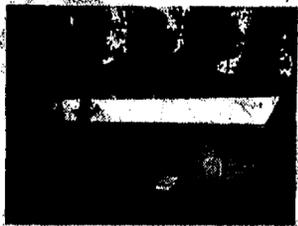
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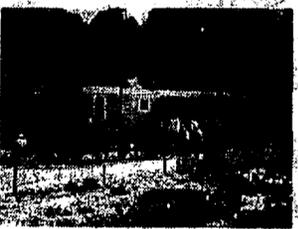
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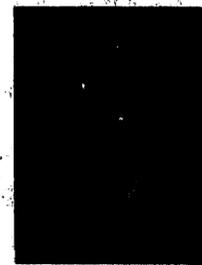


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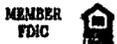
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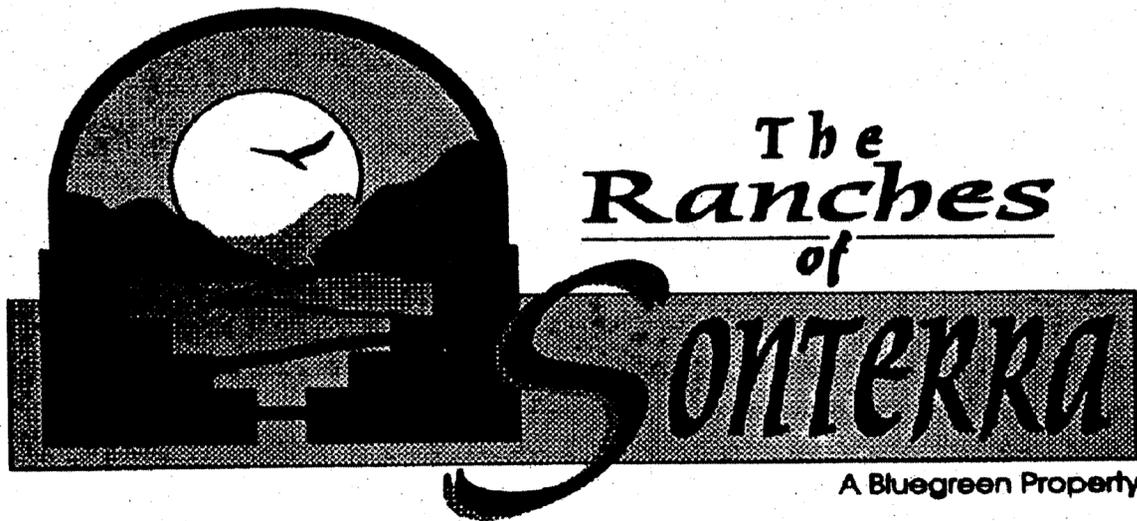
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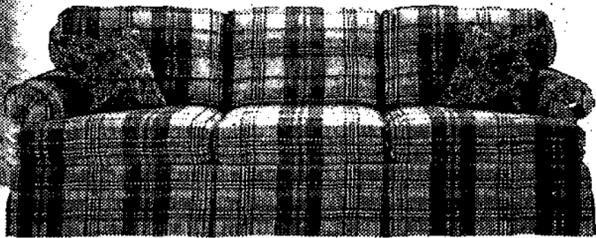
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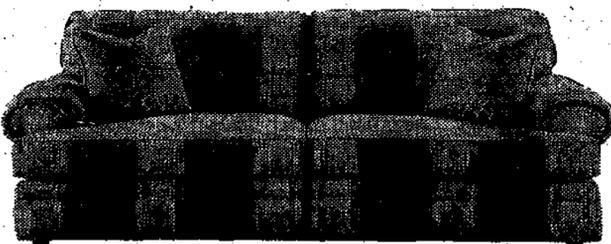


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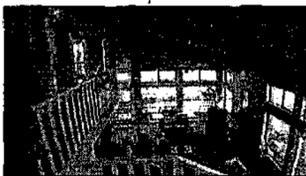
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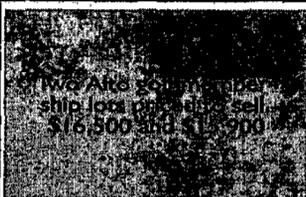
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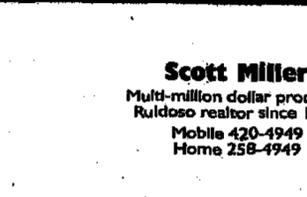
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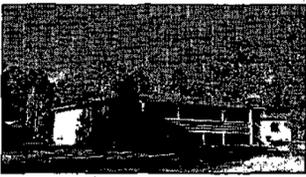
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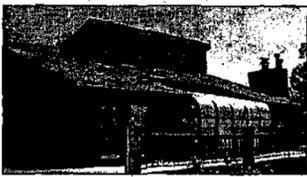
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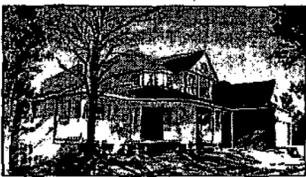
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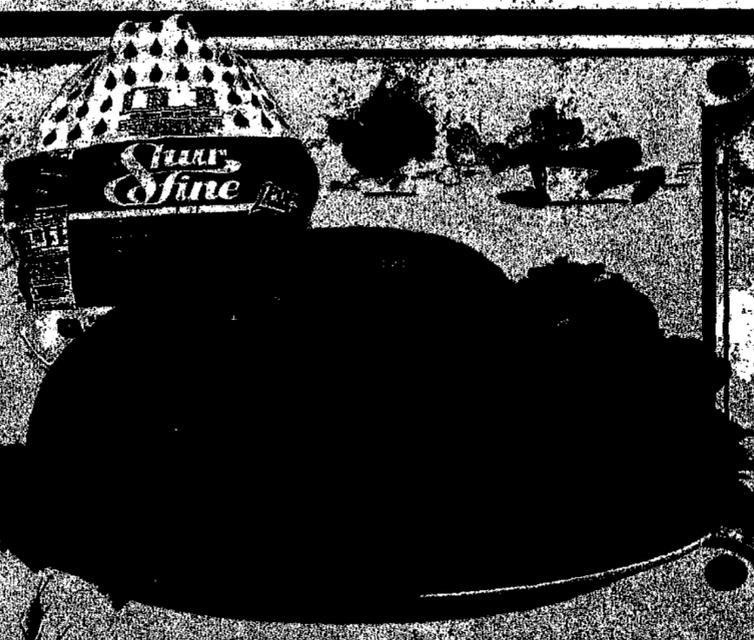
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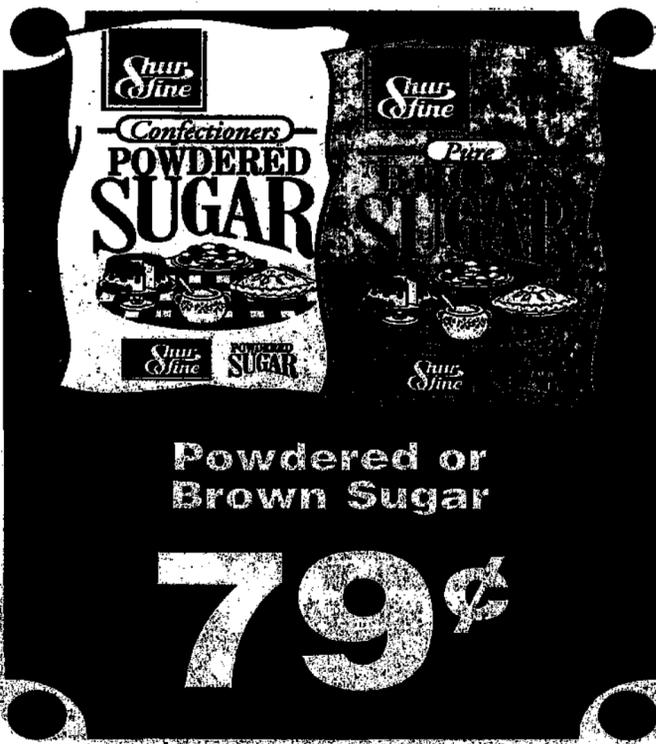
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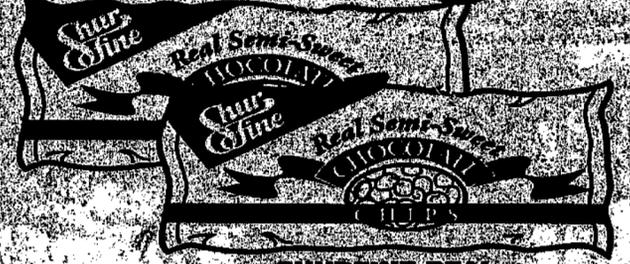
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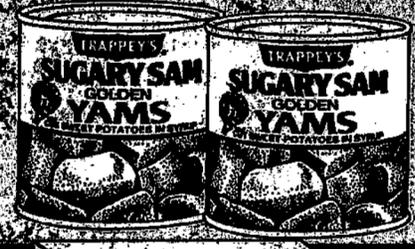
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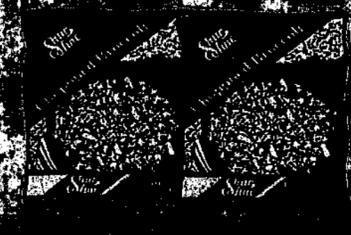


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