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Showing their medal


Ruidoso gymnasts came back from Saturda's state championship loaded with awards. It was one of if not the bess state competi-
tion pertormances by the 19 -year-oud organization, a coach said Clockwise froms the tap are Cecily Howell. Bethany Bamett.
leanette Zagone Mackenzie Mobley and jemnifer Lewicki Nor shown is Ashley Brillante jeanette Zagone, Mackenzie Mobley and jemnifer Lewicki. Not shown is Ashley Brillante.

## Chairman Nunley switches parties

By Dianne Stalungs

RUMDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITH
Citing his discomfort with the Democratic Party's national situation, L. Ray Nunley, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission, changed his party
Republican.
"I felt that I did it in the best interests of myself and my wife, Nunley said, declining to be more specific. "I don't want my decision to reflect negatively on the local Democratic) Party or New Mexico
politics, but on a national level, I was pretty uncomfortable.
He has been a Democrat all of his adult life, the 61 -year-old Nunley
${ }_{\text {His change of parties means every }}$ seat on the county commission is occupied by a Republican, as well as all
other elected county positions. That could change with elections in November, but because Republican voters outnumber Democrats in the county, it will be a tough battle.
Current registration shows
Republicans accounting for nearly 53 Republicans accounting for nearly 53
percent of the 11,083 registered voters percent of the 11,083 registered voters
in the county. Democrats make up independents or other parties about

14 percent. "I haven't talked to L. Ray, but if he has changed, we're very disappointed," said Chay Rennick, chairman of the county Democratic Party. The Democratic Party always has been supportive of L. Ray and locally,
we still have a two party system in Lincoln County."
Rennick said he's not particular concerned about an all-Republican county government, because the elec-
tions in November could change that tions in November could change that "A lot of those county officials were Democrats who have switched to Republican," he said.
Democrat, as was Sulivan was a Williams and County Commissioner Wilton Howell, he pointed out. Ruidoso Magistrate Judge william office (eight months after his 1994 election). The others changed before running for office.

1 think a lot of these people are viewing the disparity in registration in Lincoln County and thinking only a Rennick said. "If they keep changing

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## Lincoln County jury finds Stanton guilty of murder

Stanton could receive a 15-year sentence

by Dianne Stallinges remogo niws staff write

After 11 hours of deliberation, a jury found Samuel Don Stanton guilty of second-degree murder
Tuesday in the November 1996 stabbing death of 24-year-old Kendall Jennings
About 4 p.m. Tuesday, when
District Judge Karen Parsons read the verdict, Jennings' mother, Gail Gillem, burst into tears and uttered aloud, "Thank God."
Stanton's sister, Peggy
Johnson, who had raised her younger brother from the time he younger yet gave some of the most damning testimony against him, was silent. had been chatting with Lincoln County Sheriff Tom sullivan before jurors entered, jumped up after the

His attorney pushed him back His attorney pushed him back
into his seat. Although he acted as
if the verdict was unimportant, the strained muscles in
howed his tenseness.
As Parsons began talking about As Parsons began talking about
hen he would be sentenced Stanton interrupted, saying, "As soon as possible.
But representatives of District Attorney Scot Key called for a 60 day diagnostic review before sen-
tencing and the judge granted the tencing and the judge granted the
request without objections from request without objections from
Public Defender Sam Damon, who said he will appeal the conviction. maximum-degree murder carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in years with aggravating circum stances.
Speculation around the courtroom before the verdict was that
the jury, which deliberated over a the jury, which deliberated over a a lighter degree of guilt, possibly voluntary or involuntary

MURDERER pag.


## Post Office picks preferred site for new Ruidoso building

- Construction is slated to begin
September on a 2.6 -acre site just north September on a 2.6-acre site just north
of the Ruidoso Comuention Center postal official said.
by Toni K. Iaxson
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After reviewing six locations, a
team of $1 . S$. Postal officials recently team of U.S. Postal officials recently
chose a 2.6-acre site next to the Ruidoso Convention Center for the new II.S. Post Office.

The committee felt it had a lot to cial from his regional office in Denver We are going forward with complet ing due diligence with the site"
The lot, just off of State Road 48 to Center, was in the right Convention Center, was in the right location the offers access for traffic and the land is relatively level for Ruidoso.
Additionally, it is not next to homes Additionally, it is not next to homes
where residents could be disturbed by

## rucks and early morning postal busi-

 ness, officials said. - onstruction of the 19,000-square-foot building is scheduled to meets federal ruidelines the site said. It could start earlier if Bavouset is expedited by the regional office Ruidoso Postmaster John Quemada is hoping it will be expedited. Otherwise, he said, the building may not be finished and ready to open may not be finished and readyin spring of 1999 as planned.

December, we are kind of pushing our luck," Quemada said, referring to construction delays due to weather. The new building will be almost four times the size of the current post primary reason for the new facility is the lack of available postal boxes, postal officials say. It will have about 5,200 post boxes, compared to the current 3,150 , Quemada said. The
Ruidoso facility was last expanded 15
years ago and has added 1,200 to
1.500 post office boxes since it opened.
Thourgh about 10 locations were originally proposed as sites for the new post office, only four conformed to the criteria the criteria specified, Bavouset said. the two non-w making their decision. The preferred site is currently
owned by Dwight Andrews of Alto.
see OFFICE, page 2A

Ruidoso-area

gymnasts win sixth in state championship



## RUIDOSO'S <br>  Three-Day Weather OUTLOOK

## Village Council moves to pursue controversial annexation

by TONI K. Laxson
Ruidoso will ask for state Rmission to annex five sections of land, four of which are now surrounded by the village.
The Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday night unanimously approved a resolution to pursue the annexations, whether by a 51 percent or betlandowners, or by application landowners, or by application
to the New Mexico Boundary Commission for those areas with less than 51 percent andowner approval.
When the village sends its annexation requests to the state, it will include two other annexation sites approved ear of Planning Cleatus Richards. "We have two previously approved areas that we are going to package with these

Boundary Commission, that would be the Carrizo Canyon Lookout Estates," Richard told the council.

About a dozen people attended the Tuesday night council session because of the annexation issue. At least four, who left shortly after the councils vote, said they opposed the
proposed annexation of their property in the Gavilan Canyon area.
have resulted confusion may properties in the Gavilan Canyon are are being proposed for annexation, village staff said foliowing the meeting. The Commitlee earlier had Ad Ho Committee earlier had consid300 additional lots along Gavilan Canyon, but dropped the proposal when it became evident that the cost to the
lage would be prohibitive.
"At one point we were looking at a lot of annexations outRuidoso," said Councilor Robert Donaldson, who also serves as chair on the Annexation Ad Hoc Committee.
"We sort of changed our focus as it became apparent, from a utilities standpoint, that the expense to the taxpayers or of Ruidoso would be too great. "These are natural areas for annexation," Donaldson have village services or have access to utilities that could be tied onto by developers.
The following are the areas considered for annexation: Sleepy Hollow subdivision with 95 percent of landowners in favor;

- About 58 acres which contain the Chateaux Village, with
percent opposed and 98 percent
percent opposed
including a Carrizo of 34 acres rontage area and the Camolo Crown Estates, with about 52 percent of landowners in favor

About 7 acres of frontag road along U.S. Highway 70, pposing the annexation;
Gavilan Cabout 9.5 acres along ing som Canyon Road includall fields as well as homes, with 62 percent opposing the The Bo
Ily taundary Commission usually takes about six month said earlier. Landowners in the annexed areas would have 30 days to appeal any ruling Additionally, the Ruidoso Village Council will conduct a public hearing before officially annexing the areas if the state
gives its approval.

## Countywide emergency planning group begins organization



## PARTIES: A Republican commission

Continued from page 1A
it, but I didn't know if he would do it or not," Williams said of the switch. "As far as the nev But Wiation, I'm pleased.' But Williams said a change of party may not signal more conservative spending on the he has been urging in the past year as county reserves hav dwindled.

If you look at charts pre pared by County Treasure Joan Park, at least the majori ty in the past few years have not been particularly conserva

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sible event, coordinators aay. At Monday's meeting, the president and Jim Bassett vice president. Louis, a Ruidoso esident, has past experience with emergency planning on the state level. Bassett is an executive with Texas-New Mexico Power Co.
Members at Monday's neeting were also encouraged to sign on to one of organization's four subcommittees: pub ic information, hazards identication, training and exercis es, and oversight and compliance.
still needed
sidered as preferred because it surrounded by homes and is a slope. 5 -acre site off of Sudderth Drive at the inter section of Fern and Chase and owned by Zemex Internationa of Austin and handled by Century 21 Real Estate Bavouset said the site presentpotential trafic difficulty with exits and egress. Mechem Drive, about one-hal mile north of the Ruidoso Convention Center, and owned by Gary. Lynch and Ben Landford. Bavouset said the location w

## ar north

Tso look site review committe Ruidoso Police se next to the and a location in the 300 block of Mechem Drive, though nei ther site conformed to the spec ifications requested by the post
office, Bavouset said.

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## County Commission to request millions from state to repair Gavilan Canyon Road

By Dianne Staliungos
Lincoln County Commisioners are asking state legislators to cough up $\$ 6.8$ million for local projects this year. During a special meeting Tuesday in Carrizozo, commissioners approved a list of legislative requests that will include Capitan, for the rural events center in Glencoe, for recreation and for heavily traveled Gavilan Canyon Road.
The fairgrounds project,
state for a Community Development Block Grant was listed at
$\$ 500,000$. It iwould cover building a concession stand, restrooms with handicap access, replacement of livestock pens and modifications of livestock barns, and would cover the show ring.

Commissioners would like another $\$ 250,000$ to increase seating and make other Rural Events Center in Glencoe on U.S. 70.
But the biggest chunk, $\$ 6$ million, would be used to improve and resurface heavily

Traveled Gavilan Canyon Road. The project was suggested by a chance for the county to improve a main artery into Rui doso and Ruidoso Downs.

The last $\$ 50,000$ would be a match of money the county is putting up for recreation as part approved to return some they approved to return some tax The intent of the motion was for Ruidoso and the county each to receive more' than $\$ 65,000$. Ruidoso would hold onto the full amount, but the county would pledge $\$ 50,000$ to
vocational education. The county would use the rest of its amounts allotted to each of the other villages in the counties. The total then would be split four ways among Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona, amounting to about Because
Because the motion as written in official minutes does not accurately rellect the motion on be divided, commissioners agreed to move on a new motion at their February meeting.

Commissioners acknowl

## Village Council to look at development fees

Development impact fees of possibly as much as $\$ 4,100$ per home in Ruidoso will be discussed at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in a public meeting.
The committee appointed to study the fees has asked for a joint meeting with the Ruidoso Village Council. The meeting will
The fees are being considered as a way for the village to pay or infrastructure costs.

Under state law, the village may impose a fee on new devel$0 \%$ of its only at after creating an advisory board with at least industries. The Village Council created the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee on March 25, 1997.

Three committee members resigned in protest a few months later after reviewing consultants' proposals for impact fees. Ben Mason, one of the original members, said in November it's been slow going for the committee, which in October approved basis for developing an impact fee. Committee members have not been able to agree on whether December, the committee requested that village councilors

## Power company holds "appreciation week"

As part of its first-ever Customer Week, Texas-New Mexico Power Company will serve refershmpants, in, ther leplobytiof its office during business hours from Feb. 2-6.
"We appreciate all of our customers and the chance to provide electrical service to Ruidoso, so busy delivering that service we forget to take the time to tell our customers that they're appreciated," Dave Gottula, business unit
manager for the Ruidoso area, said. "Setting aside a week to remember to say thapks for your bugingse is a tart in the right direction.
The office is located at 100 Mechem Drive and office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Texas-New Mexico Power Company provides electric service to 85 cities and more than 220,000 customers in Texas and New Mexico


The following is a list of impact fees assessed in other munic COMPARATIVE IMPACT FES SURVEY
(per typical home in 1997
Albuquerque
Bernalillo Count
Rio Ra
Las Cruces
Phoenix, AZ
Scottsdale, AZ
Chandler, AZ
Boulder, $\mathbf{C O}$
Fort Collins, $\mathbf{C O}$
OOrdinances still under $\$ 5,663$.
** Bernalillo County fee to increase to more than $\$ 4,000$ in
Source: James Dundan \& Associatés

## MIIIIARY SERVICE

## Casy J. Ward

Casy J. Ward has been commissioned as a second Foutenant through the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program after receiving a bachelor's New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Ward is the son of Wayne D. and Marilyn E. Ward of Ruidoso.

He is a 1993 graduate of Ruidoso High School.

## Jason B. Weill

Air Force Airman Jason B Weill, the son of Mr. and Mrs Donald M. Johnson of Alto, has graduated from the utilities systems apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base Wichita Falls, 'Texas.

Students studied wate and waste treatment processe to operate and maintain treatment systems.

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edged that it is their responsibility to read drafts of minutes they should have caught the mistake earlier.
In another road related tem, Howell dropped some britte and cracked road surfacing material on the top of the commission table to illustrate his probsem sccepted in Renche county terra
"We need to look at subdivision regulations one more time," Howell said. "I proposed we not accept roads in the future until
out or that we approve a $\operatorname{lot}$ more private roads," Howell said. "As Commissioner (William) Schwettmann (engineer on Ranches) has said,
roads need traffic to keep them roads need tramic to keep them alve. A generate the kind of property tax revenue that a $\$ \mathbf{2 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ house would to help us offiset the cost of maintaining these roads."

Commissioners agreed to set aside some time during the next regular meeting to travel with road department manager Albert Hernandez to some of the trouble spots.

## DEATHS FUNERALS

Gerald Dean Sr.
A funeral service for Gerald Dean Sr., 81, of Capitan was held on Monday Jan. 26, at the Capitan Church of Vice at the Lovington Cemetery. Mr. Leslie Earwood officiA visitation was held on Sunday . Mr. Dean died Thursday in $\underset{\text { Roswell. }}{\substack{\text { He }}}$

He was born June 20 , 1916, his family moved to Lov, ington when, he was six-months-old.
In Lovington he was involved with farming, ranching and the hardware busiIn 1959 he moved to Capitan and until his retirement he operated Dean Hardware. Capitan for two terms and was a longtime village trustee.

He also was a past board Fair and served on the RuiFair and served on the Rui-
doso Hospital Board for 18 years. He was a member of the Capitan Church of Christ. 2 He mangisd Maxy Wallace
$\mathrm{July} 28,1940$ in Capitan.
He is survived by his wife
He is survived by his wife, Mary of Capitan; a son, Gerald
Dean Jr., of Capitan; a daughDean Jr., of Capitan; a daugh Butte; a brother, Guy Dean of Tucson, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to the Portales Christian Children's Home.

Arrangements are by LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Birdie I. "Babe"
Bénjamin
Services for Birdie I. Babe" Benjamin, 77, will be Christ the Church of Jesua Christ of Latter-Day Saints in burial at the Mardalen burial at the Magdalen

Mrs. Benjamin died at the 26.

She was born on June 5 1920, in Kim, Colo.
A former resident of Los. Lunas, Magdalena, and Socorro, she had been living in Rui-: Downs since August.
Mrs) Benjamin is survived: by sons, Ray of Bosque Farms,: Bill of Buena Vista, and Lewis: Gardner P'eralta and Gathy: Dillard both of Ruidoso: Dillard, both Huidoso bother,- Paul Fewell of Eil Paso; sisters, Dolly Dawson of Magdalena, Helen Medwick of Colorado Springs; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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## OUR OPINION

## First the good news

Extraordinarily good things sometimes do happen. Witness the Denver Broncos; they finally won a football Witness the Denver Broncos; they finally won
uper Bowl last Sunday, on their fifth attempt. The bad news is everywhere. Witness last Friday's front page of this newspaper, with more legal troubles than seems reasonable.

But when good news happens (in Lincoln County if not in Green Bay) we do like to take note:

Item - An audit of the books for the Village of Ruidoso Downs by Ruidoso accountant Ronnie Hemphill revealed just three "findings" (or infractions) of accountadd $\$ 1$ monthly to sewer bills, which perhaps cost the village about $\$ 6,000$ in revenue but certainly didn't upset lage about $\$ 6,000$ in revenue but certainly didnt upset the village residents. Another was a typographical errors whigers tox account - but who ever minded finding odgers tax account - bank? The third involved a "statuunspent money in the bank? The third involved a statay tory violation" which pledged village revenue to pay broke the law." Or, as they say in the NBA, "no harm, no foul."
And isn't it nice to know that the village is getting its bookkeeping under control in plenty of time to handle all that extra gross receipts tax revenue coming in from WalMart this year?

Item - 11 gas stations in Ruidoso, 3 in Ruidoso Downs and 2 in Carrizozo are ahead of the game in bringing their fuel storage tanks in compliance with U. S. Environmental Protection Administration standards, and have received "Green Zia Environmental Excellence" awards from the state environment department. The total complying stations in the county represent a consid ${ }_{n}$ erably greater percentage than state-wide compliance, now only 1,851 of nearly 5,000 tanks.

But all must comply with rules against leaking and spillage by this Dec. 22, an expensive procedure requiring ither new or upgraded tanks...or close down.

Good show, gas distributors of Lincoln County
Item - Despite mounting problems in the White House for President Clinton and his, uh...friends, positive things were happening. In Cuba (where little positive has happened in 40 years), Pope John Paul II flailed both human rights violations and "out of control capitalism" in his parting remarks to $\mathbf{2 5 0 , 0 0 0}$ Cubans assembled in Havana, and it appeared that some seeds had been planted to bring that island back into the family of nations.
Oh...and we've already said the Broncos finally won a Super Bowl, haven't we?
With all that good news, what's the big deal about a little crime and punishment on the front page?

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## THE DREAMER

## Honoring a lifetime together

Rev A surprise party for the Rev. Wayne Joyce and his wife gregation of the Ruidoso Baptist Church after the 10:45 a.m. service at the church on Jan. 25.
to capaciting hall was filled to capacity by well-wishers of
all ages. The youngest present was Miss Bailey Farus, age 16 months, accompanied by her brother, Chance, age 3 years. At the church service before dinner,Vickie Widner sang a poem she had composed song of the Beverly Hillbillies. Curtis McTeigue sang "Rock of Ages," and Ron and
Sharon Smith sang "One Day at a Time."

All present shared à giant anniversary cake.
Wayne and Louise
Wayne Joyce and Louise


Marie Kirby were married Jan. 26, 1948, in Pandlett, Okla. 927 in Longworth March 2, 1927, in Longworth, Texas, and young child. Here he attended local schools, including Capitan High School, where he met his wife-to-be.
Later he served in the United States Navy during World War II.
In 1957 .
In 1957 he was graduated from Bible Baptist Seminary with a degree of Bachelor of
Divinity, as salutatorian of his
class.
pastor of a church in he was ant, Texas.
On Feb. 1, 1959, Wayne and Louise established the Ruidosb Baptist Church. burnett, Texas, on in Burkburnett, Texas, on April 10, schools attended Ruidoso schools, including one year at
Stetson, one year at Hondo High school and three years at Capitan High School, graduat ing in 1944 as valedictorian. Wayne Joyce to Capitan High on Coke Hedgecoke's school bus. She studied art with Art Instruction, Inc., of Minneapolis. She paints in oil, specializing in landscape and flowers.
ouise all congratulations on Louise all congratulations on

God's blessings.
A sunny January
This is being sent to you in early afternoon of Jan. 26,

This is another of a long This is another of a long
parade of sunny days, follow-
pg thing December.

This is surely one of the sunniest Januarys in a long time here in the mountain land. Out at the gate it is 58 degrees with a brisk breeze out north.
Although it it flows over the snow-clad mountains of northern New Mexico and Col-
orado it is no match for the orado it is no match for the
balmy spring-like air all through this sunny vale.

Remember, all of you, to be thankful to our Lord for all our blessings.

## GUEST COMMENTARY

## First the gray wolves, and next the grizzly bears

by Norm Plank

| BY. M. FARM PLANK LNESTOCK BUREAU |
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When former Idaho Gov. Don Samuelson drove out to
the Selkirk National Forest the Selkirk National Forest they ran into a roadblock. Literally. Governor and Mrs. Samuelson found that, despite many public pronouncements to the contrary, the feds had locked the gates at that partic-
ular road that led into the popular road that led into the pop-
ular forest. In fact, they had ular forest. In fact, they had countryside," according to the governor. The road closures were there because of another promise the federales broke which was not to dump grizzly bears in the Selkirk. Samuel versing that particular road for more than 20 years and now it's closed to the very public that supposedly owns it

One reason for trampling on the rights of the good citi zens of Idaho is to allow a ounch of government-paid biolprotect their high-paying feder al jobs. It's also no secret these same federal agencies are in cahoots with radical groups who are hell-bent on destroy ing the aforementioned rights, our agricultural system and a lifestyle rooted in family val ues.

A quick avenue to this purgatory is accomptished by
water and other resources
needed to keep this country needed to keep this country
strong. And that includes the strong. And that includes the
use of violence, which we see increasing daily.
What this points out, with great clarity, is that the environmentalists' grand plan to dump a bunch of major predators onto our lands, has a lot more to do with locking up the toned pronouncements of pretoned pronouncements of preserving species. Now theyre grizzly bear idea in the state of New Mexico.

New Mexicans had better wake up.
The U.S. Fish and Wildife Service, the greens' own per-
sonal purveyor of wolves and grizzlies, must see another "full employment program" here as they've had with the illadvised wolf project...
Someone speaking for the Southwest Center for Biologi-
cal Diversity (meaning a far cal Diversity (meaning a far eft-wing political group bent and family values) was quoted in the Albuquerque Journal as saying grizzly dumping "is saying to make this area a world-class destination to visit."

Right. If you live through it. The point is, these interloping "envirocrats" have no family, cultural or financial stakes out in Tucson and San Francisco making pronouncements
about the future of our state and a large part
Another quote from the Southwest Center for Whatever: "Ranchers have run the Southwest with a cruel hand for 100 years." I can pretty nuch assure you it's not ranchers mailing pipe bombs to pro-AK-47s and burning down uildings across the West.
So when you hear these far left-wing fringe groups advocating dumping wolves and grizzlies, take a look at their The Journal article also quotes Dave. Foreman, who now fronts something called the Wildland Project in Albuquerque. This is the same Dave Foreman who pleaded guilty in federal court
to conspiracy in a case involving cutting through a support According to Barry Clausen of North American Research, a domestic terrorism investigator, the case also involved a plan...to cut power lines to nuclear power plants in Arizona, California and Col orado.... Foreman was given a He now serves on the board of the "moderate" Sierra Club... These are the folks that are bringing us wolves and grizzly bears.
Wak Wake up New

The author is executive vice-president of the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, with offices in Las Cruces.

## LETTERS POLICY

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## Murderer: "It was a matter of determining how responsible for the death he was ... what he deserved"

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manslaughter, because Stanchased told relatives he was and beaten by someone. what theyll be doing, but you never know", Damon said of the jury process. the end of the trial, juror Peger Wash said Johnison's testimony was given a great deal of weight by the jury. for "us," she said. "We decision for us," she said. "We really weighed it. We gave a lot of Ruth Johnson's testimony because that (covered) things that he ssid."
Johnson testified that her brother called her the day after the murder, saying he had momeone. He claimed to be having flashbacks, seeing himself "sticking" people. Stanton didn't take the stand during his trial.

Jennings was stabbed in the back left shoulder and back proved fatal, because the knife severed a major vein and he bled to death within $10 \mathrm{~min}-$ utes to an hour, according to expert testimony. He apparently died alone on the shoulder of


District Actorney Scot Key talks to a tourt official during a break in the Samuel Stanton murder trial, Behind Key is stane inves. tigator Leandro Vega.

## An Old Friend Would Like to Introduce a New Name.

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The Presbyterian Heart Group. We'll be bere.

Whir memories.

While waiting for the jury to arrive at the courtroom in to anno that was used Tuesday ton told Sulliven verdict, Stan missed being able to smow ho about the money he made a an iron worker - money he said he blew on drugs.

When a relative told him to stop talking, Stanton looked a her and said, "This man is my friend. I don't care what these
ple think anymore.
On Friday, the third day the trial that started Jan. 20 testimony centered around Mike Uller, a friend of the vic tim and the person targeted by the defense for possibl involvem. He
He told jurors he followed about the time the bar closed Friday. Nov. 1, 1996, hoping to pick a fight with the stranger Stanton) who had bought beer for him earlier.
d morning, deputies and chaps and that blood late was identified as Jennings.

Uller said he didn't know how he got blood on the right anee and bottom of his chaps and on his boots. He said the chaps had been left inside a day afternoon. The trailer was parked behind the bar

The prosecution suggested the blood may have come from a fight between the two men a week earlier, a fight witnessed by a bartender. Or been splattered with blood as he and Yost walked down the middle of the highway in search of Stanton, the state suggested. Jennings left pools of blood along the highway as he walked east along the route from the apparent point at which he was
stabbed to the site where his body was found west of the bar about 6:55 a.m. the next morn-
ing. Ib add to Uller's credibility, Key introduced expert witness Eric Lucero, who testified about administering a lie

Uller scored high on the truth ful side and in his opinion, did not witness the stabbing. that But Damon pointed out heavily the night of drinking, death and recent of suffered a brain injury from an accident Those two factors may have influenced the outcome of the test, altering Uller's memory or perception, Damon said. He introduced his own polygraph expert, Tim Miller, who ques-
tioned whether the phrasing of the three questions concerning whether Uller witnessed the stabbing were too narrow and did not fully explore his possi ble involvement.
Damon Damon also
introduced a blood
way as the bar was closing, but neme and someone call his went to the Yost trailer, roused his friend and both men returned to the highway. Yost carried an ax handle. They highway but eventually gave highway, but eventualy gave ton. They returned to the trailer, where three other people already were asleep, and went to bed, Uller said.
walked thrill don't believe, 1 walked through (Jennings') Uller said. He knelt next to the bady the next morning, but introduced a blood also $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { wasn't wearing his } \\ & \text { chaps, Uler testi- }\end{aligned}$ splatter expert, "I don't care Larry Renner, who what these on the blood smear people thin on the right knee of anymore" the chaps was consistent with someone kneeling. Could

Samuel Don Stanton Uller have knelt

Convicted murderer beside the body of his the murder; Damon asked, trying to establish with jurors that either more people may have been involved in the death or that it may have occurred in a different ma

On the stand for 2 1/2 hours Friday, Uller acknowl edged that his circle of frierids had been drinking heavily that day. Although Jennings and Stanton had a brief argumen it was not a fight and of pool, men were separated by Uller and another regular at the bar The only injury was an accidental blow that landed on ler's face, he said.
Key questioned why he would want to beat up a man who had bought him a drink and with whom he had not
argued personally. "Does that

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\text { "Does that } \text { se?" Key, asked. }
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"If you're drunk, it might," Uher responded:" ${ }^{4}$ I didn't like hima:...There was just a look bout him in his eyes,"

Uler testified he couldn't see Stanton in the dark while
walking west down the high-
 attacked the quality of the
investigation surrounding Jennings death, introducing criminal scene investigation expert Maurice Moya, who pointed ont errors and missed opportu-

Although Sheriff's Deputy Larry Cearley photographed ters and droplets, he didn't flag them with identifying markers to be able to pinpoint their locations later, Moya said Moya also criticized the depart ment for not closing off the people away from the blood evidence and the body

Damon pointed out that Jennings hands had been bruised, possibly from a fist fight, and they were not sealed in bags to protect possible biological evidence from

But through questioning Key brought out that Moya was used to working with the Albuquerque Police Depart ment, which has 700 officers, 115 detectives and the latest type of crime investigation equipment. The sheriff


## Carrizozo's own caboose arrives after a long trip

- Originating as a railroad toun of it through a Forest Service near the turn of the last century, grant through the auspices of Carrizozo until last week had no symbol of that heritage.
by Suzanne Donazett for the Newsletter

Sue Stearns had the idea some years ago, and it finally bore fruit last Thursday when a train caboose was moved from the Union Pacific siding pared site next to the fire station on the north edge of town.

With that effort, Carrizozo, which originated as a railroad town after the tracks came through in 1899, finally had a its founding.

The big gray caboose with red trim has the name "Burlington" on the side, and was delivered by the Union Pacific from its last location in Ond at least as many detours. The caboose will become a sitor center and also house the Chamber of Commerce offices, and perhaps a small museum, Stearns said. The caboose and site were obtained at a cost of about $\$ 15,000$, most the Carrizozo Action Team (CAT) and the South Central
Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Coun tion
cil.
Stearns said the caboose cost $\$ 5,000$ and another $\$ 3,100$ was spent to transport it to the land for the caboose, the rail road prepared it; and Gary ovelace laid down a piece of track and built an authentic base she said

Alliance Riggers brought two huge cranes from El Paso move the caboose from a rail siding to its new location.
Stearns said the caboose actually had been one of five a restaurateur in Oregon had bought; when he got out of the
restaurant businesses, the cabooses became available. Now Carrizozo has one them, carpeted and complete with cupola, and CAT members will develop plans for refurbishing the caboose at its Feb. 23 meeting.
pening still is and grand opening still is to come,
delighted Sue Stearns said.

## Stout makes a magazine cover

I made the Cover," Gary Stout shouted as he displayed the Feb. 1998 issue of Wing World, a motorcycle magazine for the $160,000-m e m b e r$ Gold Wing Road Riders Association was featured in an article, so the thrill was real when he made the cover, which includ

## CHURCH MOUSE

by Phyurus Schlegel
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VEwSLITTER STAFF
New pastors sought
The Mountain Ministry Parish search and nominating committee is at work to replace he Rev. Don and Marjorie Daniels, former pastors.
gned effec ive Dec. 312 to accept a three year call to teach in a Pakistan

The Mountain Ministry Parish is comprised of three Presbyterian churches in Lin coln C'ounty. at Nogal. Ancho

Episcopalians meet
The Episcopal Church of incoln County met for an annual meeting on Jan. 18 at the Church of the Holy Mount, Ruidoso. Mary Lu Nickels of St. Matthias, carrizozo, was elected
ed the quote: "In this photo by
Adrienne Wuote: "In this photo by 1988 GL 1500/6 piloted and owned by Gary Stout...carves day." A one-year̀ resident of Carrizozo, Gary came fron'
Arizona, where he was Arizona, where he was involved with the with cycles.
to the Vestry, replacing Rene to the Vestry, replacing Rene
Burton who has served for many years in that position. Cynthia Worthington is scheduled to be in Carrizozo at St. Matthias each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and welcomes anyone who might wish to visit with her. She serves as Hospice for the Lincoln County Hospice
State Baptists convene
The Rev. Hayden Smith, First Baptist Church pastor, his wife Cheryl and son Johnathan. attended the annual Baptist Convention of New Mexico Jan. 19-21 in Albuquerque. About Speakers included a pastor Speakers included a pastor zation, the pastor of a 14,000 member church in Dallas and the offensive coordinator for the University of New Mexico Lobo football team.


Two of the writers participating in the recent book-signing and round table discussion about local people who write aby
Aguayo of Ruidoso, left, and Barbara Jeanne Branuin of La Luz. The meeting was at the Carrizozo Recreation Center.

## Carrizozo gathering attracts history buffs from two counties

## Local history writers talk about their books

"Local Folks Writing Local History" took center-stage in Carrizozo recently, as the Car sored a book-signing and round table discussion.

A large crowd turned out at the Carrizozo Recreation Cen ter for the Jan. 10 event, a society member said.

Barbara Jeanne Branum of La Luz spoke on the recently published book "Corralled in he co-authored with Roberta Haldane; it's the story of the Branum family of Coyote Canyon and I-X Ranch.
The book which won the 1995 Heritage Awards compeor Southeast New Mexico in Roswell, is the result of many

The Baptist Convention of New Mexico is supported by and assists 283 churches, 57 mis sions and 31 preaching points in the state.

The First Baptist Church hosted the Mountain Valley Association on Jan. 12 for an vangelistic meeting and an 50 people attended form area 50 people
Methodists gather
Trinity United Methodist Women hosted the White Mountain Sub-District meeting Wednesday, Jan. 21. The meet ing included devotionals, program and business sessions. A uncheon of homemade soups those attending from Alamogor do, Tularosa and Carrizozo. Old man winter prevented Ruidoso and Cloudcroft members from attending
years of tape-recorded interviews with Clint Branum. Janice Gnatkowski of ography, "Three Squares," about her life in rural Chaves and Lincoln counties, and the book she is currently writing with Sara Jackson, owner of Museum in Ancho. Old Things

The book due
The book due to be pub-
hed in February, is a 400 page history of homesteading families in the neighboring counties.

George Sanchez of El Paso was unable to attend the Carri-
zozo meeting, but his sister zozo meeting, but his sister about his extensive work in tracing their family's genealogy , which goes back in New
WIN $\$ \$ \$$ WIN $\$ \$ \$$ WIN $\$ \$ \$$ WIN $\$ \$ \$$ WIN $\$ \$ \$$ WIN $\$ \$ \$$ WIN $\$ \$ \$$ RUIDOSO DOWNS RACING

Mexico history to the days of the Spanish conquistadores
His work has resulted in His work has resulted in three books, "The Miguel County, New Mexico," The Sanchez/Padilla family of Lincoln County, New Mexico," and New Mexico Abuelos, 'Sanchez donated copies of the books to the society for the books to

Lorraine Brimberry de Aguayo of Ruidoso talked about her planned work on her family's history, that of the Aguayos of Lincoln and Nogal, and of the difficulties in tracing family history.
Louise Coe Runnels of Alamogordo spoke about her

Louise Coe Runnels Alias Boni to Lou," the story of her life on pable Creek and the ibonito Research, Inc.

Johnson Stearns of Carrizozo, whose book "Carrizozo Story' recently sold out of its second printing, was present
with his book "Small Town with his book "Small Town the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.

He talked about the founding of Carrizozo and early days in the community.

After the meeting the audience lingered to look over the books on sale and to talk with The" Carri The Carrizozo Historical Society is a chapter of the Lin | coln County Historical Society |
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## PREP BASKETBALL <br> Warriors manhandle Santa Teresa

## by Steve Bennett

 KUDOSO NEWS SPORTS CORRESTONDENTOn Monday, Ruidoso High School boys basketball coach Gary Grahn was all smiles, and why not?
saturday, his Warriors nent Santa Teresa to the tune of $57-45$ at the Ruidoso High School gym. The win gives the Warriors a 1-0 slate in district play and a $9-7$ overall record.
Ruidoso played a good deal better than a week amo when the Desert Warriors handled the Warriors by an eight-point margin at the High Country Shootout.

We hadn't been getting
back on defens and ther wing 18 , layups on us. But this time we made them set was able to keep the Desert Warriors in the up. Ithought we played the best defense we played all year," Grahn said.

Grann was particularly pleased with his sixfoot, five-inch post player Aaron Gillespie, who led the Warriors in scoring with 14 points. "Aaron played strong offensively and defensively against Santa Teresa. Hell be a key to our twe teams
The two teams played evenly during the trating the other's baseline. But during the se ond quarter the Warriors began to assert themselves. Warrior forward Garvin Grant and Gillespie gained command of the offensive and defensive backboards, piercing the Desert Warrior built a solid 31-14 lead.

The second half found the Warriors still in control of the boands although Santa Teresa's

## Mountaintops tumble their way to sixth-place finish at state gym meet

- Six girls return from the state championship Saturdry with one of the best showings in the local
club's history, a coordinator said. EY TONIK. Laxson RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTTER

Amy Eggleston isn't just proud that individual members of her gymnastic team won first place in events at the state championship Saturday 'TI think it's.
think it's the first time the top 10," Eggleston said Monday from the Ruidoso ymnastics facility in Ruidoso Downs. "As a whole team, it's the strongest they've
. Called the Ruidoso Moun taintop Level 5 team, the Ruidoso club had two members compete in the division I ses sion, and four in the division II Tsion, Eggleston said.
To qualify for division I the top 50 qualifiers at a sec the top 50 qualifiers at a sec-
tional meet held in mid-

December in Silver City, she said. Division II competitors had to place within the next 50 qualifiers.
It isn't easy to do. The Ruidoso club alone had 110 partic-
ipants, and it's not one of the larger clubs in the state, Eggleston said
In the top division of the state championship, called the Gold Cup Gymnastics, 12-yearold Jennifer Lewicki took first a score of 9.3 . Lewicki led the Ruidoso team by placing fourth in the state for her cumulative scores on the balance beam, floor exercises, parallel bars and vault.
Right
teammate Jeanett her was who took sixth place for her all around performance, Eggle ston said.
In division II, Bethany Barnett tied for second place,
Cecily Howell won fourth Cecily Howell won fourth fifth and Ashley Brillante received sixth place.

As a team, the Mountain

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tops came back with sixth place, Eggleston said. She's proud of her group, especially because it was the
first time for five of the six team members to attend a state championship.
"But you would never know it," she said. "We compete against clubs that have 20 gymnasts on their team, but we do just what's best for us.

It will be interesting to see year; these are a very determined, group, always wanting more," Eggleston said. "The first thing they asked me after the state meet was, What are we going to do at practice on

Monday, Feb. 2 - Tuesday, Feb. 3 - Wednesday, Feb. 4 At my studio at 413 Mechem Dr. in Ruidoso At my studio at 413 Mechem Dr. in Ruid
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 going into the championship going ine Cobras appeared to be an overwhelming favorite to beat the Players, who finished the regular season 5-9. Unfortunately, no one informed the Players of their underdog staWhite Dove in the third-place game, 66-65, to earn a shot at game, Cobras in the championship game.
The younger Players outhustled and outshot their older adversaries for a $31-30$ half-
time lead. But in the second time lead. But in the second slowly overtook the Players, and then built a comfortable lead, coasting to the win. Five Cobras scored in dou-
ble figures for the victory.



## Cobras' venom strikes again

The Cobras took home the big trophy Thursday night after handing the Players a 7559 defeat in the championship game of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Men's Adult Basketbaitheague tournament.
With a 14-1 league record


The ctampion Cobras (from left): front row - Dwayne Rogers, Demis Davis. Sigurd Schmitz and Cody Pattersoni, back row - Kenny Espinosa, Chris Rodela.

Cobra Ken Weaver's 19 points, Players were Euwell Fossum including four three-pointers, with 14 and Gabe Auguilar led all scorers. Others in dou- with a dozen. Sigurd Schmitz with 14, Cody offensive player was Raul Patterson with 11 and brothers Davis. Tino Gallegos was recMartin and Kenny Espinosa ognized as best defensive play-
with 10 apiece. Pacing the er. er.


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## State Senate gears up for session half-way point

State Sen. Pete Campos, who represents Lincoln County, said Tuesday that the Legis-half-way point of the session that begins next week.

We're really moving into the busy portion of the session," Campos said.

The senator said legislators are "working hard" on bills for capital that will eventually be County commissioners, at their last regular meeting, discussed funding that they will request from the state for funding.
Campos said he will have better information on Lincoln ing weeks.

Late last week, on Friday, the senate heard a status report on the construction and
future operations of prisons in Guadalupe County and Lea County. The Legislature will the two prisons rather than lease space in them.
"I would prefer the state own the prisons becaus we it would give us more control over how they are operated," Campos said. "Plus money that would otherwise go towards paying off the debt could be applied to prisoner rehabilitastate needs, or invested at a rate of return which will give us additional financial leverage to meet rainy day needs." At an all-day meeting on Affairs Committee and the Sfairs Committee and the extensively reviewed the pro posed New Mexico Works Act
a bipartisan proposal to reform New Mexico's welfare laws The legislation is expected to be voted upon by these two this week.
"Welfare recipients who are able to work will be required to work to get benefits," Campos said. "The legislation also helps keep families together by allowing recipients more flexifriends and still be eligible for some benefits and assistance. Job training, education, counseling and search assistance will be provided .:"

Campos said another major activity" involves conappointmerits to various positions.
This

This legislative session is scheduled to adjourn Feb. 19.

## RUIDOSO POLICE

McGary statue stolen A bronze bust is missing doso police said.

Billy L. Lucas, managing director at the noted sculptor's studio, told police the statue of an Indian in a pronghorn headaress did not show up during The statue was last noticed the studio, located at 2002 Sudderth on Jan 6 Lucas told police. Its cost is estimated poite. Its cost is estimated
between $\$ 2,500$ and $\$ 20,000$, police said.

## Money bag missing

A deposit bag containing about $\$ 800$ in currency and hecks disappeared last week Mechem, Ruidoso police said. Manuel Martinez, owner of the restaurant, told police he had placed the deposit bag on a rack near the cash register on Jan. 19. When an employee
the bag was not among the other deposit bags, according to police reports.

Condo lived in
The Virginia owners of a Ruidoso condominium recently alerted their property manager unusually high electric bill, Ruiidoso police said.

The manager of the Tierra del Sol Condos, Joel J. Rutten told police last week he found the back door of the condo open missing from the condominium.

Emberalement charge
A 20-year-old Texas man was charged last week with embezzlement regarding a ca Motors, Ruidoso police said. Jose 'Ramon Gomez, of Lubbock, reportedly sold a 1980 Chevrolet truck that he had been given the use of, police said. Gomez is the son of

Joe Gomez, a Ruidoso village
councitor and sales manager at Sierra Blanca Motors.

Apartment burglarized Someone entered an apart ment in the 100 block of High VCreet last week and took a children's videotapes, Ruidoso police said.
The burglar apparently entered the apartment through a broken window, police said.

Kugerand stolen
A gold Kugerand was taken sometime between November and January from a home in the 100 block of Dan Swearingin, Ruidoso police said.

The Kugerand was on a gold chain. The owner reported the theft after her 18-year-old hon held several parties at the home while she was out of town, police said.


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Cowbelles ring in new year with new officers The weather has turned nice for awhile. Lots of people had to fight the snow then the
mud with even the tractors
and heavier equipment get-
 ting stuck
also. And the
weatherman hints at furhints at fur this weekend. The Corriente Cowbelles held their Christ-
mas party at mas party at Judy Arrowsmith. All
enjoyed all enjoyed all food that every
brought.
A Chinese gift exchang was held with the usual favorite making its rounds until it was out of circulation. Ann- Furguson of the Canyon cowbelles installed the officers for the coming resent their office. Very clever.

New officers are Inez Marrs, president; Ruth Shannon, vice president; Sherie Huddleston, secretary; Joanette Smoot, historian Accolades were given Ruth Shannon, who was the out-going state president of the New Mexico Cowbelles.
Arrowsmith was named the Outstanding Cowbelle of the Year for the Corriente of those who always is there when someone or something needs to be done in spite of her buisy schedule. Congratulations Judy.

The David Vigils were also among those who had mas. Jon Amastae, El Paso and his friend Mike Reed of Santa Fe were in Lincoln recently.

## L.C.M.C. BIRTHS

Dec. 23, 1997 - A daugh ter, Gracey Copeland Webb, to Rodney and Fran Webb, 8 lbs 11 ozs, 20 inches long

Dec. 26 - $\mathbf{A}$ daughter Mackey Emil Muller, to Willie and Jena Muller, 4 lbs. 11.8 ozes., 16-3/4 inches long.
Dec. $29-A$ daughter, Denise Vanessa CatanoDominguez, to Monserrat Catano, 7 lbs. 7.2 oz., 20-1/4 inches long.

Jan. 5, 1998 - A son, Addison Robert Loda, to Rheagan inches long.

## Taking it from the top in Nogal

## Volunteers and a first-time screen-play writer hope film effort "Rockets" to success <br> rockin' country and western

- Nogal man puts together volunteer cast and crew for filmmaking effort.
by Tonj K. Laxson
While the rest of the nation watched the Super Bowl a handful of people in a
small Nogal studio took a first step toward celluloid dreams. step toward celluloid dreams. small town in New Mexico, present time
Pavid Briged against a table, David Briggs on Sunday night set up the background for his read-through by about a dozen people.
around Bin a half circle around Briggs, the eclectic group - a few of whom know each other, the rest strangers They want to be in the movies "I'm a good man called Snake," teased Bob "Bear" Tiews, a graphic artist and a character in the movie."No I'm the evil guy. I do the They

They come from a range of professions, including a couple of construction workers, and an attorney. Together with Briggs and a film crew yet to be formed, the actors will donate weekends. and evenings for the next few Hollywood effort no stor about a young girl pursuing love, her parents' murderer and a record deal for her hard

band.
the people who want to lo learn how to act, learn how to operate a camera," Briggs said. here" Briggs, a Florida transin video production will direct as well as handle most of the initial production costs, though he hopes to land an 20 percent interest in the film for $\$ 20,000$, Briggs said.

He could try to enter the movie-making business the conventional way - by marketing his script. But right now it's far easier to sell a finvideo market, which is very hot, Briggs said.

My long range goal is to have a movie production company here in Nogal. A low-budget production company," he said.

The first meeting of both the crew and cast is scheduled
at 3 p.m. Feb. 15 at Brigg Nogal art gallery, called Little Feather, which he owns with his wife Beth.
His production schedule is to re-work the script some, rehearse through February
and start filming in March and start filming in March,
though the majority of filming though the majority of fiming
will be in August, when the Nogal scenery is at its most Nottractive, Briggs said.

His screenplay, called "The Rockets," is his first. While he's been kicking around the
story line in his head for somestory line, Briggs only started to put it down on paper about three months ago. At the time, he had been hired to portray a pony express rider in the film, "The Outfitters," a picture that fini
the "I got a little fired up,
watching the "Outfitters," Briggs said.
He hasn't produced a movie since his college days

## SCHOOL MENUS

Nob Hill \& Slerra Vista
Monday, Feb. 2 - Breakfast: cereal milk, juice. Lunch: pizza, tossed salad mik, juice. Lunch: pizza,
fruit, Ruee Krispy treat, mik.
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corn, mashed, potatoes, fruit, milk. corn, mashed, potatoes, fruit, milk. cereal, Friday, Feb. 6 - Breatfast: cereal,
milk, fruit, Lunch: Warrior burger, oven
fries, hamburger trimmings fruit, milk. fries, hamburger trimmings, fruit, milk. White Moumtain
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bread or beef tacos, cossed salad, fruit. milk. Friday, Feb. 6 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: Warrior burger, oven
fries, hamburger trimmings, fruit, milk. Middile 8 High Schoof
milk, Moice. Lunch: Middle school - Errilled milk, juice. Lunch: Middle school-grilled salad, fruit. High school - turkey pot pie
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milk, fruid. Lunch: lasagma, tossed salad, milk, fruit. Lunch: lasagna, tossed salad. corn, Warlic bread, cherry cobbler. Wedresday, Feb. 4-Breast: baked French toast sticks, Esyrup, milk,
fruit. Lanch: chicken nuggets, mashed fruit. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed
potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit. Thursday Feb. 5 - Breakfast: donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: Middle school -
baked ham, potatoes, salad, fruit. High baked hami potatoes, salad, fruit. High
school - barbecue cicken on a bun, potato salad, tossed salad, fruit.
Friday, Feb, $\mathbf{6}$ - Breakfast: cereal,
milk, frutt. Lunch: Middle school- - cheses
 enchiladas, spicy pinto beans, tossed
salad, fruit. High school
stebef stir-fry,

## Haydon-Wescot

Amy Elizabeth Haydon daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Handy Haydon, of Plano, Wexas, will marry Craig Wescott, son of Dee and Lee ny in Waco, Texas.

Wescott, formerly of Banson, Mo. where he graduated from Branson High School, has
been a student at Baylor Uni-
versity in. Waco for four years and is pursuing a master's degree. His parents, also Rom Branson, now reside in RuiPlano Senior High School and also is currently attending Baylor University. The ceremony at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Clifton House, which also is in Waco.

## WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Haydon-Wescott


Jan. 6 - A son, Dylan ugene Frizzell, to Rebecca 1. Walters, 7 lbs. 1.4 oz ., 20-1 Jan. 8 - A son, Crucifixcio eremiah Juan Shendo, 11.0 ozs., 20-3/4 inches long.

Jan. 8 - A son, Samuel Tate Rabon, to Tim and Debbie Rabon, 8 lbs. 12 oz., 21 inches long
Jan. 11 - A daughter Aubrey Beth Montoya, Rylee inches long.

David Briggs holds a copy of his screenplay Sunday night during an initial read through by his cast of volunteers. Briggs, whio is looking for investors, intends to direct a movte in Nogal about a beautiful young woman, karate fighting, country and western mustc, a stranded talent agent and an unsolved double murder.
instead working at a varied Briggs appears optimistic pens to be his 22-year-old list of occupations including about bringing the project to daughter, a model, actress and that of a schoolteacher, an fruition. He already has the a fourth-degree black belt in artist, a karate instructor, a cowboy, a horse rancher, and his current job as a massage therapist.

Despite the challenges,


Steve Bennett/Ruidoso News
nstructions from YolarErtc Gonnzales, 7. a secord-grader from Monterey Ele
da Lopez, who teaches at the Roswell School District.

## WHAT'S

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## Bandy Jones A

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- noon on Wednesday and Friday.
Resotwing Conifict with
Teemagers and Pre-teens
7 p.m., Jan. 28 at the Ruidoso
High School Commuity Room.
The tide for the second meeting
of this free parenting course led
by Dr. Birgit LaMothe is, "Joint
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## Cala Art Opening

10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Jan. 31 at the Museum of the Horse, Hwy. 70 East. Featured artist Ken Dixon. ments. Hondo Fiesta Dancers II menus. Hondo Fiesta Dancers II p.m., Gallery Tour' by Ken Dixon p.m., Gallery Tour by Ken Dixon
2 p.m. and music by Joe West 4 p.m.. 378-4142.

## Sign-aps For Ruidoso Little

6-8 p.m., Jan. 30 at the Ruidoso middie School Gym. All 10-14 year olds welcome. Please bring a copy of your Birth Certificate. I you are interested in coaching, please call Dale at 258-3748 Reminder-there will be no sign ups on the day of the draft.

## Febry ou Painting Workshop

February, 2, 3 and 4 at 413 Novice and old hands wetcome For more information on cost supply list, etc, call Sharon Ramey at 257-9278.

## suress Management Class

Mondays at 4 p.m. at the Coun-
seling Center 1707 Sudderth. This class is free and open to the
public. 6-10 p.m., Feb. 14 at the Cree
Meadows Country Club BallMeadows Country Club Ballroom. Live contemporary music, photographs and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets available from the Cree Diaconate Team or at the church office.

## spencer Theater

Spencer Theater will host its voldinner, Thursday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m at the Spencer Theater. RSVP, 336-0030.

## Eighth International Chamber

## Music Festiva

Jan. 11-25-El Paso plays host to 14 internationally acclaimed artists for two weeks of non-stop musical thrills and chills. Music lovers from across the nation will be listening on Natlonal Public Radio. Sponsored by Et Paso ProMusica, the concerts will be at First Baptist Church, 805 Moncana, in El Paso. Individual tickets Musica for aduits. Contact ProMaso Teras 79913 for more Paso, Texas,
information.

## Chamber of Commerce abist-

 Thess after Hours"Thursday, January 29th, the Chamber of Commerce will hold its "Business After Hours" at
Bentley's Brew Pub \& Paw 1133 Mechem Dr. 5:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m
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6:30 p.m., Jan. 26 - Softball league organization meeting at $6: 30$ p.
meeting at the Village Hall.

1:30 p.m., Jan. 29 - CIP Advisory Committee at the Village Hal

## Mondo Valley Public Schoois

Beginning February 17 th, the Hondo Valley Public Schools reg ular scheduled Worksessions will be held one hour prior to the reguiar scheduled Board Meetings. Worksessions - 6 p.m.,$~$
Board Meetings - 7 p.m. in the Board Meetings - 7 p.m. in the
school library.

## Dona Ana Dowsers Quarterly

## Meeting

12-5 p.m., Feb. 8 at the Social Center of the Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Cruces. The presentation will on "how to detox the noxTony Gehringer. The presentaton will be fofilowed by workshops on Learning to Dowse and Personal Dowsing. A donation of $\$ 5$ per person is requested to defray meeting costs. For information call Tony \& Jean Gehringer at 541-4565.

## MRP

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. Guest speaker, Joe Madrid, from Tobosa Developmental Corp. Public Library, Senior Center. 257-4335.
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## County

11:30 a.m., Jan. 27, at the Cafe Mescalero. The speaker will be board meeting prior at 10:30

## Yes-Drug Free Schools VIPS

 Meeting1 1:45 a.m. Jan. 28, 1998 at the Ruidoso Schools, Administration Building, 200 Horton Circle. Public invited! Call Paul Wirth at 257-405 I for more details.
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The Optimist Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Casa Blanca Restaurant, 501 Mechem Drive. New members always welcome. For more information call Ljinn Price at 257-4991. o Vera Wood at 258-9218.
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## A SCHOOL DAY in Santa Fe



Stierra Vista Pirlmary Principal Danny Flores and White Moumbe Baxter/fauldoss Nowz students Deshawna Morgan, left, and
recgcled materiads at the state capital.
Students; administrators and parents from Ruidoso Schools spent a day at the Roundhouse Monday, learning the ins and outs of state government
by Juin Baxter
UDOSO NEWS EDUCATION WRITER
Long before the sun lit the Ruidoso sky Monday, a group of grogey, sleepy-eyed stu-
dents, parents and school administrators were piling on bus.

Departurec 5:30 a.m. Des-ination-Santa Fe .
The group of 40 -plus was a day inside the inner-workings of state government. The trip, sponsored by the New Mexico Coalition of School Administrators, sent students from across the state to the capital for the second annual

As the Hou
As the House and Senate sessions, the galleries had a distinctly youthful look as students crammed in to see lawmakers in action.

Ruidoso Superintendent Mike Gladden said the trip had a two-fold purpose dents about state government, and to remind lawmakers of their youngest constituents. "It gives (students) an idea of the capital; what the legislative process is," he said. "They can visuaize been there and seen it", having been there and seen it." tary School fourth-grader Sashay Mills said she was looking forward to the trip.
"The Legislature is the one who makes the rules and defines what our state is," she said. wanted to learn more what (lesislators) do and how they do it."
Other students shared Mills' enthusiasm for the day in Santa Fe.

Myra Romero, Ruidoso High School senior and student council vice president said the trip is especially ben "A trip like this is good fo little kids," she said. "They get to see wh, she said. "They get boout state goes on. They hea hear about the Legislature, but hear about the Legislature, bu it's a good opportunity for kids to see what its all about."
Principals from around the district emphasized that same arning value.
Sierra Vista Primary Prin cipal Danny Flores said « it's neat just to see how the Legislature handles thinge You've got to do your home work and know what bills to keep up with. to follow what's tant that I think it's impor informed, whether you go into politics or not."

Frank Cannella, principal at White Mountain Elemen tary, said the trip is an excel lent way to introduce student to the business of politics. kids got a flavor for the political process," Cannella said That they learned we have a bicameral form of government."

If the reaction from stu dents is an indication, the trip what heighten awareness of Josh Valcarcel, a third grader at White Mountain Ele mentary, said he liked the chance to see elected officials doing what they were elected what he observed wasn't what he expected.
"I didn't think it would be anything like it was," he said. 1 just expected a small room


Ruidoso students Destrawna Morgan, teft, Myra Romero, middle, and Sashay Mills walk to the Roundhouse Monday. The trio of "buddies" was among a group 40-plus visting the capital.
with them sitting around discussing laws."

Kelly Johnson, a fourthgrader at White Mountain, had
the opposite response. He said watching legislators on the job was just what he expected And watching them do what they do convinced-him he may one day want to be a politician Although, Johnson did confess
his first choice is to be a police man.
Ruidoso Middle School Principal Sergio Castañon said getting early exposure to politics can help children grow into well-informed,
"If. we had a little more exposure than we did, I think we would have been more active, earlier," he said.
Mills, though young, also
showed her understanding of showed her understanding of the value of being informed. what's going with stuff around yoù," she said. "It's important to know how it's done. I feel everybody needs to know what goes on. You can't just read about it and know it. You've got come to life."

Ron Hodges, Ruidoso High School principal, said the trip may have also had the desired effect on state representatives and senators.
the lowest common denomings tor back to the Legislature and that's the kids," he said.

And though most students and principals, not to mention parents and teachers, admit ted the early morning take-of time was a bit too early, none
would have traded the day for a few more hours sleep.
a few more hours sleep. Vista second-grader Andrea Montes. "It was neat."
"A trip like this is good for little kids. They get to see what goes on. They hear about state government, they hear about the Legislature, bùt having been here and seen it ... it's a good opportunity for kids to see what its all about."

Julie Baxter/Mandoso News to rest while the House convernes Monday. The early morning departure time minute durting the action.


Sashay Mills, left, Danny Flores, middle, and Deshawna Morgan admire the view from the rotunda area at the state capital.

## Correction

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

## 3 from Ruidoso

earn honors at NMMI
Three New Mexico Mil tary Institute cadets from Ruidoso have been named to the school's superintendent's
Cadet John
Cadet john M. Lore, a George and Nancy Lore of Ruidoso, was named to the superintendents list during the first semester of the 1997 . 98 school year.
intendents list a cadet mupt earn a grade point average of
3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale, achieve an $A$ in deportment and meet all class load

Cadet James B. Haddad, a high school sophomore and
son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reveley of Ruidoso, and Cadet Rachel K. Beddoe, a high school junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cowan, also of Ruidoso, have been named to the Dean's List. To qualify for the dean's list a cadet must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point full class load for the entire

## Ruidoso student named

## college dean's list

Randall White of Ruidoso has been named to the dean's ersity for the fall semester.
To be considered for the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and earn a
grade point average of 3.5 or grade point average of 3.5 or
better for the semester. White earned a 4.0 gpa.

For the fall semester, 20
percent of the student body at Accounting; Erin Hodges, was named to the dean's list.

## 10 from Ruidoso area

 earn honors at NMSUTen students from the Ruidoso area have been named to the New Mexico State University dean's honor roll for fall 1997.

Students from Ruidoso and their majors are: Jill Bailey, Theater Arts; Kari Bar ty, Special Education; Michelle Chamberlain,

Accounting; Erin Hodges, English, and undeclared.
Calso on the list are: Donna Cannella, elementary education; Sherry Palko, psycholo-
gy, and Stacy Wall, hotel gy, and Stacy Wais, hotel, agement, all of Alto; and Phillip Herrera, accounting, from Ruidoso Downs.

To be named to the dean's honor roll, a student's grade point average must be ranked in the top 15 percent of the must also carry a minumul: 12 credit hours.

Due to a production error White Pountain Elementar ers were incorrectly identi led in the Jan. 21 edition.

The names of third-grade inners were mistakeny used to identify students in the fourth-grade picture, and ents mistakenly identified third-grade winners.

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Nagano


By BETTY DEBNAM
The Host Country of the Winter Olympics
All About Japan
The Winter Olympics will talre place Feb. 7-22 in Nagano (NA-gahno), Japan. This mountainous region in the middle of the islands is known as "the roof of Japan."

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