## County audit reveals 36 violations of purchasing policy

by Dianne Stalungs
rudoso news staff writer
Thirty-six violations of county purchasing policy and some violations of the state procurement code were discovered during a special audit of
Lincoln County's facilities fund ordered by the Lincoln County's f

The cited purch.
The cited purchases totaled $\$ 120,166$. Tuesday that 25 of the 36 purchase warrants deal with three vendors' contracts to provide services In one instance, equipment worth more than $\$ 20,000$ was purchased through a vendor with a contract only to provide maintenance, he said. 'That purchase should have been subject to
the procurement bid procedure," Hemphill said hased (four repeaters and a generator for radio communication) is being stored in a warehouse in Capitan."

Although the items were paid for in October and November and arrived last year, they never have been installed, he said.
"Three commissioners have taken a lot of heat for removing the county manager (last month)," said Commissioner Wilton Howell. "Tve heard was saying about me and other commissioners but I voted to hire him knowing how he felt about me. This report today shows why I voted to fire him. He did not follow the rules and regulations of
the county and directives of the commission."
Former county manager Frank Potter was removed in

Howell said he has not signed any of the checks issued by the county since last summe when he was denied access to financial informa tion he requested. Many times before that, he had sent checks back unsigned with a request for sup porting data, he said. All commissioners should lake the extra time to question purchases whe reviewing mont

The audit covers a period from July 1, 1997 to April 30, 1998, when he already had raised a red
ager not following procedures, he pointed out. When Howell procedures, he pointed out. purchasing agent to be responsible for tracking documentation, Commissioner William Schwettmann reminded the board he has advocated hiring a central purchasing agent for the county and several times questioned why checks had been issued before the commission took action on a purchase.
believe the position not only would pay for its salary by frugal and competitive buying, but also would provide an instrument for what we see one of the few counties of this size without a full

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Gov. Gary Johnson, igitt, recerved a guided tour of Camp Sierra Blanca Minimum Security Juvenile Facility Friday from Jose, center, one of the inmates and Roswell District Judge William "Chip" Johnson, chairman of the camp's board.

## Gov. Johnson takes tour of juvenile facility <br> by Dianne Stalings

The sky rumbled with dark gray clouds, but strong winds and scattered rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of inmates at Camp Sierra Blanca Friday as they celebrated the "gradua-
tion" of two of their peers from the tion" of two of their peers from the minimum security program.

They were cheered on by Gov,
ary Johnson, introduced by Roswell District Judge William P. "Chip" District, Judge William P. Chip munity board, who enumerated some of the obstacles the governor overcame and tests of will he endured.

Judge Johnson spoke of the goverhe had to let it coast down a hill, how he built his business into the largest construction contracting company in the state, bucked the odds by running for governor and winning and then participated in a triathalon involving a 26 mile run, a two mile swim and
100 mile bicycle ride.

Gov. Johnson told the 50 teenage boys at the ceremony - selected for the program because they are low had come up with a simple for mula for success in business-showing up on time, working hard and keeping your word.
If they
If they show up on time, theyll get a job, he said. If they show up on time dressed well, theyll keep the job forev
er. If they show up on time, dress wel and smile, theyll be given raises and if they show up on time, dress well smile and can add and subtract, theyll come managers, he said.
Before the graduation ceremony
two boys who completed the pro for two boys who completed the pro-
gram by meeting education attitude and performance goals set for them during their sentence at the camp Grov. Johnson was given an extensive tour by one young inmate named Jose. As the youthful inmate took

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## Downs mayor sues council over firing

by Toni K. Laxson RCIDASO NEWS GTAFF WRTER
A lawsuit filed Friday pits
mayor against council and brother mayor against o
Even so, Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst conducted an affable, Monday night

Missing from the meeting was any evidence of the conflict that prompted Hayhurst to file a lawsuit three days earlier against the council regarding the dismissal last week of an employee for the
time in an eight-day period.
'It's turned into a very unfortunate situation because the mayor follow the strongly that they did not Beauvais procedures," said Robert is representing Hayhurst in his capacity as may "And as a result of that the
young lady is not terminated.
"And, of course, the council and the mayor pro tem, who is his brother (Ray Hayhurst), feel like they did follow the procedure, and that she
is fired." The lawsuit, said Beauvais, basically asks for a judge's opinion of whether the councrl had the right Cathy Olshaskie based on the village's personnel policy. A hearing date for that decision has
for May 22, Béauvais said

The mayor, his brother, village rustees and Olshaskie all declined to make any comment regarding the lawsuit earlier this week. Several of the trustees, including Ray Hayhurst, said Monday they did not know anything about it

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## Pet ordinance proposal rescinded

by Toni K. Laxson RLIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTER

Proposed changes to Ruidoso's animal control law were sent back for more review by the Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday night.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the proposed changes should be discarded by the councl, including a requirement
that dog owners restrain their pets on their property by either a fence or a tether.
'The problem I have with this ordinance is that evers when you are playing with your dogs in the front yard you would be in violation," said Donaldson, who said the proposal should be ing in which dogs are allowed to roam without restraint on their owners' property.

A possible change to the ordinance would be in the ordinances definitions regarding vicious animals and whether an animal is regarded as a nuisance, Donaldson said. Another change could be better enforcement against dog ownstray from their property, he told the council.
needed to make the ordinance work rather than make more ordinances," he

The public hearing the ordinance 30 mas continued by the council to a June 30 meeting. After that hearing, the
council may vote on the ordinance. Ruidoso Police Chief Lann Maddox, questioned by Donaldson, told the council enforcement of the current ordinance has been difficult.

The enforcement has been a problem because she (Peggy Williams, the village's animal control officer!) has to be a witness to the situation," Maddox not, I can't say at this point

Maddox said anyone could file a complaint regarding a violation of the village's animal control law. However the complaint then is often based on one person's word against another's, he said.

Residents had contacted Donaldson with concerns about the previously pro posed amendment to the village's ani
mal control law, he said They felt mal control law, he said. They felt the the actions of irresponsible pet owners he said. There was also some public
confusion about what the proposed law mandated, Donaldson said. The law did not apply to cats, nor did it require pick up owners to use restraints on dogs rid ing in the back of the trucks, he said.

Two residents objected to discarding the proposed animal ordinance an "I find this totally unworkable because it puts the burden on the victim," said Rose Dingman. "If you can tim, said Rose Dingman. 'If you can ter than having them declared vicious or dangerous.

He is not "anti-dogs," and, in fact, likes dogs, Dingman told the council. 'But I don't like other people's dogs on my property ... I am opposed to dogs running loose in the village and there is

One resident told the council he felt penalized by the proposed ordinance, adding that he wouldn't be able to play frisbee with his dogs without being in violation. Jane England, a board member of the Humane Society of Lincoln County, said the society board members are in favor of the ordinance having bet are in danger themselves because of traffic, she said.

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Class AAA Boys Golf Crown; team finishes fourth

## WEATHER

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## Ruidoso's Three-Day Weather OUTLOOK



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## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln ing the people of Tres Rios on County's past, compiled from the 1900 census question this local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez

White Oaks' Eagle
May 14, 1900
The White Oaks Cornet Band, organized a month ago nization has a membership of 14 and practice is kept up three times a wee
S.M. Parker is interview

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## Proposed village budget calls for utility rate hikes

Y Ton K Laxson
Fuidoeds 1898.99 proposed budget of $\$ 22$ million appears to be about $\$ 1$ million more than than the 1997-98 budget-however, money is now available for
capital expenditures and an capital expenditures and an said.
Because the village's groses were better than expected, and because less money is tied up in bond projects, the village has
more funds for employees and more funds for employees and said. Though
ncreases are proposed in the budget, a hilke to water rates is expected as well as an increase
in the lodger's tax - from 4 to 5 in the lodger's tax - from 4 to 5 percent. Residential garbage co $\$ 10.25$ a month compared to 7.50 now.

The village's current gross receipts tax of 6.9375 cents is the maximum allowed by th er rate thureases as woll vossible impact fees and stand y fees are to be discussed in public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Ruidoss Convention Center. The pro posed water rate schechule is to budget workshop at 4 p.m. hall Ruidoso Mayor Robert
Donaldson, saying it had bean Donaldson, saying it had been
16 years since the last increase 16 years since the last increase
to water rates, said part of the reason Ruidos, raid water of system needed so much work is because the rates have not kept up with tha
"Sewver (rates) is gubsidizing
water (utility costs) in the neigh water (utility costs) in the neigh-
borhood of about $\$ 200,000$,"
Domaldsom said at a Monday borhood of about
Donaldsom, said at
budget worlsahop.
Water rates should be increased and revenues should bese of improving the the purpose of improving the water syr-
tem, which among other thinge
has miles of needed water has miles of needed water line Monday's budget workahop was the second of four scheduled mestings concerning either the budget or proposed fee increas es. The foclus of the Monday ses the 1998-99 budget, which take effect July 1.
get woungh a final 1998-99 budJuly the village council must send a preliminary budget to the
state in June, Briley said. The state in June, Briley said. The
council is acheduled to approve the preliminary budget on May McKnight projected that
Ruidoso would Ruidoso would bee about
$\$ 750,000$ more groses receipts revenues than had been anticipated for the year. With two monidoso has $\$ 6.4$ million in groas receipts revenues, accordgh to a village report.
Only a portion of that money can be spent at the difatretion of the Rutdoso Village Council, the said, explaining that portions of the gross receipts tax
restaricted for particular
uses, surch as infrastructure or airport timpravements.
A new addition to the proposed 1998-99 budget is a gribage collection department million in expenses and antici million, Briley said

The village intends to start
providing garbage collection ser-
vices in September. Curently the service is through the
Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, fromy which Ruidose is in the process of separating itself.

Though detaile of the Ruidoso garbage collection service are still being worked out,
the budget includes a proposed esidential collection fee of $\$ 10.25$ a month. The fee would include the $\$ 7.50$ now charged by the Solid Waste Authority as well as $\$ 2$ for curbside collection af yard waste, such as pine nee-
dles, and a 75 -cents fee for a recycling program, according to the budget.
In addition, commercial rates for garbage collection are expected to go up by about 20 percent, Briley said, adding that the cost of the commercial service by a of $60-40$ ratio.
At the Thursday budget workshop the council is to employees based package for comparative governmental and Briley said.

The raises will be the first permanemit salary fifke for vil. lage employees since 1995, board pay increase was a salary increas of $\$ 100$, Brila said. For the past two years, received a one-time $\$ 500$ cost-of: iving increase, he said. about the is wholdaing details until an proposed pay package with the rillamen is reached union, which represents ahout 44 members, Negotiations with the union should be resolved by
the end of June, Briley sedd.
ations or contract nespotiations," Builesy or said, adding ghat the pay
package is included in the pre liminary budgsot.

Its cost is between $\$ 200,000$ and $\$ 300,000$, he said. This year the money is coming out of the at the end of the fiscal year Briley said projections of vilage revemues from the groses receipte tax show the pay package will be supported in future budgets.
will receive pay hilkes under the will receive pay hilses under the package, which is based on comBriley said.
"Gome (employees) will get sul. stantial raiseye," he said. "Sombe
will get nothing" will get nothing." change undar the pay packege it change under the pay package is Briley's. He signed a one-yesar
contract on April 29 at a ealary of $\$ 58,600$. As deputy villary manager, Briley made $\$ 44,030$ Gary Jackson, who recently resigmed as Ruidoso's village manager to take a job in Texxas, Was making about \$61,000. based on intormation provided by the staters mumicipal league, comparative cities about the state makse $\$ 60,000$ or more.

Therefs money in the luxdget to hire a deputy managar, a position left vacant when Briley was appointed

He does not want to fill the position at this time, but would rather use the money for a parttime administrative clerical istant, he told the conuncil. "But we kept the money in
in there (for a depputy imanager) in ing for me. Then I can hire some

Violations: these included lack of documentation in purchases made

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time prirchasing agent."
ed one person be recomponsibled one person be responsible. no action, except to direct the county attorney to follow up on the results of the audit. Park said she Theasurer Joan in more than just tracking county revenues. If her office had been mores. involved in purchassing and documentation, some of the problems might have been
avoided, she said. However, she avoided, she said However, she
acknowledged that no one
chase warrant was in her office. In his report to the commipsion, Hemphill pointed gat that he was able to examine 100 percent of the waramis deall with trast to a sampling selected for an overall compty audit.

Violations found include: - Purchase of new equipabout $\$ 35,000$, one of which was $\$ 3,000$ more than the $\$ 20,000$ requirement for bids) on a mainSouthwest Electronics.

Written notification, - Services requested ' In excess of thd wontract threshole amount of $\$ 5,000$, which occurred with Central New $\$ 10,247$, $\$ 186$ and $\$ 6,276$.

- Invoices not approved by a department

No purchase order issued.
No documentation of pric quotes. ed eupp darrant and its relat be located (later found in Parks office).
concept was if you work, you're going to be able to play with us afterwards, go diving and fishing," Orlando said. "If you work, you are rewarded. If you work, you have a future. If you work, have an ecucation.

When the kids leave the program, they have a stake in the future," Orlando said. "They
nues to work
Two Downs residents, when asked about their opinions about for the ville seid they woula pre lars on the dispute "I would rath ther see the center," said Bonnie Richardson a longtime Downs resident and co-owner of Ruidoso Foods.
Bonnie," said Paul Vgren with Bonnie," said Paul Van Culick,
another Downs resident "They another Downs resident. "They going to do the best for the community:"

Bryant, who has a contract with the village, charges the village 890 an hour. Beauvais said his rate is \$125 an hour. Bryant to be charced by the ettornery appointed by him to represent the council in the lawsuit.

Both Bryant nor Beauvais eaid they felt the lawsuit would not take much thime on the part of the attorneys. The nature of the lawsilit, calléd a writ or man-
damus, won't require deposidamus, won't require deposi trial preparation, they wati.
Bryant maid 20 hours by either attorney would
much" as was needed.
I) FiTITIS FUNERALS

Kelly Louis Jondan
A funeral service 'fory Kolly Louis Jordan, 86, of Ruidoso First Beatiot Church in RuiFirst Baptist Church in Ruidoso. Officiating will be the services will be Thursdey at 3 P.m. At Reothaven Man in Midiand, Iexas.

Mr. Jordan died Sunday in Ruidoso. He was born Aug, 17 1961, in Midland. He had Uttended Westorn New Mexica University in Silver Citty and eight months ego. He was a contractor
He is survived by a pon,
Michael Scott Jordan of Rui dosp; his mother Pe or Jor doso; his mother Peggy Jor-
dan-French and her husband, Jim French, of Ruidoso; his grandmother, Roma Y. Ayers of Midland, Texas, and. his fiances, Tammy Bergeson, and
her daughter, Amy Duran, of Ruidoso.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Jordan, and a Arrangements
LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## Rogerio S. Salazar

S. A funeral mass for Rogerio S. Salazar, 71, of Ruidoso, wil Francis De Paula Catholi Church in Tularosa. Burial will follow at the Tularosa Ceme tery. Officiating will be the Rev Robert Young.

Mr. Salazar died Sunday, May 10, in the Ruidoso Care
Center. He was born April 28 ,

1927, at Fort Stanton. He had ived in Otero and Lincoln counties since 1091 when he He served in the Naatiformia. the Korean confict and was retired fireman for and was Douglas. He was a memonald St. Fancis de Paula Catholic
He is survived by four brothers, Joe Israel Salazar of Linooln, Jimmy Ruby Salazar of Tularosa, Alexander Gene Salazar of Salt Lake Clty Utah and Elias Salazar of Santa Esther Laura Perkins of Har lingen, Texas, Alice Salazar of Lincoln, Flora Maria Hiill of Vidalia, Ga., Viola Marin of Long Beach, Calif, and Ide He wis preceded in death by He was preceded in death by
his wife, Mary Lucille Salazar in 1985.
Arrangements are by Ruidoso.
George P. Perry
Services for George $P$. 11 a.m. Saturday at the Perry Ranch in Glencoe led by Lerry Perry under the cottonwoods Burial will be in the Perry family cemetery on the mess at the
$\qquad$
May 11, at Betty Dare Good Samaritan Nursing Center.
M, Mr Perry was born June 19, 1913 in Glencoe, the eldest gon of Elzy and Mayme (Coo) Perry. His grandfather had early 1880 's.

## Ruidoso woman allegedly raped

by Elaine Hobbs MIDOSO NEWS STAFP WRTER
A 37-year-old Ruidoso woman was allegedly raped early Friday morning behind police said. Police were called at 4:35 s.m. by the alleged victim who said she had just been raped after getting a ride to Plaza
Center from Win, Place and Center from Win, Place and Phow. them she had begun walkring

## NIWS BRIEFS

Downs boy/réturns home after gun shot wound A. ${ }^{9}$-year-old Ruidoso Downs by who lost his sight because of a bullet wound to police officer said.
Jesse James Del Rio had been recuperating at an Albuquerque hospital from a shootng incident on Feb. 21

Downs police expect to omplete their investigation of the shooting next week, Cpl. recently. The incident has been investigated by the police as either an accident, an attemptsd suicide or foul play. "Our investigation has don said, adding that one of the officers working on the case had taken a position with
another police department. In
unacquainted with accoste her and began talking to her. He began walking with her police said, until they came to grabbed her and at then he behind Jack's TV and Appliances where, the woman alloged, he raped her.
the ine suad she told them the inan threatened her verbal gun when she tried to he had and eventually she succeed She then went to a nearb restaurant, police said, and

When police arrived, they said they round a 34 -year-old man behind Jack's with his pants down and arrested hin as a suapect.

Hie has been charged with criminai sexual penetration in ping in the tirst by Bail was silt ait $\$ 1$ million by Judge William Butts, and further order that the suspect not be allowed to post ten perA preliminary hearing is scheduled for Monday.
addition, the Downs' amall police department has had to Albuquerque Police Depart ment and the state police crime labs.
Condon said the depart ment wanted to re-intervie before officially completing its before ofncially completing its
Del Rio has told police offcers he has no memory of the shooting Condon said.
On Feb. 21, an older broth 10 discovered Del Rio at abou his home. lying in a bedroom o . He had a two head wounds from where a bullet entered one temple and exited another police said. A. .22-caliber pisto lay on the floor close to him

Body found at LCMC
The body of a 48 year old
man was discovered slumped in a pickup at Lincoln

An anonymous caller told police early Friday morning that a man was possibly asleep or passed out in a green camper parked in the Lincoln County Medical Center lot.
When the. par arrived at 3:32 a.m., police said they found the body of Dwayne Beird slumped in the cab of a red pickup truck No outward signs of violence were appar ent, said police.

Police said Baird is a long time area resident, and the license was that of his mother on Gavilan Canyon Road.
The body was transported to the office of the medical investigator where an autopgy and toxicological tests will be performed to
cause of death.

## Next phase of construction at Mechem/Sudderth intersection to start this week

BY TON K. LAXSON
RUMDOSO NEWS SANF WHIET
Barring unforeseen delays, ill shift this weelend to the northwest corner of the intersection, a contractor said Tuesday afternoon.
"We are ahead of achectule right now," said Bill Loomis, project managar for Meadow Valley Contractors, the company hired by the state to widen about
Concrete was pared
day in the south lane of the day in the south lane of the will be diverted to the south lane on Friday or Saturday if no delays occur.
Work then begins on the northwest side of Mechem at the er shift of traffic. er shift or tramic. ing on the highway project, said
motorists from the Upper Canyon will no longer be able to turn north from Sudderth onto Additionally, southibound trucks (and possibly all traffic) will not be able to turn right onto Mechem, he said. Motorists instead will have to turn left, or cast, onto Sudderth until a saf The second phase of th
The second phase of the four weeks to complete, contractors said.

The phase was divided into two stagas to accommodate Roxanne's Bakery, located on the northwest corner, because would have been completely blocked.

The shop now will have access off of Sudderth while work on Mechem is completed. Work then will move to Sud derth, leaving the bakery a per

## oomis said.

Greg Kopacka, bakery owner, said Tuesday his business recently picked up because had negatively affected his flow of customers.
People were unwilling to negotiate the intersection to buy donuts, he said earlier. Though month thg less busineas for the month than he did last year
Kopacka said his sales have improved.
The third phase of construction will target the northeast corner of the intersection. All of the intersection is to be complet-
ed by the end of June, Loomis ed by the e
said earlier.
On Tuesday Loomis said as much construction materials as possible will be removed from the intersection for the Memorial Day weekend. Four lanes will be open to traffic, he said, adding that excavated areas will
modate traffic
"This job will look a whole lot different by the Memorial Day weekend," he said Along Mechem, work on the east lane is picking up, and traffic on portions of the road will be shifted to the west lane beginning this week, Loomis said. His company applied for and received permission from the Mechem, first. When that side is finished, traffic will be shifted to the east while the west lane is under construction.
Loomis said the change will allow better drainage as w

Construction plans may be viewed at Ruidoso Village Hall, at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, or 1206 Mealley Contractors, at 1206 Mechem, said Loomis and Ruidoso Village Manager Alan Briley. Briley said Village Hall how the construction will affect
driveways on Mechem.
Loomis Briley questioned Loomis and state highway officials about several aspects of the con water pipes in the plans would produce water pressure too great for homes without a con necting line to reduce that prea suite, Briley said.
hydrants could be included fire the west side of Mechem and not just along the east side of the road. And he questioned what he should do about the subcontractors who come to him for approvad on jobs that need to be cials.
Virginia Lorenz, district manager for the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department, said the state is to hire a project manager Thurs-
day to oversee road construction in the Ruidoso area.
contractor intend to fix the potholes along Mechem during the work.

Loomis said his company intended to fix the potholes on Lomin end of Mechem. provide signs for the state will they are affer businesses as construction. The 4-foot by road signs will show how to acces signs will show how to accesa
the businesses, Lorenz said the businesses, Lorenz said contact the state about the signs, she said.
have would hope that we would have enough forethought to know which busine.
Kevin Clower, a surveyor for Meadow Valley, asked if village and state officials could increase traffic enforcement along Mechem while road construction was underway.
past at 50 mph not 3 feet from past at 50 mph n
me," Clowier said.

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## OUR OPINION

## Kudos to Capitan

We congratulate Capitan for holding its first update meeting (see story on Page 3B) to give its officials and residents a chance to discuss perceived problems and concerns and hopefully drum up some solutions.

As we have witnessed in the past, these types of meetings give people a chance to check egos at the door and promote positive discourse without the finger-pointing
that often accompanies discussions about tumultuous issues.

One of the positive plans presented at the meeting was by Larry Bandy, a representative from the State Forest Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Depaitment,

Bandy talked about a project underway that will not only provide economic benefits to Capitan by improving upon the Smokey Bear Historical Park but the rest of the region and surrounding attractions, such as the Billy the Kid Interpretive Center.
The "Expected Outcome" section of the plan reads, "Upon completion of this project, Smokey Bear Historical Park will once again be the showcase that it was originally intended to be. The history of the Cooperative Forest Fire tive displays will be developed to convey the message that all fire is not bad and the importance of fire in the southwest ecosystems. Educational opportunities will be enhanced by providing a facility that is better suited to teaching environmental awareness. By linking the expansion of the Smokey Bear Museum and the conversion of the Capitan Train Depot into a Welcome/Information Center to other improvements at the park, economic development in the commrunity will be enhenced. By providing for continuing maintenance, the investment in Smokey Bear Histori: ing maintenance, the investment mark will be protected and a quality experienge wiflip insured for future visitors to Capitan."

The proposal is a part of a multi-year project with an approximate cost of $\$ 1,500,000$. Phase I will require $\$ 100,000$ in funding. Other funding needs will be determined atter the assessment and operational plan are com-
plet pleter. Bandy suggested that branches of the Bily the Kid
Interpretive Center could be established in Capitan amd at Ft. Stanton.

By bolstering itself and also looking out for its neighbors Capitan has shown an overall attitude of cooperation, which has not always been the case between communities in Lincoln County.

As Capitan village trustee Debra Ingle said, "... whichever way we get together as long as we go in the same direction."

Certainly words to think about.

## FOR REFERENCE





## YOUR OPINION

## Unfair attack

Tb the editor: unfair attack on Mescary and Apache Tribe cannot be allowed to remain unanswered: It is cleag that Guy Clark and his cohorts are using abnormal and asinine mentality to express their displeasure with ment employees for their retreat at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.
We must remind Guy Clark and his supporters that the anti-liquor groups have not
stopped spending their money or their meetings in Albuquerque because there are liquor stores and clubs still operating. The principle he should apply in this case. should apply in this case. and his supporters is based on misconceived or misconstrued notion that Mescalero Apache Tribe refised to pay 16 percent slot machine proceeds.

Mescalero Apache Tribe never state that the tribe will not pay the 16 percent to the
state. The tribe signed the compact under protest because the fee imposed by the state legislature is too high and it is against Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
has put its slot machine proceeds obligation to the state in escrow. In the meantime, we are engaged in an arbitration process with the state in accordance with the 1992 law passed by the state legislature. be mayme, if indebted, by the tribe when arbitration process has been completed if not through the federal courts. It would be well if Guy Clark and his group would consult an attorney so they can be ing that the Federal Indian Gamin Act does not provide for taxation of 16 percent but it could possibly look at a regulatory fee. The federal law does not provide for both. Mescalero Apache Tribe believes
has adhered to the law.
Indian gaming in New support. It also has a nation wide support.

President, Mescalero Tribe

## Animal Control law misunderstood

Tb the editor:
There apperars to be some proposed revision of the Animal Control Ordinance and out views on pet ownerghip, and
is designed to regulate the irresponsibility of some pet awners by placing the burden on connot on responsible pet owners or those not having pets. Changes in the ordinance are Humane Society (Mr. Jim Riggins) and at the Public Hearing
on April 28, 1998, no one spolse in April 28, 1998, no one spoke changes.

We are not anti-pet, or pet owner, if the pet is maintained in a responsible and humane manner. We realize that pets bring many rewards to thei Wers.
We
We are opposed to those people who have petsi and are and maintenance.

We object to pets using our yard as a latrine (a daily occurrence); aggressively challeng-
ing us on our own property ing us on our own property (over five times in the past 4 10:30 $1011 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. (over 6 calls to the police and animal control about this in the past month); and being allowed to run loose
in defiance of the Ruidoso leash in defiance of the Ruidoso leash the street running loose on the street While we reac
Wednesday's Ruidoso News).

If requiring pet owner's to
restrain their animals on their property seems unreasonable,
it is no more unreasonable it is no more unreasonable
than the nuisance we as nonthan the nuisance we as nonpet owners and responsible pet coping with the actions of their animals on our property and public property.
Our Ruidoso Animal Constrol Officer, Pegsy Williams, does an outstanding job. She has great concern for the ani-
mals she deals with and is senmais she deals with and is sen-
sitive to the feelings of owners However, Officer Williams only works a finite number of
hours each day and each week hours each day and each week
and is only one person to cover and is only one

When she is on duty, calls to her are handled promptly. Frequentiy by the time she
arrifes, the offienting pet is back on the owner's property and she do nothing.
Or , animals are released to run free when she is off duty and the incident only can be ment.

Requiring animals to be restrained on the owner's prop-
erty gives her a strong tool to erty gives her a strong tool to
enforce owner responsibility enforce owner reaponsi

Feral cats are a problem, not only in Rufgoso But ne hione aily We haversen catsaturnged in our canyoin. The eqe pats suffer from disease, malnutistion and are, along with domestic cats, seriouts predators on migratozy birdi and native
bites from these cats can trans-
Officer Williams about this and problems with their control.
We do not believe passing
this ordinance placing respon-
sibility for control of pets is mreasonable or am infringeers. those of us who object to the infringement on our rights by unrestrained pets.

Ross E. Dingman Ginny.Dingman

## Iady Warrior Softball

Io the editor:
la like
moment to make to take comments about our Lady Warrior Softball program.
First, congratulations to
our girls and to Coach Brian
Thank and Coach Bill Page.
ance and du for you per
A record of $6-8$ in district
with a third place finish and 10-12 record is respectable for a program in it's second year Our team and coaches fought through adversity with their It pras attitude.

It was good to see a positive environment taking place Second, we understand getting caught up in the emotion of athletics.

However, the actions of some of our supporters at times The lancuage
isrespect shown attitude and times even directed tow sord the kids (both sides), to our cagiches and to the umpires was efimply unbelievable.

It is a shame we as adults re not a shation a
\$87 million?
Tb the editor:
Just noticed that the state's lottery is up to 87 million dollars. Why?

I used to play at the lottery as a casual fancy before "those in charge increased the odds,
. Now we hifve a jackpot \$of wealth beyond reason for perhaps a small few.

Would it not be better economics to have 87 millionaires, than 187 millionaire?

This display of of government competence rates right, up there with the "Blue Law" and "Daylight Savings Time",
Bill Cooper

Ruidoso
Thanks LCMC
To the editor:
I and my family, would like to publicly thank the L.C.M.C. (Lincoln County Memorial Center) emergency room staff that rondored on May 6.

He was admitted for a heart attack and the-brevity with which the proper aid was
administered alleviated the probability of long term dam. age or worse.
The doctors and cardiologists at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquercue, where he was later transferred, repeatedly stated their being impressed with the treatment given by the L.C.M.C. staf.

Again, thank youl.
Bruce Hutchinson
Ruidoso Downs

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## Horsing around



Bruce Eldredge, director of the Museum of the Horse, bringen h an almost He-size rocking horse donated to the museum Mondry by the Lincoln Courty Medical Center. The rocking horse has been placed hn the museum's Klds
Korrai. Michael Gray, hospital drector of facillies, butity the $\$ 500$ rocking horse for a hosptal float in the Lncoln Days parade.

## Ruidoso man fined for illegal dumping

A Ruidoso Downs man was fined $\$ 500$ last week and centenced to 180 days proba munity service for illegally dumping a couch on Hale Road in the Lincoln Nationa Forest.

Shane O'Reilly, 19 already was on probation for another unrelated offense according to court records.
Barry Maijala,

Barry Maijala, law U.S. Forest Service, said he was pleased to see that magis trate judges in Lincoln County are considering maximum sentences for those who ille gally dump debris.

In this case, OReilly was to stop illegal dumping there cooperative, "which goes a long way, but doesn't get you off, he said. "Those we do catch wil end up with similar
sentences. He could have been given six months (by Judge William Butts), but he just got a new job and is attending high school."

O'Reilly admitted to an earlier dumping violation of an orange couch about one year ago, Maijala said.
In the latest incide gold couch was found April 19 in front of a gate in an area off Forest Road 433 that was fenced last year after Forest Service officials were unable
o stop illegal dumping there. Majjala was able to track down OReilly after a citizen reported the violation and dentified the man from a line photographs.
The ofricer also was able to match up tire and shoe tracks left at the site with shoes O'Reilly was wearing and a 1995 Ford Ranger pick up truck he used.

O'Reilly will spend his community service hours cleaning up the area near Cedar Creek spring, the group camp grounds on that road and around dumpsters, Maijala said.

## County cracks down on illegal dumpers

## hy Dianine Stallings

 AUDDSO NEWS STAF WRITELincolin County may develop some muscle in its figh against illegal dumping
Commisaioners are examining the possibility of giving designated employees of the Authority the power to cite people for violations of county laws againet illegal disposal of garbage, yard waste, debris, urniture and appliance.
As it stands now, only county deputies can cite tate Environment Depart ment, who operates out of Roswell, said Jerry Wright eneral manager of the author
Wright said told commissioners Tuesday he has asked for a meeting with law enforcement officials, including the

Appliances go to the recying center in Ruidoso Downs and furniture and other debris to the transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road.
"Friday afternoon the dumpsters on Airport Road Were totally filled with con-
struction materials," Wright struction materials," Wright there would have been no place to dump all weekend long. One load of construction material can render dumpsters useless."

The authority is making up signs to let people know of law, Wright said.

Besides, the items mentioned, the signs will eppecify that no tires or batteries are allowed in dumpsters, all material must be in containers and that scavenging is prohibBut
But Capitan resident the authority expects people to drive 10 miles round trip from Ruidoso and then pay a fee to dump yard waste, compliance the requirement isn't reasonthe requirement isn't reason-

Wright responded that rolloff type containers must be manned and are too expensive
to keep open on a continual to basis.

However, clean-up days are scheduled for free dumping in the Glencoe, Hondo and San
The authority will provide roll-off containers near the intersection of U.S. 70 and U.S. 380 in Hondo for disposal of miscellaneous items, but not yard waste or lumber at 8 a.m.
day, June 6.
In June of 1994, commissioner passed a resolution adaressing the same problem and today the illegal dumping is worse," Wright said.
"What we need is for the commission to give the authorwho also sits as a county representative on the authority board, a coalition of the county and its five municipalities formed to handle solid waste disposal.
Enforcement power would be a help, Wright said. gal dumpers almost daily" said. "Theyre belligerent and I get cuissed out all the time."

Part of the problem may be ignorance of the law, he acknowledged, but added that with years of experience in believed how difficult it is to communicate with the public on this subject.
he ordine also need to beef up toucher onfors and encourage tougher enforcement," Montes

Sheriff Tom Sullivan, who ecently met with Wright, said his deputies have issued several citations for illegal duping sy sorts for identifying envelopes and other items.
It. would take some of the burden off his department if authority employees were able cite violators, he said. Morel Wouldn't haid the employees deputies to act in that capacity. He also suggested that the ordinance and its four amendment be consolidated.


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## Breaking ground



Local putble figures pined Sears officials in Puidoso Down is Monday morning for groundtrralding ceremonies of the new Sears Retail Dealer store. The store will sell ar

## Center Street goes to two-way

Center Street, in Ruidoso's midtown area, will be converted from a one-

The Ruidoso Village Council inly approved the measure. Village Manager Alan Briley said there have not been any negative comments from bustness owners on Center Street about the traffic change. Briley said the street had been two-way before 1994, but
was changed after a mainstreet improvernent project put in sidewalks along the street. The side-
public pere to encourage use of a public parking lot on Wingfield Street, across from the Ruidoso Now that conc, Bricky sari. done. Business owners along the street would rather have two -way traffic, village officials said.
Parallel parking on the west side of the street will be elimirated, Briley said. The conver going up first to notify people of the change before it happens, he said.

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Ruidoso Down's municipal fire department will be paid In, 000 to cover expense fires east of the town in the Glencoe-Palo Verde fire district. Lincoln County Commiesigners voted Friday to approve the allocation until the Glencoe department can rebuild its vol Inter force
ing down, a dist hg dow, a district line doesnt mean anything," said Ruidoso Down department member Don Smith, who presented the far as necessary. "WeIll go as far as necessary.
year (in the Glencoe 35 calls a area) and have gone ale Verde as Hondo with two trucks and six men."
An average house fire may take 14 hours before a crew can leave a scene, a car. fire, two 'Sometimes
respond as a water shuttle, bu bt that still requires tow men and ${ }^{\text {a }}$ pumper" ${ }^{\text {Smith said. }}{ }^{\text {Wand }}$ don't mind, but the wear and cal." on the truck is astronomi-
Commissioner Monroy Montes proposed including the money in the county's 1908-99 budget that begins July 1 .
"It's critical to the area," he said. "The volunteers have made a concerted effort to
build, but we have an oblige ion to those people."


## County to reimburse Downs fire department

Ruidoso Emergency Medical Service will get ambulance through county funding

Die noted that Ruidoso has paid firefighters and they has helped out under a mutual thoeepockets, Howell said. aid agreement. Last winter, USS. 70 when a heavy snowstorm closed the highway Although Ruidoso Downs only has a dozen volunteers and Glencoe has 16 on its robster, the Downs people are able to respond faster and more ralltared throughout the county at other jobs, commissioners said.

Montes said he expects Ridose Downs someday to annex the Pablo Verde/A\&ua Fria area where the Glencoe substation is situated.
The extra money cannot be taken from the state-allocated assigned to each department based on the number of voluntears and type of equipment at each station.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said he has spoken with Tuiabout the possible Donaldson another volunteer department to take care of pockets of unioncorporated land along the perimeter of the village, such as Canyon. If a new district is formed, the state would fund it, as it does other volunteer fire departments throughout the county from a percentage of insurance premiums paid to
need to anticipate fine fid we need to anticipate fire fighting needs, and the police departments, said Chairman L. Ray Nunley. "If's got to be a cooperative effort. In a
In a related matter, Chris Dene, Bonito fire chief, asked and health insurance cover ape for volunteer fire fighters.
"It's very important it" be renewed," he said. The country remains liable even if it dint specifically insure them."

Most of them are not limited or no medical insurelance, he said. connected to the job such as reconstructive surgery after burns. The insurance only is in functioning in a fire depart meat capacity.

- Montes explained that three years ago former county manager Carolin Coney concited one eighth coated one eighth of a mill of county property taxes (one mill able property value) to pay the \$28,000 premium.

Last year, commissioners chose not to fund it, but had enough carryover from previous This year it never.

This year it never came up

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and we have no revenue source designated," he said. "I think the volupusers deserve it, but one mentioned it until now. Commissioners agreed unanimously to reinstate the millage designation with the hope if conimpetiticors enter that coverage fill a, which now is a monopoly by one company.

In reference to a loan the county will be requesting on behalf of the Bonito Fire Department to build a subitoSion on the edge of Ranches of Sonterra, Done said his volumtear department is caught in a If 22.
If a new sulastation ism't built, they won't get more shat to repay the loan, but the department has to have a guaranted source of money to repay a loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority to get enough money to start conComm
Commissioners are ached used to approve a resolution for In another emergency serce issue, commissioners approved one ambulance under capital expenditures of nearly $\$ 155,000$ requested. in the 1998-99 budget by Ruidoso Emergency Medical Services, which is overseeing ambulance and rescue services in unincor
porated portions of the county.


## - DISTRICT 3AAA TRACK MEET

## 3AAA's second best ready for state

by Laura Cityier
RUDDOSO NEWS SPOKTP EDTTOR
Saturday's Fistrict 3AAA. Track Meet was more like a dual meet than competition featuring five teams. Silver and Ruidoso dominated while the district's three other schools func tioned merely as also-rans

When the final gun sounded, Silver outran the Warriors to team title in the boys and girls
competitions. The Colts comfortably beat the Warrior boys, 148 to 110, but had a tougher time shaking the hpstart Ruidoso girls, winning by just a dozen, $150-138$.
finishing second, nothing disappointed us," Ruifinishing second, nothing disappointed us," Rui-
doso coach Ronnie Maskew said. "We couldn't ask any more of our kids. They just performed so well. We just got outnumbered."
It's hard to stop a stampede of Colts, especially when they enjoy a 2 -to- 1 advantage. Case in point-Silver suited up 46 girls for Saturday's
district meet while Ruidoso dressed out 21. The Warrior boys faced a similar disparity and it showed in the field events such as the high jump and cortain rumning events such as the 800-meter intermediate hurdles. In the high jump, the Colts swept the top three spots, fol "Numbers pay off
Numbers pay off. They've goo about 1,150 The Ruidoso girls needed a little hetp from Cobre, Hot Springs and Santa Teresa to pull off an upset of Siliver in the girls meet.
other teaidn't know that some of these of these other teams wouldn"t come through with some points," Maskew eaid. "We were hoping for a lit
Still, the Warrior girls won seven cistrict relays. Ruidoso also qualified in three more

## PREP SPOTLIGHT

## Romero juggles academics, tennis and high expectations during senior year

by Laurn Clymer
DYra Romero - Ruidoso's senior class salutatorian and cluib membe extraordinaire - received a rude wake-up call last Friday on the eve of her District 4AtAAA singles title
derense.
Her le
Her legs went numb and she near ly passed out during practice. The preasure of a senior year full of great expectations had finally
its toll on the usually unflappable
Romero.
${ }^{4} \mathrm{My}$
My body told me to stop," says Romero Tuesday, recalifing the scare.

The next day an emational drained Romero walked through the district for her second straight singles title. Now, she starts the final trek toward the one goal she has yet to accomplish, a shot at the state's fourtime defending singles champ, Andre If everything goes according to plan, Romero will get that chance in Saturday's finals of the Class A-AAA Girls Tonnis Championships. quigtly. "I want to win state," Romero says quietly.

Is a goal Romero set five years ago, and if you look at her track record, you d bet she will reach it. this:

- 21-1 overall this year in tennis and 18-0 in singles play. AAA singles champion - Student badyion. National Honor Society president, dent council member, Mesa president FCA memker and SADD mernber. Whmitted to Colby College in Waterville, Máine where she hopes to either double major in Spanish and biology (for pre-med) or major in of becoming a college professor.


## Tenolis love

Romero picked up a tennis racket six years ago, and soon fell in love Her parent
aver supportive, Mae and Leo, were guided Romero along the way.


My parents knew nothing about playing during the summer and fall in it (tennis)," Romero recalls. "My mom as many tournaments as she could just this last year learned how to keep

She gave up basketball after her sophomore year to focus on tennis,

See ROMERO, page 8A


Ruidioso teumis coach Daviay Andersidoson Nows cusses strategy with Ruidoso doubles team will represemt the Warriors at the stare teme championships Friday and Saturday.

## Five netters

earn trips to state tourney
by Laura Clymer RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDTHOR

A pair of doubles teams and arguably southern New Mexico's best girls prep player will represent Ruidoso when the Warriors head north for the Class A-AAA State Tennis
Championships in Albuquerque Friday and Saturday.

Myra Romero is the only Warrior to qualify in singles, but Ruidoso wil doubles team. Melissa Lucero and Amanda Sisson finished fourth at the District 4A-AAA Tburnament, as did Jesse Anderson and Fernando Bonill, - good enough for a ticket to the Duke Coach Dave Anderson said the consistency and playing as a unit in practice this week.
Bonilla and Anderson are playing well, Anderson noted. The Warriors gave NMMI's No. 2 doubles team a
run for its money in the third-place run for its money
match in districts.

Luceno makes.
Lucero makes a return trip to Albuquerque, this time with a new Romero's focus will be on who's already queen of the mountain namely Albuquerque Academy's Andrea Goldberg, the four-time state champ. "You've got to go for the top," Anderson said.

## - CLASS AA STATE TRACK MEET

## Coach's gamble pays off in gold for CHS girls relay at state

## by Laura Clymer

 RUTMOSO NEWS SRORTS EDMORCapitan eirls coach Bryan Masse rolled the dice Saturday at the Class AA Girls-State avoided the ennalis estes resuit ing in a gold payofif for the ITger giris in the 1,600 -meter medley nelay

FYeshman Jassica Castanedar turned in the gutesy perfor 800 s - one in the open 800 ineter dash and then another 28 minutes later as the anchor leg of the 1,600 -meter mediey relay.

It was a performance that caught the eye of a college scout, Masse said, and secured gold for the Tiger relay team and set yet another school record in the event.
it paid was a good gamble and it paid off," gaid Masse, adding that, "but you can lose those
gambles."

When the twq-day meet was in the books, Capitan girls finished a respectable sixth The Tiger boys were 12th.
Tralcing a charice
Masse wouldn't have had to
take the chance had Castaneda before the $1,600-$ meter run on
Friday. The freshman was sick Friday. The freshman was sick right up until the starting gun sixth-place finish in the event. sixth-place finish in the event. drop out of the 400-meter run. That would leave her for the medley relay on Saturday.

But Massé noticed that the 800 -meter favorite from Newrace with torn knee ligaments. Add in Dexter's Anna Miles another top 800-meter runner - competing in the 300 -meter intermediate hurdles, and

Massé thought Castaneda urday, if she felt well enough to do so.

So the Tiger coach rolled he dice and entered Castaneda in the 800 . The effect of the gamble, if any, would show up n the medley relay, which was run about 20 minutes after the open 800. Castaneda had to un what track coaches considor one of the toughest "doubles" on Saturday, two 800 meter other.
Castaneda responded with a second-place finish in the
minutes, 25.95 seconds on wob"I was worried," Massé admitted. "I thought I made a ad mistake.
We got her in the shade and just told her, I know you can do it. You've done it in the She the
She then turned the hear $2: 29$ for her leg of the medle relay, which consisted of senior Stephanie Midgely, and Junior E'rin and K'rin Autrey. The See TIGERS, page 8A

ROMERO: Senior takes aim at final goal of prep career

Continued from page 7A "It's fun and when I practice I feel good," Romero says. It gets me away from every ginge.
But now, in the midst of herself having to prepare for her biggest challenge on the ennis courts.
"I'm fine playing tennis. t's my love," Romero says. "If all night.". to me, I'd be here
Rome
ou can call it the "fault" - if she sets high goals, really high goals, and she thrives on chal-


The chose Colby Coll ver Bates College (another Maine school) and passed up a the University of New Mexi $\infty$ because, "I want to experisomething totally new. How does she plan to hande those Maine winters? "They have indoor courts," She intends to play tonnis Colby as well. "She sets extre oals and makes every efor whatsoever to reach them,"
says Romero's tennis coach of aix years, Dave Anderson. "In her case, she puts too much on that I've had for her as a goal hat i had ior her as a for any kid who follows in her footsteps, set attainable goals. Romero admits that 1 kind of beat myself up if $I$ don't give it my all."

That mental intensity and desire manifested itself into a physical ailment last Friday that her health is more impor tant than any goal.

I have to say to myself that l've done a good job and hat I've done a lot more than most people," Romero says. Gomero's next step towar the Goldberg goal is getting. through the first rounds of the begins at 8 am . against a No. 4 seed from a northern district at Albuquerque Acaderny, Goldberg's home court.

Should she advance to a 1 girls player, Romero has 1 girls player, Romero has Anderson hope will knock off Goldberg from the throne. Goldberg likes high, top spin

TIGERS: Girls win medley; boys hobbled by injuries

Continued from page 7A
mark of 4:31.27.
"I think Jessica didn't want to let them down. She knew they were depending on her," fastest saime in the had the were expecting to win it" Also scoring for the T are Krin Autrey in the tripers ump with a third-place finish ( 31 feet, $61 / 2$ inches) and the 1,600 -meter relay team with a fifh-place finish (4:25.13).

Senior Courtney May didn't make the finals of the sho the 3,200-meter num with low-grade temperature, which kept her out of the points. Midgely made the finals of the 100 -meter dash but finished seventh.

Tger boys stressed out five finish
In nearly every event they ere entered in, the Tiger boy finished higher than seed going into the state meet. Still, Capi-
running when injuries slowed he Tigers.
Distance runner Justin Jones, who also runs the ley, pulled up lame with stress fracture in the 1,600 meter run.

He couldn't run. He's our 300 man," assistant track coach Pat Ventura said of
Senior Raymond Harri ook third place in the high ump, but shin splints prevent ed the Tiger from competing at


Even though Texico ran away with the team title, it was much closer in the individ al events. Inches separated yards.
"There was a lot of compet tion. In the eight years Iv seen here, I cant remember it being this tough," said Ventua, who filled in for head coach Ed Davis on the first day of the
state meet. Davis was called away to a family emaergency and returned Saturday. "tt was

lobs that kick back over an opponent's head. Romero will air.
"Myra's going to have to be able to attack the ball in the air," Anderson says. "Sheil pressure at the net During practice Tuesday, Romero hesitates for a moment to put the week in perspective. "It's kind of sad to think it's all coming to an end this Then, she adds, with the wisdom of someone who has been there, "Do my best - that's all' I can do."
like one, two, three, four right at finish line," Ventura said: The Tigers, however, showl bentin the experience, Ventura said.

We're only losing two seniors in the running events. It's positive," he said. "A lot of well had a lot of seniors"

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## Happy Birthday to Allene Luck

This morning, May 10, at Chapel, Glencoe, the Beverend Canon John W.' Pemn told us that today is the 90thi birthdery of Allene Luck, long-time beloved member of the Church of the Holy Mount; and that her friends are invited to a
birthday party today at her birthday party t
Allene was bem May 10,
1908, in Galveston Tearas to 1908, in Galveston, Texas, to
Thomas and Beatrice Haken-
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On
was married to ${ }^{28}$, 1930, Luck. They have two chilldrene Patricia Allene Covingtom of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Reverend George Jr., an Episcopal priest in Rockwall, Thomas Luck, David Luck, Mary Luck, Tim Clayton, Karen Covington, and Rick Covington; and two greatgrandchildren: Matthew and Travis Clayton.

Allene and George Lack arrived in Ruidoso thirty years
ago and became faithful memago and became faithful mem-
bers of the Church of the Holy bers of the Church of the Holy
Mount, and became active in many worthy projects of our community.

We congratulate Allene on reaching this mile stone along
life's highway life's highway.

And we wish her many happy returns of the day and
all God's blessing

## A Mother's Day

 visit before SunriseOn the Sixth of May a Gentle Mary brought her young calf down from the hills to the cedars near the barn.

The next day the cow and calf were gone; by late in the day I saw the mother cow
grazing on the knoll while the calf was lying down near by out of the wind hidden under a cedar bush.

There they stayed until little before sun up here came Gentle Mary followed closely by a tiny gingerbread-colo
calf trotting along behind.

The calf was wide-eyed with wonder to the house.

And the mother was the very picture of pride as she
seemed to "I wanted you to see my second child."

## The Swallows arrive

Paying litile attention to the hard unseasonably late time about 10 days ago. We have three kinds of swallows here in the mountain land: the barn swallow, the
bank swallow, and the cliff swallow.
The
The barn swallow is the traditional messenger of phape of a half its nest in the the side of a house, barn, or ment culvert.
The bank swallow makes stream.

The cliff swallow builds his nest under an over-hanging sif a rocky clifi. mud from the to builds out of the door-way at the hottom - 8 leat no human constriuction It calls to mind the of the Pasalm:

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Once again, Carmon Phillips fights to save a treasure in Lincoln County

Nearly a half century ago,
Carmon Phillipo rescued the old Dowlin's Mill from degtruction, but now he may need help coln County history intact. The trough that feeds the
water wheel that powers that water wheel that powers that grain grinding has deteriorated and needs repiair urgently said Phillips' daughter Delana
Michaels. But the task is


Carmon Phingps (pointing in foreground) directs the reconstruction of the water
Carmon Phipps (pointing in foregron
wheel at Dowin's Mill in 1949-50.
physical capabilities at age 84.
For many in For many in town, the old
mill and Phillips are nearly synonymons. From that adobe structure, Phillips has operated a book and curio shop and ing Ruidoso and the surround ing countryside. When he first started wiolding his camera, he was working for three partners in the White Mountain DevelGeorge McCarty and Mark George ${ }^{\text {M }}$
Hamilton.

That was after World War


A view of the mill when it was owned by the Lesnetrs, roads were practically nonexistent and only a few houses were built in the area.
II. A few other chapters of his ife come first.

Born in Eric, Okla, Phillips grew up as the son of a farmer,
who later turned who later turned grocery him to go to college, but when that didn't work out, the 21-year-old Phillips talked to a friend about a job in Clovis and
wound up as a theater manag-
er. He
He was no stranger to the-
ater. In high school, Phillip ater. In high school, Phillips performed in school plays. At tent show that would come into a town, set up a tent and perform a different show each night for a week. As a child during the silent film era, he would hawk popcorn and peanuts for 5 cents a bag up and down the earned a penny.
In Clovis, his duties were all encompassing , publicity, promotion and management. As he. showed his ability for turning around a theater on the down slide, his bosses kept
sending him to different locations.
${ }^{\text {IIf }}$ you can get a person to
about two years, then moved to another of the theaters owned by his boss, R.E. Grifith The ater out of Dallas. The company in Oklahoma, Kansas Texas and New Mexico
When World War II started Phillips knew he had no stomach for fighting and applied fo a job laying floors in barracks being built for soldiers acros the country at bases. Although he started out not knowing any became the bot shot of the
come in once or twice and see the trailers for other films, Phillips said. Sometimes some thing extra is needed and Phillips cooked up some good ones, such as his mock Acáde my Awards with look-alike peron losn arriving in big Lincolns
Anotom the local "wor. anless" ved hing was his with all male actors. He didn't forget childrem and scheduled
laying floors. I could lay more in an hour than most could in a day," Phillips said. to build airplanes, he flipped a
coin between Wichita, Kan., and Dallas and Dallas won. me," Phillips esaid. II took the night shift because it was six cents more an hour. I spent the remainder the the war there and advanced from electri He was in charge installing top secret modifications to the planes, such as the latest radar.
After the war, Phillips was hired by Neiman Marcus, but never took the job, because he and his now wife Leona Mae Were smitten with Ruidoso.
They had vacationed there at her parents' cabin, one of the few in town at the time.
I canceled the job, we packed up the old Packard with to Fuidoso, ${ }^{\text {n }}$ Phillips said. They built the house that sits next to the old mill on Sud-
shop and 24-hour photo development business. Much of their steady income came from the assignments for the White Mountain Development group, that used photographs to promowe built the their land. local lumber. Boy, was it green," Phillips said. "It was so green, 1 remember hitting nails and having water squirt out and hit my glasses."
friendships formed a solid friendship with Lloyd Bloodworth and encouraged him to start The Ruidoso News, by His friend reciprocated in running stories on Phillips' restoration efforts at the mill after Philips bought it from Palmer
in 1949 and opened it in May in 1950.
195.

I couldn't have bought the mill, if Joe hadn't arranged it so I could pay a certain amount each month, Philips said. We kept the deed in escrow in Roowe. We worked hard to get a bank, but when it (Ruidoso State Bank) opened, I didn't have enough to start a savings

During that period, Phillips and his wife were close friends with philanthropist Jackie Spencer and her late (frrst) husband, who was heir to the Wall tune.
"We had no idea that they had money," Phillips aaid. "But when they heard I had this mill and no money to fix it up, they $\$ 2$ aid they would loan us the $\$ 2,000$ to $\$ 3,000$. If it hadn't if it ever would have worked if it."

The adobe walls of the mill had gaping holes, water had begun to eat away at the foundation, cattle had been fed and milked inside and people $h$

The first mill on the was built in 1865 by Capt. Paul Dowlin, but was washed away in a flood, said Michaels, who produced a history documentary on the area. "He gathered called his brother Will in Philadelphia for help and in 1868, the two brothers rebuilt the mill."

The mill was a neutral site in the Lincoln County War. Billy the Kid reportedly hid in a hour barrel trying to elude purfirst post office and served as a general store.
"After Capt. Dowlin was
illed, Frank Lesnett bought killed, Frank Lesnett bought the mill and ran it," Michaels said. "The next family to own it
were the Wingields." But for neglected until Phillips came neglected until Philips came
along. shop owner on U.S. 70, helped Phillips' restoration by giving him a set of mill stones when he failed to find the originals.
liost, it by yourrefff: said Mich Michaels.
Carmon Phillipts and daughter Delana Michaels stand under the deteriorating
because I figured it would less power," Phillips said. "I didnt realize I could sell what I ground. We have people who and take four or five sacks with them. We get our grain from Hereford, Texas."

Rocks were used to plug the walls after Phillips hauled off seyen flatbed truck loads of
debris and cow chips debris and cow chips.
front page of the newspape ront page of the newspaper people who had things stored there to come claim them, but no one showed," Phillips said. "I guess they all had died by then. ing the same was deteriorating the same way Blazer's Mill "Whelted away," Phillips said. just a little corner eaten out and now there's nothing left (of Blazer's Mill) but a pile of mud. I wrote letters and spoke to anyone who had anything to do with the state. It was a real important event (the shoot out and part of the Lincoln County War." part of the Lincoln County
A steel plate around the it from the same fate.
Next, the entire water
wheel had to be rebuilt. with wood from a collapsed water tank near the Parsons' Mine. Pee Wee Taylor, who built the other gambling equipment and was considered a fine finish carpenter, tackled the job of reconstructing the double edged wheel.
balanced savy, but built and


With people helping, it took about one year to finish the work," Phillips said. "I couldn't have done it all without the help of a lot of other people and my wife, who was a ine worker too.

Always willing to do his phitlips promote the town, periodically from 1948 to 1968. For the first, filled with ads by local businesses and photographs and stories on the wonders and entertainment in the area, he ordered a 25,000 run, figuring it would take him years to sell out.

But it wasn't long before I could see I needed another one," he said.

Michaels hopes that people with ideas on how to refurbish the mill and save the quickly deteriorating trough will con is a her. The structure already but she's trying to have it but she's trying to have it istry of Historic Places.

We're working on the little home now (where the Phillips first ran the curio shop) and creating a parking lot, Michaels said. "I want it to be a gathering place like it was in the old days. Id love to see a coffee house there."

But her main concern is the trough and replacement of the 12-inch beams.
"It's a working mill," Michaels said. "He's kept it going for 50 years."
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## Capitan officials, residents meet to discuss the needs of the community

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Billingsley said that the best olution would probabliy be to build $a$ new high school, move the fourth and fifth grades to the middle school and the middle school students to the old high school so that all the stasShe said they already own the football field behind the school, and it could be used for a two-story facility so that there would be room for all the buildings on one campus. Then they
would like to close off the interior of the campus of the intericould be exterior parking and more security for the stadents. About $\$ 5$ million to $\$ 7.5$ million would be needed for the facility A vote to purscue a bond board meeting Thursday night at 6 p.m. in the Capitan school at 6 p.m. in the Cap

If Capitan voters pass the bonds, Billingseley said, Capitan
would see an additional $\$ 135$ in would see am additional $\$ 135$ in taxes per year in the year 2000, which amounts to about $\$ 10$ a momth. If nothing is done to ystem will find itself violating the state's maindate, she said. She seid the gchools need to be bonded to 75 percent capacity before they are eligible
for state funding. If $\$ 5$ million for state funding. If $\$ 5$ million them up to 85 percent and they would then be eligible for the funding

Barbarà Luna, a state district forrester and resident, said she felt that many people had been misled by the lottery. She raising large sums bike the \$5 raising large sums hise the so state funding kicks in. She said

## COLTRT RECORDS




college for "our kids," but it may people thought it was for. She urged people to write their legislems.

The County Fiair Sanders, to seresident of the Lin coln County Fair Association Sanders eaid the nine-member boaird, which was started in 1956, exists mainly to benefit the youth of Lincoln County biut most people just dont reaize it.
He said their main job is to put on the Lincoln County Fair very yea the buildings at the fairgroumds. There are not enough facilities of stable and groom the amount of animals entered at the fai nymore, be said, and the facili or the numbers of people who now attend.
Board members work an
verage of 200 to 500 hours per person each year to put on the fair, he said, and they are outt at They have committees which do he work to accommodate the 15,000 to 25,000 people who now Whend the fair.
When the buildings are not in use for the fair, they are often used to for other community 20 days usage per year, he said It is one of the most used facilities in the area," said Sanders. He said it talkes $\$ 80,000$ a year to put on the fair.

When asked what the fair board's position is on the fairgrounds being taken over by the said as a group, all they want to do is put on a county fair. "We
don't know if the city or the don't know if the city
ounty owns it", he said
He said they really
He said they really have a neutral stance as to Who takes
over the fairgrounds. "Its a big
decision decision
Sanders.

They are given $\$ 19,000$ to operate the facilities, he said,
and it takes $\$ 30,000$ to put on and it takes $\$ 30,000$ to put on $\$ 700,000$ worth of improvewashing facilities for the ani-
mals, more restrooms, an oper ating kitchen for other organiza a concession stand are all need ed, and they don't have corrals,
he paid. he said.
we need to grow with it," he we ne

Sanders said there has been consistent support for the fairgrounds from some county repget into trouble for saying it," he said, "but if you voted against the Lincoln County Fou voted against the youth of Lincoln County"
body to come in here and back us," gaid Sanders. "It's only inle 120 deys a year. Thiat little fairplaces this county has got viabl

Sanders said the board would like to see the fairgrounds open every day of the year and alvaya have adults there so that it can be a safe place for kids, to
come and enjoy activities. They would like to have a basebal the whole other atiractions "It should be a community
place," he said.
The Foreat
Larry Bandy, a representa tive from the State Forest Divi Minerals and Natural Resources Department, spoke
on the present status of the on the present status of the Smokey Bear Historical Park. Bandy said the history of the park goes back to the mid-1970 When it was mandated by the prevention program, but in 1992 the manamement responsibility for the park was officially trans It to the Forestry Division.

It was originally meant to b a bapowcase for the community of Capitan, but because of insuffipersonnel, maintenance of the park has been minimal.

- Bandy said the exhibits are basically the same as they were in 1979. They need upgrading to make the message presented more in line with current wildphies. The building, walkway


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and old train deppot, which is need repairs.
Funding was provided in January to put a new roof on the visitor center. Bandy said the budget is never ovar $\$ 8,000$ a year,
$\$ 5,000$.

He presented a proposed Mie presented a proposed
morti-phase project by the
Forestry Division that would Forestry Division that would link improvements at the expansion upgrades of the Smokey Bear Museum and the depot into a welompainforma tion center on the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Loop. He said he came to talk to the community affect Capitan

The forest service needs su gestions about the direction the community wants them to take. State of New Mexico, and the playground and museum at the park belong to Capitan.
ect calls first for planned prosive study of the existing facilities located at Smokey Bear Historical Park. It would include the visitor's center and indoor exhibits, outdoor. interpretive area, recreation area, Smokey's gravesite, educational opportumaintenance and storage requirements, parking and traffic flow, Smokey Bear Museum Capitan train depot, which is on the State Register of Historic and finding sources
will ben an operational pi will be developed with the information from the study that will identify an overall design for renovation of the park. This will be done by an ad hoc committee with participants from cocperatService, the Park Service, Bureau of land Management, Lincoln County, Village of Capitan, and Parks and Recreation.

Capitan Planning
Greg Haussler, chairman of the Capitan Planning Commisthe commission.

He talked about major paving and guttering of streets current projects completed, as a map which identifies inifrastructure, roads, lot plats, water lines and tan is regronsible. He said the well four miles east of Capitan, which was the without sulfates, is the current source for the village, and they back hoping well near it that will have the same yield.
cap for population growth in Capitan, Haussler said there is 4 40-year plan that shows low growth as 1.5 percent, moderate growth as 3.5 percent and high here are presently 1,600 building sites in Capitan, and there is currently a moratorium on annexation of more land into the illage limits becan Haussle
Hevelopment Block Grant has been written that involves updating the comprehensive naster plan of the village, last done in 1988. Theie will be pubfor meetings held this summer drainage, soils and the exten sion of existing facilities.
Main Streptesentatives of the Main Street New Mexico prowho works with director Elmo Baca, and Sally Wood, a licensed architect with the program talization of communities.

The four components are design, promotion, economic The community, seid Kendall, decides on how large the project vill be. vation and arts in Capitan. ng at the growing, were burst ummare seams," said Ingle in summary, "but we can make it happen ... whichever way we get together as long as we go in the
same direction."

## Schools in Lincoln County gear up for Graduation Day

Elaine Hobss MUDONO NEWES STAFT WRITER

Graduation Day is getting close for high school students all over Lincoin County.

Ruidoso High School will have its 51st graduation exerHorton Stadium.

The number of this year's graduates has not yet been determined, but it will be approximataly 110 students, school officials have said. Capitan High School is also May 23 graduation exercises on May 23, but the ceremony will be at 10 a.m. and it talkes place at Tiger Stadium. Last year's graduating class totalled 44 number is 41.

Hondo Valley High School graduation will be Mas 28 at 7 p.m. in the high school gymmesinm. Their graduating class has grown from eight, students
year. year. Graduation High School for Carrizpogo t 7 pan studerits is May 29 cymnasium. The high school ging class totalled 18 graduating clast totalled 18, and the class of 18
students.

Capitan seniota will graduate May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Corona Schools Auditorium.

This year's class will graduate 5 students, which is about the same number that gracuat-
ed last year.
Ruidonso Fhth Schoolle Pro ject Gradudtiof 1998 is again being sponsorad by parents and business people on graduation night, May 28.

The annual party for seniors was her ian by conceyned parents whoqeqided to sponsor was free of alcohol and dhugs and provided fun, food and music for students instead. This yeares party will begin
with decorated buses picking
up thadents from 9:30 to 10.30 par it the cheak-in point at Gaydyay Churdh of Christ, 415 Suddeth.

The buses will take athdents tathe Sieqra Cinoma theater, which has been relserved cor them, and they will have a be the ofted to free popcorn and be treated
soft drinks.
The buses will then tixans-
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ing Center where from 4 a.m. to 4 am . there will be pool, air
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## Sierra Vista School

Monday, May 18 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Red Beans and cornbread, tossed salad, fruit
fast: Chesday, May 19 - BreakLunch: Baked corn dog w/dipping sauce, green beans, fruit, milk.
Wedneaday, May 20 Breakfast: Cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: Spaghetti, corn, garlic

Thursday, May 21 - Break-

## fast: Sweet roll, milk, fruit.

 Lunch: Sloppy Joe w/fritos, pork-n-beans, fruit, milk.Friday, May 22 - Breakast: Cereal, milk, fruit. to, nacho rounds, salad, fruit milk.

White Mountain School
Monday, May 18 - Break fast: Cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Red beans and cornbread or beef truit, milk.
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Tuesday, May 19. Break-
fast: Churro, milk, fruit. Lunch: Baked corn dog w/dipping sauce or beef enchiladas, greear beans, fruit, milk. Wreanfast: Cereal May 20 . Lunch: Spaghetti or chili cheese baked potato, corn, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

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Ruidoso Middle School Monday, May 18 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, Juice Lunch: Turkey pot pie, mixed Thesday, Miay 19 - Breakfast: Lemon turnover; milk, fruit. Luricht Lasagna, tossied salad, corn, garlic bread, cher: ry cobbler.
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## Ruidoso High School

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Lasagna, tossed salad; corn, arlic bread, cherry cobbler. Wednesday, May 20 Breakfast: Lemon turnover, milk, fruit. Luthoh: Chicken nuggets, corm maished pota, gravy, toased salad, pit. ith astit Thinath fra bun potato bun, pot
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