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## Higher water rates proposed

by Dianne Stalungas
Uidoso news staff writer
Higher water rates, a better pay package for village employees and more ncentives for police officers are among new proposals to be presented during a p.m. Tuesday at the convention center. Village Manager Alan Briley revealed the plans during a budget workshop Thursday.

Water rates have not increased since 1984, Briley said. The sewer sysem has been supplementing the wate system by $\$ 200,000$ a year he said.

## DWI officials must repay wages

by Dianne Stallings
Charlie White, coordinator of Lincoln County's DWI program, and the program's probation officer have been told they will have to repay more than $\$ 10,000$ they received as wages in excess of their approved salaries.
The

The overpayment caused the grant program to run out of money

leaving offenders leaving offenders intended by the state and judges.
The $D W$ office in Ruidoso was closed Ruidoso was celosed
this week. The telephone tape message said it was shut down "due to circumstances White, who helped create the White, who helped create the of driving while intoxicated and then took over as coordinator, was overpaid by $\$ 5,417$ and probation officer Terry Gammage by $\$ 5,046$, commissioners said. White could not be reached for comment and did not attend the commission's regular meeting Tiestall
paid non elected county is high est paid non-elected county employ-
ee. According to the county's 1998-99 budget, he will receive $\$ 34,500$ from one fund and $\$ 6,500$ from another for a total of $\$ 41,000$. Gammage is scheduled to receive $\$ 28,750$.

Commissioner Monroy Montes said the board that oversees the pro-
gram should discuss how to change the approach of the program. because money was overspent on management, Montes said during a budget session Friday.
asked Cominissioner Wilton Howell, who better approach in spending the grant money and tracking expenses. Wednesday, Howell said he may propose during the commission's special meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday. in someone to finish out the remaining month and a half of the grant period, possibly a counselor already working with jail inmates.

Dave Hanna, bureau chief of the state DWI program of the local government division of the Department his agency gave a grant for 12 months of service

Where this situation leaves the clients, I have the same concern," Hanna said. "We did not expect a break in service. We were led to believe in a meeting with county officontinue to the end of the fiscal year They may have changed direction because it's an evolving situation. "The solution needs to come locally. We try not to micro-manage.

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Under his proposal, the 7,300 cus- lage to issue bonds to pay for new training at the state academy
comers of the village's water system would see an increase of $\$ 2.91$ in the base charge for service, increasing it
from $\$ 12.50$ to $\$ 15.41$ a month. The base charge would cover from zero to 1,000 gallons instead of the current zero to 5,000 gallons, he said. Three or our more steps would be incorporated for up to 5,000 gallons, although Briley not have a breakdown available.
The major increases would be for usage of, more than 10,000 gallons,
Briley said.
Bun
The new approach would generate
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lage to issue bonds to pay
water-related projects, he said
If the base charge had kept pace with increases in the cost of living, Reading be about $\$ 18$, he said. Reading a list of hiring dates for officers in the village police depart-
ment, Briley pointed out that it's diffment, Briley pointed out that it's difficult for the village to hold them after
they have been trained. It's not higher pay that lures them to other communities and agencies, its retirement benefits and quicker recognition of earned rtifications, he said.
The village pays an officer's salary
Air mail


Frances Supina prepares to release one of 76 balloons sent into Ruidoso skies Wednesday aftermoon by residents of the Ruidoso Care Center Inside each balioon is the name and address of a resident at the center ano a request that the finder of the balcon write back. The event was held in honor of National Nursing Home Week, activities coordinator Shawn Kright said.

Briley proposed the village accept certifications that result in a pay step increase each year instead of every two years, that the village up its contribu-
tion to retirement from 10 percent to 18.5 percent and lower the number of years of service for retirement from 25 to 20 years.

Because three officers are near retirement and may not be replaced, if the 20 year plan is accepted by the
council, the salary request for the department would drop from See PROPOSALS page $2 A$

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## River association's annual cleanup tomorrow



John Rija, left foreground, pulls a plastic sack from the Rio Ruidoso River Association member Dick Jisner helps Hazel Haynsworth down the river bank to begin a pre cleanup effiort Thursday. In back are Riffe Salas and Ellen Bizzell of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and Ben Mason, president of the Riner Association
by Dianne Staluingis
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RUDDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTIR
The weather man predicts a sunny day with mild temperatures for Ruidoso's 5th Annual
Volunteers should don comfortable work clothes and shoes that can stand a bit of water, then head down at 8 a.m. to School House Park by the municipal wimming pool on Sudderth Drive. For four hours, members of the
Ruidoso River Association and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department will direct and participate in the effort to clean the river
"Here's a great chance for all of us who love this river to give something back and to have fun doing it," said "Come join the 1998 Stream Team. The river needs you." Although seeing the river bed and banks cleared of litter may be incentive enough for most penple, Wisner has prizes worth the effort of showing up. prizes worth the effort of showing up.
best restaurants in town, 200 T -shirts with the Stream Team insignia, gift certificates from shops and motels, passe
for Fun Trackers and tickets for Sierra Cinema.

When not scouring the river, volun teer:s can enjoy a living stream exhibit ask questions of representatives from the New Mexico Game and Fish Department and fill their stomachs with a free continental breakfast and picnic lunch.

All ages are welcome.
Having a good turn out is impor tant for the association in two ways - to lend muscle for the actual work on the the river preservation effort. Wisne the rid.

The association was formed to protect and preserve the river that has been negatively impacted over the past 10 years by rapid econo

The river runs a 30 mile course falling 6,000 vertical feet as it travels through the Mescalero Apache reservation and Ruidoso.


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## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln
County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E Chavez
Whibe Oals Eade
May 3, 1900
Some people, who are mis informed or have malicious motives are attermpting to convey the impression that there is a rivalry between the towns of Capitan and White Oaks. There Capitan has its unsurpassed
deposits of coal and iron, its minerals, thousands of acres of timber, agriculture and grazing lands, beautifil scenery and an incomparable climate. White Oaks has its rich gold and copper mines, cosa, thousands of its mountains of marble and fine building stone. The two towns are 25 miles apart but their interests are in common with each other, neither can detract from the other; capital invested in one camp will
assist the other.

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## Efforts continue to get Fort Stanton declared national cemetery

The Ninth Annual War Veterans Memorial Service at the Fort Stanton Merchañt Marine and Military 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 23. The assemblage this year seems especially significant, because of efforts to have the cemetery and fort declared a veterans memorial, and to officials to designate the oficials to designate the ing place for veterans.

Several of the national state Corrections Department veterans cemeteries are nearing capacity, including the one Santa Fe.
The fort, build for the defense of settlers, has been used as a tuberculosis hospital for merchant marines and as a state hospital for those with
ties.
It

It was closed by Gov. Gary Johnson in March 1895, sat empty for a few years, then
was leased for two years to the
state Corrections Department for women.
Gov. Gary Johnson already has expressed an interest in the project and is ooking into its impacts, because the cemetery and fort 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso re state property.
State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glencoe) introduced a bill sion calling for a study of the proposal.

It passed unanimously but never reached the floor of the Senate.
U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM) and U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen (R-NM) also have approached the U.S. ngton aboat Axairs in Warhington about the proposal, mpmorial orgaThe M
The Memorial Day service May 23.

## Village plans public hearing on impact fees planned for Tuesday

After more than a year of and the possibility of stand-by debate about whether Ruidoso new development, the issue will be up for public discussion Tuesday night.
The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Bention Center.
Besides impact fees, the posed water rate increases
PROPOSALS: vill
fees - annual or monthly
charges assessed on a lot before it is developed, Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said Wednesday.
Tuesday's publio hearing vill not be the last on the issue, Donaldson said, adding held before the council takes any actions.
"We are going to go over everything and look at it from a comprehensive standpoint on how to fund the needs for our water and sewer into the
future," Donaldson said earlier.

Many people don't understand that impact fees can improvements as needed by new development, he said.

However, the village's existing infrastructure has considerable need for ements and repairs. The solution, he said, may be a combination of fees. We want to make sure that everybody pays their fair share and that no one group is
subsidizing another," he said.

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$1,376,000$ to $\$ 1,333,000$, $\$ 43,000$ savings. If the one yea ertification acceptance is p to $\$ 1,357,000$, still $\$ 19,000$ less.
Although none of the coun cilors at the workshop objected oo Briley presenting the propoeI to the entire board, Coumcilo Bob Sterchi said the decision vould affect the village in the

> Mayor Robert Donaldison asked if officers who choose to leave after their training could village spent on them
> vilage spent on them.
That's on the attorney's desk right now," Briley said. "The other three entities I worked for (required some reprymment) if a person quit within six months.

> Briley's propossal for a permanent pay increase for villatse employees would impact the

## be a recurring expense.

He said the increases would be, based on a plan prepared for tant, using comparisons locally regionally and statevride
He could not be specific bout each position, because some are covered by unions and rages are a negotiable item. However, he said the plan would bring employees up to the market minimum and would chyde increasess for longevity-

Eggleston and Briley contended one of the best ways to ensure residents will received good service is to treat village employees well.
"But we have to be realistic," the mayor said.

Briley said the village couldn't afford to bring employees up to the mid-range of the market. For the last two years, time, nonrecurring payments of time, nonrecurring payments of
$\$ 500$ a year, but no raises.

PROGRAM: White's program has been used'as a model for New Mexico

Continued from page 1A
The DWI program operat ad on a $\$ 99,000$ grant this year to serve a caseload of year to serve a
about 180 clients.
To date, the state has reimbursed the county for about 56 percent of the total grant, Hanna said.

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tember.
Lincoln County's program designed by White has been a success by state standards.

We were using that program as a model to nee if it could be set up in other counties," Hanna said, pointing to and a non-compliance rate of less than 6 percent out of the

360 offenders handled as of
House Bill 108 passed in 1997 allocates money to participating counties each yea by a formula and as long as the money is spent on eligible ftems;' Tuturí grants shodidn' be affected by this incident Hanna said.
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## VIIIAGENEWS

## Bllly the Kid Center

## to open

A visitor's center that has noen more than three years in 3 p.m. June 12 grand opening
coordinators said. Kid Scenic
Thie Billy the Kid Scenic Byways. Intarpreinige way 70 noast to the Muserum of the days earlier at 9 a.m. on June 10, said members of the Ruidoso Scenic Byways Commit-
The center will provide information about attractions along the scenic byways lopp as
well ar southern New Mexico. It will be ouperated free of charge by staff from the Museum of the

## IDEATHS FUNERALS

## Karen Farus

A funeral service for Karen Farus, 47, of Ruidoso, was Thursday at the Ruidoso Baptist Church. The hev. Wayne Soyce and the Rev. Randy yy. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.
She died Tueeday at the Ruidoso Care Center. She was born May 28, 1950, in Santa Fe and grew up in Ruidoso and had lived her all of her life. She was a member
She is survived by a brothr, Milton Farus, and his wife, Glenda, of Ruidoso; a sister-inlaw, also of Ruidoso; and an uncle, Wayne Joyce of Ruidoso

She
her preceded in death her parents willard and Troy Farus.
LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## Fernando B. Medina Sr.

,IF prayer semvica "for. Fer. nando B. Medina Sr., 72, of
Carrizozo, was on Thursday at
inside the center.
Inttial hours of the visktors center will be 9 a.m. to 5:80 P.m. on Sundays through on Pridays and Saturd to 6 p.m. ory Chya and Saturdays, said Those hours the museum Those hours may change deppending on when people use the center most, Chase and manage the center for the musenum.

The committees next meet ing will be 2 p.m. on June 3 at the visitor's center

## Board term limits

## eliminated

The Ruidoso Village Coun cil this week tossed out an ordi nance limiting how many terms
may be served by the volunteer

Santa Rita's Catholic Church where the funeral Miass will be today at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Young Burial will follow at Ou

Mr. Medina died Monday
hit. Medina died Monday 30, 1925, at Carrizozo and had lived in Carrizozo all his life. He was a retired heavy equip ment operator and a member of Santa Rita's Catholic Church. He was in the Army ring World War 1
He married Betty Baca in
He is survived
He is survived by his wife Betty, of Carrizozo; sons Alfred Medh of and David Medina, Patricia Medina of daughter, brothers Manuel Vigil of Car izozo and Ben igio of Car Florida; Benny Chaves of Aragon of Rosw Carmen Aragon of San Beniot Tessis Lena Connell of Roswell, Patg Chaves of Florida; and four grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by a son, Fernando Ray Medini Jr.

Arrangements are by LaGrome
Ruidoso.

## NOTICE

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members on village boards and members on village boards and last year, had been set at three terms. Mayor Robert Donaldson said the ordinance was a mis take considering the number of valued board members that would be pushed out of committeess by the limitations.

Responding to a resident's concerns about whether other people world have an opportu-
nity to serve on boards, Donald son said the problems for the council is finding people to fill open board positions, rather than in trying to prevent the

## New policies

for council meetings
Mayor Robert Donaldson added a new a amendment Tueeday to his previous proposals for changing how council sessions are conducted.
The council approved the now structure, which is to take
effect at the May 26 meeting Consent agenda items. which no discussion on the issues is expected will be moved to the front of the agenda, behind reports from the vil lage manager, Donaldson" ssaid Consent items have been on the last items on the agenda. ing issues are often on the consent agenda, residents some times pay attorneys to monitor the sessions, Donaldson said There was no need for residents to pay attorneys to sit throug

Other changes to
ions include: - The agend
at 10 a.m. on Wede closed before council sessions instead of at noon on Thursdayis.

- Items on the agenda will be considered at a Wednesday pre-agends meeting. People
requesting to cil on an issue may be refarred to a village department or a vil lage board, depending on which action would be most expedient If an issue is not resolved through those channels, then the tem will be brought be
before the council at a later seg
sion, Mayor Robert Donaldson has said.

Information about acenda items will be submitted to the village prior to the Wednesday agenda meetinga.

People wishing to be on the agenda must submit a detailed written summary of their preaddress, whether they are a village resident, property owner or susiness owner.

People wishing to be on the agenda should use 10 min uten as guideline for their pre. Villa
will be moved the beginning of $a$ council session rather than following public hearings and regular agenda items.

## Break from LCSWA

The. Ruidoso Vllage Council officially broke away from the Lincoln County Solid Waste

## Authority this week

Applause from people attending Thesday's council ses-
sion followed a vote by the coumail to sign a a vote by the coumcil to sign a joint powers agree and reforms the authority.

The village was the last entity of the authority's consortium of members to sign the agreement, which basically allows Ruidoso $\begin{gathered}\text { separate }\end{gathered}$ garbage collection services. Ruidoso wish be able to keep partial County landfill under the agreement.

The village also will resume operation and maintenance of the transfer station on Gavilan
Canyon Road, where garbage is Canyon Road, where garbage is
taken before being hauled to the landfill. The village also took several former authority employees in the formation of a 12-members garbage collection department.
Mayor Robert Donaldson said this week the village tion services starting Sept. 1. Aconsultant to the village is in the process of setting up routes for garbage collection, Donaldson said Tuesday.
The vilage has ordered two
to soon purchase more equiphalf of Ruidoso's garbage dumpsters will be replaced with new dumpsters.
A state grant of about $\$ 200,000$ wili be used by the village for a safer, more efficient before it hauled to the landfin village administrators said Village Manager Alan ley said the total cost for garbage collection equipment is expected to be about $\$ 800,000$. A proposed rate schedule for village garbage collection services would be $\$ 10.25$ per tomers, and would tnclude curb side service for yard waste, such as pine needles, and a fee to cover a recycling program. The.

## Ordinance review

Ruidoso village councilors won't need to send proposed Ruidoso Planning and Zonin Commission for recommende tions if the ordinance became a law within 18 -mont before and.
The village voted Tuesday to restructure the procedure for reviewing planning ordinances. Mosed Robert Donaldson proprocess was ton bureaucratic and delayed council actions on amendments too long
"It seemed to be rather bur densome from the standpoint of moving the people's business forward," Donaldson said.

The proposal, passed quick ly by the council, was not met with any criticism at Tuesday ${ }^{\text {t }}$ session. Al Junge, a residen sessions, applauded counct son's proposal, saying, "Mayor it's about time."

Special events
facilitator sought
Ruidoso has started looking for a contractor to solicit and Gandle special event activities On Tuesd

Just a note to thank all our friends for a wonderful first year!
The reception we have received has been nothing léss than fantastic and we feel privileged to have been accepted so readily by our community. We feel our appreciation can best be shown by continuing to provide the very best in fresh, delicious meals presented with the care that only Steve can show. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your continued patronage at our ever expanding little kitchen!

Steve $\mathcal{E}$ Sue $\mathcal{L u t z} \sim$ Dr. Sieve ' Kitchen PS: For "local access" during our period of road construction don't forget
to use 1 st Street (between KiDZZ and Alpine Lodge)


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## OUR OPINION

## Cleaning up our 'collective room'

Remember those Saturday mornings when all you wanted to do was play but mom wouldn't let you until you cleaned up your room.

Well, this Saturday we can all do our part to clean up our collective room by helping out the Ruidoso River Association and their 5th Annual Community River Cleanup.

The group is trying to restore the Rio Ruidoso's pristine condition and eliminate excess nutrients that have encouraged algae growth and deprived fish of oxygen.

Association members are dedicated to the goals of recapturing the river's designation as a high quality fishery by maintaining a minimum amount of water in the stream bed at all times and keeping it clean enough to support a sensitive fish habitation.

While terms such as "eliminating excess nutrients" and encouraging "algae growth" may not sound much like a motivator to some, returning the river to its nat ural beauty and taking some responsibility for our own impact upon that river should be enough to get people to grab a bag and pick up some of that trash.

And if those esoteric factors aren't enough, there are also the door prizes that will be offered, such as dinners, T-shirts, and assorted gift certificates for the more mate rial-minded river cleaner.

The businesses that donated those door prizes need to be thanked.

The cleanup begins at 8 a.m. at the School House Park by the municipal swimming pool on Sudderth Drive and will last until agep

The association really needs as many people to show up as possible because the more that participate the better the chances will be as far as obtaining grants that can be dedicated to the further preservation of the river

This also can be a learning experience for folks because the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the status of the river and a living stream exhibit will be on hand

So, in the words of Dick Wisner, a member of the Ruidoso River Association, come join the 1998 Stream Team and bring your children, your family and your friends.

Remember, the river needs you - and, really, you need the river, too.

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THE SILVER MANING
In the company of Wayne and Marilyn Ward, their son, Matt, and Marilyn's mother,

by Dan Storm
EY DAN
Coumanst
the Spencer Theater
tor Dan Flores was choir director, and Celeste Fowler and niats with Terri Flores as assignists

Lanny Maddox, Ruidoso chief of police, as narrator for cal hinictrgogupd for the patriotic


Among the numbers presented were: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "This Little Light of "Amerrica the Beautiful,

A barber-shop quartette
mposed of local school admincomposed of local school administrators sang old-time favorites.

During a solo by Delana Clemens, a special dance was brese Rizzo. The program. Barclosed by the audience standing and simging

We all extended thanks to
thase who helped preesent this Moping time fe

## Happy Birthday <br> to the Arizona Krd

This is being sent to you on
May 12 and will reach you on May 15, one day before the birthday of Bob Lambert, also
known as the Arizona Kid.

Robert Lee Lambert wás born May 17, 1909, in Ballard County, Ky:
he and his mother started out for Arizona for his mother' On

On the train on the way out his mother had a conversation with a man who later turned
out to be Zane Grey, world out to be Zane Grey, world
favorite writer of Western stories.This seemed prophetic becruse Boh wasspon to betina

In Arizona Bob's mother began working as a co
Here Bob in helping his mother, learned lessons about cooking, which held him in good
stead later on.

At age 14 Bob became a cowboy and became known as The Arizona Kid. He remembers: "We got twenty-five a
month and chuck, and had the whole out-doors to seep in. The whole out-doors to seep in. Topwagon bose paid 45 a month. One time Bob joined a cow
outfit when it was raining and hailing and half the horses were anippled up by Lechiouilla weed. was no cook.
inger ot wagon boss pointed his "and at ma," Bob remembers, and saik: Can you cook? I said, Sure I can cook, even when here is nothing to cook with.
"What did we cook? Good old beef etreak, taters, beans, biscuit, rice and raisins, dried apples, peaches and apricots." After years as a top hand Bob had saved up $\$ 1,000$ with which he made a down payment on a ranch near Skull Valley,
Ariz.
Then his star of good fortune shone his star of good forhe was married to the former
Betty $V$ yne.
Betty Vor 20 years they lived the happy life of ranchers in north-

 Browning, natives of Lincoln County who spoke of the RuiIn 1969 Bob and Betty moved to their present home, The Canyon Trading Post, two mile down river from Fox Cave. words spoken by. the Browning Brothers, Dude and Bill Dick Brothers,
and true.
We
We are glad that Bob and Betty are our good neighbors, happy return of the day and all happy return of

## FOOLS AND NEWCOMERS

## The fifteen million dollar war

By Morrow Hali
SYNDCATED COWMMNIST
In the summer of 1845 magazine editor 'John $L_{L}$ O'Sul livan called for "the fulfillment spread the continent allotted by Providence...

The phrase "manifest destiny" caught on like wildfire. It reflected the opinion that not only could the fledgling United States expand to fill the empty was inevitable that it should do so, if not ordained by God.

O'Sullivan didn't bother to consult with Mexico; which as successor to Spain could claim almost 250 years of conitinuous residence in the sumject territotook issure with thie notion that God intended New Mexico to become. part of the Unite
States were blithely ignored.

## Pushing destiny

The suceress of "manifest was due in larte part to Mexic itself, which had geveral oppor tunities to halt United States hegremony and consistently Mexico's first
Mexico's first mistake was allowing the region of lexas to be colonized by Anglo-Ameri-
cans.
head in 1836, when the colonists declared indepen-
dence as the Republic of texas. dence as the Republic of Rexas. The Taxans were defeated of their losing a battle and win ning a war.
When the United States agreed to absorb the Republic of the face of the Mexican government, which responded hy seivering diplomatic relations.
Polk sent Congressman John Slidell on a secret mission to Mexico City:

He was authorized to offer up to $\$ 30$ million to phurchase Mexico - a huge chown as of land Mexico-a huge chuink of land that contaned most of what is
now the states of New Mexico now the states of New Mexico Nevada.
Slidell couldn't even get an audience in Mexic
Polk responded, in January,
184, by sending troops unier 1846; by seniding troops punder the command or gen. Yacheity Nuylor to Anc area betwen the Grande in what is now tlexas. Mexico claimed the Nutesces as the boundary while the U.S. claimed south to the Rio Grande.

Taylor and his mene were southern line to detond the On April 25th, a Mexican
force attacked Taylor's troops north of the Rio Grande, killing or injuring 16. It was the infraction Polk had been waiting for, and on May ilith he asked con gress to dee

The price of destiny
Support for the Mexican War was hukewarm.at best, and U.S. forces consistently faced side. Despite that, the Miextcans consistently lost.
Some U.S. forces occiupied the lands Slidell had tried to pay for while others invaded what is now northern Merico and begatito worls sointh.
lized The United States also utio harass the Mexican constline of harass the Mexican coastine of roops, under the command of Gen. Winfield Scott; marche from Verat Cruk, on the Guil tal foll and the, wat, the capi- on
 chitertere of the State Depart ment, Nicholas Trist, with Gen Scott to try to negotiate a peace treafy. His efforts were unre warded until Mexico City fell, and then the Moxican govern-
ment was in suxak disarray no ne colld spealk for it
Fristrated by the lack of

## A celebration at <br> Fort Stanton

If you have a taste for history, licail qu otherwise, you urn up Saturday, Miny 28, Fort Stanton; when thie group seeking to preserve the MOUNTAIN $y$ as a living museum and convention
center hosts an all-day family oriented celebration. otroll through the fort's Merchant
Marine

was, in a sense, á voyage of dis what, merchant marimes in the mountains?

Just seeing the names and absorbing the century or so of
history turned on the kind of history turned on the kind of mental charge we hadn't experienced since the time we
stumbled upon "Poet's Hill" in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord and hard by Walden Pond. On that hill we gazed a names on gravestones that had been a part of our reading live since the 6th grade Hawthorne, Thoreau and Alcott among them.
Not that the cemetery at Fort Stanton is replete with But namesely
metimes with reading them so many questions .... how, why did these people (so mony for eign names) end their lives here? coitrite, was an exploration, of difthe Bufeventually includLincoln County War, the Great War of 1914-18 (the "war to end all wars') and World War

No wonder. Fort Stanton inc. wants to preserve it all for posterity.
You can get there easily. It's less than three miles south of U. S. 380; turn off a bit east Blanca Regional Airport Blanca Regional Airport and the historic cemetary's on the right; the celebration's on the
success, Polk rećalled Trist. But soon after Trist received word that he had been fired, everything fell into place. Trist decided to ignore the President, and on February 2, 1848, he signed a peace treaty
United States.

The treaty has come to be known for the town in which it was signed, Guadalupe Hidaldo, Mexico.
Pecognized that irritated, but he recognized that support for the war, while never extensive, con-
timued to dwindle. He also liked the terms of the freaty He red the terms of the treaty Hee rec
ommended that it be ratified.

Sixteen months of war essentialy cut the price of man-
ifest destiny in half. Slidell was prepared to offer up to $\$ 30 \mathrm{mil}$ lion for greater New Mexsico in late 1845. Trist closed the dea in earily 1848 for $\$ 15$ million. pation of Neek Mexico.
1 Elsiewherer 1845, the year Thatis became a statite, was the frist yeat of fainine in Ireland

## Ruidoso News reporter receives state writing award

The Rutdoso Neus today the media, will receive a state ayard for modical writing based on several articles abopt the phrvivors of breast cancer writtem by reporiter Toni TK. Laxson and published in October, The 1987 Guy Rader Award is presented biy the and includes a $\$ 500$ cash prize: The award was named in honor of Rader, a medical doctor who died in 1961. He was know for his community work and intereat in the qual
ne madia, attributea the articles impact and the subse quent ayward to the courageous candionesis of the three breast cancer suuvivors interviewed for the story - Mike Line, Ruidoso municipal judge, Stephanie Lewicki, a
Ruidoso housewife, and Ovella Estes; a newly elected member of the Rewidoso Village Council.
"The article about breast cancer originally started off as a single piece," Laxson said. -inowever, it turned into three
the compelling atories these share. Thepole were willing to life-threatening cases of the disease as well as radical and harsh propedures to treat the disease.
"Thapgh their cases, treat ment and experiences treat breast cancer varied I was breast cancer varied, 1 was similar perspectives and philosophies, especially in their approach to life durin and after their treatment, Laxson said.
One similarity was the

Them to speak frankly about details of their experiences Laxson said

Motivating them was a great concern to increase local awareness about the disease and how it can strike even people who are considered

Laxson gives
credit for the stories to Estes who not only approached the newspaper with the idea for the story but supplied a list of coritacts with which to start the article.

Estes' goal, she said, was
to increase awareness of the disease as well as to highlight the local people and organizations fighting it.
"My goodness, theré are a lot of good deeds in this town," Estes said recently. "It's a shame that we take the good ings for granted.
Esters is in the process of ighting her second round up several weeks ago in both her spine and lungs.

Laxson is giving $\$ 100$ of the cash award to Estes, who, n turin, will be giving the mioney to the Run for the
E.A.C.H.

Run for the B.EsA.C.H. is a local effort to raise money breast cancer detection. Bonnie Smith, director of public relations for the New Mexico Medical Society, said the contest's panel of judge unanimously selected son's article for the award from all the newspaper entries submitted statewide.

Laxson will be attending a ceremony this evening in Albuquerque to receive the award.


## Sheriff gets two temporary deputies and patrol car in budget

by Dianne Stallings UIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After the dust from budget debates settled Tuesday, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, with turquoise-handled pistol on his hip, walked away deputies and one new patrol car in his 1998-99 budget.
It wasn't as much as he wanted, but it was more than he had the previous week after a brutal budget slashing session by commissioners in which all capital outlay
equests were shelved.
Sullivan asked for $t$ time deputies and three patrol
cars. But the sheriff received ncouragement from Commit sioner Monroy Montes to
explore grants available to time deputy and Commissionhire more deputies with the of their salaries
"I thought the commission didn't want to have a continu ing obligation to a continu grant deputios on putf $n$ Sull van said. "That was the mee sage I understood."
Montes said while he thought that way in the past, he realizes that the sheriff's office must grow with the county and might as well take advantage of grants, even if they require that the person be put on as regular staff
when the grant money rums out. At a special budpet session Friday, Commisaion Chairman L. Ray Nunley pushed hard for one new full
or William Schwettmanis tried for two.
"He only has two on the street at a time now, sometimes only one, ${ }^{\text {n }}$ Schwettmann said. "People want more law enforcement and we can't pro-
vide it. How can you expect hime to try to enforce county ordinances and patrol too? We should keep trying to cut other areas and find more revonue for this department."

Sullivan said he has a dozen deputies, but two are
out with long term injuries He out with long torm injuries He vide 24-hour coverage of the county with two deputies, he gaid, pointing out that the Ruidoso Police Department has 39 officers to provide 24 hour patrols.

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## or resign, suilivan said herd

Commissioner Wilton Howell questioned how the hour coverage with so few officers.
Undersheriff Ricky on, a former cer, said nine atate police offithe district that stretches from Three Rivers north to Cedarville and Corona and from Mescalero east to the Chaves County.

If an officer is not available, one will be called out of the Roswell or Alamogordo office, he said, adding that's When Howell surit do. hat two temporary deputies be hired until the injured officers either come back on duty or resign, Sullivan said he'd
ofincer for sure instead of taking a chance on temporary help that may have to be laid ${ }_{\text {help }}$

Montes satd the detention center is asking for four more employees and the Zia Semior Citizens program director Wants the manager of the thine.:
"You add all that back in and we're back in the same position we were a week ago," said.
Sullivan said when the two injured officers run out of gick leave and vacation time,
they no longer will be paid. and that should make up for siome of the new officer's salary.

Later in the meeting, commissioners agreed to reinstate the Capitan senior center manager :as full time.
His hours were

His hours were cut last agreed to one new employee at the jail, pending the outcome of irequest for proposals currently being

Although commissioners
Although commisbioners ing May 19 approval of the final preliminary budget, after a few more cuts and some rearranging of money, they managed to end up Theesday with about $\$ 30,000$ more
ceserves in the 1998-99 proposed budget.

Niontes suggested a 8 percont raise for county ernployees for $\$ 48,000$, but Nunley said. the commisston should wait until mid-year to see if the county collects. more revenue than projected for it $\$ 9.8$ million budget.

Under county operation, the budget shows about $\$ 33$ eral fund and $\$ 11$ millios in he road fund. Commissio
lso want to look stid they additional revenue sources to eliminate deficit spending that has been draining the county's reserves for the past few years.
The reserve for the 1998 99 budget dropped from $\$ 3.9$ as a beginning cash balance to cash balance Exh balance.
fonses for the county jail doubled over the past year the money to build a new one Howell said.

Possible sources may be gross receipt taxes, something the county has avoided in the past; user fees for road maintenance; or imposition of more property taxes because the tax cap not at its maximum tax cap.

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## The David Hufistutler <br> Ustediun court records one $3 B$ of Wedresclay's paper is mot to be coryfused with David Hugstealler; son of Jinnayy ared Cathy Findstedler:

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Basketball proposal for Downs deflated by state, lack of funds


Minie MaNoll and Eddia Pirker of Altrusa Chub of Ruidoso disphay a Peter Humb rintertied "The Red Plckuyp" that was donated by the Hurd La Rinconada Galles

## Altrusa Club raises money for womens scholarships

y Elaine Hobbs UIDOSO NEWES TTAFF WRITER

The Hurd La Rinconada Gallery in San Patricio has donated a framed print by well-known artist Peter Hurd to the upcoming Altrusa Club drawing.
The drawing is one of the lub's activities that raises money for scholarships to help widows and other women ho need to go back to school.

The event will take place at the Eastern New Mexico building at 1 p.m. June 6, and tickets are $\$ 5$.

The Hurd print was taken rom an egg tempera painting done in the early 1960 s titled he Red Pickup."
The club is hoping to realze $\$ 2,500$ from ticket sales
or the drawing. rofit community service organization that participates in many community activities such as the river cleanup, the library move, teacher apprecithey initiated to help, andilts $^{2}$ earn to read.

They have just added a memorial fund for members,
which allows them to make donations in memery of some one. These funds are also used one. These funds are also used
for the women's scholarships. In addition to the draw ing, the club is having its sixth annual Gently Used Sale the morning of June 8
from 8 a.m. until from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., and it will also
ship fund

Donations of new or light ly used items are being sough for the sale.

Beth Sayner, an Altruse member, said they will have appliances, furniture, and some businesses have even donated new clothing.

Sayner said last year's sale was memorable because a family that was moving out yard sale contents at the last minute.

They made $\$ 5,000$ last ar on the sale, Saynor said. Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale may drop them off at the university from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. any morning until June 6 . Thosedixishinig,to buy ticlsets for the drawing or wanting more information should call Beth Sayner at 258-4244.


VOTE TUESDAY, JUNE 2 VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE VOTE FOR COMPETENCE VOTE FOR INTEGRITY

- Though an advisory committee gave the Ruidoso Downs the center this week, that light turned red when state approval fell through.
by Toni K. Laxson EUDOSO NEWUS STAFF WRTTER

After surveying residents and studying possible grants and locations, an advisory committee to the Ruidoso Downs Village Council this week satid the village should go ahead with
its plans to build a baskethall fts plans to build a baskethall However; in a letter deliv: turned down the village's request to build that basketball center at the All American Park Besides which, the village
would have a hard time finding would have a hard time finding ity, a village official said. paying off equipment and with payises and (by paying) 100 per cent of employees insurance, Wilage Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weihbrecht told village trustees

## NEWS BRIEFS

Ruidoso State Bank to expand

Tom Batten, president of Ruidoso State Bank, said this week plans are underway to Downs branch in kuidoso Mart Super Center.

The branch will be the sixth Ruidoso State Bank facil ity, including the seasonal branch open at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track during the racing season, Batten said Other facilities include the derth Drive, building on Sudon Mechem Drive and branch es in both Carrizezo and Capi tan. The proposed site, located said.
Construction of the branch will cost about $\$ 200,000$, Bat-

shop.
Trustee Judy Miller said she nas not surprised the state requegt down the village's because the which was needed state and federal funding. "That's an outdoor park," Miller said.
"I think we need a larger place for it, anyway," adḍed Trustee Jackie Branum.
At the budget workshop, Village Attorney Dan Bryant gained permission from the possible arguments against the state's decision. In the letter from Sandra Madrid-Massengill, planning director of the state's Land \& Water Conservatiga Fund Program, the village would need to replace the park area that would basketball facility.
Because Mayor Joe Hayhurst told her the village did not have a replacement park area, Madrid-Massengill said she could not "legitimately soek Park Servicen for the National center.

I ama also concerned that
the village is not weighing the value of maintaining and pro tecting the All-American Park as an open space for the village," Madrid-Massengill wrote.

The center originally was to include three practice courts also to have a storage area and a small concession stand.

In March, the council appointed a committee to study the issue of a recreation conter - what type of facility residents wanted, where it ahould be buil. The committee canne back to the council Monday with a report on their findings and Beven recommendations.

Paul Van Gulick said 133 surveys, representing at least
twrice as many people had been twice as many people, had been completed about a possible were distributed by committee members goling door-to-door and tkurough public buildings such as the post office.
The majority of respondents placed baskethall courts as the preferred activity to be offered
is thaskethall by far and away is the biggest draw," he said. The committee also studied recreation centers in other cities to see what made them either Buccessful or unsuccessful. members said the village should hire a program director to staff the center to coordinate activities and to solicit commumity support. A second suggestion was the inclusion of a community room at the center, so the center may be used for activities other than baskethall.
Other recommendations included the inchusion of community youth in the design and well as a minimal charge, such as 25 cents, for use of the center. "When people have to pay for something, they tend to treat it with mos.

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Another recommond thy the committee is that the village, even if the basketball center is built, should continue looking for additional sites for recreational activities as well as governmental grants to pay for them.
ten said. It will offer both walk-
m and drive-through services,
he said. When finished, it will
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iramic along the highway
areatreasing as well as the
said.
We are really excited
about being in the Downs. We
$\begin{aligned} & \text { think there is going to be a lot } \\ & \text { of development in Ruidoso }\end{aligned}$
Downs," Batten said.
Car wash planned for
Slerra Mall parking lot
A local business owner is
tion Tuesday when he requests
village permission to build a
car wash in Sierra Mall park-
ing lot between the Ruidoso
State Bank and the Eastern
$\begin{aligned} & \text { New Mexico University facili- } \\ & \text { ty. }\end{aligned}$
Johnny Durham, owner of
mitted two requests before the
Ruidoso Planning and Zoning
Commission's 2 p.m. meeting
Tuesday, village staff said.
Durham leases the pro-
posed site for the car wash
staff said university, villag
Naid
Miller, director of the universi-
ty, could not be reached for
comment Thursday about the
proposed car wash.
Darrell Bremner, a Rui-
doso village planner, said
Durham is seeking both a con-
ditional use permit from the
sion and approval of a stan-
dard site development plan.
In the first, the commis-
sion will decide whether the
car wash is a reasonable use of
the area, Bremner said.
The second permit is
$\begin{aligned} & \text { approved based on the plans to } \\ & \text { coordinate traffic around the }\end{aligned}$
facility and the building's lay-
out, Bremner said.
The proposed structure is
54 by 44 feet Bremner said.

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## CAPITAN NEWS

Community clean up scheduled

Capitan residents will be able to durnp old furniture, appliances and their yard waste for free during a two-day community clean up set for Thurs-
Two roll-off containers will be stationed at villame hall on Lincoln Avenue. These containers will be open to the public at 9 a.m. and
nemain open until they are remain open until they are
filled each day. Trustees look for public imput on bond projects The Capitan Board of possible projects to be paid for with general obligation bonds.

Suggestions have included an addition to village hall, $a$ new will, a public sarety station
or a new bay for the fire department. tion we can specific what it will be for," said Village Clerk Debo-

## MARRIMGF: LICENSES

The following people filed for marcourthouse in Carrizozo during the mont of Aprii. Michael LL. Rominger,

- April 2 ,
 Crystal Adams, 22 , McClellan, 33, and - April 6: Gary A Vega, 36, and Melinda G. Harves, 29 , license used April 22 Aprd filed May 5 .
Lucinda Bril 8 Daniec Daiel Graves, 21, and Lucinda Blaylock, 20. E. Rodkey, 32, and Emizabeth Phillips 4 B Martinez, 55, Jessica P. Che Ryan $\mathbf{G}$. Lahey, 24 , and and Marfili A. Carrean 42 . Magee, 53 , 29, and Meliissas Beth Mallams, 24. and Meredith A. Farus, 27. Payne, 29,
rah Cummins.
Cummins seid the village will be sending out some flyera to get some imput back on the projects. The village will have another public hearing to further discusa possable projects. tion bond for water supply improvements has been paid, village officials have said.

In other business at a meeting Monday, the trustees accept ed an $\$ 8,000$ bid from the town blade and pick up truck.

Water restrictions in effect

Capitan residents were reminded Monday by village water department officials that water restrictions are in effect because of dry conditions.

Watering of lawns is restricted to before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. cials alge fire department officials also are recommending that people refrain from any fire conditions. To report a fire, call the sheriff's office.

Rec money disbursed The last of $\$ 8,008$ in recreation money allocated to the vilCounty was passed out to community groupss Monday The public library received
$\$ 1,000$, the children's baseball $\$ 1,000$, the children's hasebali
team $\$ 3,499$, the county fair team $\$ 3,499$, the county fair
association $\$ 1,000$ and the Linassociation $\$ 1,000$ and the
coln County Rodeo Club, $\$ 1,000$. Trustees also set aside $\$ 300$ for an architect who may be needed and $\$ 1,200$ in case the village puts playground equip

## Hondo Valley fiesta starts today

The annual spring rite of the Hondo Valloy bogins with a sensational array of color and exquisite handmade seathumes Latino music for the 46th annual fiesta.
de This year's theme, La Fiesta de Hondo "Suenos de Oro" (Dreams of Gold) is a celebration. of the 50th year since the beginning of the fiestas.
ing 46 of the 50 vears since the beginning of this tradition, reflects the heritage of the performers and their community in the traditional dances, songs, and decorations of the perform-creat-grandogarents The Hondo Val
will be performing Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, The program will be held at the

## begine at 7 p.m, ligth evenings, Acimisaion is \$5 for adults, 8

 for children and students. evening only, is available for \$7. Seats maybe necerved by calling 658-4411.A Mexican dinner will be prepared and served in the school caieteria from 4,80 to 6,30 pma. and argain efter the perforfor the dinner is $\$ 5$ for adults and $\$ 3.50$ for children More than 100 students from grades K-12 will be participating in this performance. The program, which was started by Fermin and Cirenia Montels, began in 1948. Since 1948 these students, have worked together to keep the program alive and flourishing Hondo graduates, former dancers and teachers Elizabeth Sanchez, Porfiria

Oinni, Kathy Herrera andifotinn Ortis axp now instructors "Thid year's program will and high acind elantary, junior ing to such New Mexican and Mexcican foll dances as the popular "Cafe Coplon" "La Negra," Jesueita en Chihuahua, ${ }^{3}$ E1 Jarabe 'Tapatio' and many oth${ }^{\text {ers. }}$ Th The students have received national and international of Arts im Tucson, the National Folk Festival in Nashville, the Hemisfair in San Antonio, Dis neyland, Los Mochis, Chihuahua and Mexico Cities, the New Mexico State Fairs and the During the summer of 1997, the dancers performed at Disney World in Florida.
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## - CLASS A-AAA STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

 Steady sophomore becomes RHS' first golf champ

## Next hurdie: State meet



District 3NAA 100 -meter hurcle champion Mandi Lewallen, inside lane, will
be a favorite today and tornorrow at the Class AAA Track champlonships.

## Warriors tracksters at state

Ruidoso's largest girls contingency. in awhile will Class AAA State Track Championships in Albuquerque today and Baturday. Thirteen giris and six tuidoso boys qualified. most quality weabe ever most quality weve ever Maskew said of his girls. Warilors at state Amber Green in the $\mathbf{4 0 0 - \text { meter } 2 0 0 - 2 0}$ - Sira ferresa in the durcios, triple jump.

relay, and 100 -meter hurdles.
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Corey Sanz the 400 relay, 800
 800 relay
- Eric Flo


A cool and collected Ben Andrews answers questions about his two-stroke victory in Boys Class AMA Golf Toummament: Lowe tied Danielle vith a 167 , shooting an 83 on Monday and an 84 Tuesday. "She shot in the low eighties both, and that's what we needed," Ruidoso girls coach
Les Carter said. Ruidosos Hea
Ruidoso's Heather Stephens Mocovered round of 90 to shoot an 80 for eighth place.
Carter said "It's scores," Carter said. "It's a type of course that favors players who our girls are more target play-

Carter said his Warrior have nothing to be ashamed of. We played in 10 tourna ments and we shot qualifying rounds in eight of the 10 and
placed in eight of the 10 ," Carter isaid.

Everybody bases your success and failure on how you do at the state tournament, and a lot teams don't even make it to a great year," said Carter, wh


## Game and fish department reveals plans for one of state's prettiest catches, the Rio Grande cutthroat

For decades the New
Mexico Game and Fish has studied and planned for the cutthroat trout. At the prande time, the Game and Fish is in the process of
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and five other groups, asking groups, asking

## Service to list this New Mexico rout species still found in

 native as an endangered species. This decision could take up to one year to determine if the fish will be listed "We feel very positive about our recent efforts for theRio Grande cutthroat, and, in particular where we are head ed in the future," said Jack Kelly, chief of the department' Fisheries Division.
. A total of 42 pure populations of Rio Grande cutthroa have been found in the state and additional pure popul
tions are found annually

Some additional studies are under way to determine the environmental needs, the

basic biology and life history and methods to genetically The Rio Grande
The Rio Grande cutthroat of stream after exotic

Nrout species still found in New Mexico, the other being cutthroat gets its name from the pronounced orange slashes found in the folds of its lower
jaw. This trout was historically jaw. This trout was historically
found in tributaries of the Rio Grande, the Pecos and the Canadian rivers.
Human activities in the 19th and 20th centuries have altered watershed conditions, which in turn raised water temperatures, dwindling popuing, brook and German brow trout, boosted by stocking pro grams, have turned out to be direct competition for food
with the Rio Grande. have the ou the streams that have the cutthroat restored in Rio de las Perchas, the Rio Cebolla and the upper Peco along with Jack's Creek and Nabor Creek and Lake. The Rio Grande cutthroat is one of the must-catch trout or any hard core trout fisher man. These trout are wily and crystal clear lakes. Some good fly selections are hornbergs and elk hair caddis along with hoppers and ants as dry flies. Nymph selections are rock
worms, pheasant tails, and princes for a good start. The Rio Grande cutthroat is a joy to catch and even bigger treat to see one of the most beautiful natives of the land of The Rio $G$
The Rio Grande cutthroat may soon be the shining exam successfully restore a troubled species.

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The catfish stocking profor stocking are Lake Van sted Dexter, Green Meadow Lake at Hobbs, Eunice Lake, Jal Lake, Oasis Lake at Portales, Burn Lake at Las Cruces and Tingley Beach in Albuquerque. Catchable-sized catifish will be stocked three time. this summer during the third all, more than 10,000 catfish will be stocked in those lakes.

## BT'SINESS BRIEFS

Mountain Summit
next week
The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will host the fifth Mountain Summit at 2 p.n. Wednesday in the Sierre Blanca Room of the Best West. ern Swiss Chalet, according to a press release.

The mammit meetings were eatablished last year to create a collective busimess tors said.

Discussion at this meeting will touch on current highway construction projects and their impact on the community.

Another topic at the meeting will be the chamber's program of work for the coming Year," called "Community "Disst," as well as adopting the business community.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting and express their opinions. For more information, contact the chamber at 257-7395
New Re/Max employees
Re/Max of Ruidoso has added seven real estate agents to it rolls, said Wayland Burk company owner/broker.

Eddy Gibson has 15 years banking experience and has a agriculture degree from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

Ellie Weinreich of Alto is a former Ruidoso property owner. She has 15 years real estate business and worked for the Vaughn Co. of Albu Bill
Bill Butaud of Capitan, formerly in lumber, construc Thexas, is a Capitan resident.

Marcia Guynes and Nancy Willinson moved to Re/Max from another real eatate company. Guynas has 20 years Ruidoso real estate experience and is president of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors as well as a multi-million dollar producer Wilkinson has a brokers She moved to Ruidoso from Waco, where-she was a real estate agent for 10 years.

Kire Cole and Charlotte

Mol_aughlin are newly licensed real estate agents.

Ruidoso Mortgage hires two loan officers

Ruidoas Mortgage Co., 1011 Mechem, has added two new loan officers - Leihua Wallace and Anjanette Chavez. Both are experienced in all fields of mortgage lendWallace was previcusly with Ruidoso State Bank Chavez, with 12 years ending experience, recently worked with Pioneer Savings Bank. She also worked for a mortgage broker in California. The company also has offices in Alamogordo.

## Tour marketing seminar

The Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (RDDTT) Project hosted a group tour marketing seminar last week at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The event was attended by more than 50 tourism offiowners and tourism operators from throughout Lincoln County as well as other southern New Mexico counties and el Paso, Texas, according to a press release from the New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

Sandi Kuykendall, director of marketing and sales for the Ruidoso Convention and study showed the a recent tour traveler to Ruidoso spends more than $\$ 150$ a day on a multi-day tour.

The American Bus Association esid passengers onra fully loaded motoreoach (47 people) on a charter or a tour, contribute $\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 7,000$ per overnight stay to a community's economy.

The gral of the seminar communities touriom organi zations and tourism businesges attract more group tours encourage them to stay longer and spend more money in the local economy.

## A blooming business in the field of repair

- After almost a lifetime bf repairing farming and development equipment, Bob Fritz decided it
was time to open a buisiness.
by Toni K. Laxson

Bob Fritz didn't set out to become a bureiness owner.
It wes all a fluke. Fritz, owner of a fob's Field ser ser vice in Capitan. "One thing just lead to anpother."
After years of repairing field equipment in the fiold, the Capitan man decided to open a shop in March.
He wasn't planining on it, but friends' encouraged him ahout the same time he was offered the use of a repair shop at a rate, Fritz said.
"And all of a sudden, we wrere flooded with work, ${ }^{n}$ said Fritz, who with his wife Faun
moved to Capitan from Alasks in 1981.

Besides his wife, who handles the bookkeeping as well as

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helping about the shop, Fritz has hired two asgistants to. keep up with the work coming in. mechanic,", Frite said. "Yeah. We've being doing gaid.,
Additionally to hendle the fncrease in field calls - when equipment is repalred on-site Fritz has had to purchas

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shop, located at the ed cutide his itian on Smoksey Bear Borulevard.
And though he's run some advertisements in local newspaperr, his business has basically gown through word-af-mouth, And
And that word-of-mouth promotion is
"We get farm equipment from all over the eqtate," Frits said; adding that a lot of Hittle business as well.
"There's a lot of automotive shops," he said. "But it kind of seems like that there aren't too many shops around that fix equipment."
He's had to work longer hours to keep up with the work, Fritz said.

In fact, I worked last Saturday and Sunday," he said, before an assistant grin at his wife and crewow to work weelsends."

They responded instazathy by protesting his statement.

On Wednesday, the shopts work-in-progress included a Tularosa - in for hydraulic

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work - and an old farm tractor
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"We do all kinds of major or minor repairs," Fritz said.

He suid that he has repaired
everything from a small Bobcat


## Bob and Faam Firitz rebuild a tractor engine at their shop in Capitan.

## RUIDOSO MORTGAGE MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT



Ruidoso Morigoge Compony is proud to announce the hiring of two new Loan Officers! Leihua Wallace and Anjanette Chovez ore now on staff and ready to help find the perfect program for anyone seeking financing for a mortgoge loan. Both are extremely qualified, experienced and knowledgeoble in all fields of mortgage lending. Leihua, previously employed by Ruidoso State Bonk, brings to the mortgage compeny a vost knowledge of lending experience. "Not only is Leihuo well versed in mortgage lending, but she is very personable and extremely well liked by oll who meet her." soys Sherrie Mactiroy, President. Anjanette, wha has worked for over 12 years in mortgage lending, has recently worked for Pioneer Sovings Bomk and also in California for a mortgoge broker. "I have wanted anjanette to come on staff with Ruidoso Mortgage for o long time. I feel extremely pleased she made the decision and know she will be a greaf disel to our operation."
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## Ruidoso artists sponsor children's art show

The first children's art event for RAGA, the Ruidoso Art Gallery Association, will take place outdoors Saturday and Sunday at 201 Country Club. The show, titled "Chaos for Kidz," is open to all school children in Lincoln County.

An outdoor tent will be set up for the show, and each child who enters original artwork will receive a certificate of recognition. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded to the winners in every age category, as well as a Best of Show award. Children can create artwork on the spot if they wish to.

Each child should register with one of the RAGA member galleries by Tuesday and turn in his artwork to California Colors, 201 Country Club, by Friday, May 22. The dead line was extended because of the children's art show ongoing at the Museum of the Horse. Participating RAGA members are California Colors, Spring Canyon Gallery, Thomas Kenyon Gallery, White Mountain Pottery, Gail's Frame of Mind, Quemada Studio, Ruidoso Jewelers and Freestyle Studio.

Balloons out in front will mark the spot, along with popcorn and soft drinks for the children, and live music throughout the event.

This is the first of two children's
art events planned by the members of RAGA. Another children's art event is planned for October at either Gail's Frame of Mind or Kenyon Thomas Gallery, said RAGA member Barbara DiehlWestbrook.

The purpose of the shows was to complement the schools' art programs, Diehl-Westbrook said. Children need more art and music opportunities than were provided after budget cuts have curtailed some of the schools' art programs, she added.
"We feel like we are actually networking with the schools; not conflicting with them," she said. "Our dream is that this will some day lead to a children's summer arts camp in Ruidoso where the children of Lincoln County can come for all the arts,- sculpture, music, dance, theater," she said.
"Over nine years we have been here, and we have watched kids grow up. This is our way of reaching out to kids, of finding a way to communicate with kids. Music and art go together, and if we can communicate with children this way, it also leads to communicating with each other as adults and brings the importance of the arts home to everyone," she added.

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THE EMPTY BOWLS dinner was such a success last year that senior Girl Scout Troop No. 4 decided to do it again. Troop members are (from left to right) Elizabeth Flores, Lily Walstad, Lori Genta, Bay Hirschfeld and Chloe Wierwille. Not pictured is Rebecca Conley.
by Elaine Hobbs
Vámonos Staff Writer

Agraphic symbol of hunger throughout the United States will invite the people of Ruidoso to help combat the problem by going to a dinner on June 8.
The Empty Bowls project, sponsored by Girls Scout Troop No. 4, benefits the Lincoln County Food Bank and involves several Lincoln County potters who have contributed at least 10 pots apiece for the dinner. Some of those also have contributed time teaching White Mountain Elementary fourth-graders how to fire pottery. The creations from those fourth graders will be for sale also.

Here's how it works. A person buys a ticket to the dinnes - either for a professional potter's bowl for $\$ 10$ or a student bowl for $\$ 4$ - picks up the bowl at the dinner, and gets it filled with soup, salad, bread and dessert. Afterward, the emply bowl goes home with the patron, doubling as a reminder of those who are hungry and as a beautiful piece of artwork.
Towns all over the United States have held Empty Bowl dinners to benefit the hungry since 1991. Troop leader Vicki Conley thought the idea would make a great Gold Award project for her senior Girl Scout troop. The Gold Award is the equivalent of Boys Scouts' Eagle Scout Award. Last year's first Empty Bowl dinner earned the scouts the Gold Award.
The girls in the troop have been together since first grade, and many will graduate from high school this year. Members are Elizabeth Flores, Lily Walstad, Lori Genta, Bay Hirschfeld, Chloe Wietwille and Rebecca Coniey.

The scouts went to area restaurants for food donations for the dinner. Two girls went to the fourth-grade classes and helped when potters Ronda Dougherty, Tim Wierwille and Vicki Conley, who is also a potter, donated time to show students how to fire pots. The project raised more $\$ 1,400$ last year, and Conley says they expect to raise close to $\$ 2,000$ this year.

Both Wierwille and Conley have daughters in the troop; and Wierwille has also been a part of the project from the beginning.

A series of profiles on the Lincoln County potters who helped with this year's Empty Bowls project begins with this story and will continue for the next several weeks leading up to the event.

## Vicki Conley

Conley has been a practicing potter for the last 18 years. It started out as a part-time enterprise that she could pursue while home schooling herchildren for the last nine years.
"As the kids grew, it allowed me to be a Girl Scout leader, a ski team leader and raise my kids at the same time," she said.
After the children finished home schooling, she decided to expand the enterprise to a full-time pursuit. One child is in college now, and Rebecca has just gone to South Africa, she said.

Conley creates her functional stoneware pottery in her Ruidoso Downs studio, the Piinon Gallery. She sells her pottery in shops and galleries, and goes to about 18 craff shows a year. She also markets her work at the Aspen Tree and White Mountain Pottery.

She is planning to open a new gallery just off Highway 70 in the near future, and it will also be called the Pinion Gallery, named after her favorite tree.

## Tim Wiarwille

Tim Wierwille became interested in potting after taking a pottery course in college. He then apprenticed himself to Frank Willett of Santa Fe for four years.

During his apprenticeship, he met his wife, Nan. It wasn't too long after that he made a visit to Ruidoso. Wierwille's path came through Ruidoso again on the way to visit his brother in San Antonio

After his apprenticeship, Nan landed a teaching job in Ruidoso, and they decided to move here.

In 1975, he started his White Mountain Studio. Wierwille marketed his pots in arts and craft shows and throughout galleries around the Southwest.

Four years ago he opened a gallery in Ruidoso, White
 Mountain Pottery. Wierwille sells his and eight other potters' works at the gallery.

Wierwille specializes in functional wheel-thrown stoneware. He carries a varicty of other potters' stoneware, some Raku pieces, and some pieces that are made using a Raku process culled horsehair pottery.

In horsehait pottery, the pot is heated to a certain temperature and then the horsehair is laid into a white slip that has been applied. The horsehair burns off, leaving dark lines in the slip.

Wierwille became a driving force behind the project, in part, because his daughter, Chloe, is in the troop.


UNCOLNAUTHOR and Ruidoso Middle School teacher Steven Havill signs a copy of his latest Bill Gastner mystery, "Prolonged Exposure," for La Luz's Chris Baker at a recent book signing.

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Memorial Day weekend is fas becoming one of Ruidoso's busiest, not only with the opening of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track but also with a slew of entertainment activities.
Here is a sample of the scheduled fun:

## Pianist performs at Hurd Gallery

The Hurd La Riconada Gallery will host an open house Memorial Day weekend featuring pianist Tom Kanouse. Kanouse will play Henriette Wyeth's Grand Steinway from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 24 , and from $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Monday, May 25. The public is cordially invited to visit the gallery and enjoy the art, piano and refreshments.

Kanouse grew up in eastern Pennsylvania where, at the age of 7 , he began piano lessons. Although he liked to play the piano, he admits he didn't like to practice. After about six years of formal training he eased from his formal studies and concentrated on high school athletics instead.
"I'm glad I had the experience but I probably would have been better off practicing the piano. My dad used to play the piano too. Although he didn't read much music, he could ad lib with the best of them, and played with dance bands during the 30s, 40s and 50s," Kanouse recalled.

Kanouse lives in El Paso. When not working or playing the piano, he can often be found fly- fishing for trout or skiing the slopes of Ski Apache. He and his wife, Sharon, travel to Ruidoso often to visit


Courtesy photo
LOOKING FOR A MIDWEEK BREAK? The Center Stagedakes, well, center stage at the Territorial Theater in Capitan every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Featured are vocalist Sawyer Ward (left), Leta Doyle on the dulcimer, Gary Meyer on the piano and Ron Becker on the guitar. Admission is $\mathbf{\$ 5}$ for the evening of music and dramatic entertainment.

Sharon's sister and Tom's sister-inlaw, Jane Hoover

## Eoot Scoctin" edith

"The Cowboy Boot:Soul of the American West" is the featured exhibit 'of the Museum of the Horse. It opens with Boot Scoot Ball at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 24 at the museum. Tickets are $\$ 10$ for members and $\$ 20$ for non-members.

The exhibit focuses on the evolution and variety of the cowboy
boot. More than 250 boots make it an eye-catching show, including the boots of President Bill Clinton, Dolly Parton and Elizabeth Taylor.

## Fort stanion celebrwes

The entire family can enjoy a classic Memorial Day celebration at historic Fort Stanton, free of charge.

On tap are historic displays, story telling, live music, games, chuck wagon meals and an historical re-enactment by the Buffalo

Soldiers Society of New Mexico.
The celebration takes place across Hwy 220 from the Merchant Marine Cemetery. It all begins at 11 a.m. and continues until 5 p.m.

## Oher activiter incure

- Ballet New Mexico's spring dance recital, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at Spencer Theater.
- Chaos for Kidz Art Show, all day, May 23-23 at Califomia Colors Art Galiery.


## The list can be worth the wait for a Spencer performance

by Elaine Hobbs
Vámonos Staff Writer
"Sold out" doesn't always mean sold out at Spencer Theater.

Spencer box office manager Mary Hein said patrons can leave their name, daytime telephone number and number of-tickets on a waiting list. Box office personnel will call if tickets become available.

Cancellations happen more often than people think, Hein said. For instance, sometimes
people plan to come from a long distance to see also have tickets, Hein said a particular artist or group and something prevents them from making the trip; or, people get sick, have an emergency (the babysitter gets sick), or had too hard a day at the office.

The Spencer box office number is 505-336 0023 or $800-905-3315$. For a schedule of events, call 336-4800. The box office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m, except when there is a performance; it is then open through intermission. Both Furr's Supermarkets

The theater box office accepts checks, Master Card, VISA, American Express and Discover. Orders can be faxed to 505-3360055. They also accept mail orders at P.O.Box 430, Ruidoso, 88355.

Hein advises people to call early. Four summer events are already sold out: Christopher Parkening, Marvin Hamlisch, the Canadian Brass and the 8 p.m. Saturday performance of the Ft. Worth Symphony. She says tickets for most other performances are still available.

Cliter Sep
Music and dramatic entertainment at 8 p.m. every Wednesday beginning In the Territorial Theater, 320 S . Uincoln Ave., in Capitan. Admission is $\$ 5$ at the door.

Che Mesceluro
Singer Marcella Garcia performs songs in English and Spanish every Friday and Saturday from 6-10 p.m. at Cafe Mescalero. Garcia is slated to perform every weekend in May and most weekends in June.

## Winh Mace es Show

The Doug King band plays nighty at Win, Place and Show, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

## The Gurters

The Jelly Rolls perform Wednesday through Sunday at The Quarters, 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Ehus at The Teres House
Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays, open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thurscay, 24 hours Friday and Saturday and until 10 p.m. Sundays.

## Nescriero Rilthtichto

The Nightrdub features DJ music every Friday and Saturday night. Dress code enforced: no cutoffs and no bare midriffs and hats off at the door. Open from 7 p.m.-I am.

## performances

## Ahm Alver Repertory Ensemble

Two performances of the Alvin Alley Repertory Ensemble at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. See one of America's most vibrant and imaginative touring groups. Tickets are $\$ 12, \$ 30$ and $\$ 35$. The family four-pack is available for \$47 through the box office, 336-4800.

## Poetry Rearian

Open poetry night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Roastery, a coffee house located at 113 Rio St. Bring a poem to read or read your own works of poetry.

## Dance Racitry

Ballet New Mexico will present its spring recital tided, "A Program of Dance," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at Spencer Theater. Tickets are $\$ 5$ for adults; children 12 and under admitted free of charge.

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Cowirtery photo
THE HORSE WHISPERER stars Kristin Scott Thomas and Rọ̧ert Redford.

## Redford's latest effort opens today

manes stowne at Starn Cimema
For more information call 257-9444.

## The floree whipprat <br> Rated PG-13

Show times: 12:30 p.m.", 3:30 p.m, 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. ${ }^{*}$

Plot: Robert Rediond stars and directs this story of 14 -year-old Grace Maclean, who is emotionally and physically scarred after a riding accident while aboard her prized horse. Realting that the fates of her daughter and the horse are Inextricably linked, Grace's mother, Annie, a hijgh-powered magazine editor, launches an all-out campaign to find a "horse whisperer," someone with a unique gift for curing troubled horses. She learns of Tom Booker and seeks his help in Montana.

## Deep rmpeat

Rated PG-13
Show times: 1:15 p.m.*, 4, 7 p.m., 9:15p.m.* Plot: 14-year-old Leo Beiderman (Elijah

Wood) didn't expect to make an earth-sháttering discovery when he folned his high school astronomy dub. He simply hoped that clasimate Sarah Hotctiner (Leelee Sobleski) would discover him. Yet a photo he takes through his telescope makes him the co-discoverer of a comet - a comet scientists determine is on a crash course with earth.

## Quest for Cumelot

Rated G
Show times: 1:30 p.m.", 3:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Plot: The second animated effort from Warner Bros, is set in the British Isles when King Arthur was newly crowned. The strong-willed Kayley and the young, blind man Garrett team up to stop the evil Ruber from capturing King Arthur's magical sword, Excalibur. Featuring the vocal talents of Pierce Brosnan, Cary Elwes, Sir John Gielgud and Jane Seymour.

- Indicotes Friday and Sourday showings only.

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Showtime Video's new releases for May and June
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Tomorrow Never Dies
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Deconstructing Harry
Desperate Measures
The Rainmaker
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## The Rainmaker

## Showtime Video's Most Rented Videos for May 8 to

## May 15

Tomorrow Never Dies
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Alien Resurrection
For Richer or Poorer
Mouse Hunt
Blackjack
Gattaca
Washington Square
Information courtesy of Showtime Video, 1715 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2801.

N THESTARS

- ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll have to put your foot down when it comes to a co-worker's interruptions early in the week. Later, ethical questions arise in connection with monetary dealings. Some plans should be revised.
- TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Business doesn't mix with pleasure in general this week. For one thing, the other party is not ready to lay his or her cards on the table. Be aware of legalities regarding real estate matters.
- GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Concentration on the job is difficult to achieve, but your enthusiasm knows no bounds about upcoming family plans. Luck comes from afar over the weekend.
- CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Plans involving visitors or travel are subject to change, but there is a secret matter that you are happy about. This week, you work best from behind the scenes.
- LEO (July 23 to August 22) A problem from last week still concerns you, but it doesn't seem as important. There are happy developments in the realin of partnerships and love. Celebrate at home over the weekend.
- VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There are still some chores you must tend to at home. Although you're good with details in general, you'se just not in the mood to tackle them. Social life is iffy at best this weekend.
- LIBRA (September 23 to

October 22) Think twice before lending that treasured possession to someone you hardly know. Social obligations take priority later in the week. What a lovely time it is for meeting with an old friend!

- SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) New career ideas are bold and innovative, but it's too soon to implement them. The accent switches to social life later in the week. Enjoy yourself as you gad about town.
- SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A surprising invitation comes your way. Friendship is accented, but you could become somewhat touchy about a financial situation. During the weekend, the emphasis is on
quiet solitude.
- CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A problem could arise in romance, but you can solve it. Things should begin and end on a happy note. Family interests take precedence over the weekend.
- AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You seem somewhat distracted as the week begins. Don't be surprised if a partner steps in to set things right. Easily slighted or ignored, you're not at your best in dealings with others.
- PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Neither abandon your principles nor be too strict in their name. Make your own decisions. Study and research are priorities this weekend.
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BRIDGE IS A
PARTNERSHIP GAME
South dealer.


Accurate card reading is one of the most important ingredients of good card play - whether on offense or defense - and there are all kinds of crutches you can lean on to accomplish your purposes.

To illustrate one type of situation that can arise, assume you're West and lead a club against three notrump. (North's two club bid was Stayman, asking South to bid a four-card major if he had one.)

Declarer takes your partner's queen of clubs with the ace, then plays the ace and eight of diamonds. You could win the trick with the king, but that would be an unwise play to make. Assuming East followed suit, you'd have to guess what to do next and might easily go wrong.

Instead of deliberately putting your head in a noose, you should play the ten of diamonds instead of the king. Declarer is virtually sure to continue with a diamond at trick four, and on this trick East will have the opportunity to indicate what he'd like you to do next.

As it happens, East signals with the nine of spades on the third diamond. it is then easy for you to lead a spade - even though South bid the suit earlier - to your partner's ace. When East returns the nine of clubs through declarer's jack, your side cashes four club tricks and three notrump goes down two.

Note that in this particular case you did not single-handedly achieve a full reading of everybody's card, which is what happens in some deals. here you required some vital assistance from partner, and by refusing to take the king of diamonds at trick three, you gave him a chance to help you out.
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# A few thoughts about Billy the Kid 

When I was growing up back East, I was always interested in the "Old West." But even as a kid, I noticed that no one ever seemed to be sure whether or not Billy the Kid was some sort of Robin Hood figure or psychopathic killer.

Of course he was neither. Like the rest of us, the Kid had good and bad points that are today, just as they were back in Biily's time, in the eye of the beholder. And, in many cases, the Kid seems to reflect not so much his own history, but the history that is hap-

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Drew Gomber
Lincoln
Heritage Trust
Historian pening at the particular time his personality is being examined.

For example, in the 1960s, the dominant view - as always reflected in the films to come out of Hollywood - was one of extreme cynicism. The war in Vietnam had much to do with this outlook. Consequently, in the 1960s and early 70s, Billy is portrayed as a villain. Not because he was one necessarily, but because it was a time when all of our national heroes were being debunked. Without a doubt, on a number of occasions between his time and ours, Billy has been portrayed as a hero. Therefore, he was ripe for debunking

In the film "Dirty Little Billy," Michae J. Pollard played the Kid as many seem to see him - a moron with an itchy trigger finger. This is a long way from the heroic Billy the Kid played in so many other films; it is even a long way from the brooding juvenile delinquent that Paul Newman portrayed in the now-humorously titled "The Left Handed Gun." (We know now that Billy wasn't left handed at all.)

## Misconceptions

But it isn't just the movies. A number of history writers have portrayed the Kid as being a moron and a psycho. This is due largely to the only verified picture of the Kid. Apparenitly, many of these "historians" took one look at the picture and decided, on the spot, that the Kid's personality was a reflection of that picture.

Then they took the ball and ran with it.
What is interesting to note is that virtually everyone who knew Billy, most notably his inamorata, Paulita Maxwell stated that it was a terrible picture of him We've all had bad pictures taken of us at one time or another. Imagine if the only picture of you was one that didn't reflect
your true appearance - and in fact, made you look downright stupid! Incidentally, we now think that the slouch hat he wears in the photo and which does much for the "goofy" image, wasn't.even the Kid's. It was a photographer's prop.

## Examples

Time-Life's "The Gunfighters," is a good example of this sort of approach. Whoever wrote the text must have decided beforehand what Billy was like (from the picture, perhaps?). For instance, no one really knows what happened to Billy "Buck" Morton and Frank Baker other than that they were murdered by the Regulators near modern-day Arabela. (The Kid was a Regulator.) "The Gunfighters" blithely states that, "the Kid and another hired hand killed both prisoners, plus a member of the posse who apparently tried to protect the prisoners." The book then goes on to announce that during the climactic battle of the Lincoln County Was in July 1878, Billy did "kill a besieger who got as far as the door with another surrender demand."

Really? Who? Are they referring to Bob Beckwith? If they are, the account is truly garbled. Beckwith did not approach the house until after the Kid's successful bid for freedom. Billy wasn't even present.

## Twenty-one ment

Most historians will tell you that Billy did not kill the 21 men of legend, but that, not counting skirmishes during the Lincoln County War during which Billy was one of a number of men shooting, his grand total is four.

Of those four victims, three were known as bullies, and the fourth was the only one that the Kid expressed regret for killing - J. W. Bell, one of the guards killed by the Kid on April 28, 1881, the day he shot his way out of the Lincoln County Courthouse.

But that picture, for many who come to Lincoln for a taste of history, is a real problem. Billy does look goofy in it, and that makes it difficult for many to accept the undeniable facts that the Kid was bright, charming and on occasion, even witty.

There is a story about the Kid that brings his sense of humor into focus. After his capture and incarceration in Santa Fe, Billy was placed on a train for Mesilla to


ROBERT TAYLOR (centetr) starred as the Kid in the 1941 movie "Billy the Kid."
be tried for the murder of SheriffBrady.
When a young doctor named Henry Hoyt heard that:the Kid was down at the train station, he headed down to renew the friendship that he and Billy had eifjoyed on the Texas Panhandle a year or two before.

When Hoyt boarded the train, he asked permission of guard Bob Olinger (who ,would later be killed by Billy during his escape from the Lincoln County
Courthouse) to speak with the prisoner. When Olinger granted permission, Hoyt asked Billy if there was anything - sweets, reading materials, whatever - that he (Hoyt) might bring to the Kid for the long trip ahead.

The Kid looked at the doctor, then back at Olinger for a long moment. Then he turned back to Hoyt. "Yeah, Doc, there is," he said. "Would you reach over there and grab Bob's gun for me for just a ... moment?"

True stories like that make it difficult to dislike the Kid.

## Still mot a hero

However, no matter how many stories of engaging friendliness we can attribute to Billy, it still isn't quite right to call him a hero. The assassination of Sheriff Brady on April 1, 1878, by Billy and the other Regulators was a long way from heroic, regardless of how justified they may have felt in their actions.

Then there was Morton and Baker. Like Brady, they were killed by a group of Regulators of whom the Kid was one However, also like Brady, there is no doubt that the Kid was one of the people doing the shooting.

Most films about Billy have at least one scene where he stands in the middle of the street face to face with another gun-
fighter, and they shoot it out. Billy never did any such thing, but then again, neither did almost anyone else in the Old West.
After all, you could get killed doing something like that!

Nor did Billy ever carve notches on his gun. Jim East, who was one of Pat Garrett's deputies when Billy was captured at Stinking Springs in December 1880, said that, "I never saw a six-shooter with notches filed upon it, except to sell to a tenderfoot. A man that kills people doesn't want to advertise it."

## Good point, Jim.

And no, Billy did not kill his first man at age 12 for insulting his mother.

Billy the Kid is whoever we want him to be whenever we want him to be it. Perhaps Paul Hutton said it best in New Mexico magazine in June 1990: "Billy the Kid just keeps riding across the dreamscape of our minds - silhouetted against the starlit western sky, handsome, laughing, deadly. Shrewd as a coyote. Free as the hawk. The outlaw of our dreams - forever free, forever young, forever riding."
"What people choose to believe
is a fact in itself."

- Leon Metz

Sources; "Documentary History of the Lincoln County War" by Frederick Nolan; "The Illustrated Life and Times of Billy the Kid" by Bob Boze Bell; Time-Life's "The Gunfighters."


Laura Clymer
THE BARE BONES BLUES BAND created some jamming music and equaling compelling subject matter last Saturday night at the White Oaks Saloon and Social Club. The photographer used a Nikon $\mathbf{N} 70,35 \mathrm{~mm}$ camera with a $35-80 \mathrm{~mm}$ lens.






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