## Village Councilor Ovella Estes succombs to cancer

- The Ruidoso Village Councilor, a resident for 26 years, was known for caring about the village and by Toni K. Laxson
ruidoso news staff wrtier
Comments from Ovella Estes' clients weren' that she was a good real estate agent or even an cellent one.
hey said she had become a friend," said longtime friend James Paxton, owner of Century Known community-wide for her caring attitude and ability to turn acquaintances into friends, Estes, a Ruidoso village councilor, on
Monday died quickly from complications of
breast cancer, said her brother, Delbert Burdine who came from Rhode Island to be with his sis-

Estes, 49, was home alone with her husband Delton Estes, when she died at about 8:15 p.m. Burdine said. Estes is believed to have died from either problems with her lungs or from heart fail ure, he said.
A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Estes will be cre mated as she had requested, Burdine said. He family be made to the Run for the B.E.A.C.H., a local organization to promote breast cancer awareness and early detection Estes, say those who knew her, was someone
who excelled at caring for the community and the
people in it.
"She liked people, she really did," Paxton, a friend of 20 years. "It doesn't matter - whether in this business, in the council, or in her church - what made her unique and people involved with her was that she was such a caring person. That attitude didn't diminish as her incur able illness worsened, but stayed consistent, sometimes to a degree that confused the people
who knew her, Paxton said. "Shew her, faston said
She just faced these kinds of problem with a impossible to carry out)," Paxton said. "I personally believe that it has to do with the deep-seated faith she had.
courage that we can draw from," he said He told of running into her and her husband Saturday at the high school, where the Estes daughter Jamie was graduating. Paxton complimented Estes on her grod looks.
"And she said: "Thanks. Do you have you sunscreen on?' To me that was an example of how she did things," he said. Rather than talk about on an oxygen tank "was worried about whether a bald guy had on sunscreen," Paxton said.
"The community is going to miss her," said Cathy Krugiohann, an organizer of Run for th B.E.A.C.H. who first got to know Estes through their joint efforts with the organization.

See ESTES, page 2A

## Roswell woman killed in midtown accident

by Elaine Hobbs RUDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTIER

Deborah J. Jones, 41 of Roswell, was struck by a car and killed on Friday while walking on a Sudderth Department reported.

The accident occurred at 4:45 p.m. at a crosswalk at 2620 Sudderth Drive, according to police.

Jones was reportedly crossing Sudderth in the crosswak south to north when she was struck by a 1986 -year-old Ruidoso girl traveling east in the inside lane.
Jones died at the Lincoln County Medical Center of injuries sustained
in the accident, police said. The driin the accident, police said. The dri-
ver of the Subaru was also taken to Lincoln County Medical Center and was later released to her home where she is under sedation, according to police reports
Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny
ust stopped in the right lane east bound and Jones had crossed in front of it. He said there was no indication Maddox said he met with Mayor Robert Donaldson and village council manager Alan Briley Tuesday morn ing to discuss actions to prevent this situation from happening again by possibly eliminating crosswalk except where there is a trafic light was scheduled for Tuesday's Ruidoso Village Council meeting. In February, 1997, councilman Bill Chance requested that the speed imit be reduced in downtown
The New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department conduct d a traffic study of the midtown area in March of that year. The study did not show that the speed needed to be lowered, said Bob Kurtz of the See ratairty page

## Area fish kills to be tested

by Dianne Stalungas
UIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTTE
Fish kills at Grindstone and Alto lakes have Ruidoso village and state Game and Fish officials scratching their heads trying to figwaters of the popular fishing spots. "I got two reports here of fish kills at Grindstone, both after stockings," said Miles McInnis, southeast fisheries biologist for the game and fish department. "We're in the process of running samples. Week.". to have them back next
00 of department also lost about used to stock Alto Lake earlier this month. Stocking trout are about 11 $1 / 2$ inches long.
from the hatchery" Mcinnis said from the hatchery," McInnis said
"It's a five or six hour drive in a box 'It's a five or six hour drive in a box don't like losing any." Another pos sibility is that the water in the lakes is warming and less oxygen is avail able for the fish

The department probably will not stock Alto again until the fall, because the alkaline content is
high for cold water fish, he said.

Grindstone usually receives 2,200 rainbow trout - about 1,300 pounds of fish - with each stocking ture is about 60 degrees, but before the department stocks again, the temperature and alkaline-acidity balance will be checked, he said.

Ruidoso Village Manager Alan Briley said he first heard about a fish kill three weeks ago after a stocking, but then about two weeks ago, he received a report that some larger fish also died. He directed water department employees to check the water in Grindstone and their procedures, but nothing out of the ordinary was detected, Briley said.
"We test routinely anyway," he said. "We don't understand it. The water temperature was cold, maybe the fish died from the shock."

## Downs overtime up more than 100 percent

- Village trustees are concerned overtime pay increases and have moved two of the employees with
salaried positions.
by Ton K. Laxson
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF REPORTER
Dennis Riddle doestit want $\$ 4,000$ raise and promotion to supervi$\$ 4,000$ raise and promotion to supervi-
sor as proposed by Ruidoso Downs sor as $p$
trustees.
'To be honest, I would like to be left ourly," Riddle told the council recently For the past two years, Riddle has augmented his hourly-based salary of $\$ 28,536$ with about $\$ 6,000$ in overtime pay, he said. By taking the promotion, Riddle would no longer be eligible for vertime, he said

Employees elsewhere in the village are getting a 3-percent increase. told the council.

Riddle is not the only Downs employee who has been taking home an overtime-packed paycheck. All 20 of the village's hourly employees had overtime in the recent fiscal year, according to illage records

And overtime budgeted in the proalmost 300 percent in some depart-
ments in two years, according Riddle, who juggles several duties with the village but is listed in the maintenance department, is expected
to have the most overtime for the year to have the most overtime for the year also had four-digit overtime pay for the year, including Tom Armstrong, animal control officer.
Armstrong, who is also building inspector and code enforcement officer, was projected to have $\$ 5,150$ in overVilla end of this year

Village trustees, despite Riddle's protests, have made both Riddle and year. Yet, the proposed budget still includes large increases in budgeted overtime for village departments.

The finance department, which had $\$ 393$ in overtime in the 1996-97 fiscal year, is projected to have $\$ 700$ in 1997-
98 and is budgeted for $\$ 1,000$ in the coming fiscal year, according to budget documents.

Increased overtime is included for municipal courts ( $\$ 1,000$ ), for animal control (though it had been set at $\$ 4,000$, the position was made (from $\$ 1,400$ in 1996-97 to $\$ 3,500$ in (from $\$ 1$ ).

The police department has the
most overtime of any department; how-
ever, the total has actually dropped
from $\$ 18,346$ last year to $\$ 14,500$ this from $\$ 18,346$ last year to $\$ 14,500$ this
year and is budgeted at $\$ 15,000$ for the year and is budgeted at $\$ 15,000$ for the
coming year.

Police Chief David Hightower said his officers use overtime while testifyhis officers use overtime while testify would not be able to staff three shifts over a 24 -hour period for seven days a week, he said.
The total overtime cost to the village for the current year, which ends
June 30 is projected at about $\$ 50,000$ June 30 , is projected at about $\$ 50,000$ village for hourly compensation.
"We need to look at it to see if it is because we , are growing or what the problem is," Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weihbrecht said regarding the surging overtime costs. "We
know why the bvertime is up.
At least one trustee questioned whether employees were trying to tak advantage of the village's recent wind fall that occurred when Wal-Mart moved into Ruidoso Downs, boosting illage gross receipt tax revenues.
Ricidle defended his overtim riadle defended his overtime Dale Graham, regularly work after

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clouds througout the week.

## Ruidoso's Three-Day Weather OUtLook

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glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from Chavez.
White Oaks Eagle
May 24, 1900
John Gallacher has gone into the employ of the Old Abe company.

The baseball club is pracwill be able to put up a good will be able to put up a good
game in a few weeks.

Colo., has purchased D.W. Glenn's entire stock of sheep, numbering 6,000 to 10,000 . Memorial in a quiet way. observed here in a quiet way. The G.A.R. Will have only a short ceremony at the graves
of the veteran's buried there. Miss Pauline Rushwing, of Weatherford, Texas, has been employed to teach a school term of three months at Texas Park.

She took teacher's examiation here last Saturday.

## Ruidoso News

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## ESTES: village flags will be flown at half staff in honor of the councilor

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They don't realize it now, but they are going to miss her because she cared, about this communily. She wanted to do nity ught thing for this cammuimmensely. She cot propgram the bandwagon that probaibly wouldn't have if Ovella hadn't spoken out," Krugiohann said. willed and strong-minded willed and strong-minded
woman. She knew what she womanted and went after it. Unfortunately, this was one thing that she couldn't beat."

Since March, Estes had been battling her second round with the disease. She was firgt diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997, she and her doctors thought the cancer had been beaten through an aggressive plan of treatment.

In March, an x-ray showed had spread to both her which had spread to both her hungs and spine. Her breathing around her lungs making it difficult to breath, her right hand esame numb.

Estes learned about about the return of the cancer only a her first bid for public office. Estes ran against six other candidates for three open positions on the Ruidoso Village Council.

## FATAIITY: other

Continued from page 1A
decided to offer the village a lower speed limit due to the number of accidents that are the type susceptible to an Ruidoso had the highes number of accidents in the state in 1996, Kurtz has said, but the number dropped in 1997.

Kurtz said at the time that he department reserved the right to review the speed limi appropriate. The state also re ommended increased traffic enforcement.
Although the village council voted to lower the speed
more than her nearest compet
or, incumbent Bill Chance.
a couple of council sessions, twice while on an oxygen tank. March 31 council session at "I have absolutely no regrets," she said at the time My hope and my prayer is that the voters have no regrets."
In a May 13 interview,
Estes said she was very frus
Estes said she was very frus
trated that her illness had
frated her to slow down and kept her from civic activity as well as her job, She had hoped return to work, Estes said. She took a lot of pride in her work. It wasn't just a paycheck, it was an opportunity share said. Estes also derived a lot of satisfaction from helping families find the right home, she Tho
ty to mough Estes had an allergy to morphine, she was not in
much pain before her death mecause alternative medications were found, Burdine said. "But we had to actively work to keep her out of pain,"
he said. "That's what we were he said. "That's what we were taying on top of."

The morning of her death she had taken the first treat-
ment of a 12 -week chemotharapy program, her brother said. The therapy was a new cancerfighting treatment, though not the one recently given media Ruidoso Municipal Judge
limit in the midtown area in
September, 1997 , the signs did
 tion of Sudderth and Center
Street as the pickup turned left

Mike Line, who underwent much of the same battie as Sitee did last year to dereat the tragic loss.
tragic ioss.
taken her body but it didn't take her eppirit," said Line, who has a clean bill from cancer. Our loss is heavens gajin.
Born on Oct. 20; 1948, to Robert and Sue Dunn, Margaret Ovella Eates grew up
in Portales. She graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales with degrees in business and secondary education.

She met Delton Estes, now a teacher at Ruidoso Middle
School, as a college student attending a Methodist youth fellowship. They married in 1968 and moved to Ruidoso in 1972. They had two children daughter Jamie, 18; and son Ifohn, 22.
If she were to have listed her community activities, Eistes village councilor at the top, said Burdine.

She also was very active at the First Baptist Church and thè church choir. Estes, who oved to sing was also a memChoir in Rividoso.
ont she had was singing and she lost that with her lungs when the cancer affected Em)" Burdine said.

Estes was a past president
of Altrusa, a women's benevolence organization, and a forPlanning and Zoning Buraíne
Burdime, passing along a statement from Delton Estes, said the knid know: Ovella loved botif the village and the people in it

That love was evidently
returned. She and her family had been overwhelmed by the outpouring of concern and help since she announced her ill ness, Estes said in an interview The family has a box fled with "hundreds and hundreds" of let ters from well-wishers, Paxtor In some ways, Estes didn' understand all the attention she said, because she was no, different from many people -not just those with life-threatening illnesses but anyones struggling with a tremendous obstacle.
"Really, I'm, just like anyr other person," Estes said. There fighting ... we people out have ou struggles, be they financial struggles, be they financial everyone is strugejing with something if wa are honest about it."

Mayor Robert Donaldsor said at Tuesday's village council meeting that all village flags will be flown at half staff for
seven days in Estes' hopor.
not actually go up until from Sudderth onto Center Decer 12-year-old boy was She was reportedly A 12-year-old boy was
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In August, 1997, a woman from up truck in the midtown area while crossing at the intersec-
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view of a car in the varijacent lane.
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members and Maddox that cars were still speeding town area despite the lowered speed limit from 90 to 25 . The Mizes said that they had almost been hit while in a crosswalk by a car they said,
was traveling at 40 mileg per was traveling at 40 miles pen hour. La Rue Mize said Tuesday that she and her husband were wower the on a new petition to midtown sixeed limit in the arosgowalks afripinstall flashing lights at each one.
lights it might with flashing lights it might make them the speed limit She said her husband would be at the council meet ing.

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## Stanton receives maximum sentence of 24 years imprisonment

By Dianne Staíuings RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTTER

Samuel Don Stanton, convicted in January of second degree murder in the stabbing death of Kendall Jennings, eceived the maximum senincoln County District Judge Karen Parsons.

The 35 -year-old Stanton, a dermer inmate at the now defunct minimum security
prison for men at Camp Sierra

Blanca, was given a 15-year prison agentence, plus cume year and four years as a habitual offender.

The sentences are to run consecutively for a total of 24 years. Parsons suspended five condition that for the first two years of that five-year period of probation, Stanton be put into a residential treatment pro gram for his substance abuse
problem and problems revealed
in his psychological evaluation. The compelling factor for the treatment order is protect released, Parsons said Thursday.
"He will be back out on the streets; possibly at the age of
45 , and it was the consensus 45, and it was the consensus lic safety," she said

With good behavior, Stanton could be released in the year 2008 after serving 10 years, Parsons said.

Jennings' body was found in November 1996 off the side of U.S. 380 a few miles east of Capitan near The Rodeo Bar. The 24-year-old had been stabbed in the shoulder, but it was a wound to the back of his leg that severed a major vein 127 -foot long trail of before collapsing

Stanton was employed as a ranch hand in the area and that night. Some witnesses
said Stanton and Jenninge may have argued.
Although Public Defender Samuel Damon contended that Stanton was not known to carry a knife, no one witnessed the incident and that Jennings blood was found on the chaps buddies, the jury found Stan buddies, the jury found Stan
ton, 35 , guilty. n, 35, guilty.
However,
days of deliberation, rejected District Attorney Scot Key's call for a first degree murder
conviction. They apparently had doubts the act was premen tated and thought sking may not a night of drinking, he mortally wounded Jennings or might have been provoked by the actions of Jennings' friends.

Stanton's own words reported by his sister and a brother, may have been the most damaging testimony. He told them he messed up and may have killed someone.

## Lincoln County Medical Center passes standards commission visit

by DIANNE STALLINGS
EUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITE
Lincoln County Medical Center passed with flying colors a recent surprise visit of mission that certifies if hospials meet established standards of performance.
LCMC Administrator Valerie Miller said she was notified by telephone that a
visit was set for May 12 Yisit was set for May 12 , was one of 5 percent in the gation selected for a resurvey in a totally random approach. "We did fine," she told nembers of the hospital Board of Trustees Thursday "It was traumatic. (With such short notice) you have to be doing it
requested by the hospital to. maintain its accreditation. The price tag then is $\$ 7,000$, she ${ }_{\text {said. }}{ }^{\text {I }}$ did so was thrilled everybody did so well and the place looke
In other business, the hospital board:

- Heard a report on the hospital auxiliary that in Apiril, 2,187 1/2 adult volunteer hours were donated. The figure went up to 2,483 with
student volunteers. The auxilstudent volunteers. The auxilthe month of April for new equipment for $a$ total of $\$ 91,000$ in four months. The group has a $\$ 200,000$ certificate of deposit earning interest and is ready to purchase
another $\$ 50,000$, Miller said.

They will be uped toward the hospital expansion.
No other auxiliary in the Presbyterian organization comes any where near , that," Miller said.
1 advanced education schnuships (renewable for four years) were awarded to Myra Romero and Gerald Gomez who both had been teen voluneers at the hospital
Eight students applied Board Chairman Gary Mitchell said it appears stu much the scholarships can help and he anticipates seein more apply each year. Com ined with the hospital auxil iary's scholarships, seven stu dents
$\$ 5,800$.
ing program of Presbyterian HealthCare Systems, the company that manages the hospihave a financial employees have a financial stake in lence and financial goals.

Although one doctor sug gested that any financial reward be distributed according to the supervisor's evaluaperformances, Miller said the performances, must be shared equally by those full time employees in a department (part time would received a percentage).

The hospital has other
ways of recognizing outstand
ing performance, such as giving a person two days off with pay, she said.

Reviewed the hospital expansion and renovation project with Miller, who said as plans change, they are posted in the hospital for staff comment.

Under the current design, the emergency room will have eight beds instead of six, inpatients will be admitted while in their rooms and outpatients will be in a more private area while discussing financial arrangements.

## fingrals deaths

A memorial service for Ovella Estes, 49, of Ruidoso will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Civic Center. Officiating will be the Mrs. Estes dia Monday at her home She

Mrs. Estes died Monday at her home. She was born Oct. 20,

1948, at Clovis, N.M. She moved to Ruidoso in 1972 from Sunazoina, Ari. She was a member of the Ruidoso Village Council, realtor for Century 21 in Ruidoso and past president of Altrusa. she was a member of the First Baptist Church and was involved in the choir and the Community Choir of Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso. She graduated from Eastern New Mexico tales.
She married Delton Estes on Sept. 1, 1968 at Portales. She is survived by her husband, Delton, of Ruidoso; her son, John Estes of Las Cruces; her daughter, Jamie of Ruidoso; her bert Burdipe of Newport; RI:

The ftomy has requested memorials to the "Run for the B.E.A.C.FT" cancer organization in Ruidoso, which Mrs. Estes helped to organize.
Arrangements are by LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Wgs positions.
Weihbrecht, pulling her information from the State Wage and Salary Schedules, presented ${ }_{\text {a }}^{\text {a }}$ study that doso and Los Lunas all pay doso and Los Lunas all pay significantly less than he made with hourly wages and overtime compensation. All the towns have year-round populations that are at least Downs at about 1,200. Only

Portales, population 10,680 had a salary range whose to dle's compensation, according to the report.

Armstrong, who has a secretary full-time to keep up with paper work, will receive a 7,000 raise for a superviso $y$ salary of $\$ 28,000$. He wil also receive a part-time control tasks, village trustee aid Wedneeday. said Wednesday.
time hours.
"I really think we need to see what we can do about getTrustee Jackie Branum said, The council instructed Vil lage Attorney Dan Bryant to develop a different "stand by" system, which is basically how the village compensate employees who are on-call. brecht tees 'also asked Weih lar New Mexico what simi lar New Mexico towns pay


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## OUR OPINION

## A profile in courage

This weekend we suffered the loss of a friend, a mother, a sister, and a community leader.

Ovella Estes, who faced breast cancer twice without flinching, was all of the above and an inspiration to all of us. She died Monday, Memorial Day, of complications from cancer.

In a recent interview that was published in Friday's edition about the overwhelming outpouring of generosity and support from friends and strangers alike, Estes talked about how she always "felt so strongly that there is so much good in our community ..." Ovella Estes certainly was part of the good that made
this community what it is. From what what it is.
From what those who knew her said, even in the bleakest of times she always seemed to keep a positive attitude.

We know her as a real estate agent working at Century 21 who was more interested in making a friend than simply a close.

She served on the Planning and Zoning Commission, the past president and member of the Altrusa Club, the Ruidoso Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee, the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, and was a founding executive Ruidoso Board of Realtors, and was a founding executiv
of the Main Street Board of Directors, among others.

Estes ran for village council and received overwhelming support at the ballot box. She included as her qualifications as a candidate her 25-year commitment to Ruidoso that recently turned into a 26 -year commitment.
'If I have any 'ulterior' motive to confess, it's simply that I love Ruidoso and want the best for our visitors and residents who invest lives and money here."

In her recently-published interviewed she also discussed how cancer would cut her life short but chose not to dwell on it. Instead of having the disease pull her down, she worked on mustering up the effort it would down, she worked on mustering up the effort it w

She obviously did not have to muster up the courage; it was already there.
'I have not asked my doctors to give me a timeline because I don't want those limits," she had said. "The good Lord takes care of those things ... I enjoy my life and don't want to give it up. It (cancer) will shorten my life, but to what degree, I don't know."

Ovella Estes' life was shortened by cancer and she and her work will be deeply missed.

But, as she herself indicated, the good Lord is taking care of her so she can hopefully look out for the rest of us from a better vantage point.

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## YOUR OPINION

More religion in school

## To the editor:

I would like to make a few points in response to "Keep, Religion Out of Public Schools.: a theory based on the Bible, historical records, archeologica faith faith.

The Theory of Evolution has never been proven as sciing link" ing link" between the ape and man. The Oxford American Dictionary defines the word theory as "an opinion or supposition." ry to be taught to our children even though it is only an opin ion or supposition, we should also allow the Theory of Creationism to be taught in our Peopls.
People who do not believe which believes th this theory, Which believes that all life started in the oceans as organisms and evolved into an ape and eventually into an intelligent human being. I am sorry, but I do not beliéve that my
ancestors were a fish, a monkey or an ape. People who do not or an ape. People who do not in the "Big Bang Theory" This theory tries to explain the origins of the earth and the universe by stating that a big
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order out of chaos. Even scien order out of chaos. Even scien
tists know that explosions d not create order but chaos not create order but chaos
(Oklahoma City Bombing). Peo ple who do not believe in God laugh at Christians who believe that a supreme being (God) cre-
ated something out of nothing These same people believe that These same people believe that of nothing." This country was founded in the belief in God. If you look at our currency, the thing that stands out is the phrase "in God We Trust." Do we really? In todays world, we try to explain everything in sci-
entific terms. We believe that 'if it cannot be proven by sci ence, it does not exist."

What about faith? We teach our children about "survival of the fittest." This creates violent children who will do anything children) to get what' they want.
Is it a wonder that we have
so many shootings in our schools and kids are being murdered everyday? (We had another school shooting in Orewonder that kids are doing drugs and alcohol in an alarming rate? Is it a wonder that kids are confused because of the mixed messages they get at school? Is it a wonder that kids are acting out the violence, sex, We have to return to our roots. We have to return to our moral
values and to teach our children to love each other and not kill each other. We have to return to God. We need more
religion in our schools instead of less!

Sergio Castro
Nogal
On President Clinton
To the editor:
(re: presidential scandals) Mr. Clinton,
Have you ever seen a pronossed to tell the truth try so hand not to tell the truth on so many

James V. French
Rutdoso

## Dependable

child care now
To the editor:
The news, yesterday, today? tomorrow?
What
child care nowout dependable
child care now.
YMCA. We appear to be left with the $M$ AM dispenser. Required to work to meet requirements for welfare is logical. The assessment is a word eration end up. In the palm of someone's hand?

Who's exactly?
Tasha Russell
Ruidoso

## A big thanks

To the editor:
-We would like to say a big Phank you" to the Ruidoso Police Department (RPD) dispatcher and the three firefightMays who helped us on the 15th of ${ }^{\mathbf{W}}{ }^{\mathbf{W}}$ Grande had just brought our tal where he had some surgery done and wasn't able to walk much. So we called RPD for help and three firefighters came. The RPD dispatcher was coming to help.

They (firefighters) arrived not long after and they got a kitchen chair from the house and carried him into the house to his room; helped him onto the bed and said "If you need any-
more help, just call us?" Sorry more help, just call us! sorry hope they know who they are. To say "thank you" just doesn't seem enough, because they touched our hearts.

You know they could of been hateful and said "Oh we're busy
and we can't help," or "That's and we can't help," or "That's noth." But they were very nice and cared enough to come-help and were very friendly.

It makes us proud to know our police department and fire department car enough to help
and that our hospital would never let someone die at their
door as the boy did in another finance a highway and mass state this past weekend. transit spending bill. Thank You" to R.PD., firefighters, Dr. Rebstock and staff and
hospital staff. May God bless you always!

Family members
R." Salas

The computer meltdown in the year 2000
To the editor:
Y2K is the Year 2000 when computers melt down and fail to will!

Will you be able to buy food or other essentials for your family, or will store shelves become
empty? Will your utilities still func-
tion, or will you be left sitting in
the dark?!
Will you be able to access your bank or other financial there be an indefinite "bank hol
iday"?
Will your insurance companies and brokers have any knowledge of your existing accounts with the, or will they diballow
What about your Medicare or Social Security payments? Will you be refused medical care or other services becaus providers cannot be guaranteed payment?
t's yourself: in the crunch, that's only 19 months away, needs and those of my family? If you are in the dark now call for a free 16-page Survival Guide today at 354-3349 or 1K.
K.A. "Buck" Porder

## Looting the VA.

To the editor:
The U.S. Senate recently voted 52-46 to revole the VA's authority to pay veteran's disability compensation for tobac-co-related ilnesses and use the
so-called savings to help
finance a highway and mass
transit spending bill. It is sad to note that Pete Domenici (R-N.M.), long a champion of the military steered this bill through his budget committee while bypassing the Veterans' Affairs Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) voted against the amendment and in favor of the veterans. (While the vote was non-partisan, I noted that more Republicans voted for the amendment
and more Democrats voted and more

## against).

the history who has studied the history of our country or
served in the military (I have done both) knows that heavy smoking and drinking have always been a part of the military culture.
fact, cigaretterld War II, in fact, cigarettes were handed
out free as a part of field rations. $\quad$ I find it unconscionable that our government is now about to tell our veterans, many of them elderly, who put their lives on the line for our country, since you smoked, we they expect any help from the Clinton Administration (that) never voted for its support of the military, which has tried for several years to rescind a ruling by the Veterans' Affairs Department general counsel resulting from in-service tobacco use are eligible for health benefits and compensation.

It would appear that unless there is a groundswell of public opinion against this looting of
veterans programs to help build more roads it is a done deal.
Those of you who would
like to know more about this matter and see a list of how the nation's senators voted can find Disabled American Veterans magazine

Donald Queen
Carrizozo

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## Capitan and Ruidoso dissolve water association with smiles, money, rights

by Dianne Staluings
Rumoso news stafe witter RUIDOSO NEWS STAFE WITIER

After more than a year of negotiating, and sometimes arguing, representatives of the villages of Capitan and Ruidoso were all smiles Tuesday as they concluded the dissolution of a water association the two municipalities formed in 1954.
Capitan walks away with a pocketful of water rights, a pipeline from Bonito to Capitan.and about $\$ 1$ million from Ruidoso for its interest in half the value of the Eagle Creek Intencommunity Water Users Association-owned land and half the value of its other assets.

The 871.38-acre feet of water rights are valued in an appraisal at $\$ 2,962,692$
A tatives, Debra Ingle and Bennie Coker.
"We were water rights tich, but land poor," said Ruidosp Mayor Robert Donaldson. "Now we Wave 400 acres of developable land and 800 acre feet of water rights.

Ruidoso Village Manager Alan Briley, who helped negotiate the deal working primarily with Ingle, explained that the village now has the option of developing the land into a well field the village 5,640 acre feet of water rights.

An acre foot equals 325,861 gailions of water'or the amount of water it would take to cover one acre of land one foot deep. Without water rights, a village could not use water even if it was available.
"This is a financial plus for both villages," Donaldson said. "It's truly a win/win situation. This will be no additional cost to the village of Ruidoso, but will allow us to do the long term
Tb consummate the deal, Donaldson delivered a $\$ 125,000$ check to Renfro using a ceremonial quit claim deed to Eagle Creek land and other assets. The check represents the first payment on the debt that will be repaid over a 20 -year period.
The annual payment will be about $\$ 107,000$ based on the current interest rates, Briley said: That's about $\$ 18,000$ a year less than the village was paying the association for water annual$\mathbf{y}$, he said.

But we think we may be able to get a better rate, so we may refinance by the time first annual payment is due one year from now," Briley said.
Until the State Engineer's Office approves the transfer of 338.88 acre feet of water rights Ruidoso will lease those rights at $\$ 100$ an acre foot a year, or $\$ 33,881$. The state office uses a fiscal year of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 for its accounting.

## The Disaster Report

Nobody can anticipate when a disaster will happen not a question of if, it's a question of when.

In a concerted effort, the Ruidoso News, KBUY Radio, and OTI Cable Channel 11, along with the public information subcommittee of the Lincoln County Emergency Planning Committee, will be preout the county to help resiout the county to help residisaster occurs.
This subcommittee is made up of a wide variety of people, including Ruidoso Village Councilor Bill Chance, representatives of the Ruidoso Fire Department, Connie Hopper, the Emergency Management director of Lincoln Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Emergency Services, as well as others.

Information was gathered with the help of the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
sources.
This infor paign will continue through the next several weeks in this newspaper as well as on KBUY and Channel 11.

A main focus of the campaign will be the Disaster
Supplies Calendar, which is
ntended to help people pre pare for disasters before they happen. Using the calendar, people can assemble a disas ter supplies kit in small step er a five-month period
People can check items off as they gather these items each week. Remember to upplind replace perishabl water) every six months.

Some of the items listed are common sense while oth ers people might not have thought of.

In the coming columns ther information, such as the possible disasters that could occur in Lincoln County, will covered.
In the coming months, people can learn more about what the committee is doing uch as establishing siren alarm drill in Kuidoso so tha in their radios in case of an $n$ their radios in case of an Tgency.
There also has been pro osed educational campaigns within the public schools, because children can som Communities cannot take all precautions to protect themselves from disasters but they can take action to make esidents are ready

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- 1 large can juice* 11 can meat*
a hand-operated can opener
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Also, pet food, diapers and baby food if needed.

## To Do

[ Find out what kinds of disasters can happen in your area.
$\square$ Date each perish able food item using marking pen.
*Purchase one for each member of the household.

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## - horse racing Numbers on par with '97 opening

by Laura Clymer
RUIDOSO NEWUS SPORTS EDITOR
The expected boon from closing of
anta Fe Downs was more like a tremble fanta Fe Downs was more like a tremble Race Track. That's the case if you measure by attendance and handle.
tion nonetheless. tion, nonetheless.
Ruidoso Down meet with four days of racing over the holiday weekend.
Attendance and handles figures Saturday and Sunday ran similar to last year's' with slight in
dance and handle.

The two-day attendance total for Saturday and Sunday was 8,609 , while handle for the two days was $\$ 712,847$ for a per capita betting average of $\$ 83.78$.
Last year's two-day totals for Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Weekend were 8,280 in attendance and
a per capita betting of $\$ 77.23$.
a per capita betting of $\$ 77.23$.
Ruidoso Downs general manager Rick Ruidoso Downs general manager Rick
Baugh was out of the office Tuesday, and not available for comment about the track's opening weekend.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect for race fans, who were sun drenched each day.

Friday, 102 -year-olds qualified for the ty, and they made it exciting for fans with a dead heat and a disqualification.

In the fourth race Rime Up and Such Magic finished nose-to-nose. Officials declared a dead heat and both horses Rime Pays would
Rime Pays would have made the finals had it not veered earry in the sixth er to eighth, costing the filly laurels as fastest qualifier. Instead, Batirs Ryon advanced from the sixth race to the finals.
The list of finalists is: Au Revoir DooThe list of finalists is: Au Revoir Doo-
y (18.42) Rime Up (18.650), Such Magic ley (18.42) Rime Up (18.650), Such Magic Traffic Buster (18,715), A Supper Rocket (18.720), Staunch As Sticks (18.780), Real Easy Bo (18.725), First Down Blue 8.815) and Batires Ryon (18.790).

In other highlights from the weekend,
, Joanna Kate was the fastest qualifier for
the Sooner Derby trials, King of Stars the Sooner Derby trials, King of Stars
kept his Ruidoso Down mark unblemished with a victory in Sunday's Road Runner Handicap, and Chick's Ryon upset the field in the Higheasterjet Handicap.


Larry Bednorz paints the numbers on thelanes of the murledpal swimming pool. Pool director Ellen Bizzell has targeted Saturday for opening day.

## Dive in Saturday - well, maybe ...

Because of uncooperative weather. by Laura Ciymer RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Keep your fingers crossed, kids You could be slip sliding away the start of summer in the municipal pool by Saturday.
ation supervisor and aquatics director Ellen Buzzell has targeted for the opening of the village's favorite swimming
The original "dive-in" date was last Saturday, but a cool April and a breezy May pushed opening back a week. in 'I had some patch work done, and in some plackete it didn't quite adhere right," Bizzel位位. "I am shooting for
May 30 (Saturday)." Bizzell and ainting the pool Tuesday and started painting the pool Tuesday and started about a day and a half.

The cold snap at the end of Apria prevented the pool paint from curing Salas explained.
Then the May winds came, further delaying Bizzells efforts.
"We're going to finish up our paint-
ing and Im putting new filters in our ing and Pm putting new filters in our what final work had to be done before what final work had to be done before.
opening day.

## Former RHS golfer in nationals








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## Ruidoso's $\mathbf{\$ 1 0}$ million question

Ruidoso's ability to overcome our massive forest health yard waste disposal diemma hinges on the answer to one question.
What to do with all the pine needles? Natives and semi-natives know this one question
most often asked of most To date, few people have made an attemapt to solve it.
Each fall the problem Each fall the problem just continues to
mount. It is now time for an area-wide, con-
certed effort by land certed effort by land state, county and local agencies together feverishly to

Here's a look.
Here's a look at the nature burn well under incinerator conditions. They have to be mixed with woody debris to achieve total consumption, and there is considerably more pine needles than woody debris on an annual basis. It thus results
year. is a waste of time and energy. They are bullky, and will likely fill a land fill site in short order. Land fill sites are few and far between and more necessary for personal and comal of forest byproducts like the pine needle.

tossed around but a few have tion.
One suggested idea was to wash and pulp the pine needles, and press them into wood stove pellets for use as a home heating fuel
Another suggestion is to pine needles in con-
junction with the state and federal state and federal
forestry agencies and soil and water conservation services as an erosion mitigation
material. Howerial.
However, my
favorite idea was suggested by my friend Larry. He sug gested that we use for salt or substitute for salt or sand on the roads in the winter. The pine needles would have to be then spread on the roads. This plan would also double as a silt and gravel filtration system for storm drainage, however custom storm drainage would have to
structed.

Laugh to your heart's conent. After experimenting with pine needies as a traction considerably better for traction than either sand or salt, and after the evening freeze, there above the ice to produce trac above the The hidden bonus is that
the used needles at the end of
winter will compost rapidly, and could be sacked
Matching federal funds might be available as reimbursement for the research and development of the storm drainage system.

With more than 7,300 homes in Ruidoso alone and the average yard producing
four to six cubic yards of pine four to six cubic yards of pine tively Ruidoso will yield more than 36,500 cubic yards of pine needles annually.

It is evident that this one
question is the key to solving our forest health dilemma, to improving public safety and, the most overlooked bonus; to recharging the aquifer that needle removal and ensuing increased grass growth that follows.

Entrepreneurs, here's your chance.

## Strange sightings

The smoke inversion from Mexico has led to some unusual bird sightings in the last 10 can was seen two days in a row in the Ruidoso area, and this week, a cormorant at Grindstone Resorvoir was the real shocker. To my knowledge, this is the only sighting of this Any other unusual sighitings Any other unusual sightinge free to let me know what you've seen lately.

Scoreboard

Neads 19, Diamondbacks 9
Nass 25, Exteme
Nads 25, Extreme 16
Structure Unlmtd. 15, Black Flyz 2
Cos Amigos 23. Casino Apache 10 cos Amigos 23 , Casino Apache 10
Grizzlies 12, Los Amigos 11

Pecking order


This week in sports.
fraday
Horse racing-
Ruidoso Downs
P.m. m .
Stut softhall -

Sierra Blanca Opener, Eagle Creek Sports Comple
saturday ando sunday
The Lind County Golf Champlonshlps City and County Golf Champlonships. Tee time each day is 8 a.m. Call the the pro
shop at The Uinks at $258-5330$ for more information. Also accepting entries to
the National Amateur Chalenge held the the National Amateur Challenge
same days. Cost to enter is $\$ 50$.
Horse racing Horse racing -
1 p.m. post at

## On deck


#### Abstract

Run for the B.E.A.C.H. Golf Classic  mammograms sponsors this annual golfing event set for 8 a.m. Saturday, Junne , at The Link of Sierra Blanca. Cost to enter the four-person scramble is $\$ 65$ per person or $\$ 260$ per foursome Cash prizes per person or $\$ 260$ per foursome. Cash prizes to top finishing men's and women's teans, hole in cointest, and prikes for longs prizes for longest drive and closest to pins. TTe scramble is limited to the first i20 paid 120 paid entries. Entries coose Friday. For more information, call Mel Alexander at more inform $258-1158$.

\section*{ailly the Kid Cup - June 14}  along a 9.5 mile Ooop is slated for sur- day, June 14 , beginning at the fort Standay, June 14, beginning at the Fort Stan- ton Horse Corrak. This is a NoRBA certi- fied race and No. 4 of the Newv Merico ton Horse Corraks This is a NORBA certio fied race and No. 4 of the Newv Merco Offroad Series. The loop is a high desert course of cacti, rodks and some sand on dirt orad wwith 30 percemt single track. Racers can sign up for one of three cate gories: Begiries, one lap; sport, wo gories: Beginners, one lap; Sports, two laps; and Proverpet, three laps. Registra- tion postmarked before fune $7 \mathrm{lt} \$ 20$; thereafter, $\$ 30$. For more information. call Rocky Mountain Sports at 358-3224. 18th Smokey Boar Run - July 4 Registration has started for the 18th Registration has started for the 18 th Smoky Bear Run. The 10 -ikorneter run and two-mile fun run are set for Satur- day, July 4 in Capitan. Entry fee is $\$ 10$ for day, July 4 in Capitan. Entry fee is s10 for the out and back race. Awards for top finishers in age groups and pweral finishers in age groups and overall male and female winners. For more informa and femme winners. For more informa- tion, calitter main branch of the Ruidoso State Bank at 257-4043.


Fishing report


Mike fitman
Huidoso River Assoclation


The grave stites at Fort Stanion decorated whth miniature American flags.


A Buffalo Soldiers ro-enactorvent group raises the flag to begin events at Fort Stantion Saturday.

## School board passes pay raise

by Elande Hobbs
RUDOSO NEWS STAFT WAMTE
The regular Ruidoso ing was held Thesciay and a collective bargaining agreement was passed.

The collective bargaining agreement worked out by the Ruidoso Education Association and the district for a 9 percent acrose-he-board raise senting votes.
In recommending the Mike Glant, superintendent for giving 9 pe steid the reason boand, ing percent acrosse-thefor teachers and 85 percent or the non-teaching staff rec ammended by the state, was miat negotiators felt there might be too much dirgension reated by the disparity. James Pa Hemphill and James Paxton each expressed concern what wiit uritil 40th dey of echoil whers the count of statdents will detormine state finding before inplementing the raise.

The agreerherf will talke offect earliat on hily 1.

Hefthalill said there is no before the 40 tit do the frais the boakd waits, "you know you

## can keep the raise."

 He said last year he raised a cautionary flag and wastalked out of voting against the ked out of voring against the same type of commitment. didn't materialize, and we had some serious problems." This year, he said, he did not want to make the same mistake. Paxton said at thé meeting, When we approve this for 40 days. Between now and the 40th day, there is a posstbility we might have to take it (the raise) back. Last year the state changed the unit value on a whim and caused prob-
$\qquad$ Also at the meeting revisions to the second reading of the student transfers policy the student substance abuse policy, the pregnant and parenting students policy and the student evaluations policy

Papl Wirth
Paul Wirth, director of instructional support and tee which has been working on the revisions, said the current reading maindy contains the woiding changes sugested by board meemingers at the last meeting to clarify isgues in the
student subbetaice absuse policid and did not charige the confent.

## A Day of Remembrance

Residents of Ruidoso and those of Lincoln County came to he cemetery in Fort Stanton and the Forest Lawn Cemetery in made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The ceremony, which was under the direction of Romeo Kline, at the Forest Lawn Cemetery opened with Katie Armstrong play ing "The Star-Spangled Banner" on flute.
Armstrong was followed by state Rep. Dub Williams, who what Memorial Day meant to them.
Hubert Seigmann, from Austria, related how proud he was of his grandmother who helped those resist Nazi Germany during orld War II.
Seigmann also related how proud he was of the Americans who fought against the Germans in that war and how proud he will be when he gets his U.S. citizenship.
the aid a few words, including reciting a poem wric Schaerer alsp high school student called "Freedom is not Free"

When everd the sound of taps one night,
When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill
That taps had meant 'Amen'
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children
Of the mothers and the uives,
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington
No freedom is not free.
Those who participated in the ceremony also included Bud Skinner, Dan Rivas, Frank Koehler, Victor Jaramillo, Jason KinThe ceremony at Forest Lawn Cemetery complimented the one that took place on Saturday at Fort Stanton. The Stanton even also included a celebration to raise awareness of the historic reasure that is Fort Stanton. Schaerer said the overall goal in both ceremonies was to rais
the awareness and participation of residents in Memorial Day.


Adam Williams and Sarah Willams try their hand at roping a straw calf at the Fort Stanton celebration to raise awareness of tis historical treasure.

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## Lincoln County Commission approves $\$ 2.3$ million solid waste budget

by Dianne Stailinges RUPDOSO NEWS STAFP WRETIER

With only a few questions about overtime, workman's compensation and recycling, the governing board of the LinAuthority approved its 1998-99 budget Tuesday:
The $\$ 2.3$ million budget includes 5 percent raises for employees and is based on the village of Ruidoso's collection income and expenses. Officials
of that village have vobed to reports of bears bothering break away from the authority and set up a department for the village to hande its own collection at a rate increase of nearly $\$ 3$ a month to its cusmay not occur until separation 1. The budget will be readjusted at that time, authority general manager Jerry Wright said.

He defended an increase in overtime
$\mathbf{\$ 8 4 , 5 0 4}$, prom
$\$ 63,312$
to
dumpsters in Ruidoso have started earrier and are more
frequent than last year. To offer better service, overtime is needed for holiday weekends, to cover the racetracik during
season and to handle the summeason and tox of visitors, he said. mer influx of visitors, he said.
Two major claims for mployees accidents this year increase the authority's workmanease the authority's workfrom $\$ 36,546$ to $\$ 51,989$, he said.
requires a sinbsidy, the authority is still buying aluminum for seven cents a pound less than it sells it at 42 cents, Wright said. Ploingetonnit up a chicken wire fetheg, fatind the garbage Cransfer Btation on Gavilan hold, Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson, who serves on the authority board, said the village plans to put up a regular fence when it takes over the
atation and may be willing to do some of that work before September to take care of blowing debris and keap it of the road and out of the river.
Other hudget issues include:

Revenues for hasic operation are eatimated at $\$ 1.7 \mathrm{mil}$ lion, up about $\$ 200,000$ from the current year, primarily from use of large roll-over containers. - Expenses for the collec-
at $\$ 1,446,510$ up $\$ 162,28$ from the current year; adminis tration will increase by $\$ 11,314$ $50 \$ 2677_{6} 65$ and recycling is atimateg, to decrease from \$98,315 to 476736 .
reteint Enyirinmental gross of $\$ 362,586{ }^{\text {is }}$ rechint tidxes of $\$ 362,586$ is scheduled to pe received by the will be used ta ensure repayment of the construction loan on the regional landfill south of Alamogordo, but most will be Alamogorco, but most will be

## Study shows Capitan water situation good for another 40 years even at maximum growth

by Dianne Stalunges RUDOSO NEWE STAFF WRITER

Even at maicimum build-out and growth, the future for water lage of Capitan, says Debra Ingle. A newly-elected village trustee, who has been involved in Capitan water issuess for sevcral years as a member of the as one of its representatives (now chairman) on the Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association, Ingle is optimistic after seeing a 40 -year water study on the area.
"The village will be in good shape throughout the 40 year
period with water" she said period with water," she said

Prepared by Eddie Livingston of Livingston and Associates based in Alamogordo, the study, covering the period of 2000 to 2040, was submitted to the Board of Trustees last month. It has been sent to the justify the use of 22 acres of
water rights previously set aside for purchase by village.

Tb use water rights, a village or other entity must show a "The study presented three scenarios for Capitan's growth rate, low, medium and high growth, with a build-out of the existing platted boundaries of the municipality" Ingle said. The low rate was figured on annual growth of 1.5 percent, the high on 5 percent, which is the rate at which the village is growing now.

Under the low-growth scenario, a build-out would not occur during the 40 -year period,
she said. By 2040 , about 72 percent of the village, would be cocupied, according to the study.

Build-out under the medium growth rate would happen in the year 2036 and at the high rate, in 2026, Livingston estimates in the study. The maximum popurlation projected for the village at the end of 40 years is 5,000 .
About 1,600 building sites are available in the village. Of that
number, 900 a
illage water. low growth rate, Livingston estimated the village needs two mated the vilage needs two the end of the 40 years, Ingle said. Under the medium growth rate, Capitan would need five weils with a backup and at the backup.
The backup well would be drilled, but not equipped, she said. The village now has one well and is ahont to drill one well and is about to drill a second in Ocheder. A two million gallon in October. A two million gallon and is ready to be filled, Ingle said. The village already has a

0,000 gallon storigge tank.
Livingston estimated that under the low growth projec-
tions, the village would use 514.87 acre feet of water per year. One acre foot equals 325,851 gallons of water, the amount of water it would take to cover one acre of land one foot
deep.
By
period
By the end of the 40-year growth projection, the village would be using 793.24 acre feet of water, Livingston stated in the study:. Under the high
growth estimate, the village growth estimate, the village
would need $1,403.32$ acre feet of water per year.
"Right now, we have 267 acre feet of water rights, not counting the 22 pending," Ingle

## said.

- The village also has another ace up its water soaked sleeve, tion of the Elacie Creek partnership between the villages of Ruaidoso and Capitan is completed, Capitan should have an additional 500 acre feet of water from the split of assets and will water rights to the village of Ruidoso.

Added together, the total count of water rights under the village's ownership will be 1,103 acre feet of ground water rights
and that should give Capitan and that should give Capitan nour planning period, Ingle said. year plamning period, Ingle said. if the state grants a water credit
for waste water that is treated and returned to the water esource. Livingston doesn't rillage will get the money to drill he additional wells, but judging from its past success in securing grants, some of the money may come from federal envirommental sources filtered through the
state. The village recently taceived a $\$ 25,000$ grant from thie Community Development Block Grant program to prepare a master plan to develop a long term construction plan on how to react to the growth rate. 375,000 to build the two millio allon water storage tank and recently was awarded $\$ 268,000$ for the new well.


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We have many important issues that must be recognized and addressed as we approach the new millennium. I am listing below a few of the outstanding "top of the agenda items" that can not be "swept under the rug" by political rhetoric, arrogance and self serving interests.

- New or remodeled DETENTION FACLIITIES and a location that is acceptable and endorsed by the community impacted by such a facility. Lincoln County doesn't have deep pockets and the Feds 8 State mandating these facilities have their pockets sewed shur. Therefore we have to look for and investigate every possible source of funding' and revenue that will not have an adverse affect on the citizens of Lincoln County.
- The YEAR 2000 PROBLEM is a bigger deal that anyone wants to think about. In this age of computers the' year 2000 poses a monumental problem. We need more than a "Oklahoma guaranteċ" that our systems will be tested and up and running on 1 January 2000 to insure uninterrupted services to our citizens.
- We must make our COMMISSION MEETINGS more "citizen friendly" and let government once more be "by the people for the people."
- More prudent management of COUNTY PROPERTY and the related cost of operation, citizen use, and benefits derived by the taxpayers. An independent and unbiased study is necessary to compare operation of county facilities using tax payers money versus private entrepreneurs.
- County government exists only to provide SERVICES to the people paying the bills, the taxpayers. County Commissioners are obligated to fund the SERVICES our citizens expect and need first, such as law enforcement and roads.
- CENSUS 2000 is just around the corner. We must make sure redistricting is accurate and uniform to assure equal and responsive representation. BILL SCHWETTMANN is a full time commissioner with no hidden agenda and will continue to give you responsible and sincere representation. No_slick_ralk._Just_ability_integerity_and common.sense

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BILL SCHWETTMANN I won't do things "my way", 'll do them "Your War".

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## Services at

 Fort StantonOn Saturday, May 23, Memorial Day service was pre and Military Veteran Cemetery in Fort Stanton.
The cemetery was prepared
or the ceremonies by Cub for the ceremonies by Cub Scouts from Pack 95 of the Rio
Hondo District, Lincoln County, lags on 1,634 gravesites at the The invocation was given y Cleston Pritchett, an Air Force veteran. Sye Feldman
Royal Air Force veteran, played cottish Bagpipes

Mike Lewis gave a history of Memorial Day and memorial Victor Shaefere, veteran of
U.S. Merchant Marines he U.S. Merchant Marines extended tributes of appreciaThe flower laying ceremony veterans was under the direc-
tion of Bob Ashman of the U.S. Merchant Marine.
A special patriotic talk was given by New Mexico State
Representative Dub Williams. Sye Feldman played "When n the bag Col. Verne Edmondson,
United State Air Force, gave the benediction
$\underset{\text { Guard }}{\text { Rifle Squad and Color }}$ Local veterans, including Floyd Donaldson, J.D. Roehrig rection of Romeo Klein, pre conted a milite with rifle squad and color guard.
Annong other local veterans aking part in this ceremony vere: Dan Rivas, Art Blazer, Al Goddard, Bob
y Sye Feldman playing Amazing Grace;" and Rod Pior f New Mexico State Universit The Fort Stanton The history of the Fort he days when Fort Stanto was a hospital for Tuberculosis patients for merchant marine seamen from all over the world the United States government and Une Episcopal Church

This was in the days whe he only cure for tuberculosis Was climate; and many Fort ecame local neighbors.

This follows the general pattern for other tubercular patients who came
East New Mexico.

In 1926, the year after we down on the old dirt road that ised to be the highway.
He asked me:

He asked me:
"Do you know where I could I said:
"Well, no, not right off hand.
Why do you want one?
He said:
I want to tame him to be a pet to keep me company while I
am in the Fort Stanton Hospi-
This struck a chord in me I can still feel his man a squirrel. However I take comfort in remembering
that he was in fairly good that he was in fairly good through, with the help of New the magic climate which in those days gave our state the name"" "New Mexico, the land of "New Mex
Second Life."

## Peaceful lake holds grizzly murder secret

More than 100 years after the massacre, an eye-witness accơunt surfaces

## by Dianne Staluings rudoso news stafe wete <br> OSO NEWS STAFF WRTIER

Lincoln County's violent his
isn't confined to Billy the Kory isn't confined to Billy the murders in New. Mexico occurred in the peaceful and pio turesque settlement called Bonito City, which now lies 40 feet or
more below Bonito Lake Resermore
Writing with pencil on tablet, an aging prospector Ena Grafton Stewart an eye wi ness account of the Bonito City murders that occurred May 5 ally was handed to Stearns, one of the Johnson the history of the county. The hand written document was transcribed and filed for future
generations to read at the Rio generations to read at the Rio
Grande Historical Collections of Grande Historical Collections New Mexico State University. had a car. He lived at the move of Rodamaker Canyon, which is at the end of the dam now.

The following is Consbruck recollections of how he came to
Bonito, what the town was like Bonito, what the town was like May 113 years ago: May 113 years ago:
Consbruck arr
$\qquad$ other prospectors in December 1880. They built a cabin about 14 miles west of Fort Stanton part of the Mescalero Apache veserv were found wheh gol ment cut off two townships on the north side of the reservation in exchange for giving the tribe a like amount on the south side This opened the land fo prospecting and mining and sure enough, a good many fel
lows from other places came here," Consbruck wrote. decided to called the place Boni to, the Hispanic word for beaut ful.

We soon got a post office and Bonito was the voting place bruck wrote. "Pete Nelson erected a good size dance hall with a
fine floor and people from the fine floor and people from th
vicinity came to several dance vicinity came to sever

Farmers from Texas moved onto land along the creek and produced milk, eggs, butter and some vegetables. Wild turkey,
deer and fish were plentiful. Supplies were hauled in by wagon and mule south from Las Vegas or from the major trading
points of White Oaks to the west points of White Oaks to
In its heyday, Bonito City was home to about 500 resl-
dents. Some of the early families
were the Skinners, Bournes and

berry house, he stopped at the berry house, he stopped at the than today's popular Reodamak-
er Canyon) place," Consbruck

Mrs. Rademacher was alone" and when she asked who was at the door, Nelson gave another. door and saw him, standing therewith a big gun, stancried
out, "Oh. Mr. Nelson, don't kill out, "Oh. Mr. Nelson, don't kill intend to hurt her, but wanted a cup of coffee.
ous that Mrs excited and nervous that Mirs. Rademacher had
to hold the coffee cup to his lips, as she afterwards told us," Consbruck wrote.
As Nelson returned to Bonito City, he saw Herman Beck standing behind a house. He levhrough the breast. died 10 minutes later.
thing else had restored, his thing else had restored, his was not nervous anymore. He kept going to the Mayberry house and when he arrived,
three shots from three fellows behind a small house opposite the Mayberry building sounded at the same time and Nelson
dropped dead in front of the house." the three fellows have been identified in other publications as Charlie Berry, Rudalph When Consbruck and his friends entered the Mayberry
house, they found a "horrid"
scene- "Blood was, dripping through the floor," he wrote. his bed, his face full of wounds caused by being hit by a pistol. all open. Noungest boy's face was the pistol close to it. Everything was dead.
According to an account Skinner contained in book on the murders by A.L. Burke, Nelson killed the two brothers first. He tapped on the door of the Johroom they shared and when him with a 38 caliber rifle, then clubbed the bleeding boy when he tried to resist and shot him again. He shot Edward as the younger boy sat screaming in
was killed next as he rushed to the defense of the boys. He was
shot in the head, bludgeoned and his body, was thrown on top of the others - a different ver Skinner related that May Skinner related that Mayberry was shot through the heart as he climbed the stairs
from his bedyom below, a contradiction of Consbruck's
description of all of the bedrooms being on the top floor.

Skinner placed Mrs. May berry's shooting inside. the
house, saying her bloody foothouse, saying her bloody foot-
prints led outside art her body was thrown finto the ditch.
According to Nellie Mayber ry who spoke to Consbruck after the shootings, Pete Nelson, who had come from the dance hall to the entrance of the kitchen, met Nelson face to face. Nelson was
holding two pistols. and asked Pete Nelson if he wanted one and then fired both at the star
tled man. Pete. Nelson died instantly.
Mrs. Manother version states when killed and was pregnan when killed and Nellie's life was
spared only after she promised to watch Nelson be hanged for the crimes,
The incident left eight people dead, but no one seems able to identify who R.F. Oswald was, although it is the first name carved at the top of the grave
stone now in Angus cemetery where the bodies were moved when town was dismantled. The victims originally were buried in a common grave, except Dr Flynn's body was sent to
Boston.and the the murderer Boston.and the the murderer,
Nelson, who was placed some Nelson, who was placed some
distance from the others in hole at the bottom of a hill head would not rise and walk the earth. Even now, his body is buried outside the Angus ceme-

Nellie Mayberry suffered a
all flesh wound on the side of her body, Consbruck wrote. Mrs. Rademacher nursed her until took her home.
der business this miserable murder business, everything was quiet again, but the neighbors
would not come anymore to the dancing parties (apparently fearing the town may have more murderers in its midst)," Consnics and large prayer meetings
conducted by outside preach When Huber died in September 1900, the store died too. You could hardly call Bonibruck wrote "We anymore," Consal years with the lived for sever for the future

But those hopes were crushed when in 1907, the railroad started laying a 10 -inch pipeline two miles above Bonito. The railroad needed water for secured a permit to install the line. Railroad officials bought the land along the line. Most of the old owners were happy with the price, sold and left, causing the community to shrink even more.

In 1930, the Southern Pacific Railroad built a 80 feet high dam on the Bonito Creek, threeCity. The company bought all places along the creek and in the town, tore all the house down and wouldn't allow anyone else build.there, although a few peogulches, Consbruck wrote. young Nelson decided his killing spree, but Consbruck wrote that women in the area "were of the opinion that Nelson intended a friendly visit to the girl under the stairs and the old man tried to prevent this and so
knew firsthand that Nelson knewn't planned the murders. "The night before, Nelson came late to the store and when I showed him the cartridges he was asking for, he said, Them is
the ones, all right. I'l get them the ones, all right. Ill get them in the morning.'
"That sees to show that Nelson had not planned the shooting or he would certainly have
take the cartridges with him," take the cartridg

Today the mile long lake creates an idyllic setting for fishermen and sunbathers. Bonito City no longer exists. The scene of it grisly murders is just rot-
ted timbers in a soggy lake bottom.

Consbruck summed it all up Consbruck summed "t all up
with a short epitaph,", Such is
life in the far far West."

Ralph's bilateral knee surgery, prop



Rays he could have his
surgery in about nine days.
We were to be in Albuquerque until Thursday afternoon then we had to go to a meeting in Las Cruces, try to get his donation of his own needed and get home and get the house prepared for his
homecoming from the hospi-
tal. The following Tuesday we were in Albuquerque for a preed most of the day, Wednesday shopping and then surgery on Ralph is doing
Ralph is doing great and came home in five days. saw Jack Johnson in Carripo zo and he was telling Ralph about the bilateral surgery he was having.

Both men had their surgery by the same doctor, on
the same day and in the same
hospital - Presbyterian. Both
had very successful sut and their knees are so much better.
Our sympathies go to the families of George Perry, Robert McDaniels and Roger old timers in Lincoln County, with the Perry and Salazaar families going back to the 1870s. have been busy improving their property. The Arrow-
smiths have put up a new smiths have put up a new place across from the post pfice. Legados has added a sinack shop and redid the patio on the east side

The Lincoln County Heritage Trust held a town meeting to bring the residents up Several parcels of land are
good prospects to sell the Long and Josh Jones. Their closed and to announce the Board of Directors members.
Neil Caldwell is' the new chairman with members Dee Dee Freeman, Bob Bobinger

| c | new) by delvering $t$, along whth a bed sheet, from 8 am , to $9: 30 \mathrm{am}$. that same morning. A general admission of $\$ 2$ will be charged and light concessions will be available. For more information you may call 505-648-1114. |
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## Healing Hearts A eried Support froup

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## FDUCATION BRIEFS

Local cadets
graduate with honors
Three Ruidoso cadets at New Mexico Military Institute gracuated with honors May 9 in Roswell. Christopher T. Verholl graduated from the junior er Nicholas H . Verhoff, graduated from the high school division.
Mrs. Roth are sons of Mr. and Justint Verhoff of Ruidose. ecent appointee to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduated from the high school division. He is the son of Hawthorne of Ruidoso. A total of 246 high school and junior college cadets gradunted from NMMM this year from
980

RHS students receive NEA scholarships

Ruidoso High School students Rowena Baca and Sundae Elwell accept \$250 scholar-
ships from Ruidoso High ships from Ruidoso High Education Association member Ida Maldonado May 14. onted annually by the Ruidoso branch of NEA, and recip ients are chosen by a commit tee of high school teachers.
Chamber of Commerce presents scholarships

Four 1998 graduates of Ruidoso High School have beon doso Valley Chamber of Commerce college scholarships. Leslea Gerth, Mandi Lewallen, Katie Lukens and Myra scholarship from the chamber Selection of the recipients is based on their scholastic achievernents as well as their community involvement. Four additional scholarships for $\$ 750$ will be awarded in the falt to recipients who will University Ruidoso.

## Geological

classes offered
Johnny Hughes will be offering three courses for the ty Sum New Mexico University Summer Session, including Historical Geology and Beginning Hiking.
Geology of the Ruidoso Area will meet Monday and Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. June 1 through Jume 24. hours. Historical Geology will meet June 1 through July 29 Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to $9: 45$ p.m. Four redit hours are earned in the class.

Beginning Hiking will be conducted June 6 through June 27 on Saturdays from 2 trails maintained by the U.S. Forest Service. For informa-
tion, call Hughes at $257-5379$.

## Hats Off!!

RHS students celebrate a rite of passage
by Eiante Hobbs
RUDOSO NEWS STAFF WMIER $\qquad$ The principal's welcome, and graduate Adrian Wallen gave the opening reading from James Thurber's 'University Days." Student body president Katie Lukens gave the student ous kody language visual aids from Adrian Wallen on "Tbmor-
Each letter of the word was given significance by Lukens, who summed up her speech by wishing all the graduates a filled tomorrow. We don't know what tomorrow holds, but thank God we know who holds tomor-

## row."

The Distinguished Teacher award was then presented to two Fuidoso High School teachers, Joette Maskew and Eva
Clark by Bay Hirschfeld and Lukens.

This year's ceremony was dedicated to the memory of senior Jesse Figueroa, who died In remen
Auturnn Moon urged stidents "Don't pass up your chance to say goodbye in your own way ... Let us remember each other and the smiles we've shared, the good times and the bad."

Superintendent Mike Gladden told students in his address when they leave Ruidoso to go

Mortar boards flew, friends and families cheered and students whooped as the class of its graduation ceremony Saturday morning. The event took place at 10 a.m. at Horton Stadium.

As the 103 graduates lined up before the ceremony for the processional in blue caps white ones for honor students, principal Ron Hodges said, "Im feeling very emotional right now. I love them deeply. came here and have been with them for four years. They have given them, and theyll always be very special to me.
Teacher Ramona McAdams said she was feeling "relieved, thrilled and proud," all at once. Counselor "I Linda Hawthorne said, 'I feel like a kids off to college, and it is bitkids off to
Some students seemed to be most in a state of shock.
Gerald Gomez said, "It has n't hit me yet. I can't put it into reality. It's a big deal, but it's becoming somebody ... Id iust like to say thanks to the achool and my family for all the help Ive received."


RHS students toss up their hats in a tradition of gractuation after Saturday's ceremony.
on with their lives
Salutatorian Myra Romero told students not to be afraid to pursue their dreams. 'There's no time like the present," she said.

She told students there are two days they shouldn't worry Romero said you can't undo past acts or erase the things you've said, and you have no say in what happens tomorrow.

We need to live one day at a timie with our eyes open," she said.

Max Beatty, 1998 valedictorian, asked graduates in his address to stop for a minute to honor friends in their class who didn't stay in school. He also congratulated a student who didn't get any awards but who made it through graduation pite some obstacles. is leaving, they will all have a
great chance to embarras themselves in new and exciting told students that "now is the time to chase your dreams" He said he wanted students be able to say when they looked in the mirror that they had done what they wanted to do in life.

Hodges gave a history of the increase in scholarships over the past few years. He said in 1994 scholarships totalled $\$ 254,000$; in 1995-96, the total was $\$ 600,000$; total for 1997 was $\$ 622,000$, and the class of 199 was awarded a Beatty said,
eatty said, "I hope I can take advantage of every opportunity that's opened to me. Tve so far, especially by my parents. I hope I can give a lot back."

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This problem is called eutrophication (yu-tro-fuh-KAYshun). Some laws have been passed to stop the dumping and runoff But much more must be done. Most experts say that we must learn now to recycle our waste. Our troubled oceans just can't handle it.


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