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## Home for the holidays

One woman's 13-year search for two missing granddaughters made for a Merry Christmas ${ }_{\mathrm{k}}^{\mathrm{B}}$



## Gift of sight: Lions help woman get dog, machine

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Minmie Erickson was born with a rogressive eye disease that is tealing her vision. For the past 10 years, her leader og, Stella, helped her remain indeer four-legged companion at her ide. But in May, the black abrador died.
The Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Hub stepped in to help Erickson cquire another specially trained og and spend the necessary threereek training period with her new onine Program in Rochester, Mich. og Program in Rocheater, Mich.
"We contribute every year to eader dogs and we're making a enerous contribution again this ear," said Lions member Bill llen. "We're helping her with the aken care of, supported interna-
tionally by the Lions Clubs that
have selected sight conservation as have selected sight conservation as Ericksion suffers from retinitus pigmatosa, an inherited disease can result in total blindness.
${ }^{\text {a }}$ I was born with the dis she explained. "It was getting bet ter until I became a teenager and then it leveled off for several years. When I turned 40, it started regressing and has continued."
The effects in Erickson include near-sightedness,
She received her first dog in 1992 while living in South Dakota Although the Lions there didn't arrange for the dog, the club helped after she returned with the animal.
Losing Stella meant losing her independence, Erickson said. "I can't get out and walk around
like I should be able to," she said.

 Minmie Erickson lost her leader dog. Stella, at right, atter 10 years, but should soon have a

Erickson, who moved to Capitan from South Dakota two years ago to be near her children, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren, came to
he attention of the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club about a year ago.
ut called and asked for help with "I called and asked for help with ome glasses," she said. The Lions responded, although the glasses were more expensive were manufactured by Corning Allen said.
Members were delighted to discover someone in the community with a leader dog, because, although they had sponsored dogs for people in other areas, Erickson was the first local person to be able to speak to the grou
"They told me when I decided to get another dog, they would like to help with it,", she said. "I don't know the breed. They give out Labs, golden retrievers and German shepherds. I won't know until I get there. They match up dog with the individual.

Michigan to spend three weeks, a experts assess her compatibility with the new dog, satid Mark 0 Jones, public relations spokesma the local Lions.
But the help doesn't stop there. Erickson's vision condition neces machine that she depends on daily to write checks, read newspapers write letters and jot down notes. A month after losing Stella, the vision magnifier malfunctioned causing her to become dependen on her daughters and others, Jone said.

I talked to her and realized she had a double whammy losing th dog and the machine," Allen said. The cost was almost $\$ 800$, bu its now good as new," Jones said adding that new units sell for abou 2,600.
Erickson and her daughter also ere guests at the annual Christmas Party Dec. 17.
all lot divisions
you're dealing with a policy
matter that is becoming increasingly significant due to growth issues locally.
The village doesn't approve any' subdivision without a water system, Rennick said. The commiesion must decide thow county you want to be since Barrow respond
not here to make policy. The nances. The attorney pointed Although Collins said he out the village at one time had could supply a water study from 1984 when the subdivision first was reviewed with higher density, board members said water conditions probably have changed since then. They voted to table the application to give
Rennick time to review ordi-
he didn't have a complete a law that restricted domestic $\begin{gathered}\text { hydrological study. } \\ \text { Peebles said at } 250 \text { feet, it }\end{gathered}$ wells and required metering, produced about 25 gallons per but it was rescinded.
On the Peebles property, to be called Legacy Estates off
Sierra Blanca Airport Road Sierra Blanca Airport Road
iState Route 220, Collins said (State Route 220), Collins said
a well was drilled on one lot to a well was drilled on one lot to
see what it would produce, but
minute
Although water is a critical issue, so is cost, she said, adding that she will increase the number of lots to 19 to cover think higher density is a goal."

With only four lots, ranging from 2.36 acres to 31.24 acres, a $\$ 60,000$ to $\$ 80,000$. study
But Barrow said wells ar But Barrow said wells art
going dry all over the county going dry all over the count and the board should pay attertion. Runnels said existing possibly could be used th pu together enough data.

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Although Victina and Bundick had their loubts, Condon said she knew God wouldn't ng them to see the girls. The next morning, hey were reunited. Despite Victina's fears, he girls welcomed her and fells into her Cambri was wearing a T-shive with the vord "Angel" across the front.
nd looking at the day shopping, tallaing nd looking at old photographs. Condon howed the girls the returned birthday cards alls they had cherished as toddlers.
They told her when they would ask, their 'ictina. "We always wanted to know where ou were," Condon said they told their moth-

## ther for was finally over," she said

All day, the telephone kept ringing as the girls' half-sister and -brother, Tina and comed them back
Leaving the girls again, even with the hone of seeing them sonn was agonizing.
 Albuquerque to catch Victira's plane, they went directly to the reservation area to arrange for the giris' tickets for Dec. 21 and uI on Jan. 6.
approach and one man said, 'Can I help? I old him I needed a miracle.
He delivered. The airline had exactly two ued to Victina's gate, they heard an ensem-
ments was a harp
"How oftendo. terminal?" Condion said. "A woman, who name was Joya, which means Angel of Joy," The girls arrived safely in Alabama Saturday to a family reunion years overdue and that now includes Victina's husband has told her story at her Chureh of the Nazarene to plenty of tears and issscheduled to speak to the Mescalero Assembly of God where her brother-in-law is pastor.
As a final twist, Condon pointed out that two of her paintings. When they returned, there was enough left over to buy a badly needed horse bridle, to soe the Carlsbad light show and buy two cups of hot coffee God gives us just what we need," she said.
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## OUR OPINION

## A question and answer that endures

A child got a famous response 105 years ago

Christmas traditions take many shapes, in
Kringle reigns. Scavia, Kris Kringle reigns.
If In in celebration of the Christ Child's birth.

In Russia, St. Nicholas once brought tidings of the season, and with time and linguistic change his name became Santa Claus:
Today Santa Claus symbolizes the joy of Christmas to
children across much of Christendom.
And today, as has been the case for centuries, children question the reality of Santa Claus. That question itself is a part of growing up.
There are many answers, but perhaps the most famous

News we certainly don't need in 2003

Newspaper columnists are fond of making lists this time of new stories I hope we do not read
 her hospitaliza tion. Following recuperation your-dreame
Mariah appears on Oprah Winfrey to introduce the song inspired by her horrible experience: "I Can't Get Over Myself."
Meanwhile, 19 million singl Meanwhile, 19 million single
moms go to work at low-paying moms go to work at low-paying one much cares.
one much cares.
New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson admits there is not tax cuts he promised, blames Republican legislators for hoarding funds. Reporters remind Richardson he also promised to be the governor who would unify the state.

Michael Jackson, originally believed to have become a permathe public spotlight in an hourlong interview with Larry King that results in a sellout of Tums at drug counters across the country.
John Dendahl, down for the count on the scorecard of political pundits, is re-elected chairman of Party. Dendahl immediately Party. Dendahl imnaediately scheme to "get" anyone who opposed him. Shadowy New Jersey vending machine kingpins are believed to be involved.
Now bill to ban cockfighting in headway throurh the legislature but is abruptly tarminatited wher state lawmialers, ufter misketity with generous cockfight loblobiots,
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editor of the New York Sun in 1897 - some 105 years ago letter from an 8-year-old letter from an 8-year-old gir ing, "is there a Santa Claus?" Church could have buried it as just another "Santa letter, but chose to answer it on the editorial page of the newspa per, and today, in the third mil lennium, it is as much a part of the holiday tradition as twin kle lights and decorated trees. title alone can bring a knot in the throat:
"Yes, Virginia, there is Santa Claus.
"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devo tion exist, and you know that they abound and give to you life its highest beauty and joy...


## GUEST COMMENTARY

## A Christmas for all people, everywhere

## BY BLLAN WELS

This year, let us share Christmas in a broader light by sharing it with all the people of the world. We of the Christian faith celebrate Christmas through ou faith in Jesus Christ. Let us share the any division of race, color, creed or any division of race, color, creed or that by their origin of birth, many have never heard about the Christian faith Having traveled around a good part o the world, I found that people in gener al felt the need for a higher power. Be it Buddhist, Hindu, Shinto, Muslim or whatever, through their "higher power" they were
ing for life.

This need for universal love is greater tan ever as we reflect on Sept. 11, 2001, and the continued threat of terrorism here in America and around have survived many wars and conflicts since its beginning, and we will survive terrorism. This Christmas season, let the world see us as we stand together here in America and enjoy this glorious season, as always, with love, gifts and
fellowship.
Christmas is a time for bright lights, shining tinsel, beautiful music, and smiling faces of children everywhere and for the little Christmas morning, and for the little ones dreaming about What Santa Claus is going to bring hink 80 who could possibly doubt thet Sants Claus was real when we witness the love and friendship that he brings through his symbol of love felt and expressed by all ages.
Christmas is a joyous time of the year, a time to reflect on our blessings here in America. It's a special time when families get together and share their love and gits, a time for joy and joy; it is a joy that will be remembered joy; it is a joy that wir it is a joy that heals the broken heart and the joy that brings a radiant smile to all that share in this glorious holiday.
Remember this holiday season, though, at times, the season may be a grayish monotony of cloudy skies and muffled sounds from the snow that lies on the ground. To each of us there
and rights the reason...when we have learned to cast aside our bitterness, our greed and our pride and have replaced with love and forgiveness.
This Christmas, let us not forget the real meaning of Christmas - the birth of the Christ Child, Jesus Christ, the greatest giflinf ho matter what ou question belief may be, no one would question that the birth of this mos of men changed the world in a manner greater than anyone before or since. No matter what challenges may appear during this holiday season we can still celebrate the Iove of Christ in dur hearts and let this source of love be our hope and guidance for the com ing year.
In this busy holiday season, God made us kind and wise so we may ours, if we but open our hearts to let the sunshine of love inside, and share these gifts of love all year long with others. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Julian Wells has provided holiday essays on this page for a number of years.

## YOUR OPINION

## Answering a question

To the editor
Mr. (Franklin) Boren, you are not alonet 'Many people have the same questions that you asked in your letter ${ }^{\text {of Demeone or }}$ something in bebaieve, that som the universe..." The Nov. 11 Time ed the universe..." "The Nov. I Time reports that we now know that the foundation for the human heart, lunge and brain develop before the end of the third week of pregnancy. God created the human being with an average of 50 trillion cells. We are not a random happening. We are created in Fis image

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As the creator, God could have decided against creating our world. He could have chosen to make us all puppets when a perfect world would have been por. Hen then tumed his bark on the worid .as you suggested However, he did NOT make any of the three choices above. Rather, He creat ed a perfect world, and gave man the chnice to love and worship Him as the as the creator. He even tells us how to live a life of love (in) The Bible. Because He knows ALL things, He knew that none of us would live a life of perfect love. We would sometimes if not mrequentily make injure other hurnans. So, He provided a plán of redemption
From the very beginning, God gave the Law (the Old Testament) to make us aware of dur imperfection. Then he gave us his Son, Jesus, so that we could know perfect love. Jesus has paid the rediemptive price for selfish choices and it is finished if you have accepted his gift. God never ahuts access to Firis love, unical hardened and focuroese to be rather that the love He demonstratied to 4 us.

Carolyn L. Pelder

## A story with a moral

To the editor:



"Yes, I know a lady that needs a fence painted. It's not much, but it will feed you for a couple of days." I met this acquaintance at the fence-painting job the next morning. I loaned this acquaintance an airless (spray gun)
which belonged to TLC Construction The customer approved a clear, water based, water-soluble wood sealer.
I left to go to work in another towic The acquaintance went next door to all businesses and advised employees he was painting a fence, would they please move their automobiles. Some employess complied, others ignored the request as the wind was blowing away from their vehicles. I was told that the the fence. I guess the wind changed the. fence. 1 guess the wind changed
directions briefly and a small amount of overspray got on some cars.

Several days later I was notified that I was responsible for overspray op the cars. I said, "I didn't do the job, I was not even in town." Somehow it stifl seemed to be my fault. I then had to make arrangements to have all titc Everybody's car was deaned, whof exception - cleaning out , whou in the process, I was just trying to helit in the process, I was just trying to her One person, (who had refizsed to move their vehicle) demanded I ph three timies the agreed, upon amotnit of
\$80 per vehicle, as he wanted to haved $\$ 80$ per vehicle, as he wanted to have: friend at another detailing shop do th
 pe further heaced and betated 1 what


## Commissioners express concerns to Pearce

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## - The future of historic Fort Stanton

 remains a top priority of the'LincolnCounty Commission, the chairman told congressman-elect Steve ${ }^{\prime}$ Pearce at arecent meeting. "Its identified as one of our top three items," he said. "Eiforts to save the fort) are tar enough along in the Chairnan Rex Wilson. "A study is compiled and we're ready for your budget process."
The New Mexico Veterans Affairs Commission initiative to enlarge and improve the military cemetery at the 1855 complex, he said.
Although people in northern New Mexico are pushing a Santa Fe site, Wilson said, "I think (Fort Stanton) is appropriate
the state."
The state veterans commission $\$ 3$ million through the federal

RUIDOSO POLICE

## Domestic batter

An officer of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in Ruidoso Downs Dec. 18 arrested Ricky Armenilariz, 29, of
Ruidoso, after being notified by Ruidoso, atter beint notified by
Ruidoso police that he was wanted for charges of battery against a household member, child abuse and interference with communications. The
defendant had fled the site of the domestic situation. Armendariz was transported to
Lincoln County Detention Center and helid on $\$ 11,500$
ed to an unknown shelter.
Household battery
Ruidoso police arrested Johnny Joe Vazquez Dec. 20 in the 200 block of Wingfeld Drive, charging him with aggravald member. The victim was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment.

Unwanted guest
A house in the 100 block of
Ponderosa Drive was broken Ponderosa Drive was broken
into and lived in by someone,

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- This person then told the lady owner of the fence that if didn't pay more money to have his vehicle cleaned he for sue me. And so he did to small claims court brought in my acquaintance who testified that he was totally and absolutely responsible for the overspray, that I was not in town, and that he was working independently. The plaintiff said, "Your zonor, Judge, this is admission of guilt, and I would like

Veterans Administration as a result of Mike D'Arco, he said the "ort is a critical issue," Wilson said. "The economic development potential is there, but it will have to
be a cooperative be a cooperative
project." Wilson Wilson also.
pitched for fair pitched for fair
reimbursement reimbursement in Lieu of Taxes program for counties with federal land within their borders: He gave
Pearce a paper Pearce a paper
showing the history of the PLLT pay ments to Lincoln Count ${ }^{4}$ I want to impress thy. our budget;" he said. "It increased recently, for which we're thankful. But we're asking for the payment to stabilize. Thirty-two percent of the land is there, but it vill erative project."

4 (Fentribute to the crime problem they (Fort Stantion) is cost of paying for the problem, Wilson said cincilis isule The "Its a stress on our economic develop- budget," the chairman ment potiential ls detention center (in Hers bit Fer mill Carrizizo) cost $\$ 57,000$ have to be a coop-

Rex Wilsor
On Chairman financial helo flowing to enforcement, courties through law tion programs and grants.
Whson also outined problems with some residents not being able to buy home insurance, or having to pay huge
premiums, after consecutive years with

# devastating wild fires Also in connec- 

tion with fire Wilson said money should continues to be poured into for-est-thinning efforts to reduce the risk of catastrophic fires.
"Federial help isn't a cure-all, but, it. would help support the efforts of $a$ lot of volunteers," he said. As a local governmealth and fire issues we have oin urban/interface working group comprised of state and federal agencies, various local government entities and Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation Coming up with solutions will take all of us. The federal government plays a key role, not just sustaining the flow of money."
He po

He pointed to the continuing effort of the U.S. Forest service to create a ing programs for private land owners acting to reduce the threat by thinning, and to private enterprise developing a use for the small-diameter trees and other byproducts created by thinning

We feel we're ahead of some, but no community is more seriously impactThe county is part of a pilot program in the Lincoln National Forest with Otera County and in other parts of New Mexico and Arizona, putting money up front to provide a better scientific basis for decisions, he said. address the water issue and has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to produce a water atlas for the Rio Bonito and Rio Hondo basins.
Wilson asked Pearce to support funding for Resource Conservation and Development District programs.

That money reaches the ground and makes a lot of difference," he said.
Pearce told Wison he appreciated the county identifying its priorities. "I appreciate the restraint," he said. "Some counties turn in pages. This narrows it to what may be possible. You have an overall vision of who you are as a people and where you want to go."

## One injured

 in bus crashaccording to police reports. The owner of the house called a pertric bill was higher than normal. This person checked on the house and found the door latch had been broken on the back door.
He

He called police and a detective went through the house, finding trash in the trash can, a used, a glass with vodks in it and the electric heater: on. and the electric heater on.
Police contacted the owner by phone and it appeared that nothing was missing or damaged except the door latch.

BY SAMDY SUEBIT
New Mexico State Police reports a minor accident
involving a Greyhound bus involving a Greyhound bus
just north of Ruidoso Downs due to the snow storm about 10:50 a.m. Monday.
The bus was eastbound and westbound Ford Expedition slid on the ice and spun out in front of the bus. The bus hit the rear end of the Ford. A child in the rear seat of
the Ford complained of back

up my lawsuit to $\$ 10,000$ and have all tires, wheels, replaced also. The judge replied, "Fine, let's go look at the damages." I said, "Your honor, court is in session; how can we up the ante?" As we searched the surface of the subject vehicle frantically, the
judge observed a silver metaljudge observed a silver metal-
flake paint job. The judge said, flake paint job. The judge said, must have been painting the fence silver.
Decree: ruling in favor of plaintiff, $\$ 8,000$. This amount
is more than the vehicle is
the story
worth. Plaintiff's lawyer said, "I need extra money to handle this case, so let's file a $\$ 12,000$ bank account on Mr. Coe and his mother." I told my mom her account was closed and I owed $\$ 12,000$. She had never her life, and this worried her her life, and this worried her
greatly. Some people say it worried her to death.
The moral to this
to paraphrase Matthew 5:25, "settle your debts before you go to court."
T. L. Coe

Ruidoso


## Evelyniyanhians

 are baving an the Ford complained of back pain and was transported to Center, dispatch reported, and centations are pending.By early afternioon Monday, only three fender-benders had been reported by the New Mexico State Police, the dispatcher said.


## After

 ChristmasSAL E:


## When classes resume

Public schools in Lincoln County will reconvene classes following the Christmas-New Year's holiday break on the following schedule:

- In Capitan on Monday, Jan. 6.
- In Hondo on Tuesday, Jan. 7.
- In Ruidoso on Monday, Jan. 6.


## EDUCATION BRIEFS

## Spring graduates

named at ENMU
Eighteen students from the Ruidoso area are among the 228 graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University this spring. Gracuation was at on Dec. 14.
The candidates and their degrees are:
Andria Nicole Bàiley, aspociate of arts in general studies
with honors; Coy Chino, associwith honors; Coy Chino, associ-
ate of arts in general studies; ate of arts in general studies;
Joni Nicole Duval, associate of arts in general studies with hachelor of arts in elementary education; Lymette M. Kasovia, associate of arts in general studies.
Rebecca C. King, associate of arts in general studies, Melisss Rae Lucero, associate of arts in general studies; Theresa M. Melendy, ussociate of arts in general stuaies, Beth K. Miller, with emphasis in psychology and sociology; Shannon A. Miller, bachelor of university studies with emphasis in com puter informetiony Bystems and business; Gristrins L. Montoya, associate of arts in general studies; Jessica Dawa Nosker, assoRex Pinal Jr in general stucties; general studies; Adriana Romero, associate of arts in general studies; Valerie Stephanie Rue, associate of arts in general studies; Lara Renee Smith, bachelor, of university studies with emphasis in mathematics and history.
Tracy Lynn Woodard, associate of arts in general studies; Jonathon F. Vigil, associate of Ruth Ann Vigil, associate of arts in general studies with honors.

Award-quality teacher nominees sought

The New Mexico State Department of Education seeks nominations of teachers of
mathematics and science in mathematics and science in
grades 7 through 12 for the 2003 Presidential Awards for Excellence in mathematics and Science Teaching.
Teachers must be nominated for the award by principals, teachers, students, parents or the general public.
Nominations for $7-12$ teachJan. 31, 2003. In 2004, teachers of grades K-6 will be eligible to
apply.
These teachers will serve as will be leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education," said State Superintendent of Public nstruction Michael J. Davis. The awards program was White House and is sponsored by the National Science Foundation to identify outstanding mathematics and science teachers in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions. Each Presidential Award award from the NSF and gifts award from the NSF and gitts
from donors, and he or she will be invited to attend recognition events in Washington, D.C., in March 2004.
Nominees will be invited to attend a workshop sponsored by the SDE on Feb. 11, 2003, to help them with the application process.
A person may nomainate a leacher for the award by filling out the nomination form availform should be submitted to Claudia Ahlstrom, New Mexico State Department of Education, Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Room 206, Santa Fe, NM 87501 . A copy will be forwarded by the SDE to the nom-
ince. For additional information, contact Ahlstrom at (505) 8278489 or by e-mail

## New quality standards

The U.S. Education Department has released an opdated version of the guidance fied teachers to comply with the new provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act.
The now teacher quality provisions under No Child Left Behind require educators in core academic areas to be licensed by the state, hold a bachelor's degree, and demonject area. The hi
The highly qualified teacher schuirements took effect in Title I schools for all teachers of core the first day of th hired after school year. All other teachers in core academic areas have until the end of the 2005-2006 school year to comply with the new requirements.

The document is available at Title IIguidance2002doc:


Ruidaso High School counselor Joy Taylor and teacher Galen Farringtori were on the Weighted Standards Committee -along with two students, two parents and another school staff member - that recommended doing away with the titles of valedictorian and salutatorian and eliminating weighted grades

## Labels change with the times at RHS

'Greatest Warriors' to replace traditional valedictorian and salutatorian titles for graduates by SakDy sugerit
once. Its a choice between GPA
to prepare for a career," she said.
Taylor said the choice of courses or schools for homeschoolers is enormous, and that what one student is doing may be entirely different from what another student is doing or what Ruidoso is doing. their grade point sverage is calculsted their grade point ave take calculated High School, and if they choose only 5 point classes, their GPA would be elevaied
Taylor contacted various other high schools in the state of a size similar to Ruidoso's, and found that Los Alamos had dropped the valedictorian-salutatorian labels 15 years ago; Portales has honors and distinguished honors; and Cariabad Alamogordo and Moriarty have retained the labels.
There was a strong representation of differing ideas on the committee, and the committee eventually came to a consen
sus," Farrington said.
"It appears some people feel if you do away with weighted grades, you will ower the academic standards of our stu dents, he said er weighted is there's no es are no longer weighted is there's no therefore, basically the whim of the instructor determines what makes an honors class and what doesn't. On the other hand, advanced-placement classes are nationally normed. There's a national curriculum and teachers must have spe cial training."
Farrington added that students trans ferring from. other schools with honors classes may not be the equivalent of the lasses offered in Ruidoso.
"Philosophically, students should be attempting to take classes to benefit themselves educationally, rather than to better their GPA."
The debate on weighted grades has been going on for 10 years, but this is the first domument "that has gone through litrally hundreds of eyes," Wirth said.
an tities, a three-tiered system was created an tities, a three-hiered system was created one with a GPA between 3.3 and 3.7; a
high-honors graduate is one with a GPA of 3.71 or higher. Further, speakers for graduation "will be selected from the Greatest Warrior recipients as honored at the annual Academic Awards Banquet," the draft document states. "Criteria for this award will be quantified and published by April 1 , on them. on them
Class
Class rankings will still show up on diplomas and will be included in transcripts but not in public documents.
Still to be determined are the criteria said the aim is to "promote a multifaceted said the aim is to "promote a multifaceted ic and community involvement."
"We're looking for more of a well-rounded scholar and the kind of individual we would like to see in life," Taylor said.
tion changes in the graduation-recognition system will be in effect for the 2004 graduating class, while the elimination of affect students who are in the eighth grade now.
Steed, who is a sophomore, said she doesn't think eliminating the valedictoriansalutatorian titles will affect students' admiss leges.

By the time you find out if you're vale dictorian or salutatorian, you've basically chosen your school and gotten your scholreasons you want it."

Steed said she and Sashay Mills, a freshman on the committee, presented the plan at a Student Council meeting, and "a like it jumior class representatives didn't and they asked us what they could do to and they asked us what they could do to agree with it, but they don't know the details of what we went through.
"If there's a class you want to take that's only four points and there's a clase you don't want to take that's five points, you'll probably still take the five-point class because youll want that extra boost. to get you to valedictorian." The purpose of the change, she said is to basically elimiYou'll still be motivated to do good in school and that's what's important."

## CARRIZOZO STUDENTS OF THE MONTH








## It grows on you

Area man's new book shows expanding vegetation
y ILLIE CARTER
A Lincoln County native son, e. Hollis Fuchs, has recently oplished a book, Historic itreases in Woody Vegetation in
incoln County, New Mexico, dicoln County, New Mexico, of tegetation chariges in Lincoln In 19iunty. Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District. Fuchs. ook what had been a photo preentitation study and began to reate this publication.
cerns about water resources,
ecosystem and watershed health, catastrophic wildfire, and other issues have generated discussion in recent years. diverse landscapes county's diverse landscapes through repeat photography. Forty-five 1889 were re-taken, involving time intervals of up to 109 years. Long-term vegetation changes are documented, from former grasslands to shrub lands, open-canopy forests to dense thickets, and meadow habitats diminished or lost.
Through graphic, visual evi-

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dence, the author challenges readers to better understand ecosystem health, and to take an wative role in the restoration of watersheds to a sustainable, productive state:
With thousands of hours invested in photo searches and then locating the original photo sites, Fuchs has developed a
deep love for history that he admittedly lacked before this project. Operating with a rep utable local family name and personal credibility, Fuchs has been able to access private photo collections that have been the tions not only document the his tory of the county but of the people who populated it.
Hollis says some of the original photo sites he has yet to find. One site in the book took him seven years to locate. Throughout his lifetime, Fuchs has walked, rode and navigated the remote places of the county.
Years of experience reading and preparing maps and an ability ta recollect or envision land forms previously seen, persistence and a familiarity of the county all helped Fuchs to place himself time after time in the exact place a photo was taken a century earlier
fun because the photos sites was

E. Hollis Fuchs turned his photo study into a book showcasing how much vegetation has expanded in Lincoln County over the last 100 years.
and out in the country," he said. And I haven't yet found $a$ better way to do any of it."
Fuchs studied agriculture and biology at New Mexico State University, earning a B.S. degree in 1971. He has worked for the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) in New Mexico, Arizona and Idaho. His current position with NRCS in New Mexico is Southeast Field Team leader, headquartered in Carnizozo.
Hollis's wife, Linda, is a high school English teacher in
Capitan. They have two grown
sons and five grandchildren. I would like to acknowledge the source of any accomplish ments Tve made in my life, Fuchs said. "I owe it all to the upbringing that my parents provided, and to my family, friends, teachers, and this wonderfial country. I thank God for them all."

Fuchs is planning a subse quent book with photos high lighting other parts of lincoln County, including the northern and eastern portions referred to as the "great outback of Lincoln County." His intent is to do that book in a photo series format, the same place through time in
intervals of 20 to 40 years Again, location of the photos is a A life-long intercest in natural resources and their manage ment, while working with the keepers of the land, has cause Fuchs to realize that people are right.

To purchase Fuchs' book, Historic Increase in Woody Vegetation in Lincoln County, New Mexico, coll the Carrizozo NRCS office at. $648-2941$. The
books are \$10 each plus shipping books are \$10 each plus shipping costs. There is special pricing fo schools and libraries upon request.

## Zozo school board approves new track; attendance down

## Y JULE CAPIER

CARRIZOZO- In their regu ir monthly meeting. a full slate sproved board members pproved a proposal from
outhwest
Recreational oudustries for a new seventlane mning track with stale-of the t surfacing. The contract heduled work to begin Feb. ith a 90 -day completion date. On the 40th day of school, the udent count is averaging 225 Lidents. The school lost 21 stu ints since the beginning of the hool year through relocation,
me schooling and drop-out but s gained 10 new students. The sool plans to implement a fol-v-up program to track stuget their GEI

Castañon reported Castanon reported receipt of a permanent certificate of occu pancy for Maneir Hall. The stu-mid-school he moved into those Christmas vacation
Construction has started on the new industrial arts and preschool building. Teachers, administration and architects have had planning meetings to design for the needs of classes. There will be an in-service Jan. 8 to begin to extensively expand the special education program. The school has received a $\$ 14,900$ grant for a
team to study the special ed program and develop a plan. School will dismiss at noon and busses will depart at $12: 15$ p.m.
Carrizozo schools will partici-

## reb. 4 and 11 .

The schcol 1 open to the public on will be and Thursdays from 5 to 7 pm Opening dote is rom 5 to 7 p.m. This is to help students have more time for research and homework. A tibrary-accredited teacher will be available to oversee the classes and visitors.
Principal Steve Barron presented the district accreditation visit report of Nov. 12 and 13. In a five-page report, the visit was summarized in three main sections. The first was the imple(Education Plan for Student Success) followed by the student progress findings and the alignment of systems to support learning.
"Carrizozo Municipal Schools
have received a rating of 'Meets School District is building a coherent and orderly system to move their schools forward," the oport says.
Congratulations were given to teachers Kellie Gallacher, kindergarten; Cathy Barela, second grade; Kima Davis, third grade; and Anne Serna; fourth grade, for making model teachLearning program. The elementary has read 4,148 books to date this school year
In the Character Counts proof the elementary 59 percen recaived awards In the Knowledge Bowl cam petition, Carrizozo was third in the bowl hosted at home. On Dec. 11, the junior high team

## Make exercise and walking New Year's resolutions

The New Year is just around Let's start walking as a part
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ude reduced of heart dis5 and stroke, ing bones rent osteoporostrength buildflexibility and stamina. king supports health in y sense-physically, men, and emotionally.

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 for 5 to 10 minutes.While walking is one form of exercise that doesn't require much instruction, it is important to have the right equipment when walking.

- Good walking shoes are ssential
- Reflective clothing is
important to make you visible
- Water bottle - drink plenty of water when you walk - Sun protection to prevent nburn and skin cancer Walking is a great way to start the New Year. See you on the walking paths!
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took second place in the fondo Knowledge Bowl.

Junior Rotary reported 792 items callected and donated to Santa's Helpers in thei In announcementa Dee 20 ill be a half-day, Dec. 20 will be a half-day of school.
Christmas break is Dec. 23 Christmas break is Dec. 23
through Jan. 3. Classes will resume on Jan. 6, 2003. The next regular board meeting will be Jan. 21, 2003, at 6 p.m.

## 'Zozo lighting

 contest put off The Carrizozo Lighting Contert has been postponed due to bad weather.The contest will be held Dec. 26 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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entry is 5000 pm on Monday, entry is $5: 00$ pm
December $17,2001$.

## Village, county making progress on street names

By Downe smulmes
Lincoin County and Ruidoso village officials reached a better understanding last week on how to coordinate efforts to eliminate duplication of street names and numbering.
After about $21 / 2$ hours of discussion, Village Manager Lorri McKnight summed up the agreements reached during ts meeting in village hall.
Major points were that:
Village representatives will review the Master Street
Address Guide, MSAG, will Address Guide, MSAG, will weed out inconsistencies and get
back with corrected information back with corrected information to Connie Stone, in charge of the
Enhanced 911 addressing pro ject for the county, and to county planner Patsy Sanchez.

- Village officials will help the county designate consecutive numbers on Gavilan


## FUNERALS DEATHS

 Herbie CoffinMemorial services for Herbert "Herbie" Coffin, 49, of Ruidoso, were keld Monday, Dec. 23, at Gateway Church of Christ, with Jimmy Sportsman officiating.
Mr. Coffin died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, in He widoso.
He was born April 29, 1953, in He was He was an avid fan of baseball and soft-
ball, and worked with sales and print paper products.
He moved to Ruidoso four years ago from Albuquerque and was a member of Grace Harvest Church.
He married Karin Britt on Dec. 31, 1998, in Albuquerque. Survivors include his wife, "Karin, of Ruidoso; sons Gary Coffin of Honolulu,
Hawaii, and Jason Britt of Ruidoso; daughHawaii, and Jason Britt of Ruidoso; daugh-
ters Susan Coffin of Albuquerque, and Taura ters Susan Cosfin of Aibuquerque, and Taura Britt of Ruidoso; his stepfather, Bill McBride,
of Albuquerque; sisters Jennifer Marsh of Portales, Michel Mertens of Austin, Texas,

Canyon Road as it enters and leaves the village. Sanchez pointed out that numbering on. Gavilan jumpe erratically without a system and-without providing for property that may be
developed in the developed in the future

We were working with 100 addresses per mile, but that
won't work on Gavilan Canyon because the parcels are so amall and broken up," Stone said.

- A request to change the names on four streets - Nogal Place, White Oaks, Arabela and Pine Lodge Road - will be presented to the village council for action. McKnight, Police Chief Lanny Maddox and special projects director Cleatus Richards
argued against any change, esayargued against any change, say-
ing people living on those streets in the village have their mail delivered at home, but that doesn't occur in the county. They also said more households would be affected by a change in the village than in the county.
- Proposed names of streets
for new subdivisions within the
village will be sent to the county to ensure they don't duplicate already existing namea elsewhere. Subdivisions within the three-mile platting extraterritorial zone around the village already require, village and chance to review the names and coordinate.
- The name of Cedar Creek Court in Ruidoso will be dealt with separately and changed to allow the county to retain Cedar Creek Drive, a road that runs by the Smokey Bear Ranger District office and through sec-
tions of the Lincoln National Forest at the edge of town.
- Stone will pursue grants to help with the cost of melding information from both entities into one computer program with address numbering.
The session was called after Stone asked for the name
changes on the five streete and
for a memorandum of understanding that Richards worried carried a liability for the village. If the village accepted responsibility for naming new streets in the ETZ, that might iniply a responsibility to provide serders in the area, he had said during a previous village council meeting.
Stone said she's trying to complete a list of all street names in the county and its vilages to create a base from which ahe can be sure no duplications exist and to prevent Bum in the future
But a copy of the MSAG she received from the state shows some names missing, such as Lá Luz Road, Kansus City Road and Willie Horton Drive. Others were duplicated and some numWers were out of sequence. When a, 911 emergency call
is placed in Carrizozo, it is rout-
ed to Tularosa, then Alamogordo, Albuquerque and Denver and back to the area The eight seconds; she said. he data should come up on the screen in front of the dispatcher, but the county's sygtera only oughs up the address:
If the time comes that power fails in Ruidoso and the county had to take over dispatch - or assumed that job - a dispatcher might become confused by same names used in Capitan and Carrizozo, or White Oaks and Ruidoso, she said.
Mike Runnels, village planaing director, said Stone's standard exceeds anywhere else in the state.
"Every town has a Main Street," he said, suggesting that zip codes and telephone prefixes should distinguish the area of response.
But Stone pointed out the "354" prefix covers a large area including Capitan and Nogal, and a multitude of other subdiand a n
visions.

The county is asking the town of Corona to redo three namek duplicated in other parts of thie county, Carrizozo has 20 and Capitan has several, she said.
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Richards was adamant that Ruidano should not go back int its exdsting base and change data.

We can build on it, but not go back in;" he said. "Every time you change a name, it affects people and increases the chance of error."
Stone said the request is not frivolous and the county also has changed many names. From the county's point of view mail is not as much of a problem county assessor's office, she said.

Maddox said the village isn't experiencing any problems with its 911 system and the average response time is four minutes Part of the problem could be solved with more comprehen
sive training of dispatchers ensure they're familiar with all parts of the county, he wid

and C.J. August of Los Lunas; and a grand- her husband, Eddie, of Euless, Texas, Nickie child, Dante Franks.
Arrangements were under the direction of
LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 257. 7303.

## Thunder Conner

Memorial services for Thunder Storm Conner, 16, of Capitan, will be Friday, Dec. Church of the Nazarene, with the Revgus Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Al ciating.

Thunder died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002.
He was born July 18, 1986, in Ruidoso. He had lived in Lincoln County all of his life.
He

He was active in all Little League sports while growing up. He worked as a ski instructor at Ski Apache and had worked at Billy the Kid Casino.

Survivors include his mother, Kim of Las Cruces; a father, Ramon Sanchez, of Ruidoso Downs; sisters Shannon Zinn and
her husband, Eddie, of Euless, Texas, Nickie Conner of Capitan, Marisa Sanchez and Ma Marcia Underwood of Capitan and Carol and Rocky Trapp of Capitan; nieces Brandi and Alysha Zinn and Sierra Trapp; and his girlfriend, Silvia Najar.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 257 7303.

Bill Anderson
No services are planned at this time for Bill Anderson, 54, of Ruidoso.
Mr. Anderson died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, Ruidoso.
He was born Feb. 26, 1948, in California. He moved to Ruidoso in 1998 from Deming, and worked at Sierra Glass.
Survivors include sons Wiliam "Will Dog" Anderson of Ruidoso and Tyler Anderson of Deming.

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## HISTRICY COURT

Civil cases
The following civil cases were filed in Lincoin County District Court in Carrizozo the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.
Nov. 8-Reyes V. Torres Jr. and Alicia R. Torres, husband and wife; Reyes $V$. Torres Sr. and Rosario Torres, husband and wife; Hector Torres and wife; Othon Medina, a single erson; and Irene B, Mediza, a single person, vs. John S, and Carol K. Chavez, husband and wife, deceased; Gabriel S. Chaves, their presumptive heir and all unknown heirs, and all unknown claimants of interest in the subject property davit in support of service by publications; CV2002-249.
Nov. 3 - Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Bankers Trust Company of California, ve. Juan E. Lopez and Cynthia Lopez; compla Noreclosure; CV02-260. State of New Mrooks Taxation and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle Division; petition for writ of certiorari; CV02-251.
Nov. 13 - Joe I. Salazar Contractors Inc., and Steve Allen; notice of filing
judgment; CVO2-252
udgment; CV02-252.
trus 14 - Bank of New York Cindy Chavez, Board of County Commissioners of County Commissioners of and John and Jane Doe tenants; complaint for foreclosure V02-253.
Nov. 14 - CitFinancial Inc., Formerly known as Associates Inc., Associates First Capital Corporation, a Delaware cor poration (successor by reason of merger with Associates Financial Services Company Inc., successor by reason of nerger with Associates inancial Services Company Inc.) vs. Crystal Tivis, Family Restaurants Inc., State of New Employment Security

Division, all unknown claimants of interest adviser to the plaintiff and all tenants petition to foreclose; CV02-255.
Nov. 15 - Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, for merly known as Bankers Trus Company of California, N.A. as trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2q01-2 vs. Alfred M. Medina, John and Jane Doe tenants; forech sure complaint; CVO $\mathbf{~ C - 2 5 6 .}$

Nov. 15 - In re: name Rodriguez to Mary Leann Soto RV02-257.
Nov. 22 - Ray and Caro Sue Alborn, as husband and wife, vs. Larry L. Tillman, an individual doing business as Home Inspectors of New Mexico; complaint for violation Labor Practices Act Unfair breach of contract and other sundry relief; CV02-259.
Nov. 15 - High Sierra Condominium Owners Association vs. Auden J Acosta and Josefina B. de Acosta, Jeffrey R: and Kim M. Batton, Diane R. Asch and unknown spouse, Enrique $J$ Baca and unknown spouse, Estela Flores Cruz and
unknown spouse, Victoria Cruz and unknown spouse, George A. de la Fuente and unknown spouse, Royce $L$. Williams and J. Sue Williams, John Cruz and Sharon D. Cruz, John Davidson and Gnknown spouse, Gail A Ganter and unknown spouse Catherine M. Landenberger Gerardo Duran Lopez and unknown spouse, Maria Enriqueta Duran Lopez and unknown spouse, Mauricio Duran Lopez and unknown spouse, John G. Maloof and Gloria P. Maloof, Sylvia Alicia Delgado McCarthy ad Diaz Medina and Citlal Mendoza de Diaz and Citla Miekolson and Judith M Mickelson, Edward E. and Kathy J. Niblett, Michael W. and Linda Peckumn, Fred and Connie Ream, Iris Guider Rowe and unknown spouse, Geneva Guider and unknown Espouse, Larry L. Scherer and $M$ and Guadalupe G. Sierra
complaint for
lien; CV02-260.
Hov. 19 - Lookout Estates Homeowners Association vs Roy Turner, doing business as Remodelers, and Matt Sustom complaint for breach of con tract, money due, refind of payments, negligence, and misappropriation of funds/ embezzlement; CVO2-261
Nov. 19 - Judith Ann Judith Jensen Scott, vs. Eilene J. Jensen, a widow, the estate of Donavon O. Jensen deceased, his heirs, devisees and assigns; Donna Kay Southard, her heirs and assigns, Linda Sue Lowe, he heirs and assigns; Jonell $R$ Gilmore, a widow, her heir ad Eva L, George husband and wife, their heirs and assigns, John Doee and any claimants of interest adverse to the plaintiff; quiet title; CVO2-262.
Nov, 20-James A: Boice vs Jacob V. Carrera and Alfonso Campos; complaint for person263 al injury and damages; CV02 No
Nov. 20 - In the matter of Dashia Grace Legg to Dashia Grace Lindsey; CV02-264.
Nov. 22 - In the matter o the name change petition of Leyla E. Shalkhauser to Leyla Kocaoglu; CV02-265
Nov. 22 - Bank of New York as trustee for Fremont Home Loans Owner Trust $1999-3$ vs Scott E. French, Fremont
Investment \& Loan, Associates Financial Services Company Inc., John Doe tenant, and the unknown spouse of Scott E. French, if any; complaint fo foreclosure; CV02-266.
Nov. 26 - Teress Boston vs. Fountains Unlimited; notice of
appeal; CV02-267.
vs. The Standard Fire vs. The Standard Fir
Insurance
Company, Travelers Property Casualty Company; complaint to recover under fire insurance policy, CV02-268.
Nov. 26 - Bank One, National Association, as Kastee vs. Lonnie F. Carzoli, New Mexico Inc doing buil
neśs as Beneficial Mortgage Co., Wells Fargo Bank N.A Bank of New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department of New Mexico, John and Jone Doe tenants; complaint for foreclosure, to terminate title to property and other relief; CV02-269.
Dec. 2-Gulf Industries vs Don L. Myers, doing busines as Carrizozo Auto Salvag complaint for debt and money due; CVO2-270
Dec. 4-Rudy L: Morales vs. as Frontier Electring busines Rowe; complaint for damagas for personal injury; CV02-272 Dec. 4 - United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service ve ried woman dealing in her aol and separate proper Beneficial New Mexico Inc doing business as Beneficia Mortgage Co., New Mexic Taxation and Revenue Department, Department o Labor and Educational Assistance Foundation; com plaint for foreclosure; CV02 Dec
Dec. 4 - Chase Manhattan Craig B. Paton, Anne L. Paton the Jodye E. Jones Revacabl Living Trust, and the Chase Manhattan Bank as Trustee c/o Residential Funding; fore closure complaint; CV02-274. Dec. 6 - Countrywide Hom Loans inc., doing business a vs. Wayne S. Franck Robert Ls. Franck, Franck, Robert complaint for foreclosure of security agreement and mort gage; CV02-275.
Dec. 6-In the matter of the petition for a change in nam from Robert Brain Beavers to Dusty
276.

## Criminal cases

The following criminal cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date the defendant, the charges an the docket number.
Nov. 13 - Dawn Hair, 30, no trafficking controlled

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Nov. 18 - Brandy D Otero 30, Carrizozo: larceny over $\$ 250$ and diaposal of stolen Nov. 13-122. $P$. Sharp 39, Lincoln County Detention Center; embezzlement over \$250, less than \$2,500; CRO2138.

Nov. 13 - Virginia Price, 34, Lincoln County Detention Center; two coun
Nov. 13 - Patrick Biagley 39, Lincoln County Detention Center; two counts abuse of a child; CRO2-183.
Nov. 14 -John H. Boyd, 43, Alamogordo; notice of appeal DWI magistrate court convic ion, first offense; CR02-189. Dec. 5-Dan Gastellium, 46, Phoenix, Ariz, and Ruidoso; unlawful carrying of a deadly establishment, 4th-degree felony, unlawful carrying of deadly weapon, petty misdemeanor, negligent use of a deadly weapon, petty misdemeanor, negligent use of a deadly weapon while under the influence of an intoxicant or possession of a firearm by felon, a 4th-degree felony, and possession of marijuana, one possession or less, second offense, misdemeanor; CR02-195.

## Domestic cases

The following domestic cases were. fled in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified defendant, the type of action ad the docket number.
Nov. 8 - Kimberly Jo Miller vs. Lloyd Allen Miller; verified petition for dissolution of marriage; DM2002-105.
Moxico et rel., Human of New Mexico et rel., Human Services Department and State of
Oklahoma, vs. Sandy $G$. Gilmore; statement for registration of foreign support order; DM02-106.
Nov. 12 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Department and Leroy M. Lopez vs. Cynthia Morales pend child relationship; DMO2
107.

Nov. 13 - Robert .Samuel Swearengin vs, Edwina Jowel!
Swearengin; petition for disso livtion of marriage; DM02-108. Noy 22 - Katie Carter vs Dale Carter; petition for dissoution of marriage; DM02-109. Nov. 22 - Sheri R. ONeill vs. Kevin ONeill; petition for dissolution of marriage; DM02110.

Dec. 2 - Ellen Susanne Egert vs John Barbour Egert; petition for dissolution of max Dec. 3 - Magdalena Salinas ve. Victor M. Salinas; petition for divorce; DMO2-115
Dec. 3 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Department, State of Oregon vs. Larry Smith; statement for registration of foreign support
order; DM02-116 Der; DM02-116
Mexico and Human Services Department, State of Georgia vs. Peter L. Davis; statement for registration of foreign support orders for enforcement; DM02-117.

Dec. 5 - Monika S. Sanders vs. Ross O. Sanders; petition for dissolu DM02-119.
Nov. 13

Nov. 13 - Jouree Muniz vs Philbert Cavazone Jr.; petition for order of protection from Novtic abuse; DV2002-136. McTeigue vs. Faustino Saleido; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-136.

Nov. 25 - Laura Caballero Montecines vs. Ibighim Rahaem Taskin; petition fo domer of protection from
domestic abuse; DV02-138. Dec. 2 - Pandor Violette vs. Charles Violette; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-139. . Dec. 9 - Jake L. Graham vs Kallisha M. Graham; petition
for order of protection from for order obuse; DV02-142 Dec. 10 -Veronica Salas $v$ John Edward Anthony; petition for order of protection form domestic abuse; DVO2143.

Dec. 11 - Janet Armstrong vs. Lloyd Hobbs; petition for order of protection again

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# RUIDOSO NEWS - SPORTS 

## Warriors go down fighting against Artesia <br> By TODD FUCNA

RUDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDTOR
For two quarters Friday, Ruidoso got the beat of Artesia, one of the top-ranked basketball teams in Class 4A. Unfortunately for the Warriors,
The Bulldogs used a 28 point second period to dis tance themselves from Ruidoso, and rode the scoring and rebounding of star Justin Clark to take a 74-64 victory at RHS. "We won the first quarter
and the first six minutes of and the first six minutes of
the fourth quarter as well" the fourth quarter as well,"
said Ruidoso coach Billy Page, said Ruidoso coach Bily Page, a 27 -all tie with $4: 54$ left in proud of our kids, they didn' quit. I guess it's a trademark for u this year, not to quit. But we've got to play four quarters and can't allow 28
points in a quarter, ever." points in a quarter, ever. in 13 rebounds to lead the Bulldoge (3 1) to the victory, as Artesia proved too strong inside for the Warriors (3-4) The game began in exciting fash ion, with neither team taking anything close to a commanding lead until the end of the first quarter, when Ruidoso was up 21-16.
But then the second quarter began, and Artesia went on a 13-6 tear to
take a lead with four minutes left in the first half. It was a lead they'd never relinquish.

The Bulldogs may have taken control at that point, but Ruidoso continued fighting, getting to within one point at 61-60. with 3:53 left in the game.
"I told them during the timeout, not to turn the ball over," Page said. "That's just what we did, but 1 think if
we had scored on that possession, we we had scored on that possession, we
would have had a very good shot at would have had a
winning the game."
Artesia went on an 8-0 run after that time out, and the Warriors' fouls

began to catch up with them.
Ruidoso
Ruidoso was only whistled 19 times in the game, but a near the end, when the Warriors were fouling trying to steal the ball and Artesia
was making the foul shots.
uThey "They (Artesia) made their freewhen we were end to be a little more
to be a little more aggressive," Page caused us some problems. (Adams) back will make a big differ-

Artesia's defense also had something to do with the Warriors' downquarter, the Bulldogs switched to a full-court man-to-man defense, something Ruidoso was not used to seeing.
"It stumped us a little bit. If you're "It stumped us a little bit. If you're pushing the ball up the floor when don't give them a chance to set up and it looks just the same," Page said. "We were a little bit tentative. We didn't push the ball quickly enough and it

todo fununstaff
Driving the baselime is Ruidoso's Auston Beier (right) while being guarded by Bulldog Jon Fernandez Friday at garne.

## AAAAAUUUGH! Another close loss for Ruidoso

## by ted fuqua

Rymoso news sports bitor
: Anyone who thinks watching girls basketball doesn't didn't watch the Ruidoso girls
diting evening inf action Saturday.
$\therefore$ The Lady Warriors came into the game as underdogs against a Socorro team that had been ranked as high as second in the state, but made the tooth and nail to the bitter end bfofore a final layup by Andra Nipjor off a missed shot with

 corro Sturbay a it tie tocal Warilor's before fouling out with 4835 left in the game.
ond Furuwn
one second left gave Socorro a toward a common goal." 55-53 victory.
It was the second time in three games Ruidoso lost on a inal shot at the buzzer, having three-pointer Dec. 10 .
"I hope they're all like that," said Ruidoso coach Greg Marez, When asked if every Lady Warrior game would have ing. "I think we're starting to understand the system more, and our transition is working and everyone is working

Ruidoso may have lost and Ruidoso may have lost and Saturday, but they showed that no team in the state can tak them lightly.

The Lady Warriors began the game hampered by the absence of two starters and had four sophomores on the floor at the beginning of the game.

But to be the way to Ruidoso continually victimizea Socorro (7-1) with early backdoor cuts that ended up in easy
lay-ups by Samantha Serna. Serna led the team in scoring with 18 points, and joined Jessica Gibson and Beth Robinson in leading the team with six rebounds each Robinson also had 10 points. themselves tied after the firg quarter at 14-all, and eventual ly took a $25-22$ lead at the half making use of steals and easy buckets at the other end.
Socorro had the high scorer for the game in Renee Gallegos, who had 28 points and shot five treys - including a series in the Woriors a 50-41 lo with 3.46 left in the contest But Gallegos was the only S-Warrior in double figures, something Marez was proul of.
poin knew she would get her points, I was just hoping to shut everybody else down, Marez said. T Hink we did kept her more in chedk kept her

After Gallegoss shooting had given Socorro what looked to be a' commanding lead, Ruidoso


Pursued by Socorro's Renee Gallegos (left), Ruidoso guard Clarissa Silva dishes off the batl for another score under the basket Saturday at RHS.
began its comeback. The RWarriors went on a 10-1 run and tied the game at 51 -all following a three-pointer by Silva to Serna for another weak-side lay-up.
But Ruidoso was unable to take the lead, as the two teams traded baskets and found themselves tied, 53-58, with 11

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Socorro's first shot coming out of a time-out was off, but gave them the win. "I think it's mental," Marez
said of the R-Warriors' inability to close out the win. "The more they play in a close game like can take control and finish it out
They've learned to trust the systerm, and the more they do hat the better off well be. Ruidoso faces Espainola in the first round of the Goddard tis p.m. at 3 p.m.

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21 win. Whitney Daniels led the visitors with eight points, wifle Veronica Padilla had
Kara Sparks had seven
oints to lead Ruidoso, followed by Lade Garcia with four.

## Another one-point loss for the Aggies against: Texas Tech

by faik chave
LUBBOCK - The New Mesivo State ments bas kethall team nearly overcame a poor first-half, two 20 point deficita and James Moorels foul trouble on Saturday.
But the announced crowd of 8,049 saw the final sconehoard read Texas Tech 85, New Mexico State 84 at the United Spirit Arnea.
the second of two free throws Allen Haynes nussed re Red Raidera ro iree throw Wall 25 seconuls lert, the Red Raidera rebound an NMEUU slipe to 7-2.
"It felt good when it left my hand," Haynes said. " felt bad that I missed it. We came back and we really wanted to win this game.
Said Tlexas Tech coach Bobby Knight of Haynes' miss and the Red Raidens' win: II felt had for the kid (Hegnes) that he missed the free throws Its a torugh way for a game to end"
the teamis leading scorer hith 14:41 lett and Moore, the teamis leading sconer, had four fouls.
But the Agyies slowly cut into the
the Red Raiders
NMSU got withim 10,
Haynes nailed a 3-pointer
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then NMSU made its beat push of the game.
Brandon Mason sparkes a $10-0$ run when be sunk a buccket, was fouled and hit the free throw, he then
two firee throws each to cut the lead to 78-76. The teams traded points and with 45.6 seconds left, Maspris's trey from the corner pulled NMSU within $84-83$ with 29.6 seconds left
onds left to put the Red Raiders up $85-83$
NMSU then brought the ball upcourt and Fontenot found Haynes under the basket where he was fouled to set up the final free throws. "We played much better in the second half, we did a lpy of grood things," NMSSU coach Lan Henson said. We got better shots, we rebounded well" ond half and thade 6 of 12 from 3 -point range. Moore kept the Aggies affioat in the early part of second half with 17 of his 19 points, while Mason had 14 of his 20. Haynes finished with 18 on the afternoon, nime in each half. Haynes made 5 of 8 from 3 -point range, while Mason was 3 of 6 . As a team, the Aggies made 11 of 29 from beyond the 3 -point are on the day. and half $25-10$ with Chris Jackson gromering seven boards and Mnore five.
"We came out of halttime and we picked up our intensity," Moore said. "We just kept playing hard and good things started happening.
Said Red Raider forward Kasib Powell: "When hels (Moone) in there, their offernse is good. They move the ball aroumd, they get grod shots and James is a good The finst half

## Lobos fall for third time in a row

> Douglas scored a career-high 36 points for New Mexico Saturday, but it wasn't enough to stave off the Lobos' thind straight loss, this time a $69-5$
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> Southern Utah (4-4) used a red-hot shooting perventage of
59 percent to catapult them-
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hosts rolled up à 49-31 haltime lead. The Red Raiders made 46.9 percent of their shots and also let 41-21 at one point. Andre Emmett scored 15 of his game high 31 to lead the way, while Powell had 11 of his 20. Moore played just four minutes in the first half as he got two early fouls. The Aggies also got out"We didn't have very good post play in the first half and we took some questionable shots," Henson said. "But you have to give Tbxas Tech credit, they played hard, they executed and they have a lot of people who can score.
The Aggies struggled in the first half, shooting just 32.4 percent from the field. NMSU did hit five triples in the opening 20 minutes, but also misfined
> selves past the Lobos (3-5), and 13:98 in the first half. The two teams traded scoring runs in the first half, and the Thuinderbirds 35-24 at halftime
> UNM continued their cold hooting in the second half, and of rin to close the gap, as

Southern Utah ran away with She game at the end. The Thunderbirds were also hot at the free-throw line, going 12-for-13, and shooting 5 -for-11 at the three-point line. New of-23 from the foul line, was 15 . only 6 -for-28 beyond the three point arc.
"We played well in the first half," Powell said. "But we struyggled in the second half. We are disappointed in how we played, but well take the win" ${ }^{\text {Th }}$ The Red Raiders tried to go at Moore in the secand half with his four fouls, but couldn't capitalize. "We tried driving to the basket, but he did a "You have to give him credit."

Said Moore: "It was tough playing with those four fouls. You have to stay focused. I gave up some baskets because of those fouls and I wasn't able to play defense like I should."
Felix Chavez is a sports writer for the Las Cruces un-News, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.

## Mescalero girls win inaugural Apache tourney

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MESCALERO - For the Mescalero basketball coaches, the first-ever Mescalero Apache Thurnament was a success, and both teams hadn't ended up in the championship games. "We were very pleased with the tournament," said Roland Bradford, girls basketball coach and athletic director Mescalero. "The coaches were very happy with how it was run, and hopefully we can make it bi Oer and better in the future. boys apd girfo divisicens competed in the torinument, with Hondo facing Tohajiliee and Mescalero taking on Gateway and Calvary Christian in the first rounds on Friday
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The Mescalero giris easily out34 in thed Gateway Christian 80 34 in the first round, setting up a championship game.
A week before, the Lady Warriors defeated Mescalero 62 57 in the championship of the Tohajiilee Tournament, and the Lady Chiefs were eager to defend their home court
They did just that, winning 72-46.
When we played up there (in Thajijilee), I felt our biggest downfall was that our bench "The two key factors were that we would need a strong thind quarter, and our bench had to
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all," he never lost any play at use he added. "When you can lose anything, thats any coach's lose anyth.

Augusta Lang had 17 points to lead the Lady Chiefs, adding to her 15 points against Gateway Christian. She was named the Enjad Enjady was named to the all-
tournament team.
Sheriene Davis and Yvette Martinez added 10 points apiece against Gateway, while Davis
scored 12 points against Tbhajillee and was also the winner of the three-point contest. The boys didn't have as much success. They defeated Calvary Christian on Friday 90-83, but then fell to To Fhajiilee 75-50 in the championship game in another rematch from the previous week.
"The week before, we hung in "The week before, we hung in with them until the thind quarter when we got into foul trouble," came out flat and didne, they came out flat and didn't get Mescalero, who retied a great deal on steals for their offense,
didn't have that working didn't have that working for them on Saturday, and Thajiilee used their own speed and size to
run over the Chiefs. run over the Chiefs.

Fred Chee had 17 points to lead Mescalero on Saturday,
while Darren Valdez had 13. Handy Fulsom led the team with 35 points against Calvary Christian Chee and Valdez were
named to the all-tournament


Bimmial Hondo's Josephine Gutierrez, right, and To'hajiilee Lady Warrior Samantira Secakero battie for the ball Friday during the first round of the
team.
Hondo girls third
The Hondo girls nebounded from a 65-28 loss to Th'hajiilee in Che semifinals to defeat Gateway Christian $59-44$ for third place. Josephine Gutierrez and
Angelica Chaver had 15 points Angelica Chavez had 15 points white Jackie Chavez and Jamie Garcia each had 12 points.
On Friday, Gutierrez was the only Hondo player in double fig-
ures with 12 points. Jackie

Chavez was eventually named to the all-tournament team. The Hondo boys went 0-2 in the tournament, opening with a $70-29$ loss to To'hajiiliee Friday. Eddi Valenzuela had 10 points to lead the Eagles.

Valenzuela again led Hondo on Saturday with 21 points in a
$74-43$ loss to Calvary on Saturday. In addition, Christian named to the all-tournament team and won the three-point contest.

## Corona Cardinals looking for confidence following BVC

BY TODD FUQPA
RUTDOSO NEws SPOMTS EDTHOR
With onily one team where there should have been two, the Corona Cardinals formo themselves short-handed when they needed all the belp they could get.

The Lady Cardinals-decimated by injuries and down to just four players, were unable to make the trip to the Bean Valley Conforence Tbumament over the weekend, leaving the They fell hard against three different teame consistently running out of gas each time.
"We didn't have any legs left at the end,"
said Corona coach Tbrimy Mulkey "I had to play our starters constantly. Once I went to my bench, we were pretty weak"
Corona opened the tournament on Thursday with a 99-39 thrashing by Alamo Navqjo, but Mulkey said the score didn't reflect how his team played.
"We actually played pretty well in the beginning," Mulkey raid. "But then we fell appart in the second half. We got into foul trimbench."
Corona latar fell to Estancia 69-39 on

Friday, then dropped
Vaughn on Saturday
Mulkey is hoping the Cardinals' performance at this tournament doesn't affect his team's ability to play in the future.

I thorught wed come on in this tournament," Mulkey said. "But we're just so young and inexperienoed, its killing us right now.
"It's just a matter of motivation, I have to get some confidence with wins," he added. "We have the numbers, we just have to have the confi-
dence."
Conona facess Lake Arthur at home on Jan. 4 in a 3 p.m game.

## Lady Grizzlies falter at Tucumcari tournament By TODD FUQUA

No coach likes to fall back on excuses to explain why their No coach likes to fall ba But Carrizozo basketball coach Mel Holland finds it hard to ignore what affected the Lady Grizzlies this past week end.
"We did terrible," Holland said. "We ended up taking only seven girls, and the bottom line is we were fighting illness." Carrizozo dropped two games at the Route 66 Holiday Tournament in Tucumcari over the weekend, falling 51-31 to tournament host Tucumeari Friday, then dropping a 50-49 decision to Questa on Saturday.
At least the Lady Grizzlies
At least the Lady Grizzies (7-5) were in the winner's Menaul failed to show.
Carrizozo now takes the Christmas break and won't play again until the Smokey Bear Tournament Jan. 9 in Capitan. "We need the break," Holland said. "We're looking forward to getting better and working on things we need to work on.".

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by Dianne Stallings
RUdooso news staff writer


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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS


Week of December 25-31

## CAPRICORN: (Dec 22 -Jam 19)

 Go with the flow, don't let others get you-upset, because this too will pass.Sit back and watch it all Sit back and watch it all
pass with time. Chill out $\mathcal{\&}$ pass with tim
be Happy.

## aquarius:

## Jan 20 - Fob 18

Take a deep breath and pretend everything is fine even if it isn't. It will turn out the way it is suppose then don't. Relax.

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(Fob 19 - Mar 20)
It will feel like you don't
have a life, when everyone that. Find out what needs to be done ASAP, then let it to be
go.

## Ariliss:

(Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Your money is not working fing it when you are letting it rule your ilife. Love is the only thing that can make you.
the void.

## TAURUS:

(Apr 20 - May 20) Look to the past, only long enough to see what needs to be changed, so you don't do what you have been doing for so long. Make a list, check it twice.

## cteMinl:

(Mery 21-Jun 2a) H You may be feeling a little down. This isn't the time to hide. Reach out to the ones are only a hug away. They need you too.

## CANCER:

(Jun 21 - Jul 22) 단 Watch what you say, even if you're right. There is a right time and place, for everything. Study it, before future. Think then your

## LEO

(Jul 23 -Aur in) \&20 You're not letting the left hand see what the right hapd is doing. One of these dajs, you'll need both of then to do what needs to be done right. Ooops!

## VIRGO:

(Aug 23 - Sep 22) A Steady as you go, going through life, keeping your heart safely tucked away. Open up your heart and let someone in. You need to Love and let live.

## LBRA:

(Sopt 23 - Oct 22) Don't feel bad, if you need to get away by yourself even if it's only for a few go somake in a movie, or one knows your name.

## Scorplo:

(Oet 23 - Nov 21) I1. Half the battle will be won, since you are letting others do what they need to do. Your lové can be shown in other ways A hugis a great thing.

## SAcTTTARIUS:

(Nov 22-Dec 21)
Your Inner strength will shine through, even on the cloudiest of days. Don't assume others will underthey can. Have Faith.

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