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Grant for fort in limbo

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A \$44,000 grant from the Department of Economic Development to devise a business plan at historic Fort Stanton may be lost because state officials can't figure out how to use it.

"As of this moment, I have no proposal from the state for the continuation of the grant, which expires at the end of the month if it is not used," Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners last week.

"I've talked to Tony Elias (executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glencoe), Les Swindle (head of property control for the state General Services Department) and the man who is working the project," Stewart said. "I'm not very enthusiastic about the progress we're making. They are jumping over legal hurdles in Santa Fe and I'm afraid we're just going to lose this grant."

The grant was to be a continuation of a previous study of possible uses for the fort, but focusing in on more specifics with cost estimates. The county would have matched the grant with \$6,000.

"I don't think it will be the end of the road since a new governor is coming in Jan. 1, but it does set us back," Stewart said. "I don't like to drop any grant because when you do, the grant administrators and the people who make the appropriations

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GONE FISHIN'



Scott Lynskey and his daughter Morgan take it easy while wetting their lines Wednesday afternoon at Grand Lake Reservoir.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Water leaks down from last year

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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The most recent calculations place the village of Ruidoso's water loss from leakage at below 10 percent, a dramatic decrease from a year ago.

Larry Grasmick, who heads the water department, told village councilors Tuesday

that the figure could be as low as 8 percent. The drop follows replacement of many water lines, as well as other improvements in the system.

Despite the good news and that the village's five million gallon water storage tanks were full Tuesday morning, Grasmick recommended the council not lift a lawn watering restriction in effect all summer.

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Two charged in connection with meth lab

'Highly volatile' lab discovered in Black Forest area of Ruidoso

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Two men were arrested when a "highly volatile" methamphetamine lab was discovered in the Black Forest area of Ruidoso Monday.

A tip to the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit sent unit officers to the end of Winchester Road to a motor home on a forest easement, according to Sheriff Tom Sullivan. Under the direction of unit leader Frank Hooper, a district court search warrant was obtained for the motor home and for a Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Craig A. Ochoa, 41, of Alamogordo.

The search resulted in the seizure of a methamphetamine lab and the Chevrolet.

Ochoa was charged with trafficking of a controlled substance by manufacture, a 2nd-degree felony; conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance by manufacture, a 3rd-degree felony, and possession of forfeitable property.

Also charged was David Glidwell, 55, of El Paso, Texas. He is accused of trafficking a controlled substance by manufacture and conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance by manufacture.

The case was referred to the Drug Enforcement Administration for federal prosecution.

Sullivan said the New Mexico State Police Methamphetamine Lab Team was called to the scene to dismantle the lab. Members began their assessment about 7:20 p.m.

On entry, a sergeant with the New Mexico State Police, whose identity is confidential because of his drug-related work, found a high concentration of toxic and volatile gases.

He warned of the possibility of toxic inhalation and explosion. The lab team was pulled out while the gases were removed. Once the motor home was safe for entry, the team removed equipment and chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamines.

About 11:30 p.m., the toxic waste team arrived to dispose of the waste and equipment. Team members tested and collected samples from all the chemicals and waste to be sent as evidence to the State Crime Lab for analysis.

"The sergeant said this was the largest meth lab he had dismantled," Sullivan said.

Besides the narcotics unit and the lab team, deputies with the Sheriff's Office and officers with the U.S. Forest Service law enforcement division participated in the investigation.

Keeping track of the Kid: Historical records being preserved at new warehouse

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Surrounded by boxes full of old journals that detail the early history of Lincoln County through deeds, tax protests, mining claims and jail records, Karen Mills looks forward to coming to work everyday to see what exciting new documents will surface.

She's already found a bill from John B. Wilson for the coroner's inquest listing victims in the major battle of the Lincoln County War, including John H. Tunstall and A.A. McSween.

Several bills were submitted at different times for the care of an incarcerated Billy the Kid.

One dated Nov. 12, 1880, was turned in by Juan B. Patron and asked for \$27 for the board of "William Bonny" and \$10 for Thomas O'Folliard. The Patron house was rented from March 21 to June 17 at a rate of \$5 a month to keep prisoners, according to the breakdown.

Lincoln County Sheriff George Kimbrell submitted a bill for \$15 "to follow the Kid and party 150 miles out to Gallinas and east" in November 1880, and another \$12 to cover the time and expense of summoning the posse to go after "Kid."

But the documents do more than elaborate on the already infamous Kid, they paint a picture of life when New Mexico was a territory (with documents dating back to 1866), of the early days of the county, of some of the dealings of people who later became governors or other important figures. Old voting records tell the story of the battle to change the county seat from Lincoln to Carrizozo. For those digging through family histories, homestead information, road actions, school board and county commission minutes, probate records and tax submissions will be invaluable resources when they finally are catalogued, Mills said.

She was hired July 1, after a dedi-

cated effort by former county clerk, now magistrate judge, Martha Proctor to set up a program to preserve the old records.

"When I first took office in 1989, I realized that there were many extremely unique and valuable documents in the basement (of the courthouse in Carrizozo)," Proctor said. "They were in danger of being destroyed from mold, even though we had a humidifier down there."

"I finally got the commission to fund a warehouse for voting machines and the documents, so we moved them out there."

While she said elections and proper recording of current documents remained the top priority of her office, she felt the county clerk also was charged with preservation of documents illustrating the county's history.

"It's not a regular function of the clerk to do this, but Lincoln County is one of the few with records that go way

before the turn of the century," Proctor said.

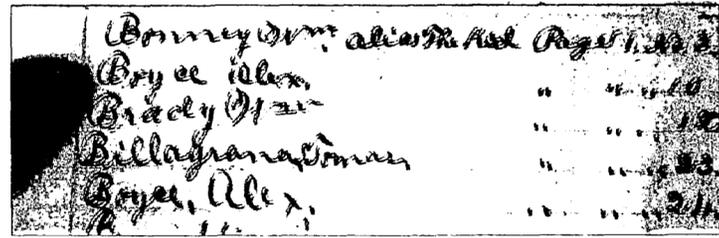
Under predecessor Fran Siddens, Alice Blakestad tried to do some work with the old records, but it wasn't until Proctor's second attempt for a grant that money came down from the New Mexico Historical Records and Archives to pay someone to formulate a preservation plan - a job completed by Austin

Hoover.

The results were presented to county commissioners, who agreed to hire Mills to preserve, organize and protect the integrity of the documents.

"I know some already have disappeared," Proctor said. "I felt it was my responsibility as clerk to protect these things. I think the people of the county

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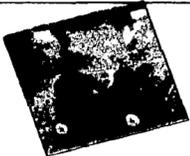
A jail calendar entry for "Bonny, Wm." led preservation specialist Karen Mills with the Lincoln County Clerk's office to a section with all of the pages torn out.

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FORT: Grant could be gone at end of the month, if no action taken

FROM PAGE 1A
 look at you and say you're not executing. They are less inclined to give you a future grant."
 Fort Stanton lies 13 miles northeast of Ruidoso. The 1855 fort was closed in March 1995 by then newly-elected Gov. Gary Johnson during a transition from a state residential program for the developmentally disabled to a long-term nursing care facility. After that it was used as a minimum security prison for women and, currently, a portion of the 88 buildings are used for a drug and alcohol rehabilitation and educational program

through the state Corrections Department. A small museum also is operated by Fort Stanton Partnership Inc.
 For the last five years, booster groups and county officials have tried to convince state and federal officials that by converting the fort to a living museum, conference and equestrian center, it would become a major tourist attraction for the state.
 Other issues covered by Stewart in his report to commissioners included:
 • That the New Mexico Association of Counties Legislative Detention Center

Cost Forum met in Albuquerque to zero in on issues to pursue for the January legislative session.
 "The group seeks a redefinition of state versus county prisoner, funding for transportation and extradition, an increase in the local government corrections fee from \$10 to \$20 and an actuarial study of permitting a 20-year retirement for detention officers," Stewart wrote.
 • That two officials from the U.S. Marshal Service Program Review Team conducted an audit of the county's detention center operational costs to validate the per diem rate requested

from the service for its prisoners housed in the jail.
 "The auditors stated that our finance director's preparation for the audit was the best they had ever seen," Stewart wrote. The county charges \$55 per day per prisoner. A 66-cent variation is under negotiation and he will report back to the commission.
 • That Doña Ana County officials are looking at expanding a 50-bed juvenile detention facility by another 50 beds to create a regional center. On Sept. 12, Stewart attended a session on the project. Doña Ana County on average has 41 children incar-

cerated per day. Otero County has 20, Luna County has 10, and the counties of Sierra and Lincoln each have two, he said. The cost of the expansion is estimated at \$4,030,000. Doña Ana officials are looking to head the exploration of an expansion with state assistance. Officials with the counties that have fewer juvenile inmates said the dollar support from participants should be proportionate to use.
 • That U.S. Secretary of the Interior Gail Norton and other government officials will visit the Glencoe Rural Events Center about 2 p.m., Oct. 29, to

see a demonstration of bio-mass electronic test site. Sherry Barrow Strategies, which has coordinated the development of a wood shaving business at the center named SBS Wood Shavings, to meet the local need to dispose of small diameter trees, notified the county that the first shipment of wood shavings went out on Sept. 17. She will attend the commission's Oct. 17 meeting for an update.
 • Through the efforts of Commissioner William Schwettmann, the county received a \$3,581 refund of its 2001-2002 membership dues.

RECORDS: County's past under lock and key, thanks to new warehouse and keeper in Carrizozo

FROM PAGE 1A
 would like to keep them here, not see them end up in a Santa Fe museum.
 "This was my personal project because I love Lincoln County so much and really appreciate the fact that we still have so many original documents.
 "I'm really excited about it. I think it will be a rare opportunity for historians and a very valuable tool for the economy. I hope the commission sees fit to keep the position and fund it."
 County Clerk Tammie Maddox said she intends to continue the work started by Proctor.
 Although Mills has a long way to go, researchers already are knocking at her door. Representatives from the Autry Museum of Western Heritage in California spent hours going through documents and asking for photocopies, she said.
 The next step is to decide if the documents should be put on microfilm, how they are to be indexed and other organizational and preservation issues. Mills keeps each sheet in an acid-free sleeve inside file folders. The most valuable are locked in a safe, although she keeps some copies.
 The work she does for the county seems to be an extension of her volunteer labor for the Lincoln County Historical Society, which Mills joined after returning to the county six years ago. Her family came to the area in 1917 and she was born in New Mexico, although she lived

all over the world because of her father's work in the oil fields and later her own jobs there.
 "I'm interested in the history of the area," she said. "My mother was born in White Oaks. I know the right people to call when I have a question."
 They include Nora Henn of Lincoln and Roberta Haldane, who's writing a book on White Oaks, once a thriving town northeast of Carrizozo.
 "There's plenty of stuff that hasn't even been looked at yet," Mills said.
 But some of the "finds" already protected include:
 • The minutes of a special county commission meeting on Aug. 23, 1909 showing that 900 people voted for Carrizozo to be the new county seat and 613 for Lincoln to remain the county seat.
 • On Jan. 1, 1887, Sheriff James R. Brent filed a bill for \$9.80 covering the board of D.G. Johnson from Nov. 6 to Nov. 19, 1886, when he was hanged. According to Haldane, who was consulted by Mills, Philip J. Rasch in an article called "Violence in Lincoln County,"

published by the Village Press in Carrizozo, indicated the death of Johnson, 18, was probably the last of its kind in the county.
 • The blueprints of the Ancho school, which even show an "eight-hole" outhouse, and were prepared by Trost and Trost architects, one of the premium firms in the Southwest at that time.
 • A pay voucher for a county commissioner of \$3.
 • A detailed breakdown of the holdings of John Simpson Chisum prepared for a sale to a firm in Missouri in 1875. It was signed by Chisum in the distinctive script of the times and totalled the worth at \$316,930 - pretty hefty for the era. He listed 30,000 head of cattle, 200 horses, 25 mules, seven yoke of oxen, one buggy team and barn, four two-horse wagons, agricultural implements and merchandise in a store.
 "The cattle ranged from Los Animas to the Bosque Grande, it says on the original document," Mills said. "It's really important because no one had any clear idea before of his holdings."

• A letter from the owner of a shingle mill in July 1902 protesting the additional \$75 assessment on his business, showing that times don't change. He invited the county assessor to buy the business at the taxable value established.
 • A letter from The Titsworth Company in Capitan dunning the county for reimbursement of \$8.50 for a mattress for an incarcerated Vic Artiga on March 9, 1918 and \$8.95 for a lime patch to repair "the 'dobe wall'" the prisoner kicked a hole through in anger over the accommodations.
 "Anything before statehood can't be thrown away," Mills said. "Anything you want to get rid of after that, you have to notify the state archives to give

them first chance at it."
 She complimented County Treasurer Joan Park for working with the old records of her office from the start of her first term. "Those are in good condition," she said.
 One of Mills' most disappointing moments came when she opened an old jail calendar

and found an indexed entry for "Bonney, William." But when she turned to the entry area, all of the pages were ripped out, including those referring to Sheriff William Brady.
 "Everything else we've found of significance historically, we have under lock because of that," she said.

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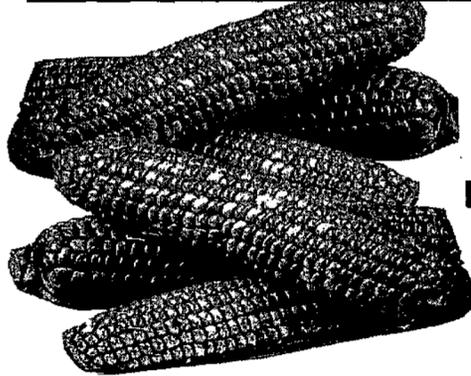


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The third-grade bilingual classes of Roberta Roser and Melvina Torres visited the Ruidoso News Thursday and learned that it's not just their teachers who require every story to be read four times. Roser said the students do a writers' workshop and take their stories through brainstorming, rough draft, editing and then publishing.

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WATER: Phase II still in effect

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"We're doing pretty well, except the Hollywood booster station and I've gone with an emergency contract to bring that up to state of the art," he said. "All the wells are working. But I'm recommending we stay in Phase II because if we don't have to run the North Fork wells, we can add to storage."

By this time most people are used to watering only on Tuesday before 10 a.m. and after 3 p.m., Grasmick said. The Hollywood station should be back on line in two weeks he said.

In other business, Mayor Leon Eggleston declared Oct. 12, Firefighter Appreciation Day. The Ruidoso Fire Department is conducting an open house for all Lincoln County firefighters to show community support and to improve regional fire cooperation, communication and camaraderie.

The event will be in conjunction with the first annual Lincoln County Salsa Shoot-out. The council approved exclusive use of the Ruidoso public parking lot east of fire station number one from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. for the open house and Fire Muster, fire fighting games.

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OUR OPINION

An accident's effect is far from over

Two drivers face vehicular homicide charges

Death on our highways always is a tragedy, for someone, somewhere. But traffic tragedies, when alcohol is a factor, spread the pain even further. Such is the case with the July collision between a car and motorcycle in Carrizozo that ended the life of Cassandra Parra.

The young woman was a passenger on a motorcycle that collided with a vehicle entering the highway near the intersection of U.S. 54 and U.S. 380.

It is unusual that both drivers involved in a deadly collision are indicted for vehicular homicide. But it happened last

week, when a grand jury determined that there was sufficient evidence that both drivers killed Parra; "in the unlawful operation of a motor vehicle while violating state laws against driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug."

Coincidence, perhaps; nevertheless, now it is up to the judicial system to determine whether in fact either, or both, drivers are guilty of the charges.

Pain is gone for the victim, although it remains for her family.

It is only beginning for the drivers, Jahney L. Woods and Andrew D. Sandoval.

Has New Mexico's political playing field been leveled?

Believe it or not, New Mexico's Republicans may find themselves battling on a somewhat more level political playing field this election year.



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

That's hard to believe, in a state where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by about 1.8 to 1, but please hear me out.

We have a race for governor that, overturning long-standing precedent, pits one Hispanic candidate against another — Democrat Bill Richardson vs. Republican John Sanchez. It last happened in 1918, when Republican Octaviano Larrazola beat Democrat Felix Garcia by 1,319 votes.

Which of this year's candidates is most, or least, Hispanic? This, I suspect, is going to confuse many, many voters.

In the heavily Hispanic northern counties, voters might well find themselves trying to figure out which candidate would favor them the most. Same thing in the more heavily Anglo eastern counties.

That's the kind of simple, bedrock, personal-interest politics that has been a deciding factor in the way New Mexicans vote from the very beginning. Not so politically correct, perhaps, but a fact.

Almost everybody knows about Richardson — his years in Congress, his work for Bill Clinton, his role as a negotiator in Korea, Africa and the Middle East.

Almost nobody knows about Sanchez, the Albuquerque North Valley roofing contractor whose

political credentials include only a stint as a Los Ranchos de Albuquerque council member and one term in the Legislature (achieved by knocking out of office long-time Democrat House speaker Raymond Sanchez).

Hardly anybody outside of Albuquerque knew Republican Gary Johnson eight years ago either, but he was elected to the governor's office twice.

In a perfect, politically correct, unprejudiced world, ethnicity wouldn't mean a thing. But New Mexico never has been that perfect. Now Anglos are facing the same thing Hispanics have struggled with for years: Which of these two guys should I vote for?

It's much the same story — with a twist — in the 2nd District, where a couple of Anglos are seeking to replace Republican Congressman Joe Skeen: Two conservative Anglos, based in opposite corners of the district.

When Skeen was mowing down all opposition in the most conservative part of the state, after getting there in the first place with a write-in vote some 20 years ago, many would-be voters ignored that race...Joe was the perennial shoe-in.

But a considerable part of the 2nd District — consisting of those counties bordering Mexico — does have a marked Hispanic, and Democrat, majority.

Yet the latest poll of several hundred likely voters finds Steve Pearce and John Arthur Smith running neck and neck.

From where I sit, this year's statewide election is not going to be decided in a landslide for anybody. Landslides come from tilted fields, and this one, this year, it seems to me, is pretty level.



YOUR OPINION

LCSWA should be given a chance to do its job

To the editor:

There have been recent reports in your newspaper that persons connected with the town of Carrizozo have questioned the expenditure(s) ... by Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. However, when asked for specific allegations, no reply is given.

The truth ... is LCSWA's budget is made after numerous workshops including representatives from each member entity. In fact, the current budget came after at least three workshops and one regular meeting, which was attended by a Carrizozo representative.

In none of the workshop sessions or the regular meeting approving the budget, did this representative raise an issue as to any of the budget items.

Rumor has it that LCSWA's overtime expenditures have been in excess of \$100,000. The truth of the matter is that LCSWA has budgeted for the year 2002-2003 to be less than \$40,000. The

"...the (Carrizozo) representative did not raise any questions..."

Don E. Dutton
LCSWA attorney

exact sum is \$39,935.87. That sum may be divided between 13 employees; \$14,897.89 of that ... is for holiday pay, which would be paid to any employee who works on a designated holiday. The balance of \$28,227.17 is for regular employee overtime in the collection department.

At least two additional employees would have to be added to the collection department in order to prevent any collection employee from drawing overtime. The regular wages for such employees would be \$72,479, which includes the company's required matched funds.

Obviously, it is more economical to pay the overtime. In addition, the overtime must be approved before it is paid.

Lastly, as (with) all governmental entities, the budget must be approved by the Department of Finance and Administration in Santa Fe, and LCSWA must submit to an independent audit annually. Carrizozo has always had a representative on the board who receives a copy of the annual audit.

Again, that representative did not raise any questions concerning the last annual audit.

To paraphrase commissioner Bill Schwettmann at a recent county commissioner's meeting, it sounds like a bunch of personality conflicts; LCSWA should be left alone and allowed to do its job for the benefit of all of the citizens of Lincoln County.

Don E. Dutton
Ruidoso

AMERICAN ISSUES

A challenge to 'No Child Left Behind'

WASHINGTON — As school administrators seek to interpret and respond to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, three educational researchers take issue with its mandated annual progress requirement for the nation's public schools.

Testing experts Robert L. Linn, University of Colorado; Eva L. Baker, University of California, Los Angeles; and Damian W. Betebenner, University of Colorado, offer modifications that would ensure both accountability and

achievable goals. Their analysis, "Accountability Systems: Implications of Requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," appears in the August/September 2002 issue of Educational Researcher, published by the American Educational Research Association.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation requires that each school make yearly progress or face classification as a school in need of improvement. In addition, all students, including

groupings identified by ethnicity, economic status, disability, and English proficiency, must test at the proficient level within 12 years.

"The notion is that given enough pressure from the accountability system and additional resources, the schools will improve and the goal will be met," the scholars write. "One can agree that schools should improve and that holding schools accountable will contribute to improvement, but still conclude that the goal of having 100 percent of students reaching the proficient level ... is so high that it is completely out of reach."

The requirement to measure yearly progress necessitates establishment of performance standards on state tests. In many states, ambitious proficiency levels were established before the federal legislation exacted consequences for failure to meet targeted goals, resulting in proficiency levels too difficult for all students to attain by 2014. Currently, no state or country is close to meeting such a high performance level.

Content standards and associated tests are much more ambitious in some states than in others, and those with the most rigorous standards have a more difficult task to reach their objectives.

The researchers suggest that guidance from the U.S. Department of Education could help to define adequate yearly progress objectives that are challenging but feasible to achieve.

Although state tests are too disparate to be used for comparison, the use of National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test scores, required biennially for fourth and eighth graders in reading and mathematics, as a benchmark might level the playing field across states.

STREET TALK

QUESTION: What's your major source of local information?



"My biggest source is my husband who reads the newspaper."
Paula Stirman
Ruidoso



"Probably the newspaper."
Bart Blankenship
Ruidoso



"Probably the radio."
Shane Crandall
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Police, convention center groups to look at policies

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Task forces dealing with police policies and procedures and convention center pricing were formed this week by the Ruidoso village council.

The main sticking point Tuesday centered on whether the police task force should include a member of the public or if sessions should be kept closed and restricted to village officials.

"This (task force idea) was brought up during an executive session a few months ago to see how the department handles certain things," said Mayor Leon Eggleston. "This isn't the citizens review group that also will be formed. This is a policy and procedures committee."

The settlement of a lawsuit that claimed a juvenile was mistreated by a police officer while in a holding cell was tied

to a review and updating of department policies and procedures.

But Councilor Ron Anderson said at least one member should be a layman.

Assistant village attorney Charles Rennick said he didn't think that would be wise because personnel and other items may be discussed that should remain confidential.

Anderson said examples could be presented without specific names, but Rennick said that could be difficult. Councilor Ron Hardeman said the public will have an opportunity later when the citizens review committee studies how the policies and procedures are applied.

Councilor L. Ray Nunley said if the sessions are to be closed, then only two council members should be appointed to the task force with the mayor. With three or more

councilors, a quorum would be created.

Tony Seno, policy analyst for the county's Libertarian Party, suggested a member from the public could sign a confidentiality agreement.

Anderson said he'd like the issue clarified and a vote was postponed until the next council meeting. In addition to himself, Eggleston proposed that the committee consist of acting village manager Lorri McKnight, the village attorney, Police Chief Lanny Maddox, Detective Wolfgang Born, councilors Byars and Bob Sterchi.

The vote was easier on the task force to review convention center pricing and the management contract.

"At the beginning of my term (in March), I said we would review all the different contracts," Eggleston said. "I'm getting questions about the convention center pricing and

rules."

The mayor said he would serve on the task force along with McKnight, Cleatus Richards, Kitty Jelovsky, Nunley, Byars, County Probate Judge Sterling Spencer, Ruidoso resident and former councilor Al Junge, convention center representatives Bernadine Randolph and Manny Cordova, and Hawthorn Suites representative Barbara Crane and Bruce Timson.

Spencer was added to the list because he told Nunley he could bring a convention of 5,000 ranchers to town under the right conditions. Hardeman asked for appointment of Junge. Byars volunteered to step down because the recommendations will come back to the council anyway.

"Maybe one less talker would facilitate getting things done," she said. But Eggleston

opted to keep her as a member. Councilors also received a report from Ron Andrews on the success of the recent Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, which he estimated drew 36,000 people into town and generated about \$3.6 million in sales, food and lodging.

Many of the cyclists ended up visiting shops along Sudderth Drive because of the dust, 80 mph winds and generally "unpalatable" conditions at the rally grounds in Ruidoso Downs, said Andrews, who is vice president of the rally association.

"It seems like the rally has grown so much we have nearly outgrown everything in town," he said. "I have to think about that."

Because of the growing success of the event, it's becoming

easier each year to recruit business support, Andrews said.

While traffic congestion posed a major problem at times, he noted that fewer than half the arrests over the rally weekend were cyclists.

Police Chief Lanny Maddox submitted a breakdown of the overtime required for police officers in the village. The list doesn't include time for officers from other agencies who also helped.

The total came to \$7,811.85. The department received 102 calls. That included 14 accidents, three with injuries, and 31 arrests, according to Maddox's figures.

The arrests covered 15 driving under the influence, two involving narcotics and six disorderly conducts. Of the DWI arrests, eight were local residents and seven were visitors.

Additional tourism money on the way

A local marketing company applied for the advertising dollars in place of the village.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso will benefit from extra advertising dollars this year.

Laura and Mark Doth, owners of Grindstone Graphics and Marketing Services Inc., applied on behalf of the village for emergency tourism money from the New Mexico Department of Tourism.

The dollars allocated by the state Legislature are aimed at countering adverse publicity for the area during wildfires earlier in the year and lingering reports on the drought.

The village council Tuesday

approved the agreement with the state for use of the money and an addendum to the village's contract with Grindstone Graphics to spend the \$20,000 in the current fiscal year that ends June 30.

In other business, the council approved an additional \$5,000 as the village's 5 percent share of a \$250,000 project to provide access to vacant land that will be used to increase the

number of private T-hanger leases. The total village cost is \$12,325.

The original estimate for construction of the taxi-lane extension was \$150,000 from Ruidoso Paving, according to airport manager Tim Morris. Gannett Fleming advised village officials that to obtain federal funding, the taxi lane will have to be full strength and the price was bumped to \$246,500.

The necessary paperwork was submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration and the state Aviation Division.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

NFIB rates Skeen, Domenici at the top

The National Federation of Independent Business, or NFIB, has rated two New Mexico members of the Congress — Sen. Pete Domenici and 2nd District Rep. Joe Skeen — as “guardians of small business” for their support of business interests in the 107th Congress.

Both scored 100 in positions on NFIB-supported legislation.

Skeen voted to repeal the federal ergonomics mandates, protect small businesses from medical liability and make the 2001 tax cuts permanent, and repeal of the estate tax.

NFIB said Domenici, a five-term incumbent, has demonstrated strong support during his service. He supported key small-business issues, including legislation to increase small-business expensing allowance and tax relief provisions, including making the estate tax repeal permanent.

In the Senate, NFIB tallies eight key small-business votes taken during the 2001 and 2002 sessions. Issues range from health care to regulatory relief to a variety of tax-relief measures.

House tallies were of 13 key votes.

In all, NFIB will present Guardian awards to 217 representatives and 49 senators who voted favorably on key issues at least 70 percent of the time.

‘e-Plaza’ funded in northern N.M.

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Pete Domenici praised the award Tuesday of \$360,390 to the Regional Development Corporation of Santa Fe, which the group will use to develop a Web-based information hub to support rural agricultural communities in northern New Mexico.

The lawmaker indicated the Santa Fe company was awarded the federal grant through the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) to support an “e-Plaza” project that will develop a Web-based solution for communication, information sharing and collaboration in isolated, rural agricultural communities.

“This is wonderful news for agriculture-based business operations around northern New Mexico,” Domenici said.

The Economy and the Markets Iraq and recession

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Bonds: Zero inflation?

Fear and flight-to-quality dominate Treasury markets. A war against Iraq would increase the fear factor. There is no economic justification for the 10-year Treasury yielding 3.8 percent today. Historically, the real return after adjusting for inflation has been around 3 to 4 percent.

Are investors expecting zero inflation over the next 10 years? Apparently not! The inflation-indexed bonds (TIPS) have been so popular that yields are very low. If interest rates rose by 1 percentage point, the total return on Treasury notes during the next 12 months would fall by 4.1 percent and during the next two years by 12.1 percent. A booming economy is not necessary for bond yields to rise. Moderate economic growth with improved risk perception is all that is needed.

Investors should fear inflation over the next 10 years — not a recession — and start snapping up Corporates. All of the bad news we can think of has been factored in already.

In addition, the improving corporate cash flows and balance sheets should help. Financial institutions are particularly attractive. They borrow short and lend long. The Federal Reserve will stand pat for the foreseeable future, but bond yields are poised to rise. In addition, asset quality, outside of a few money center banks, remains healthy.

Stocks: Watch for rallies

A bear market is still here. The lackluster economy, disappointing earnings and geopolitical tensions have made investors Nervous Nellies. The pessimism in the marketplace won't go away even if the economic and political landscape brighten somewhat. An extended period of churning and volatility is ahead of us.

Take advantage of periodic bear-market rallies. For example, a bear market lasted 8 years between 1974 and 1982. During the period, there were six major bear-market rallies with 33 percent average price appreciation.



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Thanks to a consumer-spending spree on cars and houses, economic growth during the third quarter should be around 3.5 percent at an annualized rate. While consumers are not tapped out, this pace of spending cannot continue.

Both auto and home sales are likely to moderate, providing some headwind for the economy in coming quarters. The economic baton must pass from consumers to business spending. Businesses have the willies and are reluctant increase capital spending.

However, the capital spending outlook is not as bad as advertised. Excluding structures, a lagging indicator, expenditures on equipment and software bottomed during the first quarter of this year. Outside of the aircraft and telecom sectors, equipment spending looks much healthier. With economic recovery, low interest rates, improving cash flows and the low price of capital goods, the economic recovery should improve.

A war against Iraq could muddy the economic outlook. Energy experts say there is little war premium in the current price of oil hovering around \$30 per barrel; supply and demand justify the lofty prices. Oil prices could go over \$40 per barrel or higher if a war begins and weather does not cooperate.

Then, the strategic petroleum reserves could be tapped and other oil producers could increase production in response to higher prices, eventually reducing the price of oil.

A lengthy and costly war, however, would mean more economic shocks guaranteeing another economic recession. Already, this is a main concern in the financial markets.

IT'S MOVIE TIME



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Movie Gallery staffers opened the new video rental outlet at 628 Sudderth (opposite Arby's) last Friday. From left: Maria Villanueva, Gilbert Rodriguez, Netta Davalos and Danielle Germany.

Another video store now open

Ruidoso, where one video rental business with two outlets (Showtime) closed last month, got one back Friday with the opening of a new Movie Gallery store at 628 Sudderth.

A grand opening, featuring a drawing for a year's free movie rentals, is planned on Saturday, Oct. 5.

On hand this week to oversee the opening were two Movie Gallery managers from other locations — Maria Villanueva of Seminole, Texas, and Gilbert Rodriguez of Brownfield, Texas.

Local staff members in training are Netta Davalos and Danielle Germany. For

the next several weeks, the store will offer all rentals at 99 cents, Villanueva said.

Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

Villanueva said the store also will sell used movies (DVD or VHS) at three for the price of two.

Movie Gallery's district manager, Laqua Powell, said Movie Gallery Inc. is the third-largest video rental and retail chain in the country, with more than 1,400 stores in 41 states and five Canadian provinces.

A new Blockbuster rental store opened in Ruidoso in the spring.

DROUGHT

Area cattle ranchers and dairy farmers are eligible for assistance to help recover from two long, dry years.

Lincoln County and all New Mexico livestock producers are eligible for federal assistance being offered through a new U.S. Department of Agriculture program to help ranchers hit by drought over the past two years.

U. S. Sen. Pete Domenici said cattle, sheep and buffalo producers are eligible to apply for the newly established \$762 million USDA Livestock Compensation Program. In addition to New Mexico, statewide aid to drought-stricken ranchers are available in Arizona, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Carolina and Utah. Certain counties hit by drought are included in 30 other states.

Applicants may sign up for aid beginning Oct. 1 at county Farm Service agencies or USDA Service Centers.

The USDA said payments will be based on standard feed consumption data for each eligible type of livestock. The pay-

ment rate will be \$18 per animal consuming unit, which is indexed against beef cattle. Livestock types are adjusted by these factors: stockers, \$13.50 a head; dairy cows, \$31.50 a head; sheep, \$4.50 a head; and buffalo and beefalo, \$18 a head.

Producers must certify the number of eligible animals owned as of last June 1, and the animals must have been owned for at least 90 days. Payments will be determined by multiplying the number of eligible animals by the respective payment rate.

More information on the program is available on the Web at www.usda.gov.

Nationally, the USDA estimates that livestock producers have suffered \$102 million in drought-related gross receipts losses in 2001, and more than \$580 million in 2002. This takes into account losses associated with heat stress and a lack of available water. It does not, however,

include a measure of the effect on receipts from early sale of cattle or herd liquidations.

Domenici said the Senate continues to debate the new Interior Appropriations bill, which includes an amendment providing \$6 billion in emergency drought assistance. Currently, 29 New Mexico counties, including Lincoln, carry the emergency designation. Assistance also will be available to those who qualify under the American Indian livestock program.

He said the Congress still is wrangling over the size and nature of the assistance package, and is further evidence that his “National Drought Preparedness Act,” a bill to improve national drought monitoring, planning, mitigation and response, and provide assistance for wildfire pre-positioning is needed.

Also see Focus on Agriculture below.

Focus on Agriculture

That most insidious disaster

BY STEWART TRULSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

It doesn't arrive with a clap of thunder, a rush of wind or a torrent of water. Drought is what climatologist Mark Svoboda calls the Rodney Dangerfield of weather disasters. It gets no respect.

However, that's not true at the National Drought Mitigation Center located on the campus of the University of Nebraska. Here Svoboda and the rest of a small staff monitor drought and develop programs to mitigate its effects.

One of the products of the center and partnering federal agencies is the “Drought Monitor,” a weekly map showing the extent and severity of drought in the country. This year the map has a lot of red and brown splotches, and that's not good. “Normally in any given year you would

expect to see 10 to 12 percent of the United States in severe drought or worse. This year we have 40 percent, so we have almost quadrupled the normal amount of area that might see severe drought,” says Svoboda.

A disaster aid package passed the Senate, but still needs approval by the House and the President. The assistance has bipartisan support, but there's reluctance too. Farm Bureau has been pressing the case on behalf of farmers and the rest of rural America. With hurricanes, floods and tornadoes, there is a quicker response and better coordinated effort by the government in helping people. It doesn't happen with drought.

“Year in and year out it is the number one cause of economic loss, but people don't bat up and pay attention to a drought because you don't see structural damage, and a lot

of times you're not going to see fatalities associated with drought in our country,” says Svoboda. On the African continent, drought can lead to famine and enormous fatalities. In the U.S. it extracts a huge toll on crop and livestock farms, and affects water resources, forests, wildlife, energy, transportation and tourism. Over time, it affects the entire economy of a region.

Svoboda points out that the U.S. does not have a national drought policy though legislation to remedy that was introduced in Congress. A lot of states also don't have drought plans. The mission of the Drought Mitigation Center is to help people prepare for drought and assess risks, but its resources are limited.

Drought relief and planning are likely to become hotter topics in the future but not because of any global warm-

ing doomsday scenarios. Svoboda believes the U.S. is becoming more vulnerable to drought because of population growth, development and pressure on water resources. He doesn't think a drought today has to be as severe as in the past to have a big impact. We aren't necessarily going to see another Dust Bowl because of advances in soil and water conservation, but drought itself hasn't changed. It is still an insidious and underrated disaster that threatens livelihood and the environment.

Droughts don't get named like hurricanes, but they do get compared to previous ones. So far, Svoboda would place this one right behind the worst ones of the '30s and '50s.

Stewart Truelsen is the director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Gross receipts revenue holds up in July

Pleasant surprise for village

DIANE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For the third month of the 2002-2003 Fiscal Year, gross receipts taxes for Ruidoso continue strong, village councilors heard Tuesday.

They also received a report on the positive economic impact of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, along with the bill for beefed-up law enforcement during the rally.

Acting village manager Lorri McKnight reported that for the month of July, the village received a check from the state for \$722,941 in gross receipts taxes. Checks lag two months behind collection.

“That's not as good as last year for that month, but we're still up about \$35,000 over Fiscal Year 2001-2002 for the year-to-date total — \$2,045,000 compared to \$2,014,000,” McKnight said.

The impact of the motorcycle rally will show up in the village's GRT check in November. Ron Andrews, rally vice president, said he and wife, Jill, still are counting participants. “But it appears we will be 4 percent to 5 percent over last year, which would bring it close to 36,000 people in a five-day period.” That should equate to about \$3.6 million, if each person only stayed one day, but most stayed three to four, he said.

Village needs to pick up piles, councilor says

A bid for a third grapple truck was approved, but it won't get here for 150 days.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To speed up collection of yard debris piles that line Ruidoso streets, Councilor L. Ray Nunley Tuesday urged that trash trucks be leased until more are purchased.

"We're beginning to develop a real problem regarding the amount of debris

on our streets and ditches," he said. "We asked the public to perform (by cleaning their lots and piling the debris) and they have done a magnificent job. But we have not performed as well. We need a method to help the solid waste department to pick up faster. We owe it to the public."

He noted that a third grapple truck purchased by the village that night won't be delivered for 150 days.

"We need something for the short-term now," he said.

Leonard Corona, who heads village solid waste, said he could lease some

trucks for three months at a cost of about \$4,000 per vehicle each month. They could be delivered within a few weeks.

The village intended to hire three more people in the future to man the additional two grapple trucks it committed to buy, Nunley pointed out.

"Hire them now," he said. "If we don't start picking up the stuff piled last March, we'll never catch up."

Another option is to contract out to a private company, acting village manager Lorri McKnight said.

Councilor Deborah Marcum Byars asked Corona to come back with several

options and their price tags by the next regular council meeting.

Councilor Ron Anderson asked Corona to check on the cost of renting a small wood chipper to speed up the process and allow more material to be packed into each truck.

In related action, the council:

- Approved the only bid that met specifications for a new cab/chassis trash loader body system called a grapple truck for \$103,986 from Rush Truck Center of New Mexico with a 150-day delivery requirement.

Anderson, who said a faster delivery

should be available somewhere in the nation, urged Corona to start a search for a fourth truck over the Internet, if he can't find other sources.

"Let's go for this third one now and try to get the fourth delivered before the third," he said.

• Approved a low bid of \$71,925 from local contractor Ruben Reyes to thin and hand pile trees on 137 acres of village land along Eagle Creek.

• Selected the \$155,897 low bid from Rush Truck Center of New Mexico for one new cab/chassis side loader refuse truck for the solid waste department.

Council considers renaming five streets to avoid 911 confusion

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

New names or slight changes to existing names are needed for at least five streets in Ruidoso to prevent duplication on emergency calls, a Lincoln County official says.

Connie Stone, who heads the county's rural addressing program, asked the council Tuesday to rename some village streets to avoid confusion.

Specifically, she said changes are needed for Pine Lodge Road, Nogal Place, Arabela Road, White Oak Road and Cedar Creek Road.

The changes could be as

subtle as adding the word "Old" in front of the name, Councilor L. Ray Nunley suggested. He also serves on the county commission.

"It sounds worse than it is," he told the council. "If we can come up with a way of changing the names without significantly altering them, it will work."

Stone said a memorandum of understanding also is needed between the county and the village to implement the new addressing for the emergency 911 system in the extrajurisdictional zone around the village. Councilors directed the assistant village attorney to draft a

MOU for council review.

Although the zone lies in an unincorporated portion of the county, it falls under joint development jurisdiction of the village and the county in the ET zone. Stone said a decision is needed on who will be responsible for naming roads in the ETZ.

Councilor Ron Hardeman said he remembers the controversy that erupted when the council decided to rename Cedar Creek Road after forester Sam Tobias when he died in the crash of a fire spotting plane.

"It can be very emotional," he said of selecting a new name for a road.

Any name changes must be approved by the council, Mayor Leon Eggleston pointed out.

Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars questioned the cost to the village of changing names. Stone said the county could help because it purchased a machine that makes street signs, which would reduce the expense.

Nunley and Hardeman said the committee that will recommend changes should have representatives from all of the affected entities.

To illustrate her point that duplications must be eliminated countywide, not just within villages, Stone told councilors about a fire reported on Deer Trail. The problem was that there are four roads in the county and villages with that name. Fire engines were sent to three and a pickup went to the fourth, which happened to be where the real fire was

burning.

Cleatus Richards, who is in charge of special projects for the village, said Ruidoso completed its name changes and the associated 911 system in 1995.

"I caution that any changes

now should be minimal," he said. "We'll have to completely update 911 and every time we do that, there is more chance of error."

Nunley told Stone to work with the village planning and zoning department staff.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Bliven-Hoyt

Nicole Bliven and Kevin Hoyt were married July 20 in a double-ring ceremony at Queen of Heavens church in Albuquerque. The ceremony was officiated by Deacon Pilar Garcia.

Nicole is the daughter of Cindy Bliven of Albuquerque and the granddaughter of Cora Kaiser.

Kevin is the son of Tim and Kathy Hoyt of Ruidoso and grandson of Gene and Gaye Hoyt of Ruidoso and E.L. and Helen Zimmerman of Hattiesville, Ark.

Kelly Baillio was the maid of honor and Eric Hoyt was the best man.

After a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will live in Albuquerque.



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Gerald Tully

A memorial service for Gerald Tully, 99, of Glencoe will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Tully Ranch.

Mr. Tully died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at his home. He was born July 12, 1903, at Ft. Stanton.

He lived in Lincoln County all his life. He was a rancher and attended St. Anne's Episcopal Church. He married Wynema Hutchison on Nov. 9, 1940, in Glencoe.

Survivors include his wife, Wynema, of Glencoe; a son, Jerry Tully, and his wife, Jane, of Glencoe; daughters Tomi Barrow and her husband, Mark, of Belen, Pam Bernard of Ruidoso Downs, Tricia Tully and her husband, Gary Mitchell, of Glencoe; grandchildren Mackey Tully and his

wife, Kelli, Malaika Tully, Brett Barrow, Bryce Perry, Tee Bernard, Colter Mitchell, and his wife, Jill, Shilo Mitchell and Jessie Tully-Mitchell; and a great-grandchild, Grant Mitchell.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Florence Wilson

A memorial service was held for family and friends of Florence Wilson of Whitefish, Mont., formerly of Ruidoso and Austin, Texas, on Sept. 26, in Whitefish. A second memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in Austin, Texas, where her ashes will be laid to rest.

She died after a long illness on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish,

Mont. Mrs. Wilson, affectionately known to friends and family as Flodie, was born on June 26, 1920, to James and Janet Davis in Washington, D.C.

Her father's career took the family around the country before moving to Austin, where she graduated from the University of Texas. There she met Archer Wilson, a fourth generation Texan, and they married on May 15, 1942.

She worked as a research scientist for 20 years in the University of Texas' groundbreaking genetics program. She graced her department with intelligence, wit and a generous spirit while introducing dozens of future scientists to the emerging field of genetics research.

She retired in 1972 and moved to Ruidoso, where she

and her husband owned and operated the Roadrunner Gift Shop for many years. They returned to Austin in 1994 to be near their Texas family. When health issues eventually forced them to seek long-term medical care, they moved to Whitefish in 2000 to be near their Montana family and the mountains she loved so much.

Flodie and Archer Wilson, and prior to that her parents, James and Janet Davis, were active in the Ruidoso business community from the late 1960s through the early 1990s. They owned the Roadrunner Gift Shop. Mrs. Wilson was very active with the annual art festival in the park and one or both of them were active in the chamber of commerce and Rotary Club. Their son, David, and his wife, Betsy Wilson, had a camera

shop/photo studio next to the Roadrunner in the 1970s. Their daughter, Holley, attended her first years of school in Ruidoso, and they were active in the community as well.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; a sister, Dr. Frances Davis, of Amarillo, Texas, and a son, George Wilson, of Austin. She is survived by her husband and caregiver of 60 years, Archer Wilson, of Whitefish; sons David and his wife, Betsy Wilson, of Beaverton, Ore.,

Jim and his wife, Amy Wilson, of Austin, John and his wife, Marjorie Wilson, of Whitefish; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Wilson, of Pflugerville, Texas; a daughter, Peggy Wilson, of Lakewood, Colo.; nine grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a large extended family with many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests donations be made in her name, in lieu of flowers, to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Diabetes Association.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Gas tank disappears

A 125-gallon, white propane tank was stolen from the yard next to a residence in the 600 block of Sudderth Drive between Sept. 22 and 25.

An investigation is ongoing.

Dine and dash

A resident in the 100 block of Lower Terrace Drive reported that someone broke into the house Sept. 20, leaving behind several beer bottles and a plate with seeds.

Vehicles damaged

Police report that a van and motorcycle in the 200 block of Spring Court were vandalized between 10 p.m. Sept. 22 and 7:45 a.m. Sept. 23.

What appears to be paint stripper was dumped on both vehicles.

More items added to Saturday agenda

More items were added to the agenda of a special Ruidoso Village Council meeting set for 8 a.m. Saturday at village hall.

The meeting will start with a closed session on pending litigation and the purchase of land or water rights.

The council next will discuss the village's five-year capital improvements plan that will be presented to the state Legislature for funding.

A discussion of the debt service property tax rate is the third item, followed by a possible action on forming an urban forest department.

Councilor also may take action on the regional wastewater treatment plant improvements. Before the meetings ends, the board may go back into a closed session to discuss more litigation in which the village may become a participant.

Where's Goldilocks?

Police arrested two Lubbock, Texas, men charging them with burglary, breaking and entry, conspiracy to commit burglary and criminal damage after a real estate agent found them loading up appliances in the garage of a residence in the 100 block of Birch Drive.

The real estate agent went to the residence Sept. 23 to see if the house was being shown over the weekend and saw a fire lit in the fireplace and the refrigerator and a large-screen television in the back of a vehicle in the garage.

Two Ruidoso police officers entered with guns drawn and found Coleman S. Townsend, 19, in the living room and handcuffed him. They found David W. Ehmman, 20, outside sitting on the deck. Two detectives were over to interview the subjects, who confessed to the crimes, say-

ing they broke in the rear door of the home looking for a place to sleep after driving into town, kicked open the door and took the appliances when they were getting ready to leave. They lit the fire to get warm while waiting to leave, the report states.

Motorcycle wreck

An Odessa, Texas, man was admitted to the emergency room at Lincoln County Medical Center Sept. 20 after a motorcycle collision in the 300 block of Sudderth Drive.

Raul Chavez, 44, was waiting to turn left into a parking lot when another motorcycle collided with his. Chavez suffered a shoulder injury, the report states.

Bike crash

On Sept. 21, Cody W. Thetford, 22, of Ruidoso Downs, was injured in a motorcycle accident in the

1000 block of Mechem Drive.

The report states that he was changing lanes to go around a group of motorcycles and moved back to the right lane because of a vehicle in the left lane.

He hit his brakes, trying unsuccessfully to avoid hitting one of the motorcycles, then skidded, hit the curb of the sidewalk and was thrown to the ground, causing injuries to his head, collarbone and elbow.

The driver of the other motorcycle was not injured. Thetford was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center by Emergency Medical Services. Thetford was cited with careless driving, driver inattention and excess speeds for the conditions.

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Local firefighters get grant

BY DANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Glencoe-Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department was one of three selected to receive grant money to bolster local fire operations and safety capabilities.

A total of \$117,703 was awarded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency - \$38,196 to Glencoe in Lincoln County - to help improve basic fire services delivery, including fire protection, emergency medical services and prevention programs.

The announcement of the award came from U.S. Sen.

State Domenici and U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen, Republicans from New Mexico. Domenici is a member of the Veterans Administration-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee that sets funding levels for FEMA.

"Over the past year, New Mexico has had to contend with some of the worst fire conditions in its history," Domenici said.

"In light of that fact, it is more important than ever that our local fire departments are properly equipped and prepared to deliver effective service when fire emergencies arise. This federal investment will enable

the three departments to better provide these critical fire protection services."

Valencia El Cerro Volunteer Fire Department in Los Lunas is slated to receive \$43,992 and Velarde Volunteer Fire Department, \$35,515.

The grants are part of the sixth round of awards being given to more than 5,000 fire departments across the nation, Skeen said. The grants will continue through the end of the calendar year. More than 19,000 departments applied for the money. Fire service leaders reviewed each application. More than \$360 million will be awarded nationwide.

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COURTESY NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE

The revived New Mexico State Police Motorcycle Team saw its first action at last weekend's Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, where four members assisted mostly with traffic enforcement. The patrol has seven members in all, who ride new BMW motorcycles. The original motorcycle team started in 1937 and rode New Mexico roads until 1945.

CCNG board accepts gas supply bid

BY LIONEL W. LIPPMAHN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CAPITAN - Despite a lengthy, non-controversial agenda, the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas Company's regular meeting Sept. 18 proceeded quickly until the board of directors went into executive session to discuss personnel matters and to decide which of the two bids received to supply natural gas for the coming year would be accepted.

The executive session lasted about an hour, and when finished, the board returned to public session and voted to accept Mercado Gas Services' bid of \$3.98 per measured cubic foot

(MCF). This was the lowest bid and the contract was amended to permit CCNG to cancel it with 30 days notice. When questioned concerning this amendment, members of the board stated that this gave them flexibility if at some date during the term of the contract it was decided to restructure the company.

The increase in the price of gas beginning this November amounts to 88 cents per MCF over this year's contract. After all charges are added to the bills of CCNG's customers, the cost of gas will be about \$10.30 per measured cubic foot.

In real terms if, during the cold season, a customer uses 22 MCF in a month the cost will be \$226.60 plus applicable taxes.

October designated as Adopt-A-Dog Month

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is celebrating October as Adopt-A-Dog Month to encourage Americans to turn their houses into homes by adopting a shelter dog.

Each year, millions of dogs enter the nation's shelters, but of the estimated 59 million owned dogs in this country, less than 20 percent are shelter adoptees.

"Nothing adds more warmth to a home or offers a better greeting after a hard day's work like a wagging tail and a pair of big brown eyes," says Dr. Larry Hawk, ASPCA president and chief operating officer. "Drawing people to the shelters, then guiding them through the process of preparing their home for a new dog are our goals this month."

By logging onto www.aspc.org, new dog owners can learn about creating a dog-friendly decor. Great tips from flooring to furniture are sure to impress even the most fastidious of housekeepers, he said.

The ASPCA National Shelter Outreach department, with the help of IAMS dog foods, is helping more than 8,000 shelters nationwide promote the month-long campaign by providing them with promotional materials.

"Make Pet Adoption Your First Option" is a message that the ASPCA encourages throughout the year, aimed at

the ultimate goal of ending euthanasia of all adoptable animals, Hawk said.

"Helping us to achieve this goal and supporting the month-long celebration is our online partner, Petfinder.com.

Equipped with a searchable database of more than 4,000 animal shelters and rescue groups, potential adopters can view thousands of adoptable animals varied in age, size, breed and location," he said.

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James Brazeal puts the finishing touches on a small bear he made for the Carrizozo Schools Integrated Arts classes.

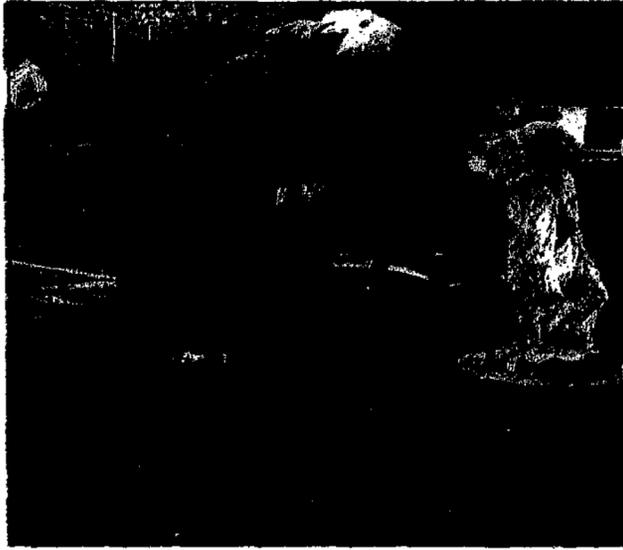


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Carving with care

Carrizozo carver James Brazeal got started making bears because of a horse

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Chainsaw sculptors are not new to Lincoln County. You can find a carved bear in every neighborhood. With the abundance of trees available from fire and construction to carve, and Smokey Bear for an icon, it is only natural these artists have found their niche.

To Carrizozo School students, chainsaw artist James Brazeal is a hero. He first created the school mascot, the grizzly, from a dead Chinese elm tree in the main courtyard. The new wooden grizzly greeted students on opening day in August. He donated his work to the school, as his stepdaughter is a student there.

Last week Brazeal demonstrated his "there is bear in every tree" theory by showing Jamie Geib's integrated art classes just how it's done, start to finish. Students gathered round as a small bear emerged from a

stump, while Brazeal wielded his chain saw, drills and finally a torch to darken points on the bear.

Brazeal started his carving career after an accident nearly paralyzed him about a decade ago. A horse had kicked him in the back causing considerable damage including injury to his optical nerve. While recovering, a friend brought him something to carve and a new career was born.

The carving is done completely with five different sizes of

chainsaws and two high-speed grinders. Brazeal stated that many of his carvings symbolize a personal philosophy based on the Native American religion. He uses different types of wood such as cedar, oak, fir and various kinds of juniper. He then turns the wood into bears, dolphins, angels and eagles.

The Capitan carver works free-hand with no real planning or pattern. "Each piece of wood dictates part of the carving. A distorted piece can be beautiful if you can master it," he said.

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The party is topped off with a spectacular fireworks display viewed from the back stage and lawn of the theater. For information, or to charge tickets by phone, call the Spencer Theater Box Office M-F 9-5 toll free at 888.818.7872 or, if calling locally, 336-4800. Tickets are also securely available 24/7 at the theater's website www.spencertheater.com

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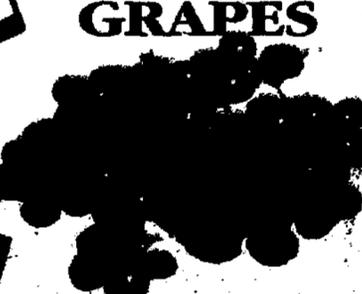
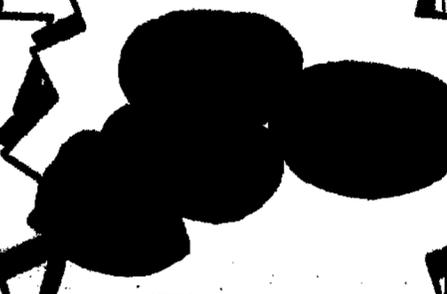


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SPORTS

Ruidoso girls fall hard against Santa Teresa

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso Lady Warriors were flying pretty high coming into Tuesday's game against Santa Teresa.

Ruidoso had won seven of their last eight matches and were gearing up for a strong start in this year's District 4-3A schedule.

But Santa Teresa brought the Lady Warriors back to earth with a sound three-game trouncing, winning the match 15-3, 15-4, 15-11.

"We got beat, that's no other way to look at it," said Ruidoso coach Maria Bennett. "We just couldn't put anything together."

Ruidoso wasn't exactly playing at full speed Tuesday — doing without the services of Tamara Grant or Simona Ramos — and it showed on their front line.

"Tamara should be back in practice on Friday, so that should help some," Bennett said. "(Freshman Jessica) Gibson was out for a few days with the flu and still isn't herself."

Bennett used several backups to fill those positions, including Charli Krause and Janelle Clawson. Grant likely won't return until district play starts.

"Charli held her own," Bennett said. "She's young and was making mistakes, but I'd rather have a young

kid making those mistakes rather than a senior."

The Lady Warriors (8-5) found receiving the serves from Santa Teresa to be exceedingly difficult. Most of the Desert Warriors' points came unearned as Ruidoso made numerous mistakes on the serve.

Santa Teresa (8-4) opened the match tied with Ruidoso at 1-1 in game one, but then mistakes started getting the best of the Lady Warriors.

Santa Teresa scored the next 12 points before Ruidoso was able to put another point up, and the Desert Warriors rolled to an easy win.

Game two was similar, with Santa Teresa breaking a 2-2 tie and taking a commanding 11-2 lead before Ruidoso knew what had happened.

Led by Eileen Alvarado's six kills in the match, Santa Teresa was never really threatened after that.

Now facing elimination in three games, Ruidoso tried to make things more interesting when Jenna Carrasco began serving the way the Lady Warriors should have been all along.

After three straight service errors by Santa Teresa, the Desert Warriors had to take a time out, but Ruidoso continued the pressure, taking a 5-2 lead.

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Ruidoso sophomore Christine Brown goes up for a hit Tuesday against Santa Teresa. Brown had one kill and five blocks for the Lady Warriors, but Ruidoso fell in three games.

PHOTO BY LARRY FUQUA

side line

Prep Scores

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Volleyball
Santa Teresa d. Ruidoso, 3-0
Capitan d. Hagerman, 3-2
Mesalero d. Lake Arthur
Carrizozo d. Cloudcroft, 3-1
Gateway Christian d. Hondo, 3-0

Preps on Tap

Friday, Sept. 27

Football
Ruidoso at Cobre, 7 p.m.
Volleyball
Capitan, Carrizozo in Capitan Classic

Saturday, Sept. 28

Football
Mesalero vs. Tularosa JV, 2 p.m.
Corona/Vaughn vs. Clovis Christian at Corona, 2 p.m.
Volleyball
Corona at Hondo, 2 p.m.
Ruidoso at Robertson, 3 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo in Capitan Classic
Boys Soccer
Ruidoso vs. Hatch, 1 p.m.
Cross Country
Ruidoso at Lubbock, 10 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 30

Volleyball
Corona vs. Temple Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Hondo vs. Hagerman, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Volleyball
Corona vs. Vaughn, 5 p.m.
Hondo vs. NMMI, 5:30 p.m.
Capitan vs. Dexter, 6 p.m.
Mesalero vs. Gateway, 6 p.m.
Boys Soccer
Ruidoso at Artesia, 4 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Ruidoso at Artesia, 6 p.m.

On Deck

Local Gyms Open

The Ruidoso Parks and Rec Department has opened the Ruidoso Middle School Auxiliary Gym for co-ed volleyball on Wednesdays and basketball on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The gym will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

USSSA World Series Qualifier

United States Specialty Sports Association baseball is hosting a 2003 World Series qualifier in Ruidoso Saturday and Sunday, with the top two teams qualifying for the final tournament. Entry fee is \$350 per team for age divisions 8U-16U. For more information, contact Phillip Lathram at (915)-889-8718 or Rodney Lathram at (505)-392-3644 or email at usssa@att.net. Web site for tournament information is usssa.home.att.net.

Dinner To Benefit Soccer

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held Oct. 4 at the Ruidoso Middle School Cafeteria from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children 5 and under. All proceeds benefit the boys and girls soccer programs at Ruidoso High School.

Ski Apache Gearing Up

With the ski season closer than most might think, Ski Apache has announced that their "locals special," the individual weekday season pass, has been reduced in price from \$325 to just \$200. This pass allows skiing on all weekdays of the season except six peak weekdays. The value is that much greater because the daily lift ticket is going up to \$46. Pass categories are priced as follows for the 2002-2003 season: Adult — 19-61 yrs. (good everyday of the season) \$450
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Peak weekdays this season will be Dec. 26, 27, 30, 31, 2002 and March 11-12, 2003. Season passes to Ski Apache for the 2002-2003 season may be purchased at any time. Book on-line at www.skiapache.com or call 505-336-4356.

Warrior gridders hope to get back on track

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso needs a win quick, and that win won't come so easily tonight at 7 p.m. against Cobre.

The Indians are 3-1, riding a three-game winning streak and coming off a 61-21 demolishing of Laguna Acoma last week.

Ruidoso, meanwhile, is 1-3 following two straight losses, both attributable to the turnover.

In last week's game against Silver, the Warriors saw a slim 22-19 lead slip away into a defeat when the Colts' Nick Neeley picked off a Josh Adams pass and returned it 90 yards for the touchdown.

Two weeks ago against Moriarty, Ruidoso saw a 21-14 lead melt away due to four Warrior giveaways.

Obviously, they're a problem. But Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden thinks they'll be even more of a problem if he tries to address them in practice.

"When you focus on them like that, it just makes it worse," Bowden said. "We've been play-

ing well enough to win, so that's a bright spot. We're working on it and the attitudes are still positive."

They'll have to be positive to stop a team like Cobre. The Indians are without standout quarterback Stan Montoya — gone to graduation — but in his stead they have a wing-T offense which uses lots of misdirection and lots of different players.

Players such as fullback Buddy Baca, tailback Jacinto Cardenas, wingback Dylan Schultz and sophomore Laramie Perreault. Running the offense is quarterback J.J. Vega.

"They do pass, but not like the last two weeks," Bowden said. "We always have to stop the other team no matter what they do, so we have to get prepared for it no matter what."

At least Cobre's defense is familiar; Bowden says it's closely related to what the Warriors do.

"We're pretty confident in how we'll attack that," Bowden said.

Note: Saturday's junior varsity game against Goddard has been moved to 4 p.m. at the Wool Bowl in Roswell to facilitate the long drive back Friday night from Cobre.

Local equine trio does well at state fair

ALBUQUERQUE — A trio of horses came away from the New Mexico State Fair Señor and Señora futurities recently at the New Mexico State Fair.

Leading the way was Thatsa Blazin Chick, who captured first in the Señorita with a time of 19.507.

Owned by Mike Levi and Mike Abraham of Alto, ridden by Freddie Martinez and trained by John Stinebaugh, Thatsa Blazin Chick paid 3.20 to win, 2.60 to place and 3.00 to show.

Another local horse placing in the \$80,706 Señorita was A Medley Of Chicks, owned by Frontera Racing II of Alto.

Ridden by Juan Vazquez and also trained by Stinebaugh, the 2-year-old gray mare finished with a time of 19.636 and paid 3.20 to win, 2.60 to place and 3.00 to show.

In the \$87,740 Señor Futurity, Deans Honor Roll continued the good fortunes of Ruidoso-area trainer Carl Draper by running a 19.822 and finishing second.

Owned by Fredda Draper and Lola Willis of Ruidoso Downs and ridden by Antonio Escarino, Deans Honor Roll paid 5.00 to place and 4.20 to win. Trainer Carl Draper had a big meet at Ruidoso Downs this Summer, winning the Ruidoso, Zia and All American quarter horse derbies with Genuine Strawfly.

Lady Tigers, 'Zozo preparing for Capitan Classic

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

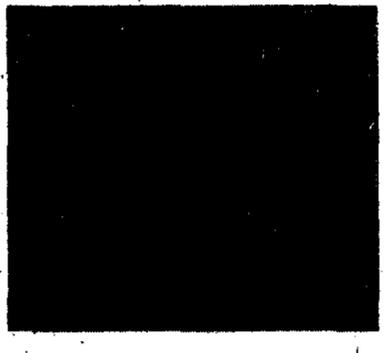
If competition is what Capitan volleyball coach Sherry Gowen wanted before this weekend's Capitan Classic, then she and the Lady Tigers got it in spades during their match Tuesday with Hagerman.

Capitan went up two games to none before dropping their next two to the Lady Bobcats, then won the fifth game to take the match, 16-14, 16-14, 12-15, 13-15, 15-13.

"It was a pretty tough match," Gowen said. "They (Hagerman) had one girl that could hit the dilly out of the ball."

But the Lady Tigers have hitters of their own, and needed every one of them. Tuesday, Capitan (5-2) had to come from behind in ever game but one, including a rally from 14-8 to win the second game.

"We had them down 10-1 in the



fourth, and they beat us," Gowen said. "That was a disappointment, but I was proud of the girls to pull it through in the final."

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Lady Grizzly netters on a roll

Except for the fact that they've not played a District 7-1A game, the Carrizozo volleyball team is leading the way with a 6-1 record.

Their only loss thus far has been a three-game setback to Fort Sumner in last weekend's Roadrunner Tournament, and they are now riding a three-match winning streak following Tuesday's win over Cloudcroft.

The Lady Grizzlies dropped their three games to Fort Sumner 15-11, 15-3, 15-3 before rebounding with a 15-10, 15-9, 13-15, 15-9 victory over Loving.

They then beat Lincoln County rival Capitan in three games, 15-11, 15-12, 16-14 to take fifth place in the tournament.

Tuesday's match was a grueling one against Cloudcroft. It was a game the Lady Grizzlies won, but one which took a lot out of them.

After handling the Lady Bears fairly well in the first game, winning 15-8, Cloudcroft came out with a vengeance and pushed Carrizozo to the limit, falling in an epic, 28-21.

That long game took its toll on the Lady Grizzlies, as they dropped the next game 4-15 before making short work of Cloudcroft in the fourth, winning 15-1.

Carrizozo begins pool play today in the Capitan Classic, starting with Elida at 1:35 p.m. in Cummins Gym. They then play Capitan at 2:45 p.m. and Aztec at 3:20 p.m.

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Corona volleyball struggles through Estancia Tourney

BY LESTER HAYES
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Corona Lady Cardinals played marathon volleyball this past weekend at the Bean Valley Conference tournament in Estancia, losing in three straight to Mountainair, then in three to Alamo Navajo, and finally falling to Vaughn in four games, with only two points separating the final scores of each game.

Coach Rick Gage said right out: "It didn't go all that well. They're slowly coming around. The younger girls are starting to play a lot better. Their nerves are still getting to them. The 8th and 9th graders are having to start on varsity, that's a lot of pressure on a young girl."

Gage sees the team's youth as a factor in their rather bleak performance.

"It's the first time they'd ever been at a tournament, and played that type of format for a game," Gage said. "We played three pool matches on Friday and then one game Friday night. That was a full day of volleyball and they just weren't used to that."

Gage also sees the tournament as a learning experience for his team.

"Every girl I have on the

team is getting tons of experience because they have to," Gage said. "They improve faster than they normally would if they were sitting on the bench."

Even through the shadows of the losses, Gage mentioned there was one shining star. One of his girls, Ana Ramos, made all-tournament player.

This Saturday, the Lady Cardinals are facing Hondo.

"Normally it's a close match, and I'm sure they (the Lady Eagles) have more players than we do," Gage lamented.

Gage is thinking that there may be a better result at Hondo, though, because they are having a very strong week at practice.

"They finished strong at the tournament, and showed up Monday in the spiritual good," Gage said. "We're making some strides in the right direction. If we can just be ready when district time gets here."

The Lady Cardinals' progress is slow but they are coming together. Gage admits it is "slower than I would like it to be."

Nevertheless, he also sees a lot of things "continuing to look better, and we'll see how it looks on Saturday."

Chiefs turn wrong way, fall down and win

BY LESTER HAYES
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Coach Doug Byers and the Mescalero Chiefs' cross-country team traveled to Carlsbad last week with only two runners on his squad. However, being short-handed didn't hold them back. Both runners placed high in the finish, coming in first and 19th.

"I only had two runners. I had other guys who had different commitments. So I just took two guys down there, and we decided to run junior varsity," said Byers.

Although the run went well for the Chiefs, things got a little off-kilter when Mescalero runner Warren Sago gave the fans a blooper moment, and the coach a good scare.

"Warren actually missed one turn. He started to go the wrong way," laughed

Byers.

Once steered in the right direction, and back in stride again, Sago continued on his mission. But the sports gods were not quite ready for the fun to stop, as Sago fell on the back part of the course.

After having righted himself, Sago again continued toward the end of the line and managed to pull off a first place winning run time of 18:49. His teammate, Gifford Valdez, finished 19th with a time of 21:15.

"We had a good run," stated Byers.

Byers credits hard work for this win and has hopes that his training regime will hold true in the future.

"We're starting to hit it real hard. We've been doing a lot of hill training back on our course, we've been hitting the weights pretty hard, doing a lot of different types of

technique stuff, form running, and it's starting to pay dividends now," explained Byers. "I can see the improvements quite a bit."

The Chiefs, having just added two runners from last year's roster, twin brothers Julian and Pocco Ortega, now have a full six-man team.

"I don't know why they didn't start at the get go, but they just decided 'Well OK, we'll start now.'" Byers said. "It will be 10 days before they can run in a meet, but they're looking pretty good."

Mescalero ran in Artesia on Thursday, and will then go to New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell Oct. 5. They are also planning a three-way scrimmage meet in Mescalero with Capitan and Cloudcroft Saturday at Mescalero's new course.

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RUIDOSO: Bad night for the Lady Warrior netters

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But now the Lady Warriors were trying to do too much, and mistakes resulted, as Santa Teresa took a 12-7 lead. "Bless their hearts, they hadn't lost like this at home before," Bennett said. "We just couldn't do the good things to help ourselves."

The Lady Warriors still wouldn't give up, riding exceptional net play by Rachel Loya and Christine Brown — each with five blocks — to get within two at 13-11, but by then it was too late. "I was hoping we could get something going with the momentum, but nothing ever happened," Bennett said.

Ruidoso faced off against Socorro Thursday at Ruidoso High and play at Robertson Saturday at 4 p.m. before returning home to open the District 4-3A season against Portales Oct. 5 at 4 p.m.



PHOTO BY LARRY FOGUA

Ruidoso defensive specialist Jessica Candelaria dives for the ball during Tuesday's match against Santa Teresa. Candelaria's save attempt was unsuccessful.

CAPITAN: Win over Hagerman precludes tourney

FROM PAGE 1B

"Just playing anybody is what we needed," she added. "This win was very good."

The Lady Tigers needed all the playing time they could get, as they'll be facing a strong field in this weekend's Capitan Classic, to be played today and Saturday.

"It's a very good field," Gowen said. "If we can click like we did on Tuesday, we should do well."

The Lady Tigers will be in pool A, and face off against

Class 4A competitor Aztec today at 1 p.m. in Cummins Gym.

Also in Capitan's pool are Elida and Carrizozo — a team which beat them in the Roadrunner Tournament last weekend.

Cloudcroft, Animas, Magdalena and Artesia junior varsity comprise pool B.

Following pool play, bracket play begins at 6 p.m. tonight with quarterfinals and continues through Saturday, with the championship game to be played at 7 p.m. in Cummins Gym.

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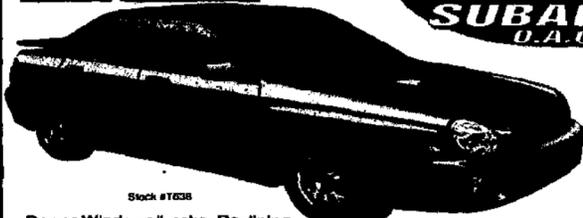
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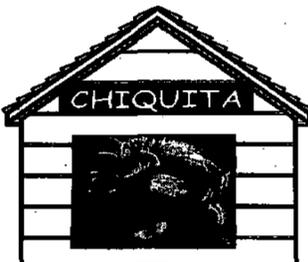
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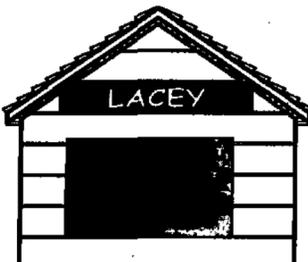
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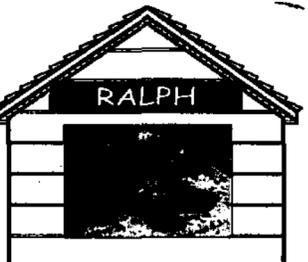
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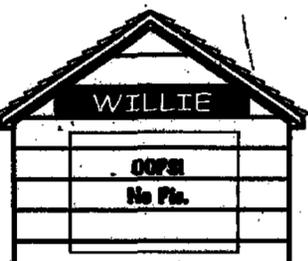
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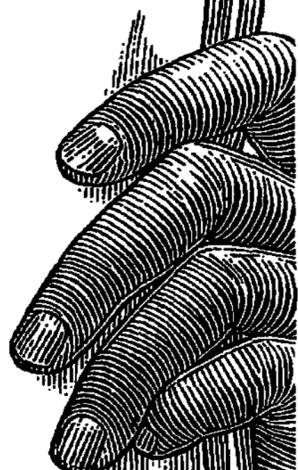
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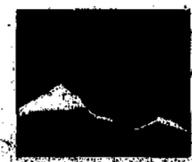
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3 HOUSEHOLDS: Furniture, antiques, kitchen, office, misc and guy stuff. 125 Robin Road, Saturday/Sunday, 8 am to ?

BIG GARAGE sale coming Fri-Sat-Sept. 27-28 Angus Church of Nazarene, 10 miles north of Ruidoso in gym, 30 families participating.

BIG GARAGE Sale T. Cross. 1023 Mechem (next door to World Auto-motive). Saturday, 8 to 4. Five families. Tools, clothes, dishes, household, Lots of Stuff!

BIG GARAGE Sale!!! Saturday & Sunday, 8 am to 3 pm, in the parking lot of Lincoln County Abstract & Title Co. 1207 Mechem Dr. Microwaves, fairly new dishwasher, older electric stove, pots, pans, dishes, baby clothes & bedding, plants, books, picture frames and much more! All items are priced to go!

BIG GARAGE/ESTATE Sale, Friday & Saturday, 9am-2pm 645 Sudderth. Visa/MC accepted. Antiques, furniture, linens, clothing, lace, rustic furniture.

YARD SALE!
Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002 11am-5pm
(No Early Birds, please)
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CHRISTMAS in Sept. garage sale: short ladies clothes, size 6 shoes, cowboy hats, camping supplies, arts/crafts, jewelry and much more. Sept. 27, 28, 29. 1-5pm 2.3 miles Airport Rd off Highway 48

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MULTI FAMILY yard sale. Jewelry, art frames, household items, collectibles, etc. Saturday, 8 to 1 pm. 207 Hidalgo (off Mechem/behind police station)

SATURDAY, 8 to noon. Storage Units behind "App's in the Downs, Hwy 70E. Kids clothes & toys, appliances, furniture, car parts!

TWO LARGE YARD SALES Sat/Sept. 28th Capitan, 11:00 - 5:00 pm. 8500 Hwy 70. Ladies clothing, baby things, household furniture and lots more.

YARD SALE, Saturday 8 to 4. Five Large, Full Size Downs. Good stuff, must see! Arr! Come on by!

YARD SALE - Evergreen Table, chairs, etc. Evergreen, 8 to 4. No early birds.

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Lots 237 & 238, Skyland Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.
/s/Tim Vega
Planning Department

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CV-01-230-Div III No. EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. JESSICA ARREOLA, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown)

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 JOHN DOE and JANE
 DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants
 Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 23, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Camizozo, New Mexico, sell the right, title and interest of the above named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 322 West 2nd Street, Capitlan, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
 Lots 20, 21, 22 and 23, Block 83 of the TOWN OF CAPITAN, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, March 3, 1900.

LEGAL NOTICE
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 Unit 19, Lot 30, Sierra Vista Condos, Phase 2, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.
 By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.
 /S/Tim Vega
 Planning Department
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 Lot 5, Block 20, Ponderosa Heights, Unit 3, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.
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MEETING EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING BOARD CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, the Extraterritorial Zoning Board will hold their regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Ruidoso Downs Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.
 Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution 2002-08, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date. Meetings are open to the public.
 If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City of Ruidoso Downs Hall at least one week prior to meeting or as soon as possible.
 /S/ CAROL VIRDEN, CMC CITY CLERK
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People of all ages are welcome in the Aspenfest parade.



The arts and crafts fair during Aspenfest offers all sorts of treats and gifts. It will run this year on Oct. 5 and 6 at School House Park.

Get off your aspen

Parade, arts and crafts, classic cars and spicy chile all part of annual Aspenfest

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Will it snow on our parade? There's still time to join the Aspenfest Parade and vie for numerous prizes, but today's the deadline to register at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. For the first time, there's no entry fee because chamber executive director Patric Pearson wants to encourage everyone to participate in the Oct. 1 event.

The parade starts at the corner of Mechem and Sudderth drives, with the line forming northbound up Mechem. Line-up must be completed by 9 a.m. at the intersection and the parade will begin at 10 a.m. Floats will be judged as they pass the Gazebo Shopping Center and prizes awarded where the parade ends at the chamber.

The first-place float will be awarded \$100, second-place \$50 and third-place \$25, with judging according to adherence to the parade's theme this year, "American Spirit." Best-decorated bikes by children will also receive awards, as will children marching with their pets.

Floats should not exceed 13 feet in width, 40 feet in length — including tow — and 13 feet in height. Adults must accompany children on floats and in the beds of pick-ups. Children on bicycles must be accompanied by an adult along the parade route, and after the parade, children will ride or walk to the parking lot

of State National Bank on Sudderth Drive.

The grand marshal of the parade this year, Tristan Gale, said she hoped to throw candy to children, but the village of Ruidoso prohibits throwing candy or any other items from the floats. According to parade regulations, a child was injured while retrieving candy from the street. But adults can hand out candy to children along the route.

Categories for floats include band, antique/classic car, decorated pick-up/car, kid's bike entry (limited to children in kindergarten through sixth grade), kid's pet parade (household pet), three-wheeler/motorcycle, wagon/buggy, mounted group, mounted individual, miscellaneous, marching unit, political, commercial float and non-profit float.



The New Mexico State Open Chili Cook-off will take place during Aspenfest on Oct. 5 and 6.

Any floats entered after today will be placed at the end of the parade and won't be eligible for judging.

Arts & Crafts Show

The show promises to be as popular as ever, now in its 17th year, running Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at School House Park.

No manufactured items are allowed in the show and about 75 vendors from the region will display and sell their handcrafted arts, crafts and gift items.

"We have some interesting new people who are coming this year with a variety of different crafts," said organizer Bonnie Henderson with Ruidoso Gymnastics, which puts the show on every year to buy equipment for the youth participating and competing.

Rope baskets, ceramic tile art, glass tapestry, abstract paintings, mosaics, clothing, art with Brazilian agates, nightlights, candles and "enough returning vendors so

people can find what they're looking for and enough new people so there's a touch of interesting and surprising crafts in there," Henderson said.

New this year will be a performance by the Remington Steel Band, a Western band from Ruidoso, in the tennis court area from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Henderson said.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and other food will be sold by the Ruidoso Gymnastics Boosters Club to pay fees for the gymnasts to enter competitions.

It was the Aspenfest Arts & Crafts Show that bought Ruidoso Gymnastics its own building in 1993, and now the show buys equipment. Just this year, the group bought a landing mat for \$800 and a

vaulting table for more than \$4,000.

"For us to be a tiny little club, we can stay up with the cities we compete with that have a huge enrollment because of this fair," Henderson said. "We're struggling to survive and this allows us to serve the children in this town without having to See ASPENFEST, page 2C

Gold medalist to return home

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tristan Gale, 2002 Winter Olympic Gold Medalist, is bringing the gold back to Ruidoso: She was selected to be the grand marshal of the Aspenfest Parade — and she said she's excited to be coming home.

Gale, who will be in a town a couple of days and will be back Oct. 16, said she'll be visiting friends she had when she left Ruidoso at age 8.

"That's where I learned how to ski," she said. "I skied from age 2 to 8. My parents were married at the top of the gondola and skied down and had their reception in the lodge, and they were ski instructors. I spent every day there until I started kindergarten."

Gale then attended Starlite Montessori School and was in Shala Cull's first graduating class.

"She'll be on my list of who I have to visit. We've stayed close," Gale said.

Although she doesn't remember the Aspenfest

Parades from her childhood, she does remember a parade, and said she hopes "they'll let me throw candy because that was my favorite part when I was little: watching and getting candy."

Unfortunately, village rules prohibit the throwing of candy, although handing it out is allowed.

Since she left Ruidoso, she hasn't been back to ski because she usually visits during the summer. And she can't practice her sport, skeleton, because it requires a bob-sled track, not available here.

Now 21, Gale was the youngest member on the skeleton national team at age 18 and has become one of the top skeleton sliders in the country. Named the 2001 America's Cup Champion, she finished the 2000 and 2001 seasons ranking first and fourth in the U.S. She secured a spot on the 2002 Olympic Team by winning three of four qualifying races, and went on to win the Gold at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Gale said she's been doing



Tristan Gale shows off her Gold medal in skeleton during the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

strength and conditioning training all summer in Dallas, Texas, lifting and running with the skeleton, an 80-pound sled, and sprinting with it on ice.

The World Cup starts Oct. 22, and the competitive season starts shortly after that, with the first World Cup the week of Nov. 2, and a World Cup over Thanksgiving weekend on the Olympic track in Utah.

Miami road hogs guaranteed to drive you crazy

So I have to tell you what I saw on the interstate the other night.

First, though, you must understand that this was not just any old interstate. This was I-95 in downtown Miami, proud home of the worst darned drivers in the world.

I realize some of you are saying: "Oh yeah? If you want to see REALLY bad drivers, you should come to MY city!"

Listen, I understand that this is a point of civic honor, and I am sure that the drivers in your city are all homicidal morons. But trust me when I tell you that there is no way they can compete with the team that Miami puts on the road.

I know what I'm talking about. I have driven in every major U.S. city, including Boston, where the motorists all drive as though there is an open drawbridge just ahead, and they need to gain speed so they can jump across it. I have also driven in Italy, where

there is only one traffic law, which is that no driver may ever be behind any other driver, the result being that at all times, all the motorists in the nation, including those in funeral processions, are simultaneously trying to pass.

I have ridden in a taxi in the Argentinean city of Mar Del Plata (literally, "Cover Your Eyes"), where (a) nobody ever drives slower than 65 miles per hour, including inside parking garages, and (b) at night, many motorists drive with their headlights off, because — a taxi driver told me this, and he was absolutely serious — this extends the life of your bulbs. (When he told me this, we were in a major traffic jam caused by an accident involving a truck and a horse.)

I have also ridden on a bus in China, plowing through humongous traffic jams involving trucks, cars, bicycles, ox-drawn carts and pedestrians, all aggressively vying for the same space, and where the

bus driver would sometimes physically push pedestrians out of the way. I don't mean with his hands. I mean with the BUS.

My point is that I have seen plenty of insane driving techniques, and I am telling you for a fact that no place brings so many of these techniques together as Miami, where a stop sign has no more legal significance to most motorists than a mailbox. The police down here have given up on enforcing the traffic laws. If they stop you and find a human corpse in your trunk, they'll let you off with a warning, if it's your first one.

So I've seen pretty much everything on the roads here. Nevertheless, I was surprised by the driver on the interstate the other night. I heard him before I saw him, because his car had one of those extremely powerful sound systems, in which the bass notes sound like nuclear devices being detonated in rhythm. So I looked in the

mirror and saw a large convertible with the top down overtaking me at maybe 600 miles per hour. I would have tried to get out of his path, but there was no way to know what his path was, since he was weaving back and forth across five lanes (out of a possible three).

Fortunately, he missed me, and as he went past, I got a clear view of why he was driving so erratically: He was watching a music video. He was watching it on a video screen that had been installed where the sun visor usually goes, RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIS FACE, blocking his view of the road.

I don't want sound like an old fud, but this seems to me to be just a tad hazardous. I distinctly recall learning, in Drivers Education class that, to operate a car, you need to be able to see where the car is going, in case the need arises (you never know!) to steer. Of course, more and more

drivers do not have time for steering, as they are busy making phone calls, eating, reading, changing CDs, putting on makeup, brushing their teeth, etc. I recently received mail from an alert reader named Kate Chadwick who reports that she drove behind a man who was SHAVING HIS HEAD, with his "visor mirror positioned just so, windows wide open for hair disposal, and for a significant portion of the ride, no hair on the wheel."

But at least these drivers are able, from time to time, to glance at the road. Whereas the guy I saw on I-95 basically could see only his video, I hope you agree with me that this is insane.

I also hope you are not reading this in your car.

Dave Barry is a columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.

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Harvest time in Nogal

People of all ages enjoyed the Nogal Harvest Fest, held Sept. 21.

Below left, The Petting Zoo was a hit with kids. Here, Shelly Collier, 9, of Ruidoso Downs, pets Thumbelina and Jiminy Cricket, the goats of Caroline McCoy of Nogal.

Chay Rennick and Mike Rummels accepted the first Nogal Peace Prize, below, on behalf of Bill Richardson, who was unable to attend the ceremony. The award was created by Nogal artists Marion Sharpe, Georgia Lagg, Pam Topper and Mike Lagg.

Super spitter Bob Blackman, below right, puckers up to shoot his sunflower-seed the farthest. Blackman won the seed spitting contest and had some tough competition.

At right, Chile roaster Jeff Thomas of Capitan heated tortillas on an earthen ware bowl in a homemade stove of earth to serve up Chile and sour cream burritos. Helping him roast the chiles is Mike Muhrey.



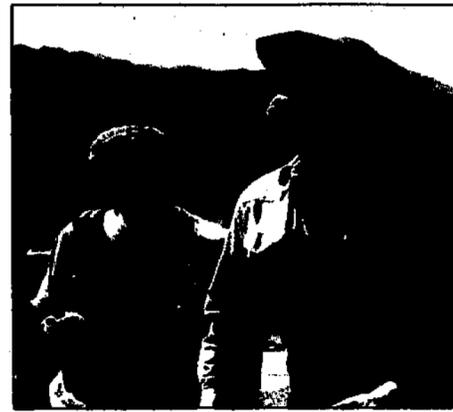
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ASPENFEST: Olympic champion to be on hand as grand marshal of parade

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worry about paying the rent."

Admission is \$1 for people age 12 and up, and free for younger ones.

Car Show

The Rod Run to Ruidoso Downs Car Show starts with a cruise sponsored by NAPA from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, leaving from the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. The car show will also be at the track on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The old cars will cruise Sudderth Drive to Mechem Drive Friday and then return to the track for a meal afterward, said Jim Erickson, from the Rodrunners of Las Cruces.

Registration is on Friday, Oct. 4, at the Ramada Inn Express in Ruidoso Downs, and vendor set-up is also Friday. Admission to the show is free, and for those who wish to enter their car, the fee is \$45, good for a place in the show and a goody bag with a dash plaque and T-shirt. (To enter, call Robert Acosta at 382-1526 in Las Cruces or visit www.zianet.com/rtd.)

The 300 or so cars won't be any newer than 1972, and most will be

considerably older than that.

Hand-made trophies are given out for "best wheels," "best 55-57 Chevy," "best paint" and any other "bests" people come up with, Erickson said. Unlike a classic car show, the awards are not based on points and the person that makes the trophy finds the car he or she wants to award it to.

Many of the cars and people return to the show year after year, and a picnic atmosphere prevails.

The El Paso Early Times and the Rodrunners from Las Cruces put on the show, but members of the local Pinetop Rod Club put on the Friday night cruise and participate in the show.

Chili cook-off

Close to 4,000 people come to cook or taste the chili at the New Mexico State Open Chili Cook-off at Tall Pines RV Park Saturday and Sunday. No store-bought chili mixes are allowed and there are strict rules about the ingredients that go into the chili pots.

The gates open at 10 a.m. Saturday and admission is \$2.

Visitors can then buy 25-cent tickets for chili samples. One of the best ways to sample the chili is to be one of the 100 volunteer judges who select 10 chili winners, three showmanship winners and the top three New Mexico chili winners. Chile cooks begin turning in their chiles at 2 p.m., and judging finishes about 5 p.m.

A band will perform all day Saturday and beer and other food will be on sale.

At 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., show teams dress up and perform skits. Those who win showmanship are automatically accepted into the World's Championship Chile Cook-off.

Proceeds from the chili cook-off go to the Ruidoso Rotary Club Scholarship Fund, usually about \$8,000 to \$8,500.

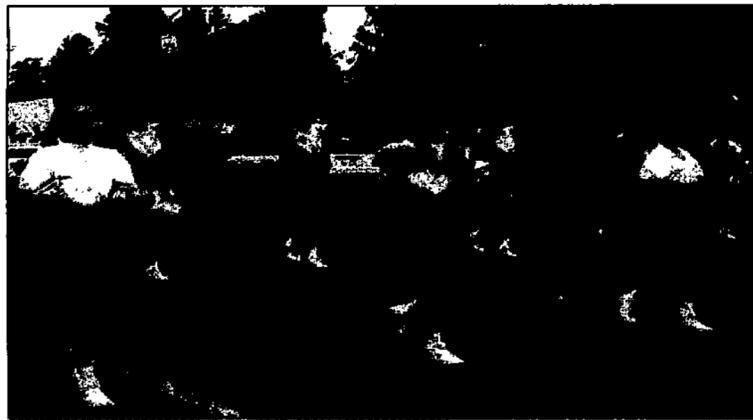
On Sunday, the local chili pod, the Ruidoso Chile Society, will be cooking starting at 9 a.m., and free tasting starts about noon, although there are no concessions.

Paul Crown, who has organized the chili cook-offs for many years,

will be passing the crown - the title of "Great Pepper" - on to Scott Muhn, who's learning about the world of chili competitions from him.

"Stepping into those shoes is

going to be quite difficult," Muhn said. "In a couple of years I will be taking the title of the Great Pepper to represent this event to the Chile Appreciation Society International board meeting."



FILE PHOTO

Ruidoso High School cheerleader greet the crowd at a previous Aspenfest parade. The parade this year will be Oct. 1.

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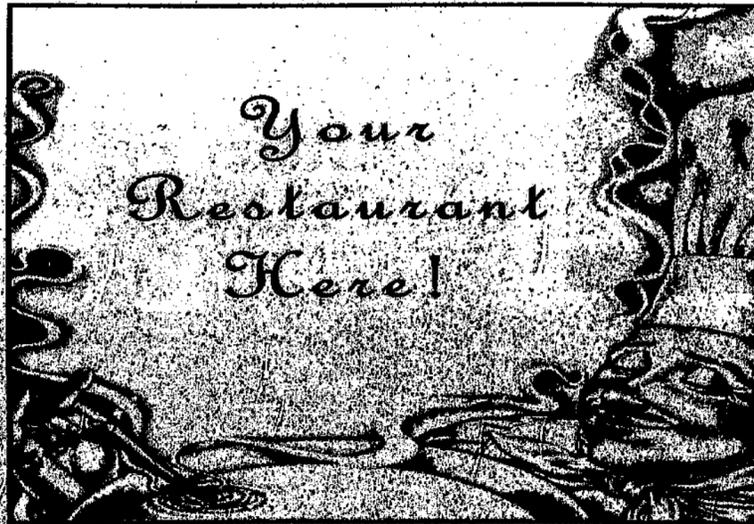
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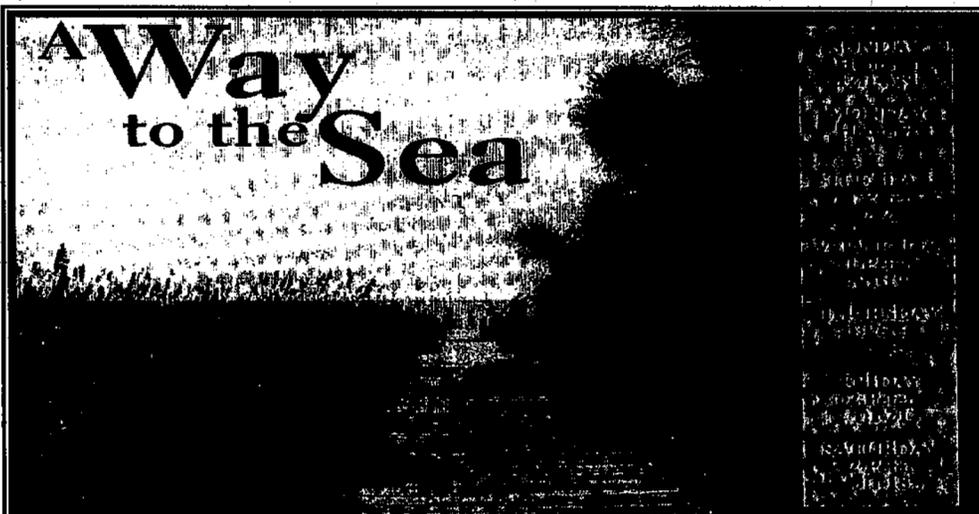
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A Way to the Sea

We had to watch our steps on the rough and uneven boards and brush the trees from our eyes occasionally, but at the end of the long and narrow path was the freedom and the grandeur that can only come from the spectacle that is the sea. It is a funny thing, the way the sea almost sneaks up on you, hidden behind trees or tall dunes until you are right on top of it, but it is always there... waiting.

Our Creator is always waiting, even when we are tired and discouraged, wondering if He really is there after all. He is waiting for us by paths they have not known. I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. (Isaiah 42:16)

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St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Paul Botenbogen. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

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Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Capitan, Jay Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School; Priesthood and Relief Society.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. E.W. Cumbel, President, 354-3388. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women 12:10 a.m.

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Congregation Village Road de Testigos de Jehova 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom. Reunion Public 1:00 p.m.; Estudio de la Biblia 1:50 p.m. Mart. Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de worship 7:30 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.

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Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind "The Coffee House". Bob Sawyer, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m., Bible Study.

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American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 622-2999. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlitzky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Capitan Jr. High and St. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship. E-mail: Rick@american-missionary.org

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Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kanewsch III, Pastor. 36 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods/Mescalero. Sundays 10:30 & 6:30. Wed. 6:30 378-7179

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102. Sunday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Capitan - Highway 48, Los Barrios, Minister: Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-4458. Ed Watson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

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First Baptist Church
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CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853, Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Perry Zimmerman, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible

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St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
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METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Tues.) 6:00 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

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Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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The Bushwhackers: A school for Bandits, part 1

After the Civil War, many veterans went west to start their lives over. The large majority of them had seen all the violence that they ever wanted to; but, as has been the case throughout history, there were some who had found it easier to pull a trigger than others.

Then, there were the men who had fought in the Kansas/Missouri border wars.



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Possibly the most lethal mounted pistolero to ever live, they had fought an ugly guerrilla war that had gone on for a good five years prior to the opening of formal hostilities at Fort Sumter.

At war's end, the guerrillas on both sides experienced different results. As the victors, the Kansas men - Jayhawkers, Redlegs, and others - had been soundly forgiven for the many atrocities committed by them during the war. The Missouri guerrillas - or Bushwhackers, as they were commonly known - were declared outlaws. Both sides had been, more or less, equally vicious, but only the Bushwhackers had to pay for it.

One of these former guerrillas, a teenager carrying a white flag, was shot in the chest as he tried to surrender. It taught him a valuable lesson, and also made him exceedingly bitter. His name was Jesse James.

In fact, three of the core members of the future James/Younger Gang - Jesse, his brother Frank and Cole Younger - had all ridden as Bushwhackers. Frank and Cole, ridden under William Clarke Quantrill, perhaps the most famed guerrilla of them all. Quantrill had considered Jesse to be too young. Not so "Bloody Bill" Anderson, one of the most dreaded of all the guerrillas. Anderson was happy to accept the teenager into his ranks.

It is the victors who write the history, and for that reason, most of the Jayhawkers and Redlegs were not portrayed as having horns and cloven feet as were Quantrill, Anderson, George Todd and other Bushwhacker leaders. It

is perhaps a tad ironic that it is now only the Bushwhackers - the men portrayed as the villains - who are still widely known.

There is certainly no doubt that there was much thievery on both sides. But, as previously stated, the victors write the history. To really understand Quantrill and the others, as well as the later forays made into crime by many former guerrillas, it becomes necessary to examine the events of Aug. 21, 1863, in Lawrence, Kan.

That bloody dawn, some 400 guerrillas under Quantrill had thundered into Lawrence and murdered something like 150 men and boys.

This raid is frequently portrayed as an unprovoked attack, with the motives of robbery and the mindless murder of whoever crossed their path as the only reasons for it. And, without examining the facts, that is what it looks like to the casual observer, too. But was it really the case?

Beginnings

It had started off with intentions that were good enough. Of course, that particular statement can be applied to half the horrors of history... The Kansas - The Jayhawkers and Redlegs - had begun to raid down into Missouri with the avowed intention of freeing slaves. It wasn't long, however, before slaves became a secondary concern. No one had realized what riches were available to those doing "God's" work. Especially not the Reverend Hugh Fisher, who had ridden along with Senator Jim Lane (a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln) on a raid down into Missouri. On this particular raid, almost all the Kansans became wealthier men at the expense of Missourians - and some of those Missourians were - what a surprise - actually slave owners! But not many. It wasn't long before even "Chaplain" Fisher, who had supposedly ridden along to those in need, found himself enthusiastically burning and looting along with the others.

Ultimately, Fisher became prominent enough among the



"Cold eyed, deadly" George Todd was out for revenge when the Bushwhackers invaded Lawrence, Kan.

Jayhawkers took the Bushwhackers that notice. At one point, that particular notoriety almost cost Fisher his life. When the guerrilla leader George Todd - "cold-eyed, deadly" George Todd - heard that the Reverend was a passenger on a particular riverboat, he stopped it, boarded it and searched fruitlessly for Fisher, who had decided, at the last minute, on another route. There were however, some freedmen on board, who most definitely did not survive the rage and frustration of Todd and his men.

The Kansans had been confident for long enough to become over-confident. One newspaper had invited Missouri to "send some men up" if they dared. The Lawrence Journal compounded this by printing a story that stated "Lawrence has ready for any emergency over five hundred fighting men, every one of whom would like to see (the Missourians)."

All of that hyperbole and braggadocio during the Missourians to send men up to do battle had an adverse effect, because one dark night in August of 1863, Missouri did.

Lawrence and its people were about to have the war brought right into their very homes. And it was the worst kind of war: Guerrilla war.

The Girls

William Clarke Quantrill has regularly been depicted as the worst of the border scum, which, in those days, was saying something. And this has been accepted for decades, but was it the truth? Well, not so's you would notice.

In that year of 1863, so grim for the South, the Federals did something that enraged the Bushwhackers, and for that matter, a lot of Union sympathizers and even some Federals themselves. The authorities rounded up the families of known guerrillas and imprisoned them - most of them were women - in a rickety old "prison" in Kansas City on the banks of the river. The place turned out to be so rickety that it collapsed, killing and crippling a number of the prisoners, who had done nothing in the first place. Many claimed that the collapse was planned. And maybe it was...

It was this incident that pushed Anderson, Quantrill, Todd, Younger and the others beyond the parameters of reason. Anderson, Todd and Younger had all lost family members, some dead, some crippled, in the disaster, and they desperately wanted revenge.

It is no wonder that when the Bushwhackers finally arrived at Lawrence and came thundering down on the

unsuspecting inhabitants, their rallying cries were "Kansas City!" and "Remember the girls!"

Again, despite all that has been written about him, Quantrill was still paroling prisoners as recently as August of 1862. He knew that it was possible to actually get some of his own men repatriated by prisoner exchange. The biggest problem with that was that the Federals had a nasty habit of executing guerrillas - or suspected guerrillas - on the spot.

The George Todds and Bill Andersons did not agree with Quantrill. Most of them had been in it longer than Quantrill, if the truth were to be known, and they had no illusions, no fantasies of gallant soldiers dying for a cause. It was ugly. War to the knife, and knife to the hilt. Unlike much of the gallantry that really did take place in the war back east, it was not uncommon for the guerrillas on both sides of the border wars to not only behead, but even quarter, their victims.

And, as it became increasingly apparent to the South that the war was lost, the Bushwhackers, more and more, turned to common out-lavry. But, luckily - if that is even the right word - for the citizens of Lawrence, in August of 1863, the South still retained a modicum of hope. The consequences of Lee's resounding defeat at Gettysburg the previous month had not yet completely sunk in - if they had, there might have been more casualties in Lawrence that bloody morning.

James Henry Lane

Senator Jim Lane, a fiery, popular orator who felt that no holds should be barred in the treatment of neighboring slave state Missouri, had been actively raiding down into Missouri himself. He was in fact, the commander of any expedition of which he was a part. Everything he said and everything he did earned him the hatred of the Missouri Bushwhackers, whom Lane had - although not by design - turned into the most dangerous men on earth. They were, for all practical purposes, consumed with murderous hatred.

During the first raid on

which Hugh Fisher accompanied Senator Lane, Lane himself supposedly snatched \$13,000 from the hands of a widow! Lane, Fisher and many of the others were Lawrence men. Lawrence was considered to be the seat of abolitionism in Kansas and most Missourians saw it as the headquarters of their enemies. As prominent citizens in the town, the names of Lane and his friends were, to the Missouri men, like nails in the coffin that Lawrence was to become.

When Quantrill and his men rode into Lawrence that August morning, Jim Lane was the No. 1 man on their "dead list."

The approach

It was just about 4 a.m. when Quantrill crossed the Wakarusa River into Kansas. Behind him, in addition to the 300 or so experienced Bushwhackers who had ridden with Quantrill, Todd, and the others in the past, there were now about 100 farmboys who had "enlisted" along the way. Inexperienced, but eager to avenge the many wrongs they felt had been done to them personally, the farmboys were, nevertheless, nowhere near as hardened as the other guerrillas.

Yet.

Three men of Eudora, only a half hour's brisk ride from Lawrence, heard the long column of horsemen go by, rumbling, clinking and jangling, and assumed the worst. Their suspicions were confirmed by a rider sent from further down the road. They saddled up and headed for Lawrence - but it was not to be. One of the men was thrown from his horse before they even cleared the city limits. And further up the road, another of the three went down and was pinned beneath his horse when it stumbled and fell. His companion chose to go and get help for his dying friend.

And Lawrence slept on...

Next Week: Hell comes to breakfast.

Sources: *Bloody Dawn* by Thomas Goodrich, *Quantrill's War* by Duane Schultz and *Jesse James* by James R. Ross.



Victoria Mauldin works in several media.

Mauldin chosen as chamber artist

Victoria Mauldin will be the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce artist for the month of October.

Mauldin is a realist who paints primarily wildlife, landscapes and figurative subjects, and likes to capture a moment in time that will entice the viewer to create their own story about the moment.

She captures a slice of life with people in the midst of doing ordinary things and said her characters are meant to stimulate and intrigue while feeling familiar and comfortable.

She works in acrylics, oils and colored pencils and recently discovered she enjoys watercolors.

Basically a self-taught

artist, Mauldin started painting as a teenager, took art courses in college, but painted only sporadically throughout a 30-year career as an educational administrator and school principal. When she retired, in 1996, she was able to refocus on painting with renewed energy.

Since then she has received numerous awards in juried art shows in the Woodlands, Texas, show, the northwest Art League and the regional Lone Star Art Guild. She received "Best of Show" in the

Woodlands fall show of 2000. Her work has been displayed in a variety of public and commercial establishments in the Woodlands and hangs in private collections in Texas and New Mexico.

In July, Mauldin displayed 22 pieces at the Ruidoso Senior Center as a part of the Art in Public Places project.

Mauldin's decision to move to Ruidoso a year ago was influenced by the strength of the art community as well as the beauty and inspiration of the area.

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by Dr. Jack V. Waters
 Chiropractic Physician

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Myer's Chuck and Keito's Kave part of Alaskan fun

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Petersburg fishermen delivered dinner to us that night, a bountiful feast of Dungeness and King crab. Outfitted in large paper bibs, we bantered cheerfully, laughing loudly, frequently and unabashedly as we fumbled with crab mallets and messy, but tasty, sea creatures. Later, the party moved to Keito's Kave, a down-and-dirty fisherman's bar.



On the Go with Hank & Ellen
BY HANK AND ELLEN BARONE
TRAVEL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

The next day, we visited the tiny hamlet of Myer's Chuck — population 25 (more or less). Myer's Chuck gives new meaning to the word "remote." Approaching the village's protected harbor, Captain Rod announced our arrival on the marine radio. "Thanks for the notice!" an affable voice on the other end replied. "I'll let everyone know you're here."

As Safari Spirit arrived at the public dock, a tiny skiff appeared, piloted by a robust woman. Shouting a friendly hello, the woman alighted, then hustled off to open the town's sole retail establishment, a quaint local craft shop.

Across the harbor, a shattered window opened at the post office where the local postmistress welcomed us with a vigorous wave.

We liked Myer's Chuck, a tiny village of looping paths lightly sprinkled with wooden cabins, from the moment we arrived. Flowering shrubs grew wild, artfully concealing the accumulation of terminally rusted fuel tanks, upturned boats, and defunct appliances that surrounded nearly every building — standard Alaskan landscaping.

Hummingbirds clustered around feeders hanging from porch roofs. There was nothing chic or self-conscious in the place's prettiness. It seemed in contented abdication from the world, its only intruders a trickle of summer pleasure boats like ours.

At the village Post Office, open every Wednesday, we mailed postcards simply to see if they'd make it home. Rod had warned us earlier that the cards might not reach their destination, recounting his own humorous misfortune when he mailed himself a postcard. "More than a year had passed," Rod reported, "when I received a polite typewritten letter of apology from Postmistress Mary Ann Glenz. 'Dear Captain Du Four,' it read. 'It is with great regret that I must inform you that a postcard you mailed from the Myer's Chuck Post Office was damaged when eaten by a rather hungry banana slug.'"

We celebrated the 4th of July with a brief break in the weather — still no sunshine, but the rain had stopped, the fog melted away, and the clouds

rose to 1,000 feet. As we approached Misty Fjords National Monument and Wilderness Area, the landscape revealed itself, bit-by-bit, exposing a towering ridgeline of glacier-scoured rocks, gaunt crags and precipices.

Guided by the roar of a thundering waterfall, Rod maneuvered the yacht beneath the powerful plunge of an extraordinary 1,000-foot cascade. "Alaskan snorkeling," Heather quipped, donning a mask and snorkel ordinarily used during the yacht's wiper visits in Mexico's warm Sea of Cortez and playfully plunging into the downpour.

That evening, shoehorned into a kayak, we silently knifed through the inky dark water of Yes Bay, a picture-perfect combination of wilderness, grand scenery and solitude. Only the raindrops broke the water's mirror-still surface. Everything smelled of water and earth. Lonely and romantic, the silence was profound.

Overhead, a bald eagle lazily rode the thermals. About 30 feet ahead, a lone harbor seal periscoped, watching

us watch him, then sliding soundlessly into the calm water, making not a ripple. There was no doubt. We were completely and utterly seduced by our journey into Alaska's Inside Passage.

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The Barones are full-time travel writers and photographers operating out of their home in Alto. Their work appears in a wide variety of regional, national and international publications. They can be contacted at barones@inllmediagroup.com.

Sierra Dove workshop

Lee Sturgeon-Day will present a free forum on her book, *A Slice of Life: A Personal Story of Healing Through Cancer*, at the Ruidoso Public Library, 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1. On Wednesday, Oct. 2, she will conduct a creative stress break workshop on form drawing at the Sierra Dove Center, on Fort Stanton Road in Alto.

An English woman living in Prescott, Ariz., Sturgeon-Day is the cofounder of the Social Development Center in England and Lifeways for Healing Education in the United States.

These events are part of a series, "Creating Community and Nurturing our Relationships," of free presentations by Sierra Dove Center for Healing. For more information, call 336-1037.

Book review

Sandi Aycock will review

Tom Boy Bride by Harriet Fish Backus

at the next meeting of the Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road. Everyone is invited to attend.

First Friday Lecture

The First Friday Adult Lecture Series lecturer for 7 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Capitan Public Library will be Greg Haussler of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services in Lincoln County. He will discuss conservation activities in the area and explain how to participate in keeping the county beautiful.

Photo exhibit

An exhibit of Ray Bowerman's photographs will be featured at The Cornerstone Bakery and Café, 359

Sudderth Drive from Oct. 4-Dec. 5. An opening reception will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4.

Photo competition

The Hubbard Museum of the American West and The Photographic Society of Lincoln County wishes to remind those interested in submitting their work for the 11th Annual Fall American Photographic Competition, Exhibition and Sale, that the deadline for entries is Oct. 17.

Steve Laese, associate editor/photo editor of *New Mexico Magazine*, will jury the submitted entries on Oct. 21. Accepted entries will be included in the annual public exhibit at The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs from Nov. 2-Jan. 19.

The show is sponsored by 1st National Bank of Ruidoso and was established to encourage and promote excellence in

photography, reward the production of museum-quality work and provide an atmosphere of enthusiasm for education in the art of photography. The event offers more than \$2,750 in cash awards to winners in the five categories included in the competition.

Individuals interested in submitting their work for this event may obtain an entry form and additional information by contacting Cheryl Knobel, curatorial assistant for the museum at 378-4142.

Kids rodeo

Enter your child in the Kid's Rodeo at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. This year's events include barrel racing, pole-bending, dummy roping, mutton busting and a new event for families, goat wrangling. The rodeo is open to children up to 10 years of age; however, some of the events have age restrictions.

Contestants can register for

the events from 11 a.m. from 1 p.m. at the Winners Circle, located at Section 3 of the grandstand. Registration is limited, so please come early. Families participating in the Kid's Rodeo must pay general admission fees for the symposium. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse and The Hubbard Museum of the American West jointly sponsor the rodeo. For additional information, call Elizabeth Becker at the Museum in Ruidoso Downs at 378-4142.

Biker bear rides off into the sunset

BY MARY LEA LANE
RUIDOSO ARTS COORDINATOR

The mountains are quiet once again following the annual visit of some 35,000 motorcycles zooming around and through this cool valley. It was an exciting time for the Arts Commission as we placed the first of the giant painted bears on display at the Chamber of Commerce.

"B'ar Lee Davidson" was decked out in black leather leagings and vest with a bandana tying back his long red hair, which cascaded down his back in a fat pigtail.

During the three weeks B'ar Lee was on display, one young couple reported the thrill of seeing a live bear lumber up out of the Rio Ruidoso to check him out. After a good over-all sniffing, the bear stood on his hind legs, paw to paw with B'ar Lee, to check out his beard, the bugs in his teeth, and his shades.

As a sampler of things to come in "The Great Bear Hunt," B'ar Lee was a hit, with many bikers vowing to return next year to see all of the bears. Many people availed themselves of the chance to win him, purchasing tickets at the Chamber or the Golden Aspen Rally.

Winner Jim Griswold of Snyder, Texas, greeted the news with disbelief and joy. So B'ar Lee, we hope you'll do your job and send all of those West Texans back next summer to enjoy "The Great Bear Hunt."

The season of gallery walks

will end on Friday, Oct. 4. That evening, from 5 to 8 p.m., Crucis Art Bronze on Sudderth across from the tennis courts, J. Mauritsen Studio and DJ's Jewelry, 624 and 618 Carrizo Canyon, will be open for the early evening enjoyment of locals and tourists. There is no charge, and this is an excellent time to discover the exciting art being created by local and area artists. Join your friends and neighbors at this final gallery walk of the season.

On Friday, Oct. 11, the public is invited to enjoy another artist reception in Ruidoso's Public Library from 5 to 7 p.m. Featured will be paintings of Judy Pekelsma and ceramics by the

spring semester ENMU students of Susan Weir-Anker. Refreshments will be served and the event is free and open to the public. Music for the evening will be provided by the High Desert Minstrels, including Sally Wimbrow, clarinet;

Andy Thornton, bassoon; Judy Pekelsma on flute; Fred Kinman, violin; and cellist Elaine Brannen. Included will be duets from Handel's "Water Music" and baroque selections, as well as jigs and fiddle tunes to keep the evening lively.

More on The Great Bear Hunt: *Everyone* is needed to make this project a success for Lincoln County and Mescalero. Artist and sponsor deadlines are fast approaching for submission of designs and sponsorship sign-up. Volunteers are needed to serve on committees, and there is a place and need for every kind of talent. Committees are: Publicity and Promotion, Ancillary Products, Auction, Parties, and Installation.

We need everyone from those with good old handyman skills to planners, secretaries, motivators, salesmen, and publicists. Please become a part of this great project. For information or to volunteer, call Frank or Elizabeth Amigo, project Co-Chairs, at 336-7469, or Mary Lea Lane, Arts Coordinator, at 378-4302.

Sweet Home Alabama

Romance and Comedy
Rated PG-13 for some language/sexual references.
In this romantic comedy, New York fashion designer Melanie Carmichael (Reese Witherspoon) suddenly finds herself engaged to the city's most eligible bachelor. But Melanie's past holds many secrets, including Jake (Josh Lucas), the redneck husband she married in high school, who refuses to divorce her. Bound and determined to end their contentious relationship once and for all, Melanie sneaks back home to Alabama to confront her past, only to discover that you can take the girl out of the South, but you can never take the South out of the girl.
Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Fred Ward, Mary Kay Place, Patrick Dempsey, Josh Lucas
Directed by: Andy Tennant
Produced by: Neal H Moritz, Stokely Cheadle
Written by: Douglas Eboch, C. Jay Cox, Andy Tennant, Rick Parks, Andrew Tennant
Showtimes: 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

The Tuxedo

Action/Adventure and Comedy
Rated PG-13 for action violence, sexual content and language.
Cabbie-turned-chauffeur Jimmy Tong (Jackie Chan) learns there is really only one rule when you work for playboy millionaire Clark Devlin (Jason Isaacs): Never touch Devlin's prized tuxedo. But when Devlin is temporarily put out of commission in an explosive "accident," Jimmy can't resist trying on the tux and soon discovers that this extraordinary suit may be more black belt than black tie. Suddenly thrust into a dangerous world of espionage, paired with a rookier partner (Jennifer Love Hewitt) even less experienced than he is, Jimmy becomes an unwitting — if impeccably dressed — secret agent.
Starring: Jackie Chan, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jason Isaacs, Ritchie Coster, Dohi Mazar
Directed by: Kevin Donovan
Produced by: John H. Williams, Adam Schroeder, Brian Gerh
Written by: Philip Hay, Matt Manfredi, Michael Wilson (II), Michael Leeson, Michael Wilson, Phil Hay
Showtimes: Noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

Swiftn

Thriller, 1 hr. 25 min.
Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexual content, disturbing images and language.
Ben Cronin is a high school senior who has just about everything going for him. He has a great girlfriend, Amy, and a swimming scholarship to Stanford in the works. Ben's life seems almost perfect. Then Madison, the alluring new girl in town, develops a crush on Ben, although she says she just wants to be friends. But it seems that Madison has an odd way of defining "friends." As Madison's obsession with Ben grows, his life begins to unravel. First, he is kicked off the swim team for using steroids

that he swears he's never taken. Then, his best friend runs into troubled times and all clues lead to Ben. Finally, Ben is accused of endangering Amy's life and putting her in the hospital. Ben suspects that Madison is behind all of it. With no one on his side, Ben dives into investigating her past and finds some incredibly dark secrets. Convinced that Madison will do anything to ruin his life as well as the lives of those around him, Ben decides to set the record straight.
Starring: Erika Christensen, Jesse Bradford, Shiri Appleby, Dan Hedaya, Clayne Crawford
Directed by: John Polson
Produced by: Joseph M. Caracciolo Jr., Allison Lyon Segan, John Penotti, Joseph Caracciolo
Written by: Philip Schneider, Charles Bohl, Phil Schneider, Charlie Bohl
Showtimes: 2:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

Ballistic Ecks vs. Sever

Action/Adventure, 1 hr. 31 min.
Rated R for strong violence.
Haunted by the mysterious death of his wife, reclusive former FBI manhunter Jeremiah Ecks (Antonio Banderas) is blackmailed back into service to track down an unstoppable ex-DIA operative, code-named Sever (Lucy Liu), who has kidnapped the young son of the head of a secret committee of International security agencies.
Starring: Antonio Banderas, Lucy Liu, Ray Park, Terry Chen, Aidan Drummond
Directed by: Wych "Kaos" Kaosayananda
Produced by: Chris Lee, Elio Samaha, Andrew Stevens
Written by: Alan McElroy, Peter M. Lenkov, Alan B. McElroy
Showtimes: 11:45 a.m., 4 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only



Jesse Bradford and Shiri Appleby in 20th Century Fox's Swiftn



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HOME & FAMILY

LONG and DUKE

A blind Lincoln County rancher and a retired race horse make quite a team, as they drive for a special award from the AQHA.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rancher Jerry Long went 10 years without riding a horse after he went blind and lost a kidney, and now the horse that helped rehabilitate him is a nominee for the MD Barnes Silver Spur Award, given to quarter horses who enrich the life of at least one human being.

About 150 nominees were narrowed down to seven finalists, Long's horse being one of them. Members of the American Quarter Horse Association will vote online at AQHA.com through Oct. 18. Long and his horse, Heza Exclusive Man, an ex-race horse, won second place last year, and Long hopes to take the prize home this year — a \$20,000 gift certificate at MD Barnes & Buildings, a belt buckle and his expenses to the American Quarter Horse Association World Show in Oklahoma City, Okla., mid-November.

Long, who had been riding since he was a child, and led a double life as an educator and a rancher as an adult, quit riding when he went blind.

"The 10-year period when I first became blinded, I did not ride or rope," Long said. "I just stumbled around. Didn't think I could. I missed roping and riding, but didn't think I could."

"A friend of mine — a team roper — the kind of guy that badgers me to death and will hide my cane, anything to aggravate me ... he called me to go to a roping near Austin (Texas), and Glenda, my wife, and I loaded up and went down there. He missed a steer and came back with an excuse."

"I tell him, Look, I'm just an old, fat, bald-headed blind man, but I could do better than that." We kidded around, and a week later he come down and said we're going to practice team roping. He says, 'Look, you been smarting off how good you are; here's some Christmas bells, we'll tie the bells on and see how good you are.' I knew I had to eat crow or mount up, so I mounted up, rode around, holding the horn real tight."

Bells were tied on the steers before they were led into the arena, and Long's buddy "turned" seven steers. Long roped two of them by the feet, rekindling his life-long love affair with horses. After that, he bought a horse, and began working on learning to rope blind, by the sound.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Heza Exclusive Man, left, a 1989 sorrel gelding, and Jerry Long, right, a blind team roper, were named from 150 nominees to be one of seven finalists for the MD Barnes Silver Spur Award, for quarter horses that have enriched the lives of people.

Heza Exclusive Man, or "Duke" for short (named in honor of actor John Wayne's horse, who is similar to Long's), was Long's second horse, and with him, the blind man began accumulating prizes for team roping again.

"This horse has been instrumental in that," Long said. "He's just an extraordinary horse, takes care of a blind man. We use him in the Hearts and Horses program for handicapped kids in wheelchairs, with physical and mental impairments and at-risk kids."

Long had won 20 saddles and numerous prizes before going blind, and since the mid-1990s has won two saddles, 10 belt buckles and other prizes and money.

"I'm quite proud of that," he said. "A blind guy's not supposed to win a nickel. I went from no horses to 10, not counting five donkeys, 20 goats and seven or eight dogs — I don't count them — a barn cat, and eight head of roping steers."

For the past three years, Long has been "instructor, mentor, stumble-bum and gofer" for the Hearts and Horses program, a therapeutic horseback riding program under Region IX's School-based Health Centers, working with at-risk and emotionally disturbed children between 10 and 13 years of age, and with children birth to 3 years of age with developmental delays. The younger group receives speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy while on horses.

"Jerry's experience dealing with the arena of horses as a therapeutic tool with handicapped children and his very personal experience was invaluable to our program," said Celeste Franklin, who oversees Hearts and Horses. "He certainly understood the feelings of inadequacy the kids felt when they were horseback riding and dealing with their handicaps, and Jerry

had first-hand experience with strategies to overcome handicaps... He was a great role model and the kids would think, 'If Jerry can do it, so can I.'"

After the children ride and finish their chores with the horses, they come up to shake his hand, a bit of etiquette he teaches them when he first meets them.

"One of the reasons I may have an impact is because of my impairment," Long said. "Kids that have them, it gives them the idea you face challenges in life and that I've overcome my challenges in my own way and still trying to do it. That's our message: Don't give up. Don't fade away. I have not faded away and don't intend to until they put me in a dark hole."

Although the children see Long as a hero for having overcome his handicaps and gone on to win prizes at team roping, his goal is to encourage them to be heroes to somebody else.

"Your character is determined by how you handle your challenges," he said. "We've got to have heroes. I try to impress upon them that I want them to be a hero to somebody."

Duke and Long were the subject of a segment of "America's Horse" on Outdoor Network last February after he and K.C. Jones gave a team-roping demonstration at last year's Silver Spur Award event, the first demonstration given at a time when horses usually are paraded around. This event was videotaped.

"I roped the first (steer), roped the second and my chest was filling up," Long said. "I roped the third steer and I'm 10-foot tall and bullet-proof. I roped the fourth steer and I'm elated."

That show has been rerun a couple of times and Long and Duke have been written up in magazines and newspapers since.

"I tell him, 'look, I'm just an old, fat bald-headed blind man, but I could do better than that.'"

Jerry Long
team roper

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRABBOOK

SEPT. 28, 1962

Big rally of Democrats

The greatest rally of Lincoln County Democrats in many years was the net result of a well-planned campaign to turn out the voters and the candidates for a dinner Friday evening ... at the Chaparral Hotel and Club. More than 400 persons were on hand to hear brief, but enthusiastic, talks by state candidates on the Demo ticket.

Governor aspirant Jack M. Campbell said he fears New Mexico is lagging behind its neighbors in growth...

SEPT. 29, 1972

RHS principal busy

Tom Hansen has a busy schedule as the new principal of Ruidoso High School. His duties include organization of classes for 525 students and 25 teachers, plus the supervision of their many organizations and activities.

Hansen moved to Ruidoso from Grants with his wife, Beth, and three children... He was principal of Webster Junior High in Grants for the past two years.

He received his bachelor's degree from ENMU, his master's degree from NMSU and has done additional work at UNM.

SEPT. 30, 1982

Motorcyclists arriving...

More than 500 of them putted, purred and roared into Ruidoso on Gold Wings, Harleys, dirt bikes and trikes yesterday to buy, sell, show off and wag jawbones at the First Annual Ruidoso Motorcycle Festival.

"It's great! Beyond our expectations for the first day," said Connie Brown of the Ruidoso Business Association, which is sponsoring the event.

Around 2,500 motorcyclists were originally predicted to arrive by the weekend. Bad weather at another motorcycle rally in Durango, Colo., might send additional cyclists here, swelling the attendance...

OCT. 1, 1992

Shriners host potentate

Ruidoso Shrine Club will host the New Mexico Ballut Abyad Temple Potentate this weekend.

Potentate Jack McCullum, along with his Divan, will participate in the Aspenfest Parade this Saturday.

The Potentate will be accompanied by 26 couples from Albuquerque for his annual visitation to the Ruidoso Shrine Club. J. Lynn Starr is local club president.

Pods, colonies, schools and other animal stuff

When speaking of two or more creatures do you know the correct name? You probably have heard of "peas in a pod." What animal group is called a pod? For your next gathering the following topics can provide games and quizzes based on the world of animals. Or perhaps you will be called to participate in a television game show and knowing that a group of seals is a "pod," you may win what's behind Door Number One. Your winnings may be basket of kittens.

Animal groups: sheep (flock); bees (swarm); ants (colony); porpoises (school); fish (school); whales (gam); cattle (herd, drove); seals (pod); lions (pride). *Extra credit: He is a ...*

If you know your animals and their

animals? Lion (lioness); ram (ewe); stallion (mare); gander (goose); drake (duck); tiger (tigress); stag (hind); bull (cow); buck (doe); dog (bitch); boar (sow); fox (vixen); billygoat (nannygoat). Easy as pie?

Animals homes: dogs (kennel); chickens (coop); sheep (fold); pigs (sty); lions (lair); bees (hive); beavers (lodge); pigeons (dovecote); cows (barn); rabbits (hutch, warren, burrow). This far the rancher/farmer types are hanging in. The city dudes are not doing bad.

Even a preschooler will know the following names for animal babies: lion (cub); duck (duckling); horse (foal); hog (piglet); bear (cub); sheep (lamb); seal (pup); bear (cub); cow (calf); goat (kid); fox (cub). I just learned that a swan's baby is a cygnet. I thought a bird's offspring was a baby bird. It is a nestling. And a bull's little guy is a bullock.

Carrizozo artist Darcy Holmes loaned Carrizozo art students (K-5 grade) three books on animal art in anticipation of "Carrizozooc," an animal festival on Oct. 19. With the books, students learned how artists see animals in art — paintings, watercolors, drawings, photographs, and works of sculpture. In "The Dog in Art from Rococo to Post-Modernism" by art historian Robert Rosenblum, dogs are in the lower in this most popular series of animal art.

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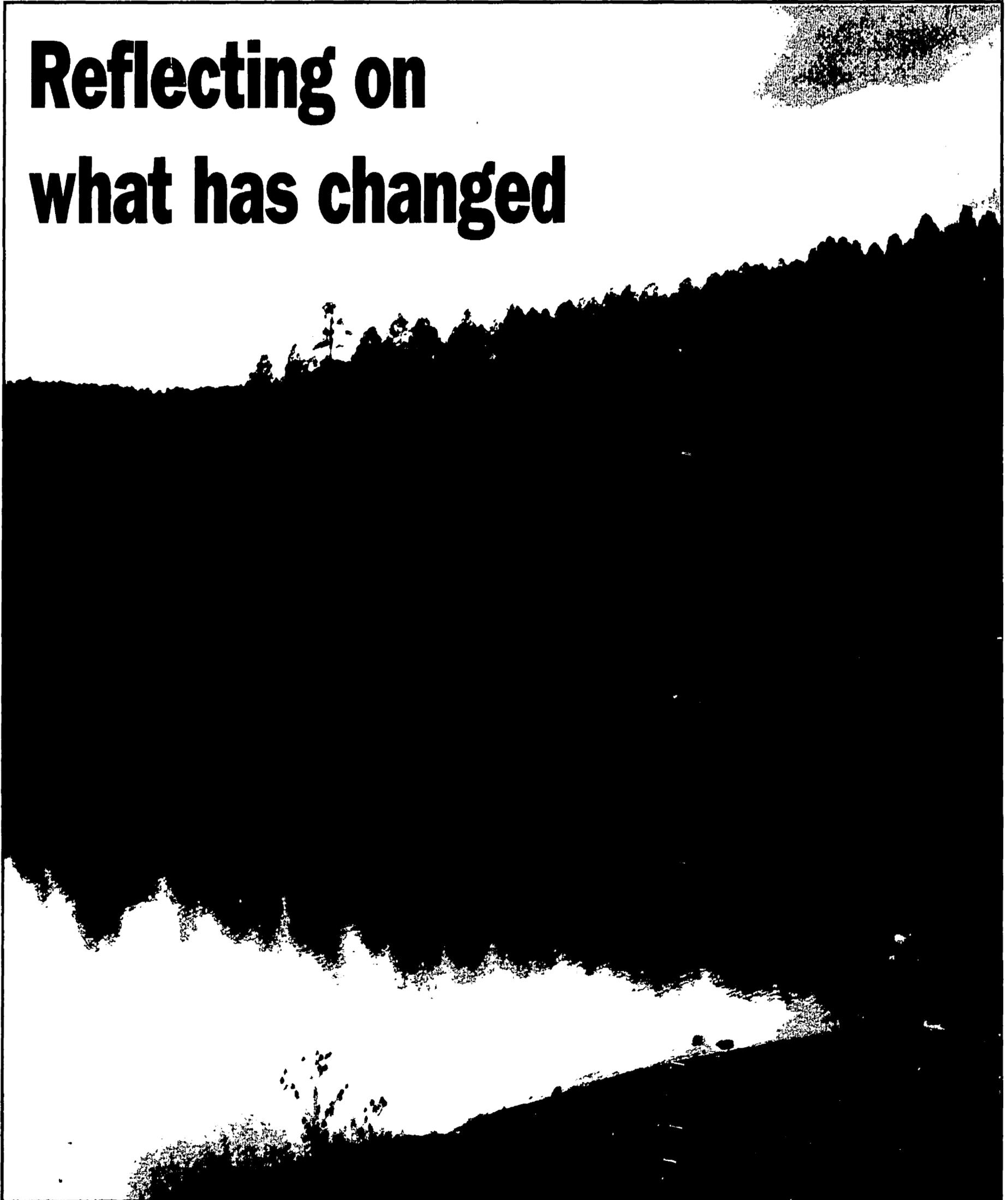
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Learning from the past

In April we brought you an overview of a number of hot topics around Ruidoso and Lincoln County. Now, five months later, we look to see what developments have been made in forest health, water supply, growth and the ever-expanding arts scene.

This spring's Kokopelli Fire forced village officials to look long and hard at what needs to be done to make Ruidoso safer from wildfires. As a result, the village council passed four forest health ordinances, defining and requiring defensible space around homes and businesses.

Late summer rains may have helped local water supplies, but the fact remains that all of New Mexico is in a drought. Both the village and the county are striving to buy more water rights while encouraging water-saving measures. Everything from leaky lines to thirsty plants have been targeted.

Meanwhile, areas around the county continue to grow. While this growth may be necessary, local governments are aiming to keep developers in check on everything from roads to water. Responsibility is becoming an emphasis.

And what about arts and entertainment? Galleries seem to be multiplying in local villages and area arts groups continue to come with exciting new projects.

We'll explore all these issues in the next few pages and, hopefully, learn something about where this area is headed, and where it's been.

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The water level is down, but Grindstone Reservoir is doing all right thanks to summer rains and several tree-thinning projects last year. (Photo by Dianne Stallings)

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Forest laws a step forward

by Dianne Stallings • Ruidoso News staff writer

Over the past six months, officials in Ruidoso took dramatic steps toward reducing the danger from forest wildfire.

While many applaud the effort as forward thinking, others contend new laws enacted contain some giant flaws that need to be tempered with moderation.

While that debate continues, village urban forester Rick Delaco, the staff of the state Forestry Division and personnel with the U.S. Forest Service charge ahead with on-ground work to help public and private land owners identify trees that are unhealthy, dangerous or otherwise need to be removed to reduce the amount of fuel for fire around and inside the village.

Tuesday, the village council awarded a \$71,925 contract to Ruben Reyes, a local contractor, to cut and hand pile trees on 137 acres owned by Ruidoso along Eagle Creek.

Private land owners eager to take advantage of cost-sharing programs to reduce the number of trees on their land are signing up on a waiting list. The programs are fueled by federal dollars, awarded through the state and then administered by the village or Lincoln County. Forestry division officials help with the choices of trees to be removed.

At the same time, staff with the Smokey Bear District of the Lincoln National Forest continue an operation started several years ago to create a buffer around the village within which fire fuel is reduced. The work is aimed at creating a break in the national forest from a wildfire that might sweep toward populated areas.

But the step resulting in the most impact was the adoption by the village council of four new laws that set fire resistant construction standards, landscaping standards and establish forest health and fire danger reduction requirements.

The action was based on recommendations from a forest health task force created by the direction of Mayor Leon Eggleston. The council increased the fee for collection of yard debris from \$3.50 to \$5 per month to pay for more trucks and staff to collect yard waste. A bid was approved Tuesday for a third truck and a search is on for a fourth. On a suggestion by Councilor L. Ray

Nunley, Solid Waste director Leonard Corona also is looking at possibly leasing trucks in the interim to speed up collection of the debris piled by lot owners along the street.

Delaco said over the next year, a concentrated and synchronized public awareness campaign will be launched to encourage voluntary compliance and a better understanding among lot owners. He has compiled a handout when residents come into the office to help guide them about what is required versus what is recommended and why. The number of calls from property owners asking for information is on the increase, he said.

Some may be hesitant but after they see the results of the assessment of the condition of their lot and what needs to be done, they usually are enthusiastic, Delaco said.

Landscaping standards allow flexibility and trade-offs and do not mandate blanket clearing of 30 feet around a house, which seems to be a common misconception, he said.

The attack is two-pronged, he said. A buffer around populated areas is needed, but that occurs mostly on public land, and then defensible space around individual houses will help control spot fires. The elimination of "ladder" fuels – such as low limbs, high grass, piles of pine needles on the ground – could keep fires from reaching the top of trees and growing into a much tougher type and faster moving blaze to combat.

While much of the thinning effort is concentrated on reducing the fire hazard, a by-product of the work is expected to decrease the demand on the underground water supply by eliminating water guzzling trees and shrubs. On some treated property, long-dry springs have returned after a significant number of trees were eliminated.



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

There are fewer trees reflected in the water of Grindstone Lake since thinning work was done there in 2001. Here, Scott Lynskey and his daughter, Morgan, take the afternoon to relax and maybe catch a few fish.

While Ben Mason, one of the directors of the Ruidoso River Association and an engineer, agrees the construction and fuel management standards have value, he contends the major focus should be in the national forest and undeveloped land around populated areas, and that too much power is placed in the hands of the unelected code official.

The forest ordinances are too complicated and

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Grow with the water flow

by Sandy Suggitt • Ruidoso News staff writer

Water and fire continue to be the issues underlying discussions and debates over how much and how fast Ruidoso and the surrounding communities can or will grow, how much growth is desirable and how to plan for it.

In the late 1980s, a comprehensive plan was developed out of a visioning process involving many from the community, with goals and objectives put forth. Now the village of Ruidoso has a chance to update that plan, thanks to a Community Development Block Grant.

"This will give us a chance to decide as a community what we want to do and be and what kind of place to live in we are going to have in the future," said Mike Runnels, Planning and Zoning Department director for the village.

"This will give us a chance to look at transportation needs, our water and sewer system, where we go with land use and development, what direction we move in terms of economic development and diversification."

Glen Barrow, volunteer chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission and of the county's Extraterritorial Zone, said this plan is the most important basis for all decisions related to growth, and that considerable work went into the original visioning process that should be used and updated. He thinks a new survey would be appropriate to find out "Who do we want to be when we grow up?"

Barrow lauds the efforts made to thin trees in and around the village, seeing it as one of the most important actions to restore the watershed and aquifer and prevent forest fires, and Runnels points out that the success of recently passed fire

ordinances is evidenced in the piles of yard waste and pine needles waiting to be picked up.

"People have been thinning and raking pine needles faster than we can haul them off," he said. "There's been a huge increase in public response and awareness to the fire danger. And we got through this fire season, thank God, and I think we have the tools to help us get through the next one and the ones to come."

Runnels considers the fire mitigation ordinances developed by the Forest Task Force as among the strongest, most effective and user-friendly in the country — requiring extensive consultation with property owners.

About 40 percent of the perimeter of the village has been thinned during the last several years, he said, and the ordinances fill in the gap between that thinning and what needs to be done inside the village.

"The outside thinning creates buffer zones, intended to bring a fire out of the tops of the trees and down to the ground," Runnels said. "The object of our ordinances would be to keep those ground fires from spreading to structures, and to slow them down enough so they become manageable."

This is only a beginning of an ongoing process, though, and Barrow sees Ruidoso as at 1 1/2 on a

scale of 1 to 10, in a 15-20 year process, or an endless one, since a lot of trees will grow back in 20 years.

Population density and water availability issues were raised recently when Larry Grasnick, head of the Water Department, concluded from his calculations that the village may not have enough water to develop multifamily-zoned areas of the village. The Planning and Zoning Commission asked the Planning Department to come up with a list of multifamily vacant lots in Ruidoso and calculate how many units there would be if they were all developed, to determine if there would be enough water, Runnels said.

"They're beginning to look at the issue of density of building and water availability. The bottom line is you can't do serious planning in a community like Ruidoso unless you know what your water budget is — how much water do you have, how do you supplement surface water with ground water.

"I think this is going to be an increasingly important issue, and one that's going to affect not only Ruidoso but everybody downstream from us and everybody else in the state," Runnels said.

Representatives of a Houston-based develop-

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designed more for an area such as Malibu, Calif., he said, citing a reference to earthquakes.

He also pointed out that while village officials say the code will be phased in, that's not what the code says and, "All of us are already subject to penalty."

Mason contends that to have property in a "wildfire hazard overlay district" will decrease its value for resale and may increase insurance rates.

An individual lot owner can do little to save a house if a wildfire is traveling fast enough in an untreated forest around the neighborhood, he said, adding, "Our ordinance controls trees and forgets the forest — the only place where a wildfire can be suppressed."

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Officials float water ideas

by Dianne Stallings • Ruidoso News staff writer



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Ruidoso water department technician Eric Lopez looks downstream at the new automated diversion gate being installed on the Rio Ruidoso. When the water flow is high enough, the gate will allow some of the water to go into Grindstone Reservoir.

The message has reached the Lincoln County Commission.

Members may not want to see zoning enacted in the county, but they are realizing that some type of tighter control must be wielded to ensure that development is paced with water supply. Promises of economic development mean little if a four-year drought continues for 10 more years, the underground aquifer is drained and more streams stop flowing.

Most of the villages in the county moved forward in the last seven years to ensure a more secure water supply by buying up water rights, plugging leaking lines and adding wells and stor-

age tanks. Capitan and Ruidoso try to limit new water taps to within their boundaries as a conservation measure.

The Ruidoso Village Council receives an update on storage levels and well functions at each meeting. A limitation on lawn irrigation remained in effect all summer and was left in place this fall as a way of allowing wells to recharge and to increase storage.

After seeing levels in Grindstone Reservoir decline, the council last year decided to increase the water storage to maximum capacity. When rains

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GROWTH: Development needs to keep water, forest in mind

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ment firm were scheduled to make a proposal for a theme park in August called America's Christmas Village, but canceled when they learned some village councilors would not be attending the special council meeting. The company toured land in the Extraterritorial Zone on Moon Mountain, between Paradise Canyon Road and Gavilan Canyon Road outside the village boundaries, with the state Public Lands Commissioner, Ray Powell, who said the firm was in the exploratory stages only.

Barrow pointed to the fact that the village is still on water restrictions, and water is the most important issue. But the whole infrastructure needs to be looked at objectively "before the village decides to grow to that scale," he said. "My opinion is, we need to be conservative in our approach to growth. They don't make any more of these mountains and I don't think we ought to just give it away easily."

Runnels said it would be helpful if the firm would come to Ruidoso and have an open meeting so people wouldn't be "running on the basis of rumor and supposition. It could be a very serious project or something else, but right now I don't think anyone really knows what they're plan-

ning or how serious they are."

Runnels said the village would not annex the land unless those involved bring water rights to the village — with liquid water attached — so they wouldn't use more water than they're bringing in.

"I think that's a smart policy for the village to maintain," he said. "If we have serious questions about water supply now, we don't need to make it worse by adding more territory to the village without water."

Runnels pointed out previously that Lincoln County is the second fastest-growing county in the state, with most of the growth in the Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs area. Growth is expected to continue to increase, and that means increased traffic and parking, a need for increased police and fire protection and affordable housing. Water is a big part of the equa-

tion for growth, and Runnels said he thinks the villages needs to pursue an aggressive policy toward acquiring more water for the village.

"We need to pursue a regional approach," he said, "not only this

basin, but water outside the basin and finding what we need, to make sure we've got the kind of future we want."

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WATER: County, villages look to protect and restore aquifers

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were late arriving this year, they called on that source to supplement wells at North Fork that were over-taxed.

A few years ago, councilors struck an agreement with the Ruidoso River Association to divert water to the reservoir at times of high flow in the river. An automated "gate" now responds to those higher flows, allowing water to flow into Grindstone immediately, instead of waiting for someone to come to the site, check the flow and open the gate.

The village-owned Alto Lake Reservoir is not as lucky. The lake depends on water from Eagle Creek, which has not flowed for two years.

Residents downstream contend that the village's North Fork wells suck up much of the water that normally would end up running in that stream.

Massive tree reduction efforts in Ruidoso and in the Lincoln National Forest not only will reduce the hazard from wildfire, but also may foster a faster recharge of underground water supplies by decreasing the drain from vegetation. In the same approach, Sally Canning heads a countywide program to remove invasive, water hungry plants and noxious weeds.

County Manager Tom Stewart said one of the county's most significant steps was to join with the U.S. Geological Survey in a \$200,000 long-range project to investigate water resources. The county is paying \$130,000 and the USGS, \$70,000.

The USGS staff is attempting to map the aquifer of the county, not using old studies, but by developing an on-ground working model.

"The objective is to provide planners with a compilation of hydrologic data on the Rio Ruidoso and the Rio Bonito basins, to map the current water table configuration and to

list data gaps that need to be filled to facilitate a future ground water flow model," Stewart said.

The county also is serving as fiscal agent through an agreement with the state Environment

Department for the Upper Hondo Watershed Restoration project headed by Dick Wisner, who also is executive director of the Ruidoso River Association.

Projects include writing a watershed action strategy restoration plan that tackles everything that is wrong with the watershed and what needs to be done, Wisner said.

Four tree-thinning projects are underway,

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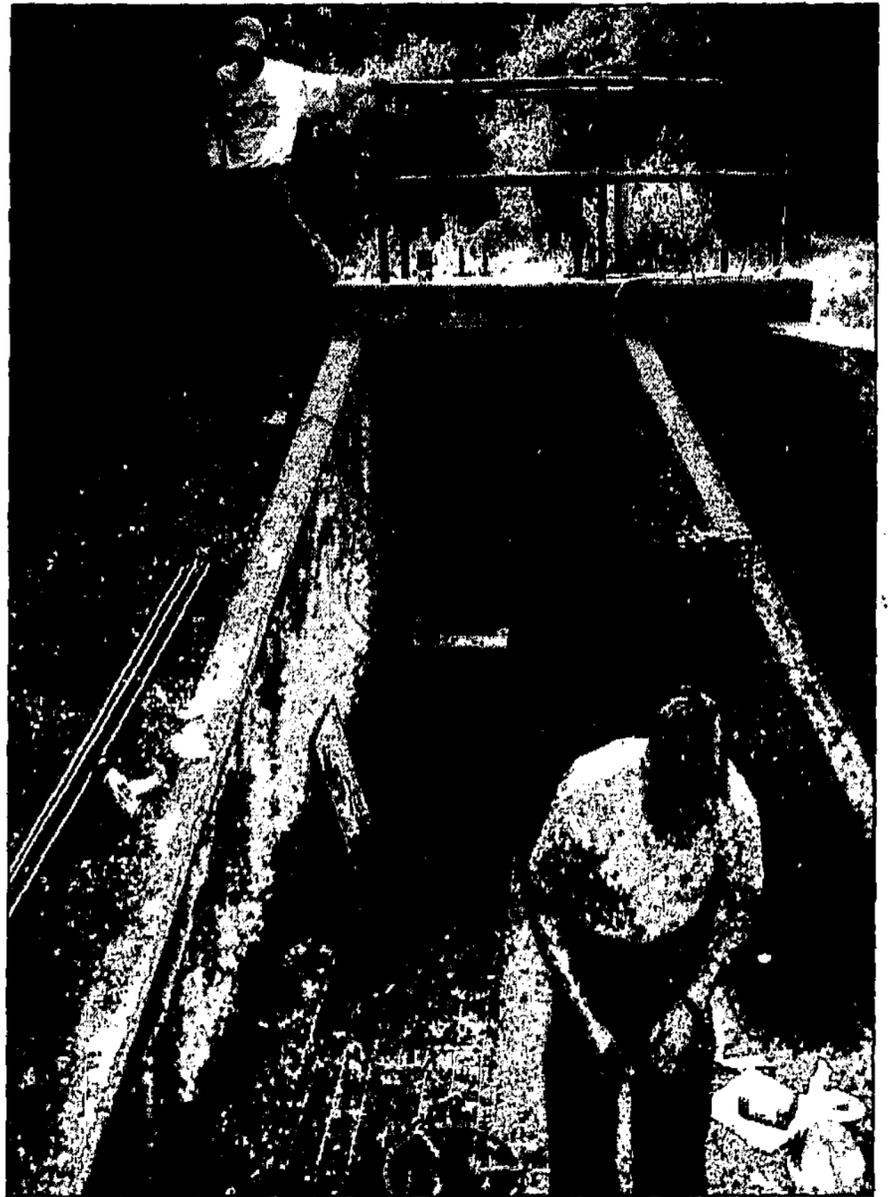
Tom Stewart
county manager

in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, which focus on water quality. The group also is partnering with the Bureau of Land Management on removal of salt cedar along the Rio Bonito.

Stewart tracks applications to the state Engineer's Office for transfers of water rights, alerting the public and commissioners to any significant impacts, such as a recent request from a land owner to sell water outside the local basin.

While all those positive steps are under way, county commissioners are wrestling with what to do when the next big project is dropped on their desks.

They could do little but depend on the state Engineer for review of water issues with the last two massive residential subdivisions that were approved.



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Robert Hulsman, front, and Steve Baros work on the automatic diversion gate on the Rio Ruidoso.

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Arts abundant in county

by Sandy Suggitt • Ruidoso News staff writer

Carrizozo is buzzing with activity and energy — much of it related to the arts, but inspiring the whole community to throw together exciting events and celebrations.

In May, Zozo Gallery opened on 12th Street — which now bears the sign "Gallery Row" — displaying an eclectic show of regional artists in the upstairs gallery and select artists in the larger, downstairs gallery. The rest of the town put on a big Cinco de Mayo party, with artists in the streets, mariachis performing all over, and a parade that included "Carmelita," an 11-foot papier mache piñata.

Carrizozo StreetFair on Labor Day weekend was already a tradition, but it expanded this year, and now the town is planning CarriZooZoo, a Festival of Animals, with a "Blessing of Animals" Oct. 19 and a Pet Parade, barrel-racing border collies, zoo exhibits from Albuquerque and Roswell — to name a few of the events planned.

"This year we have a new energy, energized people who want to do something different and get everybody involved," said Cynthia Culbertson, vice president of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce. "In local galleries we now have artists represented from England and New York City, not just local New Mexico."

Gary Eklund, owner of Zozo Galleries, is planning a three-gallery art show with Cibola Art Gallery from Mountainair and Fourth World Cottage Industries from Santa Fe setting up their galleries in his on 12th Street. Eklund has had openings just about nonstop since opening in May.

Expected to open by Christmas is PizzaZozo, pizza, pasta, spaghetti — and an art gallery — and the town is planning to have "concerts on the green" Friday nights during the summer.

In Ruidoso town, the high school fine arts theater is nearing completion. The \$2.5 million, 8,500-square-foot theater addition to the fine arts building was funded from a 1996 bond issue and a \$1.2 million capital outlay allocation, and is about 85 percent complete. Superintendent of Schools Mike Gladden announced at the September school board meeting that 1,232 of the acres of land it sits on, which belongs to the Forest Service, will be purchased for \$10 an acre

under the educational Land Grant Act, although the appraised price of the land in the 1980s was \$32,000.

Construction of the 350-seat theater is scheduled to be finished at the end of October, Gladden said, and then the seats will go in. It probably won't be ready for a production until the second semester of school, however, and the fee structure and scheduling are yet to be determined.

Meanwhile, the Ruidoso Arts Commission has been busy implementing several programs new this year: The Arts in Public Places program has expanded and is now regularly hosting art openings at the Ruidoso Public Library, Ruidoso Village Hall and the Ruidoso Senior Center, and occasionally the Ruidoso Convention Center, the second Friday of each month. The first Friday has seen the new Art After Hours Gallery Walks, which commission president Ed Spurr said have been successful, although not without a few glitches.

In May, three sculptures were installed along Sudderth Drive that will come down in October — a giant armadillo by Stephanie Huff, a metal sculpture in the triangle next to Allsup's at 311 Sudderth Drive; and a rock-hieroglyph sculpture by Lay Powell and one by D'Jean Jawrunner of Tucumcari in the triangle between the hospital and Allsup's. New installations will go in next May.

The StreetPlayers Festival in Midtown in July was a success, with Mary Maxson's giant puppets and bands, solo musicians, dancers, working artists and face painters peopling the streets. Spurr said he would like to see these Saturday galas more often during the summer.

Meanwhile, The Great Bear Hunt, conceived as a means of financing a cultural arts center for Ruidoso, continues to seek sponsors and artists for the life-size bears in a project similar to the Painted Ponies project in other New Mexican cities.

"One of the impetuses for The Great Bear project is to raise funds for conversion of the Eagle Drive fire station, hoping it will be made into a fine arts center when Ruidoso gets a new fire station," Spurr said. "We think it would be a great starting point for a river trail."

Arts coordinator Mary Lea Lane

and the Great Bear Committee are seeking group sponsorships for the bears designed by Jim Mauritsen and Anacleto Loya, whereby three to five businesses or individuals interested in supporting the arts could combine their resources to sponsor a bear to be placed around the area next spring and auctioned off in the fall.

Ardis Hood's "biker bear" B'ar Lee Davidson was exhibited outside the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for two weeks and then raffled off at the end of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally — and the winner was Jim Griswold of Snyder, Texas.

Besides sponsorships, volunteers are needed to serve on several committees. For information or to volunteer, call Frank or Elizabeth Amigo, project co-chairs at 336-7469 or Lane at 378-4302.

In addition, the Arts Commission sponsored six concerts-in-the-park in three Ruidoso parks throughout the



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Ardis Hood's "B'ar Lee Davidson" was the first project in the Great Bear Hunt.

year and plans to continue them next spring and summer.

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- Learn how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at main switches.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, police, and fire.
- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).
- Teach children how to make long distance telephone calls.
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Escape Plan

In a fire or other emergency, you may need to evacuate your house, apartment, or mobile home on a moment's notice. You should be ready to get out fast.

Develop an escape plan by drawing a floor plan of your residence. Using a black or blue pen, show the location of doors, windows, stairways, and large furniture. Indicate the location of emergency supplies (Disaster Supplies Kit), fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, collapsible ladders, first aid kits, and utility shut off points. Next, use a colored pen to draw a broken line charting at least two escape routes from each room. Finally, mark a place outside of the home where household members should meet in case of fire. Be sure to include important points outside, such as garages, patios, stairways, elevators, driveways, and porches. If your home has more than two floors, use an additional sheet of paper. Practice emergency evacuation drills with all household members at least two times each year.

Home Hazard Hunt

- In a disaster, ordinary items in the home can cause injury and damage. Anything that can move, fall, break, or cause a fire is a potential hazard.
- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections.
- Fasten shelves securely.
- Place large, heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Hang pictures and mirrors away from beds.
- Brace overhead light fixtures.

- Secure water heater. Strap to wall studs.
- Repair cracks in ceilings or foundations.
- Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products away from heat sources.
- Place oily polishing rags or waste in covered metal cans.
- Clean and repair chimneys, flue pipes, vent connectors, and gas vents.

If You Need to Evacuate...

- Listen to a battery-powered radio for the location of emergency shelters.
- Follow instructions of local officials.
- Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Take your Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Lock your home.
- Use travel routes specified by local officials.

If you are sure you have time...

- Shut off water, gas, and electricity, if instructed to do so.
- Let others know when you left and where you are going.
- Make arrangements for pets. Animals are not be allowed in public shelters.

Prepare an Emergency Car Kit Include:

- Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Blanket
- Booster cables
- Fire extinguisher (5 lb., A-B-C-type)
- First aid kit and manual
- Bottled water and non-perishable high energy foods, such as granola bars, raisins and peanut butter.
- Maps
- Shovel
- Tire repair kit and pump
- Flares

Fire Safety

- Plan two escape routes out of each room.
- Teach family members to stay low to the ground when escaping from a fire.
- Teach family members never to open doors that are hot. In a fire, feel the bottom of the door with the palm of your hand. If it is hot, do not open the door. Find another way out.
- Install smoke detectors. Clean and test smoke detectors once a month.
- Change batteries at least once a year.
- Keep a whistle in each bedroom to awaken household members in case of fire.
- Check electrical outlets. Do not overload outlets.
- Purchase a fire extinguisher (5 lb., A-B-C type).
- Have a collapsible ladder on each upper floor of your house.
- Consider installing home sprinklers.



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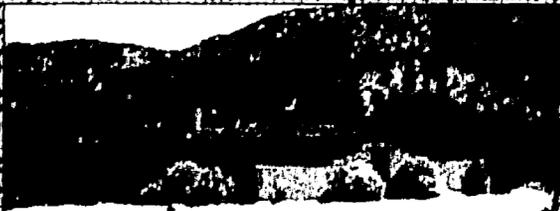
EXCEPTIONAL RIVER FRONT HOME

Breathtaking views from this open concept home on the Rio Bonita. Wood flooring, stucco exterior. 5 acres w/ approx. 550 ft. of stunning river frontage. Very appealing. A must see! **\$399,500 #96206**



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Luxurious custom features throughout. Retain acreage for lush green space or subdivide. Multi-use potential. Full membership. Horses allowed. Unique, charming & private! **\$990,000 #96055**



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Situated on a beautifully wooded lot which has a circular drive. Level access. Nice plan and wonderful back patio for entertaining. Living room and family room each have fireplaces. Wet bar too. Great price for Alto. \$210,000 #97251



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Is this full golf beauty? Furnished, wood windows, wet bar, living and family room. Small office too. Great plan and spectacular setting! \$369,500 #97058



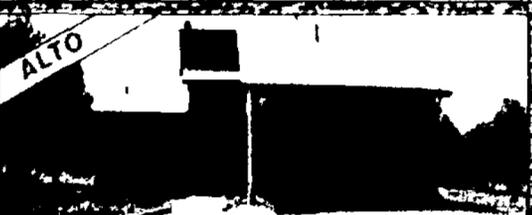
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Nicely furnished home with soft Sierra Blanca view. Great open concept. 2 fireplaces. Super his and hers master bath and large master suite with a fabulous sitting area. A house to fall in love with... many extras! Beautiful, secluded lot. \$339,000 #97052



CLASSY ALTO HOME WITH FULL GOLF

Light and airy stucco surrounded by tall pines. Great master suite. Excellent plan. This well kept home will be your perfect choice for luxurious Alto living. An all around winner at a great price. \$249,900 #94537



4 BR. ALTO HOME WITH FULL GOLF!

This attractive home with beautiful living area and great floor plan is astonishingly well priced. Wonderful great room with vaulted ceilings. Under \$190,000 w full golf! \$189,500 #95245



ALTO HOME W/ SIERRA BLANCA VIEW UNDER \$250K!

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This 3 br, 3 bath home has beautiful wood floors and a luxurious master suite w/ study-office. Two fireplaces punctuate the cozy atmosphere. Very open and light. Most desirable. Metal roof, garage and wonderful decks. \$265,000 #97653



GREAT 4 BR. WITH GREEN SPACE UNDER \$190,000!

A serene location in the heart of town is the perfect setting for this wonderful home. Nice views. Tucked away for privacy but so convenient. Great plan. \$189,900 #95594



PRIME RIO RUIDOSO RIVER - "UPPER CANYON" LOCATION

Main house - 3 br, 2 baths. Guest house - 1 br w/ loft and 1 bath. Carport. Fabulous lot w/ great view of the river! Charming setting. Furnished too. \$420,000 #97483



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This attractive, fully furnished home is located on a beautiful lot. Perfect plan and very well maintained. Quality features throughout. \$289,500 #97386



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This 2 bedroom cabin is newly carpeted and located close to mid-town. This one-level beauty is just a short walk from great downtown shopping and dining. \$73,900 #97886



4 BR. HOME NEAR NATIONAL FOREST

This partially furnished home has attractive wood accents. Passive solar feature is great! Nice views, too, and a hot tub room you'll really enjoy. Location near national forest is a real bonus. \$149,900 #97291



SPACIOUS HOME ON CEDAR CREEK

The view is the thing! 2.26 acres on Cedar Creek. Spectacular setting. Nice, large home with game room, garage, 2 fireplaces and great decks. Home comes fully furnished too. Secluded feel with tall pines and creek frontage. So nice! \$210,000 #97056



BIG VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA AND THE LINKS GOLF COURSE!

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