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## Williams sentenced for reduced charges

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In a negotiated agreement, former Capitan police officer Johnny Williams' previous no-contest plea to two felonies and one misdemeanor was dropped to one 4th-degree felony Friday.

He was found guilty by District Judge Karen Parsons of attempted bribery of a witness and will spend 364 days in the county detention center and then be under supervised probation for another six months.

Williams will receive credit for time served, about five months, since his arrest, but no good time, "because he needs to serve the full year," the judge

said. She allowed work release based on the judgment of the jail administrator, but warned she will have "zero tolerance" if he commits any violation of the sentencing terms.

The former officer, who filled in as Capitan police chief while Carrol Durbin ran unsuccessfully for Capitan municipal judge, was arrested March 6 and jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 cash-only bond after trying to bribe a victim, Amy Armstrong, to drop her criminal, Adam Rafkin had filed a motion to revisit the original plea because he contended his client was not sufficiently informed. District Attorney Scot Key said the state was inclined to accept the new plea to spare the victim another possible trial.

"We felt the court's original sentence to be proper," he said. "We are not conceding any of the defendant's points in the motion. But even if we won, it would go to the appeals court. If they would, we'd have to retry it again."

**"I don't feel this woman was victimized anywhere near what she claims."**

Adam Rafkin  
attorney

One year in county jail seems an appropriate sentence under the circumstances and with additional information received by the state, he said.

Rafkin told the judge that he was informed a civil lawsuit filed by Armstrong against Williams, the village of Capitan and Lincoln County was settled in U.S. Magistrate Court in Albuquerque Thursday for \$92,500. He argued that amount of money in a settlement should relieve Williams of any requirement for restitution to the victim.

No record was filed in federal district court records Monday.

The attorney said a tape recording

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■ The former Capitan police officer will serve just less than a year at the county detention center.

## Septic dumper pays fine, put on 90-day probation

Magistrate judge orders punishment for Van Winkle

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The owner of a septic pumping service and recreational vehicle park paid a \$300 fine and was placed on unsupervised probation for 90 days after pleading no contest to illegal dumping of septic waste.

John Van Winkle was assessed the maximum fine Friday by Carrizozo Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor, according to a court spokesman.

Tuesday, Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez, County Manager Tom Stewart, County Attorney Alan Morel, commissioner-elect Earl Hobbs, state Environment Department geologist Kurt Vollbrecht with the ground water pollution prevention section, local ED representative Jack King, Commissioner Rick Simpson, resident Kenneth Nosker and Van Winkle visited the site in Glencoe.

State Sen. Tim Jennings requested the on-

site visit to satisfy himself that the waste was properly treated and covered, and that no future pollution would occur, Martinez said.

"The state people were satisfied with the cleanup, but I wanted to see the thing myself and report back to Tim," Martinez said. "The state said it's fine and who am I to disagree with that assessment? They said the combination of lye, ultraviolet light and covering would take care of it. They assured us the matter never reached the river and the ground water level was too deep for it to have percolated to that depth.

"I also didn't smell anything."

Glencoe resident Ralph Romero heard about the illegal dumping from people in Hondo Valley during his campaign for the county commission. Although he didn't win that election, Romero continued to push for the attention from state environment officials.

The item is on the commission agenda for discussion at the Thursday meeting in Carrizozo.

### TRIMMING THE TREE



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Troy Parker, Texas-New Mexico Power, gathers a string of blue lights to wind around a 65-foot tree in the company's side yard off Mechem Drive. Following a patriotic theme, Parker and Keith Moore hung 50 strands of blue lights to compliment a red star on top and a trunk wrapped in white lights.

## Mescalero boy to sing with Navajo artist



COURTESY THE APACHITOS

Cody Apachito, 4, poses at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque in April with recording artist Radmilla Cody

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Cody Apachito, a 4-year-old from Mescalero, will sing with recording artist and 1997-98 Miss Navajo Nation Radmilla Cody Dec. 21 at a concert in Window Rock, Ariz., and appear on a television show.

Cody attends Head Start in Mescalero and is learning the Navajo traditions, culture and language from his father, Mark Apachito, and the Mescalero traditions, culture and language from his mother, Aranelle Klinekole Apachito, and her mother.

"I'm teaching him to sing, raising him to be a Navajo Nation or Mescalero Nation president, to be out there," the boy's father said.

Radmilla Cody helped open the Native American Music Awards show in October 2001 in Albuquerque with her version of "The Star Spangled Banner" in Navajo, part of the tribute to the United States and the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. She has produced two CDs of traditional Navajo music, "Tribute to the Navajos" and "Seed of Life."

"We named him after her because of what she did for her people," Mark Apachito said.

## Annual bird count set for Saturday morning

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Think of a cold winter morning and climbing out of bed before dawn. Then imagine joining a couple of dozen other people willing to do the same thing, ready to tramp the countryside, binoculars in hand, counting birds.

If that scenario sounds good, contact members of the Lincoln County Bird Club and sign up for the 103rd Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Saturday.

An organization meeting is set for 10 a.m. Thursday at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station on Mechem Drive.

Anita Powell, who established the local bird club eight years ago, said she spent about 15 years doing counts when she lived in New York.

"Now that's cold," she said. Compared to those conditions, an Alto winter morning is easy.

The local group has partici-

pated in the Christmas bird count every year since its formation, she said.

"It's kind of a challenge to see if we can come up with a new species we didn't have the year before," Powell said. "We have a lunch every time and we all enjoy that."

Each observation group needs list compilers, drivers and bird identifiers to help cover as much of the 177-

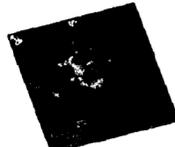
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Ashley Brillante will be part of a New Year's parade.

# Ruidoso cheerleader ready for London trip

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ashley Brillante will go to London to cheer in the New Year's Parade in Piccadilly Square — which will also be televised by NBC.

Brillante was one of three who made All Stars at camp two summers ago, but the Sept. 11 tragedy canceled her trip to London, said sponsor Rebecca Durham. The top four from each squad tried out again this past summer, and about 10 percent of the about 600 cheerleaders from around the country were chosen for All Stars.

Besides Brillante, Sarah Wirth made All Stars for the second year in a row, and Stephanie Leland made All Stars for the first time.

Wirth and Leland chose to participate in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City instead, Durham said.

Brillante will be in London from Dec. 26 until Jan. 2, 2003, and will be accompanied by her mother, she said.

The Ruidoso cheerleading squad got a bid last week at regionals to compete in the nationals in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 7, in the medium varsity division, Durham said.

# Christian school set to close new day care

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Christian School's new daycare facility will close as of Friday — after a Nov. 1 change in administrators and in the policy of offering schooling for students through grade 6.

"It didn't work out due to (state) regulations," said Connie Behringer, school board president. "We were going to have to put in windows and a lot of things that we were not willing to do at this point. We didn't realize we would have to do that when we made the decision. We had thought our facilities were adequate and found out they were not."

At the time of the change from offering classes through grade 6 for the past 21 years to opening a daycare, the reason given was money. Board member Leshia Dunn said at the time that the school was not self-supporting, and instituting a daycare was an attempt to save the school.

She said that all eight teachers were required to reapply for their jobs and only Barbara Widener and Beckie Lawrence did so. Marji Staten, director, did not reapply for her job, and Renee Parsons was hired and began work Nov. 6.

Lawrence, who has taught at the school for about six years, said the First Christian Church might make room for some of the 13 children, and others would enter the public schools.

"It shocked us to no end," Lawrence said. "(These are) several families they've put in a situation with no child care, no nothing ... We had classes up through eighth grade and in the middle of the school year they decided we're going daycare, and I don't think that was researched enough, and now we're at where we're at."

She and Widener, who has taught at the school for 11 years, will both be unemployed as of Friday.

# Search continues for new state engineer

The committee in charge of the search must give three names to the governor-elect by Friday.

BY STELLA DAVIS  
LOCAL NEWS WRITER

CARLSBAD — The search for a new state engineer continues as the Friday deadline for submission of three finalists for the job looms, a Carlsbad official said Monday.

After his successful bid for the governor's office in November, Gov.-elect Bill Richardson said he would replace State Engineer Tom Turney, who was appointed by Gov. Gary Johnson. Richardson appointed a search committee to interview job candidates and narrow down the candidates to three.

"We have to give the governor three

names by Friday," said Carlsbad Irrigation District Manager Tom Davis, who serves on Richardson's committee. "We are interviewing seven candidates. We will continue the interviews this week and hopefully we will have names of the three candidates on the governor's desk on Friday. Then it will be up to him to choose who he wants to fill the position."

He said the process of narrowing the candidates down to three finalists has been difficult.

"We have about 15 active people on this committee," Davis said. "They come from all over the state and represent special interest groups, water agencies and different cultures. Everyone is looking for a certain quality in the candidates suited to their needs in the water community. It has not been an easy process. I'm glad the final decision rests with the governor on

who will be the state engineer."

He said although he can't speak for Richardson, he believes the appointment of a state engineer could come by the end of the month.

"I think the new governor wants all the offices staffed and ready to go when he takes office on Jan. 1," Davis said.

Davis said there has been speculation around the state that former State Engineer Eluid Martinez or Norman Gaume, director of the Interstate Stream Commission, would be the front runners for the job.

But Davis said neither man has submitted his name for consideration. He also noted that Gaume is retiring.

Stella Davis is a reporter for the Carlsbad Current-Argus, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News

# Ruidoso Head Start awarded \$793,000 grant

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici Tuesday touted a federal funding award in the amount of \$793,465 to a Ruidoso cooperative group that will help boost its outreach education work geared toward low-income families and children in the region.

Domenici confirmed that the Ruidoso-based Region IX Education cooperative was awarded the grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office for Families and Children.

"As a long-time advocate of the Head Start initiative, it pleases me to see the program alive and well, and continuing to help networks like the one in Ruidoso. By providing the group with monetary resources, outreach efforts such as education become more effective and farther reaching, touching more children and families in the process," Domenici said.

Domenici indicated that the Ruidoso Head Start project joins the ranks of a number of New Mexico Head Start programs that have benefitted from his efforts

to increase resources for the program. The New Mexico lawmaker serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee that sets funding levels for HHS, which approved \$6.6 billion for the Head Start program in FY2002, \$338 million above the FY2001 level.

The Head Start program, begun in 1965, is a comprehensive early childhood development program that seeks to provide comprehensive developmental services for low-income, pre-school children ages 3 to 5, as well as social services for their families.

# BIRDS: Annual count extends across Western Hemisphere

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square-mile designated search area as possible, she said.

All levels of expertise, including beginners, are welcome, Powell said.

The local club will be one of nearly 2,000 across the Western Hemisphere participating in the annual count, which started more than a century ago when 27 conservationists in 25 localities, led by ornithologist Frank Chapman, changed the course of ornithological history.

The count was initiated as an alternative to a traditional team gun-hunt of birds and small mammals. Chapman's proposal founded one of the most significant citizen-based conservation efforts, Powell said.

Apart from its attraction as a social, sporting and competitive event, the count reveals scientific information about the winter distribution of various bird species. That information helps in the monitoring of the status of resident and migratory birds across the Western Hemisphere, as well as the overall health of the environment. The data, 100 percent volunteer generated, is a crucial part of the United States government's natural history monitoring database.

More than 55,000 volunteers from 50 states, every Canadian province, parts of Central and South America, Bermuda, the West Indies and Pacific Islands count and record every individual bird and bird species seen in a specific area.

During last year's count, about 52 million individual birds were noted. In 2001, a new record high of 1,936 individual count efforts occurred. Each count group completes a census of birds found during one 24 hour period between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 in a designated circle 15 miles in diameter, about 177 square miles.

The local count area is centered in Alto, because of numerous water sites that attract birds in the winter,

Powell said. Each CBC compiler enters count data on-line, where the 103rd count results will be viewable in near real-time. Count results from 1900 to present day are available through Audubon's Web site [www.audubon.org/bird/cbc](http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc). Residents can check how their bird populations in their areas may have changed over the years. For more information, call Powell at (505) 257-5352.

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# Maddox leaving village after 18 years

## Village clerk 'leaving home,' will take over as new county clerk starting on Jan. 1

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tammie Maddox will leave her role as Ruidoso village clerk on Dec. 27, but she won't be idle long.

Maddox will be sworn into office as Lincoln County Clerk on Jan. 1, along with other newly elected officials stepping into their roles. She was named acting county clerk by county commissioners shortly after then-county clerk Martha Proctor moved to the Carrizozo magistrate judge position when Gerald Dean Jr. retired at the end of July.

The swearing-in ceremony will start at 9 a.m. in the Carrizozo courtroom of 12th Judicial

Judge Karen Parsons, who will administer the oath.

Ruidoso Councilor Bob Sterchi jumped Maddox's planned announcement by telling the audience at the council meeting Tuesday, it was her last session as village clerk.

**"I feel like I'm leaving home."**

Tammie Maddox  
soon-to-be county clerk

"This is sad for us," he said. "But we'll see her in Carrizozo."

Maddox said nearly all of her adult life has been spent with the village.

"I feel like I'm leaving home," she said.

During her 18 years with the village, seven as village clerk, she served five mayors, 25 individual councilors, nine councils and seven village managers.

"There have been lots of people to please over

the years," Maddox said. "I will still be around, but I will miss everyone."

Mayor Leon Eggleston thanked Maddox for her service and her professionalism as village clerk over the years.

Later, Maddox said the impact of leaving and going to the county is just beginning to hit her. "I will feel very strange for a while," she said.

According to village personnel records, Maddox was hired in the billing section of the water department in 1984 and was named executive secretary to then village manager James Hine in August 1986. Hine was the first village clerk and the first village manager. Maddox was selected as village deputy clerk in October 1986 while still acting as executive secretary. In November 1987, she was appointed village clerk. Although Dec. 27 is her last official day on the job, her last week will be spent on vacation.



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Tammie Maddox, a village employee for 18 years, will start as county clerk next month.

# Senior center head asks Pearce to consider importance of home care

Ada Hendryx brought up several senior issues at a recent meeting.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Older adults should be allowed to live independently with dignity at home, if possible, says Ada Hendryx, who heads Lincoln County's Zia Senior Centers operation.

She delivered that message last week to a visiting Steve Pearce, Republican congressman-elect from New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District.

She urged that he support family caregivers and save the government money by funneling more money into the Older Americans Act and Social Services Block Grant programs such as home-delivered meals and congregate meals, transportation, employment services, chore and personal care and legal

assistance that help seniors remain in a home setting.

"Because of the remote rural areas within Lincoln County, the limited health care available is of great concern to our senior population," she said. "Whenever specialized health care is needed, transportation to larger cities is necessary. The average round trip to these specialists is 300 miles. As you can see, funding is critical to continue providing this much-needed service."

By supporting family or friend caregivers, the government can avoid paying for what would amount to more than \$200 billion in professional care.

"Supporting caregivers is sensible, less costly and it's what people want," she said.

A few hours a week of in-home services to delay or prevent expensive nursing home care also is a better alternative, she said. While a year's stay in a nursing home may

run \$50,000, home and community-based services range between \$8,000 and \$12,000 per year, she said.

Too many middle-income seniors who have worked all their lives and have a small pension aren't receiving the services they need and deserve, Hendryx said. She asked Pearce to consider revising income guidelines.

"They may be only \$1 over the maximum poverty guideline and therefore, cannot qualify for a much-needed service such as personal care," she said.

For every \$1 spent on the Older Americans Act, \$3 are raised from state and local government or from private sources to support home and community-based services,

she said. Building on the successful and cost-effective program makes sense, she said.

Hendryx also hit the need for prescription drug benefits under Medicare and that,

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Ada Hendryx  
Zia Senior Center head

once approved, the contribution toward the cost of those prescriptions must keep pace with the increase in the cost of drug products and not be tied to budgetary caps. Other benefits under Medicare shouldn't be reduced to provide a drug benefit and the program should be available to all Medicare beneficiaries regardless of income or health status, Hendryx said.

Other points included that: The Medicare prescription drug benefit should be voluntary and provide safeguards against the erosion of

current drug coverage provided through other sources.

The program should be administered in a consumer-centered manner.

The program should include appropriate cost-containment measures.

Legislation should require educational programs about the over-use or abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Hendryx said another local need is affordable housing for the elderly and group housing for seniors who need minimal assistance to continue living an independent lifestyle.

"Since 1980, funding for the Older Americans Act services has remained stagnant or received only minimal increases," she said. "Since the mid-1990s, funding for SSBG declined by more than

\$1 billion. At the same time, the number of older adults has grown at a higher rate than any other age group."

Many families are on waiting lists for supportive services, adding to their emotional, physical and financial hardships, she said. While food costs escalated by 25 percent in the last three years, the cash in lieu of commodities funding for elderly centers decreased, she said.

"Congress should place a higher priority on supporting our nation's seniors and their family caregivers," she said. "As the 'baby boomer' generation joins the senior population, the need for some services will dramatically increase, as will the need for funding. Please remember this generation when planning for our future."

# SENTENCE: Former cop to serve one year

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of an encounter between Armstrong and Williams after his alleged break-in at her home indicates he was invited there and the two sounded very friendly.

"This portrays a very different woman than the sympathetic witness in court," he said. "She was joking with (Williams) a few days after the alleged break-in."

When Armstrong declines "getting friendly," Williams doesn't pressure her, Rafkin said. "I don't feel this woman was victimized anywhere near what she claims."

Williams' wife told the judge they have suffered enough and it's hard for her to keep their barbecue business running by herself.

But Key said that the settlement

reflects Armstrong "was victimized apparently to the tune of \$92,500."

He pointed out that Rafkin is citing one tape out of many encounters and a number of stops by the officer of Armstrong. "She was scared," he said.

Parsons agreed with Key that restitution should remain part of her judgment, based on what Williams could reasonably pay.

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### OUR OPINION

## Ruidoso's life blood is tourism

And visitors will give .25 percent more from now on

Taxes became a little more for Ruidoso visitors last week, when the village council authorized a lodgers' tax rate of 4.25 percent, up from the prior 4 percent.

The council's idea originally was to provide some targeted income for the Ruidoso Arts Commission, but sufficient heat was generated against that, so the council decided it would be for general promotion of the arts.

The amount of the increase actually was cut from the planned 1 percent, although most tourist communities in the state collect the full 5 percent authorized by statute.

Objections came from some

lodging operators, who thought they were carrying too much of a burden — even though the tax is passed through to the lodgers.

It's worth reminding all parties that the lodgers' tax was authorized to finance projects that would bring more tourists (that is, lodgers) to a community, and a glance at the increase in arts activity in Ruidoso in recent years would seem to bear that out.

Ruidoso's life blood is tourism, and the village thrives on taxes — lodgers' and GRT — collected from tourists. It's critical that we keep it flowing, or be prepared to pay a lot more in property taxes.

## Chalk it up to the price of Christmas nostalgia

It was all so simple, once. Christmas, I mean.

Pardon this trip down memory lane, but 'tis the season for nostalgia.

I remember when kids actually wrote to Santa Claus. And believed. Oh how I believed when Santa read my letter on the radio. Precise nature of the items on my list long ago faded into obscurity, but that was the first time my words were "published" and I guess I got hooked.



LOOKING ASKANCE  
NED CANTWELL

Do children still write to Santa Claus? Do they still believe? Maybe. Many of them, I suspect, e-mail him. They search the internet for his Web site. Try to dial up his pager. Why bother with humble supplication when you can just copy your wish list from the Toys R Us site and e-mail it directly to northpole.com?

How the nature of the gift wish list has changed. Do you remember when a simple doll, a basketball, a pair of skates lit the faces of kids on Christmas morning?

Oh, there are still dolls, for sure. You can get a sexy Barbie dressed up like a teen-age hooker. Or you can opt for the classy American Girl doll. For \$100 and change, Santa delivered one of those to my granddaughter. Baby Doll Kit was precious until her leg fell off. Getting it reattached required filling out an "admission form" and sending \$20 to the "hospital." Her mom passed on the wheelchair, available separately, 30 bucks. Where is Raggedy Ann when you need her?

How we long for days gone by when Santa's Helper was just down the street at the local bank, a Christmas Club account.

No need for Christmas Clubs any more, no need to salt away five bucks a week. Why save when you can fork over a piece of plastic embossed with your name in return for Play Station 47, or whatever the current model? Buy now, pay just a few dollars a month and carry the rest at interest rates that border on thievery.

As one falls into the nostalgia pit and emerges dripping senti-

mental goo, there is the temptation to say Christmas commercialization is a product of recent generations. Not true, of course. Possession collection has always been too large a part of the season, but there were days when celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ was not quite the afterthought it has become today.

There was a time when the small New Mexico town's biggest church could hold its architectural own with the main street department store. Now the small town's mall — spell that W A L - M A R T — is a structural behemoth when placed next to the center of worship. We are what we spend.

All of this simply says we're human. Worry not. The Christmas spirit will live. In a few days, time will decidedly slow for a few moments when the room is quiet, the Yule log burns brightly in the fireplace, Christmas tree lights twinkle. Joy to the World plays softly in the background, and each of us retreats into his own mind to reflect about it all and say...

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Ned Cantwell — ncantwell@charter.net — is a retired newspaperman living in Ruidoso. He still puts milk and cookies by the fireplace. Just in case.

### LETTERS POLICY

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WATCH DOG

### YOUR OPINION

## A question of faith in the holiday season

To the editor:

I also came to the same question of faith in God that Mr. (Franklin) Boren wrote about in last Wednesday's letter. My conclusions were somewhat different.

If our Creator God had made the world as it is today and then abandoned mankind, He would indeed not be a God of love and justice. But, 14 years ago, while facing my 40th birthday, I cried out to the God of creation. I had dutifully followed the prevailing philosophies of the '60s, '70s and '80s and ended up, as most of us, "master of my own destiny" (My own god and an angry agnostic). The worldview I was living, like many of my friends, was nothing short of a disaster.

Here is the startling, simple answer that came to me: No. 1, There is a God of Creation and I ain't him. No. 2, The way the world is today is not how the God of Creation designed it!

I found God's original design — was to create a race of people, give them a place where they could love and honor Him as their Creator, prosper, and live in peace and harmony with the rest of His creation (nature). However, love cannot truly exist without being freely given and freely accepted. So...man was given that choice — man chose to disobey God's original design and that disobedience continues today, throughout the world, in the form of all types of evil, dysfunction, sickness, suffering and death. But, make no mistake, God's original design is still intact and accessible to those who choose to accept it.

We celebrate Christmas this week as part of that design. Jesus Christ was sent to Earth as a man to be the mediator between God and man. Try Christmas at church this year. You may find rest for your worldview in God's original design.

Oh, by the way, Mr. Boren, Christian Services of Lincoln County provides food, clothing, shelter and guidance to our residents year-round. And the local Christian churches gathered 1,200 boxes of food, gifts and personal items for the Samaritans Purse Worldwide Children's Ministry, and were added to the 20,000 that left Albuquerque for

children around the world. That fact has to make you hope that our local deists and agnostics also have found a way to reach out in love for the children of the world this month.

Eric N. Thompson  
Ruidoso

### God is in control

To the editor:

In response to Mr. Boren's letter to the editor ... I must beg to argue that a loving God is, and always has been, and always will be, in control of this world.

People have a choice to accept the love of God and His divine protection over our lives. God did not create us to be robots; he created us because he loves us, and wanted to have fellowship with us. God knew each and every one of us before we were ever born. He knew each word, He knew each thought, He knew each act that every person living on this earth would ever commit before we were ever born!

In writing this letter, I understand the religious and political implications that may and probably will be manifested through the carnal legalistic belief system that is rampant in today's society. However, it is very suspicious to me that a letter of this nature has been written and published at this time, at a time that Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.

If one studies his Bible, one will learn that we are in a battle, a battle for our very own eternal life. God cannot protect us if we choose not to accept what happened at Calvary. He loves us so much that he allows us to not accept him if we so choose. One must also study the age of accountability to God. It is not God's plan for innocent children to suffer. Moreover, in the academic world, it is crucial to study all aspects of an issue or problem and to gather all pertinent information regarding an issue or problem, in order to be able to make well balanced and not biased decisions.

So, I challenge you, Mr. Boren, to

seek the truth! It's easier to accept and seek the truth than it is to believe the lies and not believe the truth! I also challenge the legalistic journalists that did not publish any rebuttal to Mr. Boren's letter to the editor, and to publish this one.

Russ Pior  
Ruidoso

### Missiles and taxes

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Mr. Remington's Dec. 4 letter to the editor about aircraft missile defense and the tax cut.

Shoulder-fired missiles are infrared, laser, or wire guided to the target aircraft. There exists no defense against any of these ground-to-air missiles. Only blind evasive action by the pilot can prevent a correctly launched missile against his aircraft.

The infrared missiles launched against the Israeli airliner missed because they were head-on launches and the heat signature of the engines were too small for a lock on. Military aircraft delivering ordnance against ground targets use a "jinking" maneuver (swinging or turning sharply a number of times left to right or vice versa) egressing the target and dispensing flares which have their frequency spectrum in the infrared zone to cause (hopefully) the missile to lock onto one of them rather than the jet engine exhaust.

So any aircraft taking off or landing would have to launch/dispense a tremendous number of flares and do a relatively violent series of maneuvers — not practical for commercial jetliners, and military aircraft never do this upon take off or landing either.

As for the tax cut Mr. Remington alluded to, I'm sure he returned his IRS check to the government as a matter of principle — Right!!!

Walt Nowak  
Ruidoso

### OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

#### Open Meetings

In recognition of the fact that a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. The formation of public policy or the conduct of business by vote shall not be conducted in closed meetings. All meetings of any public body except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings, and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings...

NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1



# Stinnett avoids jail for disobeying orders

Judge Karen Parsons said that will change if the former police officer does it again.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although he was admonished by the court to be more careful in the future, former Ruidoso police officer Alfred Clyde Stinnett was not sent to jail for breaking the terms of his release pending resolution of a petty misdemeanor charge against him.

District Judge Karen Parsons said Friday District Attorney Scot Key was not asking for Stinnett to spend time in jail, and apparently Stinnett did not discuss his case with Ruidoso police officers who came to his wife's coffee house.

But she warned that any future violation would land him in the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Consoling an officer in the midst of a divorce "might appear to the public that you're doing something that later might influence his testimony," Parsons said. She cannot ban police officers from the business, but directed Stinnett not to speak to them or to leave the immediate area if they enter.

Stinnett, 38, was indicted in March by a grand jury for battery against a juvenile, a petty misdemeanor, although the district attorney had sought a 3rd-degree felony

charge. In July, the Ruidoso Village Council settled a lawsuit against the village, the police department and Stinnett by the parents of a then 16-year-old Susanne DiPaolo, a runaway who claimed she was manhandled while in a holding cell in November 2001. Stinnett resigned from the police department.

On Oct. 8, an order approving the \$500,000 settlement was entered in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque. According to court documents, Gary Mitchell, the attorney for the family, received \$166,666.66 plus \$11,958.33 for gross receipts taxes. Another \$71,375 will be managed by parents Phil and Jill DiPaolo, and the remaining \$250,000 will be placed in an annuity or a similar guaranteed and structured plan.

The interim money can only be used for the "health, welfare and educational needs" of the girl. When she turns 18, if more than \$15,000 remains unused, counsel will be hired for the girl to establish a conservatorship for her. The attorney fees for that work should not exceed \$5,000.

Last month, the 17-year-old girl pleaded no contest to auto burglary in a hearing with Parsons.

DiPaolo was arrested Nov. 9 for violating a house arrest order issued Nov. 8. At a detention hearing Nov. 12, Parsons ordered DiPaolo sent to a detention center, rather

than returning her to boarding school in Tucson.

At a hearing Nov. 19, Parsons ordered DiPaolo sent to the Youth Detention and Diagnostic Center in Albuquerque for a 15-day diagnostic, psychological and forensic investigation before a final disposition, to see if she has any mental or substance abuse needs to be addressed by the court.

Another hearing is set for today, a court official said. The diagnostic report is expected by then.

At the hearing Friday in Carrizozo, Stinnett told Parsons he never received a list of people with whom he was not supposed to converse. His attorney, Barry Crutchfield, acknowledged that he saw the list sent by the district attorney but was busy with a murder trial at the time and hadn't signed off and forwarded it to his client.

The Ruidoso officer who testified about the conversation at The Roastery, said the officers approached Stinnett and the conversation did not touch on his case. She said she was unaware of a court prohibition against speaking to him at that time. Her supervisor directed her to write a report noting she saw the conversation, but not to detail its contents, she testified.

Parsons directed Stinnett to have no contact with any people connected to his case and ordered him to be served with the list of specific individuals to avoid.

# Retiring forest ranger to be honored Thursday

Hawkes known for ability to work with others

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Other districts of the U.S. Forest Service often see battles between agency officials and allotment holders, local government and recreational users.

For years, Lincoln County officials were able to point to the Smokey Bear District ranger Jerry Hawkes as a leader willing to work with people on issues.

But Hawkes is retiring Jan. 3.

Ron Hannan, forest planner from the Lincoln National Forest supervisor's office in Alamogordo,

will serve as acting district manager until a replacement is named, Hawkes said Tuesday.

He said he's hopeful that the good relationship built up over the years will continue in the future.

Hawkes will be recognized by the Lincoln County Commission Thursday during its meeting at the county courthouse in Carrizozo, along with outgoing County Commissioners L. Ray Nunley and William Schwetmann.

The meeting starts at 8 a.m. and the recognition is one of the last actions on the 36-item agenda.

# Commissioners to discuss rights-of-way law

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A proposed new law to regulate use of Lincoln County rights of way will be reviewed Thursday by the county commission and may be scheduled for a public hearing.

The ordinance would require individuals and entities to obtain permission from the county before creating access through or across platted townsites or dedicated county rights of way.

The commission meeting starts at 8 a.m. in the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Several residents have called for commissioners either to abdicate their jurisdiction over rights of way or to regulate them. Under the proposed ordinance, failure to abide by its provisions would carry a \$300 fine and/or imprisonment of no more than 90 days.

In a move to accommodate a Carrizozo-based newspaper, the commission's monthly meeting day may change from the third Thursday to the third Tuesday.

A resolution containing the new meeting days is part of the agenda.

Jerry Carroll, an Oscura resident, told commissioners last month that it appeared they were punishing the once-a-week paper because stories couldn't appear until a week after the meeting. County Manager Tom Stewart pointed out that the change to

Thursday occurred a few years ago to help county staff have time to prepare financial data because most holidays fall on Monday.

Commissioners also will hear a report from James Gibson, administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center, including that the privately owned Rose Clinic in Capitan, which served primarily low and medium-income residents, will close after the first of the year.

In other agenda items:

- Eighteen claims for indigent health care reimbursement under the county indigent program are being recommended for approval for a total of \$16,155.41. That would bring the total since July 1 to 99 approved claims for \$89,136.85. Sixteen claims are recommended for denial, which would bring that total for the year to 37. Seventy-five claims under the sole-provider fund for hospital care totaling \$74,882 are being recommended for approval. Thirty-three are recommended for denial. That would bring the figure since July to 239 claims totaling \$209,026.70 and 105 rejected.

- Commissioners will consider approval for two new subdivisions: Ponderosa Ranch with five lots, the smallest with 4.067 acres, requested by Ronald Nowak and Christine Poraznik off Eagle Creek Road north of Pines of Gavilan and Fawn Ridge; and Legacy Acres requested by Jim W. Peebles and Rosemary B. Peebles for four lots on

40.926 acres, the smallest containing 2.360 acres, surrounded by Fox Run, Pine Point and Coyote Mesa.

- County Manager Tom Stewart will report that ground breaking on improvements at the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Cemetery is scheduled for mid-summer. About \$3 million from the federal Veterans Administration will cover the work, which will add 2,100 gravesites and 500 cremation locations in phase one.

- Stewart will brief commissioners on a request from the Carrizozo School System for the assistance of the county road department to demolish some of the existing five-lane track. School officials intend to build a \$150,000 six-lane track to qualify for track meets.

- Ruidoso's urban forester is asking for \$1,844 to pay for the county's portion of Charter Cable television promotion spots for Firewise practices over a six-month period. Funding is available through a professional services line item.

- Water rights transfer requests were filed with the State Engineer from the Sun Valley Sanitation District for a change of location of a shallow well and from Robert O. Anderson for a change of place and purpose until Oct. 31, 2004, or 60.9 acre feet of water per annum by ceasing irrigation of 17.4 acres. The rights would be used for highway construction. One acre foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water.

# Police urge caution for holidays

Law enforcement agencies across the state will be out in force through the holidays in an attempt to prevent drunk and careless driving.

During December 2001, 38 people were killed on New Mexico roads, nine of them on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, and 16 of the fatalities involved alcohol.

"I want all new Mexicans and visitors from other states to return home to their families, friends and loved ones this holiday season," said Sgt.

Dwayne Gear of the Ruidoso Police Department. "So I will be on the roads of Ruidoso making sure everyone in the vehicle is buckled up and driving safely and soberly. If they aren't, they are going to get a ticket or get arrested."

The Ruidoso Police Department works in partnership with the Traffic Safety Bureau, a division of the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, to enforce the state's driving laws and to encourage safe driving.

## RUIDOSO POLICE

### Table trouble

A table top was torn off a pedestal fixed to the floor at Taco Bell, 654 Sudderth Drive, between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Dec. 12, according to police reports. No one was seen removing the table top.

from the back of a truck parked in the southwest lot of Vision Eye Care, 159 Mesalero Trail, between 4 and 5 p.m. Dec. 12. A dog was also in the back of the truck, but was not taken.

### Bike stolen

Police report that a 24-speed girl's bike, silver and black, valued at \$300, was taken from Apple Tree B&B, 100 Lower Terrace Drive between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dec. 12.

### Car damaged

A resident in the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road

reported a dent on the passenger side of a vehicle made between Dec. 10 and 13. The police report stated that it looked as if someone driving by had fired a BB gun while the car was parked unattended.

### Disorderly conduct

Police arrested Jeffrey W. Curtis, 25, of Ruidoso, Dec. 15 in the 400 block of Walnut Street, charging him with disorderly conduct.

### House broken into

Someone broke into a resi-

dence in the 100 block of Palo Alto Drive between Nov. 12 and 26, according to a police report.

It appeared that someone had slept in the beds. Liquor, a tool box, tools, fishing equipment and other items were reported stolen.

### Drug arrest

Police cited Nick Combs, 21, of Ruidoso, with possession of marijuana, after being dispatched to Sudderth and Eagle drives Dec. 15 about four males not allowing people into the public restrooms.

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## GOOD CITIZENS FOR NOVEMBER



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**Mob Hill** Good Citizens, from left, back, Jessika Grant, Caleb Coleman, Dhrewa Ganajawala, Antonio Chavez, Anissa Prieto, Keslee Bennett, Kolton Bob, Mersaedees Vacca; middle, Brooke Yaksich, Sierra Davis, Alisha Nanz, Alexis Moebus, Colton Robertson, Dirk Brankel, Alexandria Flores, Marcus Kessler; front, Kylee Shendo, Tracy Carroll, Jorge Herrera, Ixcel Valenzuela, Kaya Godac.

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### RHS grad honored by Golden Key unit

Chelsey Gill Stroud, a Ruidoso High School graduate of 2000, accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society, and was individually honored during a campus ceremony.

Golden Key International Honour Society is a non-profit, academic honors organizations that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

### Teachers receive grants from T-NMP

Texas-New Mexico Power Company recently awarded mini-grants totaling \$1,200 to six area teachers.

Molly Long, Becky Johnston, Misty Nunez, Waynta Wirth and Sue Vinsant of the Ruidoso Schools, and Barbara Widener of the Ruidoso Christian School, were each awarded a grant designed to assist K-8 classroom teachers in math, science and energy education.

"Our community involvement initiatives focus in part on education. We're proud of the work our teachers are doing and are pleased to offer mini-grants on their behalf," said Jim Bassett, public information coordinator.

The grants provide funds for additional classroom resources to enhance learning. One focus of the mini-grant program is on energy awareness, conservation and the importance of using energy resources wisely.

The teacher mini-grant program is one of several TNMP-sponsored programs for community development.

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Standards approved by the Ohio State School Board advocate the teaching of evolution, "while letting students fully criticize the legitimacy of the theory," according to a report in The New York Times.

The teaching or testing of an alternate "intelligent design" theory is not required. Teachers are encouraged but not required to follow the guidelines developed by the board, but they will be the basis of new tests students must pass to graduate.

"Evolution will be the sole origin-of-life theory on the tests, meaning that schools that avoid teaching Darwinian theory may put their students at a disadvantage," the article states.

### Reading scores stable

Results for the 2000 National Assessment of

Educational Progress (NAEP) reading assessment of the nation's fourth-graders are in — and they show a relatively stable pattern in students' average reading scores during the last decade.

*Highlights of The Nation's Report Card: Fourth-Grade Reading 2000* are available in a full-color publication — replete with graphs — that describes the assessment content, presents major findings and provides information about students' school and home experiences related to literacy. This publication also includes sample test questions and examples of student responses. For a copy, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/reading>, or call (877) 4ED-PUBS, while supplies last.

NAEP is a project of the National Center for Education Statistics in the U.S. Department of Education and is overseen by the National Assessment Governing Board.

### School-switching guidance available

The U.S. Department of Education has issued guidance on the choice provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, provisions that give options to parents of children who attend schools needing improvement. While school districts implement required plans to turn such schools around, students attending schools that need improvement must be given the opportunity to transfer to a better-performing public school in the school district.

The guidance provides general information and answers questions about how to implement the choice provisions, who is eligible to take advantage of the new options, how, when and what to tell parents about their choice options, and what types of schools should be involved.

In addition, issues concerning special education, desegregation plans; general funding and transportation funding are covered.

Under the act, families of students who attend Title I-supported schools that have not made adequate yearly progress in increasing student academic achievement over a period of at least two years now have options to pursue a quality education for their child.

To access the guidance, go to: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SASA/school-choiceguid.doc>. To access the final regulations governing NCLB and Title I, accountability, teacher quality and parental options, go to: <http://www.ed.gov/PressReleases/11-2002/11262002.html>.

# BOOKS

roll across the reservation

■ Bad weather is the only hindrance for a van driver who travels the byways while promoting reading for children and adults.

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Chris Klinekole drives her cargo van filled with books about 400 miles a month, taking books around to the homebound, elderly and people of all ages on the Mescalero Apache reservation.

Klinekole's van bears the sign "21st Century Community Learning Center Traveling Library," and it's full of books, some bought by the 21st Century grant, some donated, and some borrowed from other libraries in the area when requested by patrons.

She travels to all areas of the reservation, up to the boundary between Mescalero and Ruidoso, visiting residential areas as well as daycare centers, the rehabilitation center, the Elder Center and the Early Childhood Center in the Community Center.

Six days a week, six hours a day, she drives the traveling library, stopping at each place and residential area every week or two, or more often if someone calls and requests a visit. She takes free books to the daycare and the two childcare centers on campus.

During the winter, the frequency of her visits to remoter locations depends on road conditions.

Her emphasis is on encouraging literacy for all, but about 400 of the books are just for children, with 250 for pre-teens, 200 for adults and an assortment of paperbacks and magazines.

For special requests, Klinekole borrows books from the Mescalero, Ruidoso

or Alamogordo libraries — with her own library card, she said. She also uses interlibrary loan for books not available locally.

Other books commonly requested, such as *Jeronimo's Kids* and *Apache Mothers and Daughters*, she buys from Books Etc. in Ruidoso or orders.

The Ruidoso Public Library donates magazines, newspapers and some Native American books.

"I try to encourage the children to read," she said. "I ask them to tell me what the book was about, and to let me know what type of books they want. I have fun with them, I really do."

Children are allowed to check out two or three books for a week or two at first, and if they bring them back, then they can check out three books.

Prizes are given to the children every time they return a book — pencils, finger puppets, bookmarks, little games, puzzle books, and during the holidays, Christmas books. The young readers are eager to return their books and get their prize, Klinekole said.

"A lot of kids don't have a way to get to the library, and they can't take books



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

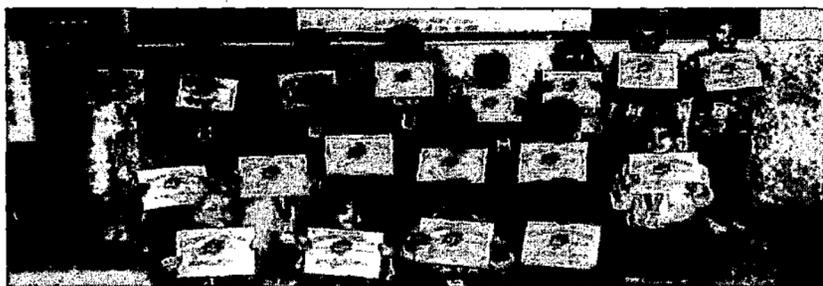
**Nakai Begay**, 18 months of age, (shown with his mother, Marie Begay) is one of the younger customers of the Traveling Library. He attends the Fred Heckman Daycare Center in Mescalero, one of the regular stops where books are lent and donated.

from the school library," she said. "They just don't have access to books."

People are allowed to trade in their books for other ones, and Klinekole orders new books regularly, so the selection changes often. She said she does have requests for automotive magazines, and she would be happy for people to donate these, as well as other magazines and books. They can be taken to Gina Klinekole, director of the 21st Century Learning Center at the Administration Building of the Mescalero Apache School. For more information, call 464-4431.

"During the holiday I'll be out and about, visiting the children on vacation. They'll see the van coming and come running out to return books and get a prize," Klinekole said.

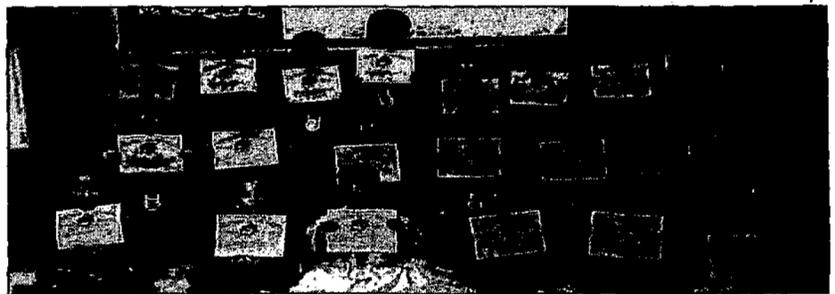
## CHARACTER COUNTS



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**First Grade** Character Counts honorees at Sierra Vista Primary School for December, standing, are Tessa Beckwith, Whitni Carmiencke, Tyler Dowling, Adam Ramos, Liam Newman, Bunshry Bhakta, Austin Megarity and Thane Myers. Kneeling are Justin Rosmus, Branton Shaw, Darion Magooshboy, Cesar Piron, Larry Flores and Joshua Reynolds. Sitting are Cody Stratton, August Bush, David Aguirre and Enrique Ramirez.

**Second graders** honored in Character Counts are, standing, Passia Svihlik, Aundria Lloyd, Keenan Kane, Erick Hosetosavit, Kathryn Newsome, Ivan Rodriguez, Truman Provencio and Rebera Trujillo. Kneeling are Tylenn Smith, Felicia Polaco, Melinda Collier, Barbara Welch, Armando Gomez, Jerico Testerna and Madigan Gonzales. Sitting are Allie Thompson, Andres Padilla, Kayla Belin, Alejandra Navaro, Calli Carroll and Jeremiah Wheeler.



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## SCHOOL MENUS

### Capitan

Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Breakfast: Ham bar, muffin, fruit or juice  
Lunch: Choice of "green chili chicken enchilada, smothered burrito, tamale, Spanish rice, salad, fruit-ed Jell-O  
Thursday, Dec. 19 — Breakfast: Quesadilla, cereal, fruit or juice  
Lunch: Choice of "roast turkey, chicken patty, baked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, roll and pumpkin pie  
Friday, Dec. 20 — Breakfast: Coffeecake, cereal, fruit or juice  
Lunch: Choice of "sub sandwich, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fruit, French fries  
Monday, Dec. 23-Friday, Jan. 3 — Holiday break; school resumes Monday, Jan. 6, 2003

### Carrizozo

Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Breakfast:

Waffles with jelly  
Lunch: Posole, crackers, chilled fruit, biscochitos  
Thursday, Dec. 19 — Breakfast: Oatmeal muffins  
Lunch: Deli sandwich, tossed salad, veggie sticks, chilled fruit  
Friday, Dec. 20 — Breakfast: French toast with syrup  
Lunch: Hot dogs, Tater Tots, pickle spears, fresh fruit  
Monday, Dec. 23-Friday, Jan. 3 — Holiday break; school resumes Monday, Jan. 6, 2003

### Hondo Valley School

Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Breakfast: Pancakes, juice  
Lunch: Lasagna, corn, roll, pears  
Thursday, Dec. 19-Monday, Jan. 6 — Holiday break; school resumes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003

### Ruidoso elementary

Wednesday, Dec. 18 —

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito  
Lunch: Beef taco, pinto beans, Spanish rice, taco fixings, mixed fruit  
Thursday, Dec. 19 — Breakfast: Donut  
Lunch: Turkey pot pie, roll, salad, Jell-O, diced pears  
Friday, Dec. 20 — Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy  
Lunch: Hamburger, French fries, hamburger fixings, applesauce  
Monday, Dec. 23-Friday, Jan. 3 — Holiday break; school resumes Monday, Jan. 6, 2003

### Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Breakfast: Ham and cheese biscuit  
Lunch: Lasagna, garlic roll, mixed vegetables, apple halves  
Thursday, Dec. 19 — Breakfast: French toast sticks  
Lunch: Cheese beef nachos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, orange

halves  
Friday, Dec. 20 — Breakfast: Cereal  
Lunch: Beef and bean burrito, French fries, salad, tossed salad, applesauce  
Monday, Dec. 23-Friday, Jan. 3 — Holiday break; school resumes Monday, Jan. 6, 2003

### Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Breakfast: Cheese biscuit  
Lunch: Chicken pot pie, green beans, roll, salad, applesauce  
Thursday, Dec. 19 — Breakfast: Blueberry fruit pie  
Lunch: Lasagna, green beans, roll, salad, mixed fruit  
Friday, Dec. 20 — Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy  
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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## 'Zozo delays street name game

Trustees heard from both sides on the issue during last week's meeting.

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In a day when giving directions by saying, "it's the house next to the Smiths" is no longer acceptable, Carrizozo struggles to rename streets that are duplicates to other streets in the town itself, or in other Lincoln County towns.

The battle is to give the enhanced 911 system a better opportunity to respond quickly without confusion to an emergency call. Saving lives is their business, but in the meantime, the city leaders are finding themselves inundated with protests from locals who do not want their street address changed.

Concerns and arguments for and against street renaming came from a large crowd of visitors to Tuesday night's regular council meeting. Present were ambulance drivers and dispatchers to present their case for clear concise signage as well as names.

After a lengthy discussion, the issue was tabled to a special meeting after the holidays. The consensus of the council was to change only the duplicates and not rename all the streets, as discussed earlier. Trustees will study the list of street duplicates and come back to the special meeting with a clearer idea of what will be done.

Chief Angelo Vega reported 98 citations for the month, of which 78 were speeding violations. There were 13 cases logged in and closed,

four arrests made and three juvenile referrals were made.

In a report concerning the Youth Justice Program seminar he attended in Albuquerque last week, Vega shared his enthusiasm for the possibilities for Carrizozo and Lincoln County. The committee from Lincoln County meets every Wednesday and is in the process of procuring a grant to take selected community members to Ft. Worth, Texas, to visit the model site for this program.

Vega outlined some of the advantages Carrizozo already has in place to offer alternatives to area youth. He pointed out there are no advantages in "housing the problem youth in corrective facilities, and that is not correcting the problem," and urged the community to use the time that it takes to incarcerate a youth in facilities out-of-county in equal efforts for alternatives here in county, specifically in town.

Judge Rominger's report included two trials and \$4,366 collected in November.

The recreation center reported a \$170 loss for the month due to a payment of more than \$1,000 made on the refurbishing of bowling lanes that was done last summer. The cafe portion also showed a loss because of a freezer purchase this past month for food storage. Jim Mack, manager, outlined several programs he has planned for the center. He's looking into a sound and light system that is a major draw to people 25 and younger in bowling centers around the country, called "Cosmic Bowling." Mack is also working with the schools for a "learn to bowl" program. This would be in conjunction

with the school physical education classes.

In general business, trustees:

- Approved Dirk Norris as the new city Web site manager.
- Agreed to let Cathy McAllister to attach a mobile home to her existing mobile home and approved with a 90-day completion parameter.
- Agreed to hold a public hearing after the first of the year on revised water and sewer ordinances.
- Approved selling water to the Nogal Water Association on a year-to-year basis until such time it has a viable water source of its own to meet needs.
- Approved a one-time \$500 merit increase for city employees.
- Refused current wording presented in the LCSWA rate-setting safeguard and policy regarding unpaid accounts.
- Approved business registration for Pizzazozo.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Lincoln County.
- Approved repairs to the town swimming pool and the creation of specifications.
- Agreed to new winter hours for City Hall. Hours will 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until the time changes to daylight savings time. City Hall will continue to be open during lunch.
- Tabled a decision on the liability and probability of a Beer and Wine License for the Rec. Center.
- Approved the holiday schedule for 2003.
- Approved a conditional use and variance for the Carrizozo Health Clinic for Lincoln County.
- Approved an effluent discharge permit with Sterling Spencer.

## SKATEBOARDING SANTA



Santa Claus stands, skateboard in hand, for the national anthem during the Carrizozo Schools Festival of Trees music program.

PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

## Third grade wins tree contest



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

The third grade's winning tree, topped with a grizzly.

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Rima Davis' third grade class won the tree decorating contest held in conjunction with the Carrizozo schools Festival of Trees music program. The students said they were sure it was the grizzly with a halo as tree topper that swayed the votes their direction.

The sign on the voting table directed voters to vote for the decorations, not the trees themselves. The creativity among the 10 trees done by the classes was astounding. Second place went to the kindergarten class led by Kellie Gallacher. The seventh grade won third prize.

With only 14 students in the third grade, it took more than their moms' and dads' votes to pull off the win.

The program Thursday night filled the old gym back to front and both sides. The trees and decorations created the desired affected of a Christmas-tree wonderland. Comments heard in the crowd revolved around definite approval and "it's the best it's ever been."

The third graders will receive a \$50 cash prize and a pizza party.

## Getting through holiday grief

The holidays are all about having fun and sharing time with family and friends. But for some people, who have lost a loved one, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time.

Grief is something that everyone will have to deal with at one time or another. According to experts there are three phases of grief: first is denial and shock. A feeling of numbness masks the full intensity of the pain. The longer one stays in denial, the longer and more painful the recovery process will be. Second is the pain and disorganization phase. During this phase the mourner feels the pain of the loss, mentally, spiritually, emotionally and physically. The third phase is hope and reorganization. During this time the mourner will start to reorder his or her life, and regain their sense of who they are.

No one grieves the same as

someone else, but it's important to go through the grieving process. In order to take care of your own health you can reach out to family and close friends, go to support groups or seek professional help.



Hints for the Home  
BY MARSHA PALMER  
LINCOLN COUNTY  
EXTENSION AGENT -  
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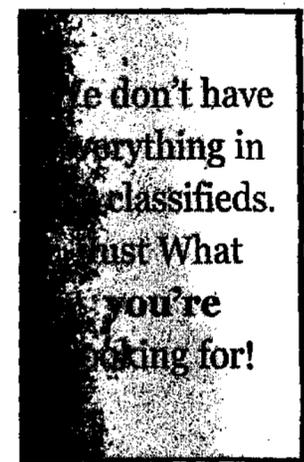
Tips for handling the holidays:

- Do something for others: visit lonely friends and acquaintances, volunteer in a hospital on the holiday, donate a gift in the memory of your loved one, adopt a less fortunate family for the holidays, donate money you would have spent on your loved one as a gift to charity, invite a guest (college student, senior citizen) to share festivities.
- Recognize your loved one's presence in the family, burn a special candle, look at photographs, listen to music especially liked by the deceased.
- Try to get enough rest;

holidays can be emotionally and physically draining.

Keep in mind that the experience of many bereaved persons is that they do come to enjoy holidays again. There will be other holiday seasons to celebrate.

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# Agriculture a concern, locals tell representative

Water and grazing issues are at the top of ranchers' lists.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Willa Stone's family has ranged north of Capitan for five generations.

"We love the lifestyle and the heritage, but we feel threatened, not because we aren't good business people," she told Congressman-elect Steve Pearce last week. "Many issues cripple us from doing our job. We'd like to continue our lifestyle, but we need all the help you can give us."

Welda Grider, who lives on a ranch west of Carrizozo, told the Republican representing the 2nd Congressional District in New Mexico, that her parents, siblings and cousins are ranchers, but she fears her children won't be able to continue that pursuit.

To summarize issues most important to the Lincoln County ranching community, a survey was mailed out, Stone said. The results showed that:

- The No. 1 priority is water issues; the preservation of private water rights, the improvement and protection of watersheds, keeping New Mexico's waters inside the state, stepped up eradication of salt cedar, better control of the piñon/juniper invasion and selected timber harvesting.

- Stricter water permit requirements should be developed to avoid situations when ranches are broken up into a series of small lots and each owner drills a domestic well, Stone said. She asked Pearce to oppose United Nations efforts to control water as a global issue.

- The second priority focused on environmental issues and called for revisions to the federal Endangered Species Act.

Stone said two of her family's allotments on public land may be affected by a recent federal court ruling because cattle grazing could be banned on potential habitat for the Mexican spotted owl.

Needless lawsuits waste money and prevent government agencies from doing the job they are charged to do, Stone said. Decisions about grazing should be based on science, not emotion, she said.

"Some groups are using the court to push a social agenda," she said, adding that environmental groups control many federal agencies. Those groups also are buying up large ranches and removing them from the tax rolls, which hurts communities, she said.

- The third issue centered on the livestock market, with

Stone telling Pearce the profit margin decreases every year.

"My father used to figure it took five calves to buy a ranch pickup," she said. "To buy one today takes 50 calves."

Packers control the cattle market and the "captive supply" causes unstable meat prices, she said.

- Foreign trade imports and taxes were ranked fourth. Stone said prices from foreign competitors kill the ability for American ranchers to compete.

"We just want a level playing field," she said. She also urged that food be labeled as to the country of origin.

"It's nice to be able to buy a cantaloupe in January, but I want to know what kind of pesticides may have been used on it," she said.

She specifically asked for protection of beef and lamb from imports, and incentives for meat and wool.

- With about a third of its land under federal control, Lincoln County especially is affected by poor past management of public land, she said.

Ranchers in the survey called for restoration of forest health, brush and weed control, the right to graze, the reduction of regulations by the federal and state governments, better management of Bureau of Land Management acreage to limit wildfire fuels and better management of wildlife problems with elk, oryx and hunters.

Last on the list were tax and finance issues, including the permanent removal of the estate tax, reformation of inheritance laws, elimination or reduction of capital gains tax, creating a better climate for small businesses, reduction in state and federal income tax, specialty low-interest loans and long-term financing.

Grider told Pearce that tax dollars never were meant to support public lands. The administration costs were to be offset by the land use fees and taxes paid by the ranchers.

If environmental groups are successful in eliminating cattle grazing on national forest land, the next to go probably will be BLM land, she said.

She blamed the death of firefighters in massive wildfires a few years ago on efforts to save the environment and said that while environmentalists criticize the government for subsidizing ranchers, more than \$1 billion in grants from government agencies have been used to support environmental purposes.

"Half of my income goes to taxes to support the government and about half my time and more of my money goes back into fighting the same government," Grider said

# Pearce pleased with local forum

Congressman-elect wants to work on local issues, warns of budget limitations

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although he commended the restraint shown in requests from representatives of various government entities, the business sector and other groups at a community meeting last week, Steve Pearce said as a freshman congressman, the dollars he can bring home may be limited.

The Republican from the 2nd Congressional District in New Mexico said he appreciated the broad input and heavy turnout for the session, but he won't be able to find the millions needed to fulfill all of the requests.

"Budget limitations tell us we can't solve all of them through the federal government," he said. "You have to look to each other. We can solve some of these ourselves."

In contrast to prior years, since Sept. 11, 2001, people aren't sitting back waiting for someone to solve their problems, he said. They recognize they have to be more responsible for their families and communities.

But while solving problems without using the government is the best approach, "When it's needed, I will pitch as hard as I can," Pearce said. "All day long I've heard about programs being cut and then I hear I have to hold the line on expenses."

Being able to talk to people first-hand helps him gain a better understanding of issues and their urgency, he said.

He pledged to be accessible to his constituents.

"I hope my presence here tells you this isn't just talk," he said. "I'm eager to go to work, to get into some tasks we've talked about here today."

The Ruidoso stop was one of more than a dozen made by the newly elected congressman during the week, including Roswell, Las Cruces and Carlsbad.

In other presentations Tuesday:
 

- Lincoln County Probate judge and former county commissioner Stirling Spencer asked Pearce to fight for "a level playing field" for cattle growers and others in business who have to compete with foreign imports.

Area ranchers aren't asking for a handout, but they want assurances their government isn't working against



Congressman-elect Steve Pearce, right, listens to Sandy Gladden and Jim Miller at a forum held at the Ruidoso Convention Center last week. Various community representatives expressed their concerns to Pearce.

them, he said.

The North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, is supposed to be aimed at making the Western Hemisphere competitive with the rest of the world. But inequities were created such as Mexican broadcast companies that beam into America without licenses, but American broadcasters would need approval from the Mexican government. Mexican trucks also drive on

United State roads without meeting local regulations, but American trucks can't do that in Mexico, he said.

"That great sucking sound is trade from China than even has Mexico worried," he said. "If we have to meet regulations and pay all the other associated costs, then we expect everyone else to have to do that," he said.

Bobbi Shearer, a member of the Capitan Board of Trustees, said her village's biggest complaint is unfunded federal mandates, most recently changes in the quality requirements for treated water and wastewater. They quickly could have a devastating affect on the town's budget, she said.

If changes are approved, money should be provided to help towns comply, she said.

She also asked for help in obtaining a flashing light on U.S. 380 at the Capitan school complex. Village and school officials have tried unsuccessfully for six

years to secure a light, she said.

Pearce said the request sounds simple and he will pursue it. He introduced Bob Carter, who he said has a deep understanding of municipal issues and the effect of new state and federal rules. Carter will be traveling within the district to help local officials contact the right people on the federal level.

- Sid Goodloe asked Pearce to champion the creation of a National Watershed Training Center in Lincoln County, where people would come to train in watershed and forest health issues.

- Doris Cherry advocated holding the line or increasing disability benefit payments, and ensuring the reauthorization of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Pearce said his brother has been confined to a wheelchair since 1974 and he is acutely aware of those issues.

- Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox and Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan pleaded for continued or increased funding for programs that supplement law enforcement positions and drug enforcement investigations. Sullivan said cuts have forced a reduction in the drug-fighting staff, and that some of the money that could benefit on-street efforts apparently have purchased expensive cherrywood furniture for agencies administering the allocations.

- Wesley Owens asked Pearce to oppose the Bush Administration's proposal for amnesty for illegal aliens, calling it "a slap in the face for those who went the right way to obtain their citizenship."

**"I'm eager to go to work, to get into some tasks we've talked about here today."**

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Extended registration hours will also begin then. The office

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# Fort Stanton supporters look to Pearce for help

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Having toured Fort Stanton, Congressman-elect Steve Pearce didn't have to be convinced last week about the economic and historical benefits of preserving and developing the 1855 complex about 15 miles north of Ruidoso.

But he cautioned supporters during a community meeting Dec. 10 that the work probably will be accomplished in small steps. As a start, he asked that an estimate be prepared covering the repair or reroofing of structures to prevent further interior deterioration.

Tony Hoffman, president of Fort Stanton Inc., said detailed cost breakdowns for repairs and renovations are included in a study completed a year ago by the Albuquerque firm of Kells & Craig. He'll supply the Republican from the 2nd Congressional District of New Mexico with the figures in time for consideration by the 108th Congress, he said.

The fort and portions of its 88 buildings were under federal jurisdiction for 98 years and under the state for the last 52 years, but little has been done to protect it, Hoffman said.

"It's the only pre-Civil War fort standing in New Mexico, and there are only three in the Western United States," he said, adding that it was home to the famous Buffalo Soldiers, that Gen. "Blackjack" Pershing served two tours of duty there and Kit Carson spent time at the fort.

"It was the reason for Lincoln County," he said.

Besides the fort, which was the first federal tuberculosis-only hospital in the country, a Merchant Marine and military cemetery is operated by the state Veterans Affairs Office, Hoffman said.

He ticked off a list of agencies supporting the effort to create a "living" museum, possibly with a convention and learning center, including the Bureau of Land Management, the Lincoln County Historical Trust and

the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

"The issue is how to preserve it," he said. "The state seems to lack resources. It probably will come down to a partnership of federal, state, local and private entities.

"We're confident it could become very significant to the area's economic and tourism development nationally and internationally."

Because German seamen were interned at the fort during World War II, it's a favorite stop for Germans visiting the United States, he said.

"African-American, Hispanics, Anglo, early European immigrants, Native Americans are all well represented there," he said. "We ask your support in making it happen."

Pearce explained that State Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, and Virginia and David Vigil of Lincoln ensured that he was aware of the historical significance, information he didn't have when he served as a state senator in the 1990s.

Vigil, who serves on the state Department of Tourism Region III

marketing committee and is a member of the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism Board, agreed that Fort Stanton is a priority and said portions of the facility could be used today for tourism with some repair.

"We have plans put together that look at it not only as a preservation site, but as a tourism destination," he said. "It would be great if Fort Stanton could be designated as a National Monument; Fort Union is, and it's a bunch of ruins. The fort is a key element in Lincoln County's tourism, which includes the race-track, skiing, history and our neighboring Mescalero Apache."

Pearce said tourism to the area will increase as baby boomers retire over the next 20 years. They probably will be looking less to foreign travel because of the threat of terrorism and opt for securer vacations in the United States, he said.

In related tourism issues, Vigil asked Pearce to support continued funding for the REDTT program started nine years ago by outgoing

Congressman Joe Skeen. The money comes through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is dispensed by the state extension service to 13 participating counties.

"Many in this district have benefited greatly," Vigil said. "It's been used as seed money to develop activities and festivals. At this point we are not sure it will be renewed without a champion and we'd like you to be that champion."

"I appreciate taking on the challenge of a champion's role," Pearce replied.

Vigil also pitched for continued funding for the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway, which runs through Lincoln County. New Mexico has 13 scenic byways and six are national, he said. Many tourists plan trips around driving those byways, he said.

He asked Pearce to look at the possibility of re-establishing the Federal Tourism Office, which was a great source for state tourism offices.

"It was the easiest way to reach out to foreign markets," Vigil said.

# Downs ETZ board hopes to avoid conflict with existing landowners

The board also considered zoning requirements at Friday's meeting.

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Extraterritorial Zoning Board for the City of Ruidoso Downs continues to hammer out provisions of the Downs' future ETZ ordinance.

Friday's meeting opened with Chairman Wayne Faircloth's concerns for "landowners that are going to be affected" by the board's decisions.

These include Leonard McCutcheon, Sue Davis, the Ruidoso School District, and Sierra Contracting. "They have to be consulted to see what they envision for their properties," said Susan Garrett.

The board unanimously decided to invite them to the Dec. 20 meeting at 3:30 p.m. for their input.

Faircloth then distributed examples of zoning district requirements for the board's consideration.

An R-1 single-family residential district zoning provides for the development of detached dwellings and directly related complementary uses.

Preliminary discussions among members involved "permitted uses" versus "conditional uses." For instance, whether public parks are a permitted use or should be relegated to an R-4 high-density residential district. Or whether churches and schools should be included as conditional uses in an R-1 because of resulting parking and traffic problems.

Under "permitted accessory uses," Garrett and Larry Mulligan cited jointly owned swimming pools and tennis courts, home occupations, and television and radio signal receiver facilities. Notes were

made for these items, changing them from partially or fully removed to "conditional uses" that would have to be brought before the board for a variance.

City code enforcer Tom Armstrong suggested the board also keep hillside and forest protection in mind while dealing with zoning district requirements, "especially in our area, where a defensible space can have an impact on insurance considerations." The board agreed.

Mulligan then brought up "gross residential density" specifications, especially concerning dwelling units per acre. The R-1 zoning district example listed a density of not more than four dwelling units per acre. Armstrong concurred that current county and state requirements are a 3/4-acre minimum for septic and well uses.

"Usually the developer provides for water and sewer," said Jim Matsler.

"As long as they are on city water/sewer, there is no problem," Garrett stated.

"Or they (a residential subdivision) could implement a private treatment facility," added Mulligan. Other alternatives include shared wells or septic systems, with the number of bedrooms being a determining factor for the size of septic system and leach lines.

These considerations will have a cumulative effect on the remainder of higher-density residential districts.

Armstrong was charged with checking on state regulations for the board so they can continue to adjust zoning requirements for the ordinance.

In a later interview, Armstrong said that the ordinance should state who governs and permits items such as septic systems. Then, as requirements change, they can be adapted accordingly.

Concerns also surfaced in consideration of C-1 neighborhood commercial district requirements. Initially, several permitted uses were suggested as being changed to conditional uses.

Finally, square-footage less than 2,000 became a determining factor. Permitted uses include a convenience store (without gas pumps), antique and craft stores, art studios and galleries, and retail bakeries. "Hotels, motels and small cabin rentals" and "restaurants or prepared foods, including alcoholic beverage served in conjunction with food service" items were noted for removal from conditional uses.

Disposal of chemicals became an item for the board, but Armstrong assured the members that building codes govern those by means of grease trap requirements.

The important thing is for the ordinance to provide "buffer zones," said Faircloth, making sure that residence districts are comfortably separated from high-density commercial zones.



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# LCMC official tells insurance problems to Pearce

BY DIANNE STALLINS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rewinding the red tape and improving the rate of reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid would go a long way toward solving some of the problems facing small rural hospitals, says Gary Mitchell.

President of the board of the Lincoln County Medical Center, a county-owned hospital in Ruidoso, Mitchell laid out the case for the center to Congressman-elect Steve Pearce last week while the Republican was in Ruidoso meeting with representatives of the business, community and government sectors.

The hospital was opened by the county in 1950, but ran into financial trouble in 1972, when Presbyterian Healthcare Services stepped in to manage the 38-bed facility, Mitchell said. The two entities forged a unique rela-

tionship and the hospital has done well, he said. Recent changes shifted more authority into the hands of the local board.

But 58 percent of New Mexico's residents are uninsured or on Medicare or Medicaid, which means hospitals are reimbursed for about 65 percent of the full charge. In the rest of the nation, the rate of those uninsured or on government programs is 42.2 percent, Mitchell said.

The state has the highest percentage of uninsured at 27 percent compared to 14 percent nationwide, he said.

"This is a huge problem for small hospitals. The burden falls on the middle-class working family and we are finding more and more can't afford insurance," said the attorney.

The middle-class worker is the victim, he said. The government to some extent takes care of the poor and the wealthy can afford to pay.

Mitchell said Pearce needs to look at: • What Congress is going to do with Medicare and Medicaid and health care in general, including the cost of prescription drugs for the elderly and comprehensive or catastrophic coverage.

"A doctor can prescribe a medication, but if you can't afford it, that doesn't do any good," Mitchell said. "For some, it's a choice between medicine and food."

• In rural counties, cutting bureaucracy and paperwork would free up money for other needs. The local hospital spends 25 cents out of each dollar to deal with the government.

• LCMC operates on a 2 percent margin above cost and it can't survive on that much longer. Reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid should be tied more closely to inflation. The hospital provided \$2.9 million of uncompensated care in 2001. Health care costs are increasing because of hikes in

drug costs, investment in technology and declining government reimbursement.

• Physicians received a 4.4 percent cut in reimbursements and the last Congress failed to fix it.

• As baby boomers age, home health care will become more of a desired and less expensive alternative to nursing home care, especially in rural areas, yet agencies received a 15 percent cut in funding by Medicare in October when the Congress failed to pass legislation to prevent the cut.

• Rural areas also need federal attention to new rules that don't take into account the long distances that ambulances have to travel from communities and ranches to hospitals. Rural areas should continue to receive a 10 percent add-on to cover that travel.

• Incentive programs for colleges and universities to increase enrollment

in training for nursing and other medical fields, which would also provide employment in rural areas.

New Mexico ranked at the bottom of the heap in the 1990s for prenatal care, infant mortality and access to primary care, James Gibson, LCMC administrator, pointed out. Lincoln County tries to provide "tailgate medical care" to more remote communities by sending a county health clinic worker to Corona once a week. A county clinic also operates in Hondo and Carrizozo.

One program that works well here and needs to be continued is the Sole Community Provider Fund, Mitchell said.

"The federal government matches \$3 to \$1 we pay into the fund," he said. "Please don't cut that. It's critical to us and follows the principle that if you help yourself, you ought to get some help back. We couldn't operate this hospital in the black without it."

## FUNERALS DEATHS

### Bonnie Coe

Funeral services for Bonnie Fay Runnels Coe, 82, of Bonito will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, in the Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso with Carl Parsons officiating. Burial will follow at the Angus Cemetery.

Mrs. Coe died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2002, in Ruidoso.

She was born April 20, 1920, a mile above South Fork Campground in Bonita. She and her mother were alone in the two-room Southern Pacific weir-watcher's cabin when she was born. Her father, A.N. Runnels, had ridden horseback to Fort Stanton to bring a doctor, but by the time they returned, her mother, Lula Mae Runnels, had delivered her own child, tied the cord and washed and cleaned up her new daughter.

She and her older brother and sister were primarily raised on trout, wild turkey and venison. When she was 6, the family moved to the present family home, which her

father had been working on for nearly 15 years. Twin boys followed at that time, and she and her siblings attended a one-room school house in Schoolhouse Canyon, Bonita. Herbert Lee Traylor was the schoolmaster.

Mrs. Coe met and married Joseph Wilbur Coe prior to World War II. During the war, she had various jobs and lived between Bonita and Ruidoso. After the war, she and her husband settled down to family life in Ruidoso. Joe Coe managed Texas-New Mexico Power Company in Ruidoso for more than 20 years. She was a member of Ruidoso Woman's Club, Beta Sigma Phi and Gateway Church of Christ for more than 60 years.

Mrs. Coe is the last of the Coe-Runnels pioneers of Lincoln County. She traveled extensively to see her sons in Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand through the years. The last job she held was as a greeter in the Ruidoso Wal-Mart. She enjoyed country pic-

nic, camping, fishing and hunting, as well as rodeos and gardening. She raised and canned much of her family's food throughout her life.

Survivors include sons Terry Lynn Coe and Danny Ray Coe, both of Ruidoso; grandchildren Pete Howell, of Austin, Texas, Chelsea Ann Coe, of Louisville, Ky., Jessica Suzanne Coe, of Louisville, and Tyler Lynn Coe, of Capitan; and two great-grandchildren in Austin.

### Elwood Gradine

Masonic and military graveside rites for Elwood Gradine, 81, of Ruidoso, were Monday, Dec. 16 in the Terrace Cemetery, Post, Texas, with the Rev. Dr. James Bell officiating. Burial was under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

Mr. Gradine died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002.

He was born Aug. 10, 1921, in Superior, Wisc., to Erick

Emanuel and Ethel C. (Thompson) Gradine.

He attended school there and graduated. He served in the U.S. Army and later in the U.S. Air Force, where he retired as a chief master sergeant having served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

In 1968, he moved to Ruidoso, where he worked as postmaster. He retired from the Postal Service in 1983 and became active in owning race horses. He was a Mason and also a Lutheran.

Survivors include: a son, Ronnie, and his wife, Voda Gradine, of Post; a daughter, Joella, and her husband, Mike Mullis, of Missouri City,



Gradine

Texas; sisters Ruth Brynelson of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Marge and her husband, Dr. Ed Pasek, of Sioux Falls, S.D. Grandchildren Michael and Matthew Mullis and Ariny and Vondi Gradine also survive him.

### Betty Bob Tucker

Services for Betty Bob Tucker, 60, of Roswell, were Dec. 13 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Roswell. Graveside services were at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso, with Father John Gibbons officiating.

Mrs. Tucker died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in the comfort of her home.

She was born June 19, 1942,

in Lubbock, Texas, to Robert Jackson and Velmoyle "Betty" Burnette Tucker. Both parents preceded her in death.

She went to school in Clovis, later moved to Ruidoso, and had been a Roswell resident for six years. She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include a sister, Caron Crane Tinguely and her husband, Dr. Richard Tinguely, of Alamogordo; an aunt, Rosa Tucker, of Amarillo, Texas; cousins Bobby Tucker and family, Guffy Tucker and family, Don Tucker and family; an uncle, Arthur Burrett and his wife, Bobbie, of Shallowater, Texas; and many loving friends and caregivers at Res-Care of New Mexico.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel and Crematory of Roswell.

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Fourth-quarter rally not enough for Warriors

BY TODD FUQUA RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

With just over 44 seconds left in the game, the Deming Wildcats had a 12-point lead Friday and what looked like a decisive win in their season-opener.

But they were playing Ruidoso, and the Warriors just don't know when to quit, no matter what the sport.

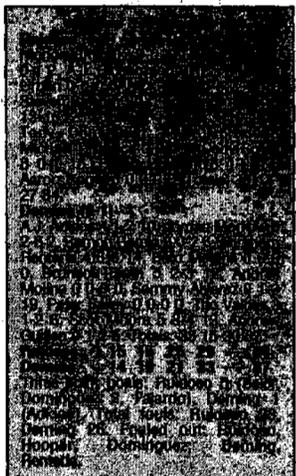
Three successive three-point shots by Tony Dominguez, Nick Fajardo and Patrick Valliant put the Warriors down by only three points, with a shot at a tie following a turnover.

But Ruidoso's final three-point attempt bounced off the front rim and Deming counted themselves lucky with an 87-84 victory.

"These last few games, we've shown we could be a fourth quarter team," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "We just started too late."

It's not like the Warriors (3-3) hadn't made a game of it up until the fourth quarter. Ruidoso had a one-point lead after one quarter, was down by only three at the half and had a 55-54 lead after three periods.

But neither team was really able to take control of the game until Deming's Scot Moore put up seven unan-



answered points in the fourth quarter to give the Wildcats (1-0) an 11-point lead.

The game might have been decided earlier had either team been able to make their free-throws. There were 49 fouls total in the contest, and three players — Dominguez and Chance Hooper for Ruidoso and Abraham Renteria for Deming — fouled out of the game.

All those fouls meant a lot of foul shots for both teams, but they only went 33-for-57,



Ruidoso's Cody Small (40) chases after a loose ball beneath the Deming basket during the Warriors' 87-84 loss to the Wildcats Friday in Deming. Also chasing, but hidden, is Deming's Sammy Alvarez (33). Following the action is Ruidoso's Chance Hooper, far right.

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side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache Road at Report Time: Clear Midway Depth: 31 in. Surface Conditions: Packed powder Skiing Conditions: Good to Excellent Trails Open: 48 of 55 Lifts Open: 10 of 11 lifts: Two surface lifts, the gondola and chairs 1-5 and 7-8 Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: Yes Forecast: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow Wednesday Additional Info: First-time beginners on skis or a snowboard receive a free lift ticket with their all-day lesson at \$45. Beginner's two-day packages are available with tickets, lessons and rental equipment for skiing or snowboarding.

Prep Scores

Thursday, Dec. 12 Girls Basketball City of Champions Tournament Artesia 64, Capitan 47

Friday, Dec. 13 Boys Basketball Deming 87, Ruidoso 84 Falcon Tournament Loving 81, Carrizozo 25

Girls Basketball Ruidoso 55, Cloudcroft 46 City of Champions Tournament Capitan 39, El Paso Del Valle 30 To'hajillie Tournament Mesalero 53, Mountainair 38 Falcon Tournament Carrizozo 58, Loving 55

Saturday, Dec. 14 Boys Basketball

Capitan 68, Ruidoso JV 54 Falcon Tournament Roswell JV 61, Carrizozo 58 Gateway Christian 89, Carrizozo 27

Girls Basketball Falcon Tournament Eunice 47, Carrizozo 45 Carrizozo 69, Gateway Christian 23 To'hajillie Tournament Championship To'hajillie 62, Mesalero 57 City of Champions Tournament, 5th place Dexter 54, Capitan 42

Preps on Tap

Thursday, Dec. 19 Boys Basketball Corona in Bean Valley Conference Tournament at Estancia, TBA

Girls Basketball Corona in Bean Valley Conference Tournament at Estancia, TBA Carrizozo in Tucumcari Tournament, TBA

Friday, Dec. 20 Boys Basketball Artesia at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m. Corona in Bean Valley Conference Tournament at Estancia, TBA

Mescalero Apache Tournament Hondo vs. To'hajillie, 4:30 p.m. Mesalero vs. Gateway Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball Socorro at Ruidoso, 6 p.m. Corona in Bean Valley Conference Tournament at Estancia, TBA Carrizozo in Tucumcari Tournament Mescalero Apache Tournament Hondo vs. To'hajillie, 3 p.m. Mesalero vs. Gateway Christian, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 Boys Basketball

Corona in Bean Valley Conference Tournament at Estancia, TBA Mescalero, Hondo in Mescalero Apache Tournament, TBA

Girls Basketball Corona in Bean Valley Conference Tournament at Estancia, TBA Carrizozo in Tucumcari Tournament Mescalero, Hondo in Mescalero Apache Tournament, TBA

Big Boys (and Girls)

Saturday, Dec. 21 NCAA Women's Basketball New Mexico 69, Dartmouth 43 Weber State 87, New Mexico State 64

Sunday, Dec. 22 NCAA Mens Basketball New Mexico State 72, New Mexico 80

NCAA Women's Basketball New Mexico 78, Memphis 42

Monday, Dec. 23 NCAA Women's Basketball Utah 74, New Mexico State 54

Foul shooting pays off in win for Ruidoso girls

The Lady Warriors withstood a late rally by Cloudcroft, scoring a majority of their final points by shooting free-throws.

BY TODD FUQUA RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The never-say-die Ruidoso Lady Warriors got their second win of the season Friday, holding off a late charge by Cloudcroft to take home a 56-48 victory.

Ruidoso (2-4) got caught in a roller-coaster type of game, as the teams took turns with scoring runs throughout. The Lady Warriors took an initial 17-4 lead after the first quarter, then were outscored themselves in the second period.

Cloudcroft (3-2) found themselves down 37-23 after three quarters, then began a major charge, doubling their score in the final frame, but were

unable to overcome all their fouls.

The Lady Bears were whistled for 31 infractions, while Ruidoso had only 18 fouls in the game. The Lady Warriors took advantage of all those fouls, getting 24 points at the free-throw line as a result.

Of the Lady Warriors' 18 points in the fourth quarter, 16 came on free-throws. Ruidoso was 16-of-32 from the charity stripe in the final frame.

Jenna Carrasco led Ruidoso with 18 points — including one three-pointer, while Clarissa Silva added 13 points and Dusti Franklin had 12. All but two Lady Warriors had points in the game, and

Carrasco and Franklin each had double figures in points and rebounds.

Kara Goss was the only Lady Bear in double figures, but she led all scorers with 21 points.

Ruidoso hosts Socorro this Saturday at 6 p.m., then travels to Roswell the day after Christmas to play in the Goddard Tournament. The varsity takes on Espanola Dec. 26 at 3 p.m., while the junior varsity faces Tatum the same day at 1 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Includes Lady Warriors vs Lady Bears, Kosta May vs Emily Hunter, and various other game results.

Warrior seniors named to All-South team

BY TODD FUQUA RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The accolades keep coming for members of the Class 3A state champion Ruidoso Warriors, as six players were named to the Class 3A All-South team.

The North-South All-Star Team, sponsored by the New Mexico High School Coaches Association, is made up of seniors elected by Class 3A coaches throughout the state.

Quarterback Josh Adams joined Lovington's Caden Jameson and Zach Gerleve of Hot Springs as the play callers,

See ALL-SOUTH, page 13A

Capitan streaks into Christmas break with win over Ruidoso JV

BY TODD FUQUA RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Maybe it wasn't exactly the kind of performance Capitan boys coach Royce Brown wanted from his team, and maybe it wasn't exactly the team they wanted to play, but the Capitan Tigers did come away from Ruidoso High Saturday with a 68-54 win over the RHS junior varsity.

"We played decent at times, but we were without energy for most of the game," Brown said. "Maybe Christmas had something to do with it, maybe we were looking forward to seeing their varsity instead. I was just glad they let us get a game in there."

The Ruidoso varsity — fresh off a loss at Deming on Friday — was at the game, but they spent it in the stands while J.D. Mitchell led all scorers with 20 points.

"We hope to dominate the boards with the height and jumping ability we've got," Brown said. "Our goal is to out-rebound the other team by 12 or more."

No Warriors were in double figures, as Maclen Enriquez had eight points to lead

Ruidoso, while Kyle Snowden and Aaron Romero added seven points each.

The fact that the Warriors were in foul trouble didn't help. By the time the game ended, four Ruidoso players — Garrett Born, Erik Rossiter, Julian Serna and Wes Adaza — had all fouled out of the game. The Warrior bench was also assessed with a technical after Serna got his fifth.

That made for a number of free throws for Capitan, 42 trips to the line in all. But they only made 23 of them for a 55 percent average.

The Tigers got many of their points on turnovers created by the press, including a steal by Sparks early in the third quarter which he turned into a one-handed dunk at the other end.

"The turnovers were nice, but we need to transition off of them a bit more and convert on that end," Brown said. "It wasn't a bad game, it just wasn't our top performance."

Capitan takes a big Christmas break and won't return to the floor for a game until Jan. 4, when the Tigers travel to Dexter for a 6 p.m. game.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Includes Tigers vs Warriors JV, Capitan vs Ruidoso JV, and various player statistics.

Exciting opener

The main event was set up by an exciting game between the Capitan JV and the Ruidoso sophomores. It was a game Ruidoso led 19-4 at the end of the first quarter and seemed to have in hand throughout — at least until the fourth quarter.



Bo Sparks (10) dribbles the ball for Capitan past Ruidoso's Aaron Romero during the Tigers' 68-54 win Saturday.

The Tigers then put on a scoring show, getting 34 points in the final frame, only to see their comeback effort fall short as the Warriors won 67-66. Jacob Gilliland had 19

points for Ruidoso, followed by Dustin Prelo with 14 and Kyle Snowden with 10. Elliott Taylor poured in 24 points for Capitan to lead all scorers, followed by Weston Richardson with 21.

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# Capitan girls 1-2 at City of Champions Tournament

BY TODD FUQUA

ARTESIA — It's not the best way to start a basketball season, but this team — or at least these girls — have faced adversity before.

The Capitan Lady Tigers went 1-2 at the City of Champions Tournament over the weekend, falling in their final game against Dexter 54-42. That puts Capitan's overall record at 2-5, but coach Sherry Gowen isn't panicking.

"These girls are committed, and they know what it takes to get to state," said Gowen of her team — many of whom were on the Class 2A state champion volleyball team in November. "They want to be the first group to win it back-to-back."

The Lady Tigers' loss to Dexter in the fifth-place game on Saturday predates their next contest Jan. 4 on the Lady Demons' home court. Gowen is hoping that experience will help her team while on the road.

Actually, the Dexter game was one the Lady Tigers would have had a shot at, that is if they didn't count the middle quarters.

Capitan played its best in the first and fourth periods, but was outscored by the Lady Demons 25-15 in the middle of the game.

Fouls were a big part of the reason. The sisters Becker — Jessica and Melissa — both fouled out of the game, and the Lady Tigers were whistled for 24 infractions, compared to 17 for Dexter.

Capitan didn't help its cause with poor shooting at the foul line, going 7-for-24 — a paltry 30 percent.

Melissa Becker led the Lady Tigers with 14 points before fouling out, while Jessica Tully-

| Player    | Points | Rebounds | Assists | Steals | Blocks | Fouls |
|-----------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| Del Valle | 39     | 10       | 1       | 1      | 0      | 5     |
| Capitan   | 54     | 10       | 1       | 1      | 0      | 5     |

Mitchell and Catherine Wood each scored 10 points. Marlene Jarry led all scorers with 24 points for Dexter.

### Capitan 39, Del Valle 30

On Friday, the outcome was decidedly different, as the Lady Tigers turned in a strong performance on the boards to make up for a lot of turnovers and defeated El Paso Del Valle in the consolation semifinals.

Both teams pressed throughout the game, and both turned the ball over — Del Valle had only one more giveaway than the Lady Tigers, in fact. But the difference was made in rebounds.

Capitan hauled in 33 boards, led by Jessica "Bruiser" Becker with nine, while Del Valle had only 19.

"We've been preaching that when the game is on the line,

we're the ones that will win," Gowen said. "These girls' feet hurt, they're still sucking air, and for them to maintain pressure on them, that's a plus."

The Lady Tigers used their press well in the opening quarter, starting with a 13-7 lead and staying in front, even after being held to just two points in the second frame.

The fourth quarter was when things got interesting.

Del Valle tied the game twice and took a brief lead with 3 1/2 minutes left, taking advantage of Capitan fouls and sinking its free-throws.

But the Lady Conquistadors couldn't stop Capitan's rebounding, and when the Lady Tigers took a 31-30 lead following a three-point play by "Bruiser" Becker, they never looked back.



Capitan forward Jessica Tully-Mitchell, right, drives against Del Valle's Noemi Murillo during the Lady Tigers' victory in the consolation bracket of the City of Champions Tournament in Artesia Friday.

Becker led the game with 17 points, while Elisa Holguin had 14 to lead Del Valle.

### Artesia 64, Capitan 47

Capitan opened the tournament against host Artesia, and found fouls and rebounds were again their enemy.

"We had our chances, we just didn't make them," Gowen said. "We had numbers on

them under the boards; we just got out rebounded."

The fouls weren't as common on Thursday, but the Lady Tigers were unable to make their foul shots when they had the chance, going 7-of-19 from the free-throw line.

With its better foul shooting and rebounding, Artesia took an early lead and never relin-

quished it. Tasha Lawson led the Lady Bulldogs with 15 points, followed by Erin Chaney's 12. Melissa Becker had 15 for Capitan, followed by Jessica Becker with 13 points.

After their 4 p.m. game at Dexter Jan. 4, the Lady Tigers host the Smokey Bear Tournament Jan. 9-11 in Capitan.

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# Aggie men complete season basketball sweep of Lobos

BY FELIX CHAVEZ  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**ALBUQUERQUE** — Simply too big and athletic.

The New Mexico State men's basketball team won its sixth game in a row Sunday night with a 72-60 road victory at in-state rival New Mexico in The Pit in front of 17,870.

Junior forward James Moore, who was making his first appearance of the 2002-03 season, came off the bench to score 22 points, grab nine rebounds and block four shots in 29 minutes to lead the way.

The 6-foot-8 Moore missed the first six games because of academic suspension along with senior post Chris Jackson, who also made his first showing Saturday.

Jackson had 8 points and 9 rebounds in 17 minutes.

"With their two post players in the game, that makes a big difference," New Mexico coach Ritchie McKay said. "It's very difficult to guard James. He has good post up moves, he has a short jumper and when you double him, he finds open shooters. NMSU just had too many weapons for us."

Said NMSU coach Lou Henson: "James was solid, he came in and did a good job. He's been practicing well. Chris did some good things, but he still needs to get in some work."

NMSU made 25 of 50 attempts from the field on the night and 17 of 21 from the free-throw line, while also out-rebounding the home team 45-30.

But 23 turnovers and the play of Lobo guards Ruben Douglas and Javin Tindall kept UNM alive.

Douglas scored 25 points, while Tindall had 13.

"We turned the ball over way too much," Henson said. "But our defense was solid and our rebounding was good as well."

The Lobos shot just 31.8 percent from the field and committed 16 turnovers of their own.

UNM's Jamaal Williams, the team's second-leading scorer, was held to 5 points on 2 of 11 shooting.

"NMSU is very athletic and they defend really well," McKay said. "I was in the Pac-10 at Oregon State and I don't remember a more athletic team than New Mexico State. This is a team that

is very good on both ends of the court."

NMSU led 36-27 at halftime and tried to pull away from the Lobos at various times in the second half.

The Aggies led by 13, 44-31, after a Jackson lay-in with 14:55 left; and by nine, 51-42, after Brandon Mason hit three free throws with 10:12 remaining.

But the Lobos rallied to cut the lead to 51-47 with 8:16 left after a lay-in by Williams and a trey by Ryan Ashcraft.

Then NMSU came right back and went up 12 as Mason and Jason Fontenet each had 3-pointers to make it 59-47.

But UNM made one more run, cutting the lead to 61-55 with 2:55 left on a Douglas dunk. The dunk capped an 8-2 run, which saw Douglas and Tindall each hit triples.

UNM had chances to further cut into the lead, but couldn't charge closer.

Jason Fontenet then scored on an old-fashioned three-point play and the momentum was back to NMSU as it scored 11 of the final 16 points in the game.

"We played good defense tonight," Mason said. "We had to play well on the boards as well. We had way too many turnovers. When we took care of the ball, we were fine."

McKay said his team, which tried zone for a couple of trips down the court, couldn't play zone the entire night.

"NMSU has too good of a shooting team to play zone," he said. "We tried it a couple of times, but we had to stick with man-to-man."

Jason Fontenet added 17 for the Aggies.

In the first half, the Aggies overcame 14 first-half turnovers to take a 36-27 lead into the half-time break.

Both teams struggled offensively for the first 11 minutes of the game as NMSU led just 11-8.

Then both teams woke up.

The Aggies went on a 7-0 run to go up 18-8 as James Fontenet hit a trey and Jason Fontenet hit a baseline jumper.

The Aggies maintained a 6-to-12 point lead in the opening 20 minutes.

Moore, who didn't start in his first game back this season, scored

13 straight points during a 2:33 stretch of the first half to put the Aggies up 38-22. Moore finished the first half with 16 points.

The Lobos managed to cut the lead to 6, 39-27 after a Jeff Hart triple, but James Fontenet's corner 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds gave the Aggies a nine-point half-time lead.

James Fontenet finished with six points in the opening half, while Jason Fontenet had seven.

The Aggies shot 50 percent (14-28), while UNM made just 10 of 29. The Aggies also out-rebounded their counterparts 24-10.

UNM was kept in the game by Douglas, who scored 15 points on 6-of-11 shooting. The senior guard from Altadena, Calif., scored 20 points against NMSU back on Nov. 30. UNM did, however, turn the ball over nine times, which led to eight NMSU points. The Lobos scored only 10 points off the Aggies turnovers.

NMSU is at home Wednesday against Texas-El Paso.

Felix Chavez is a sportswriter for the Las Cruces Sun-News, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.

## Warrior wrestlers still improving after meet

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Finishing 20th out of 27 teams may not usually be something to crow too loudly about, but it can be when those 27 teams comprise the Las Cruces Invitational.

That's just what the Ruidoso wrestlers did this past weekend, doing it against teams like Las Cruces, Mayfield, Oñate, El Paso Hanks, El Paso Franklin, Sandia and Carlsbad.

"It went real well, I was really impressed with the kids' wrestling," said Ruidoso coach Brian Brown. "We're still missing some, we only took 11 guys. So I thought we did well."

"We're still pretty young," he added. "When we lost, we were losing to experience."

Almost every individual went 3-2 in the tournament, guaranteeing a winning record for the team. The best finish belonged to Greg Crow at 130 pounds, who fell to Gadsden's Juan Muñoz in the semifinals of the consolation bracket.

Other wrestlers Brown singled out for

praise were Shawn Gurule, Cipriano Sandoval and Johnny Gonzales.

Many members from the Class 3A champion football team recently joined the wrestlers in practice, and Brown said those Warriors — mostly in the middle weight classes — look to be in good shape, giving him even more confidence down the road.

Ruidoso was to host Hobbs this Saturday in a dual, but the Eagles canceled, giving the Warriors more than two weeks off until their next action, a triangular Jan. 7 against Roswell and New Mexico Military Institute.

"We'll have some time off for Christmas, and will give some of our guys time to heal," Brown said. "I just hope we don't get too far out of shape."

Team results from the Las Cruces Invite  
1. Hanks, 215.5; 2. Las Cruces, 158; 3. Sandia, 144; 4. Franklin, 115.5; 5. Silver, 114; 6. Socorro, 99; 7. Carlsbad, 95; 8. Cobre, 89.5; 9. Gadsden, 89; 10. Mayfield, 83.5; 11. Fabens, 77.5; 12. Oñate, 72; 13. Americas, 68.5; 14. Ysleta, 63.5; 15. Eastwood, 60; 16. Adress, 54.5; 17. Manzano, 49; 18. Deming, 46.5; 19. Coronado, 46.5; 20. Ruidoso, 40.5; 21. Burgess, 36; 22. Santa Teresa, 32; 23. Hobbs, 30; 24. Riverside, 16; 25. Irving, 10; 26. Parkland, 9

## ALL-SOUTH: Six make team

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while David Samaniego was named tackle to round out Ruidoso's selections on offense.

On defense, David Rice was named a lineman, Tim Lucero will play at linebacker, and Casey Wagon and Steven Stroup will roam the secondary for the south all-stars.

OFFENSE:  
Quarterback: Josh Adams-Ruidoso, Caden Jameson-Lovington, Zach Geriève-Hot Springs  
Runningback: Les Long-Portales, Todd Walker-NMMI, Jacinto Cardenas-Cobre  
Center: Chris Jones-Portales, Ralph Crispell-Hot Springs  
Guard: Mickey Hamilton-Lovington, Gary Romero-Cobre  
Tackle: David Samaniego-Ruidoso, Anthony Baca-Socorro  
Tight End: Jeremy Jones-Portales, Chad Spitzer-Hot Springs  
Wide Receiver: Wes King-Portales, Dylan Schultz-Cobre

DEFENSE:  
Line: David Rice-Ruidoso, Max LeBaron-NMMI, Randy Dominguez-Cobre, Jimmy Thomson-Bernalillo, Leo Jimenez-Portales  
Linebacker: Tim Lucero-Ruidoso, Calvin Griffin-Portales, Greer Goetz-Hot Springs, Freddy Ornelas-Lovington

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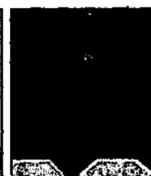
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## WARRIORS: Just short of win

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from the free-throw line, a combined 58 percent.

Beier led the way at the line and in scoring, shooting 13-for-16 in foul shots and amassing 25 points total. Cody Small added 16, while Valliant had 14 points.

Sammy Alvarez had 19 to lead the Wildcats, followed by Renteria with 14 and Moore with 13.

The Warriors return to the court Friday with a 7:30 p.m. home game against Artesia.

## FACT

In 1850

New Mexico (which included present day Arizona, southern Colorado, southern Utah, and southern Nevada) is designated a territory, but denied statehood.

## Carrizozo teams compete in Loving

BY LESTER HAYES  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies won two games and lost one at the Loving Falcon Tournament over the weekend, beating Loving in the first round by a hair, falling to Eunice by another close score, then crushing Gateway Christian to claim third place.

The Lady Grizzlies will play again in the Tucumcari Tournament this Thursday through Saturday. The boys will take a long Christmas break, and aren't scheduled to play again until the Smokey Bear Tournament in Capitan Jan. 9-11.

In the first game against the tournament hosts, the Lady Grizzlies were down by three in the last period when the Carrizozo offense got down to business.

"Christa Frank scored some points inside, and our free throws were real good at the end," said assistant coach Jimmy Samora. "Free-throws is what really won the game for us."

Frank had 24 points to lead Carrizozo (7-3) to the 56-55 win, while Stephanie Brewer added 11 points and Whitney Whittaker had 10.

The second game of the tournament was a total flip-flop of the first. This time, Carrizozo found themselves on the losing end of a 47-45 decision against Eunice. This time the free-throw game failed for the Lady Grizzlies.

"They just couldn't get the free throws to fall for them," said Samora. Frank was the only Carrizozo player in double figures with 16 points. The Lady Grizzlies went on

to beat Gateway Christian, 59-23, to end the tourney in third place.

"The girls did real good, they should have won the tournament completely," Samora said. "Losing that game to Eunice really cost them."

Frank joined Ariel Burr in leading Carrizozo with 16 points each. Frank averaged 19 points a game in the three games.

The 'Zozo boys didn't do quite as well as the girls, as their youth again proved a difficult obstacle.

"The boys had a hard time, they're young," admitted Samora. "We don't have any seniors — we start two eighth graders, two sophomores and a junior. Everybody we play is usually senior-heavy and that makes it hard for us."

The boys lost their first game to Loving Friday, 81-25, but did play a much better game in the second round of play against the Roswell junior varsity.

Most of the Roswell team was made up of sophomores, which evened things out a little bit. The Grizzlies actually had lead following a free-throw with 20 seconds left, but the 'Zozo boys (2-8) committed what Samora called dumb fouls that sent Roswell to the line and gave them the 61-58 victory.

The Grizzlies closed out the tournament with an 80-27 loss to Gateway Christian.

Josh Calvert led the boys in points for each game, scoring a total of 44 points during the weekend. Joe Samora was the team's second-leading scorer, putting in 28 points over three contests.

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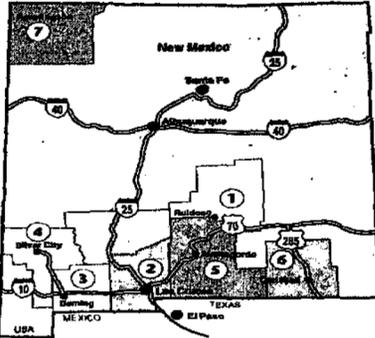
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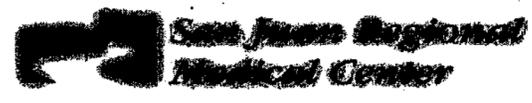
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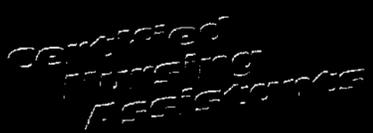
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| <p><b>NURSING</b></p> <p>Registered Nurses for the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surgical</li> <li>Nephrology (Renal)</li> <li>Professional Resource Team<br/><small>(Floor all areas except Labor and Deliver and OR)</small></li> </ul> <p><b>RADIOLOGY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear Medicine</li> <li>Radiology Technologist</li> </ul> <p><b>PHARMACY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharmacists</li> </ul> | <p><b>OTHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respiratory Therapists</li> <li>Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants</li> <li>Occupational Therapists</li> <li>Lab Techs</li> <li>Nursing Assistants and Unit Secretaries</li> <li>Medical Assistants</li> <li>Housekeeping Aides</li> <li>Safety &amp; Security</li> <li>Transcription (PRN)</li> <li>Clerical</li> </ul> |
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Sign-on Bonus and Relocation packages are available for eligible positions. Complete benefit package, including multiple health plan options and Short-Term and Long-Term Disability.

Please forward resumes to: The Recruitment Office located at 657 W. Maple, Farmington, New Mexico. For more information please call 505-599-2401 or 505-564-6473, email: [chowe@sirmc.net](mailto:chowe@sirmc.net). Applications also available online @ [www.lifecoursehealth.com](http://www.lifecoursehealth.com). EOE



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### PRN POOL

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**PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH**

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For application and/or further information, contact: Taos Town Hall, ATTN: Human Resources Office, 400 Camino de la Piedad, Taos, NM 87571. (505) 751-2009

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(Silver City, NM)

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Write technical and informational materials  
Analyze problems; create solutions  
Organize complex situations and mobilize resources in a timely manner  
Develop procedures for client data base systems (both clinical and administrative)

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- Minimum of a BA degree and excellent writing skills
- Experience in obtaining accreditation with a national accreditation agency, e.g., COA, NCOA, etc.
- Demonstrated success in obtaining and implementing grants/programs
- Industry experience
- Ability to function autonomously and exercise responsibility in prioritizing problems
- Excellent human relations and diplomacy
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in public and private settings
- Ability to work with large and small groups
- Self-motivated and team oriented
- Ability to provide quality service
- Background clearance with the State of NM

For more information, contact: Human Resources, Inc., PO Box 1000, Silver City, NM 88562. Fax: 505/534-1159. EOE/AA/DFW

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# SPORTS

**SEMI-WEEKLY  
IN THE  
RUIDOSO NEWS  
BY TODD FUQUA**

**FURNITURE**  
**KING SIZE HEADBOARD.** Wooden wicker bookshelf type, lots of storage. Beautiful x-mas gift. \$150. 378-8588.

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**ESTATE SALE.** Fabulous antique mahogany Bank tellers. Cages/entertainment bar. 10'x18' \$69.00. Hobart SS Commercial Frig/in use \$1,895. Berklina sofa/blue seat w/2 recliners \$550. 2 antique dry sinks \$500. Plus more, call 257-1964 for appt.

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**FACT**  
In 1841  
Texas soldiers made New Mexico and claim on land east of the Rio Grande. Efforts thwarted by Governor Manuel Armijo

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**AUTOS FOR SALE**  
**1994 MITSUBISHI GALANT ES,** all power, runs great, for quick sale \$3499 257-2435

**FOR SALE** to satisfy debt of \$156.50. 1985 Ford Bronco, wrecked, date of sale March 1, 2003. time 8:00 a.m. place Gateway Texaco 392 Suddeth, Ruidoso New Mexico.

**FOR SALE:** 2000 Kia Sephia, 45K miles, A/C, good condition. \$7500/OBO 354-2803

**TALON EAGLE 93' 4** Whl. Dr. Turbo fuel injection. Excellent. Call 491-5402.

**FOUR WHEEL**  
**1996 JIMMY SLT,** 4x4, 4-door, all power, 92,000/miles. \$7,300. 257-6338 or 430-3287

**'92 JEEP Overhill Cherokee,** 4x4, 190/h.p., automatic, A/C, heavy hauling trans cooler, remote key-less-entry, all power, high miles, \$2500, 336-4670  
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**FOR SALE:** 1982 AMC Jeep Eagle, 4x4, four door, great snow car, \$950, 430-1038

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CHARLES MATTHEW ALFONSO SORRATI.**  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
No CV-2002-258  
Div III

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING**  
COMES NOW the Petitioner and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 15th day of November, 2002, requesting that the Petitioner's name be changed from CHARLES MATTHEW ALFONSO SORRATI to CHARLES MATTHEW ALFONSO SOTO.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons at 8:15 a.m. on the 18th day of December, 2002 at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing the his/her name from CHARLES MATTHEW ALFONSO SORRATI to CHARLES MATTHEW ALFONSO SOTO.

**CLYDENE HULL**  
Trial Court Administrative Assistant to the HONORABLE KAREN L. PARSONS  
District Judge  
#5359 1T (12)18

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO  
**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF A REGULAR MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso has cancelled the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Ruidoso Governing Body of December 31, 2002. The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 14, 2002. The regular meetings are held at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso. The regular meetings begin at 8:30 p.m. Meetings of the Village of Ruidoso Governing Body are open to the public. If you have questions or need to request a copy of the agenda, please contact Tammie J. Maddox, Village Clerk, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, Phone- 258-4343.

**FACT**  
In 1849  
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends Mexican American War.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
CAUSE NO. CV-2001-227  
DIVISION III

**IN RE: The Forfeiture of U.S. Currency** in the amount of one thousand three hundred dollars and no cents (\$1,300.00) and concerning LUIS ANTUNEZ, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**  
The State of New Mexico to the above listed Respondents: You are hereby notified there is pending in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico a civil action, being the cause numbers listed above, in which the State of New Mexico, on behalf of the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, is the Petitioner and you are Respondent.

The general object of the said action is suit for forfeiture of U.S. Currency, as described above.

Unless you enter your appearance in said Cause on or before February 10, 2003, judgment will be rendered against you in said Cause by default.

Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Bongard, Assistant District Attorney, 1000 New York Ave., Room 301, Alamogordo, NM 88310

Witness my Hand and Seal of said Court in Carrizozo, New Mexico on this 8th day of Dec., 2002.

**JAN PERRY**  
District Court Clerk  
By: Elizabeth Ysasi  
Deputy  
#5380 1T (12)18

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso adopted a public hearing on December 10, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in a regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance: **ORDINANCE 2002-11: AN ORDINANCE MENDING ORDINANCES 96-08, 97-01, AND 99-24 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, BY INCREASING THE ELIGIBLE PROJECT COST AND LOAN AGREEMENT AMOUNT FROM \$1,200,000 TO \$1,450,000 BEARING AN INTEREST RATE OF TWO PERCENT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REVISED LOAN DOCUMENTS.** Copies of Ordinance 2002-11 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **WITNESS** my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 18th day of December, 2002.

**FACT**  
In 1920  
Adoption of the 19th Amendment gives women the right to vote in New Mexico.

**ANTIQUES & More.** 2825 Suddeth, 830-9070. Huge inventory reduction sale, up to 50% off prices. M-Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 11:30-4:00

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**N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD**  
Edited by Will Shortz  
No. 0625

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | <b>DOWN</b>                   |
| 1 Brass = copper              | 1 Actress Catherine Jones     |
| 5 Map out                     | 2 Brife explanation           |
| 9 Long for                    | 3 Back of the neck            |
| 14 Jacob's twin               | 4 Billiards stick             |
| 16 Music of India             | 5 Antiseptic                  |
| 18 Place for a boutonniere    | 6 Paint coat                  |
| 17 Hard identifier #1         | 7 Got older                   |
| 20 Sailor's assent            | 8 Flaming too often           |
| 21 Expected, as payment       | 9 Refuse to talk              |
| 22 Bit of current             | 10 Talks hoarsely             |
| 23 Drug (government position) | 11 Church area                |
| 24 Air conditioner mess.      | 12 Zig or zag                 |
| 25 Casino employee            | 13 "What ___ is new?"         |
| 26 Hold                       | 14 Egg quantities             |
|                               | 15 Mexican-American, e.g.     |
|                               | 16 Office worker              |
|                               | 17 Illegal inducement         |
|                               | 18 Lozenges                   |
|                               | 19 Ice like supports          |
|                               | 20 War of 1812 treaty site    |
|                               | 21 Civil War historian Shelby |
|                               | 22 Lhasa ___ (dog)            |
|                               | 23 Thoroughfare               |
|                               | 24 Roman 1,111                |
|                               | 25 Walked (on)                |
|                               | 26 Salt lake state            |
|                               | 27 Phrase of understanding    |
|                               | 28 Opposite of transparent    |
|                               | 29 Most sensible              |
|                               | 30 Lounging robe              |
|                               | 31 Whips up                   |
|                               | 32 Something to fill out      |
|                               | 33 Paris airport              |
|                               | 34 Minicream dessert          |
|                               | 35 Corporate V.I.P.           |

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5888 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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| SATURDAY MORNING |        | DECEMBER 21, 2002   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|                  | 3:00   | 8:30  | 9:00  | 9:30  | 10:00   | 10:30   | 11:00   | 11:30   | 12:00   | 12:30   | 1:00  |   |   |
| 2                | KASA   | Kirby's Right   | Ultimate Music  | Ultimate Music  | Fighting Foodies  | Kirby's Right   | Ultimate Music  |
| 3                | KENW   | Southwest Eye   | Master Class  | Yankee Shop   | Rauler Workshop   | Southwest Eye   | Victory Garden  | School of Fine Arts   | Joy of Painting   | 1 Stroke Paint  | Quilt in a Day  | Love of Quilting  |   |
| 4                | KOBR   | Eyewitness News Weekend Edition   | Prehistoric Planet  | Prehistoric Planet  | Croc Files  | Operation Squirrel  | Endurance Days  | Sport's Safari  | Strange Days  | Fast Media  | Miracle Day   | Skateboard King   |   |
| 6                | CNN    | Saturday Edition  | People in the News  |
| 7                | KOAT   | (6:00) News   | Home Show   | Teamo Supremo   | Proud Family  | Wild Moments  | Wild Moments  | To Be Announced   | Christmas Lamb  | Music & Media   | Believe in Santa  | Rattle Street Kids  |   |
| 8                | EI     | Behind the Scenes   | Sandra Bullock Revealed   | Star Dates  | Star Dates  | Saved by the Bell: True Hollywood Story   | Saved by the Bell: True Hollywood Story   | True Hollywood Story  | True Hollywood Story  | True Hollywood Story  | True Hollywood Story  | True Hollywood Story  | True Hollywood Story  |
| 9                | USA    | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  | *** "Hobby's Footy" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy  |
| 10               | KBIM   | Blue's Clues  | Explorer  | Hey Arnold!   | Hey Arnold!   | Hey Arnold!   | Hey Arnold!   | NFL Today   |
| 12               | KASY   | Paid Program  |
| 13               | DSC    | Paid Program  |
| 14               | TNN    | Secrets of the Hunt   | Realize Outdoors  | Buckmasters   | Truckin'  | Hunting   |
| 15               | FAM    | Medabots  | Bayblade  | Power Rangers   |
| 17               | HBO    | (6:30) *** "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence" (2001) Spielberg   |
| 20               | SHOW   | (7:30) *** "Spy Kids" (2001) PG   |
| 21               | MAX    | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  | (7:45) *** "Ella Womack" (2001) (Action) Steven Seagal  |
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| 25               | KRPV   | Kingsley's Meadow   | Faith Hill  | Youth of Prussia  | Eastman Curtis  |
| 27               | COM    | Battibots   | Battibots   | Ben Stiller   |
| 28               | TLC    | How-2   | How-2   | HomeTime  |
| 29               | TCM    | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  | *** "The Naked City" (1948, Drama) Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff  |
| 32               | UNI    | Locos y Suellos   | Locos y Suellos   | Viva el Juego de la Vida  |
| 33               | DISN   | Stanley   | Stanley   | Jersey  | Sabrina   | Boy Meets World   | Even Stevens  | Kim Possible  | Proud Family  | Leave It to Beaver  |
| 34               | ANPL   | K-9 to 5  | K-9 to 5  | Funnies   |
| 38               | ESPN   | Sportscenter  | Sportscenter  | NFL Countdown   |
| 39               | NICK   | Catdog  | Catdog  | Rugrats   |
| 40               | SciFi  | (7:00) Mystery Science Theater 3000   | (7:00) Mystery Science Theater 3000   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   | *** "The Martian Man" (1983, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Marie Gibbs   |
| 41               | FX     | American Kids   | Healthy Kids  | Joyful  |
| 42               | H&G    | Ground Breakers   | Design  | Landscaping   | Garden  | This Old House  | This Old House  | House Detective   | Curb  | Carol Duval's Holiday Workshop  | Insider's Garden  | Insider's Garden  | Insider's Garden  |
| 43               | CNN-FN | World News  |
| 44               | WTBS   | Worst-Case Scenario   | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  | *** "Nowhere to Land" (2000, Suspense) (PA) Jack Wagner, Eric Hudson  |
| 45               | WGN    | Smart Tech  | Boxflex   | Debit Relief  |
| 46               | LIFE   | Paid Program  | Paid Program  | Lifetime Now  | Women's Health  | Golden Girls  |
| 49               | FSSW   | High School Xtra  | High School Xtra  | Paid Program  | Paid Program  | Big 12  |
| 49               | ESPN2  | Great Outdoors  | Timber Series   | Timber Series   | Sporting  | College Football  |
| 50               | ESPNT  | Sports  | Water Dogs  | Water Dogs  | Shooters  | Tourname  |
| 51               | HIST   | Sportsworld   | Big Deals   | Massada   |
| 52               | A&E    | House Beautiful   | Serenity at Home  | America's Castles   |
| 53               | GOLF   | Paid Program  | Paid Program  | Travis Perkins  |
| 54               | CNBC   | Paid Program  |
| 58               | TRAV   | Travel Tech: Private Jets Revealed  | Travel Tech: Private Jets Revealed  | Lonely Planet   | Lonely Planet   | Where Christmas Began   |

| SATURDAY AFTERNOON |        | DECEMBER 21, 2002 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                    | 1:30   | 2:00              | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 |      |      |
| 2                  | KASA   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 3                  | KENW   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 4                  | KOBR   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 6                  | CNN    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 7                  | KOAT   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 8                  | EI     | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 9                  | USA    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 10                 | KBIM   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 12                 | KASY   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 13                 | DSC    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 14                 | TNN    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 15                 | FAM    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 17                 | HBO    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 20                 | SHOW   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 21                 | MAX    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 23                 | TNT    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 24                 | AMC    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 25                 | KRPV   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 27                 | COM    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 28                 | TLC    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 29                 | TCM    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 32                 | UNI    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 33                 | DISN   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 34                 | ANPL   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 38                 | ESPN   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 39                 | NICK   | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 40                 | SciFi  | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 41                 | FX     | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 42                 | H&G    | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
| 43                 | CNN-FN | 1:30              | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 6:00 |
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 22, 2002. Grid of TV programs for Sunday afternoon including KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, SHOW, MAX, TNT, AMC, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, DISH, ANPL, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, GOLF, CNBC, TRAV.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS. Week of December 18 - 24. Sagittarius, Aries, Leo, Capricorn, Taurus, Virgo, Aquarius, Gemini, Libra, Pisces, Cancer, Scorpio. Includes a photo of Judith L. Christopher and a website URL: www.ruidosomall.com.

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