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## \$1 million to Downs for water, sewer

City only one in New Mexico to get maximum funding

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

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City administrator John Waters and staff scored a winning touchdown for Ruidoso Downs last week. Now the city can begin to tackle its water and drainage problems.

Friday in Santa Fe, the Downs was awarded the maximum requested amounts for two Community

Development Block Grants (CDBG) from the newly formed New Mexico Community Development Committee. Together with \$190,000 local matching funds and a \$100,000 legislative grant that the city is seeking from the New Mexico State Legislature, funding amounts to \$1.29 million for critically needed community projects.

The Downs has been plagued by poor drainage, 29,000 feet of leaking

and undersized water lines in need of replacement, and a diminishing source of water supply.

In October of 2001, the city council and Lincoln County Commission declared Ruidoso Downs as a *colonias* community. This allowed the city to seek extra funding for its water system. Four months later, the city started a year-long application process to seek funding from the Federal/State

CDBG program for infrastructure improvements.

After five CDBG public hearings, the city council voted on water and drainage as top priorities for CDBG program funding. In preparation of the grant proposals, an environmental evaluation was started by the city administration in April 2002 and completed in November. Income surveys were performed by the city staff and River Park Subdivision from July to October 2002.

The city then submitted a CDBG

"We are jumping for joy."

John Waters  
city administrator

Community Infrastructure grant application for Phase I of the Drainage Master Plan (River Park Subdivision Drainage and Street Improvements) for \$500,000. The City

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## Water lawsuit in Alamo may have local bearing

A case concerning where water is diverted from covers a situation similar to Eagle Creek's.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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A watershed protection group has filed a 60-day notice of intent to sue the U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies over their authorizations for municipal water projects on forest lands.

According to information from Richard Warnock, president of the Sacramento Mountains Watershed Restoration Corporation, the agencies allowed the city of Alamo to pull water directly from forest lands without considering the impacts to the Fresno and La Luz Canyon watersheds and the people who live there.

"Let's be clear, the lawsuit is not about Alamogordo's water rights," Warnock said. "Alamogordo and the village of La Luz own rights to Fresno water. It is the points of diversion and the manner of collection which are in contention here. Because our voices of concern have largely been disregarded by the local, state and federal agencies, we are forced to take this affirmative step toward protecting our rights."

He contended that the diversions at the headwaters of La Luz and Fresno creeks injured the watersheds and aquifers of the area as well as the community.

"If the federal agencies had adequately considered the harm, the diversions would not have gone forward as constructed," Warnock said. "We believe the agencies have a legal duty to take a hard look at the impacts and come up with alternatives to mitigate the

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## Former BIA firefighter pleads guilty to starting March blaze

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A former firefighter with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Mescalero pleaded guilty last week to illegally setting a fire on the reservation in March 2002.

As part of a plea bargain, Neil Klinekole, 27, told U.S. District Judge John E. Conway that on March 12, he flipped a cigarette onto the ground resulting in the Crooked Fire, which burned 11 acres. Officials with the U.S. Attorney's office previously reported the former forestry technician had given reasons for setting the fire, including family problems and the need to work.

As part of the plea agreement Thursday in U.S. District Court in

Albuquerque, Assistant U.S. Attorney Roberto Ortega said Klinekole's prison sentence would range from two to 2 1/2 years. Four other counts are scheduled to be dismissed at sentencing in early April.

Klinekole was a member of a BIA fire engine crew at the time of the fire.

The charges against Klinekole and Paul James Valdez, a tribal census counter for the endangered Mexican spotted owl, followed an intense investigation of arson on the reservation and the formation of a multi-agency arson task force by U.S. Attorney David Iglesias.

Valdez, 27, is scheduled for a hearing Friday to change his not guilty plea to setting the Lower Cooley Fire that burned three acres in the Lincoln National Forest.

## IT DOES A BODY GOOD



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Children from the Head Start program at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center learn firsthand about fruits and vegetable at Wal-Mart with the help of support manager Anthony Hernandez.

## Small fires serve as a reminder to be cautious with cigarette butts, open flames

A local fire chief says snow on the mountain doesn't mean the forest is fireproof.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Two fires on Monday prompted the Bonito Volunteer Fire

Department to issue a reminder to residents and visitors to be careful with cigarette, matches, ashes and controlled burns.

At 1:37 p.m., the department responded to the Wolf Springs area on State Route 37 after receiving a report of a controlled burn that took off, burning about 2.3 acres of grass. No structures were threatened.

Assisting Bonito were units from the Nogal Volunteer Fire Department, the State Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service. Working together, it took about 30 minutes to bring the blaze under control, said Fire Chief Tony Combs. He confirmed the resident had a permit for the burn, but failed to keep it under control.

At 9:50 p.m. Monday, Bonito was

called out again, this time to Monjeau Lookout Road, also called Forest Road 117.

When firefighters arrived, they extinguished flames creeping about 20 feet from the roadway, Combs said. A resident tried to stomp out the blaze before the department arrived. The origin is under investigation, Combs said.

He stressed that residents and visitors should use extreme caution when burning or using any flames outside. Although there is snow on the mountain, the area still is very dry, with little moisture for the past month. He also asked people to report any misuse of fire by calling the department at (505) 336-4306 or in an emergency, dial 911.

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# DWI-related accidents, deaths are on the rise

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the last two years, seven people died on Lincoln County highways from accidents involving alcohol consumption.

In the year 2001, two accidents accounted for two deaths. In 2002, two accidents killed five people, according to data from Lt. William Bower with the New Mexico State Police district that includes the counties of Lincoln and Otero.

Accidents involving alcohol and resulting in injuries also were up from nine two years ago to 10 in 2002, as were accidents involving alcohol and property damage. They doubled in the two-year period to eight, Bower reported.

The figures mirror upward trends statewide.

New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department Secretary Rhonda Faught said alcohol related fatalities were up in 2002. While the number of people killed in vehicle

crashes in 2002 compared to 2001 was down slightly from 464 to 452, the number of fatalities involving alcohol increased by 5.5 percent.

Alcohol-related vehicle accidents in 2002 accounted for 211 deaths compared to 200 in 2001.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson released a statement about the statistics.

"These numbers are really disturbing and unacceptable," he said. He added that DWI is a growing problem he intends to address during the 60-day state Legislature session that started last week.

Most motor vehicle fatalities are gauged as a percentage of hundreds of millions of motor vehicle miles (100 MVM) traveled, Faught explained. New Mexico's rate of alcohol-related fatalities has shown a slow downward trend from 1.41 alcohol-related fatalities per 100 MVM traveled in 1992 to .90 fatalities in 2002. In addition, overall traffic fatalities in the state have decreased from 2.36 per 100 MVM in 1992 to 1.92 in 2002. But the upward

movement for the last two years require attention, she said.

The New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department Traffic Safety Bureau (TSB) is the division of the highway department that works on reducing traffic fatalities in New Mexico. In addition, the bureau works with the University of New Mexico Division of Government Research to compile traffic safety statistics and provide engineering, education and enforcement professionals the information and tools they need to help save lives in the state.

According to the bureau, the biggest increase in alcohol-related fatalities was among young men between the ages of 15 and 23. In 2001, 33 men in that category died in alcohol-related crashes. In 2002, 56 were killed. Only 25 were of legal

drinking age.

"This shows that we need to continue to educate our young men about the dangers of drinking and driving," Faught said. "In addition, we need to continue to enforce our underage drinking laws and crack down on underage liquor distribution. Remember these aren't just numbers, these are our young people dying out there."

According to Lt. Bower, citing statistics for Lincoln County, state police officers arrested 122 people for driving while under the influence (DWI) in 2001 and 109 in 2002.

On a more positive note, the seat belt use rate in New Mexico continues to rank among the highest in the United States with 88 percent of New Mexicans saying they wear their seat belts. It is a major goal of the bureau to increase seat belt usage in 2003.

Almost 40 percent of the fatalities

in New Mexico in 2001 were due to overturns. However, overturns only account for 6 percent of crashes, showing they are more likely to be fatal than other crashes, Faught said. One reason is that someone not wearing a seat belt in an overturn collision is likely to hit his or her head or to be thrown from a vehicle.

In 2001, a revised seat belt law took effect in New Mexico. The law requires all passengers in a vehicle to be in a seat belt or child restraint device. Serious injuries have decreased from about 5,747 in 1992 to 3,339 in 2002, said Virginia Jaramillo, chief of the traffic safety bureau.

Pedestrian fatalities continue to be a problem in New Mexico. There were 72 pedestrian fatalities in New Mexico in 2001 and 61 in 2002. Thirty-eight of the pedestrian fatalities in New Mexico in 2002 were alcohol-related.

Motorcycles and all-terrain vehicle fatalities remained steady with 33 fatalities in 1992, 21 involving alcohol, compared to 38 in 2002, with 20 involving alcohol.

## Private contractors to thin state forests

New State Lands Commissioner Patrick Lyons is proposing to contract with private contractors to thin overgrown forests on state trust land.

Previously, the State Land Office hasn't attempted large-scale forest thinning projects on state land because of the enormous cost to New Mexico taxpayers, according to information from his office. Forest-thinning projects cost about \$1,400 an acre.

"We are extremely concerned about damage to the ecosystem and watersheds, not to mention the severe fire danger," Lyons said. "Allowing the private sector to thin our forests is a win-win situation."

Walter Bradley, assistant commissioner of special projects, and Jim Norwick, assistant director of field operations, were scheduled to

meet this week with members of the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Mescalero Tribe, along with local business leaders.

Dense woodlands deteriorate watershed health and are more susceptible to disease, insect infestation and catastrophic wildfire, according to Lyons' staff. Overgrown trees limit the amount of rain and snowfall that reaches the soil and water table, causing grass and foliage to die out and increasing surface erosion.

The Public Land Office has already initiated watershed remediation projects on state trust land adjacent to communities and vulnerable to wildfire, such as Angel Fire, Moon Mountain near Ruidoso, Hondo Basin south of Capitan and the Rio Grande Bosque in Albuquerque.

## Smokey Bear Stampede dates set

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Fair Board met on Jan. 15 to plan the schedule for the 2003 Smokey Bear Stampede held annually at the fairgrounds in Capitan.

This year's stampede will be July 2-5 with the rodeo performance in the evenings. The

senior steer roping will be held in the mornings of July 4 and 5 and the ranch rodeo will be in the afternoons of those days. The youth timed events will be held on the afternoons of July 2 and 3.

Scott Daniels, Billy Bob Shafer and Tito Montoya were voted to serve another three-year term on the fair board.

Officers for the year of 2003 were elected with Billy Bob Shafer remaining president, Bill Hightower, vice president, Kortney Hall, secretary, and Ray Rush, treasurer. Scott Daniels was appointed to oversee the fair grounds in general.

The next fair board meeting will be Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

## DOWNS: City awarded \$1 million in grants

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also submitted a CDBG Colonias grant application for city-wide water line replacement, installation of fire hydrants and pressure-reducing valves for \$500,000.

The latter project, which is listed as "Emergency Phase 1B" in the city's recently completed Water Master Plan, is needed toward reducing the estimated 25 percent to 30 percent water loss in the Downs water distribution system.

This comes at a time when the city's sole water supply, Griffith Spring, has shown a 35 percent drop in output, according to historic records.

Both projects are ready to proceed to final design phases once the State of New Mexico finalizes the grant agreements. Construction should begin in mid to late 2003.

Waters commended city clerk/treasurer P. Carol Virden and the city staff in getting funding for these emergency situations.

"We are jumping for joy," said Waters. "It's very rare for a small community like ours to come away with the maximum requested amounts."

The Downs was the only community that was fully funded for all its applications. Now, the city has a threshold requirement to close out these projects within one year. By doing so, it can apply next year for more CDBG funding toward building water reservoirs and purchasing water rights.

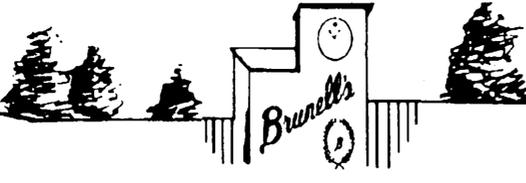
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# Commissioners change dumping rules

■ Sheriff's deputies now need probable cause prior to entering private land.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An illegal septic waste dumping incident near Glencoe prompted Lincoln County Commissioners last week to approve new regulations for refuse, solid waste and litter disposal.

One unexpected change was the commission's decision to remove the ability of officers with the sheriff's department to enter private property when they have reasonable cause to believe a violation is occurring. Instead, commissioners said officers must have probable cause, a tougher legal standard to meet.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll said the ordinance without that change granted "an excessive amount of power" to those enforcing its provisions.

"I have the utmost confidence in Sheriff Tom Sullivan, the sheriff's department and the commissioners," he said. "But imagine your worst

enemy getting elected as sheriff or county commissioner and apply this. Would you want your enemy to have this amount of power?"

While most of the ordinance is needed for the good of the community, the section authorizing the sheriff to inspect and enter private property could be abused, he said.

"Do you really want a jack-booted thug SWAT team coming into your home to check a garbage bin in the dark of night," he asked commissioners.

He also objected to the ability of the county to place a lien on property if a correction is not made. The lien could be foreclosed and the property confiscated, he said, calling it legal plunder.

Commissioner Maury St. John said she also questioned the search provision and was told by County Attorney Alan Morel the sheriff had the statutory authority. She suggested requiring a warrant and/or probable cause as an alternative.

Morel said the search provision was part of the county law for the past 10 years and was included before he was county

attorney. It would be a valuable tool in the case of the unlawful dumping of liquid waste or refuse on an 80-acre tract where an officer couldn't see the violation, he said. Any abuse of a person's civil rights could be adjudicated in a civil court, he said, adding that the law is constitutional.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said he didn't have a problem with the ordinance as proposed, but he understood Carroll's concerns.

Commissioner Rick Simpson said the sheriff could ask for permission to enter private property. If he was refused, he could try for a warrant.

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said he agreed with Carroll. But Morel warned that requiring probable cause means a police officer would have to see an offense or have an affidavit from someone who did.

"If he was refused the ability to enter the property and had no warrant, that gap would be addressed in this ordinance," Morel said.

Carroll said he has never objected to a search connected to "hot pursuit," where an offi-

cer seeing something with his own eyes that clearly is against the public interest.

Morel said other changes in the ordinance included altering the penalty to a \$300 fine and/or 90 days in jail, and prohibiting the burning of trash or solid waste unless the incinerator is approved by fire officials. Range management and agricultural burning would continue to be regulated by the state.

Another new section dealt with the proper disposal of fire-place ashes, barbecue coals and related items.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said he'd like to see stiffer rules on junk cars to at least keep them out of sight from the road.

Morel said courts have interpreted a car with tires as not being rubbish, even if it doesn't run. Martinez said if they don't run, they should be moved away from the road. Morel replied, "That could be 4,000 cars in Lincoln County. We haven't gone as far as we could with the used or junk car issue."

## Group talks use of civic center

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Meeting for the first time last week, a task force appointed by the mayor of Ruidoso to review the operation of the community convention center heard varying perspectives on the center's role.

Ron Andrews, promoter of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, offered the perspective of a national event attracting people to the community. Rancher, former county commissioner and current Probate Judge Sterling Spencer spoke about being competitive with other cities. Task force member Al Junge discussed how to accommodate local organizations that want to use the center.

Junge said he will propose at the next meeting the contract with Hawthorn Suites to manage the center be amended to provide two spaces that local groups can rent.

"The plaque at the

entrance to the building says it is a civic center built in 1992 by a bunch of people in Ruidoso who wanted a place to meet," Junge said. "We had an opportunity to build 40,000 square feet, but because of politics, it ended up 33,000 square feet."

The name eventually was changed to convention center.

"I know having a convention center is important, but I still think a small portion should be reserved for people to meet at no cost," Junge said.

Andrews said he wanted to offer insight as a promoter on what types of negotiation are offered to people who want to bring an event to a community.

"I wanted them to know what other communities offer," he said. "The council and staff have received local input, but this national type of event sometimes is a little different."

Dean Fowler was selected to chair the task force.

## LAWSUIT: Eagle Creek-area residents watching

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harm to the people, plants and animals that rely on the watershed."

The attention of residents along Eagle Creek in Lincoln County will be riveted on the possible lawsuit as their situation mirrors that of the Fresno and La Luz community in several respects. The major difference is that some of the wells of the village of Ruidoso already were in place before homes were built lower on the creek, which no longer flows in many sections. Warnock said Tuesday he's been in touch with several residents on Eagle Creek, including engineer Bill Midkiff.

Warnock said the city of Alamogordo relocated the water diversion from the lower reach of Fresno Creek about a half-mile east of La Luz to a point upstream at the headwaters of the Fresno and its tributaries inside the Lincoln National Forest.

"By the late 1990s, the city had nearly completely tapped into the headwater springs of these once scenic and healthy perennial streams," he said.

"In 1997, the State Engineer issued permits to put in the last of the spring boxes (shallow

wells) and closed off all the water," he said. Of the 33 spring boxes, 17 are on federal land and the rest on private property, Warnock said.

Most of the property was marshland, he said. French drains emanated in all directions to capture the surface water and drain it into a pipe that runs to the city, he explained.

"It's our contention, if they would go back to the original point of diversion, the city would get the same or more water without the damage to our area," Warnock said. Some of the city's equipment at the original diversion still sits in place.

"They probably would have to modify it, but I don't think it would be extremely expensive," Warnock said.

The group contends Alamogordo's diversions dewatered Fresno Creek and its tributaries, La Luz and Maruchi creeks, and have caused substantial damage to the aquifer interconnected with the creeks. The State Engineer's office recently declared the watershed a critical management area.

"As a result of the city's taps, the watershed as a whole yields substantially less water

than before," Warnock insisted, adding that private wells are failing, property values are falling, the ecosystem has been harmed and valuable wetlands and riparian habitats are being destroyed.

A spokesman for the Forest Service's Alamogordo office said no notice had been received there as of Tuesday and he could not comment. Warnock said the notice was sent to the regional office in Albuquerque and to several others. He personally planned to call Jose Martinez, who heads the Sacramento Ranger District, because the group maintains a good relationship with local staff, he said.

The Sacramento group is a non-profit organization formed to protect and restore watersheds within the Sacramento Mountains in south-central New Mexico, Warnock said. Albuquerque attorney Gary O'Dea was retained to pursue the suit to compel a change by the city in diversion and to consider hydrologically sound solutions to restore the watershed and ecosystem, Warnock said.

Jose Miramontes, with the Alamogordo public works department, could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

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### OUR OPINION

## 'Careless driving' needs a tougher penalty

New Mexico law proves inadequate when people die

When two people die in a flaming vehicle as a result of a collision with a truck, and the truck driver is neither impaired nor drunk, merely driving carelessly, what happens?

The families bury their loved ones and mourn.

The truck driver gets 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Not much of a price to pay for the lives of two young men. But that is the maximum penalty under New Mexico law for one who pleads no contest to "careless driving," regardless of the consequences.

The dead, it possibly could be argued, are more victims of

bloody U. S. 70; the semi-truck driver, headed east, tried to pass a camper and hit a pickup going west.

Reckless driving, which could have brought an involuntary manslaughter conviction, couldn't be proved beyond a reasonable doubt, the prosecutor, Deputy DA David Ceballes, concluded.

The real crime is that New Mexico law isn't adequate in such cases. Ceballes would like tougher penalties for careless driving resulting in death. We agree. And the current legislative session is the time to do it. One of our legislators should step up, and do it quickly.

## 'Sieg Heil,' and other remarks from readers

Response is the coin of the columnist's realm. Love us or hate us, makes not much difference. Just don't ignore us.

From time to time, I need to brag to my editors in Artesia, Carlsbad, Clovis, Deming, Hobbs and Ruidoso that people are reading. They really don't care if I am getting love notes or hate mail.



LOOKING ASKANCE  
NED CANTWELL

A sampling:  
Steve Stafford, responding to a column wondering why Senator Jeff Bingaman is being ignored by Bill Richardson, said "you're just mad that you and other liberal pukers (those that just regurgitate the left's party line) are made you didn't get invited."

Steve said my position on gun control shows I am a typical liberal in favor of a police state, and signed his e-mail, "Sieg Heil El Nednick."

Rushing to the medicine cabinet to knock back some Pepto Bismol so I could stop regurgitating, I returned to find a delightful message from a Mrs. S. Chesebrough in Deming who called me a "new Will Rogers."

In response to a column seeking a more clever New Mexico State Slogan, someone whose email name is Bill V. submitted this: "N.M., We Are Last At Everything, Except Teen Pregnancy." It will never get through the Legislature, Bill.

Carlsbad's Caitlin Raney, a friend who is one of the neatest high school kids you will ever meet, said she wrestled with the state slogan idea to no avail. Caitlin said the problem is everyone north of Kansas thinks that New Mexico is a province of Mexico. She told of a Texas A & M student who was excited that his planned visit to Carlsbad would give him a chance to see the Grand Canyon en route. How about this Caitlin? "New Mexico - No One Knows Where We Are."

Concerning a column I wrote about the beleaguered Silvery Minnow, Charlie Hoye of Hobbs wrote that a natural follow up piece might be "How to get legislation passed to place humans

on the endangered species list."

Wrote New Mexico State freshman Kyle Storey about a column about New Mexico being a dumb state, "...I just want to thank you for defending our great state and declaring how smart we really are by drawing a line between us and Texas...Keep up the good work." Thank you, Kyle, and I promise not to let anyone in Texas know what you said, just in case you hope to go to work there one day.

David Giuliani, editor of the Carlsbad Current-Argus, sent to Dave Barry a piece I wrote poking fun at the national humor columnist. Barry sent Dave a postcard response, the words in italic underlined:

David - Thanks for the column from Ned Cantwell. I have two questions: 1. What's his real name? 2. He's making fun of my nose?

Sincerely,  
Dave Barry

OK, that does it. Dave. Just because you have a column with a nation-wide audience, just because you make a zillion dollars, you think you can push around a New Mexico nobody. Well, Mr. Barry, let me assure you. You have NOT heard the last of this! Sir.

Ned Cantwell - ncantwell@charter.net - is a retired newspaperman living in Ruidoso.

### LETTERS POLICY

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### YOUR OPINION

## Fancy adult activities — but what about the kids?

To the editor:

I am writing you on behalf of the teenage kids of Lincoln County as well as my own kids. Is it any wonder that a fire was started last year due to kids experimenting with drugs? Is it any wonder why mailboxes are continually vandalized? Is it any wonder why business windows continue to get busted out with sling shots?

The teen-age kids of Lincoln County have nothing positive to do with their spare time. The only thing the kids have that does not cost money is to go ride skateboards at the park built for them. I would like to add that the current so called Skate Park is a poor attempt at best in creating a real skate park. When entertainment for adults, like a golf course, is built it is state-of-the art, so why not the same for our kids' entertainment as well?

Let's face it, Ruidoso, this is no longer just a retirement village for old people. Ruidoso is turning in to a small thriving city and like it or not the teen-age kids are here to stay. If Ruidoso does not get busy creating something cheap and positive for the youth of this area to do, then things will only get worse over time. What is happening with our youth is bad community planning, not bad parenting. What is happening with our youth is not because they are drug addicts, as some would believe. What is happening with the youth of Ruidoso is an outcry for help. Supervised, positive help could have been given with a YMCA, but we lost our chance on that due to a lack of backing by the local businesses.

Now we are once again faced with the opportunity for a local recreation center. Please do not let this opportunity to help all ages of our community pass us by again. If we have adequate water for golf courses, we have enough for an Olympic size pool in a community center as well.

A local recreation center would be a good start helping out the youth of this area. A recreation center would help all ages of our community. Think about it, a place where teen-age kids could hang out with adults as well as getting much needed positive influence. Contrary to some beliefs, this community needs more than skiing, golf, gambling, and nightclubs. I am willing to pay my dues and help in any way possible to get this project going. I challenge you, Lincoln

County, to stand up now and show your support as well.

And try to remember that the same teenagers you deny activities to today will be the same adults in charge of your senior citizen center funding tomorrow!

Terry McMaster  
Alto

### Astounding opposition

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the ongoing debate regarding the community recreation center. As a newcomer to the community, the opposition to this project is astounding. Better put, it is astoundingly shallow.

I would like to pose a question to both writers and readers who oppose this project: What is the No. 1 problem facing teens 12-18 to date? Drugs, you say? Teen pregnancy? Lack of motivation. Getting closer. How about lack of supervision?

Ah, yes, a place for citizens young and old to delve in constructive activities. I have two young children that I intend to raise in this fine community, and as a parent I must ... voice my objection to your opposition. How dare you place a price tag on the well-being of our children!

You see, a community center is more than just a price tag on a waste-water treatment plant. It is infrastructure for the future of our children. It is more than just "nice to have," as mentioned by a previous writer — it is essential. It is a long-term investment in the people of this village.

Perhaps I have an added advantage in working indirectly with the Juvenile Justice Department. In case you are unaware, please allow me just one brief rebuttal to your budget-based opposition to this project. Ask any probation officer, and he or she will tell you that their high case load is directly related to lack of constructive activities for youth in this area. Point blank. And for this fact, you would say, "Don't try to ram this proposal down our throats?"

Perhaps it is time that we all take a look at the bigger picture. The community center project is to be county-wide. It would be available to all ages and geographic representations, not just a few elite. It would house a place for classes,

activities, projects. It would be available for joint use by the school systems. It would provide supervised activities for young people. The list goes on.

Those who advocate the community center (aquatic or not) are not trying to ram some abstract, unfeasible idea down anyone's throat. Rather, those individuals are trying to inform us of the greater good the center would provide. Let's stop looking at this endeavor with animated, fast-moving dollar signs in our eyeballs. My children are appreciative.

Alicia Brankel  
Ruidoso

### Food Bank's support

To the editor:

Thank you, people, churches and service organizations of Lincoln County and the Ruidoso area who contributed both food and money to help the hungry in our community.

This year's response was both overwhelming and heartwarming. Because of your generosity, the Lincoln County Food Bank was able to help everyone who came to us.

Volunteers operate the Food Bank Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m., all year long. Help all year long is greatly appreciated, as we are supported wholly by donations. Food donation barrels are located in all local Post Offices, and money donations are welcome as well. Our mailing address is: Lincoln County Food Bank, P.O. Box 7432, Ruidoso, NM 88345. All donations are tax-deductible.

Volunteers of  
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### Words from the past

To the editor:

To keep the pot boiling in regard to the ongoing religious theme in the letters column, I would like to mention a man named Gautama Siddhartha, known to the world as "The Buddha." His most impressive words, spoken to his followers shortly before his death, were, "Do not make of me a God!" This last request was totally ignored.

In keeping with this statement of the Buddha, other philosophers of the past, such as Mohammed, who could not have been pleased, had he known his followers, upon his death, would claim that he galloped up to heaven mounted on a horse with the face of a woman and the tail of a peacock!

As for Jesus of Nazareth, it seems evident that this good man believed emphatically that one God was sufficient and probably never thought for a moment that those gospel writers would later make so much more of his life and death than he could possibly have intended.

Perhaps all great historical thinkers would prefer their teachings be studied, and, where applicable, practiced, but not turned into a religion.

John Brinkman  
Ruidoso

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# Horse whisperer class set for April in Capitan

■ Buck Brannaman, subject of a popular book and movie, will teach locals to understand their equines.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Horse owners in Lincoln County will have a chance to learn the special techniques used by Buck Brannaman, the inspiration for the bestseller and movie, "The Horse Whisperer."

The Lincoln County Fair Board and Sally Canning are sponsoring four days of clinics, April 25-28, at the Lincoln County fairgrounds in Capitan. Mornings will focus on colts and afternoons on horsemanship. All participants will ride their own mounts.

Brannaman is conducting clinics across the county to teach horse owners how to better understand and work with their animals and to create a relationship based on trust and respect rather than force.

Canning said his methods are grounded in communicating with horses, on reading their body language and making them feel secure to achieve a true union between horse and rider.

Brannaman refers to himself as a "horse gentler," not a horse breaker. He claims to have started more than 10,000 young horses in his clinics over the past 18 years. He served as advisor on the set of Robert Redford's movie, "The Horse Whisperer." He also is a lifelong trick roper, who performed around the world in his youth. When not traveling, Brannaman, his wife, Mary, and

three daughters work the family ranch in Sheridan, Wyo.

The colt classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon over four days for \$525 with advanced registration and \$550 at the door. The horsemanship class will be from 1:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a fee of \$425; at the door, \$450.

The public is welcome to attend as spectators to learn as well for a \$25 fee. Children and senior citizens are free. Stalls are available at the fairgrounds for \$6 to \$10 per night. Bring feed and water tubs.

"This is a learning experience of a lifetime," Canning said. "Troubled horses, troubled riders, those who want to skip problems, beginners or experts can move right on into developing life-long skills and improving the partnership with their horse."

"Not only does Buck have an inherent ability to understand horses, his skills in working with owners, trainers and riders are unique, creative and individual-based."

Horse and rider will learn to work together as a team within a situation instead of around it, Canning said.

To guarantee a spot in a class, a \$100 deposit is required. The colt class is limited to 12 colts. The horsemanship class is limited to 25. A participant may register for both. For more information, contact Canning at (505) 653-4041 or (505) 270-0733 or fax (505) 653-4041. Deposits can be mailed to Canning at P.O. Box 181, Capitan, NM 88316. Include name, address, e-mail and telephone. Indicate which classes, or spectator status, and if an indoor cover or outside stall is needed.

# Former worker sues youth program

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Camp Sierra Blanca, an offender rehabilitation program aimed at juvenile boys, was named as a defendant, along with administrator Jamie Grover, in a lawsuit filed by a former employee.

Jimmy Raymond Aragon filed the suit in the 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo on Dec. 19, claiming discrimination, breach of employment contract and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Officials with the camp did not return a call for comment.

According to the suit, submitted on behalf of his client by attorney Charles Hawthorne, Aragon was hired July 14, 2001, as kitchen manager. Coming to work one morning, he was stopped and questioned by Grover about allegations that he used tobacco products around the juveniles and distributed a

controlled substance. He denied the allegations and other accusations from co-workers about sexual harassment, the suit states.

He was asked to empty his pockets, which contained a lighter, snuff and a nail clipper, but he was not allowed to secure the items in his car, according to the suit. On request, he submitted to a drug screening test and was put on administrative leave until the result came back.

On March 8, 2002, Grover and Anthony Herrera met with Aragon for breakfast in Capitan, where they told him he was terminated for failure to follow company policy on tobacco use and for possession of a concealed weapon.

In his suit, Aragon contends he was treated differently because he is Hispanic. Two other employees accused of similar violations were warned and received a written disciplinary note, but were not terminated,

he claims in the suit. One was promoted to counselor.

Aragon states in the suit that his 14th Amendment right to due process was violated, that he was handled differently than his Caucasian counterparts and that he suffered actual damages.

He is asking the court to impose punitive damages, contending camp administrators didn't follow procedures laid out in the company handbook. Their conduct was "intentional, extreme, outrageous, unlawful, with the intent to embarrass and humiliate," according to the suit.

The camp, which opened in December 1997, is operated by Florida-based Associated Marine Institutes on a \$2.6 million contract with the New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families. The corporation oversees more than 50 similar operations in eight different states.

## LCMC BIRTHS

Recent births at Lincoln County Medical Center:

Jan. 1, 2003, a son, Jaydon Garret Aulds, to Zoe Aulds, 6 lb, 6.9 oz, 20 5/8"

Jan. 2, 2003, a son, Lanson Paul Brusuelas, to Stephanie Montoya and Paul Brusuelas, 8 lb, 2 oz, 20 1/4"

Jan. 2, 2003, a daughter,

Amada Lynn Marden, to Joni Youngman and Rupert Aragon, 7 lb, 2.7 oz, 20 1/2"

Jan. 7, 2003, a daughter, Josselyn Michelle Romero, to Dawn and John Romero, 7 lb, 1.5 oz, 18 3/4"

Jan. 10, 2003, a son, Kendrick Eugene Evans, to Lana Whitebird and Eugene Evans, 9

lb, 3.9 oz, 21"

Jan. 10, 2003, a son, Cody Tyler Riggan, to Jamie Shurette and Dax Riggan, 6 lb, 5 oz, 19 1/2"

Jan. 12, 2003, a daughter, Hudson Divine Tice, to Donielle DeBault, 6 lb, 12.9 oz, 18"

Jan. 14, 2003, a son, Nikos Puglia Henry, to Denise and Stephen Henry, 7 lb, 15.1 oz, 20"

# Property owner balks at Downs ETZ

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Don Smith, owner of Signs By Smith, east of Ruidoso Downs, cries foul to the Lincoln County-Ruidoso Downs ETZ board.

Smith is one of the firefighters acquitted last year in the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department misappropriation of funds scandal. Currently, he has filed a multi-million dollar federal law suit against the City of Ruidoso Downs for civil rights violations, liberty violations, and malicious prosecution.

At a public meeting last year at the Senior Citizens Center, Smith noted that Palo Verde Slopes was excluded from the proposed extraterritorial zone. His business property, however, was included by means of "a strange little dogleg" on the proposed map.

# P&Z chair objects to vacating right-of-way

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although the chairman of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission voted against approval, village councilors went along earlier this month with a request to vacate 63.7 square feet of public right of way on Nopal Lane.

Mike Runnels, director of village planning and zoning, explained that chairman Glen Barrow was making a statement with his vote that he was tired of people "asking for forgiveness after the fact."

A deck that protruded into

"They are not going to tell me what I can and can not do with my property," asserted Smith in a phone interview.

He pointed out that the four residential lots behind his shop, that he had sold, as well as the remainder of Palo Verde are still not included in the ETZ. Smith accuses the board of including his property, in Palo Verde Slopes, in the ETZ as retaliation for his law suit.

"My intentions (if they include his land in the ETZ) are to have them tied up in court for years," said Smith.

Wayne Faircloth, chairman of the ETZ board, later commented the ETZ by law can

only adopt one mile outside of the Ruidoso Downs city limits. Following this law, Palo Verde Slopes would have been cut in half by the proposed zoning.

By a vote, the ETZ board decided not to split the residential area, but to include the commercial area that was within the one mile zone and along U.S. 70.

Smith's commercial property falls within that zoning. Faircloth added that the vote took place "long before (Smith's) lawsuit against the city."

Earlier this month, Smith was found guilty of assault against city administrator John Waters. The charges reportedly involved lewd gestures.

**"They are not going to tell me what I can and can not do with my property."**

Don Smith  
owner, Signs By Smith

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# EDUCATION

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Ensor wins listing

Kristi M. Ensor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jace Ensor of Ruidoso, is among the 983 Harding University students included on the school's dean's list for grades during the fall semester. To be eligible, a student must carry 12 or more hours and have an average scholarship level of 3.65 minimum. Ensor, a sophomore majoring in psychology, attended Ruidoso High School before entering Harding.

Performance Review Division that will take a closer look at school districts that are not up to par. The governor will name a new education advisor who will work closely with this review division to ensure these audits are done well.

### Board likes structure

The New Mexico State Board of Education voted on Jan. 23 to maintain its position that the current structure for public school governance should be maintained but not to oppose a public vote on changes to the structure should such measures pass the 2003 Legislature. The motion passed on a vote of eight in favor and six opposed, with one member absent.

"We continue to maintain that a change in public school governance would not necessarily result in improvement at the classroom level, but it is only fair that if the legislature so chooses, the public have the opportunity to decide," said Michael J. Davis, state superintendent of public instruction.

### Capitan work session

The Capitan Municipal Schools will conduct a work session on the initial planning of the district's strategic plan revision Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at the Bonita Park Nazarene Campground Conference Center.

### Community education

Presbyterian Medical Services/Community Health Services offers a free parenting program from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Ruidoso Senior Center for families with children ages 8-17.

Topics include anger management, stress reduction, problem-solving techniques, goal setting and community involvement. Students also receive asset-building instruction and problem-solving skills to increase their decision-making abilities. Self-esteem issues and accepting consequences are key to personal changes and growth patterns.

The program is funded by the New Mexico Department of Health, Behavioral Services Division.

Registration is required. Call Carole Wall or Jenanette Lester at 258-2893.

### State board named

Gov. Bill Richardson has appointed five new members to the New Mexico Board of Education: Charles Hayes of Lordsburg, Beverlee McClure of Clovis, Pauline Gubbels of Albuquerque, Donovan Gomez of Taos Pueblo, and Adelmo "Del" Archuleta of Albuquerque.

The five new members join 10 elected members, rounding out the 15-member state board. Richardson reminded the new appointees that while he values their service on the school board, he still intends to pursue a change to the state constitution to abolish the board in the future.

During the ongoing 60-day session, the governor will ask the legislature and ultimately the voters to create a cabinet-level position and give it the power to make positive change.

Richardson reiterated his desire to give teachers a 6-percent pay raise — which the individual districts would pay — and has proposed a new School

### New CHE chair

The New Mexico Commission on Higher Education appointed Keith Bearden as new chair, replacing Jerry Armijo, who resigned from the commission effective Jan. 15.

Bearden was appointed as a member of the commission for District 9 under the Johnson Administration on Sept. 7, 2001, with a member term until July 1, 2007. On Dec. 19, Gov. Bill Richardson re-appointed Bearden to continue to serve as a member of Commission on Higher Education for Lea County, representing District 9.

She is the publisher of the *Hobbs News-Sun* and the owner of DLD Enterprises, a certified woman-owned chemical oilfield servicing company.

### Improving schools

The New Mexico State Department of Education released the 2002-2003 listing of "high-improving" public schools and the distribution of \$1.839 million in incentive award funding.

The 108 schools on the listing have shown the most improvement in test scores from 2000-2001 to 2001-2002, and include Capitan Elementary School, \$15,460, Carrizozo Elementary School, 8,469, Corona, \$6,080, and Hondo, \$7,053.

Test scores are considered in light of a school's percentage of students identified as Limited English Proficient, percentage of students on free and reduced-price lunch and student mobility. Under the Incentives for School Improvement Act, the SDE is required to distribute appropriated financial incentives to "high-improving" schools each year.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Tension mounted in the Capitan School gym Friday at the first county-wide spelling bee as Bryant Hale, a fourth-grader from Ruidoso (at the microphone), and Jared Stumpf, a fourth-grader from Capitan, battled with words. Bryant won in the end, and both will receive trophies.

■ For the first time, some Lincoln County schools pitted their best spellers against each other. Meanwhile, Ruidoso Middle School conducted its eighth bee, in Spanish

## A spelling bee — and a *Concurso de Letrero*

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Bibliotherapy and *xilografía* were words that tripped up young spellers in English and Spanish Friday — and might have tripped out more experienced spellers.

Bryant Hale, a fourth-grader from Ruidoso's White Mountain Elementary School, took the prize for the county-wide spelling held in Capitan with contestants from Capitan, Ruidoso and Carrizozo schools in grades 4 and 5. Bryant will go to the regional competition in Albuquerque March 29, which is sponsored by the *Albuquerque Tribune*. The winner of that is invited to be in the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C., May 24-31, with the *Tribune* paying expenses.

It was a close contest between Bryant and Capitan fourth-grader Jared Stumpf, who kept the contest going for at least a half hour as they're both good spellers and both missed the same words until the end: defendant, custody, engrossed, controversy, vandalism, endurance, unerringly and potentially. Finally, Bryant spelled bibliotherapy correctly and won the trophy and the chance to go to Albuquerque to compete in the regional competition.

"It seemed like it was going to go on forever," Bryant said. "Every time he missed a word and I had a chance to spell it, we both didn't know how to spell but, but that last word, 'bibliotherapy,' I knew how to spell it."

He then had to spell "pheasant," and he said he'd read a book in the library that had: "Thank you for the pleasant present pheasant peasant," so he knew how to spell it.

Bryant reads about an hour a day, he said, and is reading *Lord of the Rings* — but he hates writing.

Jared, who came in second, said he felt nervous during the spelling bee — as well as excited and proud to be there representing his school. He said he studied about two hours a night for a week because homework kept him busy the rest of the time. He reads a lot, he said, and particularly enjoys the *Hank the Cow Dog* series.

Capitan teacher Jo Beth Vinson pronounced the words. Judges were Sydney Tregembo, a Capitan teacher, Susan Roberts, a Ruidoso counselor, and Danny Watkins, a Carrizozo counselor.

Capitan teacher James Weems coordinated the spelling bee and contacted the

other school districts in Lincoln County to make it the first county-wide bee.

"We talked about having a county-wide spelling bee last year and I decided to go ahead and see what kind of response we got. I only got responses back from Carrizozo and Ruidoso."

Next year he hopes to make it a county-wide spelling bee for fourth through eighth grades, and he hopes other districts participate.

This year, 13 children competed from the three districts, the best spellers of each school.

"Spelling bees have been going on for a very long time," Weems said. "I think everyone wanted to take part in it. Maybe we can get the other schools involved in the next couple of years."

### En Español

Spanish conversation buzzes in the Ruidoso Middle School gym as contestants and spectators wait for the eighth annual Spanish spelling bee. Contestants fidget in their chairs in front, sit on their hands or kick their feet under the chairs while judges and the enunciator, Patricia Salcedo, a retired Alamogordo teacher, discuss the process for the *Concurso de Letrero*. The competitors and spectators are in bilingual classes in grades four through eight. The 25 students in the competition won at their grade levels.

Wendy de la Torre, an eighth-grader, took first place and will represent Ruidoso Municipal School District at the state competition at the end of March in Albuquerque, part of the New Mexico Bilingual Conference and the National Association of Bilingual Educators, said teacher Linda Chávez, who coordinated the local contest.

The word that won Wendy the prize was "*xilografía*," which means the art of imprinting on wood — probably not a household word for many. Other words that weeded out the competition included: *sarampion, yedra, ñandú, yuxtaponer, jergón* and *neomonic*.

"I studied a lot last night and I asked if



COURTESY MOLLY LONG

Spanish spelling bee winners, from left, are Eduardo Rojas, third place; Wendy de la Torre, first place; and Frank Gandarilla, second place.

they could repeat the word so I could understand it good, that's probably why (she won)," Wendy said. "They give us a list of words I just went all over them, looking at what had capital letters and where the accents are. The accents are the hardest. What also helped me to study was I wrote down the harder words."

Frank Gandarilla, a seventh-grader, came in second, and Eduardo Rojas, a sixth-grader came in third, but Chávez said any of the three could have won.

"It's the luck of the draw," she said. "On some of those words, 'z' sounds like an 's'... I put all the kids' names in a hat and pulled them out for seating. We try to make it as fair as possible, using the same rules that will apply at the state competition because they need that practice and continuity."

Chávez said the written accent in Spanish words is a difficult skill to learn and tripped up many contestants. She will work with Wendy and Frank — since he will go if Wendy can't — practicing and helping them become comfortable with more of the words and some of the skills needed.

There are no Spanish classes at the middle school, but two of the classes for bilingual students in seventh and eighth grades are in Spanish — a language arts class and social studies — so students are able to continue to learn and improve their Spanish-language skills while attending ESL classes to become literate in English.

After the competition, a reception was held in a small classroom for the competitors and spectators.

The judges for the Spanish spelling bee were Shirley Neuhaus, a retired Ruidoso teacher, Guillermo Maldonado, a Gavilan Canyon teacher, and Gloria Quirarte, a senior at Ruidoso High School.

## SCHOOL MENUS

### Capitan

Wednesday, Jan. 29 — Breakfast: Ham bar, cereal, fruit or juice  
Lunch: Soft tacos, tamale, beef and bean burrito, pinto beans, tossed salad, crackers, fruit  
Thursday, Jan. 30 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fruit or juice  
Lunch: Barbecue chicken, chopped steak, chicken patty, potato wedges, coleslaw, bread and pudding  
Friday, Jan. 31 — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit or juice  
Lunch: Nacho Supreme, chicken patty, corn dog, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit  
Monday, Feb. 3 — Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, fruit or juice  
Lunch: Hamburger, or sloppy Joe on a bun, chicken salad on a bun, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fruit  
Tuesday, Feb. 4 — Breakfast: Hot cereal, toast, jelly, fruit or juice  
Lunch: Beef and bean burrito, soft taco, tamale, pinto beans, salad, crackers, fruit

### Carrizozo

Wednesday, Jan. 29 — Breakfast: Oatmeal muffins  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, French

fries, dinner rolls, peaches  
Thursday, Jan. 30 — Breakfast: Bagel with jelly  
Lunch: Combination burrito, tossed salad, corn, mixed fruit  
Friday, Jan. 31 — Breakfast: Quesadilla  
Lunch: Chicken sandwich, Tater Tots, salad, chilled fruit  
Monday, Feb. 3 — Breakfast: English muffins  
Lunch: Hamburgers, Tater Tots, salad, Jell-O  
Tuesday, Feb. 4 — Breakfast: Quesadillas  
Lunch: Beef and macaroni, rolls, green beans, chilled fruit

### Hondo Valley

Wednesday, Jan. 29 — Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, juice  
Lunch: Hot dog, chili sauce, corn, pineapple cake  
Thursday, Jan. 30 — Breakfast: Ham, toast, juice  
Lunch: Fajitas, salsa, tomato, rice, apple  
Monday, Feb. 3 — Breakfast: Waffles, juice  
Lunch: Fish, cole slaw, corn, pears, roll  
Tuesday, Feb. 4 — Breakfast: Grilled cheese, grapes  
Lunch: Hamburger, French fries,

lettuce, tomato, orange

### Ruidoso elementary

Wednesday, Jan. 29 — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito  
Lunch: Beef taco, pinto beans, Spanish rice, taco fixings, mixed fruit  
Thursday, Jan. 30 — Breakfast: Donut  
Lunch: Turkey pot pie, roll, salad, Jell-O, diced pears  
Friday, Jan. 31 — Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy  
Lunch: Hamburger, French fries, hamburger fixings, applesauce  
Monday, Feb. 3 — Breakfast: Lunch: Tuesday, Feb. 4 — Breakfast: Lunch:

### Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, Jan. 29 — Breakfast: Ham and cheese biscuit  
Lunch: Lasagna, garlic roll, mixed vegetables, apple halves  
Thursday, Jan. 30 — Breakfast: French toast sticks  
Lunch: Cheese beef nachos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, orange halves  
Friday, Jan. 31 — Breakfast:

Cereal  
Lunch: Beef and bean burrito, French fries, salsa, tossed salad, applesauce  
Monday, Feb. 3 — Breakfast: Lunch: Tuesday, Feb. 4 — Breakfast: Lunch:

### Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, Jan. 29 — Breakfast: Cheese omelet  
Lunch: Chicken pot pie, green beans, roll, salad, applesauce  
Thursday, Jan. 30 — Breakfast: Blueberry fruit pie  
Lunch: Lasagna, green beans, roll, salad, mixed fruit  
Friday, Jan. 31 — Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy  
Lunch: Chef salad, crackers, fruit, Jell-O  
Monday, Feb. 3 — Breakfast: Lunch: Tuesday, Feb. 4 — Breakfast: Lunch:

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 3 and 4, menus from Ruidoso municipal schools were not available.



COURTESY HONDO SCHOOLS

Fifteen sixth- through eighth-graders from Hondo Valley Public Schools competed in Capitan Jan. 15 at the Mid-School Knowledge Bowl. Hondo's sixth-grade team finished in third place. Team members included Marjilea Schmid, Leticia Vasquez, Jasmine Candelaria, Toney Montoya, Angela Prudencio and Camille Sandoval. Seventh-grade team members were Janis Gonzales, Cody Posey, Brian Aragon, Patrick Gonzales and Amanda Gomez. The eighth-grade team included Justine Candelaria, Leo Salcido, Pancho Ontiveros, Maegan Parmley and Angelle Garcia. Hondo faculty members Dale English, Yvonne Sanchez and Donna Sisneros coach the teams.

# LINCOLN COUNTY

## 'Zozo school code raises parent questions

Recent suspensions and a related attack have brought the Athletic Code into the spotlight.

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Last week's regular Carrizozo school board meeting was anything but regular. The usually quiet, lightly attended meeting was this month a full-house event. With chairs full and people standing at the back of the meeting room, several current issues and concerns were addressed in the early portion of the Jan. 21 meeting.

In the aftermath of several school suspensions and the ensuing assaults upon two students in retaliatory man-

ner, parents and teachers came to question and discuss school policy as outlined in the Athletic Code. The code was, by state law, extended to cover not only athletes, but also all students participating in any school-sponsored extracurricular activity.

One parent stated she felt that what the youth do on weekends and during holidays away from school is the responsibility of the parents and not the school. She felt that the policy itself was causing more harm than it was helping.

The most prevalent concern was the opportunities for abuse in the code by allowing hearsay to lead to punishment and suspensions.

Superintendent Sergio Castañon outlined to parents what the school

will abide by as policy in addressing situations when students are caught in situations off school property involving alcohol and drugs. Testimony of an adult present, a police report naming those present, and/or the admission of the student himself will be the only criteria the school will act upon for enforcement of the Athletic/Extra Curricular code.

Following along those same lines, Carol Wall, PMS-Community Health Services, presented an outline for a providing a parenting program locally. The PMS/CHS program takes a three-fold approach to its prevention-intervention program: Tobacco and alcohol education targeted at reduction of sales to teens, reduction of substance abuse in teens athletes and a violence

prevention parent training program.

Evidence-based outcomes from these programs have been better school attendance and higher academic performance, healthier peer and adult interaction, improved decision making abilities and less substance abuse and risky sexual behavior.

The classes are free, run for 10 weeks, and require only five families to sign up to have the classes in Carrizozo. Superintendent Castañon offered classrooms for the programs to use. Those interested can contact Wall at (505) 258-2893.

Danny Watkins, school advisor and counselor, gave a report on the current substance-abuse programs facilitated during the current school year. Besides Watkins, key professionals

involved in the school programs are Region IX Safe and Drug Free Schools coordinator Kelli Shaw, Mark Gentry, from Lincoln County Tobacco Prevention and Education, and Mel Holland, ninth grade health instructor.

In other business, the board approved the tobacco-free campuses and work policy and the teacher mentorship plan as presented. The Student Drug Testing policy had its first reading. A parent committee was formed by those parents present and will meet to go over the wording of the policy and present any suggested changes. The committee will report to Castañon in two weeks with a time to meet with administration and discuss the proposed changes.



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Roland Caster, with the microphone, and Clarence Leslie, far right, award outgoing president Dave Spencer a gift.

## A posse party

Sheriff's posse members honor their stars from 2002

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse celebrated a year "well-done" last Saturday night with a dinner, awards ceremony and dance at the Carrizozo Country Club.

Eighty-five or so of the 100-plus membership showed up in their finest two-step-pin' duds. Dinner was prepared and served by the Canyon CowBelles. When the last fork hit the plate to signal "that was mighty fine food and we're full," the new 2003 president, Dave Scott, opened the awards ceremonies.

Numerous awards went to members in many categories, including the Pony Express Ride sponsored by the posse each year. The ride runs from White Oaks to Lincoln and is a year-long planning job. Organizer of last year's ride, Barbara Spencer, was awarded the Member of the Year Award. A hand-made silver Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse belt buckle was presented to her by none other than her husband, Dave.

Members who worked different events throughout the year were honored in appreciation of their help and dedication to the organization.

A special award was given at the end of

the ceremony to outgoing president Dave Spencer. Clarence Leslie and Roland Caster carefully explained they had taken up a collection from the membership for this award and had "managed to gather \$1.49. Being the nice kind of guys that they are, they agreed to toss in a few extra cents to bring the total up to just over \$2 to enable them to purchase the award."

At this point they handed Spencer a "farewell card." Just when he seemed to be handling their abundant generosity, they presented him with a hand-tooled leather notebook.

At the close of the awards, the band, County Line of LaLuz, kicked off the music and the dancing commenced.

The posse can be seen in uniform at a number of Lincoln County events throughout the year providing a service they call "community relations."

Their next big event will be the Easter egg hunt they sponsor on the Saturday before Easter at the Carrizozo Little League Field. The organization has recently made Carrizozo its new headquarters by purchasing 15 acres south of town with plans to build an arena on the property.

People interested in becoming a Sheriff's Posse member can contact posse secretary Marsha Mixon at 648-5612.

## Locals suggest alternatives to water plan

Carrizozo schools are worried about the impact of rate increases.

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In a special meeting held Monday night, the Carrizozo City Council went over changes to the proposed water ordinance and discussed with guests any concerns raised.

Audience members made suggestions for alternative ideas ranging from treatment plant proposals to looking at and handling gray water as a marketable resource.

School Principal Steve Baron expressed concern for the rise

in water rates and its impact on expenses for the school. Sierra Brewery representatives made the case for their special instance where they use a considerable amount of water but a very small percentage of it actually ends up as sewer water. To be charged sewer rates according to water usage was not an applicable situation for them.

A municipal pretreatment ordinance was given to council members to review for the next meeting. The sewer ordinance changes will be discussed at that time.

The process for ordinance changes and approvals will continue at a special meeting scheduled for Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.

at City Hall. The offices of City Hall will be open on that day even though it is a holiday.

Sergio Castro of the Lincoln County Juvenile Probation Office, and representing the Youth Justice Program, was present to invite a council member to take part in the planned trip to the model site in Fort Worth, Texas.

The group that has gathered in Lincoln County promoting this program has received a grant to send 15 people to the see how the program worked in that area. Castro also hopes to have a representative from the school attend.

The next regular council meeting will be Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

## Keep that weight-loss goal with veggies

Yes, it's that time of year again when weight loss keeps popping into our minds. If weight loss is your goal, some simple changes in the types of food you choose and the way you spend your calories can move you toward reaching that goal.

Losing weight can be frustrating, but with a little knowledge about nutrition and a few calorie trade-offs, you can be successful without feeling hungry and deprived.

Fruits and vegetables offer great nutritional benefits at a low-calorie price. When choosing healthy foods, consider replacing fat with protein. Fat provides flavor and helps create a feeling of

fullness. Without it, we get hungry sooner. Protein and fiber create a feeling of fullness and make a low-calorie meal seem more satisfying.

Salads can be nutritious, but what you add to the lettuce can increase fat and calories. For extra nutrition, choose the darker lettuces. Go lightly on the dressings and other high-fat toppings such as cheese and croutons.

Or opt for other vegetables such as broccoli, peppers, and cauliflower, which offer a lot of nutrients for the calories. Speaking of veggies, why not try this veggie spaghetti recipe; it's light and full of nutrients.

### Veggie Spaghetti

2 T butter, margarine, or olive

- oil
- 10 oz. pkg. Spaghetti (cooked)
- 1/4 c. onion (sliced)
- 1/2 c. zucchini (sliced) or
- 1/4 c. celery (sliced)
- 1/2 c. yellow squash (sliced)
- 1/4 c. green bell pepper (chopped)
- 1/2 c. broccoli (fresh/frozen)
- 1/4 c. red bell pepper (chopped)
- 1 c. tomatoes (fresh/canned)
- Parmesan cheese (optional)
- 1/2 c. mushrooms (sliced)
- Salt, pepper, and garlic powder to taste

While spaghetti is cooking, sauté onion, celery, bell pepper and mushrooms, until tender.

Add broccoli, squash, and tomatoes and cover.

Cook on low heat for 10 minutes.

Serve over spaghetti with Parmesan cheese and enjoy.



Hints for the Home  
BY MARSHA PALMER  
LINCOLN COUNTY  
EXTENSION AGENT -  
HOME ECONOMICS

## 'Zozo school board hopefuls to talk

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will host a forum Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to meet the candidates running for the three school board positions. The meeting will be held in the Commission Room of the courthouse.

Guests to the forum will be given cards on which to write their questions. Candidates will be given the right to refuse to answer any ques-

tions deemed inappropriate in nature or that do not apply to the office.

Dean Lollar will be the moderator.

Three candidates are running for four-year terms to commence March 1.

LeeRoy Zamora is running unopposed. Angelo Vega is running against current board president, Steve Harkey. John Hemphill and Lisa Crenshaw are vying for the position currently held by Lisa Shivers.

Elections will be Tuesday, Feb. 4.

## Market heifer class added for county fair

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Fair has added a market heifer class to the 2003 fair. This class is to promote the beef-feeding project by making it easier for 4-H and FFA youth to participate.

The initial cost of show steers is often more than some families can afford. This program will allow youth to purchase com-

mercial range heifers from area ranchers at current market value, feed them as they would a steer and exhibit them at the fair.

Heifers should weigh at least 550 to 600 pounds now to enable them to reach the minimum 900-pound show weight by fair time. Those willing to sell heifers at market price should call the Extension office at 648-2311. Lincoln County youth interested in this program need to get them started on feed by Feb. 1.

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Billy Winkler

A memorial service for Billy Frank Winkler, 69, will be at 10 a.m. Feb. 1 at the Church of Christ in Capitan.

Mr. Winkler was born Jan. 7, 1934, to Samuel Elijah Winkler and Edna Gilbert

Winkler in Optimo, N.M., but the family moved to Estelline, Texas, that same year.

He received his schooling in Estelline, graduating from high school there. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1954 and served until 1956, when he was being deployed to Germany.

result of this, he was sent back to the U.S. and eventually given an honorable discharge.

He ran a dairy for a few years in Bellevue, Texas, where his parents were then living, before seeking a higher and dryer climate. He first moved to Truth or Consequences, ranching for other people, then settled on his own place outside

Carrizozo.

He was known for his love of singing and was a song leader at the Capitan Church of Christ. Another interest close to his heart was the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse.

Survivors include a brother, Sam, and his wife, Sue Winkler, of Bowie, Texas; a niece, Cindy, and her husband, Danny Webb, of Springtown, Texas; a nephew, Tim, and his wife, Elfida Winkler, of Denver City, Texas; four grandnephews; three grandnieces; and many friends in Texas and Lincoln County.

mother, Dorothea Gosling of Santa Fe; brothers Robert W. Crossno and his wife, Patricia, of Albuquerque, and David Crossno and his wife, Loretta, of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Elizabeth Hall and her husband, Robert of Corrales; nieces Rachel Crossno and Angelica Hall; nephews Scotty and Adam Chevalier; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by a nephew, Steven Hall.

The family suggests memorial contributions to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Rio Grande Division, 2021 Girard SE, Suite 201, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

Robin Crossno

Memorial services for Robin L. Crossno, 48, a resident of Albuquerque, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at French Mortuary, University Blvd. Chapel.

Ms. Crossno died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003.

She was a sales specialist working in security and other industries.

Survivors include her father, Joel Crossno, and his wife, Vivian, of Capitan; her

RUIDOSO POLICE

Help nail a suspect

Police are searching for a hammer assault suspect who beat and stabbed a 28-year-old man in Las Cruces Jan. 21.

Donald Hynes, 26, of Las Cruces is charged with felony aggravated battery and tampering with evidence. Anyone with information concerning Hynes is asked to call detectives at (505) 528-4222 or Crimestoppers at (505) 526-8000.

Convertible tops cut

Ruidoso Downs police took a report that someone had cut a rag-top on a convertible in the Wal-Mart parking lot about 3 p.m. Jan. 22.

Ruidoso police received a report of the convertible top of a Firebird sliced in the public parking lot in the 400 block of Wingfield Street between 9 p.m. Jan. 24 and midnight Jan. 25. Damage was estimated at \$4,000. A soft top of a Jeep Wrangler was reported damaged at Ski West, 1013 Mechem Drive between 9:30 p.m. Jan. 24 and 7 a.m. Jan. 25. Damage was estimated at \$500.

Child abuse arrest

Randal Joe Fiveash, 50, of Ruidoso was arrested about 1 a.m. Jan. 27 in the 200 block of Del Norte and charged with two counts of child abuse and one count of obstructing the reporting of child abuse.

Student apprehended

Police arrested a 14-year-old Gavilan Canyon School student suspected of being in possession of a stolen bicycle. He was put under house arrest and released to his father.

Disorderly conduct

Police arrested Marshall Edward Boykin III, 31, of Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 27, charging him with disorderly conduct at Farley's, 1200 Mechem Drive.

DWI charged

Ivan Jason Brown, 30, of Roswell, was arrested Jan. 24 on Highway 70 near Sudderth Drive and charged with driving 60 mph in a 45-mph zone, driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, and

having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle.

House burglarized

Someone entered a residence in the 100 block of Alonso Way between Jan 4 and 25, taking a television, a stereo system, afghans and a chest, according to police reports.

Arrest protest

After asking Jeffery J. Chavarria, 20, of Alamogordo to step out of the car during a traffic stop, police officers noticed he was intoxicated and arrested him for being a minor in possession of alcoholic beverages Jan. 24. Once in the back seat of the patrol vehicle, the report states, he kicked out the rear right window, started kicking the left rear window and bent the door of the vehicle. He was charged with criminal damage as well.

Weapons expulsion

Police were called to Ruidoso High School Jan. 16 when the shop teacher caught two 17-year-old male students allegedly making two unlawful

weapons — metal nunchakur (two metal pipes welded together by a piece of chain) and a "claw" (a metal wristband with three metal spikes) in welding class. The report states that the shop teacher had caught one of the suspects making weapons on two previous occasions. Other students told the principal that they'd seen the other suspect throw a metal object in the trash can, and a third weapon, a clublike metal bar with cut diamond metal mesh welded to the upper part of it, was found. The two suspects were expelled from school.

Household battery

Police arrested Michael James Antonio, 24, of Ruidoso, charging him with two counts of battery against a household member and interference with communication Jan. 25 in the 200 block of Ridgcrest Drive.

Car stolen

Police are looking for a suspect for the unlawful taking of a beige, 1985 Ford Bronco between Jan. 21 and 27 from the 100 block of Upper Terrace Drive.

U.S. Highway 85 follows the old Santa Fe Trail.

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# Auction raises funds for disabled skiers program

■ The skiing is still good at Ski Apache despite warm temperatures in the village.

BY BARBARA LANE  
RUIDOSO NEWS INTERN

Think snow! Though Ruidoso hasn't seen much for a while, the slopes of Ski Apache are still under a 40-inch blanket of white. Skiing conditions have been reported as excellent.

Slopes are packed and machine-groomed. As of Sunday, the ski road was clear and the weather forecast

was clear and cold. All slopes and lifts are open, and skiers were on the slopes — including those needing some extra help because of disabilities.

Saturday evening, the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program held its annual silent auction at the Ruidoso Convention Center. With at least 400 items donated by 75 to 80 percent of local merchants, and "free food for everyone" donated by several area restaurants, the fund-raiser kept the convention center bustling. At one point in the first hour of the auction, more than 400 attendees

were counted.

The wide variety of items being auctioned off included ski equipment, firewood, rugs, jewelry, comic books, artwork, pizzas and more. By the end of the event, nearly everything had been sold.

Over the past 15 years, the auction has proven a success, averaging \$18,000 per year. Jodee Damron, secretary-treasurer, said this year's auction proceeds came close to that average, although the figure was not final.

Proceeds go directly to the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program.

The disabled skiers program is 28 years old, the second oldest program like it in the country, as noted by a ski patrol member during the auction. It is run completely on donations with no state funding. In New Mexico, it is the only disabled skiers program located on the site of a ski area. Using specialized equipment as needed, instructors work with each participant one-on-one, teaching them to ski and taking them on the slopes. Most of the program's instructors volunteer their services.

The one qualification for a participant is that the individual has some

sort of disability. Children and adults with disabilities, such as blindness, deafness or Downs Syndrome, may take advantage of the program.

Program director Bret Maul said they average 300 participants each year. Those in the program are not charged a fee, though donations are appreciated.

The Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program will hold a race sometime in early March. Anyone interested in volunteering for the program or the race may contact Bret Maul at 336-4416, or Jodee Damron at 336-4386.

## DISTRICT COURT

### Civil cases

The following civil cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

Dec. 4 - Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation vs. Craig B. Paton, Anne L. Paton, the Jodye E. Jones Revocable Living Trust and the Chase Manhattan Bank as trustee c/o Residential Funding; complaint for foreclosure; CV2002-274.

Dec. 6 - Countrywide Home Loans Inc., doing business as America's Wholesale Lender, vs. Wayne S. Franck, Roberta L. Franck, Joe and Jane Doe, tenants; complaint for foreclosure of security agreement and mortgage; CV02-275.

Dec. 9 - Karen J. Hinds-Sager vs. Y. Salem Sager; plaintiff's original complaint on suit for money due on promissory note, foreclosure of mortgage and foreclosure of security interest; CV02-277.

Dec. 13 - Countrywide Home Loans Inc. vs. Dalrey D. Doyle, Carol L. Doyle and John and Jane Doe tenants; complaint for foreclosure; CV02-279.

Dec. 13 - CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc., formerly known as Associates Financial Services Company Inc. vs. Crystal I. Tivis, Family Restaurants Inc., state of New Mexico Department of Labor, Employment Security Division, all tenants, unknown spouses or other claimants of interest in the subject property; foreclosure petition and complaint; CV02-280.

Dec. 13 - In the matter of issuance of subpoena Jordan Tolchin vs. San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, Thomas Margro Bart, general manager, acting in his official capacity, Marsh USA Inc., Sedgwick of California Inc., Bart Construction Insurance Administrators, a California joint venture, and Does 1-100 inclusive; miscellaneous proceeding, petition for issuance of deposition subpoena for taking oral testimony from V. Wallace Ryland for use in action pending in California; CV02-281.

Dec. 18 - Gilbert and Dorothy Foyt vs. Land America Commonwealth Insurance Co., The Title Company Inc., D.T. Collins & Associates, and Tall Pines Realty Company; com-

plaint for unfair insurance practice, unfair trade practice, breach of fiduciary duty, injunctive and declaratory relief, breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing, intentional infliction of emotional distress, professional negligence; CV02-282.

Dec. 19 - Jimmy Raymond Aragon vs. Camp Sierra Blanca Inc., a New Mexico non-profit corporation, and Jamie Grover; complaint for discrimination, breach of employment contract, intentional infliction of emotional distress and prima facie tort; CV02-283.

Dec. 26 - United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service vs. Veronica M. Sanchez and the unknown spouse; complaint for foreclosure; CV02-284.

Jan. 2 - Flagstar Bank FSB vs. Kendall Price, New Mexico Department of Labor, United States of America (IRS), and Jane and John Doe tenants; complaint for foreclosure; CV2003-01.

Jan. 7 - C-Net Resorts Inc. and Plains Cotton Enterprises Inc. vs. Jorge Abalos and Delvia Fuentes-Abalos, husband and wife; complaint on promissory notes; CV03-02.

Jan. 7 - Jerry D. Bruns and Truett D. Bruns vs. Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc., doing business as Billy the Kid Casino; complaint to recover damages for personal injury; CV03-03.

Jan. 9 - Ruth Ann Underoff vs. Abdallah Al-Thuneyyan, Juhair Saud Al-Thuneyyan and C.J. Kelly, trustee, all unknown spouses and heirs, receivers, successor and assigns of The First National Bank of Midland, a defunct banking corporation, and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiff; complaint to quiet title; CV03-04.

Jan. 13 - Rick Black, doing business as Black Mountain Excavating, a sole proprietorship, vs. Ronald H. and Patricia L. Fox, Billye E. Bostic, Anna M. Bostic, husband and wife, Bonnie O'Leary and Connie Hewitt; complaint to foreclose lien; CV03-05.

Jan. 15 - Discover Bank by its servicing agent, Discover Financial Services Inc. vs. Robert C. Breecher; complaint for breach of agreement and for debt and money due; CV03-07.

Jan. 15 - The state of Texas vs. James White; cover sheet to authenticate copy of final judgment; CV03-08.

### Criminal cases

The following criminal cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date, the defendant, the charges and the docket number.

Dec. 4 - Herbert S. Coffin, 49, Ruidoso; larceny more than \$250; CR2002-194.

Dec. 5 - Dan Gastellum, 46, Ruidoso; unlawful carrying of a firearm in a licensed liquor establishment, 4th-degree felony, negligent use of a deadly weapon, petty misdemeanor, negligent use of a deadly weapon under the influence of an intoxicant or narcotic, petty misdemeanor, possession of a firearm or destructive device by a felon, 4th-degree felony, and possession of marijuana, one ounce or less, second offense, misdemeanor; CR02-195.

Dec. 20 - Katie I. Bates, 19, Ruidoso; grand jury indictment on great bodily injury by vehicle, 3rd-degree felony, and driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug, first offense, a special mandatory penalty motor vehicle misdemeanor; CR02-197.

Dec. 27 - James Manuel Verdugo, 21, no address; fugitive complaint from Parker County, Texas; CR02-202.

Dec. 27 - James Frederick Jeffries Jr., 51, Ruidoso; two counts battery on a household member and false imprisonment; CV02-205.

Jan. 10 - Juan Henry Sanchez, 60, Ruidoso Downs; DWI, fourth and subsequent, operator to be licensed and no seat belt; CR03-05.

Jan. 10 - Gary Van Winkle, 39, Lake Arthur; aggravated battery against a household member, great bodily harm, a 3rd-degree felony; CR03-06.

Jan. 10 - Theodore G. Henderson, 45, Ruidoso Downs; aggravated battery against a household member, great bodily harm, 3rd-degree felony, and unlawful taking of motor vehicle \$2,500 or more; CR03-07.

Jan. 14 - James F. Salas, 55, Hondo; assault with intent to commit a violent felony; CR03-08.

Jan. 16 - Kenneth D. Holmes, 49, Los Lunas; issuance of worthless check, \$241.34 to Wal-Mart; CR03-09.

### Domestic cases

The following domestic relations cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

Dec. 3 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Department, State of Oregon vs. Larry Smith; statement for registration of foreign support order; DM2002-116.

Dec. 3 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Department, State of Georgia vs. Peter Davis; statement for registration of foreign support order for enforcement; CV02-117.

Dec. 10 - Edward Khanbabaian vs. Betty A. Khanbabaian; petition for legal separation; DM02-121.

Dec. 17 - Michael L. Rominger vs. Suzanne C. Rominger; petition for dissolution of marriage; DM02-124.

Dec. 17 - Petrina C. Trujillo vs. Marcus Shayne Brady; petition for dissolution of marriage; DM02-125.

Dec. 19 - Davis Ross Naylor vs. Kimberly A. Naylor; petition for dissolution of marriage; DM02-126.

Dec. 19 - Roxy A. Burkfield vs. Darryl J. Burkfield; petition for divorce; DM02-127.

Dec., 26 - John Wesley Rooney vs. Rhonda Lorraine Rooney; petition for dissolution of marriage; DM02-129.

Jan. 6 - Sandra E. Chernov vs. Michael B. Chernov; petition for dissolution of marriage; DM03-02.

Dec. 4 - Samantha Gore vs. Joel Rowland; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-140.

Dec. 5 - Tammy Robinson

vs. Theodore Henderson; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-141.

Dec. 9 - Jake L. Graham vs. Kallisha M. Graham; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-142.

Dec. 10 - Veronica Salas vs. John Edward Anthony; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-143.

Dec. 11 - Janet Armstrong vs. Lloyd Hobbs; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-144.

Dec. 18 - Dianne G. Rodriques vs. Ricky Armendariz; service of process information for petition for order of protection from domestic abuse and petition for emergency order of protection; DV02-146.

Dec. 18 - Jean Wright vs. Kenneth Godfrey; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-147.

Dec. 27 - Robert Ward vs. Rebecca S. Ward; petition for

order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-148.

Dec. 31 - Doris Moore vs. Roy Dale Moore; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV02-149.

Jan. 2 - Steve and Donna Harkey vs. Jay King; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV03-01.

Jan. 3 - Krystal Roybal vs. Hashim Martin; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV03-02.

Jan. 4 - Lissa Kinder vs. Ralph Kinder; petition for emergency order of protection from domestic abuse; DV03-04.

Jan. 8 - John Paul Ventura vs. Catherine Ventura; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV03-05.

Jan. 9 - Linda King vs. Steve and Donna Harkey; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV03-06.

Jan. 13 - Roseanna Painter vs. David R. Painter; petition for order of protection from domestic abuse; DV03-07.

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## Ruidoso wrestlers fourth overall at SB

### Seven individuals place for Warriors

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso wrestling coach Brian Brown knew his team would be hard-pressed to place high in this year's Sierra Blanca Tournament Saturday at RHS, but he also knew he had the talent to make some noise.

By the end of the day, Brown was very happy with his team's performance, as the Warriors finished fourth overall and had seven individuals place. "I'd say we competed well in almost every weight class," Brown said. "The

kids keep working and we'll wrestle better every time we wrestle."

Thanks to the seven top finishes, the Warriors scored 101 points overall, good enough for fourth behind West Las Vegas, Roswell, Robertson and Cobre.

West Las Vegas and Roswell were tied for third with 128 points each.

That the Warriors did so well against the top teams in Class 1A/3A gives Brown a boost of confidence with district and state tournaments so close.

He's also buoyed by the fact that a few new wrestlers have joined the team.

"We've lost a couple of kids to grades and injury, but we will have a couple of guys coming out," Brown said. "Tim Lucero is coming out, and we hope to get him enough time to take him to state with us. He'll be pretty tough."



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Elisha Hedin, right, is tackled by Goddard's Blane Hardmon in the first round of the 152-pound bracket during the Sierra Blanca Tournament Saturday at RHS. Hedin pinned Hardmon and eventually finished third in the weight class.

## Capitan splits with Warrior teams

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

**CAPITAN** — The Ruidoso Lady Warriors got some valuable experience before beginning the District 4-3A season, and the junior varsity boys got some revenge Thursday in Capitan.

After holding a 13-point lead heading into the final quarter, the Lady Warriors had to fend off a Capitan comeback to win 54-50, while the Ruidoso JV rallied at the end of their match to avenge a loss to Capitan in December, winning 60-59.

**Lady Warriors 54, Lady Tigers 50**

The Capitan girls started sluggish against a Lady Warrior offense that used outside shooting to grab a quick lead, as Clarissa Silva — who led her team with 13 points — got all three of her three-point shots in the opening period.

"We let her hit those shots at the beginning, which put a damper on things," said Capitan coach Sherry Gower. "I don't think we recovered from that until the fourth quarter."

If Ruidoso was able to shoot from the outside, they weren't as successful inside — at least not when it came to the match between Lady Warrior Beth Robinson and Capitan's Jessica Becker.

Becker smothered



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

**Warrior guard** Jaime Urban, left, comes from behind to try and knock the ball from Tiger Rusty Martin's hands Thursday at Dexter. Urban had a key three-point shot near the end of the boys game that sealed a Warrior JV victory.

Robinson's attempts inside and held her to just two points on a pair of free-throws. Becker, meanwhile, led the Lady Tigers with 21 points.

"That was a big confidence booster," Gower said. "I wanted Bruiser (Becker) to play somebody like that

before we started district."

Capitan kept scoring, but were unable to make up the difference until the end of the game, when their press went into effect and they rattled off 21 points to Ruidoso's seven in the final quarter.

See **CAPITAN**, page 12A



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

**All wrapped up** Greg Crow, left, attempts to pin Steven Mayberry of Deming Saturday in the 130-pound class of the Sierra Blanca Tournament Saturday. Crow got the pin and finished second at the meet, falling to Cobre's Jonathan Lucero in the final.

Crow's march to the championship in the 130-pound class was a bit more strenuous, getting a pin of Steven Mayberry in the first round and eventually getting to a final against Cobre's Jonathan Lucero.

But Lucero gave the Indians a few more points for his team with a victory over Crow, as the Ruidoso wrestler finished the tournament at 2-1.

One Warrior who didn't do well Saturday was Shawn Gurule at 119. Normally a solid wrestler, Gurule lost both his matches in his first live competition in over two weeks.

"That's not usually how he does, we're looking for better things from him," Brown said. "He just had an off day — sometimes you just have a bad tournament."

Warrior wrestlers to place third were Justin Huffmon, who beat Carlsbad's Brandon Ratliff at 140 pounds, Jeremy Pritchett a winner over Jeremy Behunin of Carlsbad and 135 pounds, and Elisha Hedin, who finished 3-1 in

the 152-pound weight class.

Cody Huffmon took fourth place in the 145-pound class, while Michael Sanchez finished fourth at 125 pounds after falling to Carlos Madrid of Roswell in the consolation bracket.

Ruidoso was supposed to be in Cobre this weekend, but had a conflict with their own junior varsity tournament at RHS on Saturday. As a result, the varsity will have this weekend off before traveling to West Las Vegas Feb. 8 for a meet against teams like Robertson and Tucumcari.

Brown feels the time off is just what his team needs at this point.

"This comes right after our big tournament, and it gives the varsity kids a chance to get over some injuries," Brown said. "The JV kids get a chance to be supported by the varsity and gives them a moment without somebody competing for their attention. It should be good."

## Mescalero goes without games

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Three scheduled Mescalero games were wiped out for various reasons over the weekend, meaning the Chiefs and Lady Chiefs got no playing time to prepare for their District 8-1A games Tuesday against Gateway Christian.

The Mescalero girls (9-5, 1-0 in district), were scheduled to play Carrizozo on Friday and Calvary Christian of Santa Fe on Saturday. But the Carrizozo game was canceled due to a team illness and Calvary Christian was unable to put a team on the court. "We actually knew about the Calvary Christian situation for a while," said Mescalero coach and athletic director Rol Bradford. "They were supposed to be here for our tournament (the Mescalero Apache Tournament in December), but had to cancel then."

The boys were also scheduled to play Calvary on Saturday, but the Christian school is facing financial difficulties that have shut down their athletic program.

The Carrizozo game has been rescheduled for this Wednesday, and will be a double header between both the boys and girls teams. This will follow a Carrizozo-Corona game Tuesday which was also rescheduled due to illness.

"The Carrizozo game will be important to us, that's a good tough game," Bradford said. "Calvary would have been a good experience, but we've been trying to simulate games as best we can in practice."

The Mescalero (2-8, 0-1) boys have had a rough season thus far, losing four players to ineligibility and having two more quit the team.

Coach Christie LaPaz has been able to build the program back up, but still has a ways to go. Results from Tuesday's games will be in a future edition of the *Ruidoso News*.

## Tiger football players named to All-State team

Despite turning their season around and winning the District 4-1A title, the Capitan Tigers had but two players make it to this year's Class 1A All-State team.

Junior Sheldon Moor and Senior Bo Sparks were named to the second team on offense, Moor as a wide receiver and Sparks at

quarterback.

The two had also been named to the All-District 4-1A first team on offense, while Sparks will represent the state at this year's Class 1A/2A North-South game to be played June 14 in Silver City.

## side line

### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**  
New Snow Past Week: 4 in.  
Weather at Report Time: Clear  
Road at Report Time: Clear  
Midway Depth: 40 in.  
Surface Conditions: Packed Powder and Machine Groomed  
Skiing Conditions: Excellent  
Trails Open: All 55 trails  
Lifts Open: All 11 lifts  
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No  
Forecast: Mostly Sunny

### Prep Scores

**Thursday, Jan. 23**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Ruidoso JV 60, Capitan 59  
Mountainair 65, Corona 45  
**Girls Basketball**  
Ruidoso 54, Capitan 50  
Mountainair 54, Corona 27

**Friday, Jan. 24**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Temple Baptist 75, Corona 19  
Tatum 75, Hondo 28  
**Girls Basketball**  
Temple Baptist 41, Corona 28  
Tatum 66, Hondo 31  
Carrizozo at Mescalero, ppd. to Feb. 4

**Saturday, Jan. 25**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Lordsburg 58, Capitan 50  
Mescalero at Calvary Chapel, cld.  
**Girls Basketball**  
Capitan 57, Lordsburg 51  
Mescalero at Calvary Chapel, cld.

### Preps on Tap

**Thursday, Jan. 30**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Mountainair at Corona, 7:30 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball**  
Mountainair at Corona, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 31**  
**Boys Basketball**  
New Mexico Military Institute at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.  
Hondo at Mescalero, 7:30 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball**  
Hondo at Mescalero, 6 p.m.  
Ruidoso at Lovington, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 1**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Temple Baptist at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.  
Hatch at Capitan, 6 p.m.  
Corona at Victory Christian, 6 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball**  
Temple Baptist at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.  
Hatch at Capitan, 6 p.m.  
Corona at Victory Christian, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Corona at Carrizozo, 7 p.m.  
Lake Arthur at Hondo, 7:30 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball**  
Corona at Carrizozo, 5:30 p.m.  
Lake Arthur at Hondo, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 5**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Carrizozo at Mescalero, 7:30 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball**  
Carrizozo at Mescalero, 6 p.m.

### On Deck

**Trek to Fitness**  
The New Mexico Senior Olympics will be sponsoring a Senior Trek to Healthy Fitness Feb. 5 at the Munson Senior Center in Las Cruces from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Arthritis and exercise information, air gun safety, foot care, physical therapy, race walk demos and more will be featured at the event. For more information, contact Bart Young at 257-3193.

### Big Boys (and Girls)

**Saturday, Jan. 25**  
**NCAA Mens Basketball**  
New Mexico St. 92, Western Kentucky 82  
New Mexico 66, San Diego State 62  
**NCAA Womens Basketball**  
Western Kentucky 80, New Mexico St. 54  
Wyoming 71, New Mexico 58

**Monday, Jan. 27**  
**NCAA Mens Basketball**  
UNLV 75, New Mexico 66



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# Smith takes gold in Durango

BY LAURA BOTH  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**DURANGO, Colo.** — Ruidoso skier Rett Smith powered through the course to a first-place finish with a time of 41.18 in the second day of racing in the J3 Division of the Jesse Scott Memorial Age Class ski race Jan. 18 and 19.

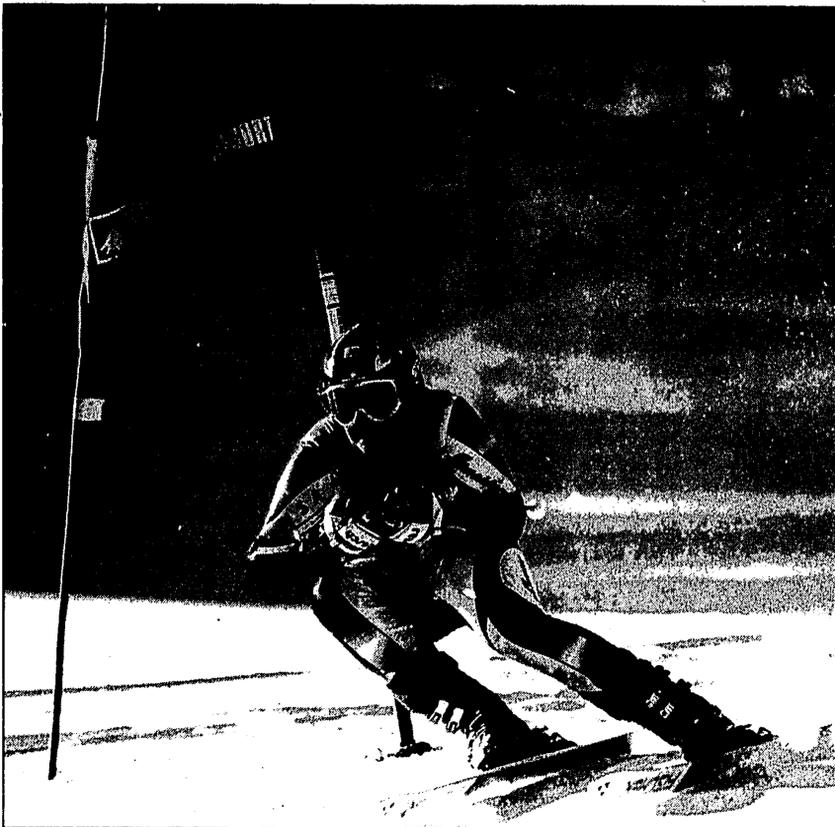
Open to skiers in the J3 and J4 age class divisions only, the race featured two days of Super G races. Under sunny skies and on a packed powder course, the racers negotiated 20 gates with 16 directional changes in the morning race.

Smith also raced a 43.17 in the morning run to take a silver medal, only .18 seconds off of gold medalist Ian McKnight. Smith races under Red River's colors. Peter Zagone posted a strong 4th place finish with a time of 46.81. He was followed by Dylan Jasinsky who came in fifth with a time of 46.87. Joe Lynch was just off the top 10, finishing 11th with a time of 48.48.

Ruidoso's only J4 racer, Kermit Baumann, got off to a slow start, placing 21st in the morning race. After course setters added another gate for the afternoon race, Baumann roared into 12th place for the second run of the day, shaving off six seconds with a time of 50.80.

Zagone, always a consistent skier, came in fifth on the second day in J3 action with a time of 44.42. Jasinsky followed in seventh and Lynch broke into the top 10 with a 10th place finish and a time of 46.05.

Upper Hades was again the location of the second day of races at Durango Mountain Resort. Jasinsky led the pack of Ruidoso skiers for the first race of the day, skiing to fourth



**Stefan Seigmann** foreruns the course at Durango Mountain Resort before the start of the Jesse Scott Memorial Age Class ski race Jan. 18 in Durango, Colo.

PHOTO COURTESY RUIDOSO SKI TEAM

place and posting a time of 44.53. Lynch and Zagone each made the top 10 with a ninth and 10th place finish respectively. Baumann came in 14th in the J4 Division for 11- and 12-year-olds. Smith did not start.

In the afternoon, Zagone came in eighth and Lynch followed him in ninth place. Smith and Jasinsky did not start. Baumann remained consistent with a 12th place finish and a time of 50.07.

"It was really great to see these kids perform so well in a

very competitive environment," said Coach Hubert Seigmann. "It's important for the team to race against quality fields so they can improve their performance each time they start from the gate."

The Durango race served as a final prep for the first Junior Olympic Qualifier which was held in Colorado this past weekend.

**Full Results**  
**Saturday, Jan. 18**  
J-4 Boys Morning Run  
Kermit Baumann — 21st, 56.27  
J-4 Boys Afternoon Run  
Kermit Baumann — 12th, 50.80

**J-3 Boys Morning Run**  
Rett Smith — 2nd, 43.17; Peter Zagone — 4th, 46.81; Dylan Jasinsky — 5th, 46.87; Joe Lynch — 11th, 48.48  
**J-3 Boys Afternoon Run**  
Rett Smith — 1st, 41.18; Peter Zagone — 5th, 44.42; Dylan Jasinsky — 7th, 44.87; Joe Lynch — 10th, 46.05

**Sunday, Jan. 19**  
**J-4 Boys Morning Run**  
Kermit Baumann — 14th, 49.73  
**J-4 Boys Afternoon Run**  
Kermit Baumann — 12th, 50.07  
**J-3 Boys Morning Run**  
Dylan Jasinsky — 4th, 44.53; Joe Lynch — 9th, 45.33; Peter Zagone — 10th, 45.53; Rett Smith — Did Not Start  
**J-3 Boys Afternoon Run**  
Peter Zagone — 8th, 46.00; Joe Lynch — 9th, 46.03; Dylan Jasinsky — Did Not Start; Rett Smith — Did Not Start

# Ruidoso gymnasts compete at state

**ALBUQUERQUE** — The Ruidoso Mountain Tops Gymnastics Team competed at the 2003 New Mexico State Meet in Albuquerque Dec. 14, and the Level 5 team placed third overall with a score of 107.6.

On an individual level, in both age division and events, the local gymnasts placed in the top 10 in the state. Seven local gymnasts competed in the Level 5 competition. In the younger division of the 10-year-old category, Alex Weaver placed third and Laure Montes placed fifth.

In the older division of the 10-year-old category, Megan Mirau placed seventh. In the 11-year-old division, Brittany Marshall placed fourth and Aтира Barnett placed sixth. Aleah Topper finished in sixth place in the 12-year-old division.

In the 13 and older group, Monica Nunez was not only the state champion in the bars (9.250) and floor (9.350) events, but also was the overall state champion.

Victoria Ramirez, a Level 6 competitor, placed seventh overall in the 12-year-old category.

## Gymnasts and coaches attend clinic

Mountain Tops head coach Amy Eggleston, coach Kristi Bryant and 13 local gymnasts attended the 2003 New Mexico Super Clinic Jan. 12. More than 100 gymnasts from across the state participated in the workshop that included everything from nutrition to how performances are scored by the judges.

The gymnasts were also able to learn new skills and different drills from various coaches from across New Mexico.

Victoria Ramirez, a Level 6 gymnast, commented when asked what she learned at the clinic, "I did a giant on bars! It's a cast, handstand, and then go around the bar. I always wanted to try it."

Level 5 gymnast Aтира Barnett described the clinic saying, "It was all fun! I learned to do a Level 6 dismount!"

A very special highlight was instruction from Quin Shannon and Svetlana Boguinskaia. Shannon is a gymnast formerly of Utah State and now a resident of Carlsbad, Calif. Boguinskaia is a three-time Olympian in 1988, 1992 and 1996.

Boguinskaia, formerly of Russia now of Houston, has the distinction of being one of the top five gymnasts of all time. Eggleston had the opportunity to spend the day coaching beam with Boguinskaia after her name was randomly drawn from among the coaches in attendance. When asked about the experience Eggleston stated, "It's probably something I will never get to do again. I don't know if I was more impressed or the girls." Gymnast Megan Mirau commented, "It was really cool seeing an Olympian."

# Corona overmatched in district contests

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For Corona basketball coach Tommy Mulkey, it's been like a manta this season.

"We're young, what can I say?," Mulkey asked. "We just don't have any experience."

Actually, Mulkey was referring to his girls team, but much the same could be said of the Corona boys this year, and the road didn't get any easier this past weekend.

Already down in the loss column in District 7-1A, their season continued with games against Mountainair and Temple Baptist.

On Thursday against Mountainair, the girls fell 54-27, while the boys lost 64-45.

"Their junior varsity was just more

experienced than my varsity," Mulkey said of the girls game. "The first quarter, we started out so slow that they had an 18-2 lead. We played better the rest of the game, but by then it was too much."

On the boys side, Corona was still recovering from the flu bug that had hit them pretty hard the past week, and it showed on the court.

"We played pretty well against them, but we didn't have the legs to jump," Mulkey said. "At the end of the first quarter, they were only up 11-10, but then he stuck in his main guys. They put a press on us and outscored us 25-7 in the second quarter."

The difficulties continued on Saturday when the Cardinals traveled to Albuquerque to take on Temple Baptist. Already having lost to the Roadrunners,

Corona again dropped a pair of decisions as the girls lost 41-28 while the boys fell 73-19.

"We just didn't score well, but that's been our problem all year," Mulkey said of the girls game. "But they finally did pick up their play near the end of the game."

"The biggest problem the girls have is intimidation, knowing they'll be going up against juniors and seniors," he added. "When they get over that, they start hustling and doing things we work on in practice all the time."

The boys were simply out-manned by a very good Roadrunner squad.

"They played us man the whole time, and our legs were still not there," Mulkey said. "Our shots just weren't going in."

The Cardinal teams faced Carrizozo on Tuesday and host Mountainair Thursday.

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### CAPITAN: Lincoln Co. showdown

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A big part of the Lady Tigers' run was the departure of Dusty Franklin — who fouled out of the game after making a big impression on the boards and underneath the basket.

"We're trying to stop the scoring runs," said Ruidoso coach Greg Marez. "If we can do that, then we can hold them. We want to get it right away and get our minds refocused."

The Lady Warriors (5-9) also used this game as preparation for district, as they began the District 4-3A season against Portales Tuesday.

"They (Portales) aren't a fast team, but they are physical," Marez said. "We need to stop that, get our minds focused and stop the runs."

Portales is already 1-0 and district after beating Lovington on Friday.

#### Warrior JV 60, Tigers 59

With less than five minutes to go in the game, it looked as though the Capitan boys had another win over the Ruidoso JV.

But then Warrior Jaime Urban hit a clutch three and Ruidoso held off the

Tiger charge to avenge a 68-54 loss in December.

"They had a couple more kids that handled the ball better, that was the difference," said Capitan coach Royce Brown of the Warriors' performance. "We didn't do things that well in half court for a lot of the game and had a lot of turnovers ourselves."

While it was an outside shot that put Ruidoso on top, it was inside scoring by Dusty Bolden that gave them the opportunity to come out on top. Bolden led the team with 17 points on the night.

Capitan got 12 points from Bo Sparks and 11 points from Josh Osborn, but were still unable to overcome poor free-throw shooting. As a team, the Tigers were just 15-for-29 from the line.

"These last two games, that's been the biggest thing," Brown said, referring to Capitan's 44-38 loss to Dexter on Jan. 21. "We're getting to the line, but we're not knocking them down. That's the difference between a 10-point win and a one-point loss."

## Lady Tigers open district with win over Lordsburg

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

**CAPITAN** — The Capitan basketball teams opened their District 5-2A seasons on Saturday with a pair of contests against Lordsburg, and each one was a tough fight.

The Lady Tigers withstood a punishing attack to win 57-51, while the Capitan boys worked hard to make their game respectable before falling 58-50.

"The game got a little rough, but that's good for us," said Capitan girls coach Sherry Gowen. "We need to be versatile and play along with whatever the officiating is like."

#### Lady Tigers 57, Lady Mavericks 51

The Capitan girls weren't able to gain control of their game until the second quarter — battling the Lady Mavericks to a 14-all tie after the first period and battling their own inability to take care of the ball.

Lordsburg (10-6, 0-1 in district), used its outside shooting to stay close throughout, but then the Lady Tigers (7-8, 1-0) started getting the ball in more to Jessica Becker.

Becker responded with 18 points to lead her team, and also pulled down an astounding 16 rebounds in the game. As a team, the Lady Tigers outdid Lordsburg 42-37 on the boards.

"I am happy we stopped their outside shooting," Gowen said. "They were putting a lot of threes, then getting their own rebounds because we weren't boxing out. Then we'd get the fouls."

But once Becker got going — and once

Catherine Wood and Jessica Tully-Mitchell added 13 and 12 points of their own — the Lady Tigers shot ahead, going up by 10 after three quarters.

Then Gowen put in junior varsity players like Roxie Hall and Raylyne Stanbrough, and the Lady Mavericks started coming back.

Led by Michelle Alvarez — literally, she led her team in points (13), rebounds (6) and blocked one shot — the Lady Mavericks outscored Capitan 20-16 in the fourth quarter.

"I'm not saying they didn't do as well as the starters, but I've got to get them in some game-like pressure situations," Gowen said. "We might need them at state."

Lordsburg never really threatened near the end, however, as Capitan was able to put the finishing touches on the win.

"Those girls need to know they can make mistakes and everything will still be all right," Gowen said. "We've still got each other's back."

#### Mavericks 58, Tigers 50

The Lordsburg boys came into Saturday's game with a 12-2 record and a state ranking, the Capitan boys entered the game with a two-game losing streak.

The Mavericks won, but it wasn't as easy as they might have thought it would be.

"We've shown that when people play us, they have to bring their best game," said Capitan coach Royce Brown. "We're always competitive."

Capitan (8-6, 0-1) made it a close game near the end, but was unable to overcome an early Maverick run which saw Justin Taylor put in two 3-pointers in the first quarter.

As a team, Lordsburg (13-2, 1-0) had four treys — three by Taylor.

"We gave up some open looks and they were burying the three for a while," Brown said. "We just didn't adjust well."

Lordsburg was up 18-8 after the first quarter and extended the lead to 13 points after three quarters.

The Tigers did make a run near the end, and actually had the last score on a final trey with no time left on the clock. That kind of "never-say-die" play gave Brown some hope about the rest of the season.

"Competitively, I have no complaints," Brown said. "We've got some experience and they won't give up until the last second, that could come back to help us."

Both Capitan teams faced Tularosa Tuesday and will play Hatch Saturday at home.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

**Lady Tiger** Jessica Becker, center, shoots over Lordsburg's Michelle Alvarez (32) as Lady Maverick Stacy Mora (10) looks on Saturday in Capitan.

period when Weston Richardson came in off the bench and scored three straight layups to get Capitan within five points with 1:52 left in the first half, but the Mavericks then went on a 7-0 run to close out the half.

"The biggest key was their quickness and athleticism to the boards," Brown said. "They jumped well and were there before you know it. We didn't always do a good job of boxing out."

Capitan actually out-rebounded the Mavericks 39-35, but Lordsburg did have a pair of players with seven rebounds each in Taylor and Armando Morales.

The high scorer for the Mavericks was Michael Ruiz, who had 20 points, almost all from underneath the basket.

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<b>Lady Tigers 57, Lady Mavericks 51</b> <b>Lordsburg (10-6, 0-1 in District 5-2A)</b> Stacy Mora 4 4-6 12, Amy Renteria 0 0-0 0, Jessica Alvarez 1 4-4 7, Michelle Alvarez 4 3-10 18, Deron McBroom 0 0-0 0, Jennifer Arizo 3 0-0 6, Mirya Rodriguez 0 0-0 0, Brandy Plozman 1 8-9 19, Kristen Saucado 2 0-1 4, Patsy Balsa 0 0-0 0. Totals: 15 17-29 51. <b>Capitan (7-8, 1-0)</b> Catherine Wood 5 9-5 13, Stephanie Kelsey 0 0-0 0, Alyx Sheehy 0 3-4 3, Melissa Becker 1 0-1 2, KayCee Gilson 0 0-0 0, Raylyne Stanbrough 0 0-0 0, Roxie Hall 0 0-0 0, Jessica Tully-Mitchell 4 4-6 12, Jessica Becker 8 2-6 18, Kelsey Sheehy 4 1-2 9. Totals: 25 13-24 57. <b>Lordsburg (13-2, 1-0)</b> Armando Morales 1 5-6 8, Isalah Perez 2 0-1 4, Andras Saenz 0 0-0 0, Justin Taylor 6 0-0 15, Gabe Smith 0 0-0 0, Ruben Gomez 0 3-4 3, Day Craig 0 0-0 0, Michael Ruiz 7 8-9 20, Ruben Renteria 0 0-0 0, Ryan Worthan 0 0-0 0, Nic Shannon 3 2-2 8. Totals: 19 16-22 58. <b>Capitan (8-6, 0-1)</b> Drew Haynes 0 0-0 0, Kurtis Lee 0 0-0 0, Stephan Silva 0 0-0 0, Bo Sparks 4 5-5 14, Sheldon Moor 5 3-4 14, Chance Huddleston 1 0-0 2, Elliott Taylor 0 0-0 0, Weston Richardson 4 0-0 8, Josh Osborn 3 1-4 10, Rusty Martin 1 0-0 2, J.D. Mitchell 0 0-0 0, Robbie Burchett 0 0-0 0, Josh Castañeda 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 9-13 50. <b>Lordsburg (13-2, 1-0)</b> Taylor 3, Morales 1, Capitan 5 (Osborn 3, Moor, Sparks). Rebounds: Lordsburg 35 (Morales, Taylor 7), Capitan 39 (Sparks 9), Steals: Lordsburg 6 (Perez, Saenz 2), Capitan 5 (Huddleston 2). Blocks: Lordsburg 2 (Gomez, Shannon), Capitan 1 (Richardson). Turnovers: Lordsburg 16, Capitan 19. Total fouls: Lordsburg 14, Capitan 19. Fouled out: Capitan, Sparks (0:05 in 4th).
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<b>Lady Warriors 54, Lady Tigers 50</b> <b>Ruidoso (5-9)</b> Jenna Carrasco 4 1-6 9, Lynetta Woodward 0 0-0 0, Clarissa Silva 4 2-5 13, Samantha Serna 4 1-2 9, Jessica Gibson 2 0-0 4, Jaclyn Castañeda 2 0-0 4, Sarah Brascher 0 0-0 0, Vicki Celusniak 0 0-0 0, Dusty Franklin 2 0-2 4, Beth Robinson 0 2-4 2, Elisa Vigil 0 0-0 0, Christine Brown 4 1-3 9. Totals: 22 7-22 54. <b>Capitan (8-8 after Thursday)</b> Catherine Wood 1 4-5 6, Stephanie Kelsey 1 1-2 3, Alyx Sheehy 0 0-0 0, Melissa Becker 0 1-4 1, KayCee Gilson 0 2-4 2, Raylyne Stanbrough 0 0-0 0, Roxie Hall 0 0-0 0, Jessica Tully-Mitchell 8 2-3 14, Jessica Becker 7 7-11 21, Kelsey Sheehy 1 1-4 3. Totals: 16 18-33 50. <b>Ruidoso (13-10 14 7)</b> Capitan 14 6 14 16 — 50 Three-point goals: Ruidoso 3 (Silva 3). Total fouls: Ruidoso 23, Capitan 21. Fouled out: Ruidoso, Franklin.	<b>Warrior JV 60, Tigers 59</b> <b>Ruidoso JV</b> George Gallardo 0 0-0 0, Jaime Urban 2 3-4 9, Macien Enriquez 5 0-1 10, Wes Adaza 3 0-0 6, Erik Rossiter 0 0-0 0, Garrett Born 2 2-4 6, Aaron Romero 1 1-3 3, Dustin Piro 1 0-0 2, Julian Serna 3 0-0 7, Dusty Bolden 7 3 5 17, Brandon Turley 0 0-0 0, Justin Gilliland 0 0-0 0. Totals: 24 9-17 50. <b>Capitan (8-5 after Thursday)</b> Drew Haynes 0 0-0 0, Kurtis Lee 0 0-0 0, Stephen Silva 1 1-2 3, Bo Sparks 4 3-4 12, Sheldon Moor 6 4-5 19, Chance Huddleston 0 1-2 1, Elliot Taylor 0 1-2 1, Weston Richardson 1 1-2 3, Josh Osborn 3 4-6 11, Rusty Martin 1 0-0 3, J.D. Mitchell 2 0-2 4, Robbie Burchett 0 0-0 0, Josh Castañeda 1 0-3 2. Totals: 19 15-29 56. <b>Ruidoso JV 14 14 14 16</b> Capitan 19 15 9 16 — 56 Three-point goals: Ruidoso JV 3 (Urban 2, Serna). Capitan 6 (Moor 3, Sparks, Osborn, Martin). Total fouls: Ruidoso JV 23, Capitan 20. Technical fouls: Ruidoso (scorebook).
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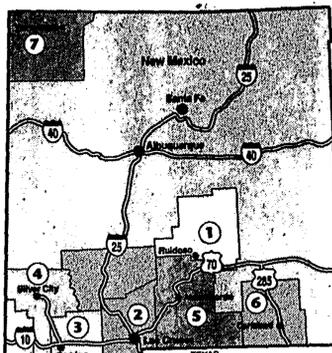
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