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Downs pancake breakfast, to benefit Meals on Wheels, set for Saturday

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 COUNTYBilly the Kiid rides again
Lincoln readies for annual pageant

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State clears up budget-signing requirements
Finding had been sought by councilors who refused to endorse fiscal 2004-05
by danne staluncs

Despite what they were
told, Ruidoso village councilors told, Ruidoso village councilors don't have to sign the 2004-05 budget resolution approved in state finance official said Monday.
During that council meeting, the board split $3-3$ to pass the $\$ 35.7$ million budget and Mayor Leon Eggleston broke the tie in favor. Councilors $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Marcum-Byars. } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Deborah } \\ \text { Michele }\end{array}\end{array}$ Rebstock and Don Williams voted against the motion.

Village manager Lorri McKnight said for the final budget to be adopted by the council, each council member must sign the resolution. She was backed up by the mayor who is a former village
and the village attorney Monday, David Miller chie policy analyst with the Local policy analyst with the Local
Government Division of the Office of the DFA Secretary, said the only person who must sign a budget resolution is the chief operating officer. In the case of Ruidoso that's the

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## Affordable housing issue may get task force

 council meetings to voice his opinions
"A comimunity is
not the sole
exclusive province
of retirees."
too, he said receipts taxes too, he said. Apparently disagreeing with recent statemupply mat a finite water mate might be a legitigrowth. works. Hodges said he retirees and they generally fit ind they generally fit into three types, ho move here and contribute,
"A community is not the sole exclusive province of retirees." he said. "The The village purchased land for a special events plaza in mid-town and indicated the land around Grindstone Reservoir may remain green space, but with dwindling developable land inside the village. the cost of property is going up, he said.
jects with puckets into multi-family pro jects with pockets of green space rather than carving up individual lots," he said.

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Highway 246, Pine Lodge Road. filled up with rocks and debris. chewing up asphalt Monday as a heavy rain ran oft Highway 246, Pine Lodge Road. filled up with fore
the Capitan Widdeness let bare by the Peppin Fire

## Flash floods hit Pine Lodge Road

- Frosion in Capitan Mountains due to the Peppin Fire is blamed for the runoff


## by dianne stallines

Residents and visitors to Lincoln County were "treated" to an exciting weekend with flash flooding on Pine Lodge Road, a power outage in Glencoe and Hondo Valley, and a lightningGlencoe and Hondo
sparked fire near Nogal.
sparked fire near Nogal.
Pine Lodge Road is the commonly used name Pine Lodge Road is the commonly used name
for State Highway 246, which connects Capitan for State Highway 246, which connects Capitan
and Roswell on the north side of the Capitan Mountain Wilderness area.
Buck Sanchez, who heads the Smokey Bear

Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, said flooding months after a major fire such as The Peppin, which burned 65,000 acres in the Capitan Mountains, is expected. Although multiple stabilization and rehabilitation techniques were used on the fire area, nor mally ground cover doesn't take hold significantly until the third year, he said.
"We used the same techniques as in The Cree
ire (in 2000 ) and the Kokopelli Fire (in 2002) a Fire (in 2000) and the Kokopelli Fire (in 2002), a
combination of structural erosion and water combination of structural erosion and water debris in canyons," Sanchez said.
"We seeded close to 9,000 acres, spread straw the manor five months ago, have rehabilitated about a

## Ongoing

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| Tower; 258-4185. |
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| eetings monthly, time and |
| ace TBA; $378-5623$ |
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Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group: 7-9 p.m.,
first Wednesday of the month, Ruidoso Care Center, 200 Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6 p.in-7:45 p.m. Wednesday $\begin{array}{ll}\text { S.Sept-May), First Baptist } \\ \text { Church } 270 & \text { Country Club }\end{array}$ Onureh, $F$ or chidren 4 years old to 6 th grade; 1:lll $257-2081$, on visit the Web at www.fberui
Optimist Club (Friends Wednesday : Noon every Steakhouse. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.
Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug
Babcock, 257-7365.
Ruidoso Book Meeting: 10 a.m. the firs Meeting: 10 a.m. the first the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road

The Party Bridge Group: p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Thursday, Aug. 5
B.P.O. EIks No. 2086: p.m.. first and third
Thursdays, Elks Lodge Thursdays, Elks Lodge
Building, U.S. $70 ; 257-2607$. Lincoln County Adult Singles Group: Meets every For further information, please fundraiser, Denny's is donating 5 percent of its sales
bound residents in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.
contact Sharon (585-8535) or Doris (258-3799) or e-mail us. The Lincoln County Adult adult singles. For newsletter visit the Website at
http://www.nogal.com/lcasg. Narcotics Anonymous Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and $7: 15$ p.m. gym) at First Baptist Church gym) at First Baptist Church
270 Country Club Drive. Cal Dawn at $937-0844$, Dean at 937-5546, or Josie at 378-5621 Or, write to HCR 46, Box 447 Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346. Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Saturday and Thursday, plus a 299 ers game 1 p.m. Mondays, all at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Thursday Bridge: Meet thursday Bridge: Meet.

Sierra Blanca Swingers: Sierra B Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing; 336-4808.

Friday, Aug. 6
The Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens
Senior Line Dancing: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center 378-4659


Jan Bellamy, general training manager for Denny's restaurant in Ruidoso Downs, and Tommy Hood, manager of the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, go over food items that Denny's is donating to a fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels program. The fundraiser will be held Saturday from $7: 30-11: 30$ a m . at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center on Highway 70 and will feature a pancake breaktast, silent auction and bake sale. Tickets to the event are $\$ 5$. Besides providing food for the

Saturday, Aug. 7
Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction, Bake Sale: To benefit Meals on Wheels. 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center on Hwy. 70.
Narcotics Anonymous Meets $7: 15$ p.m. Saturday in Room 146 (by the gym) at First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive. Call Dawn at 937 0844 , Dean at 937-5546, or
Josie at $378-5621$. Or, write to HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346 .
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Ruidoso Masonic Lodge: Public open house 1:30-4:30 Building, 144 Nob Hill Drive Learn about freemasonry 937 1260.

Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club: 9 a.m. ever Saturday. Usually meets at E Paraiso in Sierra Mall or check ocation on 146.920 MHz afte
Spinning Bee: Meets from 9 a.m. to noon, 3rd Saturday mornings at La

Monday, Aug. 9
Trail Snails Hiking Club
Mondays, 8:30 a.m. May

November. Hike Lincoln County's scenic trails; 630 8614 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Highway 48 and Highway 37; 336-9161.
Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m., second and fourth Monday of the month, Mount; 378-4880
Ruidoso
Duplicate Bridge Club: 299ers game p.m. Mondays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257 7411 or 257-6188.
VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its women's auxiliary: 7 p.m. the second Monday of every month a 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs; 257-5796

## Downs; 257-5796

Alcoholics Anonymous women's open meeting: 6:30 Center, 439 Sudderth; 378 8391.

Ruidoso Woman's Club game day: 11:45 a.m. Monda at the Ruidoso Woman' Clubhouse, 116 S . Evergreen behind the Ruidoso Office Supply. Pot luck lunch fol-
lowed by bridge and other card games.

Tuesday, Aug. 10
Al-Anon: Meets every Tuesday,
Center,

439 p.m.

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Ruidoso; 257-7124.
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lunch and cards
Kiwanis: Meets Tuesday at noon at K-Bobs; for inform tion, call Rutalee Waters, 257 2626.

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Rotary International Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows first Tuesday of the month during the school ye mont during the school year. Thos
meetings are at 11:45 a.m. the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Call Barbara 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 o
Greg, 257-1255.
Ruidoso
Bridge Club: Duplicate Tuesday at the Ruidoso every Citizens Center; 257-7411 257-6188.
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Ruidoso Valley Association: 11 Women's a.m. every Tuesday for lunch

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## Mescalero landmark nominated for the National Register

- Inclusion would help provide funds for repairs

by dianne stallines

A massive stone church, the
most visible landmark most visible landmark on the Mescalero Apache Reservation,
has been nominated for incluhas been nominated for incluHistoric Places maintained by the National Park Service One-third of the way One-third
"A strong argument
Church built
between 1920
and 1939
under the
direction of
Father Albert
Braun, the
can be made for listing the church in the National Register because of its compelling story.
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ory--:

Tom Drake
ram such as a Save America's reasurer's grant that could other repairs.
Mary M. Serna, restoration roject administrator he Register nomination wrote suitant James Steely
To date, $\$ 568,000$ of the needed $\$ 1.5$ million has been raised for the church that was
inspired by architectural strucnspired by architectural strucEurope while serving in World Warope while serving in World
 weighing 116 pounds and with
boost when the New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee of the Historic Preservation Division placed high walls, in the State Register of Cultural Pe State The next step is to push for he Park Service his push for ter, said Katherine Slick, state historic preservation officer.

A strong argument can be made for listing the church in the National Register because of its compelling story and the unique blend of European Tom Drake, public relations specialist with the division. Register would the Nationa erty eligible for a funding pro


St. Joseph Apache Mission Church is visible from U.S. Highway 70
tile roof and surviving tiles cre ated by La Luz Canyon Pottery Company in the 1930s.
This summer tiles were removed on the apse Mescalero artists decorated them with scenes from the church's stained glass win dows, the Apache Christ icon and other Apache symbols, and they were offered for sale. The than $\$ 150,000$.
The Catholic Indian Bureau originated in 1874 for the pro tection of Catholic Indian mis sion interests and by 1887 Catholic missionaries regularly visited the Mescalero reserva-
Father Braun was assigned Mescalero in 1916, the firs

## SIGNATURE: No need to sign

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"On resolution that reflects adoption, he said. "Only the mayor signs it and sends it on. The only place the votes are recorded is in the minutes. The resolution doesn't show the votes. That's in the

Rebstock, elected last March, Gilor, "I am extremely hindered inor, "I am extremely hindered formation from village officials. It is time-consuming to have to double- and triple-check the McKnight said Tuesday that she was working under the same procedures used since she joined the village seve
In that time and in the 12 years that current finance director Elaine Beltran has been with approve the final budget," McKnight said.
"Should I have called ahead to check, maybe, but we never had an issue with the final budget before. Since 1997, we always adopted the budget with all of the councilors' signatures.
She pointed out that the request for approval followed several workshops and passage of a preliminary budget. At the last meeting, the mayor told councilors if they had questions to ask because the staff was there and could give hem the information
Rebstock said she and Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars were asked to sign the budget uled for a vote until July 27. They refused
The next day, July 23, she said Councilor Angel Shaw, a new councilor who later voted to
approve the budget, told her that the village urned in by the 25,000 if the budg
Miller said there is no fine, something that Rebstock confirmed on her own by calling the State Auditor's Office.

## "Should I have called

 ahead to check maybe, but we never had an issue with the final budget before,"orri McKnight If a budget is late, Miller said his office will notify the State the accounting firm that hanhe accounting firm that han des the village's annual audit to let the company know the vil approved budget.
If the auditor subsequently submits a "qualified" audit or ne with exceptions, that could negatively affect bankers or dling village bonds or loans, he said. McKnight said she never told anyone the vil age would be fined.
She did say she was aware that an audit find ing or criticism might result, and if the budget ate without a budget.
Shaw said Tuesday that her impression of penalties came from classes and a booklet given o new councilors.
"We (Rebstock and Shaw) talked about the procurement code and I said (about the budget that I would hate to see a fine imposed, and that with our luck, it would be $\$ 25,000$," Shaw said. She also later called state officials to check and learned about the possibility of audit criti Shaw said.
At the council meeting last week, Rebstock

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FLOODING: Hwy. 246

FROM PAGE IA
mulch to help reestablish the grass component and installed gates on the main access points
to the area charred by fire) Those will remain closed to the Those will remain closed to the pon ends."

All that work will help, bu during the first year in the rainy season, some flooding was projected, and may occur next year, he said.
"Based on my experience by the third year, it's more stabi lized, but there is no guaran tee. Every fire and thunde
storm is different". said
Drivers cautioned
He asked drivers in the are around the fire to exercise extreme caution when using low water crossings because
they may be prone to flash they may be prone to flash
floods during the monsoons

He Pi Friday and again Monday
"At the peak, it was not safe cross the low-water cros
ing, he said
potential danger were pu up, he said.

## Small wildfire

While Sanchez was dealing with the flooding and mud slide effects of the large fire earlie Miscala and Capitan Mescalero and Capitan crew bunday by someone at the Monjeau Fire Tower.
. "It was lightning caused. said district USFS fire man agement officer Jay Esperance That as good news, he said "That keeps" our record at n person-caused fires this year, It means our people and the pub
are both doing their jobs."
area with no structures around, requiring a 4 hour and fire crews, he siad
fire crews, he siad.
aircraft, but initially later by manager and deputy who know the back roads, he said. "It took a day to get a heli copter from Arizona," he said We had an airplane by the afternoon and he talked the group in."
The fire was called con tained by 3 p.m. Monday and controlled
Esperance said.
Esperance said.
The rain that hit in th afternoon really helped he said. Pruitt from Capitan brought in an engine, Mescalero crews responded and some Smokey Bear hot shots worked the fire the first day, spent the night and wen into again at $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Monday he said
Power outage
Lightning also apparently took out a power transformer in Glencoe owned by Otero County Electric Cooperative blowing electric service for and Sunday: according to Buckly: Zumwalt with the power provider
6:30 a m outage started about 6:30 a m. Saturday," he said. The transformer was "sub stantially burned up probably due to hightning the night -A new transformer was brought in from Nebraska and arrived about 1 p.m. Sunday Everyone was back on line by 10:30 p.m. Sunday
By running power back through different substations electric service was available at different times to different sections of the valley before


## RUIDOSO NEWS

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## OUR (APMES

## It's time to end that turf battle

Internecine warfare make no sense

When an elected county official gets into a the elected county hired (by the elected county commission) manager, obser-
vers on the sideline can only vers on the sideline can ony to common sense?"
Assessor Rick Silva wanted more money in the next budget to modernize his department Manager Tom Stewart, after Silva went to the state for support (and got it), opted to revert to the current budget to start off the new fiscal year-apparently to punish Silva for going over

## Real political drama in a chamber near you <br> near you

In 1976 I covered the in Kansas Nity for a Wisconsin weekly. Even then, seven presi dential cam paigns ago, I was struck by television's
pervasiveness over the affair: miles of TV throughout
 makeshift production trail
ers ringing the building's perimeter; network banners draped from the secondtier press boxes; the hot glare of tion floor.
It was perhaps the last true real-life dramatic national convention, with the outcome of the partys nominee in doubt through the roll call of states until Gerald Ford edged Ronald Reagan by the
Those of us insins
Those of us inside the arena, however, were clueless as to the This was a TV show, and the floor. This was a which information and perspective were aimed was not itting 100 feet from the podium but in their living rooms in Des Moines and Decatur and Deming. Today's conventions are even more scripted for the tube. When thunderous ovation for accepting the Democratic nomination, and when President Bush does likewise in New York, the noise you
hear is not the eruption of joy or hear is not the eruption of joy or relief but the sound
months-long plot line.

These canned campaigns eplete with spin doctors and speech writers and make-up artists and strategists and political consultants - along with the predictability of the two-party system - are draining interest in national politics at a critical juncture in our history
So we begin, again, from the ground up, from the local stage, where the drama is real. When decisions are rendered in council or county commission chambers,
the audience reactions that the audience reactions that of the heart.
The rift that has split Ruidoso

It's another facet of a longstanding kind of internecine warfare in New Mexico - electand such versus elected county commissioners, who ostensibly control the budget process The commission side would like to see the law changed to make sure no independently elected official can hold a county's entire budget hostage. The assessor likes it as is
A puzzlement: When the county assessor does the work that generates property tax revenue for the county commission why can't the two entities cooperate?

Village Council is not orchestrat ed along mandated party lines or by dogmatic entrenchments crafted by special interest groups but along sincere differences in philos Those differences are personality by the inexperience of some of our local elected leaders in both ou liamentary procedure and in liamentary procedure and in
background knowledge of long standing issues. It is incumben upon them, and instructive for us all, that they ask the right ques tions.

Correctly or not, some of our newly elected councilors don't fee they are receiving all the answers Some feel they are not getting ful cooperation from village staff. So they have gotten frust
they are speaking out.
This spontaneous blood-letting is a healthy turn in village affairs There are too many important issues before us to have them rub ber-stamped by councilors too timid or too lazy to seek their own truths.
These little dramas have been playing out twice-monthly in a council chamber near you. There are no long lines of TV cable There are no hot Kleig lights heat There are no hot Keig lights heat ing up the room. There are no hordes of pack journalists and sta tion banners to trip over
And none have to pre-empt your favorite show.



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## The taxpayers have said 'no,' so why argue?

## To the editor:

The views of 150 vociferous core members pushing for a voter-rejected ( $60 / 40$ percent) community center, do not represent the views or desires of the majority taxpayers that will be forever taxed to Regardless of the platitudes and emotional appeals made by this group, a population of 8,000 full-time residents cannot support this type facility
The belief that a center will have a positive impact on the number of meth labs, unwed pregnancies, juvenile or other crime rate defies creditability. One ust needs to look at the taxpayer doliars spent in the inner cities and housing pronumerous centers and YMCA facilities to prove the fallacious concept that society's ills can be cured by expenditure of large amounts of taxpayer dollars.
Fiscal responsibility dictates prioritization of expenditures involving taxpayer funds. A center would be great iff (1) There were no water, sewer or waste treatment plant problems: (2) All village streets were paved and pothole free: (3) Teachers, police, firefighters and Village employees were all adequately compenbest equipment available.
With our current and future water upply shortages, we need another swimming pool as much as we need another golf course. There are hotel and motel pools available for a nominal fee with proper supervision for PT patients and possibly could be made available for swimming classes. Locating a competi-
tive pool at any location (other) than the
high school would be asinine.
A review of the costs associated with the center in the "Dratu/Business Plan Community Center lists the initial building cost as $\$ 10.8$ million and operational expenses of $\$ 680,000$ per year These amounts are substantially higher than the projected costs shown in the YMCA study, abandoned because it was economically infeasible without substantial corporate backing. The initial cost burden to each family, assuming 3.5 people in a family, amounts to $\$ 4,725$. The average salary and benefits for nine fulltime employees of $\$ 51,000$ each is quite village is another negative factor to be village is a

To say this would be an inter enera tional facility available for all to use is unrealistic: How many senior citizens really care to interact with unrelated eenagers? However, in this light, since the facility would be available to all permanent and part-time residents, visitors and transients, if this project proceeds, it should be financed through the Lodgers' Tax and/or the GRT (currently the high in the state)
Do we really need another under-utiized, over-staffed taxpayer-supported used to compete with a private business (RAC)? Should the village get involved in the running of a recreational facility or should it limit its involvement in the recreational area to providing parks and athletic fields

## Destroyed beauty

To the editor
My family and I are frequent visitors to Lincoln County, and we have always enjoyed both the scenic beauty and the friendly small-town atmosphere of your communities, the rea
This visit however, we were both shocked and dismayed to see the ugly intrusions of enormous billboards along your previously lovely small highways. And then. we learned from locals that over 50 more are planned. What a great
tragedy to see, and what a careless tragedy to see, and what a careless scape rights to add to the wealth of a scape righ
very few.

Has no one realized that property values inevitably fall and traffic accidents rise on two-lane roads when these ugly detractions are allowed? Does no one see that these are designed to take the drivers attention away from the road? Does no one care that when one big business does this much damage, it ets off a competitive billboard war, with each big company then needing to put up more "litter on a stick"?
We are saddened that the enjoyment of this lovely area is being compro-
mised, and the tourism income potential of the majority diminished by this greedy (and in this century totally greedy and in this century totally
unnecessary) action by one (very wealthy) business
Change is inevitable, but ugliness is

Douslas Thomas
Hawley, Texas
Serafino "Steve" Carri
Ruidoso

## Tempest in a too-small Silver City teapot

Silver City is proud of herself. The town in southwestern New Mexico likes to say, "you owe yourself a visit." She likes to say Silver City is the "best kept secret of the Southwest."
 other slogans that might apply. "Silver City," Shame on
You!" Or, "Silver City, Where Freedom Took a Dive." One of her dirty, not well over the news recent over
ly.
Matt Runnels owns a radio station in Silver City. The son of the late congressman Harold "Mud" Runnels is also the Grant County Democratic Chairman.

The radio station runs the daily right wing blah blah blah of Rush Limbaugh and other conservatives. It countered Johnson, who tilts left
Johnson's show, Radio Free Silver,
Johnson's show, Radio Free Silver, Runnels said enough advertisers had muscled up to force him to cancel the
show. He said they threatened to pull ads bringing revenue of $\$ 10 ; 000$ per month. It was either cancel the program
ven out of business, he claimed.
Runnels said car dealers, bankers, pizza business owners, all-terrain vehicle merchants and furniture store owners 20 to 25 in all-were among those who threatened boycott Strangely, not one of these business types is quoted in the Silver City newspapers. Could it are ashamed of their boycott?
Look, would the country be better off wrankens and Michael Moores? Without the extreme right wing ramblings of Ann Coulter and Michael Savage? If all politcal talk show hosts were as journalistically sound and reasonable as Tim Russert, instead of rabid shouters such as the left's Paul Begala and the right's Bill. O'Reilly, would not the cause of political debate be advanced? Sure it would.

But this is America, a country that prides herself in giving voice to all.
Suppressing opinion through flexing of Suppressing opinion through flexing of conomic muscle is a right, too, but availngg oneself of such a privilege is short-
sighted. Would you like a couple of large advertisers in your town controlling political thought? Think about it

One prominent Silver City resident who says he likes and otherwise respects Matt Runnels suspects the radio station et publicity for the station and for Runnels himself, who might have political ambitions. He said Runnels is a rich uy who could weather the storm.
Runnels did not return a call for comment. But it occurs to me the way to milk this situation would be to loudly resist the dom. Keeping Radio Free Silver of freeamainst all odds would take a stan the air against all odds would take a state story
national. It would leap from the Albuquerque Journal to CNN

Silver City liberals have expressed predictable horror in their reaction to the how's cancellation. And the show's host he told Silver City Sun-News reporter Thomas Baird the boycotters are more dangerous than Osama Bin Laden.
That's silly, of course, but in this country Kyle Johnson has a right to say that.
But maybe not in Silver City.

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of the New Mexico Press Association Hall of Fame.

## SADDLE UP



Lamar Green sits perched atop one of his creations at the Zia Festival Sunday at Ruidoso Downs. Green; a saddle maker for the Tumbleweed Leather Company of Cimarron, was one of many new vendors selling their wares beneath the grandstands at the Downs during the showcase of New Mexico racing and products.

FEMA revisited: Property-rights activist asks county to reconsider flood ordinance
An Oscura resident has been an outspoken opponent of the program from the beginning

## By DIANNE STALLINGS

A private property advocate is urging the Lincoln County Commission to take another look at the ordinance passed in March to qualify the county for participation in the National Flood Insurance program.
Oscura resident Jerry Carroll, who opposed even a scaled-down ordinance, said although officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency backed off from some demands of what ty ordinance, their response contained a caveat.
"I really dislike government by deception and that's what we're getting," he said. The letter to the county indicated that FEMA will be proposing some ordinance updates, new word-
ing and map updates that will ing and map updates that will need to be adopted.
accepted (the ordinance Lincoln accepted (the ordinance Lincoln have to change to our compliance," Carroll said.
County manager Tom Stewart said he was told by FEMA staff that some revisions are coming out that are required.
"We don't have to adopt them," he said. "But their law is evolving. They admit that.
We're waiting."
"If we don't adopt (the changes, does the ordinance "That will be for them to Chairman Rex Wilson. The county is trying to solicit help with the issue from its congressional delegation, "because it's. not appropriate, the way they are treating us," he said.
Carroll told commissioners. "Seldom do we actually get a chance to go back and rectify take on. I've made lots of mistakes, some I'm paying for 43 years later. Everybody has 4 right to be wrons.
"I would like to see a reexamination of the ordinance in light of what is proper for the
county.". As, written, the ordinance
adopted by the county violates adopted by the county violates
his private property rights his private property rights,
Carroll insisted, adding, "I don't recognize its legality The ordinance, with as much removed as county attorney Alan Morel thought the commission could do and still be approved, requires that people call county planner Patsy Sanchez before building to check to see if their land is in a flood plain designated on official maps.
If it is
If it is not, nothing else is within an area prone to flooding construction must comply with elevation and design requirements.

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## AFFORDABLE: Task force would tackle housing <br> from page ia

Incentives should be offered builders, including tax breaks, he contended.
Better definition
Councilor Michele Rebstock said she'd like to see a better ing and how it fits with the vil lage's new comprehensive plan set for a first public hearin Aug. 17 in front of the village Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilor Don Williams said a task force should be formed to look into affordable housing, "I haven't found that many people who want to live (in an he said, adding that some peo ple are earning $\$ 12$ per hour plus tips waiting on tables.
Mayor Leon Eggleston said for that kind of money, he'd quit his job at the local hospital. Tips may be good here, but people really have. to hustle, he
said.

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Long drive
Hodges said many people thing frequently done in resort drive from Alamogordo to jobs in the touristbased economy
of Ruidoso simof Ruidoso simply because
they can't they can't afford to live lage. : Williams said building affordable housing isn't the solution. salaries so that afford to rent workers ca should be the approach Councilor Ron Hardeman said the village could pass a minimum wage requirement in Santa Fe, but that program probably will be struck down by the court.
Employee housing
Another approach is to
ncourage employers to provide

here, he said.
"We have village employees who don't make \$12 an hour and some starting teachers earn just that," he said.
Eggleston said that Taos uses a state Mortgage Finance Corporation program for their first homes. their first homes

Bernaillo County has "miles and miles" of affordable family houses, not just apartments:

Rebstock suggested that members of the task force include a person familiar with mortgages, a Realtor, and a banker among other communitives

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## EDUCATION BRIEFS

Nob Hill date switched
Kindergarten orientation at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center has been changed to 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. on Friday, Aug.
because of a conflict with the previously announced date.

## Iowa graduate

Ruidoso area student Victoria A. Vallejos graduated from the University of lowa in the spring,
with a degree in political science.


Walton awards given
Brendan LaCounte, Ruidoso High School graduate, has received a Sam ship. He will attend New Mexico. Tech in Socorro, majoring in mathematics and management.

Tristan Bates, a Ruidoso High School graduate, also received a Sam Walton
Community Scholarship and Community Scholarship and plans to attend Colorado
College, with a major in English and classics

## Sharma qualifies

Sneha Sharma of Ruidoso qualifed for the spring 2004 University of rol at the College of Pharmacy at the UNM Health Sciences Center. To qualify for honor roll, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and have a cumulative grade point avergredes less than a B for the semester

## National Honor Roll

Students inducted in the 2003/2004:
From Ruidoso Downs, Sanchez and William Wilson: Sanchez and William Wilson: from Ruidoso, Gonald Eldred Parker and Christi Richardson; from Mescalero, Yvonne N Shanae Hubbard, Aspen Leaf Padilla and Alvino
Lee Saenz; from Nogal, Alyx Lee Saenz; from Nogal, Alyx Sheehey; from San Patricio, John Yocum; and from
Capitan, Lauren Rae Eshom Capitan, Lauren Rae Eshom

## Chorale auditions set

Auditions for the fall Mexico-Ruidoso Chamer Chorale are scheduled by Director Waynta Wirth for 6-8 p.m. Monday. Aug. 9, and rom $3-5$ p.m. Saturday Aug.
14 , at the Ruidoso High

School Choir Room.
in all, 24 spaces for choral performers
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Roswell team honored
Roswell High School were rec ,gnized as one of 30 outstandng model schools at the 12 th Annual Model Schools Conference in Washington,
D. $C$ in June.
The team made three acadmic presentations showca Principal Mike Kakushka said. "We showcased our high school's practices through sevmediation, student leadership and peer tutoring.


George Heaton is the new principal at Ruidoso Middle Schooi - or is it Junior High School? Héll find out

## New hand on the throttle at RMS

Principal George Heaton passed up a high school principalship to come to Ruidoso by Sanoy Sugcitr

Ruidoso's new middle school principal brings with him fresh ideas on dif-at-risk students.
George Heaton came to Ruidoso from Ronan, Mont., a district that saw 15 fights each month at school, rather than 15 fights per year, as Ruidoso Middle School is said
ve. At Ronan, he paid trainers to
the Expeditionary/Outward Bound
in the Expeditionary/Outward Bound del to staff, a model he practiced as
director of an alternative school in the director of an alternative school in the
Wall School District and Kellogg School Wall School District and Kellogg School
District in Silver Valley, Idaho, for nine District
years.
Heaton has been involved in "enfranchising" students from his own high school experiences, where he and his student council put on leadership workshops to work through fictional adversarial situations, to college (Ohie State and Capitol universities), from which he was sent to national workshops.
His first bachelor's degree was in Eastern religions at Indiana University, which he attended on a football scholarship.
"I studied what I was interested in -culture, history, ancient societies," Heaton said. "If you understand people's religions, you understand what moves them. Im a Although raised a Southern Baptist, Heaton was interested in the commonaliDiverse background

After college, he traveled around for six or seven years, living and working all over the country and in Canada and Mexico. He later settled in Kentucky after his parents asked him to get a crew to help build them a house, and there his parents encouraged teacher. $\because$ He began by going back to Ohio State University, substitute-teaching at the high school, and becoming the assistant football and track coach, with the school district paying for his second degree, in business
education. Then he obtained teaching cer-


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ification in history and economics His first job was working with at-risk high school students for two class periods, helping them get jobs and advocating with job-related issues they might have, and twice a month. He also was head. wrestling coach and assistant football coach.

After five years, he married and moved to Silver Valley, Idaho, with his wife, Laurie - also a teacher - and he taught seventh-grade history and was wrestling coach for a year. The alternative school jointly run by the Wall and Kellogg school districts needed a history teacher, so Heaton did the job for a year, after which the school went defunct

\section*{Expeditionary education}


He was then asked to start an alternative school. He did, directing it for nine years and obtaining his principalship dur ing that time

After my second year as director ... the school became my lab for expeditionary education ... authentic assessment dealing with real life," he said. "You use the whole community as your school and work on real problems."
The example Heaton gave of expedi tionary education used a familiar Lincoln
County problem - water - with middle County problem - water - with middle school students doing water studies, ies, and having students present them to the community's council.
"It's valuable to students and to adults and it's an authentic study," he said.
Heaton said he'd like to try expediionary education in Ruidoso, "but I can only do what the community wants," he added. "First I'll have to get the pulse of the community.'
Heaton plans
Heaton plans to follow past practices to find out what's in place and whether the and a half talking to staff members, asking what their goals for the year are and what one thing he, as principal, could do to make the school better.
The second semester, the last quarter, we'll form site teams $\ldots$. and during the year we'll discuss a question: are we a
middle school or a junior high?"
Heaton sees a junior high as "down to business more: 'What is your profession al/life goal and what can I do to help you
get there? and a middle-school get there? and middle-schoo approach has a lot of exploration because
kids don't know what they' want, so we kids. on't know what they want, so we ing up for different exposures and a lot of different ways of instruction because there are so many ways of learning.
"I believe in enfranchising students," Heaton said. "You're part of the schoo, and important to the district. The high school dropout rate actually happens in the middle school. If they're not part of the middle school, they're outsiders in high school. Ive worked with disenfran chised kids at alternative schools. OuI ing community and of Ruidoso and proud of it."
After nine years as director of the alternative: school, he took the job as mid die school principal in Ronan because he believed that what he was doing in alternative schools needed to be done in tradi tional schools. In Ronan, 30-35 Native American tribes wer represented in th school and mobility was high - 70 per

Excellent staf
Heaton said Ruidoso Middle School has an excellent staff. He hopes to work with the staff to decide the direction the chool will take - by consensus, not by Then acting-superintendent Pau Wirth told Heaton not to decide abou Ruidoso's job offer until he'd investigated other jobs, and he made his decision for Ruidoso while flying back from the last interview and an offer for a high school principalship, which offered more money

I believe the middle school is more work because of whats happening with "They start breaking from who their parents are to become themselves, and there are the most discipline issues.
"I plan to be here until the end of my teaching career," Heaton said

## Free shots for children a feature of Saturday's County Health Fair

A new "Shots for Tots to Teens" event will be combined the Ruidoso Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.
Immunizations will be offered free for all children ages birth to 18 years of age. The
child must be accompanied by a


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parent or legal guardian and have the immunization record. Registered nurses and EMTs and administer vaccinations and check shot records. All shot checked even if the parent thinks the child is up to date. Those presenting sho records will be eligible to


receive door prizes and gifts. Free professional puppet shows, clowns, a jolly jumper planned for the children.
More than 40 health care groups and providers will be represented and the types of services and information include bike safety (and free

mation, massage and healing touch, chiropractic information, substance abuse prevention Care Group information, information from Sen. Jeff Bingaman on Social Security and Medicare, Angel Flight and ambulance service and EMTs, among other things.

# Commissioner explores tax possibilities for Fort Stanton 

by dianne stallings
Supporters of historic Fort Stanton would like to put their money where their mouths are, but they re not quite sure how they can do it
Members of the Fort Stanton Bevelopment Commission, which includes Lincoln Cóunty Commissioner Maury St John, think county residents would support a three-to-five-year special property tax to help get culosis hospital on its feet as a tourist attraction. St. John asked county manager Tom Stewart to research ways that such a tax could be imposed. She's not interested in a gross receipts tax, St. John said. The county only has a sinall amount of that type of tax
left to impose she left to impose, she said Tuesday.
the county didn't have any the county didn't have any
authority to ask voters to timpose a property tax for the
fort northeast of Ruidoso near Capitan. Normally counties go into project," he said Tuesday "But I did find the Historic Building Act. However, it was designed for 'Class $H$ ' counties, which are real small. I'm not sure there are any left in New Mexico. The largest is 'Class $A$ ' and we're lass B over,
Stewart saw that the Act laid out the procedure for going to the voters and saw parallels
with Lincoln County's situawith. "L sent the information to
David Ruiz of the Local Government Division (of the state Finance and Administration Department) for a reading," Stewart said. "I asked if there is any way for us
to structure a mill levy request to structure a mill levy request. l'm waiting to he
He was called Tuesday by Dorothy Victor of the state
Historic Preservation Division

## Valedictorian subject of ceremony in Mescalero

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
A coming-of-age ceremony honoring Taryn Nicole Yuzos, daughter of Marvin and Colette Yuzos field in the Carrizo area f the Mescalero Reservation. The 14 -year-old, the valedictorian in 2003-2004 at the Middle School in Mescalero, plays on the Lady Chiefs basketball and volleyball teams. On the side, she is team manager for the Mescalero boys aseball team.
Yuzos is the great granddaughter of John and Cleo
Allard, and Lorenzo and Ann Waconda on her maternal side.

Her grandparents are Louis and Leona Waconda
On her paternal side, her grandparents are Melvin and
Jewell Yuzos Sr., and her late ewell Yuzos Sr., and her late Melferd Sr. and Kathleen Yuzos, and Riley and Marjorie Chino.
Taryn has three sisters, Lauryn, 5, Katelyn
Madisyn, 18 months.
Her future goal is to graduHer future goal is to graduate from a university in the field of medicine and to become The ceremony will end on Sunday. The public is invited to share noon and evening meals
asking for background on the same Act: She's also s
Lynda Sanchez, vice chairman of the development commission appointed by the governor, said whatever taxing power the county may have open probably should be pursued now because money may e even tighter in future years. We need to step up to the plate and help support the fort
and the legislature," St. John quoted Sanchez during a comquoted Sanchez during a comtax the price of a magazine subscription, $\$ 25$ or $\$ 30$ a year, is not too much (per property owner). It's also a way folks can support this worthwhile effort to help preserve the fort. We need funding to carry us through, especially if the legisature does not.
The tax could be revisited after three years, she wrote,
adding that the revenue could be used as matching money for grants:

If a mill levy isn't possible, then ask county officials to assist the development commismoney for its goals, Sanchez arged.
St. John said any tax would be short-term to complete rehabilitation and start the fort on a path to self-sufficiency as a livng museum, conference center or other uses.
The state
The state Legislature and Gov. Bill Richardson have been
generous in helping the devel generous in helping the devel
opment commission start moving toward rehabilitation goals "in hopes it can turn (the fort) into an economic aid to the whole area that we all know it can be," St. John said.
Even without a tax mem bers of the fort development duct a poll of at least 400 con duct a poll of at least 400 coun level of support, she said
That may help convince the That may help convince the mitment:


## CREE MANOR: Neighbors complain of noise

FROM PAGE 1A
Phillis Barnett and member Brad Treptow. Barnett also oted against the replat to cure will allow future multi-family nits to be added multi-family nits to be added.
Auld be built on the canyon land, but without some protection such as a conservation easement, someone could ask to subdivide later, Rennick said. Access, steep grades and utility problems would have to be solved, he said.

Collins said Allen and Harvey intend to clean up the area behind the manor and to all of the rentals will be nightly Calling the new apartments "affordable," Harvey said units may rent for about $\$ 750$ per month.

Most of the two dozen neighbors of the proposed project didn't agree with the vbte. They
will have a second chance to will have a second chance to plead their case in front of the
village council during its Sept. village counc
14 meeting.

But Rennick pointed out that if the Cree Manor land was left as a commercial zone, the
planning board would have litplanning board would have lit-
tle input on the developiment, as long as it fit district require-
ments. Under a MPUD zoning, every detail must go to the planning and źning board for approval, Rennick explained. Calling the manor "a slum,"
he said a small expansion he said a sma
would give the developers developers a investment. Neighbor
led off the
comments,
describing
steep Starlite
Drive with
hairpin curves as "dicey" a hairpin curves as "dicey" at with dramatic drop-offs from the pavement
the pavement
He and several other nearby dents with manor residents charging out of the exit without looking and nearly colliding with other cars coming around steep and blind curve.
Cantwell said he routinely blasts his horn three times to warn anyone exiting from Cree Manor that he is approaching designed for high density traf designed he insisted. flanners sh
Planners should look at the long-range impact on the area,

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that every buildable lot in the
village will be used by 2017 village will be used by 2017, he anticipates that the new own can, he said.
can, he said
"Rezone "Rezone now and building Will happen, Cantwell said. dents around the manor commanor com-
plained of constant noise trash along the roads and crime associated with residents there. One woman suggested the new owners tear down the part of instead of rezoning.
Another neighbor said Cree Manor is an eyesore and he's surprised it hasn't been condemned.

Harvey said several "prob lem" people were removed from

the manor already. Allen said neighbors can't see the changes because exterior work and reroofing won't be accomplishe until the sale is completed
Harvey said he thinks the 92 -year-old owner of the land
won't object to the conservation won't object to the conservation easement in the canyon, adding
that, "His long-term is not too long-term". and the easement "makes good sense because of the slope."

Rennick said the last struc ture in the canyon, a small cabin, was washed away after a hard rain. Collins said the hill side is too rocky and steep for construction
In offering his motions, Hoy said, "I believe this is our best chance With this designation, he has to come before us with an development and to the village council. I think this actually is beneficial for neighbors."

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## State auditor to pore over legal contracts

BY DIANNE STALLLNES

The state auditor wants copies of all contracts or subcontracts involving the Ruidoso village attorney and apparently plans to perform an audit. - State Auditor Domingo $P$ Martinez wrote village manag er Lorri McKnight Friday say ing he wants all of the contracts between the village and Underwood, as well as subcon tracts involving water consul tants that are
"Please provide our office with copies" he asked Monday at the village

Ruidoso will be charged $\$ 50$ per hour spent on the audit
plus any out-of-pocket expenses incurred during the audit Martinez wrote. He cited the ty for charging the village. No reason for the audit was stated in the letter. However, at least three village councilors have raised questions abou how Underwood selected wate consultants and assigned them tasks. The attorney, whose con tract was renewed last week by the council in a 4-3 vote for a third and final option year, ha told those councilors that he works at the direction of the instructions.
Mayor Leon Eggleston and Underwood could not be reached for comment lat Tuesday

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# Home\&Family 

## A famous forensic scientist probes the Billy the Kid mystery, for film

Sunday afternoon Dr. Henry Lee, the well known forensic scientist, and his assis-
tant, CaI Osler, were in Lincoln. Dr. Lee tant, Cal Osler, were in Lincoln. Dr. Lee head of the Old Courthouse stairs to see if head of the Old Courthouse stairs to see if
there was any blood residue. They found wo weak spots on the floor but in the crack and hole and on the rafter they found sev eral samples of blood. The blood probably went through the crack in the floor when it was mopped. Dr. Lee is a very thorough and methodical researcher.
Curtis Productions, with headquarters in Chicago, was filming the whole process You can see a lot of its work on the A\&E and History Channels.
Dr. Lee made a big hit with everyone. He is such a gentleman, charming and charis-
matic. I don't think he has ever met a matic. I don't think he has ev. met
We had to be very quiet when the film
crew were taping and photographing every step of the work Dr. Lee was doing, and his comments. We were able to take photos at times and then everyone got autographs and pictures following the reseaing that wanted their photo with him. Bill Curtis of Curtis Productio also very interesting. He had worked for CBS for 30 years and has had his own production company for 10 years

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, deputy Steve Sederwall, and other deputies accompanied the researchers

Luminol was placed on the floor. This brings up any blood that might be on the floor. When they did the cracks they used
cotton swabs coated with the chemical Dr cotton swabs coated with the chemical. Dr. Lee would swab the floor crack, hand it to
his associate, who would add some more chemicals, then hand it back to Dr. Lee,
who looked at the swabs through a strong magnifying glass and would say positive or negative. We quickly realized positive No matter how old the area
No matter how old the area is, with todays technology much can be learned
Dr. Lee was involyed with the Thomas Jefferson" "poison" accusations, Jessie James death, and has been a witness in many present high profile murder cases including the O.J. Simpson trial.
They spent Saturday in Albuquerque The descendants of Fort Sumner's Peter Maxwell still have the furniture that was in he house when Billy the Kid was killed They found lots of blood on the bench where supposedly Billy was sitting. By using a laser beam, Dr. Lee was able to follow the gun, and even tell how tall the gunman gun,

When it became known that Dr. Lee was coming, Dee Kessler did some research
on whether the floors on the second story on whether the floors on the second story the courthouse She couldn't find and records on what floors had been restored any we have some more history on the building we have some more history on the building.
All in all, a very interesting and educational day.

Speaking of Billy the Kid, I failed to name the people who keep the Old Lincoln Days pageant going smoothly. Diane Shrecengost is the director and Kent McInnes the assistant director. Lanny Maddox takes care of the ammunition and sees that no loaded guns are brought to the pageant. The dress rehearsal will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. after practice Monday night, and the annual
Friday through Sunday.


Blackberries are red first. This is a cluster in the middle of ripening at Serendip Orchard

Lincoln County's small farms are developing a market for tasty, chemical-free, fresh-today

## LOCAL FOOD



Sally Ganning and granddaughter Tinky check the cherry tomatoes that are coming ripe at Laughing
Sheep Farm.

## by fule carter

$\overbrace{\mathrm{C}}^{\mathrm{C}}$Fucked away in the hills and valleys of Lincoln County are a number of food producers raising them available to the general public.
Locally grown, chemical-free, fresh-today items are in high demand by the food-purchasing public. This since the expansion of the science of genetic food engineering that has resulted in genetically modified (GM) food.
The ongoing controversy of the safety of GM remains as the limited amount of research that has been conducted has produced conflicting conclusions. upplementing incomes or trying to make a living from supplementing incomes or trying to make a living from
growing local food stuffs on their plots of land growing local food stuffs on their plots of land help through a cooperative making up a local "farmer market," the shopping opportunities will increase.
Marketing has always been the hardship for growers. A destination for the products is one issue, trans porting is another. While some local growers are
transporting their goods to various markets, many transporting their goods to various markets, many are building
try" fashion.

## Laughing Sheep Farms

Laughing Sheep Farms, just west of Lincoin, is one of many county farms to Sally Canning, owner, offers range fed Sally Canning, owner, offers range fed and insecticide-free produce, including tomatoes, peppers and squash. Laughing Sheep Farm can be reached at 653-4041.
Canning has made her land payments with her tomato crop. On less than an acre of land, she is farming a cash crop that will take her into winter. She has planted a Russian tomato promised to survive severCanning explains, wThe into November. Canning explains, The tomatoes are an
xperiment this year. It's almost 6,000 feet experiment this year. It's almost 6,000 feet
altitude) here and the nights get cool. Keeping the temperatures up on the root system is part of the key to getting a tomato plant to produce right. And this crop will only take 5000 gallons of water. I was looking for something with high cash income and not much water
Next to come is Dr. John's Apple a Day
all natural dog food for senior dogs. The
formula for the dog food is made up farm produce and ground lamb, both byproducts of Laughing Sheep Farm's products. The dog food with added nutritional ingredients will be a daily supplemental the farm and in markets in December
An advocate for helping others find a way to do the same, Canning has written a grant request to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture for funding to create a brochure and Web page for local producers. Much like the local Art Loop, the brochure will detail local agricultural producers in a "follow the map through the food loop" approach to
grocery shopping. grocery shopping.

## Serendip Orchards

Serendip Orchards was the retirement project of Hershel Anderson. Anderson was first an accounting professor and then an income tax accountant. A regwife Elaine decided to buy the farm in 1988, which at the time was no more than old alfalfa fields.

A raspberry patch that began as "just a dab for me and Elaine" has turned into a six acre patch that joins another two acres of blackberries and four acres of cherries. On Aug. 15 a "pick your own" raspberry patch will be opened up at Serendip. Other fields are keted to Ruidoso, Roswell, Alto, and Capitan. "We'll
sell all we can pick between now and Labor Day, said Anderson

Never having any idea in the beginning that his raspberry patch would be such a success, Anderson
feels very lucky that the plan worked. The berries are feels very lucky that the plan worked. The berries ar avaiable at the farm store as well as jams made from
the berries on location. The season for the berries runs the berries on location. The season for the berries runs Lincoln on U.S. Highway 380 and may be contacted at 653-4666.

## and many more

At Cactus Patch Meats, Sue and Lloyd Maness offer all-natural lamb or beef. "We never spray or vacci nate more than the law regulates and it's all grass fed, a state-inspected facility. state-inspected facility.
All meats are available by the cut at the ranch in or less. Contact Cactus Patch Meats $849-1115$ or email suemaness@msn.com.

San Patricio Beriy Farm, operated by Arturo Trujillo, also is into a season of fruit harvest Blackberries, raspberries, Gala Fuji apples and jellies of several kinds are available at mile marker 279 on U.S Highway 70 in San Patricio. Call 653-4502.

Cindy Foglesong and Valerie Hummer have turned a food product into a useful non-food prod uct at Humdinger Farms. They make a natural soap with goat milk and essentia at 354-2846 or 354-3600

Lavender Springs Ranch, near Arabela, is offering fresh cut lavender (come. cut it yourself) as well as raspberries, zucchini, black-eyed peas, green beans, cucumbers and sweet corn in September. Pumpkins will be available in October. Cal Cliff Crouch 653-4992

Listed above are but a few of the many local producers who wa
al fruits of their labor.
The Lincoln County Extension Office is central contact for county producers and is compiling a list of names and contact tele phone numbers to be available to the public. If you are a producer of food and other natural products, and would like to be on that list, contact the extension office in
Carrizozo at 648-2311.


Hershel Anderson and farm worker Cecilia Lopez of Serendip Orchard show some of Hershel anderson and farm worker Cecilia Lopez of Serendip
the raspberries coming off.the plants in the early days of harvest.

## looking back

LINCOIN COLNTY SCRAPBOOK
Aug. 6, 1954
2,000 at dedication of 54
Lincoln County now has a direct, paved route to Chicago and to its state capital in Santa und the dedication gap Sunday of t
on U.S. 54 .
The dedication, at which Gov. Ed Mechem spoke, was held a few miles north of Carrizozo where the final hardsurfaced strip joined the
paving in Lincoin County attended, coming and going.

Aug. 7, 1964
Pilot aids in flooding
A partially submerged pick up was spotted by Ralph Brown of Brown's Air Service when he and Ken Nosker were flying to
Santa Fe last Tuesday. The anta Fe last just off US 380 e pickup was just off U.S. 380 at anch between Capitan and Carrizozo.
Brown flew to Carrizozo (and notified) Sheriff Glen Bradley, who dispatched Deputy Clyde Atwood to the scene...where he found Mrs. Sid Goodloe and her children in the vehicle with a looded motor and water runing across the floorboards.

Aug. 9,1974
Jaycees win award
The Ruidoso District Jaycees, president Dick coveted man-mile award" Saturday at Farmington for having 25 percent of our membership", making the $360-$ mile rip to the state Jaycee summer Aug. 9, 1984

## Cad party needs buyers

As the Aug: 18 Cadillac Party looms, Chamber of Commerce officials are hoping that those intending to purchase tickets do so within the next few days. Tommy More did tickets has been sold to date, but the chamber needs to sell at least twice that numbel to break even on the 1984 Cadinoon. Tickets are $\$ 210$ pe 18,000 Tickets are $\$ 210$ pel

Aug. 11, 1994
Bells ringing in new school
The new Sierra Vist Primary School turned out to $b$ a dream project... "practically n problems," said Supt.. Mik
Gladden.

# A New Mexico <br> DAY AT THE RACES 

Zia Futurity highlights day of state-bred racing at Ruidoso Downs


Uno Menudo is a blur as she streaks to the win in the Zla Futurity Sunday a Ruidoso Downs.
by tod fuqua
Just before the start of the Zia Futurity Sunday at Ruidoso Downs, the field was held up by a false start by race favorite Jackspots in the gate.
No horses were injured, and the race later went off with a hitch. In fact, the false start may have actually helped Uno
Menudo.:
"She wasn't standing perfect

She wasn't standing perfect
the gate, but when that in the gate, but when that in better form, and we just left her there," said jockey Saul Ramirez. "Once the gate opened, she was gone:"
After she came set, the gate opened and the field seemed to part just for the gray filly, as she cruised to a victory in the
$\$ 300,000$-plus feature race in

## Slow start no problem for Ongoing Ta Fame

 BY TODD FUQUAThe Zia Derby may not have been the marquee race at Sunday's Zia Festival at Ruidoso Downs, but the race turned out to be a classic. Ongoing Ta Fane was bumped at the start of the 400yust nip Miranda Fame at the just nip Miranda Fame at the
wire to take the top prize in the $\$ 94,405$ race.
"That was a heck of a horse race, there were some good horses in there," said Ongoing
Ta Fame's trainer Michael Joiner. "That filly with the fastest time was tough to beat. "This horse of ours, if he's close to the front with about 100 yards to go, he's going to "He's got the heart of a cham-: "He's.g
Part owner Terry Wootan sees it the same way, pointing being boxed in during his time trial.
${ }^{4}$ "We were in the three hole, and the two and the four just boxed us in," Wootan said: "(Jockey) G.R. (Carter) just took him right through the middle and busted them completely apart, and we got them
right at the end." earned his fourth straight victory with Carter aboard dating back to the Shue Fly Stakes at Sunland Park, overcame the bad start and showed up Miranda Fame, which came into the final as the fastest

Jockey G.R. Catter gives the crowd in the winners circle a thrill as he disJockey G.R. Carter gives the crowd in the winners circle a thrill as he dis-
mounts from Ongoing Ta Fame after Sunday's. win in the Zia Derby at Ruidoso Dówns.
qualifier.
In fact, Miranda Fame had set the tract record at 400 yards in qualifying for the
But Ongoing Ta Fame was not to be denied.
"Take nothing away from Miranda Fame, she ran a Carter said. "She ran the same race today. When she left the gate, she had me beat by a good half stride:
"With about 100 yards to go, she still had me beat by about
a shoulder," he added. "But we came down to the end and we were still close. That's all we needed to gut it out."
Carter epitomized the party-like attitude of the winhis connections, performing style dismount off of Ongoing Ta Fame's saddle following the victory photo.
Wootan plans to enter Ongoing Ta Fame in the All American Derby trials, and later in the New Mexico State Fair Derby in September.
the Zia Festival.,
"She's nice baby, and really the trainers and owners giving me this chance," Ramirez said. "When I got here (at Ruidoso Downs), the first day, they told me they had something for me. It turned out to be an awesome horse, and verything turned out right:"
$\because$ This marks the third time Ramirez has ridden Menudo to
victory, having won the Zia victory, having won the Zia
Futurity trial July 15 and a maiden race June 24. Her last out before that was an appearance in the New Mexico Spring Futurity at Sunland Park back in April. With her winnings of \$152,194, Sunday, Uno Menudo's total earnings now
total $\$ 219,907$. total $\$ 219,907$.


Hush's Gold, with jockey Ken Tohill aboard, leads the way to victory in the Rio Grande Señor Futurity Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.
Thoroughbreds also shine at Zia
Festival in Rio Grande futurities BY TODD FUQUA

reimoso news sport eidtor
While quarter horse racing may inhabit the spot light at Ruidoso Downs, the Thoroughbred program has some proponents as well.

The future of state-red Thoroughbreds was displayed during the Zia Festival in the Rio Grande Señor and Señorita futuri ties Sunday, with Leon's Bull and Hush's Gold each taking wins by more than a length each.

In the case of Leon's Bull; it was the colt's third straight win after owner Leon Sutherland went to trainer Jose Gonzalez.

We started working with him (Leon's Bull) when he was one year old, and he had a different trainer then," Sutherland said. owner and got Jose.
"In seven days, we had a race, and he won his first one," he See RIO GRANDE, page 3B


Lance Must chips onto the green at hole No. 2 at Cree Meadows golf course Lance nust chips first round of the Leroy Gooch Match Play Tournament.
Tuesday during the

Smaller, but more competitive field in Gooch tourney

## by TODE FUQUA

## RUDOSO News sports eibro

It was a smaller field of competitors for the first round of this year's Leroy Gooch match play tournament Tuesday at Cree Meadows golf course, but course professional Eric Eggleston spread those competitors out over more flights.six as opposed to only four last year-making for a bit more competitive first round.
Justin Bubser, looking to win his third straight Gooch title in the championship flight, defeated Ruidoso High graduate Colby Gibson in the first round, leading by three strokes with two hearly today with an $8: 08$ a.m tee time. Baker defeated Brian Phillips, $2-1$
On the other side of the bracket, Jeffrey
Chapman, two-time runner-up to Bubser, beat

Chris Schjetnan, 2-1, and wil face Lance Rust, a 2-1 winner over Randy Blair
Match play continues through Thursday.
Leroy Gooch Match Play Results
Champioy, Aug. 3 .
Justin Busber d. Colby Gibson, 3-2
Tom Baker d. Brian Phillips, 2-1
Tom Baker d. Brian Phillips, $2-1$
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Lance Rust d. Randy Blair, $2-1$
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Roy Hanks d. D. Cagle
M. Rogers d. L. Sutton

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B Huskins d. P.J. Smith
See GOOCH, page 3B

Preps on Tap
Wednesday, Aug. 4 Leroy Gooch Match Play at Gre Meadows, 8 am
Thursday, Aug.
Horse Racing
Horse Racing a
Thoroughbred quarter horse Thoroughbred and quarter horse
claiming, maiden and allowance
racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m. Goll:
Leroy Gooch Match Play at Cree Friday, Aug, 6
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claiming, maiden and allowan
racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m
Saturday, Aug. 7
Morse Racing
Mr. Jet Moore/Ruidoso Mile at Ruidoso Downs. 1 p.m. Rostiball
Class D state tournament a
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Sunday, Aug. 8
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American Airlines Juvenile
Challenge at Ruidoso Downs. 1
S.m.

Softball
Class D state tournament
Alamogordo. TBA

## On Deck

Volleyball team practice
Mandatory. 2-a-day pratices begin for Ruidoso High Schoc
volleyball Monday, Auig. 9 at a.m. All athletes must have a physical in order to play. For
more questions, call coach Brigid more questions, call coach Brigid
Herrera at $258-4910$ or coach Herrera at 258-4910 or - $\mathbf{C}$
Maria Bennett at 258-5131.
Cross country practice to begin The Ruidoso High School cross
country team will start practice Aug 9 at 9 a.m. All interested athletes grades. $8-12$ are to mee
coach Nick Nanz at the RHS track for morning workouts. Fer mor information, contact coach Nanz
at $257-9629$ or $937-0657$.
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The Ruidoso Middie Schooi vol-
ieyball team will begin voluntar open gym workouts Aug : 9 open gym workouts Aug. 9 :
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gym. The 7 th-grade tean will practice from 5:30-6:30 p.m while the 8 th-graders are sched
uted from $5: 30-7: 30$ daily. All athletes must bring physical info letes must
mation dated atter April 1, 2004 For more information, contact
coach Lisa williams at $257-2578$. Hoop-Mania at WMI

The Ruidoso Parks and
Recreation Department is soring the Sierra Blanca 3 -on-Hoop-Mania Aug. 7-8 at the
White Mountain intermediate White Mountain Intermedia parking lot.
from ages $8-18$, and adult divi sions for ages 18 and oldder. Each
team will be placed in ondich team will be placed in a division
determined by age. height and determined by age, height and
experience. Registration is $\$ 100$ per team and $\$ 125$ for Men's Top Flight division.
Deadline to enter is Friday. For Lewallen at 257-5030 or e-mail her at Mandilewallen@vorui

Outdoor Expo
There will be a hunting, fishing and outdoor expo Aug. 14-15 at The expo will feature displays and demonstrations on fishing, archery; conservaio and hunter éducation.
Admission
Admission is $\$ 5$ for aduilts and $\$ 3$ tor students. Children six years
and under will be admitted tree: For more information, s ch
RHS athletic meating
There will be an informational grades $7-12$ at the Ruidoso High School cafeteria Aug. 23 at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Attendance is not mandatory, but all parents are strongly encour-
aged to attend. Following the agen to attend. Following the general. meeting, individual fall
sport team meetings will immediately follow. For more information, contact Ron Wall at 258 -
4910 .

Baldillez brimming with confidence in Thewayouwantmetoo's future

Jockey Roy Baldillez liked his filly's chances so much in the Rainbow Futurity he got up off a hospital stretcher to qualify her.
So, what could keep him from riding Thewayouwantmetoo in the upcoming All erican Trials?
"Nothing. We'll be there," Baldillez said. "She is a special filly, and I know that she can get the quarter-mile distance.
baldillez was aboard Thewayouwantmetoo Futurity last Sunday. He said that he and train er Dwayne "Sleepy" Gilbreath were confident in their horse's chances, unlike the public who showed little interest and let the filly go off at 13 -to- 1 at the mutual windows.
"Nobody really asked us how much we liked her," Baldillez said. "But we've been high on her since we broke her back on Sleepy's farm in
Brock, $\{$ Texas $\mid$. We think she's as good of a filly as Brock, ITexas
we've seen."

The seen.".
Thbination of Thewayouwantmetoo and Baldillez was about to unravel even before her qualifying time trial July 8 . During the 13th race when his mount, First Place Jetaroid, broke down and sent him headfirst onto the track. A video replay of the accident shows that Baldillez was only inches away from being trampled by the
fallen horse and could have been seriously hurt. "It all happened so quick," Baldillez remembers. "I just recall tumbling three or four times and then seeing the horse doing the same thing in Baldillez was quickly
Baldillez was quickly strapped to a stretcher given oxygen, and was about to be sent to th "I tald the checked out when he objected. that I still had some horses that needed to be rid that," he said.
Two races later, Baldillez was back trying to qualify another horse He qualified Thewayouwantmetoo in the 20 th and final trial of the day.
"We had been working so hard on those horses all year, that I wasn't about to miss riding them," he said. "I knew that the only thing that was wrong with me was that I got the wind knocked out of me, so I got up and went back to the jock's room.
As for the Rainbow Futurity final last Sunday Baldillez said Thewayouwantmetoo stood per
fectly in the gate and got faster as the race pro fectly in the gate and got faster as the race pro-
gressed. He said that he knew he was on the winner about 100 yards before the finish line.
"I just coasted her on in," Baldillez said. "She did all the work, and I was just along for the ride."
When Baldillez crossed the finish line, he raised his fist in the air and screamed with


Sawyer miller, center, stands in triumph on the podium at the AAU state Tae-Kwan-Do championships in Albuquerque earlier this year. Miller later traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for the national tournament

## Sertoma honors Caswell's memory

TULAROSA - One year ago at Sertoma Speedway, an accident at the track took the and Friday, the racers, workers and Friday, the racers, workers and fans honored his memory. The drivers had blue ribname tied to their cars, and one driver, Amber Ryan, had her car painted "In memory of Steve Caswell.'
And for Hobby Stock driver Levi Roberts, who grew up drag racing with Caswell, it was an additional incentive to win.
"That one wasn't easy," Roberts said. "I wasn't getting by him without a fight, but ," Roberts actually didn't need much of an extra motivation, as the win was his fourth, as the win was his fourth
checkered flag in as many weeks.
But this week, he did have some competition.
The field was

The field was small - only seven cars - and made smaller by a freak accident in the pit before the race that sent Tina George - wife of driver
George - to the hospital.
Word came down by end that Tina would be fine, but Kevin did not compete. That left seven cars for the heat, and, after Teddy for the main.
But those six gave it all they had.
Joe Ruiz led early, with Tularosa's Lee Gilpin on his tail and Roberts moving up from the back

By Lap 5, Roberts was in second, but although he tried looked like this time there would be a different winner, as Ruiz held his own. Finally, on Lap 16, Roberts got an opening.
"He just finally slipped once and that's all it took," Roberts said. "He left the door open once too much and it was over."
Although Ruiz stayed close,
once again, the checkered flag went to Roberts.
Numbers were not a problem with the Street Stock - at east at first.
Thirteen
Thirteen cars started the main event, but only five fin-
ished, as yellows abounded throughout the race. Still, winner McMaster, who led from Lap 6, said he had no idea what was going on behind him.
said. "It didn't see any of it," he said. "It was all behind me, thankfully. I kept driving up on cars scattered everywhere,
going, 'OK. What did I miss going, OK . What did I miss
this time?," McMaster said the reason for the wrecks was track conditions. there," he said. "It's like driving on ice. And when it gets that slick, just protect the bottom of the track, the bottom line, and don't drive in too hard or get on the gas too hard, because that,s what causes the wrecks. They
either drive it in too hard and either drive it in too hard and
spin out or get on the gas and spin out or get on the gas and spin out. That's what causes the wrecks. And after years of
experience you learn to get experience you learn to get
very, very easy on the accelerator. I never got it wide open out there."
McMaster probably shouldn't even have been on the track. He'd had gall bladder surgery eight days earlier, and last week, Kenny McCutcheon drove the same car to victory. "Adrenaline's probably the best pain killer in the world, free out there, just driving my free out there, just driving my heart out," McMaster said. Now I'm a little sore after
climbing out of the car. It's a lot of fun. I appreciate Kenny McCutcheon driving my car while I was gone. I'm trying everything I can to keep the car count up and keep some good racing for the fans."
One good thing came at the very end of the race as points leader Jake Boles, who had
moved into second in Lap 16, spun into the infield just shy of the finish line.

That gave Jim Cleveland second place and Boles, who did make it across the line, third, and the $\$ 50$ bonus put up by The Appliance Co. for the Boles just laug
Boles just laughed when asked if he,d taken
win the extra cash.
For the first time this seaFor the first time this sea-
son, someone other than Don Reynolds won the Legends class at Sertoma. Ruidoso driver Don St. John jumped out to an early lead
and never trailed. But he had a little help from Reynolds.
"Don was nice enough to spin out, I heard," St. John laughed. "Don and I pretty well race neck and neck wherever we go. We usually run one two. I got in front and I got to stay in Tight on St. John's tail, Reynolds spun into the infield on Lap 3, and after, could never get closer than third.
But St. John didn't know what happened.
What 1 asked my wife when I got in was, What happened to Don?, She said, 'He spun out." I
was, 'OK. That's why he didn't was, 'OK. That's why he didn't
show up.' "I was waiting for him. I was
istening for his motor. Never listening for his motor. Never heard it. We get to where we
can tell each other's motors, can tell each other's motors, and thought, 'Well, I don't know what happened.'"
Jay Messenger, an experienced driver from Muleshoe, Texas, took second, and said he'll be looking for the checkered flag in two weeks.

Numbers were once again up in Super Stock, with eight cars, including one from the Street class, competing.
Cory Gorby solidified his hold on the points leadership, taking the flag for the second
week in a row.


Jockey hoy Baldillez has a big smile for his groom after winning the Rainbow Futurity aboard Thewayouwantmetoo, at Ruidoso Downs July 25
excitement It was his first victory in the times.

## Baldillez has never won an All American

## Miller rises to green-belt challenge

When Ruidoso's Sawyer Miller took first in the state AAU Tae-Kwan-Do tournament in July $5-9$ at Fort Lauderdale, Fla
However, Miller earned that spot as an orange belt. Between his victory at state and his appearance at nationals, he tested two more times and passed, coming into Fort Lauderdale as a green belt.
Despite competing in a fairly new classification, against some competitors with as much as two years' more experience, Miller finished the tournanment in eighth place both in forms and sparring
"That's pretty good for being new to green belt," said Michael Widener, Miller's coach at outhwest Personal Fitness.
Miller's accomplishment is all the more
ent forms of martial arts. Because martial art fighting is so instinctive, and because Miller was ment, his job was that much more the tourna "You have to focus on what you're' doing, Widener said. "If he used any type of technique that wasn't allowed, he would haye been disqualified."
But Miller, 9, kept his head and competed well against the 58 other competitors in his division, Will Miller continue in his martial arts endeavors?
"He loves it. Every time I see him in class, he asks me what he's going to learn next," Widener quit this."
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RIO GRANDE: Señorita Futurity comes down to the last few yards
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無芜ded. "He did so well, so keidd off until his trials here With Ken Tohill aboard niddle of stretch drive, when he pulled away for the win with a time of 1:04.60.
Thd three wins in three outs and Leon's Bull more than septupled his career earnings Sunday. $\$ 52,336$ he won - This horse is real smart. If yim, hell do whatever you want," Sutherland said.
In the Señorita, jockey Gold to break first from the gate, then saw the rest of the field move ahead.
For a while, it seemed as if even show running wouldn' lengths behind Hollywood Gone in spurred his charge then fast finish and defeated Bay View Sue at the wire by more than a length for owner R.A. Canning of Capitan.


Hush's Gold, left, turns on the speed in the end of the Rio Grande Señorita Futurity Sunday at Ruidoso Downs. With Alfredo Juarez aboard, the flily came from the middle of the pack in the last 100 yards of the $51 / 2$ furlong race to earn the w
"This horse ran perfect Hush's Gold had only raced trainer Todd Fincher. "I told Mr. Canning this filly was Mr. Canning this filly was
great. I've loved this filly from day one, she's got a ton of class."
wice before Sunday, finishing and in the Señorita trials July 17 , both at Ruidoso Downs. In each of those races, the filly had the inside post, which

## 4-H rodeo hands prove themselves tough in roping events at Roswell

by hulie carter

Ruidoso Downs cowboy Lane Siggins competes in the novice division of 4-H rodeo. In County competitor to place in events other than the roping events.

Siggins represented his home county 4-H club well by taking fourth in the novice barrels and fifth in the goat tying
Older brother Josh Siggins is in the junior division and picked up points in four events. He was first in breakaway roping, second in calf touching, fourth in the steer stopping, and fifth ribbon roping.
Seth Hall of Capitan is also a junior division
mpetitor. Seth won the calf touching ribbon competitor. Seth won the calf touching, ribbon toping and steer stopping events, was fourth in the junior all around standings with 133 points

Jake Bonner leads the standings with 133 points.

Capitan's Trevor Sanders is holding strong in the senior all around with 93 points for third place. First place is only 10 points away and very away, fifth in ribbon roping and a third place in calf roping.

Cutter Whipple, another Capitan cowboy, was sixth in senior breakaway, eighth in calf roping, and second in ribbon roping
$\therefore$ Ronnie Eldridge added to his point totals with a second in calf roping and fourth in ribbon rop ${ }_{\text {Dug }}$ Dusti and Brand Franklin started late this year but added points to their column by winning in the in the team roping. Brand also was eighth in the breakaway roping and ribbon roping. o and Red River hosted two rodeos back-to back this past weekend

## RUIDOSO DOWNS <br> RESULTS

 Results tor rac First - Thursday, July 29 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { First }-350 \text { yards. Thompson Gin } 5.60 \\ 3.20 & 3.60 \text { Fitness Lady } \\ 3.40 & 3.00 \text {. }\end{array}$ Monday Morning MVP 3.40 Quinella 14.80. Exacta - 26.20 . Trifecta -$50.50 . T-17.61$. Second-250 yards. Mr Real Mix 4.00
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Double - $20.60 . \mathrm{T}-13.31$. Double - 20.60. T. 13.31 .60.
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Today, we had the outside post, and the horse to beat Bay View Sue) had the one
hole. That gave us a huge advantage."
With the win, Hush's Gold'


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THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR


Airman Natalie Jimenez has completed work at Lackland AFB,

## Basic training complete

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\text { field training exercises, Roswell. }
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## NEWS BRIEFS

Blasting complete
Unless crews encounter solid rock on the north side of the Hondo Valley, blasting on the project is finished.
Work on the 38 -mile project still may cause delays and lane closures for drivers with traffic escorted by pilot cars through construction zones east of Ruidoso
Riverside.

Symposium scheduled It's that time of year againgets crisp, and the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium comes to Ruidoso Downs. This year the kickoff concert will be on Thursday, Oct. 7, and the symposium will continue through Friday and Saturday, concluding on Sunday.
This 15 th

This 15th annual Symposium will, once again, Swing with the music of the Swing with the music of the
Texas Playboys with special appearances by Hank Aside from the music and one of the world's richest chuckwagon cookoffs, the Symposium
Mescalero literacy benefitted

Mescalero is among 12
Indian groups that will beneIndian groups that will benea literacy program. U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici has announced the federal
funding to allow KNME-TV in Albuquerque to launch the "Between the Lions" American Indian Head Start Literacy Initiative in New Mexico.
The Republican senator of the Senate Appropriations of the Senmittee and championed Committee and championed Department of Education's Fiscal Year 2004 budget. He received confirmation of the award from that department Friday. The public broadcast station is based at the University of New Mexico. "I am excited about this
project, which could provide project, which could provide
demonstrations and events as
demonstrations and events as Betty's Barrel Racing Border
Collie Dogs; horseman, teacher and philosopher Craig Cameron; the Escaramuza Cameron; the Escaramuza
Side-Saddle Mounted Drill Team; the New Mexico Fiddle Kids; The Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (back by popular demand, trick roping; and much more. The visitor can count on the fact that dozens of
entertainers will be there to entertainers will be there t
entertaín all day, every day: Fortain all day, every day:
For information, call the For information, call the American West at 378-4142 or
check out the Website at hubbardmuseum.org

## Blood donors needed

Save a life by donating blood at the Lincoln County Health Fair on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ruidoso
Convention Center The United Convention Center. The United Blood Services staff hopes to collect at least 20 units of blood. People who have never donated
blood are invited to come see blood are invited to come see
what it's like to donate and to learn more about the new Power Red donations.
For more information, or to
chedule an appointment, call schedule an appointment, call
United Blood Services at (888) 676-5433.
more Indian children to the wonderful things they can
learn through reading," the learn through reading, the
senator said. "KNME officials senator said. "KNME officials
are working with the tribes are working with the tribes
and pueblos to create the and pueblos to create the sitive program to best teach these children."
The funding will support materials development and implementation,
Groups committed to working with the station on the project include the Mescalero,
the Eastern Navajo, and the the Eastern Navajo, and the
pueblos of Acoma, Laguna, pueblos of Acoma, Laguna,
San Felipe, San Juan, Isleta, Taos, Cochiti, Sandia, Santa Ana and Zia.
Funding for the project was included in the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Bill, which became law this year as part of an omnibus
appropriations appropriations package.

## FUNERALS DEATHS

## Betty Bagley

Funeral services for Betty Bagley, 76, of Corona, were Monday in LaGrone Funeral Chapel, with burial followi
at Mrs. Bagley died Thursda
July 29, 2004, in Albuquerque. She was born Feb. 24, 1928, in Pearsall, Texas
She lived in Ruidoso from 1980 until 1988 when she moved to Corona.
She was a member of the V.F.W. Post No. 7686 Ladies Auxiliary in Alamogordo, retired from Troop 5 of the New Mexico Mounted Patrol of from 1982 until 1992 . She was a retired accountant and a member of the Baptist Church. She married Bud Bagley on July 10, 1998 in Ruidoso Downs.
Survivors include her husband, Rud, of Corona; sons Roger Pons of San Antonio, Texas, and Larry Wheeler of Del Rio, Texas, daughters Janie Butler of Capitan and step-children Jim Santa Fe ; step-children, Jim Bagley of
Corona Melrose and Jannie: Freeman of Ruidoso; a brother, Bill Maples, of Lavaca, Ark.; nine grandchildren, seven greatgrandechildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.
The family suggests memorials to the American Heart
Association. Association
Arrangements are under the direction of LaGron
Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## Alejandro J. Cano

## Cremation for Alejandro J. Cano, 62 , was under the direc- 

 $\because \mathrm{He}$ wasborn March 13, 1942, to Juan Presciliano Cano and Mary Artesia.
spent his adult life in Lincoln County.
He and Julia Ann Perry were married Dec. 9, 1974, in Hagerman.
He was community minded and loved to stop and talk to anyone anywhere, especially in
Capitan. He was a historian, a Purple Heart veteran, a Democrat, a
hunting guide and a vintner of fine wine.
Julia; children Elizabeth Cano of Ruidoso, David Lambert, Mary Castaneda and Margaret :Cano-Sammis, all of Capitan; grandchildren Jessica, Joshua, Jocelyn, Brian, Alexander, :Brandon, Tessa and Abigail; a :greatgranddaughter,
Brookelyn; brothers Prescilianọ Cano, of Ruidoso, and Johnny Amable Cano, of Artesia; a sister, Adelina Nancy Castaneda nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Elena Maldonado and Jean Myers.

## Joan E. Alvis

Burial for Joan E. Alvis, 78, of Alamogordo, was Tuesday in Angus Cemetery
Angus Cemetery. Alvis died Thursday,
Ms. Al July 29, 2004, in Alamogordo. She was born July 28, 1926, in Altadena, Calif, to Joshua and Frances (Heffner) Edmunds.
She was retired from the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital, where she worked in medical records, and then spent several years working for the
U.S. Forest Service in Alámogordo.

Survivors include sons Duane Alvis of La Luz and Michael Alvis of Alamogordo; her husband, Alan, of Glenwood, and Kathleen Spears and her husband, Jerry, of Johnson City, Texas; grandchildren Michael S. Washam and his wife, Charla, of Las Cruces, John Alvis Cooper and Rachel , Diedra, of California, Jahnson City, and Travis Beaty of Santa Fe ; four great-grandsons; a great-granddaughter sisters Carrol Bornbek of Robeline, La., Beverly Hicks of Northglenn, Colo., and Betty Stein of Westminster, Colo.; and a brother, Harvey Wallen; of Dallas, Texas.
She was preceded in death by a daughter, Colleen Francis Alvis, and a grandson, Jeremy

The family
The family suggests memoral contributions to the Special 17 Edgington, Alamogordo, NM 17 Eagin
88310.

## Warner M. Brundrett

Graveside services with full
military honors for Lt. Col: Warner M. Brundrett, 86, USAF Ret., were held July 30 at Fort Sam
Houston Houston
National Cemetery in
San Antonio San A
Texas.

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He was Warner Brundrett born Dec. 5 1917, in El Paso, Texas, to Fannie and George Brundrett of Dallas, Texas.
He was a graduate of Sunset High School in Dallas. Upon completion of his bachelor's University in College Station Texas in 1941, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and mar ried JoAnn ("Jody") Davis of Bryan, Texas, on Aug. 31, 1941. He served his country honorably as a United States Air Force pilot for 26 years until his retirement from active military service, receiving numerous military awards during his Distinguished Flying Cross

Survivors include his wife
Survivors include his wife of 12 years, Joyce Brundrett, of Brundrett of Ruidoso; a daugh
ter, Linda, and her husband, Jim Shoop, of Ruidoso; grandchildren Kerry Gilbert and his wife, Sherry, of Lubbock, Texas, Cole Stanley and his wife, Brenda, Lang and her Colo. and Brenda Lang and her hus Texas; five great-grandchil dren; a brother, Frank, and his dren; a brother, Frank, and his Texas; a sister, Beth, and her husband, Snooky Davis, of Kaufínan, Texas, a sister-in law, Billye Brundrett, of Irving, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews
He was preceded in death by his parents; JoAnn, his wife of 49 years; their son, Warner D. and brothers, George; and his wife, Valerie, and Jack.
The family suggests memo rials to the charity or church of one's choice or to the
Alzheimers Research Foundation.

## Denny (Babe) Burton

Graveside services for Denny (Babe) Burton, 71, of Fairland, Okla., whe at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Hickory Afton, Okla
Mr Burton died Sunday Aug. 1, 2004, at his home after an illness.
He was born Feb. 28. 1933 to Sue Ruth (Conner) and John Jefferson Burton in Benjamin
Texas.
He moved to Fairland 14 years ago from Comanche Okla.

He served in the Air Force during the Korean War.
He was a retired jockey trainer, farmer and rancher
He was a member of the Jocke He was a member of the Jockey
Guild, AQHA and APHCA was of the Christian, faith.
He married Donna Marie Philpott in Roswell on Dec. 13 1974.

Survivors include his wife Donna Marie, daughters Deñi Jean Rutherford of Duncan, Ariz., Lenisa K. Davis of Roswell, and Linda F. Lindsey of Comanche, Okla.; a brother, Texas four srandchildren; and Texas; four grandchildren; and

William Ochsenbein
A graveside service for William Ochsenbein, 81 , will be at 3 p.m. today at $\cdot$ Brunson Memorial Cemetery in Eunice, with Rev. David Bonnell of
First Methodist Church officiFirst Methodist Church offic ating.

Mr. Ochsenbein died on July 31, 2004, in Hobbs.
He was born on Sept.
922, in West Virginia.
Gorrell on March 14, 1948 New Martinville; W.Va.
He moved to Eunice from
Paden City, W.Va in $1984 . \mathrm{H}$ worked for Union Steel Mil and Santa Fe Railroad.
Survivors include a niece Vicki Nutter; and a great nephew, Dylan Nutter, both of He wa
He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Kathleen Ochsenbein
ion of Calvary Funeral Home of Eunice.

## Multiple benefits from Junior Livestock Sale

State Boys, Girls Ranches a way to help disadvantaged youngsters

It's fair time again in Lincoln County, and you can support the youth of the county through the Junior Livestock Sale on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 1
p.m. at the Capitan fairgrounds, thior Livestock Sale The Junior Livestock Sale of hard work and dedication by SFFA and 4-H members. By purEchasing an animal at the İtunior Livestock Sale, you help these youth learn entrepreTeurship, leadership and indePendence. In addition, many of these young people use the
ollege tuition.
Buyers who donate aucBoys and Girls Ranches benefi these 4-H and FFA youth, and children from troubled back grounds. New Mexico Boys and Girls Ranches are places where children from troubled backgrounds find help, hope and healing. Founded in 1944, The Ranches offer a unique combination of family-style living in a rural ranch environment and on-campus schools that provide individualized education.
overnment funds nor are they


## VENDORS UNDER THE STANDS



Mary Beniavidez left, and Mirantha Begay proudly show off their wares during the Zia. Festival Sunday at Ruidoso Downs. Benavidez and husband Joeba, from the Santo Domingo Pueblo. Were one of several new ve

## POOP SCOOP

## BY DIANNE STALLINGS

A new alert from the ASPCA Poison Center warns pet owners that a swectener found in certain sugar-free found in certain sugar-iree
chewing gums, candies and chewing gums, candies and
other products may be poison other prody
to animals.
Since July of last year, the center managed about 45 cases of dogs ingesting products containing Xylitol:

The animals suffer a s den drop in blood sugar. resulting in depression, loss of symptoms progress rapidly a times in less than $\mathbf{3 0}$ minutes after ingestion.

It's important that pet owners seek veterinary treat ment immediately, said Dr. Eric Dunayer, consulting ve erinarian in clinical toxicology for the center.

Liver failure also may
Don't offer pets food
tion, $\because$ specially candy gum or other foods that may contain sugar substitute, such as xyliingredients. Check the

In another issue facing many people who travel with of the United States urged that owners call ahead to check ou the policies of hotels: motels and inns where they plan to stay with their animals

Policies may vary based on size, type or the number or be imposed

The society recommend Pets on the Go: The Definitive Pet Accommodation and Vacation Guide." by Dawn and Robert Habgood as a good reference with details on more than 18,000 pet-friendly lodging businesses. The book also contains a list of useful resources. such as emerge
veterinary clinics and dog

The book is published by Daw bert Press Inc.. and sells. for 521.95 . Call 800 and sells. or more information. athleen and Robert Fish, and pubiished by Bon Vivant Préss, lists hotels. motels and inns nationwide based on their ambiance. guest amenities and pet friendliness. The book is avalable through the HS ping by calling 800-486-2630 - Society officials remind pet owners that to pave the way for others and to be welcomed back. do your part by laws. keeping you anima under control at all times and being thoughtful and courte-


Congressman Steve Pearce and the Carrizozo Woman's Club discussed the needs of the club for maintenance and
Pearce makes two-stop visit to Carrizozo
by iUlie carter

The Carrizozo Woman's Club was honored on Saturday afternoon by a visit from
Congressman Steve Pearce, RNM.
Pearce toured the historical
promised to look for possible restoration help with som restoration of the building.
The 1930 's Pueblo-style building is on botheblo-style and national lists of histore properties and on the list of properties and on the list of
"Eleven Most Endangered Historical Places in New Mexico."

Carrizozo tour for the congress man was the Carrizozo County Club.

A fund raising dinner was hosted in his honor and attended by over 150 people.
peaker was Undersecretary of Agriculture Bill Hawks.


ELAND DEFORD/FOR THE RUMDOSO NEWS
Leland DeFord and Michael Pearson were returning from Roswell Monday afternoon. Auy. 2. on Hwy. 246 - Pine Lodge Road - when they encountered drenching rain and flooded roads. All told. the Ruidoso men encountered six spots where the road was washed over by floods carrying black soot and debris from
the Peppin Fire's burn area. The fire, which burned nearly 100 square miles in the Capitan Mountains earlier this spring. stands as the second-largest in New Mexico history. (See additional photo. page 1A.)

## Ruidoso DJ wins industry award

BY JULIE CARTER
kingking of Western SwingHonkytonk and Cowboy musicrecently added a new crown tohis collection. On July 13 at theWill Rogers MemorialAuditorium in Fort WorthTexas, he was named theRegion 1-2004 Disc Jockey ofthe Year by the Academy of
stern Artists.
Baker sits in the Backforty Bunkhouse at Ruidoso's radio station, KNMB, 96.7FM, New Mexico's Bear and KWMW 105.1FM, every Saturday morning from 6-10 a.m. The three-year-old show has os to the radio station KNMB made the top ten cut radio made the top-ten cu
The 2004 Academy
Western Artists winners were: Entertainer of the Year ons of the San Joaquin Rising Star-Kata Hay Cowboy Poetry-Male Andy Hedges
Cowboy Poetry Female
Doris Daley
Cowboy Poetry Book: Born o This Land, Red
Steagall/Skeeter Hager
Cowboy Poetry Album: Sons Of A Gun Stew, Dennis Gaines Cowboy
Western Music Male
Vocalist-Brenn Hill
Western Music Female
ocalist-Belinda Gail
Western Music Yodeler-
Wylie Gustafson
Western Music Duo/Group Sisters of the Silver Sage Western Music Song-Paint Real-Donnie
Western Music Album/CD.
Let's Put Western Back In

## COUNTY BRIEFS

## Hutcheson and Shafer

 place at $4-\mathrm{H}$ conferenceIt's the top spot. The compe tition is the toughest. The 2004 State 4 -H Conference and con State 4-H Conference and con-
tests were held July 12-16. Two Lincoln County 4 -Hers were in the top placings when the points were tallied.
Corona 4-H'er Randa Hutcheson placed fifth in $\mathrm{Ag}_{\mathrm{g}}$ Presentation. Randa is a Freshman at Corona High School.
Her presentation was titled Wow that Cow and covered all the uses of a cow besides jus the obvious leather and meat.
Jennifer Shafer, Carrizozo 4 H , placed fourth in the Fashion Revue, Senior Clothing-Casual


Joe Baker can be heard on Ruidoso's radio station KNMB, 96.7FM, New Mexico's Bear and KWMW, 105.1FM; every Saturday morning from 6-10 am

Country-Joni Harms Western Swing Male
ocalist-Dave Alexander Western Swing Female Western Swing Duo/Grou Desperados
Western Swing Song-Were
Proud DubYa's From Texas,
Cindy Walker/Shelly Lee Alley, Jr:
Western Swing Album-
Sweet Sentimental Dreams Ginny Mac
Western Swing
nstrumentalist-Bobby Flores
Radio Station of the Year
Region 1 -KKU.S, Tyler, TX
Radio Station of the Year
Region II- KBEC, Waxahachie

Radio Station of the Year Region HI-KBHB, Sturgis, SD Region HI-KBHB, Sturgis, Region I- Joe Baker
Dișc Jockey of the Year
Region II-Johnny Western
Disc Jockey of the Year Region III-Tommy Tucker Artist-Harold Holden Saddlemaker-Gaylerd Thissel

Engraver Manuel Gonzales Hitchorist-A. Wr Ef
Minor
Chuckwagon-Bill Cauble Dormaker-John Ennis Don King Award-Cheste

> Wear category Jennifer sewed and then modeled a light blue halter top with blue and black polk dots Jennifer is in the eighth at Carrizozo Middle School.
> Hey county fair parents - don't stress

> It sounds pretty serious in the fair book, but it is not intended to have a serious moment in it. The Adult Showmanship class is just for fun. Hear that parents? Just for fun! In an effort to lighten up the ing fair time, the fair board hosting an adult showmanship class for any parent of any $4-\mathrm{H}$
or FFA exhibitor entered in the fair. The 4-H and FFA leaders are also eligible to participate. the best old showman from the old days of the county fair old days of the county fair. Wear a costume, chew gum b stuffed pig on a stick and a stuffed
show it:
It is all about having fun and letting the kids laugh at you give you instruction and other wise just get a big kick out of mom or dad in the show ring The funnier the better! The best livestock showman is no

There are trophy buck
There are trophy buckles for Poppa Pig champions. So ge creative!


## Open class art show at the fair to award prizes

## BY JULIE CARTER

It won't just be ribbons for the open class art show winners at this year's class art sh
county fair.
$\because$ Art Show director Sharon Bundick, has been gathering a long list of prizes for winners in all divisions.
Prize donors to date are Print Write Now, Century 21 Stacy and Scott Miller, Ruidoso Roastery, Pizza


Hut, Josie's Framery, Flying d Kiwanis, and State National Bank Bundick, in her third year of man aging the art show, is encouraging al last year.

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does not have to be framed
All other art is required to b hang.

## Caprizozo

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Gary Lovelace
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Carrizozo, NM 88301

Oils, water colors, acrylics, pastels pen and ink, charcoal and pencil Crayola or colored pencil are some of the categories offered
Entries will be taken Monday, Aug 9; 4-7 p.m. and Aug. 10, 9 a:m. until the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan
For more information contact Sharon Bundick at 336-4135

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## Billy the Kid escapes one more time in Lincoln <br> BY HLLIE CARTER

For the ruidoso news.
They may not have dug up the remains of Billy the Kid and any of his kin just yet, but the legend of the Kid is as alive as it has ever been in incoln.
And true to history since 1940, the three-day pageant "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid", an in April 1881, will be thriving in Lincoln during the Old Lincoln Days celebration Aug 6, 7 and 8
Peter Hurd played the first Kid. This year John Shrecengost is playing the part. It is a fam ily thing. His brother and father were the Kid in years before him. His mother, Diane Shrecengost, has been part of the pageant for over 30 years. She has played all the female parts and is currently the director.
Lanny Maddox has been Pat Garrett for 20 plus years, Lee and Donna Crandall have 19 years with the pageant. That is a normal resum r pageant actors.

In the outdoor theater, real horses, real wag ons and real-sounding guns make the players ferent cast at the microphones headed by veter ans Düsty Rhodes and Dave Parks.
The pageant cast is a big family that has been part of the event for generations. People come from all over the area and some from out of state just to participate in the event.
And the family ties reach beyond this week end's pageant. The event itself is a family eunion.
Behind the scenes, the pageant supports sev eral things. Most the money goes back into the
show. Insurance, upkeep on the fair grounds, cost of the blanks for the guns are a few of the expens es. All the acting and all the work done is volun


The cast of the annual Lincoln tradition starts out young. At left above, three-year-old Missy Stokes of Glencoe concentrates on her dance steps, Dave Parks and Dusty Rhodes are narrators for the "last escape" pageant.
teered by the cast and crew of more than a hundred people.

The pageant committee also recognizes three pageant youth with scholarships. And those youngsters who participate in the county fair receive add-on premiums from the pageant funds. The pageant family rewards and recog youngsters.
The late John Thomas, who played the kid for 15-plus years, is being honored this year. His
ramily will be given recognition at the pageant and will be grand marshals of the Sunday parade hat begins at 11 a.m.
Kent McInnes started as a very little guy with
the pageant.
Today he is "assistant" to everyone and everything. He plays whatever needs played, he runs part of the pageant, yes, his children are now tales to his grand daughter.

Bring your jacket, an umbrella and a lawn chair Don't miss the Tunstalls, the McSweens and Buckshot Roberts. Get ready for some fas action, dancing girls, shooting guns, running horses and scenes that take you back to that place in time-Lincoln, New Mexico 1861 .
Perday at $830 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Admission is $\$ 4$ for adults and children 6.12 are $\$ 1$ each with those 5 years and under admitted free.

## Harper makes ready for the county fair

BY ULLIE CARTER
or the rcinoso news
Mitchell Harper, 12, is fol wing in big 4-H and FFA foot steps left by his brother, Colt Freemole. Currently in Army boot camp, big:brother Colt is a real hero to Mitchell.
Next week is the county fair and the last minute preparations are in motion. Mitchell will show two pigs which he has yet to name, three meat goats pigs," he said
He raised his goats at the family farm near Lincoln so will qualify for the Cream of the Crop program with those Mitchell spends about two hours a day exercising his pigs and goats.
An eighth grader this year at Capitan Middle School, Mitchell is already in football practice. He plays quarterback.
He has played Little League He has played Little League
baseball with the Ruidoso Oaseball with the Ruidoso also plays basketball and runs
rack.
This will be his second year in FFA: Last year he judged livestock, land and home site, and horses.
"I like meeting different kids. And the responsibility to take care of the animals, doing the chores, exercising and feeding the animals is good for me, said Mitchell. The Harpers are obviously animal lovers. There ty that doesn't he proper dogs. cats ducks chickens, pigs, goats, dairy cattle or some other critter.

Mitchell
grand champion a reserve the fair with his New Zealand buck rabbit.
He also showed chickens and the pen he picked out for his brother won more than the pen he picked for himself. He's not going the chicken and rabthe son of Ron and Shirley Harper. He is a member of the Hondo 4-H Club.


Mitchell Harper will show his dairy heifer along with his goats and pigs at the Lincoln County Fair next week


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