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## FILLING UP



**Cliff Bingham** of Lubbock, Texas, casts his line into Grindstone Lake, which benefited from increased diversion from the Ruidoso River after recent rain and snow storms. A spokesman for the Ruidoso Water Department said the reservoir level stands at 13 feet below the spillway at 6,905 feet. The lake level has risen seven feet in 13 days. Despite the gushing water shown behind the fishermen near the dam, David Naugher, in the red jacket, said last year he fished from a higher point.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

# Snow bunnies

### Weekend storm brings wintry encore for Easter

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A 48-hour snow storm following on the heels of a couple of rainy days translated to 1.37 inches of moisture for Ruidoso last week.

Residents in Alto measured as much as 11 inches of snow Saturday and Sunday, while the ski area reported about 10 inches and in-town from 6 inches to 8 inches. One homeowner in upper Cedar Creek insisted as many as 18 inches fell there.

Chief meteorologist Charlie Liles, with the National Weather Service Office in Albuquerque, said 99 of an inch of moisture was tied to the wet snow that blanketed Lincoln County.

"A melt down of 1 inch sounds consistent with the inches of snow reported," he said.

Ruidoso has posted 5.65 inches of precipitation this calendar year to date, compared to the average of 3.79 inches, he said. That's a surplus of 1.86 inches.

However, in 2003, the area saw an 8.32-inch deficit of precipitation and for a five year period through 2003, the deficit is 19.66 inches, he said.

"What's going on this year is putting a dent in the drought, but it's not close to ending the drought," Liles said Monday. "At least you're looking at snow and not

fire."

Another storm system could move into the area from the West Coast by the weekend, he said. But Liles doesn't anticipate it will deliver anything like the previous front.

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Residents woke up to Christmas weather on Easter Sunday

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# Downs to vote on restaurant booze

BY MARTY RACINE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Downs is the only incorporated municipality in the county whose restaurants cannot sell beer and wine.

In a special election on Thursday, Downs residents will have an opportunity to either overturn or maintain that dry stance.

Polls in the Hubbard Room at City Hall will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. The ballot question reads: "Shall the issuance of a restaurant license for the sale of beer and wine be approved for restaurants within

the boundaries of the City of Ruidoso Downs, an incorporated municipality in Lincoln County?"

Armchair observers expect the measure to pass. "It could be a promotional (tool) for Ruidoso Downs should any restaurant want to do that," said City Clerk Carol Virden. "It might help their business as well as the industry here."

There are five restaurants in the Downs, of which four - Denny's Diner being the exception - might wish to serve beer and wine.

But the proposal is equally solicitous of the future. The recent creation of the city's Economic

Development Board recognizes the need for business expansion, including the restaurant sector.

"This particular board would help identify particular industries that would be coming in, and help ease their transition into the city," City Administrator John Waters has said.

"It is a dynamic program meant to bring businesses into the city through the utilization of our existing resources."

The beer-and-wine proposal was slated for a special election because state statute prohibits its inclusion in a regular municipal election.

# ENMU status on state commission agenda

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Commission on Higher Education will discuss the preliminary proposal to make Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso a branch campus at its meeting June 24 and 25.

ENMU-Ruidoso Dean Jim Miller said Tuesday that he and ENMU President Steven G. Gamble spoke with Chairperson Kathi Bearden and Executive Director Leticia Chambers in Roswell last Thursday after the commission's April meeting at New Mexico Military Institute.

"Our preliminary proposal is ready," Miller said. "We're waiting for eight or 10 letters of support and for a green light from Portales - a final review by colleagues for editing of grammar and content."

Miller said the proposal - which will be 25 to 30 pages with about 60 pages of attachments - would be sent to the commission before May 15 for review by staff and commissioners prior to the June meeting at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque.

He said the final plan, expanded and with additional data, will be ready for the commission's August meeting.

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# U.S. forest plan starting to hit home

BY NIKI PRICE  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Take a walk through the Lincoln National Forest land east of Ruidoso, along the corridor of eastbound U.S. 70 - or at least try. A thick carpet of brush and small trees can sometimes make the going tough for a human, but for a wildfire, it would be a paved path right into Ruidoso Downs.

The Turkey-Gavilan Planning Area, about 63,000

acres of

U.S. Forest

Service

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Restoration Act of 2003. Bush

taoured forests and fires in California, Oregon and

Arizona in the months leading up to the HFRA's

passage in Congress in November.

The president may not have visited the

Sacramento Mountains, but his ideas are starting

to be implemented here. Bush's initiative, said

local forest managers, will expedite the reduction

of hazardous fuels throughout the region.

## National Fire Plan

The HFI, a series of administrative rules changes, and the subsequent act passed by Congress, are considered an extension of the National Forest Plan of 2001.

Washington's attention was riveted on the Western forests after the devastating fires of 2000, which burned 602,165 acres in the Southwest region and 8.4 million acres nationwide. Under the direction of President Clinton, federal wildland fire management agencies prepared the plan, a 10-year strategy to bolster the number of crews and resources available nationally, and to reduce hazardous fuels near communities.

The plan meant a flood of federal dollars across the West in fiscal years 2001 and 2002, but communities that were historically fire-prone, and thus were already well-funded, were not the main focus of the allocations.

"We were pretty prepared for suppression efforts even before the National Fire Plan," said Paul Schmidtke, forest fire management officer for the LNF. "Locally, things haven't changed a great deal. We have a few more pieces of equipment - engines, basically - and we've got them fully staffed for longer periods of time."

Cooperating agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management and other entities in the Lincoln interagency firefighting zone, got more

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## TAKING CHARGE

fire risk and prevention 2004

Part Four of a six-part series exploring the nature of fire and fire suppression in the Sacramento Mountains

## A WALK IN THE WOODS



**Judy Webster** of Ruidoso enjoys a brisk walk and some music on the exercise trail off Cedar Creek Drive managed by the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF



# FIRE: National focus now on prevention, not suppression

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suppression help from the NFP Schmidtke said.

"There was a large influx of dollars to support the cooperators. For example, the state of New Mexico gets money from the Forest Service to support grants, and the BLM gave funds to local fire departments," he said.

While the NFP didn't bring dramatic changes to the Lincoln dispatch zone, it did improve the national backup system. In addition, it funded fuels reduction projects, fire lab research and improved coordination through regional command centers.

## On the front burner

Once the initial push for infrastructure — and the Clinton administration — was over, the National Fire Plan faded from view. In 2002, amidst another wildland fire crises that cost federal agencies more than \$1.6 billion to fight, the new president began to advocate a new plan: the Healthy Forests Initiative.

Rather than pumping dollars into suppression, the Bush administration focused on prevention through the removal of hazardous fuels. The initiative's thesis is that excessive paperwork, waiting periods and environmental appeals hamper the government's effort to remove the overgrown vegetation, and save lives and property from catastrophic wildfire.

The HFI also holds that



PHOTO BY MIKI PRICE

Clark Taylor, watershed specialist with the Smokey Bear Ranger District, points out a stand of juniper in the Turkey-Gavilan Planning Area, which is about a mile south of U.S. 70 off Forest Service Road 443, or Hale Lake Road near Ruidoso Downs.

improved cooperation between cities, counties, states and the private sector will help the feds reduce the danger more quickly and inexpensively.

"The Healthy Forests Initiative further focuses the National Fire Plan strategy and gives the federal agencies the tools to accelerate the treatment of forested stands across the landscape, and particularly in the interface," Schmidtke said. "It reinterpreted our policy on how we do environmental planning, to allow us to speed up the analysis process."

Under the old regulations, when proposing a thinning or treatment project, planners were required to produce a complete environmental assessment, sometimes hundreds of pages, for a 45-day comment period. The report was then

reconsidered, and sometimes appealed.

Now, under the new HFI rules, managers produce a short proposed action statement and make it available to the public for a 30-day comment period. It's a more concise way to communicate the district's plans, and allows for issues to be addressed earlier, said Buck Sanchez, district ranger for the Smokey Bear district.

"I believe the (proposed action statement) makes it easier for us to communicate with the public, and easier for the public to see what we're doing," Sanchez said. "Instead of this voluminous document, it's been narrowed down. It's what we're going to do and why we're going to do it."

The HFI did not change the environmental assessments

required for a given project, Sanchez said, but only the public comment process.

"All the planning costs, such as for wildlife and archeological surveys, are still required. We're still considering all the resources and potential issues," he said. "But how we package that up, and how we share that with the public for their comments — that has changed."

Groups and individuals can appeal Forest Service decisions on these projects, but only if "substantive comment" is received during the public comment period, Sanchez said. But if no one raises any issues during the 30-day period, or at least none that qualify under the definition of substantive, then under the new HFI regulations it is unappealable.

The first project in the Turkey-Gavilan area, a 1,450-acre treatment area between Forest Service 443 (Hale Lake Road) and the Pinecliff area to the south of U.S. 70, will be sent out for review under these new guidelines. Sanchez could sign this decision later this month, with work to begin this summer or fall, he said.

## Tools for fuels

There are other new tools in the belt of foresters looking to mitigate fuel hazards. One is a new definition of "categorical exclusions," or projects that can be excluded from the most extensive environmental review process. In the past, these exclusions were made for wildlife improvement, maintenance of

## HOT LINKS

For more information on the Healthy Forests Restoration Act and the Healthy Forests Initiative, log on to: [www.fs.fed.us/r3](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3)

To download a copy of the new HFRA field guide, go to: [www.fs.fed.us/projects/hfi/field-guide](http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/hfi/field-guide)

The Lincoln National Forest posts a copy of its environmental assessment calendar, which shows the planning and implementation timeline for each proposal. To download a copy, use the following address: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln/projects/calendar.pdf>

facilities and small prescribed burns.

Now, under a newly created category, foresters can mechanically thin up to 1,000 acres, and use prescribed burns to treat up to 4,500 acres, in an expedited process.

"In using this categorical exclusion, we conduct the same amount of environmental review as we do for an EA, but the amount of documentation and time frame for completion ... is greatly shortened," said Ruth Esperance, a forester on the Sacramento Ranger District.

In the past few months, the Sacramento District has used this exclusion to treat 4,000 acres with a prescribed burn, and clear 75 acres of fuel break with a combination of thinning and burning, she said.

Sanchez is also excited about the initiative's Stewardship

Contracting Authority, which allows the USFS and BLM to enter long-term contracts with private contractors. These agreements, which can be up to 10 years in length, are designed to "encourage or invite more business or industry in for longer-term ventures, to meet our land management objectives," he said.

After the small Turkey-Gavilan project is bid, Sanchez said, he hopes to start reaching out to regional business owners and non-profit groups, and gauging their interest in helping to remove hazardous fuels on the rest of the 63,000 acres.

## What's next

With the administrative changes of the HFI, enacted in 2002, and the laws passed by Congress going into effect this year, there are many overlapping measures. To help foresters make decisions, national advisers released an interim field guide last month.

This summer, as hot spots and fire danger flare up once again, local rangers will be putting the national policies to work at home.

"We're trying to balance what is required by law, with doing an adequate analysis and improving communications with the public and other stakeholders in this process. We want to make it more efficient for the taxpayer, delivering good services on the ground, and making sure folks are involved every step of the way," Sanchez said.

## CLUBS MEETINGS

### Wednesday, April 14

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397.

**Children's Team Kids** Discipleship Program; 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m., First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive. For children 4 years old to 6th grade. 257-2081, or on the Web at [www.fbcruidoso.com](http://www.fbcruidoso.com).

**Optimist Club** (Friends of Youth); noon at K-Bob's Steakhouse. New members always welcome. 257-5938 or 258-9218.

**Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club:** 1:30 p.m. in the Woman's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Road, Ruidoso. 257-7936.

**The Party Bridge Group:** 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 336-4808.

**Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club:** 6:30 p.m. at Swiss Chalet; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

### Thursday, April 15

**Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Commission** meeting; 2:30 p.m., Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397.

**B.P.O. Elks No. 2086:** 7 p.m., Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70. 257-2607.

**Lincoln County Adult Singles Group** meets every Thursday at various locations. For further information, contact Sharon (585-8535) or Doris (258-3799).

**Narcotics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. at Best Western Ruidoso Inn, 97 Camelot Dr. Call Josie at 378-5621.

**Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club:** 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411 or 257-6188.

**Sierra Blanca Swingers:** 8 p.m. at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing. 336-4808.

**Thursday Bridge:** 11 a.m. at Cree Meadows.

**Zia Girl Scout Council:** 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Leaders encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in Girl Scouts may attend. (505) 437-2921.

### Friday, April 16

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397.

**The Party Bridge Group:** 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 336-4808.

### Saturday, April 17

**Al-Anon:** 10:30 a.m.; Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso; 257-7124.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** 7:15 p.m. at Best Western Ruidoso Inn, 97

Camelot Dr. Call Josie at 378-5621.

**Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club:** 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411 or 257-6188.

**Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club:** 9 a.m., usually meets at El Paraiso in Sierra Mall or check location on 146.920 MHz after 8 a.m.

**Spinning Bee:** 9 a.m. to noon, at La Placita in Lincoln. 354-7040.

### Sunday, April 18

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397.

### Monday, April 19

**ETZ Commission** meeting; 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397.

**Angus Wood Carvers:** 5-8 p.m., Nazarene Church Camp, Highway 48 and Highway 37. 336-9161.

**Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club:** 299ers game 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411 or 257-6188.

**Women in Recovery 12 Step Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth. 378-8391.

**White Mountain Search & Rescue:** 7 p.m. in the conference room at Ruidoso Police Station on Mechem Drive. 378-5237 or 257-2339.

### Tuesday, April 20

**Planning and Zoning** meeting; 2 p.m., Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

**LCSWA** meeting; 2 p.m. at headquarters, 222 2nd Drive in Ruidoso Downs.

**Lincoln County Commission** meeting; 8:30 a.m. at Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

**Al-Anon:** 6:30 p.m.; Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso; 257-7124.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397.

**Alto Women's Association:** 11 a.m. at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards.

**Altrusa Club:** noon for lunch; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesalero Trail. Information: Beth at 258-4244.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. at Best Western Ruidoso Inn, 97 Camelot Dr. Call Josie at 378-5621.

**Prepared Childbirth Classes:** 7 p.m. at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors. 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.)

**Rotary International.** Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club; 11:45 a.m. at the Cree Meadows Country Club. Call Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

**Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club:** 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411 or 257-6188.

**Ruidoso Garden Club:** 9:45 a.m.

at various locations. Joyce, 258-4663.

**Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club;** 11:30 a.m. for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. 257-2776.

### Wednesday, April 21

**LEPC** meeting; 1:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

**Parks and Recreation Department** meeting; 6:30 p.m., at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397.

**American Legion Robert J. Hagee** Post 79; 6 p.m., American Legion Building, U.S. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs. 336-7758.

**Children's TeamKids** Discipleship Program; 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m., First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive. For children 4 years old to 6th grade. 257-2081, or on the Web at [www.fbcruidoso.com](http://www.fbcruidoso.com).

**La Junta F.C.E.;** 10:45 a.m. at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. (505) 653-4718.

**Optimist Club** (Friends of Youth); noon at K-Bob's Steakhouse. New members always welcome. 257-5938 or 258-9218.

**The Party Bridge Group;** 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 336-4808.

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# Forest Service shows off new Cedar Creek amenities



**Richard Carlson**, recreation land staff for the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, stands in front of the new modern restrooms and bear-proof trash bins at the Cedar Creek picnic area now open to the public.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Richard Carlson was beaming Friday as he anticipated the culmination of eight months of work.

The new picnic tables, parking, shelters, camp host site, restrooms and bear-proof trash bins at the Cedar Creek picnic grounds were scheduled to be showcased to the public Saturday for an annual Easter egg hunt.

And despite a cold drizzling rain that turned into a snow storm, about 400 people turned out for the egg hunt staged by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service.

Marianne Gould, forestry technician and the head of fire prevention with the Smokey Bear Ranger District, said, "It was kind of raining when we started and it turned to snow — about two inches. It was wonderful. I'm sure if someone went up there today they could find some eggs that were missed under the snow."

"We didn't let it bother us. We just put a plastic cover on Smokey's hat and off we went." Carlson, district recreational lands staff, said the \$259,000 improvement project at the popular picnic area on Cedar Creek Drive started last summer, but use was limited until the district signed off with the contractor.

"That price covered everything — roads, pavilions, the host sites, tables, grills, pads,

restrooms, new parking above and below by the (large) pavilion, water and sewer," he said.

The restrooms are roomy with hand blowers and small heaters for colder weather to keep pipes from freezing. A utility room in the back of the building allows easy access to the plumbing.

Handicap parking was added throughout the site and by the big shelter, Carlson said. The grills are for charcoal only.

"They are not fireplaces. No wood, please," he said. "A couple of times this winter, we found people built bonfires on the pads under the grills and were roasting marshmallows with their kids. We hate to say don't do that, but don't."

New is a cluster of tables for group get-togethers.

Several people have applied for the job of camp host, but no one has been hired yet, Carlson said. The host site would accommodate a large recreational vehicle with electric, water and sewer, a covered pavilion and a place to park a car. The host would serve April through November until heavy snow starts, or longer if they want and the weather is right, he said.

"They have to greet the public and tell them the do's and don'ts," Carlson said. "They have to close the door in the evening about 9 p.m. and open it about 7 a.m. or 8 a.m."

The picnic area is for day use only, he said. The main shelter with separate parking is a fee facility and rents for \$25 a day for group use.

## LCSWA recycling could be bad for budget

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although he was pleased to hear that the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's recycling program is growing, member Leo Martinez cautioned against too much success.

Martinez, who represents the county commission on the garbage collection coalition of the county and its municipalities, said although recycling saved on the cost of transportation, dumping fees at the regional landfill and space at the Orogrande site, too much of a good thing could hurt.

The authority is a partner in the regional landfill operated by the city of Alamogordo in Otero County. Significantly cutting tipping fee revenue to the landfill might impact that operation's financial bal-

ance, he said.

Since it opened, the landfill has posted annual excess revenue, allowing members to use an environmental gross receipts tax for other related activities instead of being used to pay off the landfill construction debt.

"I'm more for recycling than hauling to the landfill, but we also have to be aware of the impact," Martinez said Tuesday. "For instance, with water rationing in Albuquerque, people are using less water and rates have to go up to compensate. We shouldn't be penalized for recycling, but we have to be aware of how we can offset the impact."

Although at a recent joint meeting of the authorities in Otero and Lincoln counties, the landfill appeared in good financial health, Martinez said Ingle should be looking at the possibility of future tipping fee

increases as recycling grows. Possibly some of the income from recycling could be funneled into that category or the environmental tax revenue could supplement, he said.

During a report last month, Ingle said the recycling operation saved the authority more than 74 trips to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo, equating to about \$18,550 in trucking expense and \$18,945 in tipping fees.

The recycling effort exceeded limits of a convenience station, which is the authority's current classification and is allowed only 25 tons a day.

"We did 27," she said. "We moved a lot of recycling waste off this little location."

Ingle said she constantly searches for new recycling markets and in March signed up the village of Ruidoso as a recycling partner.

## SNOW: Spring moisture keeping village above normal

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"I'd like to see this continue," he said. "It's like a budget. It's great to receive a paycheck, but if it's been a long time since the last one, you're still in the hole. This will help in the short term, but we need much more."

All the extra moisture allowed the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest around Ruidoso to drop the wildfire danger to low.

According to the Natural

Resource Conservation Service's New Mexico Basin Outlook Report for April 1, although March precipitation was 124 percent of average, the stream flow forecast estimates 68 percent of average, or 5,000 acre feet, to run off between March and June in the Rio Ruidoso, as measured at the Hollywood station. An acre foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water.

The snowpack in the Rio Hondo Basin was at 45 percent of average before the late snow

storm last week, said Dan Murray with the NRCS.

"Last year at this time, April 12, there was 6.6 inches of water in the snowpack and this year, we have 8 inches," Murray said. "We're at 84 percent of normal. Last year, April 1 was the season's peak at 12 inches. This year we hit 11 inches on March 15 and it went down from there, until the storms and then it came back up."

Even better is a comparison to the precipitation for the pre-

vious water year with the current one that started Oct. 1, 2003. This year now stands at 125 percent of normal, jumping from 104 percent on April 1, he said.

"This is good news for New Mexico," Murray said. "One of our (other) sites jumped from 50 percent of normal to 100 percent. It's been wonderful."

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### Christian school sign up

Registration for the newly formed Sierra Blanca Christian Academy will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Nazarene Church and in the lot across the street from Wal-Mart. Classes will be for kindergarten through eighth grade. For more information, visit [www.sbchristianacademy.org](http://www.sbchristianacademy.org), or call Devon Marshall at 257-2328. A refundable application fee of \$50 will be applied to the registration fee.

## ENMU: Miller pleased with support

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and he hopes it will go on the agenda as an action item — to decide the fate of ENMU-Ruidoso as a branch campus. If no decision is made, it will have to wait until the October meeting because there is no September meeting, Miller said.

That is the latest that it can be acted on in time for a legislative proposal for January 2005.

"I feel real good about the community support. A number of students chose to write letters, a number of general citizens and community members and a number of civic clubs wrote letters," he said. "We

ended up with about 40 letters of support and eight or nine resolutions from boards, councils and commissions. The breadth is real good; it shows the diversity of the interest and what they think this could do for the community."

Miller referred to media reports of new census data showing Lincoln County has moved from the fourth to the second place in the state in terms of rapid growth, and said this will go into the plan to show more significant growth than was predicted in earlier drafts.

On March 31, at the first

ENMU Board of Regents meeting in Ruidoso in several years, Regent Blaine Hess told the audience that the regents had passed a resolution on March 22 supporting the effort to make ENMU-Ruidoso a branch campus.

Miller began talking up the idea in Santa Fe in January and since then has spoken to village councils, school boards and civic organizations. Increased state and federal funding, the ability to go to voters to build more college facilities, and increased degrees and courses, are some of the benefits he suggested.

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# RUIDOSO NEWS OPINION

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## RUIDOSO NEWS

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### OUR OPINION

## Remembering a man and his Harley

Former Ruidoso publisher Ken Green dies of ALS at 65

His many friends in Ruidoso weren't surprised last week when they learned of the death of J. Kenneth (Ken) Green, owner and publisher of the *Ruidoso News* from 1975 to 1989.

Most of them had known for years that Green had contracted ALS (the so-called Lou Gehrig's Disease) in 1998, 10 years after selling the *Ruidoso News* and other New Mexico newspapers in which he had an interest.

That diagnosis brought Green, and wife Mary Lois, back to his old hometown, Artesia. Joining with younger brother Walt, they bought the newspaper their father had owned for many years. Green died there April 7 at the age of 65.

A motorcycle enthusiast,

some months after learning of his illness Green decided to undertake a ride he'd considered for years — a solo tour of the boundaries of the United States on his Harley.

He did it — complete with a digital camera, laptop computer, and a Web site to keep his friends informed — through coastal Texas, the Gulf Coast, the eastern seaboard, then across the northern tier of states to Washington, down the West Coast, and finally home through Arizona.

A newspaperman for most of his working life, Ken Green — as was his father before him — was a member of the New Mexico Press Association Hall of Fame.

His years in Ruidoso were marked by changes which he helped bring about. He will be missed.

## A message to New Mexico from God

I heard a lot of you talking about me last week. That was good. No surprise, though. You always do during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. As well you should. Look what I did for you.

Some of you folks, Easter Sunday is about the only time I see you. You get all prettied up and dandified. I guess you think I'll notice you more if you get all gussied up in your fancy clothes. I don't. Frankly, I'd like to see you more often, even if you are wearing tattered jeans and flip-flops.

(STOP that! Excuse me. The Archangel Michael got himself a fit of the giggles. He thinks I just made a John Kerry joke. I didn't. I am taking no position in that race no matter what you might hear from the pulpit.)

You New Mexicans are good people. I pay a lot of attention to you. Sometimes you puzzle me, though. Like, why in the world won't your State Legislature pass a law saying schools are allowed a minute of silence?

I mean, every time it comes up, like it did when Sen. Vaughn of Alamogordo tried to push it through, you let those folks from the American Civil Liberties Union babble on about unconstitutionality and unconstitutionality. Give me a break.

You have a moment of silence and a kid prays to me. Where's the harm in that? My problem is that most of the youngsters' minds will be wandering all over the place. But let me handle that. I'll work with those kids. Although, to be honest, teenagers are tough. Sometimes I think I am talking to the wall.

By the way, I don't hate the ACLU the way most of you do. Separation of church and state makes sense. The place to learn about me is in your homes and in your faith communities. Arm a kid with the truth, and he'll pray at school whether it is official or not.

All this stuff about "under God" in the Pledge amuses me. You

guys have had been reciting "under God" for 50 years, a half century of degradation. When it comes to major-league sinning, you make ancient Babylon look like a church picnic. What good has reciting "under God" done you?

I mean, look at your TV shows. When "under God" started, *Happy Days*. Now, after 50 years of "under God," *Friends*. Like, duh.

Having "under God" in there isn't going to hurt anybody, but it isn't going to save anybody either. You can say "under God" all day long, but if you don't preach and live moral principles, it is all form rather than substance.

Same with this business about the Christmas Nativity scene hassle. Like, heavens (pardon the pun), but all the Nativity Scenes in the world aren't going to transform your world if your people don't walk with me on a daily basis.

Now, as to your questions about that column fellow, Cantwell. I don't know what to tell you. I just look at him and wonder: What was I thinking?

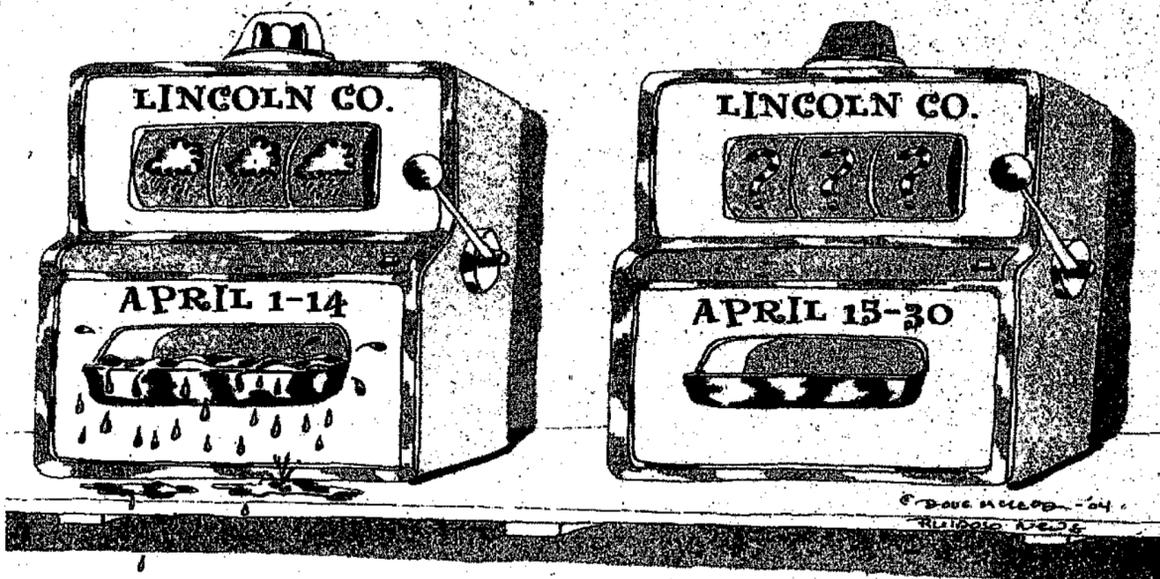
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### YOUR OPINION

## 'A white elephant we can't afford'

To the editor:

In the four and a half years we have lived in Ruidoso, I've learned that in some circles it's almost considered blasphemy to criticize the Zagonas. Joe and his lovely wife, Joan, are virtual icons here in Ruidoso. I can't argue about most of the facts in Joe's April 7 letter, but I must take exception to some of his conclusions.

For example, Mr. Zagone, if you believe that drug dealers who operate meth labs here in Lincoln County will cease and desist if we have a local Community Center, then I've got a bridge on the moon I'm going to sell you! Dealers will probably only use the Center for a place to make a few quick sales to the kids and young adults hanging out there.

I also fail to see how a Community Center will lower the number of drowning victims here in Lincoln County. And Joe, I would like for you to explain to your humble readers how a Community Center will reduce the amount of fornication and subsequent bastardy here in Ruidoso.

The people of Ruidoso voted down the center by a wide margin two or three years ago...

One quick question, Joe: What part of "no" don't you understand? Why is it that we free-born sovereign individuals who live here always have to be wary of movers and shakers with an agenda like you, who are always trying to "sneak the sun past the rooster"?

The easiest thing in the world to do is spend someone else's money. Slimy politicians learned that eons ago. Many people who live here are retired and are living on fixed incomes/pensions. Our

taxes are way too high and growing every year.

The Bostonians threw the tea in the harbor in 1773 when the overall tax rate got up to 10 percent. Our taxes today, including all the hidden taxes, are in the area of 50 percent! Sorry Joe, this is one white elephant we can't afford.

Charles Jones  
Ruidoso

### A salute by 15 artists

To the editor:

On behalf of the 15 artists who took part in the annual High Mesa Artists Studio Tour last weekend in Nogal, Jan and I would like to thank the entire community for supporting this event. Hundreds of folks braved the inclement weather, making their way along Loma Grande's muddy and well-rutted roads to share in our artistic expression — and yes, by golly, even to purchase a fair bit of our work. This art event would not have been possible without financial assistance provided from the Lincoln County Lodger's Tax, so we are all thankful for that source of support. We artists also thank the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club for serving such a tasty lunch. A special thanks, too, goes to Richard Rumpf for his tireless efforts in spearheading this year's tour.

Dave and Jan Houser  
Nogal

### What student criticism?

To the editor:

I am writing ... in regard to the article

### GUEST COMMENTARY

## Lodge owners do have an interest in the lodgers tax

BY DOUG McALISTER  
LINCOLN COUNTY LODGERS ASSOCIATION

After reading some of the recent ... guest commentaries, it seems that there is a great misrepresentation and, unfortunately, misrepresentation for our local (lodge operators, or "lodgers.") The lodgers of Lincoln County are a large group of hard-working entrepreneurs who make every effort to provide their guests good quality accommodations during their visit to our area. We spend much of our time providing information to our guests on things to do and see while in the area. We ... promote our "mountain paradise" each and every day!

I feel it necessary to represent and also defend our local lodgers with some facts that others seem to overlook or refuse to see about lodger's tax. Let me begin by saying "Lodgers Tax"... two simple words that seem to create major conflict in our village. Ruidoso is now the third-highest collector of lodgers tax revenue in the state of New Mexico. All lodgers in Ruidoso are required by law to collect 4.25 percent on all reservations that do not exceed 30 consecutive days. Lodgers are only collectors of lodgers tax funds, but it is important for our local citizens to know

that when we collect these funds, most are paid with credit cards.

Lodgers absorb credit card fees as high as 3 percent on each ticket that is run through their credit card machine. Lodgers will collect close to \$1 million in lodger's tax revenue over the next year, (and) therefore, they will lose close to \$30,000 in credit card fee, which the village does not reimburse.

According to state law, lodgers tax is to be collected and used for the promotion of tourism. Nowhere does it state that lodgers tax dollars be used for salaries or to support non-profit organizations.

Ruidoso has a Lodgers Tax Committee, which administers lodgers tax dollars and advises the Village Council as to the distribution of these dollars.

It is critical that all requests for lodgers tax funds go through this committee. The lodgers of Ruidoso and Lincoln County have invested millions of dollars in their establishments and continue to work very hard to promote tourism.

I find it very frustrating that people often attempt to take advantage of lodgers tax funds to benefit their own needs instead of the needs of our com-

... April 7, "Martinez's lesson plan criticized," I thought I was in that class the day Mr. (Leo) Martinez subbed for our instructor. I find it amazing that "several students" criticized the lesson plan, when in fact the class began to ask Mr. Martinez questions before he could conduct a lesson plan. What was he supposed to do? Stand there and say "duh" or respond with "I can't answer that question?"

The last time I checked I still lived in the USA. Do we not still have freedom of speech and the right to ask questions and have them answered in the higher halls of learning?

We are studying Lincoln County history. Some of us asked about recent history and about county government. Mr. Martinez answered our questions, and I found it very common-sense interesting. Mr. Martinez did not attack anyone, just answered our questions. Maybe these "several students" who ran to the Powers that Be could have addressed Mr. Martinez directly or could have spoken to our instructor when she got back. I think "these several students" (I doubt there were several) should get a life. I'm a senior citizen who, for one, loves this class and Lincoln County.

Mr. Martinez just added a great deal to this wonderful Lincoln County history class. Our instructor is just amazing. Everyone who lives here should take this class. This just smells very political to me. If Mr. Martinez's opinions differs from others, "viva la difference." Thank God this is still America.

B. J. Welch

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munity. It is very important that lodgers tax dollars be spent (wisely) on advertising, promoting and/or to support special events, which should increase tourism in Ruidoso and Lincoln County. Lodgers have begun to take a hard look at the direction of lodgers tax fund spending, since the management of these funds directly effect, not only lodgers, but every business in our community.

I support our local artists and will continue to show my support for their wonderful talent, hard work and beautiful fine art. I encourage local artists, art galleries and studios to support the Arts Commission, to help develop this organization and its events, to increase tourism in Lincoln County. I feel sure the Lodgers Tax Committee would support funding for advertising art-related events in Ruidoso and or Lincoln County.

Let's not forget, we are a tourist-driven community and our businesses would not succeed without tourism. Let's be sure our lodgers tax funds are spent wisely and as directed by the state ... which is to promote tourism!

Doug McAlister is president of the Lincoln County Lodgers Association

HERD THE WORD?



This herd of deer didn't seem to mind tree harvesting activity along Bonito Lake Road and foraged through the slash left behind. Crews will come back in to remove or use the material.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Ingle reaffirmed as LCSWA head

Action answers AG's order to correct earlier Open Meeting Act violations

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Following directions from the state Attorney General to cure violations of the Open Meetings Act surrounding the hiring of Debra Ingle as operations supervisor, members of the county garbage collection coalition reaffirmed the action last week.

Capitan Mayor Steve Sederwall first attempted a motion to re-advertise the position to eliminate any public perception of favoritism. Leo Martinez, county commission representative on the board of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, offered a second.

"I'm doing this as a courtesy because I'm always in a situation (on the commission) where my motions never are seconded for discussion," he told the mayor.

But board attorney Angie Schneider-Cook said the only item on the agenda for the meeting was to reaffirm the hiring. If that fails, then other action could be scheduled on the agenda of the next meeting.

When Sederwall questioned the wording of the motion and if more action was needed to cure the violations, Cook said she spoke directly with assistant attorney general Lawrence Otero.

"I read him the wording of the motion," she said. "I have approval from the legal gods."

Several employees sat in on the meeting, having clocked out before they arrived. In response to a query from Sederwall, they said no one asked them to come, that they requested a chance to comment and chairman Don Coleman agreed.

They emphasized that the authority, a garbage collection and recycling coalition of the county and its municipalities, has run through many directors. Under Ingle, for the first time the operation is financially healthy, as an audit presented earlier in the meeting showed. Employees have better equipment, better pay and are proud of the way they keep the county garbage picked up, they said.

One employee said he didn't see why the issue of Ingle's hiring comes up again and again.

"I thought it was settled," he said. "I don't see how you can be hearing any complaints about service. So what's the problem?"

Sederwall said in talking to some other applicants for the job awarded to Ingle in November 2001, they felt the hiring review board favored Ingle from the start and discouraged them by down-playing the \$20,000 salary that later was doubled.

If that's the case, why didn't they file a complaint, the employee asked.

In his letter, Otero chastised the board for the handling of the hiring, and outlined how the violations could be cured, Cook said. Otero didn't indicate anything further would be required. He wanted more specific wording and adequate public notice, both of which were met this time, she said. The motion is not a retroactive hiring, but a reaffirmation of the hiring, she explained to Sederwall.

She suggested that the authority board adopt policies covering the hiring of the person in the top position to avoid future problems.

The mayor said his agenda for the current meeting doesn't reflect the reaffirmation item and questioned whether public notice was met this time. Cook said, an amended agenda was prepared and issued in time to meet requirements. The authority board was ordered to take the action immediately by the attorney general to cure the violations, she said.

The motion to reaffirm offered by Corona village clerk Cathy Perez, who was sitting in through a conference call, passed 3-1 with Sederwall voting against it. The representative from Carrizozo was absent and the representative from Ruidoso did not vote because that village's participation is limited to issues connected to the regional landfill.

Martinez said if the operation was in the red, as a businessman, he would side with Sederwall, but as long as Ingle performs well, she should stay in her job.

Under the 2002-2003 audit, Ronnie Hemphill congratulated the authority for its progress, saying no criticism or violations were listed and one cited in the previous year's audit was corrected. The coalition posted a positive cash flow with net income of \$191,719.

On her monthly budget report, Ingle said February ended with \$473,483 in the bank. At 67 percent of the year elapsed, revenues sat at 63 percent, expenses at 57 percent and payroll at 62 percent, she said.

Drainage improvements are coming, Downs officials say

BY MARTY RAGINE FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Recent rain in the region has reminded Ruidoso Downs residents of lingering drainage problems in the city.

Municipal Judge Harrold Mansell, speaking as a private citizen, castigated city officials at last week's council meeting for not responding quickly enough to a flooded area that developed the weekend of April 3-4 on North Parnell. He said water collecting in a depression measured 92 feet across and, in parts, 14 inches deep.

"I was disgusted," the 29-year resident said of "Lake Parnell."

He was especially concerned, he said, about the city's legal liability in case of a traffic accident.

"The water doesn't affect my lot in any way, shape or form," Mansell said. "The only way that it affects it is a lawsuit that could be filed against the City of Ruidoso Downs if somebody hit that water at a high rate of speed, being that deep."

Mansell said City Councilor Susan Garrett told him the following Monday that City Administrator John Waters was out checking on city roads and that somebody would respond to his concerns. "I waited for something to happen until noon and nothing happened."

City Clerk Carol Virden then told Mansell that Public Works Director Ken Mosley would investigate. "I never heard a word and I never really did see Mr. Mosley that afternoon," Mansell said.

"By 4:30 I was totally in shock. At 5 o'clock I was no longer in shock, I was mad."

Mosley replied that he was unable to immediately rectify the situation. "There were things we could do," he told the council, "but it was going to put water on somebody else."

Waters concurred. "If we take this water and ceremoniously (pump) it down

the street...you end up creating a lake on somebody's property or under somebody's house, and unfortunately, that will also create a lawsuit."

Waters explained that there is a long-term solution for this and other drainage problems in the Downs affecting such areas as North Central and River Lane.

"We have drainage problems all over town. We all have problems of water going the wrong way. This problem wasn't created overnight and I can't fix it overnight. I don't blame Judge Mansell for the problem in front of his house. I don't blame him for being upset about it. It's there. It's real. And we have identified it. It is our top priority. It's in the first project we have for a many, many-phased drainage project."

Grant money has been allocated towards the drainage master plan, he added.

"(Parnell) is in our CBDG grant that will be taken care of this year. We have some right-of-way issues to work out. We fully anticipate starting that project early this year and getting it done hopefully by the end of this year."

Until a permanent solution is in place, Waters advocates barricading Lake Parnell from traffic during heavy rainstorms. "Then, after the storm stops, go out with a pump and pump it out into an area that's safe."

But the city will not fill in the Parnell depression, he said. "We will create all kinds of issues if we build that road up. I guarantee you, people are going to point to the fact that, 'That ditch was there before and it was just fine and it wasn't affecting my house but all of a sudden (water) is underneath my house and it's ruined my foundation.' They will remember the fact that we went out and built the road up."

Such a road buildup would go against the advice of the city's engineering consultants.

Farmers, ranchers should see tax relief

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Farmers and ranchers nationwide will receive more than \$4 billion in federal income tax relief in 2004 from provisions outlined in the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, an agricultural economist says.

"President Bush is committed to promoting growth and creating job opportunities in America's agricultural industry," Rick Lopez, executive director for the New Mexico Farm Service Agency, said Friday. "The 2003 Act helps New Mexico's farming and ranching operations remain viable and competitive in the global agricultural market."

The legislation offers several benefits for the state's farmers and ranchers, he said. It accelerates the 2001 Tax Relief Act scheduled to be phased in over the next several years and expands the 10 percent

tax bracket from \$12,000 to \$14,000 for joint returns and \$6,000 to \$7,000 for single taxpayers. It reduces the marginal tax rates, increases the standard deduction and increases the child tax credit from \$600 to \$1,000, Lopez said.

About one-third of all U.S. farm households and more than half of all households with a farmer or rancher over 65 receive taxable dividend income. Under the 2003 Act, these dividends paid to individuals are taxed at 15 percent, or 5 percent for taxpayers in the lower income tax brackets.

The 2003 Act also reduces the tax rate on capital gains to 15 percent or 5 percent for lower tax brackets on sales after May 6, 2003. Capital gains are an important component of income for many agriculture producers, Lopez said.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, 40 percent of all farmers report capital gain. On

average, the amount of capital gain is nearly 50 percent higher than for all other taxpayers.

The 2003 Tax Relief and Reconciliation Act increases the bonus first year depreciation and the amount of investment that can be expensed for farm machinery and equipment.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture officials say farmers and ranchers will benefit because of simplified record keeping and better opportunities for capital investments including machinery and equipment purchases.

"As New Mexico struggles through drought and other hardships, these tax benefits will provide more take-home pay to our hard working farmers and ranchers," Lopez said. "More than 86 percent of all farm household in the U.S. will receive some form of tax relief in 2004 as a result of the 2003 Act."

LETTERS: Praise for the Carrizozo School Board

FROM PAGE 4A

School board backing

To the editor:

Ninety percent of all good things that happen at schools are due to the students and their parents, and to the teachers and staff that work diligently for and with their students.

Carrizozo School is a great school because of the students, parents and staff.

Carrizozo schools are fortunate to have a good staff. The teachers do their job daily by teaching the children the necessary skills to "meet and exceed" standards and to support each student's journey towards academic excellence and lifelong

learning.

Thank you, to all the staff. Our community has supported the school district by passing Two Mill Levy and General Obligations Bonds.

Thank you, to our community.

The other 10 percent required to make a school successful is due to the administration and the school board. Carrizozo Schools are fortunate to have a good school board. Our board and present/past administration have successfully applied for and received state funds to remodel all the school buildings and also received funds to build the new pre-school industrial arts center, which is going to further make

this community proud.

All of these efforts have been led by Mr. Steve Harkey, with support from the rest of the board members. Our board of education is a group of dedicated community individuals who represent the students and staff. They follow the laws and statutes of the state of New Mexico. They do not deserve to be criticized; they should be commended for sticking to the laws under duress. They do not owe apology to anyone!

Thank you, to our board of

education.

A big "thank you" to the parents who continuously support our school and the decisions that have to be made.

God bless us ... every one!  
Sergio Castañon  
Superintendent,  
Carrizozo Schools

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# EDUCATION

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### 'Shadow Day' coming

Eighth-graders from Ruidoso Middle School are making the rounds of businesses looking for mentors for Job Shadow Day, Wednesday, April 21, when they will "shadow" them to try out various careers.

### Screening coming up

Child Find Developmental Screenings and kindergarten registration will be at Capitan Municipal School District from 9 a.m.-noon today and at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center in Ruidoso from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday. Hondo's screening will be from 9-11 a.m. April 23.

### New NMSU grad

Erik Padilla, a Ruidoso High School graduate, recently graduated from New Mexico State University. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration and hotel management/tourism. He is working on his master's degree in business at NMSU. He is the son of Jack and Kathy Orio of Alto.

### Summer school near

Registration for the 2004 summer session at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso is underway at the college offices, 709 Mechem Drive, or at [www.ruidoso.edu](http://www.ruidoso.edu) at "Web Registration." Advisors are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Financial aid is available in summer sessions for students with remaining eligibility.

A limited amount of financial aid is also available for students applying for the first time. Continuing students or those who have already been accepted for enrollment can register online through June 7, the first day of summer classes.

ENMU-Ruidoso will offer its Texas student tuition rate of \$30 per credit hour again this summer.

Numerous courses eligible for academic transfer to other colleges and universities in Texas are being offered.

For more information, call 257-2120 or (800) 934-3668.

### Special scholarships

The Alto Hombre Gordito Hideout Scholarship's aim is to stimulate and motivate high school students to continue their education, to add continuously a palette of new skills, to never stop learning, to pursue their dreams and to build confidence in their academic and social qualities.

The scholarship endeavors to support at least three scholarships of \$1,000 for high school students on postgraduate courses. The scholarships are payable in portions of \$500 per semester. Each year a student may re-apply for a scholarship.

The scholarship pays for academically enriching experiences such as college and course fees.

Scholarships will be awarded to those qualified applicants thought best able to contribute to the development of their country not only by becoming leaders, decision-makers or opinion-formers, but also by their courage and power to reinvent and be creative.

College students who graduated from a high school in the Ruidoso area and are interested in a scholarship or those who have received a scholarship in a previous year, need to complete the application form for college students and submit it to Alto Hombre Gordito Hideout: <http://www.hombregordito.com/scholarship.html>

### NMSU honorees

New Mexico State University students who named to the fall 2003 semester dean's honor roll from Ruidoso and the surrounding areas include:

College of Agriculture and Home Economics: Lucie Anastasia Butler (Ruidoso Downs), Michelle Anne Cannella-Johns (Alto) and Erik L. Padilla (Alto).

College of Arts and Sciences: Jennifer Lynn Cannella (Alto) and Kaycee Camille Gilson.

College of Business Administration and Economics: De Ann Genevieve Shade (Alto).

Community College: Delana Kalyon Beaky (Alto), Jessica Lynn Kampsky (Ruidoso Downs) and Hjalmar Merino (Mesalero).

College of Education: Ashlee Lynn Cilleasen (Alto) and Jessica Elizabeth Hightower (Alto).

To be named to the dean's honor roll, a student's grade point average must rank within the top 15 percent of the college enrollment. The student must be carrying a minimum of 12 hours on a regular grading scale.

## ELEMENTARY HONORS

**White Mountain Elementary**  
**A Honor Roll, 3rd Nine Weeks**  
 3rd Grade: Mrs. Jan Enzor's class: Hannah Denney, Juliann Lamb, Madigan Gonzales, Sawyer Miller, Taylor McAlister, TyLynn Smith; Mrs. Jennifer Hair's class: Barbara Welch; Mrs. Jennifer Johnson's class: Caroline Allen, Trevor Fowler, Martha Herrera, Samantha Huelstman, Alexis McClain, Mitchell Perry; Mrs. Roberta Roser's class: Esthania Gonzalez, Shomari Vaughns; Mr. Gary Stamper's class: Brittany Bury, Ryan Francis, Ryan Parsons, Alana Sanchez, Brandi Tillman, Kaelan Tobin; Mrs. Melvina Torres' class: Jason Nevarez; Mrs. Jane Tully's class: Avonlea Schamber, Andria Shackelford.

**A/B Honor Roll, 3rd Nine Weeks**  
 3rd Grade: Mrs. Jan Enzor's class: Tyler Akers, Cody Dawson, Jonathan Dunn, Cheyanne Lanik, Melissa Mota, Aaron Shalley, Spencer Sedillo, Bobby Ray Serna, Alexa Vasquez, Destri Vincent; Mrs. Jennifer Hair's class: Isabella Amezcua, Melinda Collier, Raven Davis, Emilio Grado, Trevor Hoyle, Oriana Page, Felicia Polanco, Heather Pollock, Alie Thompson; Mr. Ron Hardeman's class: Rinku Bhakta, Samantha Bailey, Cindra Hara, George Klinekole, Brennon Moorhead; Mrs. Jennifer Johnson's class: Dylan Volgardsen, Jeremiah Wheeler, Kelby McKibben, Nicole Herrera; Mrs. Roberta Roser's class: Ismail Cook, Kaylen Chavez, Alicia Guervo, Emily Snidow, Rachelle Kane, Dan McNulty, Jericho Testerman, Savannah Waters; Mr. Gary Stamper's class: Cody Austin, Tiffany Bartels, Kayla Belin, Michael Bolthausen, Chance Farus, Aysia Flores, Keenan Kane, Jordyn Kayitah, Kathryn Kinder, Kathryn Newsome, Arianna Otero, Garrett Thompson, Travis Tillman, Leandra Trujillo; Mrs. Melvina Torres' class: Carlos Carreon, Daisy Cuevas, Edgar Medina, Ariana Montelongo, Alejandro

Navarro, Jose Soto, Armando Gomez, Brenda Gandarilla, Berenice Callegos, Alex Aldavaz; Mrs. Jane Tully's class: Eizaca Herrera, Bruce Klinekole, Walker Morrow, Jessica Myers, Julia Robinson, Ryan Yaksich.

**A Honor Roll, 3rd Nine Weeks**  
 4th Grade: Mrs. Susan Carter's class: Alex Barleen, Lauren Flores; Mrs. Nancy Donaldson's class: Jason Waddell; Ms. Bethany Jarrrell's class: Jazzy Germany, Brandon Lewis, Rudi Lugo; Mrs. Becky Johnson's class: Beth Kenyon; Mrs. Molly Long's class: Anali Bonilla, Lorely Enriquez, Maritza Nava; Mrs. Rosana Sanchez's class: Mary Calderon; Mrs. Nan Wierwille's class: Cody Baumann, Sam Freed, Abbey Kipp, Meghan Smith, Taylor Vuicich, Sam Williams

**A/B Honor Roll, 3rd Nine Weeks**  
 4th Grade: Mrs. Cheryl Bishop's class: Darrin O'Toole; Mrs. Susan Carter's class: Eliot Arrowsmith-Lowe, Tanner De Soto, Chance Irons, Amelia Luera, Cara McCasland, Nolan Paul, Katie Strecker, Jared Taylor, Brittanie Vega, Stephanie Wood; Mrs. Nancy Donaldson's class: Lauren Baea, Kayla Dobbs, Cheyenne Gomez, Michael Harris, Colorado Mangos, Amanda Montes, Tony Nanz; Mrs. Terri Flores' class: Tyler Coleman, Angel Garcia, Breanna Herrera, Tessa Talamo; Ms. Bethany Jarrrell's class: Alexandra Clark, Nataasha Davalos, QueAnna Franks, Jeromos Gonzales, Kyle Herrera, Andrea Huerta, Sean O'Reilly, Shelby Slaton, B.J. Zumwalt; Mrs. Becky Johnson's class: Jose Arjona, Candace Christopher, Talisha Love, Bonner Patton, Morris Kanseah, Masey Tisonalhtos; Mrs. Molly Long's class: Sarah Cordenas, Beto Fernandez, Andrea Yezerino; Mrs. Rosana Sanchez's class: Nora Castillo, Roberto Hernandez, Cesar Ortiz, Jesus Villalba; Mrs. Nan Wierwille's class: Manuel Blackmon, Warren McCracken, Patrick Trotter



Staff from Holloman Air Force Base visited RMS to talk about careers in the military to a full room of seventh-graders. Shown here are, from left, Blair Carlson, who works on jet exhaust systems, and Craig Kramer, who works with personnel.



Erika Herrera, a seventh-grader, dips her hands in wax as part of a hands-on demonstration of the process of exfoliation.

## Kids consider tomorrow

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso seventh-graders had something to think about over the long weekend: future careers.

On Thursday before the holidays, they spent the entire day learning about various careers and how to conduct a job interview, said teacher Judy Morris, who coordinated Career Day, along with Carolyn Stover.

"This morning they learned how to go through a job interview, dress properly, and then they signed up for what they wanted to study for a job," Morris said.

Teachers volunteered to give presentations, lead workshops or invite

speakers to cover a wide spectrum of careers: human services, veterinary sciences, computers, medical related careers, aviation, business, science, fabric, media, the military, building trades and cosmetology.

"I want to be a movie star and a singer," said Sammi Bennett. "And a pro athlete."

"I want to be a teacher," said Bridgett Lugo.

"They love this," Morris said, about their sampling of various occupations during the afternoon, although at least partly because they were able to choose the four occupations they would learn about for themselves.

To kick-start their thinking, Michelle Perry led students in the

computer lab through researching vocations and colleges on the Internet. Although students probably didn't try their hand at flying in aviation class or operating on anyone in the medical-related class, they did try their hands at cosmetology in July Morris' class on that occupation — getting a first-hand feel for the process of exfoliation by doing a salt scrub and then dipping their hands in hot wax and peeling the wax off.

It was a special day and the seventh-graders seemed to enjoy a break from their routine classes to consider their futures.

"It's a fun day," Ron Bennett, principal, said. "At least they're thinking more than about tomorrow."

## More money per public school student coming next term

SANTA FE — More money will flow to public school students next year as a result of the 2004 legislative session.

The Public Education Department announced that the state's unit value — used to determine the amount of funds provided to each public school student for programs and services — is estimated at \$3,035.15, an increase of 2 percent, or \$58.95 over last year.

School districts rely on the unit value to establish their operating budgets each spring.

"The state is providing more money to schools facing significant growth, the appropriation for elementary arts funding has more than doubled and the state is completing the phase-in of full-day kindergarten so that every child is prepared to start first grade. Initiatives like charter schools are growing, with new grades added to existing charter schools each year," said Secretary of Education Veronica C. Garcia.

The PED is also projecting additional units in four major areas: the training and experi-

ence index, growth, the fine arts program and the final phase-in of full-day kindergarten implementation.

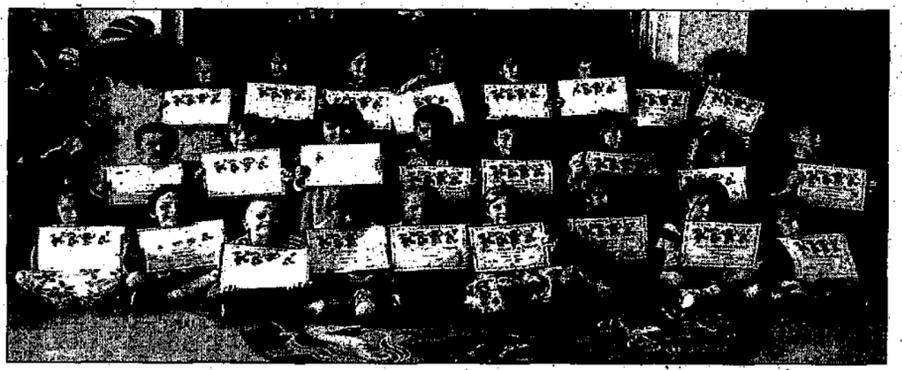
Garcia said the total num-

ber of units is projected to increase in fiscal year 2005 by 3.4 percent.

Public school students generate more than one unit

depending on factors such as whether they are in special education, in a high-growth district or in full-day kindergarten.

## NOB HILL GOOD CITIZENS FOR MARCH



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From left, back row, Colton Robertson, Shania Geronimo, Irene Bob, Antonio Chavez, Jorge Enriquez, Louis Lambert, Serina Robinson, Judy Portillo; middle row, Brandon Jenkins, Anna Birdsong, Kendra Klinekole, Andres Aguirre, Ulises Guereca, Shade Beckwith, Summer Rain Frizzell, Stephen Bates; front row, Zoee Wright, Jared Polock, Isaac Ogdan, Ariana McLeod, Josey Graham, Samantha James, Zion Chino, Brittney Herrera, Cristian Castro.

## SCHOOL MENUS

### Capitan Schools

Middle School, High School and adults choose one of two items listed for lunches; elementary students will be served the first item listed.

Wednesday, April 14 — Breakfast: Ham-bar, muffins, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Frito pie, chili cheese dog, carrot and raisin salad, fruit, fruit

Thursday, April 15 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Turkey pot pie, ham salad sandwich, green beans, fruit

Friday, April 16 — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Chix patty sandwich, burger/sandwich fixings, corn, fruit

Monday, April 19 — Breakfast: Quesadillas, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Campfire Café beans and cornbread, baked potato with chili and cheese, salad with dressing, fruit

Tuesday, April 20 — Breakfast: Hot cereal and toast, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Lasagna, steak fingers, roll, green beans, fruit

### Carrizozo Schools

Wednesday, April 14 — Breakfast: French toast sticks with

syrup, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, fries, rolls, peaches

Thursday, April 15 — Breakfast: Boiled eggs, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Pesto, crackers, veggie sticks, applesauce

Friday, April 16 — Breakfast: English muffin with jelly, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Ham sandwich, salad, pickle spear, chilled fruit

Monday, April 19 — Breakfast: Egg burrito, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Taco salad, pinto beans, peaches

Tuesday, April 20 — Breakfast: Oatmeal muffins, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Lasagna, rolls, salad, peaches

Ruidoso

Elementary schools

Wednesday, April 14 — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, apple half

Lunch: Pizza, corn, tossed salad, cookie, Orange Smiles

Thursday, April 15 — Breakfast: Biscuit and peanut butter, diced fruit

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, Tator Tots, fruit, salad, or Spike's Lunchable (chef salad)

Friday, April 16 — Breakfast: Cheerios, graham cracker, orange wedge

Lunch: Warrior Burger, seasoned fries, hamburger fixings, applesauce

Monday, April 19 — Breakfast: Cereal, graham cracker, dried peaches

Lunch: Spaghetti, corn, roll, mixed fruit

Tuesday, April 20 — Breakfast: Biscuit and peanut butter, diced fruit

Lunch: Chicken tender strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fruited Jell-O cup

Middle school

Wednesday, April 14 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, egg and potato burrito, biscuit and gravy

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with cheddar and chives, tossed salad, fruit, cookie

Thursday, April 15 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks

Lunch: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, tossed salad, chocolate cake, fruit

Friday, April 16 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, cheese quesadillas, scrambled eggs with toast

Lunch: Bean burrito, spicy fries, salad, fruit

Monday, April 19 — Breakfast: Donut, biscuit and gravy, manager's choice

Lunch: Dijon meatloaf, mashed potatoes with cheddar, spinach, roll, fruit

Tuesday, April 20 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, egg and potato burrito, biscuit and gravy

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with cheddar and chives, tossed salad, fruited Jell-O cup

High school

Wednesday, April 14 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, egg and potato burrito, biscuit and gravy

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with cheddar and chives, tossed salad, fruit, cookie

Thursday, April 15 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks

Lunch: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, tossed salad, chocolate cake, fruit

Friday, April 16 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, cheese quesadillas, scrambled eggs with toast

Lunch: Manager's choice

Monday, April 19 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, egg and potato burrito, biscuit and gravy

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with cheddar and chives, tossed salad, fruit

Tuesday, April 20 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and gravy, manager's choice

Lunch: Stuffed baked potato, salad, fruit, pudding cup

# Midkiff to try for District 3 county commission seat

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"Nora Midkiff said she decided to run for the District 3 Lincoln County Commission seat because she wants to protect the quality of life that attracted most of the people who moved to the area."



Midkiff

"My platform is to conserve and protect the quality of life that attracted most of us to make our homes here," said the 19-year-old, who in her first run for public office, faces incumbent Leo Martinez and challenger Tom Battin in the party's June primary. With no Democrat opposition, if a minority candidate doesn't sign up, the contest could be decided in the primary.

"Most of us are here because we think the environment is a treasure," she said. "We think it is a responsibility of our elected officials to protect our investments. Of course, we need to encourage economic sustainability so the community continues to stay economically healthy."

Decisions at a county level could affect residents long-term, she said. "Subdivisions can become parts of municipalities through annexation," she said. "Developing subdivisions that will become assets to the community, the county and municipalities, in the future, starts with careful attention to the subdivision regulations now."

Permanent residents must feel as welcome as visitors, she said.

"Water is finite," Midkiff said. "The supply will not grow just because our projected population grows. We already know where most of the water is. We cannot depend on fortunate 'new' discoveries. We cannot depend on

absence of drought.

"I am in favor of restoring, maintaining and preserving the sustainable yield of the ground water and the surface water (in the county). Flowing streams, creeks and springs are vital to the economic value we place on a healthy environment."

The balance between residential growth and the required water must be based on "living within our means," she said. "I favor an effort to budget our resources just as we do our money."

Instead of depending on new construction, more emphasis should be placed on upgrading existing lots and homes to beautify the community, she said.

"My qualifications to be your county commissioner come mostly from my on-the-job experiences in Douglas, Wyo., and in small measure from being raised in New Mexico with a hard-shake-is-your-bond work ethic," she said. "Having worked as a dispatcher

for the Douglas Police Department, I have a first-hand appreciation of the needs and responsibilities of our law enforcement agency."

Her former position as community education director for the Douglas School District and Eastern Wyoming Community College, and courses she took at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, helped her appreciate how well the instruction center serves the county, she said. During her time in Douglas, she was instrumental in bringing a new middle school bond issue to success.

On other issues, Midkiff said:

• She favors a county commissioner serving on the community board of the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso, and she thinks her experience with billing and collections in Douglas would help her improve the public perception of the quality of the Lincoln County Medical Center.

• She's been active in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, Hoofbeats (a

horse riding program for children) and PEO (a women's sisterhood).

In addition to jobs where she taught herself and flourished, she has volunteered on the Douglas Planning Commission, was president of the Douglas Chamber of Commerce and was appointed by the governor of Wyoming to the Converse County Commission for Women.

Midkiff was born in Roswell and raised on a ranch in Mora County. She raised three daughters in Douglas, worked at several key positions successfully and was married to a veterinarian there.

In 1995, a family illness brought her home to New Mexico, where she met her current husband, engineer Bill Midkiff. They live on Eagle Creek. Her husband's son, Dr. Dylan Midkiff and his family live here, and her brothers, Gary Singletary and Pete Thompson, are long-time local residents, as are her father, Roy B. Thompson, and his wife.

## Animal vaccination clinics are April 24

Vaccinations for rabies will be administered to Lincoln County dogs and cats during a series of clinics offered by local veterinarians on Saturday, April 24.

The first is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the settlement of Lincoln at the fire station. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., residents around Capitan can bring their animals to the Capitan Fire Station.

Shots will be available from 10 a.m. to noon at the White Mountain Drive Fire Station in Ruidoso or the Old Hondo Post Office on

U.S. 70 in Hondo.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., a clinic will be going on at the tennis court fire station in Ruidoso at the intersection of Sudderth Drive and Paradise Canyon.

In Ruidoso Downs, the clinic will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Downs Fire Station across from city hall. In Corona, the clinic is from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Corona Fire Station.

The time for Carrizozo has not been set, but the clinic will be staged at the Carrizozo Fire Station.

## Butts announces run for Lincoln County sheriff

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rocki Wheeler Butts says she was born into law enforcement.

"This is truly a calling and not just a job," the Republican candidate for Lincoln County sheriff said.

"My father, Jim Wheeler, retired from the Albuquerque Police Department to pursue his judgeship in Lincoln County. He was our magistrate judge in Ruidoso for 18 years and did an excellent job, not just because it was his job, but because he cared about (the public)."



Butts

Butts graduated from Capitan High School in 1974. She was employed as a dispatcher by the Ruidoso Police Department and hoped to pursue a law

enforcement career. In 1979, she moved to Santa Fe with the aim of entering the New Mexico State Police Academy while working as a dispatcher at State Police headquarters.

However, her plans were interrupted when she met then Sgt. William R. Butts, whom she married about a week after their first date 23 years ago.

Her husband now serves as Ruidoso magistrate judge and retired with the rank of captain from the State Police in 1988. He was first appointed to replace Wheeler by the governor 11 years ago and then was elected.

"This is important because I want you to know that I am definitely sheriff material," Rocki Butts said. "I have been in some aspect of accounting for 25 years and could handle a budget. I would be able to work well with the county commission. I am an extremely good negotiator. I care about you and this county. I promise to work hard to make this a safer community and a better place to live and

raise our families."

Living in a secluded area of the county, when Butts calls for a police officer, she needs one right away, she said.

"It will be a lengthy process, but I plan on dividing the county into districts and to place a deputy or two in each district," Butts said. "Wouldn't it be great to see a deputy at a school bus stop or just driving by your house. Each deputy will be familiar with the residents of their district."

Deputies will keep daily activity reports, will meet with her weekly and the response time goal to calls will be five minutes, she said.

"It is important that we are educated in all areas," Butts said. "Deputies should be able to conduct a crime scene investigation or investigate an accident. They will be able to issue citations if necessary, but not work traffic on the highway."

That's State Police territory, she said. Butts also emphasized the need for law enforcement agencies to work together harmoniously.

### FUNERALS DEATHS

#### James Murphy

Funeral services for James O. Murphy, 72, of Ruidoso Downs were Tuesday at LaGrone Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Mark Davis officiating, with burial following at the Fort Stanton Cemetery.

Mr. Murphy died Friday, April 9, 2004, in Albuquerque.

He was born Nov. 21, 1931, in Dallas, Texas.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of VFW Post 8919 in El Paso, the American Legion and the Elks Lodge. He was a retired truck driver and moved to Lincoln County June 10, 1985, from Dallas, Texas.

He was a Baptist. He married Betty Joy Lowry on July 7, 1982, in Durant, Okla., and she preceded him in death on Aug. 2, 2003.

Survivors include his mother, Jewel M. Fawbush, of Phoenix, Ariz.; sisters Ethel Stars of Sacramento, Calif., and Randie Cesiell-Kimbro of Phoenix; a brother, Albert Richard Fawbush, of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

#### Elouise Zumwalt

Private family services will be held at a later date for Elouise S. Zumwalt, 85, of McMinnville, Ore.

She died Friday, April 9, 2004, in Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville.

She was born March 18, 1919, in Roswell, to James and Anne B. Roche Graves.

Her family homesteaded in northern New Mexico. She moved to Nogal and married

Jack Zumwalt in 1936. She and her husband ran the local post office and Ranch Supply Company.

In 1945, she moved to Carlsbad. In the early 1950s she moved to Sheridan, Ore., until 1957, when she returned to Carlsbad.

In the mid-1960s she moved to the Salem, Ore., area and worked for Salem Memorial Hospital. Four years ago she moved to McMinnville.

Her hobbies included sewing, knitting, reading, gardening, flowers and going to the coast.

Survivors include sons Floyd Zumwalt of McMinnville and Warren Zumwalt of Spokane, Wash.; a daughter, Lynnette Zumwalt of Fort Worth, Texas; a brother, Jerry Graves, of Nogal; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Labonite; and a grandchild, Barry Blair.

#### Andrew 'Andy' Lopez

Services will be at a later date for Andrew "Andy" B. Lopez, 79, of Mescalero.

Mr. Lopez died Friday, April 9, 2004.

He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Mona J. Lopez, of Mescalero; sons Andrew Lopez Jr., Carlos Lopez and his wife, Teresa, John Frank Lopez and his wife Theresa, and Jaime Lopez and his wife, Birdie, all of San Angelo, Texas; a daughter, Matilda Kanseah and her husband, Jerry, of Mescalero; four sisters; a brother; 19 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; sons

Ricardo Lopez and Sammy Lopez; and grandsons Andrew Martin Lopez and Little Richard Lopez.

#### Miles Waldon

Services for Miles Edward Waldon, 67, were held at Harris-Hanlon Mortuary in Mountainair, with graveside services in Corona on April 6.

Mr. Waldon died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at the Heart Institute in Albuquerque.

He was born in Corona on April 23, 1936, the son of V.C. "Dutch" and Zanta DuBois Waldon, and the grandson of Corona pioneers Thomas M. and Eula Thompson DuBois.

He took great pride in growing up on the land that his great-grandfather, Franklin A. DuBois, had provided for the town site of Corona.

He loved football, basketball, track and woodworking. He graduated from Corona High school in 1955. He received a medical discharge from the Army at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1959, and later worked for the Rural Electric Cooperative in Mountainair.

He married Merlene Henry June 9, 1962. They lived 35 years in the Ewing area between Mountainair and Estancia, doing what he always wanted to do — farming and ranching.

Survivors include his wife, Merlene; a son, Neal, and his wife, Jessica Waldon; grandchildren Meriah and Justin Waldon; a sister, Sharon, and her husband, Jack Hefker; a brother, Reeves (Waldon) Jungkind; nieces Melody Hefker Gaines, Marcia Hefker Brower and Tomi Henry Lavender; nephews Justin Hefker and Tyson Henry; and his beloved classmates and many friends.

Education will hold a special work session at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, for a joint meeting with the Village of Capitan to discuss the baseball field. No action will be taken.

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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#### School board meeting

The Capitan Board of

RELIGION CORNER

# Don't punish the innocent with interlocks

You cannot fault Rep. Ken Martinez's desire to do something about the DWI problem in New Mexico, but it seems as though he is way off base with his proposed methodology.

Putting expensive ignition interlocks on every passenger car in New Mexico is certainly one method of dealing with the problem. But what will we do about pickups, trucks, busses, and off-road vehicles?

Believe me, I am against drunks driving, but requiring every vehicle, passenger or otherwise, to have the ignition interlock is way overboard. Perhaps Rep. Martinez was using psychology in asking for the ridiculous in order to get less — what he really wants — government control of the embarrassing and deadly destruction on our highways.

There are some positives with regard to

requiring ignition interlocks — tax credits and insurance premium reductions. The price for the units is going down. But, there are negatives as well: why punish the innocent for those who break the law?



Clary-fications  
BY CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Blowing in the device before the vehicle is started, blowing into it within three to 10 minutes, and then blowing into it every 30 minutes or so, takes the driver's mind and eyes off the road. And besides, if you forget, and your car stops in a hazardous driving situation, wrecks may be attributed to the device itself. And besides that, what is to stop one who has consumed alcohol from getting a sober friend to breathe into the device? While I do not understand the engineering and mechanics of such a device, there is always a way to get around it. So, what do we do? First, through the

legal system, punish the offenders to the full extent of the law — fines, jail time, removal of licenses, both driver's and vehicle's. The soft-hearted say, "They can't afford it," "How will they get to work?" "Who will provide for their families?" "Our jails will be overcrowded!" etc. We need to find out if they do work and support their families. Who knows? Their families might be better off with the drunk-driving offender in jail and not squandering meager family resources on alcohol.

Secondly, we need sound programs of education for our young and sound programs of rehabilitation for the problem drinkers. This choice for voters and for drinkers must be dealt with and soon. Otherwise there will be no help for today and no hope for tomorrow.

Remember, Jesus is our help for today and our hope for tomorrow.

Charles can be reached at helpandhope@zianet.com.

# Cleanup projects set for later this month

BY DUANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Volunteers will smear on rubbing alcohol to soothe their aching backs during the month of April as they participate in activities planned by the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee to celebrate the corresponding national recognition week.

Susan Lutterman, chairman of the local committee said April is a busy month for the group consisting of Jacque Craig, Bart Young, Keith Thomas and Carolyn Felder.

"For a committee as tiny as we are, I think we make a difference," Lutterman said.

Volunteers will join staff from the parks and recreation department at Liberty Gardens by the Kidz Connection Park off Hull Road Saturday to clean up the flower gardens and prepare the plants.

Starting at 8 a.m., April 24, employees and supporters of local banks challenge each other for who can pick up the most debris. The event kicks off at School House Park. After the work, hot dogs will be roasted and prizes given away, Lutterman said.

Leonard Corona and his solid waste department crew provide roll-offs for the cleanup, she said.

Also this month under a Community Give-Back program, Sierra Contracting will provide 50 cubic yards of compost to the public for free near the soccer fields at White Mountain school. The material will be easily accessible, Lutterman said.

Young added that every visitor and citizens looking for something to do can help any time of the year by picking up around their own homes and neighboring blocks.

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# Help kids achieve balance in work, play

**QUESTION:** Can you give us a guideline for how much work children should be given to do?

**DR. DOBSON:** There should be a healthy balance between work and play. Many farm children of the past had daily chores that made life pretty difficult. Early in the morning and again after school they would feed the pigs, gather the eggs, milk the cows and bring in the wood. Little time was left for fun, and childhood became a pretty drab experience.



Dr. James Dobson  
FOCUS ON THE FAMILY  
UNIVERSAL PAPER SYNDICATE

That was an extreme position, and I certainly don't favor its return.

Contrast that workaday responsibility with some families today that require nothing of children — not even asking them to take out the trash, water the lawn or feed the cat. Both extremes, as usual, are harmful to the child. The logical middle ground can be found by giving a boy or girl an exposure to responsibility and work, but preserving time for play and fun. The amount of time devoted to each activity should vary with the age of the child, gradu-

ally requiring more work as he or she grows older.

**QUESTION:** My 13-year-old daughter has become increasingly lazy over the past couple of years. She lies around the house and will sleep half a day on Saturday. She complains about being tired a lot. Is this typical of early adolescence? How should I deal with it?

**DR. DOBSON:** It is not uncommon for boys and girls to experience fatigue during the years of puberty. Their physical resources are being invested in a rapid growth process during that time, leaving less energy for other activities. This period doesn't last very long and is usually followed by the most energetic time of life.

I would suggest, first, that you schedule your daughter for a routine physical examination to rule out the possibility of a more serious explanation for her fatigue. If it does turn out to be a phenomenon of puberty, as I suspect, you should "go with the flow." See that she gets plenty of rest and sleep.

This need is often not met

because teenagers feel that they shouldn't have to go to bed as early as they did when they were children. Therefore, they stay up too late and then drag through the next day in a state of exhaustion. Surprisingly, a 13- or 14-year-old actually needs more rest than when he or she was 9 or 10, simply because of the acceleration in growth.

Your daughter is turning overnight from a girl to a woman. Some of the physical characteristics you are observing are part of the transformation. Do everything you can to facilitate it.

**QUESTION:** How can parents prepare their younger children for the assault on self-esteem that is almost certain to come in adolescence? That was a tough time for me, and I want it to be easier for my kids.

**DR. DOBSON:** One important approach is to teach boys and girls valuable skills with which they can compensate in years to come. They can benefit from learning something that will serve as the centerpiece of their self-concept during the difficult years. This would include learning about basketball, tennis, electronics, art, music, or even raising rabbits for fun and profit.

It's not so much what you

teach your child. The key is that he or she learn something with which to feel good when the whole world seems to be saying, "Who are you and what is your significance as a human being?"

The teenager who has no answer to those questions is left unprotected at a very vulnerable time of life. Developing and honing skills with which to compensate may be one of the most valuable contributions parents can make during the elementary school years. It may even be worth requiring your care-free kid to take lessons, practice, compete, and learn something he or she will not fully appreciate for a few more years.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

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# Resurrection hard for some to believe

**Q:** I'd like to be a Christian, but I have a hard time believing that Jesus rose from the dead. You see, I'm an intensive care nurse, and I know that once a person dies, that's the end. Maybe you can help me get past these doubts. — Mrs. K.W.



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**A:** The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the most important event in all history — and yes, incredible as it may seem, it really did happen.

In fact, it might interest you to know that one of the Gospels was written by a medical doctor (Luke). Like you, he knew that death is final and irreversible — and yet he also gave us one of the most extensive accounts of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Why? Because he had thoroughly investigated the evidence for Jesus' resurrection for himself and he knew only one conclusion was possible: Jesus had come back from the dead.

Why is the resurrection important? Why did God raise Jesus from the dead? One reason was to prove that Jesus was who He said He was: the divine Son of God, sent from heaven to save us from our sins. The Bible says that He "was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus

Christ our Lord" (Romans 1:4). The resurrection sets Jesus apart from every other person who has ever lived.

But the resurrection points to an even greater truth: Death has now been conquered! The grave is not the end, but heaven's doors are now open! Jesus is alive, and He wants to come into

your life today. Why not discover this great truth for yourself by turning to Christ today?

Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, P.O. Box 1270, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.

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# HOME & FAMILY

## scan and LIVE

Regular physical exams and relatively good health doesn't mean there's no problem—like colon cancer.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

He felt great; no symptoms that he couldn't ascribe to a routine problem suffered by many people. But William "Bill" McMurtry found out what he didn't know could have killed him.

"I had a heart attack in 1981, when I lived in Minnesota," McMurtry said. "I turned 36 in a hospital."

"Once you suffer a major trauma, you try to improve. I quit smoking and drinking, but I couldn't seem to beat food. I kept up with routine physicals."

But when McMurtry, the president of Ruidoso Luxury Homes LLC, scheduled a physical examination to renew his prescriptions, his physician, Dr. Daniel E. Raes, referred him for a colon scan after finding some fecal blood that McMurtry had attributed to hemorrhoids.

Dr. Shams Tabrez from the Digestive Disease Institute, a division of Southern New Mexico Medical Association in Roswell, handled the endoscopic procedure. McMurtry described him as "one of the most caring physicians I've ever worked with."

Although McMurtry now lives in Ruidoso, he previously owned a General Motors Nissan-Jeep-Kia dealership in Roswell with his son.

"I got into the business at 18 or 19, and it's high stress," he said. At that time, he lived in Rochester, Minn. From there, he moved in 1986 to Albuquerque and in 1994, purchased the Roswell dealership with his son. In 2001, GM officials approached them with a buy-out offer and they sold the dealership back to the company.

"I had just completed the Time Square Shopping Center (in mid-town Ruidoso) in 2000 and I enjoyed that," McMurtry said. "I felt I was too young to retire and we returned to Ruidoso in the construction business."

"I purchased the fourth phase of the Racquet Court condominium project and started construction in 2002. We built five units and are starting seven more under Ruidoso Luxury Homes."

Moving to Lincoln County unfortunately put the McMurtrys in the path of the 2002 Kokopelli Fire that destroyed 29 homes, mostly in the first few hours of the wind-driven blaze.

"Ours was the one they kept showing on CNN," he said. "We watched it burn to the ground on TV at the Alto Country Club. We lost everything, but we rebuilt and moved in again in October 2003."

At 58, and with a new home and successful business, McMurtry was feeling good.

He went in for the colon test on Dec. 16, 2003, and Tabrez found a tumor about the size of a golf ball that had perforated McMurtry's bowel.

"They were concerned that it may have spread," but a scan two days later showed no evidence of that, he said. "My children and I got on the Internet and looked for a good surgeon in Albuquerque because I'm on the Lovelace health plan. We both came up with the same name, Dr. William Syme."

McMurtry set a visit for Dec. 19, and told the surgeon he didn't want to wait and to move ahead with all pre-surgery requirements. He went into operating room on Dec. 22 and spent Christmas in the hospital.

"We moved everything to our son's house in

Albuquerque, tree and presents," McMurtry said.

The surgeon removed 15 inches of McMurtry's colon, barely a clip in the full 28.5 feet available in most human intestines, and then resected. While he didn't need a colostomy, 15 lymph nodes were removed and six came back positive for cancer. The vital organs all looked clean.

"They felt they got it all, but they recommended chemotherapy to ensure (recovery)," McMurtry said. He's now under the care of Dr. Mitchell Binder, an oncologist with Lovelace.

McMurtry was given the choice of the Mayo Clinic Plan, under which for six months, he receives chemotherapy for five days and then is off for three weeks, or he could have picked one day a week every week for eight months. At the start of each treatment, he is given an inhibitor drug that enables the chemo medication to attack cells.

"The side effects should be diarrhea, nausea, but no loss of hair," McMurtry said. "I've experienced a slight thinning, but no major loss. Patients are told they may be quite tired and should stay away from large groups because they are very susceptible to colds and flu."

"To date, I've experienced none. They think I'm a medical miracle." He took the chemotherapy in Albuquerque; treatment also is available locally.

Not that he doesn't take advantage of new medication to prevent nausea, recommended salt water oral washes and ice to prevent mouth sores, he said.

"Normally, the fifth day and the next couple, I'm very tired and I just stay in the house, relax, sleep and eat," he said. "From that point on, I seem to rejuvenate and produce enough blood cells to perk up. I wish it would happen to others that way."

His experience motivated many of his friends to schedule the cancer screening colon test, which consists of a camera being passed through the colon while a patient is under mild sedation, McMurtry said.



Bill McMurtry has learned that finding and treating colon cancer isn't the worst that can happen.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

### Finding the problem

Colon disease can be hideous and some of the symptoms vary unpredictably. It may be life threatening, according to the American Cancer Society, which says that in 2003, 150,000 people were diagnosed with the disease. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States.

McMurtry's initial medical trouble started at the University of New Mexico, where he was a graduate student. He was diagnosed with a tumor in his colon, which was removed. He then moved to New York University and his doctor there recommended he perform endoscopic procedures of the intestine, including the sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy. He said he was able to perform the procedure without surgical intervention.

Tabrez saw patients in Ruidoso for their gastrointestinal problems at the Ruidoso Medical Center. Patients may have their colonoscopy performed in Roswell or Ruidoso. For more information, call (505) 623-1442 or 1-888-383-4176.

"The biggest thing I can tell people is when the doctor tells you at 50 to have it, do it at 45," he said. "They told me the tumor had been growing for six to seven years because they grow so slowly, until they get to a certain stage and then they grow fast. I would have had total blockage in six months. They could barely get a scope through."

If after six months and another test, he receives the all-clear, he's good for another three years before a colon scan is required.

"If not (clear), I have to keep having them," he said. "I had no history in my family—only heart problems. My father died at 56."

Preparing for the test is not as "inconvenient" as in the past, he said. "There's nothing to it," he said. A gallon of fluid is mixed with a sugar-free lemonade that cleans out the colon.

"I didn't know they did it (the colon test) until it was over," he said. "You don't feel a thing. You could elect to be awake, but that's only for masochists."

"If anyone wants to talk to me about it, I'd be happy to discuss it. If you're debating whether to do it, it beats the alternative, which could be cancer surgery."

## looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

APRIL 16, 1954

### Valuable tree vandalized

Once again, vandals have visited the home of the H. E. Carters with a saw and cut down a valuable evergreen tree, a part of their lovely landscaping.

While the pair was in Arizona for the winter last year, vandals sawed down a large pine. This year while they were away, a beautiful silver spruce was sawed. They are offering a \$100 reward....

APRIL 17, 1964

### C of C directors chosen

Members of the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Chamber of Commerce this week marked mail ballots to pick new directors. Of 20 candidates, members were asked to vote for nine.

Walker said elected were Wendell Chino, Dale Dodds, Stormy Edwards, Don Koehler, Mike Long, Allen Luallin, Lowell Morgan, Buz Murrell and Bill Neal.

APRIL 19, 1974

### Attacker's plan foiled

A young Ruidoso woman, identity withheld by police, was the victim of an attempted attack Wednesday night in parking lot at the Raven's School of Judo.

She put her knowledge of Judo into instant use, knocking any ideas the man had out of his head.

While the man was reflecting on his situation, the woman ran into the school for assistance, but on returning to the scene, learned that the attacker had decided he wanted no further contact with a woman versed in Judo.

APRIL 19, 1984

### Bennett's Shur-Sav open

Bennett's Shur-Sav has reopened. After a five-month period of closed doors, the grocery has opened again with a swoosh of its new automatic doors...

On Mechem Drive just north of the Sudderth Drive intersection, Shur-Sav has expanded produce, meat and deli departments.

APRIL 21, 1994

### Downs chief resigns

Ruidoso Downs police chief Will Hoggard resigned last week. Mayor Joe Hayhurst has appointed officer David Hightower as interim chief, and plans to submit his name to the board Monday as a permanent replacement.

Village Clerk Leann Weibrecht said the public was not notified... because it was a private matter.

## Ride the Kid's route to Fort Sumner starting April 27

The annual Billy the Kid Ride from Lincoln to Fort Sumner is April 27. There will be historians on the ride.

The riders will stop at ranches along the way, to enjoy their hospitality and stories handed down in the families about Billy. The ride is a project of Rural Economic Development Through Tourism.

Horseback riders will depart from the lawn in the morning at the Wortley Hotel. For further information, call (505) 355-2381 or (505) 760-6442.

What a gorgeous morning we woke up to Sunday morning. The trees were so heavy with wet snow that they were

almost touching the ground. There were a lot of broken limbs and some fallen trees. It froze that night, but we will not know for a while whether the fruit froze.

We are glad to report that Beverly Hammond is home.

That particular troublesome spot on U.S. Highway 380 east of Lincoln was resurfaced last week. I am sure the Burchetts are glad to see it done. Thank you, State Highway Department.

Sandy Smith will give an update on her quest to define the face of Billy the Kid Saturday at 2 p.m. at San Juan's

Church. She also was part of the April activities at the Carrizozo Museum.

Henry Sanchez, a Capitan High School graduate and former coach of the Albuquerque Highland boys track and field teams, watched the team win the red-division meet of the inaugural Buddy Robertson Invitational recently. The team is now coached by Henry's son Gary.

In spite of the snow, there was a good attendance at San Juan's Church Sunday.

The Rev. Laren Winter, our new rector and team manager, officiated.

Kathleen Pittman was guest organist. The Catholic church was to have services at 7:30 but we didn't see anyone there. Everyone was greeting each other with "Merry Christmas."

David and Olga Elam have returned from Arizona and hope to re-open the Lincoln Grill soon. Olga is visiting her family in Florida this week.

Jon and Sharon Amastae spent the weekend in Lincoln. Jon had planned on doing some outside work on his property but the weather canceled it.

He did some more work on the interior of the old Maes home.



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## Lady Warriors dig a hole in district start

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

**PORTALES** — An 0-4 start in district play is never easy to swallow. It's particularly difficult to take when you know your team should have won at least two of those games.

That is what faces the Ruidoso softball team after its inaugural double headers in this year's District 4-3A season, a season that began with sweeps by St. Michael's on Friday and a pair of losses to Portales on Saturday.

Saturday was a microcosm of the Lady Warriors' season to this point. Ruidoso (4-11, 0-4 district) began game one in Portales with a solid inning of hitting — they earned five runs on four hits, including a 3-RBI triple by Vicki Celusniak.

But the Rams refused to quit, eventually forcing the game into extra innings and winning, 11-10, with a walk-off single by Ashleigh Richards.

Ruidoso again drew first blood in the second game, scoring two runs on singles by Rachel Adaza and Jessica Gibson, but Portales (7-6, 2-0) had a stellar inning of its own in the bottom half, racking up six hits and taking advantage of two Lady Warrior errors to put nine runs on the board.

From there, the Rams merely needed to hold off the Lady

Warriors en route to a 14-4 decision.

"We changed the lineup a bit and got some different girls in there," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "I wanted to get a fresh look out there, and some of the girls didn't produce like I wanted them to. After losing a close one like we did the first game, the attitude hurt us."

The biggest problem in each game was inconsistency, inconsistency in hitting, inconsistency in fielding, inconsistency in pitching.

That's not to say there weren't bright moments for Ruidoso fans. There were plenty of good individual performances to go around, from Celusniak's 3-for-5 day overall at the plate to a 4-for-7 performance by Adaza.

But each time the Lady Warriors put together a good inning offensively, they'd counter with a bad one defensively. As a team, Ruidoso committed nine errors in the two games.

"We put the stick on the ball pretty well and got some people into scoring position," Page said. "We should have been able to score, but you have to give credit to Portales. They played good defense when they had to."

Three of those errors came in the seventh inning of game one, a game the Lady Warriors were



Ruidoso first baseman Dusti Franklin follows through after making contact during the Lady Warriors' softball doubleheader Saturday at Portales.

leading by one run, thanks to a triple by Erika Lugo in the top of the seventh that scored Jamie Wirth all the way from first base. Ruidoso had one out on the Rams, then two balls hit to the outfield were dropped, allowing

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Ruidoso High School's Kara Sparks, 17, throws the javelin Thursday at the Las Cruces Relays track meet at the Las Cruces Public Schools Sports Complex.

## Ruidoso thinclads continue to improve with every meet

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso track coach Ronny Maskew would love to boast about how well his team is doing this year, it's just that he's not too sure about his teams' performance at some recent track meets.

His frustration grew a bit more after his trip to the Las Cruces Invitational on Thursday.

"I'm getting pretty discouraged," Maskew said. "We work all week to get these kids prepared for a meet, then we don't even know how they finished. It's discouraging for the kids."

Maskew and the Warriors had to leave the Las Cruces meet before the results were tallied — the clock at that point was pushing 11 p.m. on a school night — and was unable to give firm individual placings in some events and had absolutely no team score.

Still, he did have official distances and times for all his athletes, and was happy to report they

all improved from last week.

The Warriors even got a few new names added to their state qualifiers list.

Cross country star Willie Comanche got himself a trip to Albuquerque with a time of 10:27.00 in the 3,200-meter run, while the girls 4x100 relay team of Heather Johnson, Katie Coronado, Sarah Brecher and Elisa Vigil shaved a second off their time from last week.

The Lady Warriors' mark of 53.24 was good enough for a state berth, as was their mark of 4:24.90 in the 4x400.

Additionally, Brecher turned in a time of 27.5 in the 200-meter dash for a state-qualifying mark, good enough for second place at the meet.

Cody Small won the high jump competition with a leap of 6-foot-4, while Katie Coronado won the discus with a throw of 117-0, and took second in the javelin at 108 feet.

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Friday, April 9	Saturday, April 10
<b>Lady Horsemen 4, Lady Warriors 0</b>	<b>Rams 11, Lady Warriors 10</b>
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	Romero. LOB — Rui 8, Por 9.
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Rui, Adaza. LOB — SM 7, Rui 8.	Romero. LOB — Rui 8, Por 4.

## Warriors open 4-3A play on a sour note

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

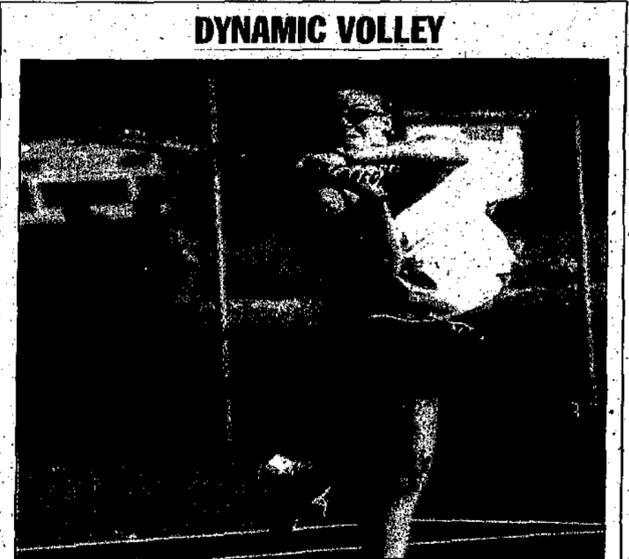
The Ruidoso Warrior baseball team tried a change of pace in its District 4-3A games against Portales on Friday. Unfortunately, the outcome was the same: Two district games, two district losses.

The Warriors were manhandled in their first game, 20-0, then played a slightly more competitive game, but lost in the nightcap, 10-2.

"We didn't play well at all. We just didn't show up," said Ruidoso coach Jim Varnadore. "We couldn't hit and made bad decisions and plays. As good as we were against NMMI, we were as bad against Portales."

The Warriors (6-7, 0-4 district) were coming off some close losses to New Mexico Military Institute, and Varnadore felt his team had turned the corner as far as a winning attitude was concerned.

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso No. 3 single Kristen Bewely reaches to return a volley to Grants' Silke Kaemmerer Tuesday during the Warrior tennis teams' match at Schoolhouse Park and White Mountain Athletic Complex. Full scores from the matches will run in Friday's edition of the Ruidoso News.

## side line

### Prep Results

**Friday, April 9**  
Baseball  
Portales 20, Ruidoso 0  
Portales 10, Ruidoso 2  
Softball  
St. Michael's 4, Ruidoso 0  
St. Michael's 11, Ruidoso 8

**Saturday, April 10**  
Softball  
Portales 11, Ruidoso 10 (8 Innings)  
Portales 14, Ruidoso 4

### Preps on Tap

**Thursday, April 15**  
Softball  
Jat at Mesalero (2), 3 p.m.  
Tennis  
Ruidoso at Cobre, 3 p.m.

**Friday, April 16**  
Track  
Ruidoso at Clovis Invite, 2 p.m.

**Saturday, April 17**  
Baseball  
Mesalero at Magdalena (2), Noon  
Softball  
Lovington at Ruidoso (2), 1 p.m.  
Lovington at Mesalero (2), 2 p.m.  
Track  
Carrizozo in Fox Relays at Fort Sumner, 9 a.m.

### On Deck

**Senior Olympic qualifiers**  
Several qualifying events for the State Senior Olympics in Las Cruces will be held in the Lincoln County area. The age minimum is 50 years as of Dec. 31, 2004, and a \$5 registration fee entitles individuals to participate in all events. Those competing will be eligible for state and national Olympic games. State registration is \$35, due May 17. For more information on registration, contact Bart Young at 257-3183 or e-mail at mbyoung@znet.com.

**Bowling** — Friday and Saturday at Carrizozo Recreation Center, 1 p.m. April 20-22 at Ruidoso Bowling Center, 1 p.m. Singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team.

**Billiards** — April 27 at Captain Senior Center, 10 a.m.

**Horseshoes** — April 30 at Carrizozo Country Club, 10 a.m.

**Shuffleboard** — May 5 at Ruidoso Senior Center, 10 a.m.

**Golf-A-Thon at Cree**  
The Bonita Park Camp and Conference Center will host a Golf-A-Thon 101 to benefit the mission of Bonita Park.

Golfers, sponsored by friends and family, will each play 101 holes of golf at Cree Meadows golf course Thursday in order to help raise money for the Christian Camp north of Ruidoso. Sponsorships range from 10 cents to \$10 per hole.

For those unable to participate on the day of the event, there is a special "Phantom Golfer" option, in which golfers can still raise funds per hole, even if they aren't there to play them. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information on playing or sponsoring, contact Diane Robbins at 336-4404 or by e-mail at diane@bonitapark.com.

**Golf fundraiser**  
The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association and the Ruidoso High School golf team will be hosting the third of four fund-raising golf scrambles at Cree Meadows Country Club on Sunday. The tournament will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start, and the fee is \$35 plus a cart fee. Call Cree Meadows to sign up at 257-5815.

**High Altitude Classic**  
The second bicycle race in the New Mexico Off-Road Series, the High Altitude Classic, will be run April 25 in Cloudcroft. There will be two different courses — cross country and downhill — with a pre-ride for downhillers on April 24 from noon to 4 p.m. at Sky Cloudcroft. The downhill course is a North Shore-styled singletrack with a 700 foot vertical drop, while the cross country course is a nine-mile loop consisting of single track, railroad grades and fire roads. Approximate elevation ranges from 8,000-8,900 feet.

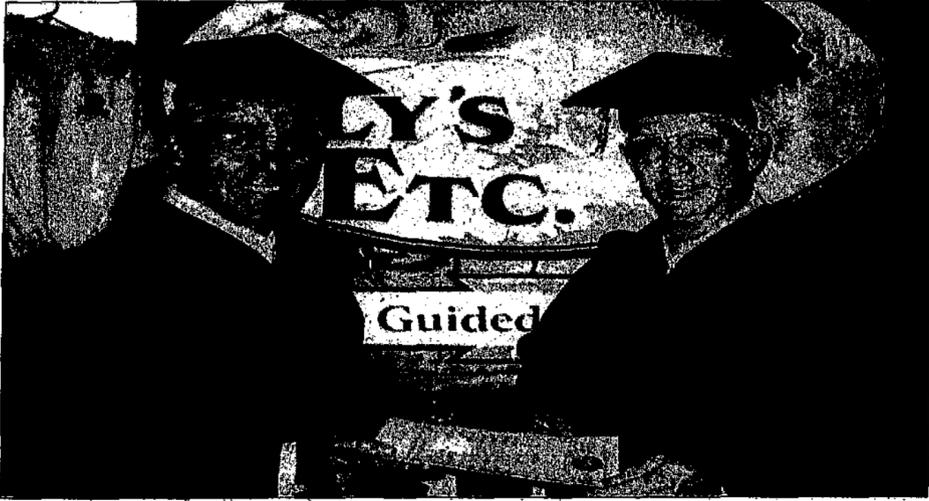
Registration is \$25 for early registration, and \$35 after April 16. Entrants without an ACA license need to purchase a one-day license for \$5. Those racing both days get a \$5 discount.

Those not pre-registered can sign up April 24 from noon to 7 p.m. at High Altitude in Cloudcroft. For more information, call 257-0120 or 682-1223.

**Lions Open golf scramble**  
The Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club will host the Lions State Convention Open golf scramble Thursday, May 13 at the Cree Meadows golf course. The tournament will start at 8:30 a.m., and the event is limited to the first 100 golfers to register. Deadline to register is May 7. Cost of the tournament is \$45 per golfer, which includes one round of golf, golf cart and lunch.

To sign up, call Cree Meadows at 257-5815.

**LORDS OF THE FLIES**



**Decked out** in full graduation regalia — with fishing flies as tassels — fly tying instructors Winston Cox, left, and Charles E. Dixon partake in the graduation of the first "Beginning Fly Tying" class offered through ENMU-Ruidoso. Seven students — Howard Aycock, Wesley Hall, Jody Huff, Rickie Prichard, Fred Reed, Grady Sarrett and Jennifer Toncray — learned to tie approximately 20 different flies of varying difficulty.

COURTESY PHOTO

**BASEBALL: Ruidoso needs 4-3A sweeps**

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But it only took three innings to confirm that the Ruidoso coach has more work to do in that department. By that point, the Rams (10-2, 2-0) had a 5-0 lead.

The lead ballooned in the fourth inning, as the Rams were able to push 15 runs across in a frame that threatened to never end. For all the scoring, one run was all Portales needed, as Ram starter Seth Clabaugh held the Warriors to no runs on just five hits.

The second game was more competitive — Portales had only a 2-1 lead after two innings — but Ruidoso's inconsistent play again turned out to be its own worst enemy. The Rams took advantage of four Ruidoso miscues

and held the Warriors to just one more run the rest of the way.

Auston Beier scored both of Ruidoso's runs, having been knocked in on one thanks to a single by Will Wilson.

With only eight games left in the regular season, the Warriors pretty much need to sweep the rest of their games to have a shot at post-season play. Their drive for perfection in those eight remaining games began Tuesday with a twin bill at Lovington.

They host NMMI at 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Varnadore acknowledges the chances of winning that many games in a row is remote, but it's doable with the group of kids he has.

"We just have to play good, solid baseball," Varnadore

Team	W	L	GF	RA	ERA
Ruidoso	10	2	10	2	0.90
Portales	13	1	15	2	0.90

Team	W	L	GF	RA	ERA
Ruidoso	11	1	8	2	0.90
Portales	2	12	1	8	1.80

said. "We have to have fun and do things right. We may not have much summer ball and learn the complicated plays, but we do have the talent to execute the basics well," he added. "We've got the talent, and we should have been competitive against Portales."

**SOFTBALL: Ruidoso girls unlucky in losses**

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Portales to score one run and send the game into extra innings.

Under international rules, extra innings begin with a runner on second base, in order to facilitate scoring and bringing the game to a close quicker. That meant that Adaza led off the top of the eighth inning with Raquel Serna on second, and promptly brought her teammate home with a double on the first pitch.

Adaza later scored on an RBI single by Appolonia Page, but that was all the Lady Warriors could muster.

Although Lady Ram runner Sheresse Nusser scored in the bottom of the inning on a single by Erica Feliciano, it was a run Ruidoso could afford. What they couldn't afford was two straight walks by Appolonia Page to put Kassandra Richards and Carissa Martinez on.

A single by Ashleah Richards brought the game to a close, as sister Kassandra came across with the winning run.

**Tough-luck losses**

On Friday, the Lady Warriors were eager to show they were better than their four wins on the season showed, but despite some good defense and pitching,

Ruidoso dropped its first two district games of the year to St. Michael's, 4-0 and 11-8.

The first game would have been more of a blowout if the Lady Horsemen (12-4, 2-0) could have made use of all the baserunners they had, but Ruidoso came up with defensive plays when it needed them, and St. Michael's ended up stranding 10 runners on base.

That kept the Lady Warriors close, but they were unable to do anything on offense. St. Michael's pitcher Loretta Romero allowed just two hits and struck out 10 batters in the game.

The Lady Warriors started things off much better in game two, taking a 5-2 lead after two innings on four hits and four St. Michael's errors. The big blows were a run-scoring triple by Adaza in the first and a triple by Erin Nutting in the second.

But the Lady Horsemen bats



TODD FIQUA/STAFF

**Ruidoso shortstop** Jessica Gibson (13) takes the throw at second base as St. Michael's runner Jessica Torrez slides in safely Friday at All American Park in Ruidoso Downs.

got going in the third inning, and St. Mike's put together five runs in the frame and took a lead it would not relinquish. Ruidoso was held to just three runs the rest of the way, but it wasn't for a lack of hitting. The Lady Warriors earned 10 base raps in the game, but just couldn't bring the runners home.

"We got down early and kept coming back," Page said. "We also didn't have a whole lot of errors, we just made mistakes at bad times."

**TRACK: Better times and marks for Warriors**

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All three marks re-qualified the two for the state meet.

Other placers included Coronado and Johnson, who tied for second in the long jump with a mark of 15-2. The boys 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams were each fifth, while Elisa Vigil was fifth in the girls 400-meter dash with a time of 67.8.

"We saw a good bit of improvement from everybody," Maskew said. "We should be better at Clovis, and we hope we're where we should be right now."

The Clovis Invitational is next on the Warriors' schedule, and it's a meet that can only serve to make Ruidoso more

competitive.

"There are going to be some real wimps there," a sarcastic Maskew quipped. "In running with this group, if you compete, it will help you qualify. We could get some state qualifying marks and still not place."

**A cup of Joe with Tom**

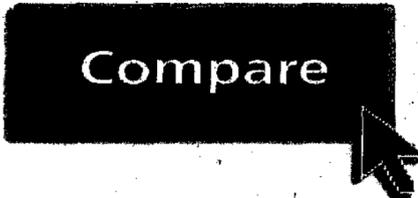
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# Worldwide ski team to embrace all nationalities

### Ruidoso ski coach forms team with competitive ideal in mind

BY MARK DOTH FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Alpine Ski Coach and racing competitor Hubert Seigmann recently announced the formation of a Worldwide ski team. Formed with the goal of producing World Cup ski athletes from around the world, Seigmann sees the team as creating international unity and bringing people of different races and cultures to race under one banner. There will be no one country represented.



Seigmann

Seigmann said, "This will be the first time that there will be a truly international World Cup Team. The World Wide ski team will represent the best of world athletes focusing on the original Olympic goal of

athletes racing against other athletes, not country against country."

Seigmann will solicit sanctioning by FIS (International Ski Federation — Fédération Internationale de Ski) at the International Congress in May 2004 in Miami, Fla. If the team is sanctioned during that process, Seigmann will start racing under the banner of WWST at the 2005 Hahnenkamm in Kitzbuhel, Austria. Seigmann foreran this year's Hahnenkamm Super G and trained for the downhill.

A formal process for admitting athletes to the World Wide Ski Team will be announced later this year, but will be based on the FIS race profile.

Seigmann's idea grew out of principles set forth by his good friend and mentor, the late American businessman and international lawyer George Bronfen. Bronfen was a firm believer in what he called the "International Man."



COURTESY PHOTO

Ruidoso ski team captain Hubert Seigmann fore-runs the Arizona Junior Championship slalom course last season. The area resident has recently formed the World Wide ski team with the state goal of producing World Cup ski athletes to compete with no affiliations to any particular country.

According to Bronfen, the International Man "is a man that respects all nations but is slave to none." His premise

was that "all nations of the world are respected by me and I respect their people." He further stated, "Peace in this

world will only come through the growth of the international man. It is only through this brotherhood of international

men who will one day, I hope, rule this world, that we will then have peace on earth and good will."

A native of Anif, Austria, Seigmann, 43, has had a lifelong passion for skiing and racing. Two severe bouts with cancer altered his ambitions and course along the way.

Since 1987, he has been based at Ski Apache, where he has taught skiing and racing to many area youths. While regaining his health, Seigmann has renewed his racing dreams and recently participated as a ski racing fore-runner at this year's Hahnenkamm, one of the most demanding races on the World Cup circuit today.

In 1989, Seigmann held his first ski training camp under the name, "A Touch of Austria," for junior ski racers at Blackcomb in Canada. He has since moved his camps to his native Austria, holding them at Kitzsteinhorn, among other places. He holds both Austrian and American certification in teaching and coaching.

# Austrians, Americans unite to champion tribal skiing

BY MARK DOTH FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Aspen, Colo., enjoyed championship skiing on Easter, following a Ute-Olympic "Gratitude Ceremony" in the Gondola Plaza on April 10, led by the stars of Salt Lake's Olympic Opening.

"Did you notice when the Utes started dancing, the heavens gave us one more magical snowfall to end the season?" said an amazed Suzy Chaffee, the Olympic co-host with UN Eco Award winner Joanie Klar, at the closing ceremony.

"We thank you Northern Utes for your snowdances in November that started this abundant snow season," said mayor Helen Klanderud. After leading the prayer in her Native tongue, Loya Cesspooch Arrum said,

"The Utes want to thank the mayor, Aspen community, and each of you for making us feel so welcome in the mountains of our ancestors, and sharing this wonderful skiing and snowboarding with our children."

Sheriff Bob Braudis was saluted by Chaffee as a "Champion of the Utes," along with local greats John Hembell, World Cup champ speed-skier, Swiss Olympic racer Stephen Kaelin and X-Games caliber Paiute/Kiowa, James Quotone, a fancy/hoop dancer.

The event was sponsored by Klar's Integrative Sustainable Solutions and Native Voices Foundation, a partnership of U.S. Tribal leaders and Olympians, like co-founder Chaffee, Abenaki Olympian Billy Kidd, and Lakota adoptee Prince Albert.

"This kind of magic over eight years

has made believers out of ski industry leaders now united behind our Native Ski Programs going national because they strengthen the future of skiing," said Chaffee, in honoring Aspen for being a role model.

Thanks to Aspen and Ski Sunlight teaming up this season, most of the Utes were transformed into ski racers on the Nastar Course on Saturday. And with coaching by champions, including Austria's Hubert Seigmann, who opened Kitzbuhel's Hahnenkamm downhill this year, a few tribal youth won bronze and silver medals.

Seigmann, who has a similar program in Ruidoso, was invited to Aspen after meeting Chaffee and Klar during NVE's Ute Mountain Ceremony in Telluride last week.

On Aspen's Channel 16 Saturday he

said, "I live with the Mescalero Apaches in Ruidoso, and we've been bringing them to Austria to ski, race, freestyle and share their ceremonies since 1992. It's so beautiful seeing their brilliant warrior spirit re-emerge. We are now creating World Cup talent."

"I come from generations of farmers where the land is as sacred to us as the first Americans," he added. "Wow. What wonderful relations the tribes and ski areas have in Colorado, and that consciousness is now spreading across America, thanks to Native Voices."

"Franz Klammer and Franz Weber saved our Native ski program in Telluride in its infancy," said the grateful Chaffee. "I studied at the University of Innsbruck, attracted to the earthiness and sense of humor of my Austrian

team friends, and later realized the similarities to our American Indians."

Seigmann also shared Klar's dream of bringing the two tribes, as well as the Apache Crown Dancers and more Olympians, celebs and locals together for a proposed "Native American Olympic Opening" in Aspen in November. It would include team races and a snowdance to help continue the magic.

In appreciation, Chaffee has offered to help Seigmann realize his dream of opening the Hahnenkamm with a splendid Native Ceremony — blessing the athletes and mountain. This bridge to Europe was a vision of Cheyenne/Mescalero Apache Ross Anderson, a professional speed skier who has been named the "fastest Native American on Mother Earth."

## BASKETBALL BEST



COURTESY PHOTO

The Little League Warriors recently won the Ruidoso Little League basketball championship for the 5th- and 6th-grade boys. The Warriors were undefeated and finished with a 44-41 win in the title game. Pictured are, top row, l-r, coach Dave Dawson, Lester Bob, Sky Franklin, Daniel Safazar, Gabriel Nava and coach Buck Sanchez. Bottom row, l-r, are Zachary Dawson, Forrest Sanchez and Jose Nava.



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## School board supports ENMU branch campus

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In its regular monthly meeting held April 8, the Capitan School board voted to endorse the move of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso from an off-campus center to a branch community college.

Bob Hemphill, standing in for Jim Miller, accepted a resolution from the board backing ENMU-Ruidoso. The communities that are served by the center have been strongly supportive of the proposed change. ENMU-R has already gathered letters and resolutions of support from major civic organizations, including the 875-member Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce.

In other news, the Capitan School District has been collecting funds for about two years for the renovation of its baseball field north of U.S. 380. Currently, a total of \$6,635.36 has been collected. Improvements have been delayed because the alignment of the field will need to change in order to be regulation size.

During the 2004 legislative session, Rep. Dan Foley and Sen. Rod Adair introduced bills for an appropriation of \$450,000. The governor approved \$25,000 to plan, design, and construct a baseball field in the Capitan Municipal School District. Another \$25,000 was approved to renovate the existing field, along with \$100,000 for the Village of Capitan to design and build a community baseball and softball complex.

Administrative considerations for a softball and baseball program will include the impact on

the track program; additional costs for uniforms, equipment, establishing a league, travel, meals, coaching increments, supplies, etc.; maintenance of the ball field; and utility costs.

The Capitan School Board agreed to a joint meeting with the Village of Capitan to discuss the approach for development and a joint powers agreement. The meeting will be held April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Capitan School Board room.

Implementation of Power School, a program that allows parents access to more information about their student, will require an extra day of inservice before school starts. The 2004-2005 school calendar begins the year with three days of teacher inservice, Aug. 16-18. Classes begin on Aug. 19 with May 27 set as the last day of the school year. The calendar was passed as presented.

In other business, the board:

- Discussed and took action on the 2003/2004 Quality of Education Survey Questions

- Was presented with proposed textbook adoptions from the elementary, middle school and high school. The board will take action in next month's meeting.

- Set a budget workshop meeting for April 20 at 6 p.m.

- Received an enrollment update saying 620 students are currently enrolled, up 23 from this date last year.

The next regular board meeting will be held May 13 at 6 p.m.

## A TREE FOR ME



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Carrizozo first graders Eric Cullley and Gena Gore help plant new Rocky Mountain juniper trees on the west side of the football field. Ten first graders each planted one of the 11 trees with each tree "belonging" to them. The trees are part of the 25 new trees paid for through a New Mexico Relief Grant applied for and received by the Carrizozo Soil and Water District. The tree program is coordinated by Dick Shaw, coordinator for South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development.

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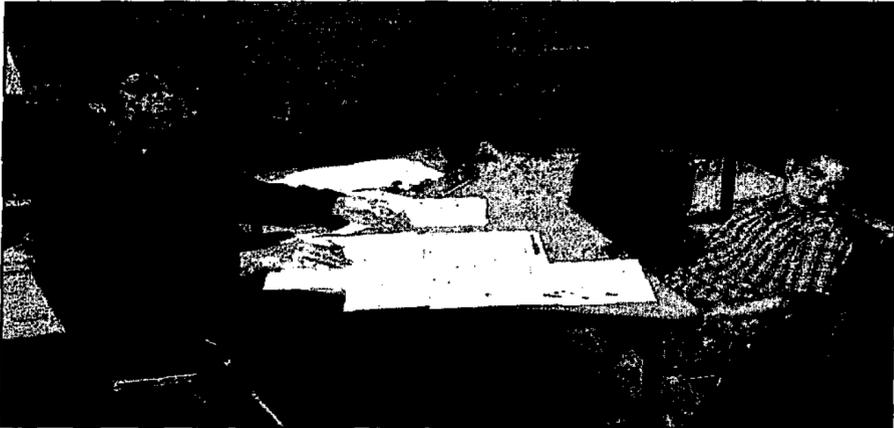


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Kindergarten aide Lorene Baroz screens Dany Roper for next year's kindergarten class. Ten 4- and 5-year-olds were screened for kindergarten as part of the Child Find event at Carrizozo Schools last week.

## Program offers a look at Billy

Lincoln's Sandra Smith will share her vision of the Kid Saturday.

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

With new forensic restoration techniques in use, Lincoln's Sandra Smith is again presenting her "What Did Billy Really Look Like" program at 2 p.m. Saturday at the School House Gallery in Lincoln.

Sponsored by the Lincoln County Historical Society, the Lincoln State Monument, and the Carrizozo Heritage museum, Smith will show how she is now superimposing photographs over skeletal forms

in addition to her other restoration techniques.

Smith has spent more than five years seeking to more accurately present the appearance of legendary outlaw Billy the Kid. The result is a representation of a young man, no longer a sketchy caricature, coming into focus.

Smith's skill in digital imagery, combined with her knowledge of the Kid and an obsession for accuracy has birthed perhaps the most profound vision of Billy the Kid since the Upham tintype.

Working with the original tintype of the Kid and historical documentation of firsthand descriptions of his appearance, Smith has built with forensic accuracy an

image of the charismatic character very lifelike. She offers a compelling case to support the legitimacy of her work.

Smith has been professionally involved in the computer business for more than 25 years, and in computer graphics since the 1980s. Sandra is Webmaster for the Lincoln County Historical Society and is a member of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board.

Whether a fan or foe of Billy the Kid, many viewers find Smith's restoration and reconstruction intriguing as they peer into the eyes of a legend. There is no cost for the presentation.

## Knowledge Bowl students warm up for tournament

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Region IX high school Knowledge Bowl contestants met at Ruidoso High School last Wednesday.

This was the final regular competition for the high school students prior to the Knowledge Bowl Tournament

on April 21 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Middle school competitors are finishing up their regular competition at Carrizozo Schools today.

Results from the April 7 meet:

Varsity: 1. Tularosa 2. Cloudfcroft 3. Ruidoso  
Junior Varsity: 1. Cloudfcroft 2. Tularosa 3. Ruidoso

## THE PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS

in Santa Fe is the oldest government building in the U.S. The Spanish built it as part of a fortress during the winter of 1609-1610. In 1909, it was converted to the Palace of the Governors History Museum. It now houses exhibits on Spanish, Mexican, and American colonization dating back to the late 1500s.

## POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Owners who love their pets usually plan ahead when they know their care may be interrupted because of trips or elective surgery.

But often, medical problems crop up unexpectedly. The Humane Society of the United States offered some suggestions for people facing choices.

Someone who is ill could be overwhelmed by everyday tasks such as walking a dog or cleaning a cat's litter box when they are experiencing loss of strength or mobility. If a person's immune system is weakened by HIV/AIDS, cancer, kidney or liver disease, old age, or pregnancy, extra precautions also should be taken to avoid disease-causing agents that any human or animal, including your pets, can transmit.

In most cases, a person doesn't have to give up a pet. That's good because research indicates that companion ani-

mals enhance immune functioning by decreasing stress levels and increasing levels of self confidence and self esteem, according to HSUS information.

"Pets provide us with a source of affection, support, and acceptance; enable us to feel needed and valued; and ease the pain, sorrow, and loneliness often experienced during illness," HSUS officials said on the organization's Web site. "That's why, for someone with a serious medical condition, the psychological and physical benefits of pet caregiving usually outweigh the risk of acquiring an illness from the pet, provided that proper precautions are followed."

To minimize the risk your pet poses to your health, you must minimize the risks to your pet's health, HSUS official said. Work with your veterinarian to understand how best to care for your pet and to

keep it healthy.

Exotic animals, such as reptiles, are more likely than dogs and cats to transmit certain diseases, requiring owners to take extra precautions, according to the HSUS. The organization recommends that exotic animals not be kept as pets. Puppies and kittens also may present more of a risk because they can be more susceptible to disease and prone to play-oriented nipping and scratching, HSUS official said.

With a new pet, an owner may not know its medical history.

"This does not mean that you have to give up your playful puppy or can't get a new pet," HSUS official said. "It simply means that you need to rely on a veterinarian or animal shelter adoption counselor to advise you on appropriate pet selection and care."

More on this subject next week.

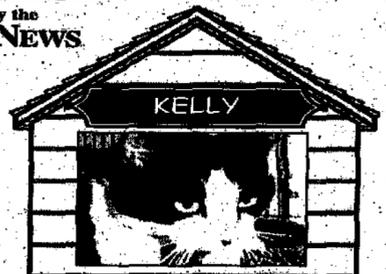
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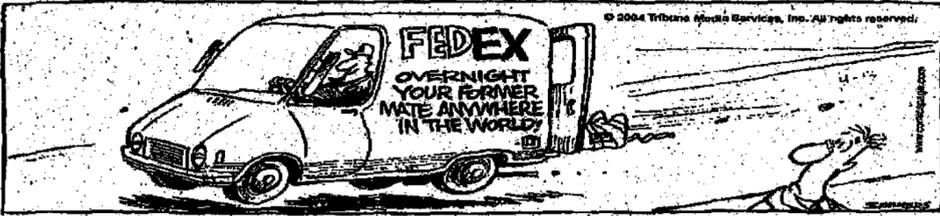
Hooper is a boy with good manners. He's quiet, sweet-natured and was dumped in the shelter yard with other Lab-mix siblings in January. He's about 4 months old and a wonderful dog.



Kelly, a black and white adult male, needs someone who will love him. He is such a people-cat that when shelter workers walk by, he will grab their arms asking them to pet him. He's a real find.

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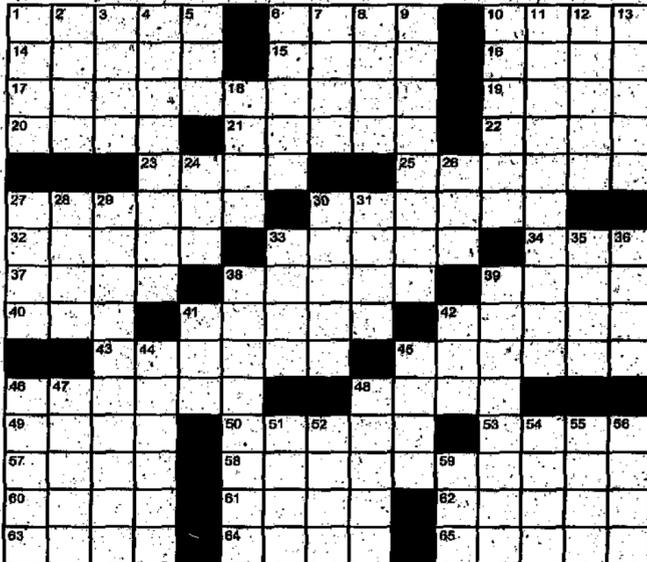
**SHOE**



**ACROSS**

- 1. Cliché
- 6. Neighbor of Algeria
- 10. Baiting avgs., basically
- 14. Make amends
- 15. Where the shah ruled
- 16. Actor Rob or Chad
- 17. Letterman show feature
- 19. Olympics blade
- 20. Germany's Graf von
- 21. Make jubilant
- 22. Like Easter eggs
- 23. Folk wisdom
- 25. Thesaurus
- 27. Have the money for
- 30. Beyond tipsy
- 32. Jelly flavor
- 33. Bel cheese
- 34. Addams cousin
- 37. Hourly fee
- 38. Poet Stephen Vincent
- 39. Have the lead role
- 40. Colonial insect
- 41. Track prelims
- 42. Sling ammo
- 43. Accustomed with
- 45. Longtime baseball manager Anderson
- 46. Grow choppers
- 48. Astronaut Shepard
- 49. Choice word
- 50. Long March nation
- 53. Make well
- 57. Man Friday

**Katz**



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- 58. Ginger Rogers Oscar role
- 60. Antidrug biggie
- 61. Nobelist Wiesel
- 62. Kitchen attire
- 63. Fodder grasses
- 64. Mob rulers
- 65. Sugar providers

**DOWN**

- 1. Belfry inhabitants
- 2. At the peak of
- 3. Slangy refusal
- 4. Pronghorn or impala
- 5. Filmmaker Spike

- 6. Choreographer Alice de
- 7. Opera highlight
- 8. In baseball's "cellar"
- 9. Part of a mortgage payment
- 10. Frat brother-to-be
- 11. Newspaper staffer
- 12. Nestling's call
- 13. Bagel toppers, perhaps
- 18. Sodal misfit
- 24. It's unrefined
- 26. Have a tab
- 27. Taj Mahal site
- 28. Lebowitz or Drescher

- 29. Big time in New Orleans
- 30. Domingo (Caribbean capital)
- 31. Light shirts
- 33. Bog fuel
- 35. Propane holder
- 36. Deuce beater
- 38. Adorned
- 39. Light, horse-drawn carriage
- 41. Snicker syllable
- 42. Healthful getaway
- 44. Takes the tiller
- 45. Do in, as a dragon

- 46. Give lessons
- 47. "My Fair Lady" lady
- 48. Starts the pot
- 51. Hawaiian port
- 52. "Put writing!"
- 54. Bront's Jane
- 55. Oodles
- 56. Microscope part
- 59. Four (the Beatles)

**LOLA**



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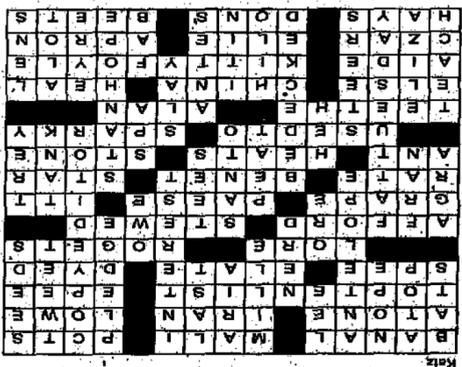
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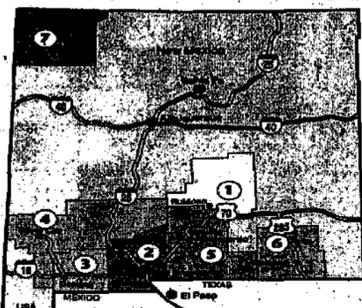
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902 HELP WANTED
UTILITY CLERK
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940 WORK WANTED
Brilliant Construction
Thomas Brillante
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274 LOST & FOUND
LOST 1 year old Lab mix, neutered, white nose w/ freckles, had on a dark green collar. Lost in Tularosa. Call 695-4400.
LOST ON Eagle Creek Rd. at Gavilan Canyon Rd. Yellow Trimble Data Collector. Reward! Call 258-5272

295 LIVESTOCK
TWO BUFFALO'S under 2 years old; also two horses, one quarter horse and one paint. Call 378-8406

Call 257-4001

304 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
CUTTING EDGE product. SIMPLE, ACTIVE, CLEAN. New skin care technology. Own your own business. Seeking leaders in New Mexico. e-mail: guidetexas@yahoo.com.

400 MISCELLANEOUS
16FT. BOAT and trailer in board motor, needs seats, \$600. Call 806-1248
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FOR SALE: 2000 C1505 Honda dirt bike. 16.5 hp. 14.5 in. 1 year old prepare W.H. w/air & cover. Call Jacob @ 937-2326

FOR SALE: Red Prom dress, full length \$100. Worn once. Call Heather McDougall 257-2103

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Rustic Southwest furniture. Call 336-4444

902 APPLIANCES
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Alamogordo
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FREE WOOD in burn off area, pre-cut. Call after 6pm. 378-4800

913 FURNITURE
FURNITURE FOR SALE: Sleeper-sofa (Queen), cinnate sat. & microwave. 257-7116.

913 FURNITURE
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922 YARD & GARAGE SALES
ESTATE SALE: Household furniture, appliances, outdoor, wall decor, etc. 302 Spring Rd. Ruidoso, Fri-Sat-Sun, 16th, 17th, 18th, 8am-5pm.

HUGE ANNUAL Yard Sale: Whole Gym full of great stuff. Friday & Saturday, 8-2pm. For more info call 336-8032. Located at Hwy 47 & 48.

L & D Self Storage Sale at 501 Carrizo Canyon Rd. April 16 & 17th, 9:00am-3:00pm.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS Garage Sale, Friday, April 16th, 4:00pm-8:00pm and possibly 8:00-noon, April 17th, Furniture, lots of household items. 102 Rainbow.

MOVING - BUT don't want to take it all with you, and don't have the time or energy to sell it? Call me-I'll sell it for you! Call Arnette at Appraisals & Sales, Inc. 378-5445.

SAT 17TH, 8-4. 104 Cree Meadows. Huge 3-Family Garage/Yard Sale. Many collections, some furniture. Tired of storing year after year. Something for everyone.

SUNDAY ONLY, Elks Lodge on Hwy 70 passed Behr Barn, April 18th, 9-?

FACT
In 1848
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends Mexican-American War.

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MOTEL - 91 units, nice owner's living quarters with fireplace, attractive Western-style architecture, room furnishings created by renowned florido and Alamogordo woodworker Doug McIntyre, extra land for expansion. Profitable business in beautiful mountain resort area. For Sale by Owner. (520) 439-4201.

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922 YARD & GARAGE SALES
THREE FAMILY Garage Sale, Fri-Sat, April 16-17th. Childrens clothes, adult clothes, furniture, & more. Cherokee Mobile Village #89, 501 Hwy70W.

931 SERVICES
BOOKKEEPING, TAXES, and secretarial services. Over twenty years experience in small business accounting. 258-4898

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Classified Deadline is now 4 PM!

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1987 VOLVO Station Wagon, runs & looks great! A/C, all power, great gas saver. \$1,600. 937-1547

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1984 JEEP Grand Cherokee, all power, white, excellent condition. 2WD. \$3,500 Firm. 257-8629

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1999 TOYOTA 4-Runner Limited, \$19,000 OBO, 257-9053 or 336-4804

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Attorney
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White Mountain Plaza
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• DWI
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901 AUTOS FOR SALE
2001 CHEVY Impala, PS, PW, CD, & tape, 47,600 miles, great gas mileage, sell for whole sale, \$9,250, Call 937-2811

4 WHEEL Drive 1998 Jeep Wrangler Sahara Edition, hard top, soft top included. 34,000 miles. AC/Cassette, automatic. \$19,000.

4 Wheel drive 1996 Chevy K3500, automatic, 122,000 miles, bed liner, \$9,000.

1998 Ford Windstar Van, 90,000 miles, dual AC's, dual sound system controls, cruise, third seat, \$5,600. Call 257-2962, 937-9214

901 SERVICES
1995 TOYOTA 4-Runner, V-6, 4x4, cruise control, CD player, AC, power locks/windows, sun roof, \$8,300. 258-2819

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Run your garage sale ad (up to 20 words) on Wed. & Fri., for only \$10! Call 257-4001. See the notice in the classified section of this newspaper for restrictions & info.

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77 CHEVY 4x4, 1/2 ton pickup, 350, new, Edelbrock carb., CD player, great work truck, \$1,400. 258-2819

TRUCKS FOR SALE

1997 F250 XL7, diesel, 150,000 miles, \$8,500. Call 257-4345

2003 CHEVROLET Silverado, standard cab, short bed, 4WD with camper shell, \$16,000. Call 257-7483

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NOTICE OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT APPLICATION

Pursuant to the requirements of New Mexico Air Quality Control Regulation 20NMAC 2.27, WW Construction, Inc., 10000 Galisteo Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, hereby announces its intention to apply to the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, to relocate their existing 20NMAC 2.72 air quality permit #2393 for an asphalt plant. An air quality relocation permit is sought to allow WW Construction, Inc. to operate a 500-ton per hour crushing plant.

The proposed location of this facility will be approximately 13.8 miles N of Ruidoso NM East of Highway 48, Sec 12, Range 13E, TWS 10S Lincoln County. Comments or inquiries regarding this permit should be directed to:

Program Manager, Technical Analysis and Permits Section New Mexico Environment Department Air Quality Bureau 2048 Galisteo Santa Fe, NM 87505 (505) 827-1464

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids on Bid #03-017

The Village of Ruidoso is Accepting Bids For One (1) Used 2000 Gallon Water Truck.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Department at the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield St. in Ruidoso. 505-257-2721 (mailing address: 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345).

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office, if hand delivered, to the Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse at 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso, or if mailed, to Purchasing Department, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Bids will be received until Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. local time, then publicly opened and read aloud at the Village of Ruidoso Annex Building, 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all formalities and technical irregularities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By the Order of the Governing Body

/s/Fermin Herrera Purchasing Agent Village of Ruidoso

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 15, 2004, Joe S. Gutierrez and Anna Gutierrez, P.O. Box 182, Hondo, New Mexico 88336, filed application No.0826, 01300 & H-47-Comb-B & 0826,01300 & H47-Comb-D, with the STATE ENGINEER for

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permit to change place of use of 17.216 acre-foot par annum of the surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary of the Pecos River, diverted via the Ambrósio Chavez Ditch at a point in the SE1/4SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., and supplemental well H47 located in the NW1/4SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 5.38 acres of land described as follows:

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Competitive sealed proposals for Organic Waste Disposal Contract will be received by the Contracting Agency, The Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345 for RFP #03-002.

The Contracting Agency is requesting sealed proposals for Organic Waste Disposal Contract.

Proposals will be received at Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse located at 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, NM 88345 until 5:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, April 28, 2004. Submitted proposals shall not be publicly opened. Any proposals received after closing time will be rejected and returned unopened. The fact that a proposal was dispatched will not be considered.

Copies of the Request can be obtained in person at the office of the Purchasing Agent at 421 Wingfield or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Fermin Herrera, Purchasing Agent at 505-257-2721.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and waive all formalities as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

/s/Fermin Herrera Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Agent

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#6060 1T (4)14 LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION 2004-09

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS GOVERNING BODY AND ITS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The City of Ruidoso Downs Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Ruidoso Downs Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2004 as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the City of Ruidoso Downs Council to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Ruidoso Downs that:

(I) Open Meetings Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(A) and (B), all meetings of a quorum of the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business, or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority delegated to the City Council, as further described in Sections III and IV of this Policy, shall be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law. Any member of the public may attend an open meeting and listen to the deliberations and proceedings of the City Council.

(II) Closed Meetings Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 (H) and (I), the City Council upon its own motion may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection H of the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1, or if the need to close the meeting is required by other laws which specifically preserve the confidentiality of certain information that is to be considered at the closed meeting. If any meeting is closed pursuant to the exclusions contained in Subsection H of NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1, such closure:

(1) If made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of the quorum of the City Council and the specific statutory or other authority for such closure, and the subject to be discussed, shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting, and such vote shall be taken in an open meeting and the vote of each Councilor shall be recorded in the minutes;

(2) If called for when the City Council is not in an open meeting, such closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and stating with reasonable specificity the subject

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to be discussed, is given to members of the general public. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure, by the City Council, shall be discussed in a closed meeting.

Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting, if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

Except as provided in Section 10-15-1 (H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in the closed meeting shall be made by vote of the City Council in an open public meeting.

(III) Open Meetings to take Formal Action Meetings at which a quorum of City Councilors discuss or adopt any proposed resolution or ordinance or take any other formal action are open to the public.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (C) a Councilor may participate in any open meeting called to take formal action by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment. Participation by telephone or other similar communications equipment is permitted when requested by a Councilor. Provided that each Councilor participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending are able to hear any Councilor who speaks during the meeting.

A Regularly Scheduled Open Meeting Unless the business before the City Council dictates otherwise, the City Council conduct open meetings to take formal action the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. However, when that Monday is a City holiday, that meeting will be held on the next business day.

The City Administrator and staff are hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution and a schedule of regular meetings one time as legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Ruidoso Downs.

Except in the case of an emergency as defined in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (F), the City Council will conspicuously post an agenda of the meeting at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. In accordance with this resolution the agenda shall be listed and circulated to the press, radio and other public information media who have provided a written request for such notice and posted on bulletin boards of the City of Ruidoso Downs Hall. The agenda shall indicate the date, time and place of the meeting, a title of all action items to be considered at that meeting, and a list of any other specified items of business to be transacted. Except for emergency matters as defined by NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (F) the City Council shall take action only on items appearing on agenda.

B. Hearings Before the Council At any hearing at which a quorum of the City Council, the City Council will provide notice of the hearing as an open meeting to take formal action and shall issue an agenda as prescribed in Section III (A) or (C) of this policy. Within a reasonable time, but in no case less than 24 hours, prior to the hearing, the City Council also shall provide actual notice to all parties in that case or their counsel and to any other person who has requested such notice of the date, time, location and purpose of the hearing. If during the course of a public hearing, at which a quorum of the City Council presides, the City Council determines that the hearing should be recessed and reconvened to a date subsequent to that stated in the meeting notice, the City Council will specify the date, time and place for the continuation of the meeting prior to recessing and will conspicuously post notice of the date, time and place for the reconvened meeting near the door of the place where the original meeting was held in the bulletin board in City Hall.

C. Other Open Meetings in between Regularly Scheduled Open Meetings. If the public interest requires other formal action by the City Council between regularly scheduled open meetings, the City Council may conduct an

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open meeting to take formal action at such times. Except in the case of an emergency as defined in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (F), the City Council will provide notice of each such meeting by conspicuously posting an agenda and a notice of the date, time and location of such special open meeting in the bulletin board in City Hall and by delivering a copy of the notice to the press in the Public Information Office at least 24 hours prior to the special open meeting.

(IV) Work Sessions A quorum of the City Council also meets periodically in "Work Sessions". A "Work Session" is any meeting of a quorum of the City Council, which does not involve any formal action by the City Council. Such sessions include, but are not limited to:

(1) discussion related to the formulation of public policy prior to the formal discussion or adoption of any resolution or ordinance pending before the City Council;

(2) discussions of internal administrative actions concerning the operations of the City Council; and

(3) information discussions between staff and the City Council in preparation for formal discussions or action.

Work Sessions of a quorum of the City Council are open meetings and are open to the public, unless the subject of the work session is included in Subsection H of NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 and the City Council decides to close the work session to the public in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (I) and Section II of this policy. Any person wishing to attend a work session of the City Council, which has not been closed pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H)

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and 10-15-1 (I) and this Open Meetings Policy, shall be allowed to attend and listen to the discussions.

(V) Emergency Meetings Emergency meetings will be called only under circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The City of Ruidoso Downs Council will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members upon four (4) hours notice unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

(VI) Council Appointed Commissions, Committees and Advisory Board of the City of Ruidoso Downs shall similarly issue their agendas by posting on the City Hall bulletin board, furnishing copies to the news media and provide such other notice as may be required by ordinance or law. Such issuance and posting are determined to be reasonable notice.

(VII) All other meetings All other meetings which may be called for informational purposes at which no action is taken shall be held only after written notice is issued to the news media no later than 12:00 noon of the day of such meeting, or four (4) hours before such meeting, whichever is greater.

(VIII) Notice Compliance Substantial compliance with any one of the appropriate foregoing methods of giving notice shall constitute compliance with this

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resolution and Section 10-15-1 to 10-15-4 NMSA 1978. Nothing herein shall prevent the use of additional means or methods of giving notice of regular or special meetings. Nothing herein shall require new notice of any public meeting for which notice has been given and which is recessed or adjourned. However, in recessing the meeting, the presiding officer shall announce the meeting, the time and place the meeting shall reconvene.

(IX) Accommodations In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language: If you are an individual who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk at City of Ruidoso Downs City Hall at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

(X) Validity If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, the validity of unenforceability of such section, paragraph or clause or provision shall not effect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution or its application to other situations.

(XI) Repealer All by-laws, orders and resolutions or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repeal shall not be construed to revive any prior by-law, order or resolution or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

DONE AND APPROVED this 8th Day of April 2004.

APPROVED:

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/s/BOB A. MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/CAROL VIRDEN, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM: /s/ DANIEL A. BRYANT, CITY ATTORNEY

CALENDAR YEAR 2004

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MAY: Monday, May 10, 2004; Monday, May 24, 2004

JUNE: Monday, June 14, 2004; Monday, June 28, 2004

JULY: Monday, July 12, 2004; Monday, July 26, 2004

AUGUST: Monday, August 9, 2004; Monday, August 23, 2004

SEPTEMBER: Monday, September 13, 2004; Monday, September 27, 2004

OCTOBER: Tuesday, October 12, 2004; Monday, October 26, 2004

NOVEMBER: Monday, November 8, 2004; Monday, November 22, 2004

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/s/Carol Virden, CMC City Clerk/Treasurer City of Ruidoso Downs

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