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PHOTO BY NIKI PRICE

A backlog of requests for the New Mexico State Forestry Division's cost-share fuels mitigation grants has meant that landowners like Linda Lott waited two years to be approved. The grant paid for 70 percent of the \$4,363 total cost, and Lott is still working on removing the wood and debris.

HITTING HOME

Residents are thinning lots, but money always a concern

BY NIKI PRICE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Linda Lott has one word to describe how she felt when the trees started coming down: "Devastated."

"It was so filled with trees, it has been an adjustment to see them gone. But what we did was healthy," she said.

She knew that many trees on her thickly wooded acreage near Airport Road needed to be removed, and was sure it was the right thing to do, both for the ecosystem and her beloved retirement home. Lott and her husband, Lindy, have been evacuated four times in the last five years, and had no illusions about the wildfire danger.

But it was no easy task to remove many decades of unchecked growth, a

TAKING CHARGE

fire risk and prevention 2004

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

tangled mass of pine, juniper and oak, from eight acres. Take this problem and multiply it by thousands; that's the hazardous fuels mitigation problem facing private landowners in Lincoln County.

There are an estimated 13,000 acres to be addressed in the bound-

aries of Ruidoso alone, said Rick DeLaco, director of the Village of Ruidoso's forestry division.

To date, cost-share programs have paid out \$836,430 to mitigate fuels on 1,438 acres of land in Lincoln County. These federal dollars, secured by the New Mexico State Forestry Division, Capitan District, have flowed through the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County and the South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Even better news is that \$984,000 has already been secured, and will be going out to property owners in the next fiscal year.

Clearing Lotts

For the Lotts, two retired school-
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Juvenile Drug Court aims at treatment, prevention

This is part one of a two-part story on the new Juvenile Drug Court in Lincoln County, which is designed for long-term and more intensive treatment of offenders and their families.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An innovative approach to handling juvenile drug offenses may help offenders avoid being swept up in a future of addiction and crime.

Families and young offenders willing to put in extra effort to avoid future run-

ins with the law may be considered for admission to the Juvenile Drug Court program, which started two months ago in Lincoln County.

By using a team approach, 12th Judicial District Judge Karen Parsons can be ahead of the game when facing a juvenile offender. She already will be briefed by members of various agencies overseeing the treatment and handling of the offender and can order just about any

additional supervision, treatment or community service that seems appropriate.

"We build in a lot of structure, limits, and oversight."

Rick Gilsdorf
program director

depends on interaction and a team approach to handling offenders.

"This puts them around the table to

talk to each other every week and the judge hears what they have to say before she sees the juveniles in the court setting," Gilsdorf said. "The judge reserves the right to decide, but clearly this is a team effort."

Parsons said she initially proposed a juvenile drug court in Lincoln County several years ago, but Alamogordo was chosen for the first program in the district that covers the counties of Otero and Lincoln.

When she heard that a second drug court was slated for that area and Lincoln

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Alert dog foils armed robbery attempt

Police arrested two juveniles and found a knife and a loaded rifle after a homeowner called the police.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When Molly, her shepherd-mix companion, started barking late Wednesday, April 14, Ann Smith thought the canine probably caught a whiff of some wildlife down by the Rio Ruidoso behind her home.

She turned on the lights and thought she saw someone duck down to avoid being seen. Smith didn't realize it then, but she was about to disrupt what Ruidoso police officers are describing as an attempted robbery.

Figuring the light would scare away whoever was lurking in the area, Smith waited a few minutes, then switched it off and tried to get back to sleep. But Molly was insistent that something was going on outside and wouldn't stop barking.

Smith decided to heed the advice of her four-legged guardian, put the light back on and called the Ruidoso

Police Department. According to reports filed by investigating officers Brian Schamber, Shane Barnett, Matt Christian and Joel Martin, two juveniles were arrested in the area at about 11 p.m., and were charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

In addition to that charge, Chad M. Crouse, 17, of Ruidoso, who was listed as a laborer, was arrested for resisting, evading or obstructing a law enforcement officer. Michael William McLeskey, 17, of Ruidoso, a cashier at a local fast food restaurant, also was charged with resisting, and with aggravated burglary and receiving stolen property in connection with a previous theft of a firearm, the crime report shows.

When the officers arrived at the scene near Taco Bell restaurant, Martin pursued one of the juveniles on foot in and out of the river down to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce office, while Schamber found a loaded 30/30 rifle and sunglasses next to the river. He also located a bag with a large knife inside, according to the report.

A few minutes later, the officers arrested the second person after spotting him walking from the direction of the restaurant in wet sweat pants.



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Molly, a shepherd/cattle dog mix, receives some prime under-the-chin scratching from her owner, Ann Smith, in appreciation for alerting her owner to danger last week.

County OKs renewed Fort Stanton lease

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Uneasy about requirements that might come back on the county, one Lincoln County commissioner voted against an expanded lease agreement for three buildings at historic Fort Stanton.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs stood alone on his vote and the five-year lease passed Tuesday 4-1.

"I've expressed my unease with the situation," he said. "No one wants to see that fort developed more than me. It's a wonderful place. I don't want to stand in the way, but I just don't like this agreement."

He pointed out that no on-site inspection of the buildings was performed by the county and serious problems with electricity and the structures could exist.

"We don't know what will be approved or what changes may be required (by the state)," he said.

But Commissioner Leo Martinez said the residents of the county already gave their absolute backing of the 1855 fort northeast of Ruidoso, which could become an economic treasure for county tourism. Not to approve the lease would be taking a step backwards, he contended.

"We're not taking responsibility for the whole fort, just three buildings," Commissioner Maury St. John pointed out. The Fort Stanton Inc. group, as part of a larger agency advocacy partnership that now operates the small museum at the fort, has shown its ability to handle the work for more than three years, she said.

The previous agreement with the state property control division covered two pages for the use of two buildings for the museum operation, county attorney Alan Morel said.

The new lease for three buildings, to expand the museum and create public restrooms, is 15 pages long, he said.

"It places new obligations on the county," Morel said. "It's a five-year lease (with additional five-year options) with no provisions for early termination. Fort Stanton Inc., is not mentioned, but it does provide for a sublease."

"The utility provision is unclear. There are

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FIRE: Village aggressive in seeking grants

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teachers who guard their investments, treating their acreage has been physically draining and financially risky. The Lotts were on the state forestry division's cost-share waiting list for nearly two years and thinned three acres by themselves. Once they were approved, she spent hours in consultation with forestry officials to create the work plan, and walked the property "15 or 20 times" to better understand which trees had to go.

After interviewing several companies, she chose two contractors to cut and chip the trees. Lott says she made sure to supervise the cutters, so that the trees marked "leave" were not removed by mistake, some of which happened anyway. The project area, a total of four acres, had a price tag of \$4,363, 70 percent of which was reimbursed by the grant.

And now, even after the project is "finished" and paid for, more work lies ahead. Lott spends hours every day dealing with the leftovers, including so much firewood that she can't give it all away. She rakes wood chips and hauls branches to the side of Country Road for removal by county grapple trucks.

The work involved, and the stringent standards applied discourage many homeowners from participating in the cost-share program. Bill Duemling, service forester at the State Forestry Division office in Capitan, which administers the wildlife-urban interface grants, estimates that for every two parties who begin the reimbursement process, only one completes it.

Duemling and district forester Barbara Luna, the two-person fuels mitigation team in Capitan, have been fighting a backlog of cost-share requests ever since the Kokopelli Fire in 2001. Two more technicians, paid for by a new allocation, were added in the last year; now, Luna said, inquiries can be addressed almost immediately.

Staffing has also been an issue for the village's forestry office, which consists of DeLaco and forestry technician Justice Jones. The department, founded last year, moved into its own office and secured a temporary full-time secretary in March. Charged with administering the cost-share program as well as enforcing the village's wildfire prevention ordinances, the department is struggling to keep up, said DeLaco.

"As the demand for services and implementation has increased, it's obvious that to keep the time frames where we want them, the forestry department needs to expand," he said.

For this year's budget, DeLaco has recommended the village council make the secretary position permanent and hire another forestry technician.

With the staff and grant money on hand, the village is concentrating on lots in the southwest quadrant of the village: west of Mechem, south of Sudderth. Since most of the area's fires travel with the spring winds, southwest to northeast, this area is considered most vulnerable to a spark from public lands outside the village.

When the fuels hazard has been alleviated in the southwest, the project will move on to the rest of its private land. Through a combination of ordi-



PHOTO BY MIKI PRICE

Lynn Newton, a part-time resident from Midland, Texas, has been treating the 1.6 acres around her Cedar Creek Road vacation home since March. The state forestry cost-share program will cover \$1,200 of the contractors' fees; the entire project will cost an estimated \$3,600.

nance enforcement and grant allocations, DeLaco says, all the land in Ruidoso will be treated in six to eight years.

Other challenges

But will the grant money last that long?

Both staffs continue to apply for funding from a wide variety of sources, but nothing is assured.

"My opinion is that it surely will run out, someday, even though it is a popular program that is getting a lot of results," DeLaco said. "New Mexico has to compete with 17 other states for (the wildlife-urban interface grants), and whatever it gets is

divvied up among communities. But Ruidoso has been getting money every year based on the quality and comprehensiveness of our forest management program."

"As long as Ruidoso keeps setting the pace, at least in the southern part of the state, and throughout the states, we'll keep getting funded."

Even if the cost-share money dries up, he added, the village hopes residents will look at fuels reduction as a good long-term investment.

"We've designed our program to address the fuels hazard, increase forest health and provide the maximum landscape opportunity for the homeowners, promoting an added-value concept. Over time, if we do proper fuels management, the remaining trees will be healthy trees, and it will improve property values in this community."

A promising patchwork

Linda Lott misses the privacy that the trees once provided, but says her work has brought peace of mind and other benefits. The project removed four towering trees killed by bark beetles, as well as many smaller ones with fungus infestation and other health problems, all caused by the crowding, she

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Ask for Jani

said. "I already see a major difference. The grass is coming back, because the sun can get to it. The wildlife has come back in—I see elk and deer in here all the time," she said. "It's just a healthy looking forest."

Preventing catastrophic fire, lot by lot, may seem daunting, but Luna says every project makes a difference.

"Research shows that if 40 percent of the landscape is treated in a patchwork form, you will make a difference in the behavior of catastrophic fires. Our goal is to keep on putting each piece in the puzzle," said Luna.

"It's great to see when one neighbor starts a project, then another, and soon all the neighbors are working on it together. Then, when private projects tie into Forest Service projects, which tie into Mescalero Tribe projects, it gets exciting," she said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Richardson in Downs

Gov. Bill Richardson will make a presentation in Ruidoso Downs today at 4:30 p.m. The governor will be in town for about an hour at Ruidoso Downs City Hall, a city spokesman said.

GOP candidate forum

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County and the Republican Party of Lincoln County are sponsoring a Republican candidate forum

Wednesday, April 21, at the Ruidoso Convention Center from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to come and meet this year's 20 Lincoln County Republican candidates.

Demo hopefuls to talk

The Lincoln County Democratic Party has scheduled a Meet the Candidates Forum starting at 6:30 p.m. April 28 at Ruidoso Village Hall council chambers.

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COURT: Funding a concern for new program

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still didn't have one, she and other interested individuals and representatives of agencies that deal with young offenders started meeting last June to put together a plan.

"Lincoln County doesn't have a lot of services for juveniles," Parsons said. "Drug courts operating across the country, including Alamogordo, are working well and we wanted to tap into those resources."

Represented on the advisory board that meets once a month are officials from the offices of the public defender, the district attorney, the court, from juvenile probation, social services and counseling, as well as the private sector and the Ruidoso school system. The treatment team meets biweekly, and usually the judge sees the offenders after that meeting.

"This is part of the continuum of services (juvenile probation officer) Sergio Castro has been trying to put together," she said. The drug court officially

started up in February, despite a veto by Gov. Bill Richardson of all but \$100,000 of the money designated by the state Legislature, the judge said.

"It wasn't just our county," Gilsdorf said. Part of the funding for juvenile drug courts in four judicial districts was cut, he said. Members of the advisory board are confused because the move contradicts Richardson's stated preference for "front-end" tackling of behavioral and criminal problems.

Legislators indicated they wanted a juvenile drug court in all judicial districts, he said. They funded 60 percent of the operating costs for the first year to get the program off the ground, he said.

But Richardson's veto means some services will have to be cut or the court disbanded, Parsons said. Gilsdorf is trying to line up federal grant money to help.

"In larger communities, they have other things and services that can step into the gap," he said.

The drug court only deals



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Members of the Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Board in Lincoln County are from left in back, JDC counselor Dorothy Weeks, Christina Manire with its Quest, JDC counselor Rebekah Stephens, business member Paul Ragland, Pam Dobbs of the district attorney's office and Rick Gilsdorf, JDC program director for the 12th Judicial District. Seated are juvenile probation officer Catherine Cox, District Judge Karen Parsons, Officer Ramona Bailey of the Ruidoso Police Department and attorney Angie K. Schneider-Cook, who volunteers to represent clients and in many other functions, Gilsdorf said.

with court-ordered children as a condition of probation, Gilsdorf explained. "We're not a resource for kids off the street, but any court office can recommend a participant. We will screen them into juvenile drug court, if the judge orders it."

The screening includes the entire family, if possible, he said. "Once the order is in place, all of the information and primary players meet to decide if the drug court is appropriate for the particular juvenile and they recommend acceptance or rejection."

CLARIFICATION

Ben Mason, who wrote an opinion piece in the Friday, April 16, edition, should also have been identified as a member of the Ruidoso River Association.

CORRECTIONS

In an article last week about the tabled rezoning of 16 acres of city-owned property in the Grindstone area being considered for affordable housing, the correct vote of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission to recommend approval was unanimous with two members absent. The area above the dam is designated by the village to be protected as a watershed and property above Santa Anita Road is zoned for single-family residential use.

A photo caption in the April 16 edition incorrectly listed the hosts of the April 15 Business After Hours. The hosts were Savories Personal Chef Service and the Duncan Upper Canyon Experience.

CLUBS MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 21

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. Hage 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.fbcruuidoso.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.

Republican candidate forum at the Ruidoso Convention Center from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club; 6:30 p.m. at Michalena's; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Thursday, April 22

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

Ruidoso Arts Commission; 4 p.m., at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

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.

Thursday Bridge; 11 a.m. at Cree Meadows.
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Friday, April 23

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 24

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.

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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.

Sunday, April 25

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous women's open meeting; 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth. 257-9397.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59; 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. 378-4880.

Monday, April 26

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

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Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59; 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. 378-4880.

Democratic candidate forum starting at 6:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Village Hall council chambers.

Tuesday, April 27

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.

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

Ruidoso Village Council meeting; 6 p.m. at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Republican Women of Lincoln County; Noon; board meeting at 11 a.m. 336-7038

Ruidoso Evening Lions; 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook; Bill Speegle, 378-4151

Wednesday, April 28

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 TeamKids Discipleship Program; 6 p.m.

If rejected, the child is referred back to the juvenile probation office. If accepted, the young offender may be ordered into a variety of treatment programs, supervision situations and community service.

Typically, family members are involved and must participate for the intervention to be effective and for controls and limitations to be observed, Gilsdorf said.

"We build in a lot of structure, limits and oversight," he said. "The continued court involvement is a big part of the program. The judge retains jurisdiction over the entire process. She gets reports every other week. Based on recommendation of the team, she orders what is appropriate."

The program identifies incentives, points out when a participant has fallen short and can include anything considered useful by the judge, including a physical examination.

"The limit is the creativity of the entire team," Gilsdorf said.

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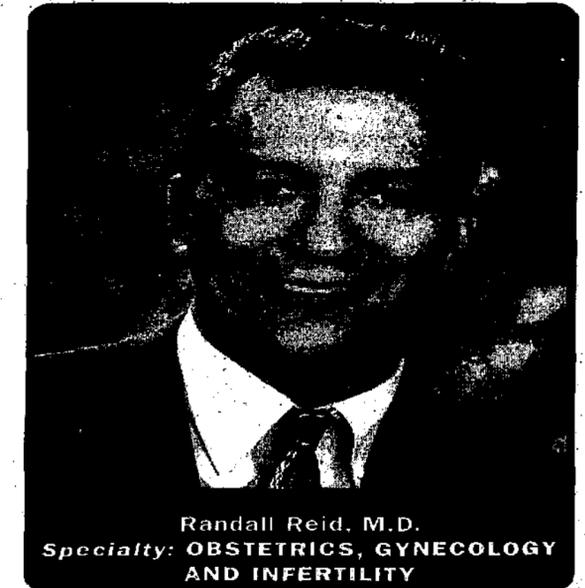
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OUR OPINION

Water task force's proposals are excellent

The public will get a chance to react on May 11

That long-awaited report from Ruidoso's water task force is getting a review by the village council; at first look, it's worth serious consideration by everyone.

The report recommends changes in three areas, with three ordinances, and each one serves a good purpose: No new domestic water wells in the village; a five-phase restraint on water use; and a conservation surcharge on big water users during the dry season.

Domestic wells, primarily for keeping lawns green, have been public relations sore points for the village during severe drought summers. Putting a halt to more wells

would help in the long run, yet wouldn't hurt present owners, whose wells would be grandfathered in.

The automatic five-step abatement on water use, resulting from a carefully studied set of conditions, is logical — and would keep councilors from having to make politically painful decisions.

And a \$2 surcharge per 1,000 gallons used beyond 15,000 gallons per month during the summer seems reasonable.

A village hall hearing at 6 p.m. on May 11 will give the public a chance to react.

We think that reaction will be favorable. It should be.

Poor little Fort Sumner needs your help

Our little state has gone nuts, just plain nuts.

Catch this: the mayor of Fort Sumner says he will set up a table outside a supermarket and sell cupcakes and that is what it takes to raise needed money for his community.

And for what purpose does Mayor Ray Lopez seek funding? A Little League park, perhaps? No, unfortunately, the mayor and the Chamber of Commerce are trying to scratch up quarters for a legal defense fund to stop crazy people from coming in and digging up Billy the Kid.

I kid you not. They want to dig up Billy, and they want to dig up his mother over at Silver City. These two have only been laying in peace for more than a century, but, in a publicity stunt run amok, we are investigating Billy's death.

It all started with Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan. He thought it a good idea to explore possible myths having to do with Billy's demise, and with a couple of cohorts took the idea to Gov. Bill Richardson.

Now, say what you want about Governor Bill, but the guy has never met a headline he didn't like. He immediately sensed the promotional value of the Billy the Kid scheme. Media exposure to our governor is like water to a fish.

Billy, the governor, not the outlaw — the latter is still dead — climbed aboard. The idea seemed innocent enough, even fun. Stir up some dust on the Billy the Kid deal and get some national publicity. Good for tourism.

Trouble is, at some point everyone started taking this seriously. The idea seems to be that Billy got a raw deal. I am sure the Kid felt he got a raw deal just after Pat Garrett shot him in the head, or back, or wherever he shot him, if he shot him. History has its villains and its heroes.

One of my modern day heroes is the State Office of the Medical Investigator who said the pro-

posed digging up of Billy's mother "has very little possibility of contributing any information to the...alleged investigation," and, "is a very great waste of public resources..." Bravo.

And Poor Fort Sumner. Here's a New Mexico village of 1,200 with a budget of less than a half-million bucks. All those folks want is for people to let Billy the Kid alone so a few tourists will stop by his grave and maybe buy a hamburger on the way out of town. Is that asking too much?

You can send a "defense fund" contribution to Citizen's Bank, P. O. Box 28, Fort Sumner, NM 88119. Be generous.

A whole bunch of folks are running to replace the Lincoln County sheriff who started all this. We would guess their position on Billy the Kid will be a campaign issue. One of the most prominent, career Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox, told us, "I don't know who killed Billy the Kid, but I can assure you he is dead. I would have better things to do with my time."

If only the rest of the state had better things to do with its time.

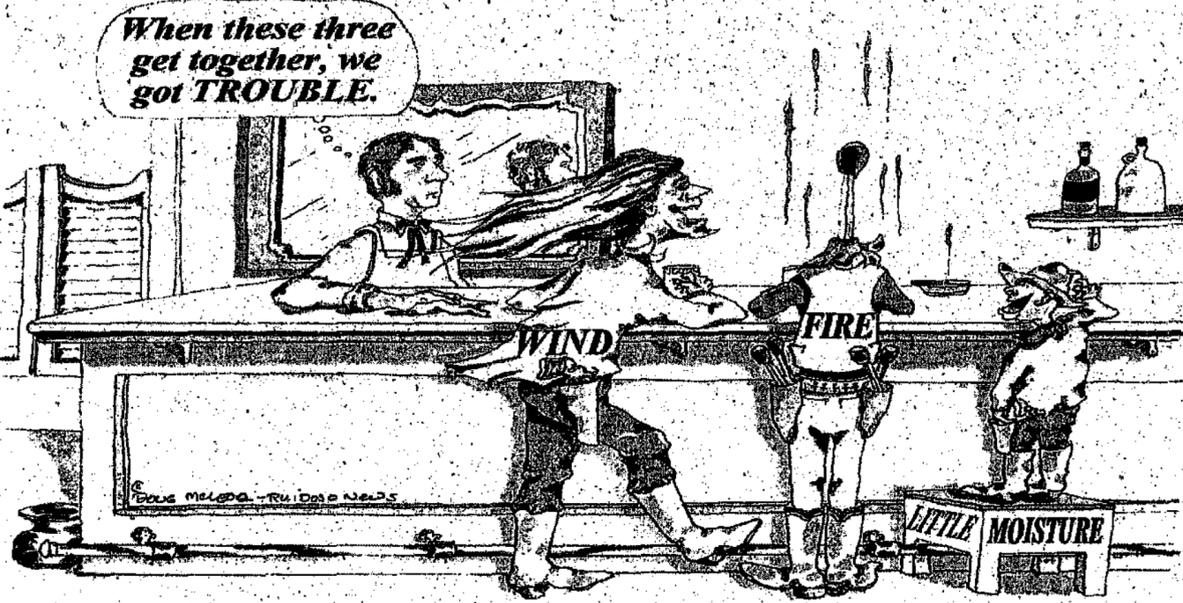
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YOUR OPINION

Adults create a double standard for kids

To the editor:

Adults are the mentors for their children. There are laws made by adults that children up to the age of 18, or maybe older in some places, cannot buy alcoholic beverages. Why? The reason, so the adults say, is that children and young people are not capable of handling their alcohol.

By allowing adults to drink, they prove to society that they themselves cannot handle this drug. Few drink to get drunk, but they don't have the self-discipline to quit before they become drunk. No alcoholic became one intentionally; it was over a period of time of drinking.

It is ironic, therefore, to insinuate that something as powerfully dangerous to society as alcohol is all right for adults when they themselves are unable to control their actions. The truth is that what is destructive to the mind, liver, stomach, and emotions of the body, is not good for any age.

How can parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, or friends have liquor or beer (the milder form) in their refrigerators or personal bars and think they can teach their children to abstain from experimenting with those drinks?

Is it not ironic that these adults claim, by their actions, they are capable of controlling their drinking when they cannot always control themselves? Is it not ironic that adults are fooling themselves in thinking their selfish love for their drink is giving a signal to their children that there is really nothing wrong with drinking?

What looks more foolish, a little child drunk or an adult man or woman drunk? I think it looks more foolish for an adult to be drunk.

Adults are supposed to be able to make wise choices; little children are not.

Adults are supposed to be able to discipline themselves and little children are not. What are adults trying to do for the good of their children when they have an ironic double standard? Think about this!

Furthermore, it is true that our youth are responsible for tomorrow, but adults are responsible for today. How can their future be better if the adults of today are foolish, irresponsible, and undisciplined?

*Joe Tarry
Ruidoso*

Logical presentation

To the editor:

My wife and I were dismayed when reading the article ... concerning Leo Martinez's guest appearance at the ENMU-Ruidoso Lincoln County history class, in place of his wife, Cynthia Orozco, concerning objections by "several students" of his choice of content. Our discussions with fellow students during a recent field trip indicate any objections from class members were few at best.

Commissioner Martinez spoke of the county's governmental structure, which seemed a logical continuation of the basic subject matter of the class, that being county history. Indeed, the Lincoln County War and surrounding events were as affected by the politics then as any modern events are today.

Neither Irene nor I heard any partisan commentary or political attacks. Mr. Martinez answered the many questions from the students quite properly and objectively. The number of questions asked by students was indicative of the amount of interest in the subject matter he presented.

Mr. Martinez's presentation to the "captive audience" was both academic objective. If in doubt, attend a class at UT

Austin or UC Berkeley for comparison.

Irene and I are not only pleased with the class, but consider Dr. Orozco very much an asset to the university and hope to attend another of her classes in the future.

*J. David and Irene Ross
Ruidoso*

Fine show; bad moment

To the editor:

On Thursday, April 15, my husband, Bob, and I went to the Spencer Theater to see Saturday Night Fever. It was, hands down, the finest performance we have ever enjoyed in Ruidoso. The cast never missed a beat or a step — they were spectacular! The entire audience would have loved to have danced in the aisle. The Spencer Theater did itself proud!

On a secondary note, but no less noteworthy, two weeks ago I had a tire blow out on Paradise Canyon Road around 5 p.m. (rush hour Ruidoso style). I tried to pull over in a place where there was no place to pull over. Multiple cars passed me — honking at their annoyance and acknowledging me in a visually unkind way. Then, fortunately, along came an SUV and the driver said "I can see you need some help." The driver, Joe Zagone, whom I do not know well, gave me his cell phone to call home and then gave me a ride home.

Joe Zagone is a "Good Samaritan" and will always have my thanks. When horns blared, Joe stopped and asked "Can I help?" This is a man who truly cares about our community.

Perhaps that is unique among those who criticize our wonderful village.

*Jule Sterchi
Ruidoso*

POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Governor's veto of Chaves County projects 'politics'

BY DANIEL R. FOLEY
NEW MEXICO STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The governor continues to avoid the tough questions about glaring discrepancies between his words and his actions to kill \$1.7 million worth of community projects in Chaves County.

On Feb. 13, the governor announced that he and unnamed "legislative leaders" had cut a deal on new criteria to be used in evaluating capital outlay requests to be approved by the legislature and the governor. The problem is, no legislative leader I've spoken with knows anything about this deal and even the governor hasn't said much about the alleged agreement.

What little the governor has said about the criteria he used in evaluating capital outlay projects doesn't jibe with what he actually did.

For example, the governor listed public school projects as his top priority, but he vetoed \$332,000 worth of public school and \$147,000 worth of higher

education projects in Chaves County. And in February, the governor announced that projects funded with bond proceeds would have to have a value of at least \$50,000, but in March he set the limit at \$25,000 and then went on to approve several hundred bonded projects with values less than \$25,000, including many that will be submitted to voters in November for final approval or rejection.

The governor never publicly mentioned that partisan politics would play a role in his decision to approve or veto capital outlay projects, but it apparently did. The governor vetoed \$11.8 million worth of projects sponsored by Republicans while vetoing less than \$2.4 million worth of Democratic-sponsored projects.

The governor even singled out Chaves County in his veto of projects sponsored by Democrats, as more than \$1 million of his \$2.4 million worth of vetoes of Democratic projects were spon-

sored by Sen. Timothy Z. Jennings and Rep. Pauline J. Ponce.

Various gubernatorial surrogates have tried unsuccessfully to justify the governor's actions to Chaves County residents. Their most consistent message is that the governor has the responsibility to balance the state's budget — a statement that dodges the question and one that's laughable in light of the governor's Enron-style accounting shenanigans.

After all, if it wasn't for an accounting change that fattened New Mexico's books by more than \$280 million, the state's reserves would sit at a dangerously low 2.5 percent of appropriations.

The governor's actions speak louder than his words: his vetoes of Chaves County community projects were politically motivated.

Representative Foley, a Roswell Republican, also represents part of Lincoln County.

Union Pacific sues for 'Zozo train wreck damages

Dead engineer's estate is the target of lawsuit

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Union Pacific Railroad Company is suing the estate of the engineer involved in a fatal crash of two trains in Carrizozo Feb. 21.

The suit filed earlier this month in U.S. District Court asks for compensation for property damages of more than \$75,000 arising from illegal conduct and names Adrian Carl Rodella, temporary administrator of the estate of Anthony C. Rodella, as defendant.

Contending that train engineer Anthony Rodella was under the influence of marijuana in violation of company rules and federal law, the suit states that Union Pacific is entitled to punitive damages as well as the esti-

ated millions of dollars of actual damages.

The suit, filed on behalf of the company by Albuquerque attorneys John S. Thal and W.R. Logan, states that on Feb. 21, two Union Pacific employees, Anthony Rodella and Jeffrey Bohler, were operating a train consisting of two locomotives and 78 empty automobile carrier cars eastbound from El Paso, Texas, headed toward Vaughn.

Bohler was the conductor and supervisor of Rodella, according to the suit. About 7:54 a.m. as the train approached Carrizozo, another Union Pacific train consisting of four locomotives and 93 cars loaded with grain was headed west out of that town. The westbound train had a signal to diverge into a siding located at Carrizozo. The eastbound train was required to stop at a signal in Carrizozo to permit the westbound train to enter the siding and to clear

the track before the eastbound train could proceed, the suit states.

Prior to going on duty, Rodella was off duty for about 27 hours and Bohler was off duty for about 13 hours, in compliance with federal law governing the maximum number of consecutive hours to be worked, the suit states.

"Prior to approaching the stop signal at Carrizozo, the eastbound train encountered two signals that informed the crew (Rodella and Bohler) that they should reduce the speed of their train and be prepared to stop at the next signal," the suit states.

However, the eastbound train struck the westbound trail at the point on the tracks where the mainline track intersected with the siding, about 25 cars behind the westbound train's locomotives.

Rodella and Bohler were killed. Several cars on each train were

derailed, as were both locomotive engines on the eastbound train. A brief fire erupted. The cost of cleanup and delays resulting from the collision and ensuring derailment "were in the millions of dollars," the suit states.

Toxicological tests were performed by two different entities on both train crews. The second update of the National Transportation Safety Board disclosed that a green leafy substance and smoking paraphernalia were found on the remains of Rodella and tested positive for marijuana, as did the deceased engineer, according to the suit.

Bohler's test was negative, as were the tests on the crew of the westbound train, the suit states.

The NTSB concluded that the crew of the eastbound train had passed three signals that informed them of the need to reduce speed and to be prepared to stop their train prior to the

last signal, the suit states.

"The crew...disregarded those signals," it states.

NTSB investigators determined that the throttle of the eastbound train was in a "high power setting and that the speed of the train was not reduced in a manner that would comply with signal indicators."

The event recorder showed numerous whistle blasts from the westbound train, but no braking action from Rodella's locomotive before impact, the suit states.

It contends both Rodella and his supervisor, Bohler, by being aware of his conduct, abandoned their duties as railroad employees endangering themselves and other Union Pacific employees and the general public. The illegal actions of the two men were outrageous and criminal, it states.

A representative of Rodella's estate could not be reached for comment.

Downs alcohol vote passes; officials believe economic benefits to come

BY MARTY BACINE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Last week's vote to allow restaurants in Ruidoso Downs to sell beer and wine should boost the local economy, officials say.

"It gives us a better chance to have many different restaurants come in and look at Ruidoso Downs," said Councilor Sue Garrett.

"It will just help our growth and help us move in the right direction."

"It's getting people to get a foot in the door here," City Administrator John Waters said. "It's trying to tell people that we're really thinking about businesses in Ruidoso Downs, and restaurants are high on the list."



Waters

The vote to approve was 79-8, nearly a 10-1 ratio. By state law the action required a special election.

City Clerk Carol Virden has submitted an original copy of the official canvassing to the Alcohol and Gaming Division, should the owner of a Downs restaurant file an application for a beer and wine license.

Garrett and others voiced disappointment only in the turnout. "It was such a small vote," she said. "I wanted to ask Carol (Virden) how much it cost us per vote. I can't believe more people aren't more interested in this."

The turnout closely resembled that of another recent special election in which Downs residents rejected a proposal to expand the size of City Council from four to six members.

The Downs had been the only municipality in Lincoln County with a dry policy for restaurants, of which there are five in the city. It remains to be

seen whether any desire to sell beer and wine.

Rather, the initiative was aimed mostly at the future. Several local entrepreneurs have expressed interest in opening "a nice restaurant," Waters said, "where you can have beer or wine with your meal."

"Headhunter" organizations scouting new territories for restaurant chains have also approached the city. Their laundry list of questions focuses on water, traffic flow, utility rates, infrastructure and, invariably, the restaurant liquor license situation. One of those chains is the Outback Steakhouse.

A beer and wine license might also help any restaurant interested in eventually getting a more expensive mixed-drink liquor license, which costs upwards of \$250,000.

"That's a major investment," Waters said. "The good alternative to that is to put in a nice beer and wine (license) and you

bring your clientele in, you develop it. If you have a restaurant that, over a period of time, gets busier and starts to pay for itself, then it may be worth bringing in the extra money to acquire one of those additional liquor licenses. Once you get introduced into the town if things are going right, that's another step."

Beer and wine also fits the tenets of the city's comprehensive master plan, Waters related.

"The comprehensive master plan meetings we've had, when you look at the number of stickers that are placed on the voting lists we have up there, the community center gets a lot of votes, you get a lot of votes for higher paying jobs and housing. But along with water and everything else, we have restaurants up there."

"We've got some smaller restaurants. People want a nice family restaurant in Ruidoso Downs."

Garrett says beer and wine will help put restaurants on the improved U.S. 70.

"You're going to have a lot more traffic when the highway's done. It's going to be people traveling through, and they're not going to want to get off the highway and go into town. They're going to want to stop on Highway 70, have something to eat and keep going. It's a change in how we're going to do business."

As it stands, Downs visitors have few incentives to utilize city offerings, Waters said.

"You're from Lubbock, you pull out of the race track and you're deciding, 'Should we eat here, or do we want to drive up

to Midtown. A lot of people...turn left and go to eat at Tijuana's or Cattle Baron's down in Roswell instead. They'd rather wait an hour driving and get closer to home."

"If they had a restaurant here like that they'd stop here. And maybe after they finished eating, 'Why don't we stay here tonight?' It's that mentality of trying to bring them in and work one step at a time."

Already, Waters said, people interested in Thursday's vote have been calling from such locales as Alamogordo and El Paso.

"We're fairly sure something good is going to happen out of it."

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80 buildings out there and I'm not sure how they calculate the percentage used by three. I don't think they are on separate meters."

Another new requirement is for the county to insure the three buildings and to hold the state harmless for liability, he said. The county also is to maintain the buildings and provide records of the work.

"I've prepared a sublease transferring all the responsibilities to Fort Stanton Inc., but I'm not sure they are willing," Morel said.

"No matter who we sublet to, we're responsible, but have no operational control over, nor do we know their financial stability," Hobbs said of the Fort Stanton group. "As a public board, we have that obligation."

Tony Hoffman, president of Fort Stanton Inc., said his group is ready and willing to accept the responsibilities outlined. In meeting with state officials, he was told the county is a buffer, allowing things such as a five-year lease because the arrangement is from one government entity to another.

The group is willing to continue its liability insurance and add supplemental insurance for special events, Hoffman said.

The only irritant is that the agreement would allow the state to take back the building if officials determine it could be useful. He'd like to see a valid reason required, not to leave it open-ended, Hoffman said.

Morel said the only legal requirement on the state is to give one year's notice.

St. John, who serves on the Fort Stanton Development Commission created by the state Legislature and appointed by the governor, said she questioned state officials about a direct lease to Fort Stanton Inc. She was told that would require a request for proposals and other groups also might respond. The process could delay the expenditure of money allocated for preservation and restoration of the fort by the Legislature and result in the money being forfeited, she said.

Hoffman said the ability to continue the lease for up to 20 years in five-year increments will enhance chances for endowments and grants. In the past, entities have been reluctant to pour money into the complex of more than 80 buildings because of the lack of a long-term guarantee of use, Martinez said.

The fort development commission should work hard toward changing the wording that allows the state to take back property, Martinez said. St. John responded that she was told if the operation becomes financially viable, the state

would have no reason to "pull us out."

Hoffman and St. John said supporters are looking at creating a separate entity for the fort or, at least, to move it out from under Property Control and into State Parks or Cultural Affairs, agencies with a preservation orientation.

St. John offered the motion for approval of the lease. A sublease to Fort Stanton Inc. will be considered separately.

The fort development commission will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the fort maintenance office.

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The 40-cuyd Portable Concrete Batch Plant is located approximately 2 miles north of Angus, NM in Section 11, Township 10S, Range 13E of Lincoln County.

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Knowledge Bowl

Today is the Region IX-sponsored Academic Competition Tournament where student winners from seven school districts compete for trophies, after having competed in 21 games for each of the regional competitions throughout the school year. The competitions are for grades six through 12, and the results will be in Friday's *Ruidoso News*.

Altrusa scholarships

The Altrusa Club of Ruidoso Scholarship Program has helped dozens of Lincoln County residents achieve academic success. This year, three recipients received their diplomas: Pamela Gearn, associate's in nursing from New Mexico State University-Alamogordo; Sara Rockey-Proctor, A.S. in nursing from Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell; and Celina Smith, A.A.S. in physical therapy assistance from El Paso Community College.

Additional 2003-2004 scholarship recipients are Mary Rodela, accounting student at ENMU-Portales, and Mary Quintana, elementary education student at ENMU-Ruidoso.

The Altrusa program was established in 1993 to provide assistance to adults who have discontinued their education

and now need help in furthering their education due to changing demands in their lives. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and must have successfully completed at least nine semester or quarter hours (or the equivalent) in an accredited college or vocational school.

Effective this year, applications are accepted once a year and must be submitted to the scholarship committee chairman by June 15. For more information or to request an application form, contact Altrusa at P.O. Box 1143, Ruidoso, NM, 88345, or call the scholarship chairman at 336-8401.

Shuttle Camp filling

Shuttle Camp classes are filling up rapidly. More than 300 cadets have signed up to blast off at Shuttle Camp since registration for the New Mexico Museum of Space History's internationally-recognized summer space science education program opened on March 1. Shuttle Camp offers classes for children from pre-kindergarten through high school.

For more information or to obtain a brochure and registration form, contact the Education Department at (877) 333-6569 or (505) 437-2840, or visit the Web site at www.spacefame.org.

Sixth graders get an anti-drug lesson from their older peers

Seven high school students will travel to White Mountain Elementary School today to teach sixth grade students resistance skills, how to deal with peer pressure and basic drug abuse prevention education, part of the Project ALERT prevention curriculum.

The program targets sixth and seventh grade students and focuses on teaching life skills. Weekly sessions may include video presentations, role-play activities, discussion and homework for the student to do with their parents.

Project ALERT was initiated in 2002 and has been conducted at White Mountain Intermediate, Carrizozo Middle School and Gavilan Alternative School.

A booster component for the

program was conducted with Ruidoso Middle School seventh graders in 2003, consisting of three intensive sessions focusing on skill review and additional prevention education.

Research has shown that using teens as positive role models is an effective way to reach elementary and middle school students. Through direct modeling and reinforcing beliefs, attitudes and behaviors that not using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs is "cool," peer educators reach students with a level of credibility adults cannot. Peer educators must complete the Project ALERT Teen Training, have parent and school endorsement and commit to being drug free.

For more information, contact Kelli Shaw at 258-4859.

Nine RHS seniors among elite ACT Scholars

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Nine Ruidoso High School seniors attained the status of ACT Scholars for their high scores on college ACT tests.

High school counselor Joy McCollum and teachers Ridge Bowden, Mike Morris, Donna Willard and Carla Burns introduced the students to the school board at its meeting April 13.

McCollum said the students scored 26 or higher and maintained a 3.5 grade-point average or higher, and that 964 other high school seniors in New Mexico also were named ACT Scholars.

"These are the cream of the crop," Morris said.

Willard said she's known these students since they were sophomores.

"It's been my honor to teach every one of them," she said.

"I got the best students because I teach advanced classes," Burris said. "Some of these students I've known since seventh grade."



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

These RHS seniors were recognized at the Ruidoso School Board meeting for having been named as ACT Scholars. They are, from left, back row, Adrian Olvera, Brendan LaCounte, Gwynne Skaggs Ryan and Jessica Francis; front row, Lauren Lahey, Rebekah A. LeBlanc and Tristan Bates (not present, Victoria Celusniak and Sean Duffy).

Preschoolers hop into fund-raising for muscular dystrophy

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Preschoolers at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center hopped their way toward a sizable contribution to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and greater awareness of the special needs of people with muscular dystrophy.

About 23 preschool children went out and got sponsorships for a certain number of hops at the Hop-A-Thon in the playground, said Sandra Reynolds, Head Start teacher at Nob Hill.

"Then teachers count how many times they hop," she said. In all, the children raised \$500, but Isabel Lindley Reynolds raised the most of any child — \$250 — and she had to hop the most.

Isabel spoke about her fundraising techniques: "I went to everybody's house —



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

A preschool "Hop-A-Thon" for Muscular Dystrophy made Nob Hill Early Childhood Center a hopping place Thursday. The classes raised \$500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

my cousin's, my friends' houses," Isabel said. "I told them about muscular dystro-

phy and how you have to jump." Asked what is muscular

dystrophy, Isabel said, "Boys and girls who can't jump, and have to go in a wheelchair."

THEY WON THEIR BUG AWARDS BY RAISING THEIR GRADES



PHOTOS COURTESY WMS

About 50 White Mountain Intermediate School students this month received BUG awards — Bringing Up Grades — from members of the Kiwanis Club. Each student brought up their grade in at least one class. They received a button, a pencil, a gift certificate to McDonald's and a signed certificate from the Kiwanis Club and their principal and teacher.

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 21 — Breakfast: Ham bar, muffins, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Burrito, corn dog, Tater Tots, fruit with Jell-O

Thursday, April 22 — Breakfast: Granola nutrition bar, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Pizza, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, corn, fruit

Friday, April 23 — Breakfast: Coffeecake, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, tamales, Tater Tots, celery sticks with dressing, fruit

Monday, April 26 — Breakfast: Boiled egg and toast, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Taco salad, beef tacos, pinto beans, fruit, crackers, April Birthday Party

Tuesday, April 27 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast and cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich (no second choice), carrot sticks with dressing, potato chips, fruit

Carrizozo Schools

Wednesday, April 21 — Breakfast: Quesadilla, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Fried burrito, corn, salad, pineapple

Thursday, April 22 — Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Pizza, veggie stick, salad, mixed fruit

Friday, April 23 — Breakfast: Cheese toast, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Hot dog, potato wedges, relish, chilled fruit

Monday, April 26 — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Nachos, pinto beans, salad, chilled fruit

Tuesday, April 27 — Breakfast: Go-gurts or wheat toast with jelly, cold cereal and fruit juice

Lunch: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, rolls, peaches

Ruidoso Elementary schools

Wednesday, April 21 — Breakfast: Waffle sticks, apple jelly

Lunch: Beef tacos, Spanish rice, tossed salad, spice cake, Orange Smiles

Thursday, April 22 — Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, banana

Lunch: Grilled cheese with soup.

Jell-O, diced pears or Spike's Lunchable (tortilla roll-up)

Friday, April 23 — Breakfast: Cheerios, graham cracker, orange wedge

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

Monday, April 26 — Breakfast: Cereal, graham cracker, Orange Wedge

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, Tater Tots, broccoli, applesauce

Tuesday, April 27 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, apple half

Lunch: Pizza, corn, tossed salad, peanut butter bar, Orange Smiles

Middle school

Wednesday, April 21 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and gravy, manager's choice

Lunch: Stuffed baked potato, salad, peanut butter bar, fruit

Thursday, April 22 — Breakfast: Donut, biscuit and gravy, manager's choice

Lunch: Taco salad, corn, salsa, cookie, fruit

Friday, April 23 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and gravy, potato burrito, cinnamon toast

Lunch: Bean burrito, spicy fries, salad, fruit

Monday, April 26 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and gravy,

manager's choice

Lunch: Tijuana taco, Spanish rice, salad, fruit

Tuesday, April 27 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and gravy, manager's choice

Lunch: Grilled cheese with soup, salad, fruit, peanut butter bar

High school

Wednesday, April 21 — Breakfast: Donut, biscuit and gravy, manager's choice

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

Thursday, April 22 — Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, egg and potato burrito, cinnamon toast

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, Lays potato chips, salad, peanut butter bars, fruit

Friday, April 23 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and gravy, manager's choice

Lunch: American pizza meatloaf, mashed potatoes with chives, salad, fruit

Monday, April 26 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks

Lunch: Grilled cheese with soup, salad, fruit

Tuesday, April 27 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and gravy, fruit and yogurt parfait

Lunch: Chef's choice

STUDENT HONORS

Capitan Middle School

Principal Honor Roll

8th grade, Callie Black, Jayna Johns; 7th grade, Lindsey Brown, Carly Grier, Hayley McInnes, Julia Polley, Hannah Sullivan; 6th grade, Haley Montes, Cheyanne Sandoval, Emerald Swanson, Kallea Ward

A Honor Roll

8th grade, Brittany Caughron, Calley Cox, Colton Farley, Danielle Foley, Victoria Hernandez, Danielle Milles; 7th grade, Rett Autrey; Kiya Bartlett, Craig Barton, Sonya Bason, Travis Berryhill, Ashley, DuBose, Mitchell Harper; Hannah Judd, Clifford Keith, Sara Rush, Tyler Scarafioti, Katelyn Schade, Susanna Toler; 6th grade, Jordan Dalton, Alyssa Dean, Preston McGuire, Jessica Price, Christian Quiroz, Giovoñni Quiroz, Lacy Walker, Miranda Zamora.

B Honor Roll

8th grade, William Kern, Dakota McAninch; 7th grade, J.T. Eldridge, Seth Hall, Bonnie Gillis-Keller; 6th grade, Alisha Autrey, Darcy Horst, Russell Johns.

Hondo Valley Schools

Elementary School honor roll, third nine weeks, all A's: 1st

grade, Billy Candelaria, Bobbi Chavez; 2nd grade, Noelle Francis, Denika Willis; 4th grade, German Lerma, Jesus Martinez.

A Honor Roll, 1st grade, Ziar Apodaca, Myliissa Maclin, Jacob Zinn; 2nd grade, Jaime Chavez, Travis Crawford, Valeria Lerma; 4th grade, Julian Marquez, Javier Vargas; 5th grade, Stephanie Gomez, Criselda Hernandez; 6th grade, Anthony Valdes.

B Honor Roll, 1st grade, Patrick Barela, Cash Ficke, Lauren Gomez, Shania Gutierrez; 2nd grade, Lalo Lerma, Yvette Medina; 3rd grade, Kevin Billingsale, Ashley Chavez, Selena Chavez, Skyler Crouch, Irving Gomez, Josefina Hernandez, Andrew Padilla, Montana Prudencio, Adrian Vazquez; 4th grade, Luis Montano, Nancy Norez; 5th grade, Belinda Aragon, Abraham Castro, Payton Klecka, Chanci Lopez, Ryan Miranda, Celena Sanchez, Victor Valdes; 6th grade, Esther Gonzales, Ralph Miranda.

High School honor roll, third nine weeks, 3.7 and above, seniors, Harmony Haun; juniors, E. J. Sanchez, Tiffany Sanchez; 3.0 to 3.69, seniors, Saul Acosta, Samantha Gomez, Santanna Gonzalez, Josephine Gutierrez, Derek McTeigue, David Miranda, Joseph Ontiveros, Eddie Valenzuela; juniors, Jamie Garcia, Airika Perez, J. C. Yocum; sophomores, Angelica Chavez, Idalia Lerma, Teka Salcido; freshmen, Justine Candelaria, Alicia Gallegos, Viviana Marquez, Pancho Ontiveros.

Council weighs econ program

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The concept was tried before without success, but Ruidoso village councilors are looking again at creating an economic development committee.

They asked Brad Treptow, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, to help village staff draft an ordinance detailing duties, the number of members and their authority.



Treptow

Councilor Deborah Marcum Byars, who just stepped down as the village's representative on the South Eastern New Mexico Economic Development Council, said she was advised that to access state and federal dollars available for economic development, a local committee should be formed. She's been told that Ruidoso "is a natural" for new programs at the state level.

"I don't want to chair it, but it seems to me the time is right to form one" with participation of the chamber, Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, the county and the village manager, Byars said.

"Many cities have them," she said, listing Roswell, Taos, Lovington and Alamogordo as examples.

She doesn't think the chamber should stand alone on economic development, Byars said.

"I pay the chamber (as a member) to provide services for me, not to go out and look for competition for me," said Byars, a former theater owner who operates a rental complex. The chamber can be useful in helping to provide a continuing economic base for government, she said.

Treptow said years ago, before he lived in the area, the chamber was solicited to act as an economic development body, "and it didn't do well."

However, recently, city officials in Ruidoso Downs took steps to create such a committee and a model ordinance is available for a start, he said.

"We could then go out and seek businesses appropriate to our area," Treptow said. "I'd be happy to meet with the staff and discuss details and offer our opinion."

He agreed that a committee created by law would give Ruidoso more standing in trying for grants, programs and money.

"The lack of funding hindered the economic development body in the past," he said.

Mayor Leon Eggleston, who previously worked as village clerk and as county finance director, said at one time, an economic development board was funded with gross receipt revenue, but it was managed by the county and was "totally unsuccessful."

If a new board is created, it should focus on the village, he said.

Angle Shaw, a new councilor who will replace Byars on the SENMEDC board, said the state model recommends a board of members with varied background and from varied areas of expertise.

Elevated Ruidoso River flow helpful all around

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso River was running close to 50 cubic feet a second Monday, a real-time chart of its flow showed.

Dick Wisner, executive director of the Ruidoso River Association, said that's a jump of about 10 cfs since last week.

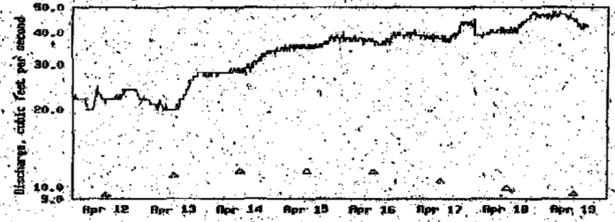
"It's beautiful," he said. "Grindstone already was essentially full and now they've gone to an even higher level."

Grindstone is the village of Ruidoso's main reservoir for municipal use and normally is fed only by the river when the flow exceeds 6 cfs.

"They can only take about 10 cfs (through the diversion pipe) so that anything over that is rushing down the river," he said.

That force of flow helps clean up the river bottom, removing build-ups of sediment, he said.

Wisner credited the excellent river conditions to several sources — the practice at the Ski Apache Resort of making snow before and during the ski



COURTESY USGS

A real-time chart reflecting measurements at a gauge maintained by the village and the Ruidoso River Association shows the river's flow Monday hit nearly 50 cfs — enough to fill the village reservoir and keep the river healthy.

season, a steady diet of late spring rain and wet snow, and no extreme run-off, which means the flow could continue at elevated levels for a while.

"We've been over 10 cfs for a month," Wisner said. "We need for it to keep on raining. It's a beautiful spring."

SEARS

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In your local Sears Store ad today dated 4/21-4/24, the featured washer on the cover, 24872, is incorrectly priced at \$279.88. That price is the correct price for the accompanying matching dryer, 64632. The correct price for the 24872 washer and the price we will honor is \$399.88. Also in the same ad on page 3 the 27770 tractor is shown with a bigger unit attached. The bigger is available for an additional charge and is not included in the tractor's price. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



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Transmitter parts stolen; radio station off air

■ KRUI will broadcast programming on other stations until the problem can be fixed.

BY DAVE PRICE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

Sometime between 10 p.m. Monday and 5 a.m. Tuesday, someone broke into the KRUI-1490 AM transmitter building on Sierra Lane in Ruidoso Downs.

The thief or thieves stole equipment vital to the broadcast process and, since the break-in, KRUI has been off the air.

"In the meantime, we're airing Rush

Limbaugh and Dr. Laura on KNMB, 96.7 FM from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until we can get KRUI back on the air," said Tim Keithley, general manager of MTD Radio, owned by R. D. Hubbard.

Though the studios for the station are located on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, the transmitter is located just next to the tower that broadcasts the station's signal.

Stolen items included broadcast audio processor equipment, a modulation monitor and a remote control system that allows the station to monitor emergency broadcasts.

There is a reward offered for information that leads to an arrest or conviction. Call Crimestoppers at 257-4545 to report any information. Contacted Tuesday for comment, a spokesperson for the Ruidoso Downs Police Department said the incident was under investigation.

Keithley did not predict exactly when the station would return to the airwaves. "We have ordered replacement parts, and will begin to repair the damage Wednesday," he said.

MTD Radio's family of stations includes KRUI, KIDX, KNMB, KWMW and KTUM.

POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Continuing with advice from the Humane Society of the United States about people who are ill and adopt new pets, officials said to heed suggestions from shelter workers about the health of the animal.

No pet is guaranteed to be or remain disease-free. But your veterinarian can suggest preventive guidelines to keep a pet healthy. He or she can test your pet for parasites and other problems, and provide medical care to help a sick pet recover. You can minimize risks for you and your pet by keeping your animal indoors, making sure it is well fed and groomed, and taking the pet to the veterinarian for vaccinations and annual check-ups, humane officials say.

The situation is more critical for people who have compromised immune systems.

HSUS officials suggest following the following precautions:

- Wash your hands after handling a pet.
- Wear rubber gloves when changing a litter box or cleaning up after a pet, and wash your hands afterwards.
- Keep your pet's nails short to minimize scratches.
- Follow your veterinarian's advice on keeping your pet free of fleas and ticks.
- Keep your pet indoors and use a leash outdoors to prevent the animal from hunting, scavenging, fighting, and engaging in other activities that expose him to other animals and disease.
- Feed your pet commercial pet food.
- Keep your pet's living and feeding areas clean.
- Keep your pet's vaccinations up to date.
- Seek veterinary care immediately for a sick pet. If a pet owner's medical condition presents challenge

to provide the everyday pet care, the person should find outside assistance to ensure pets receive the food, grooming, exercise, and general care they need, HSUS officials say.

"When relatives, friends, and neighbors can't help, a nonprofit pet assistance organization may be able to lend a hand," they said. "Typically, these organizations help HIV-infected pet owners by providing everything from emergency foster care and animal transportation to dog walking, pet grooming, and litter box cleaning services."

They suggested calling local veterinarians, animal shelters, physicians, health care clinics, social service agencies for information about local resources.

Although a quick check of several sources showed no such group in this area, paid pet assistance is available, they confirmed.

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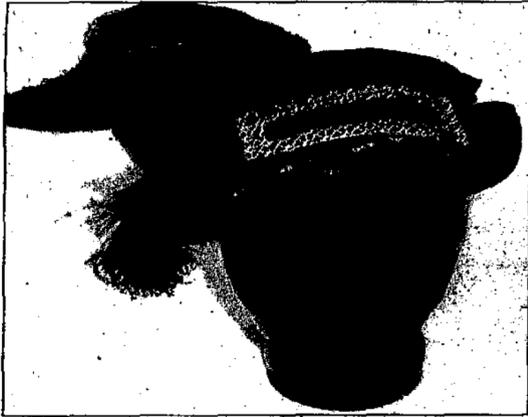
ADOLF

Adolf is a manx-cross male, who naturally has a stub for a tail, in line with the breed's unusual special trait. He's about a year old with black and white coat.

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HOME & FAMILY



COURTESY JULIE CARTER

Hats and glass heads, donated by Roberta Key Haldane, will be on display at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum



COURTESY JULIE CARTER

Models Ivy Heymann, wearing a 19-teens white bodied cotton lingerie dress and a boater hat, Lucia Vega in a 1930s velvet embossed dress with fur trim, and Mary Pieters in a 1940s peach chiffon evening dress and long red silk velvet evening coat.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will help the Carrizozo Heritage Museum celebrate its first anniversary with a fashion show celebrating the fashions of the century (and a bit more) gone by on Friday, April 30.

The way we dressed in days gone by

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Heritage Museum, in partnership with the Carrizozo Woman's Club, soon will offer an evening of fun, good food and vintage fashion.

"Celebrating One Hundred Years of Fashion" will be at the Carrizozo Schools old gymnasium on April 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner and fashion show marks the eve of the first anniversary of the museum.

A "fashionable" dinner will be prepared by the Carrizozo Woman's Club and served by the Carrizozo Yacht Club. In keeping with the theme, the menu is written in "fashionable" terms.

Embellished, supple Brisket of Beef trimmed with a gentle au jus or festooned with delicate peach sauce.

Potatoes woven with cheddar cheese, onion and baked to seamless perfection.

Nipped green beans embroidered with almonds baked in butter.

Gathered green salad adorned with Italian or Ranch dressing.

Tailor-fashioned rolls decorated with butter

And for your *Peplum*:

Luscious Lemon Squares or *decked out* Chocolate Squares

More than 30 models will walk the runway on April 30, wearing fashions covering a century of clothing styles. Exhibited will be even older clothing.

Models will be Britini Ward, Amanda Hurley, Tasha Renney, Ivy Heymann, Anny Eaby and her three granddaughters, Anny, Bleu and Eaby, Veda Stephenson, Tessa Hendricks, Susan Moeller, Ariel Burr, Tierney Burd, Victoria Rossi, Francesca Rossi, Bunty Richardson, Pat Cooper, Fran Altieri, Rosemary Shafer, Jennifer Shafer, Audrey Sansone, Barbara Branum, Lucia Vega, Polly Chavez, Mary Pieters, Erin Hightower, Kaitlyn Vega, Cynthia Brazeal, Valerie Thomas, Kylie Gaines, Aleah Topper, Callie Cox, Jamie Tate and Billie Crawford.

Men modeling fashions will be Dave Thomas, Kenneth Willard, Billy Stephenson, Carl McDaniel, Scott Dean, Dennis Dunnum, Rip Tate, Dean Lollar and Brad Cooper.

Some of the garments modeled by the men will be early 1900-era tuxedos as well as vintage recreations by Valerie Thomas.

Dave Thomas will have a vintage saddle collection on display at the event.

Many of the outfits to be modeled or displayed have been donated to the museum and many others are on loan. The very old fashions are too fragile to be modeled. They will be on display at both the fashion show and the museum.

One such piece is a dress from the Hugh and Linda Fox collection. The Lincoln couple has provided many vintage outfits but the late 1800 bustle-era garment tops the list of fabric treasures. The two-

piece ensemble is a butterscotch taffeta with an elaborate train and with arrangement for a large bustle.

It is nipped at a very tiny waist and has considerable ruffles and pleats. Quite possibly there is horse hair in the hemline of the asymmetrical skirt to hold the shape. The neckline is cut lower, identifying it is an evening gown; in that time period, no neck would be visible in the daytime.

Decorative displays at the dinner also will include an 1860s large hoop-skirt cage undergarment made of leather, cotton and wire. Hats, camisoles, and other delicacies will also be on display.

Barbara Branum will model a 1920s Nancy Margaret Barnum Clouse afternoon dress that is a family treasure. Bunty Richardson will model a 1920s outfit she has provided for the event. A collection of Mabel Rentfro hats will be used as well as displayed at the museum.

Lucia Vega and Polly Chavez will model outfits they have provided representing their Mexican heritage.

Promising to be an event filled with entertainment, good food and good company tickets are going fast and could be a sell out. The \$15 dinner-show tickets are available at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum. The museum phone number is 648-1105.

On Saturday, May 1, following the dinner and fashion show, the museum will open a new exhibit. Authentic women's and men's vintage fashions from 1860s to the 1960s will be on display, including wedding, military and traditional styles.

The exhibit is designed to be educational for the entire family. Admission to the museum is free.



COURTESY JULIE CARTER

Some vintage clothing will be on display at the fashion show as well as at the museum.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

APRIL 23, 1954

Record crowds for Easter

With zealous spring weather all day, Easter Sunday in Ruidoso saw a record-breaking attendance at all churches ... this year.

A check with church officials in the canyon revealed "larger than usual" attendance at every place of worship.

Estimated attendance: Church of Christ, 100; First Baptist Church, 150; Community Methodist, 200; Presbyterian, 30; Episcopal, 45.

APRIL 24, 1964

Youth heads Key Clubs

Ruidoso Key Club, sponsored by Kiwanis International, was represented at the district convention in Los Alamos last weekend, with one of those being elected to the office of lieutenant governor for south-eastern New Mexico.

Pat Lamb earned the honor... Attending, besides Lamb, were Mike Burns, Mike Adams, John Underwood, Rick Skogland, Ross Smith, Jim Sullins, and sponsor Bill Pippin.

APRIL 26, 1974

Williams new activity chief

The Ruidoso Municipal School Board ... met at a special meeting called Wednesday and immediately went into executive session, where they remained for about 1 1/2 hours.

Upon their return, Dub Williams was voted Activities Director, and it was explained that Williams would handle funds to the various sports departments, with Doyle Howell handling the scheduling of athletic events in his capacity as Athletic Director.

APRIL 26, 1984

High winds cause damage

High winds and dry weather combined Wednesday to knock down numerous trees, damage several residences and contribute to at least three fires in the Ruidoso area...

Ruidoso fireman Robbie Hall said the wind gauge at the fire lookout tower in town recorded its limit of 100 mph before it blew off the tower.

APRIL 28, 1994

Mayor honored with tree

An official tree planting that will honor Mayor Jerry Shaw as the first woman mayor of Ruidoso is scheduled by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department for 1 p.m. Friday at Wingfield Park...

Parks Director Debbie Jo Almager said the ceremony ... will give residents a chance to visit the park near the Grindstone Dam Recreational Area.

Historic Billy the Kid tintype reviewed at Lincoln event

Sandra Smith gave what amounted to a very interesting, informative and new outlook on the "Tintype of Billy the Kid." That old tintype is the only authenticated photograph of the Kid.

She gave a brief history of the tintype method of taking photos in Lincoln Sunday afternoon. She also had a number of photos that she had done on her computer.

The program was held at the Lincoln Art Gallery, with a full house present.

Several of those who attended the program also enjoyed dinner at Rustic Roots.

Our condolences to the family of Lou McCrae. She was involved in an accident and passed away in the Lubbock Hospital. Private family services were held.

Yes, I made the same error twice. Th Rev. Laren Winter is the team "Leader" of the Episcopal Church, not the team manager. He will begin his duties as rector and team leader the first of May.

There is quite a horse corral and livestock pens complex being constructed (maybe for team roping?) east of

Hatties Bridge toward Hondo. And some new residences have been built in the area.

Put May 15 and 16 down on your calendar.

That's when the Hondo School presents the annual Hondo Fiesta. You can enjoy a delicious enchilada supper, visit with friends and make new ones.

We still have blossoms on the fruit trees in the valley, so maybe we will get some fruit if we don't get a freeze between now and the middle of May.

It is wind time again.

During church services there were two loud bangs.

We were afraid that we had lost some of the roof of the church. But when we checked after church, there appeared to be no damage to any of the nearby buildings. We still aren't sure whether it was the wind or a plane flying low overhead.

Shawna and Diane Shrecengost and Rosalie Dunlap attended the Creative Memories workshop at the Carrizozo School cafeteria Thursday evening.



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ROLL OUT THE BARREL

Ruidoso High senior is headed to NMSU thanks to a dedicated mom and one very loyal horse

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Dusti Franklin is well-known to most local sports fans as the star first baseman for the Lady Warrior softball team.

To be sure, Franklin has earned that reputation with a fearsome batting average and smooth play at the first base on defense.

But most may not know of her true love — as a barrel racer and breakaway roper in the rodeo.

Franklin and mom Celeste have been a part of the 4-H rodeo scene for many years, but this year entered the New Mexico High School Rodeo circuit for the first time.

The decision has paid off, as Dusti officially signed a letter of intent to attend New Mexico State University on Tuesday and will take advantage of a full-ride scholarship from the NMSU rodeo program.

"There's a big difference in the competition," Franklin said, comparing her opponents

in 4-H summer rodeo to the high school-caliber students she's up against in the NMHSRA. "There's a lot more competing, and they're all in my age group."

Besides the competition, there's all the travel. Franklin has already had to miss a few softball games as a result of her commitment to the NMHSRA, while mom Celeste has seen her time as head of the RHS tennis team dwindle.

Celeste Franklin is more than just a proud parent, she's also the younger Franklin's coach and — for lack of a better term — "transport officer."

The elder Franklin makes sure Dusti's mare — a horse named Dusti Girl — is hauled to every high school circuit rodeo, no matter where it may be held.

Thus far this year, Dusti has been to rodeos in Farmington, Bosque Farms, Truth or Consequences and Moriarty.



COURTESY

Ruidoso senior Dusti Franklin tackles the barrel-racing competition at last year's 4-H finals in Albuquerque with mare Dusti Girl. Franklin won the competition — her eighth 4-H title in a row — on the same day she learned she had a rodeo scholarship awaiting her at New Mexico State.

See FRANKLIN, page 2B

Ruidoso girls win, lose close ones

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Softball games against Portales have become ones of frustration for Ruidoso, sort of.

The Lady Warriors did earn their first District 4-3A victory of the year over the Lady Rams at home on Friday, winning a 3-2 nail-biter in the opening contest.

But then a familiar scene played itself out in game two, with Portales earning a 9-4 win in extra innings.

It was the second time the two teams had played more than seven innings in a game, and the second time Portales (10-11; 5-3 district) came out on top.

"This was similar to every game we've played this year," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "We hit well and played strong against the meat of their line-up."

The first game is where the Lady Warriors' defensive play against Portales' hitting strength came into play. Ruidoso (5-14, 1-7) had a slim 2-1 lead after six innings, thanks to run-scoring singles by Apollonia Page and Vicki Celusniak.

But the Lady Warriors allowed the tying run to score in the top of the sixth on an RBI single by Portales' Carissa Martinez, her second of the game.

To keep the game from extra innings, Ruidoso needed a score and a defensive stop. They got both.

The score came when Jessica Gibson, on base with a single, was eventually driven in by Celusniak. Page then shut down Portales' four, five and six hitters — Adrianna Romero, Martinez and Sara Silva — to secure the victory.

The second game did go extra innings, thanks to three runs by the Lady Warriors in the bottom of the fourth to tie



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

As Lovington's Melissa Marquez, right, slides into second base, Ruidoso second baseman Jamie Wirth takes the throw for the putout Saturday at All American Park in Ruidoso Downs.

it a 4-all.

Ruidoso's rally got started with a triple by Gibson, who then scored on a Page single. Erin Nutting drove her in with a double, then scored herself on another triple by Celusniak.

The score remained four-all into the eighth inning, when the Lady Rams were able to push across five runs to secure the win and a split in the double-header.

"We had a chance to win, but some errors on our part shifted the momentum," coach Page said. "We can win any of these games, we just have to make good plays at the right time."

Struggle vs. Lovington

On Saturday, the Lady Warriors were playing district-leading Lovington close in the first game, and threatened to hand the Lady Wildcats their first 4-3A loss in several years.

Lovington led by just one run, 4-3, after three innings, but were then able to key off Ruidoso pitcher Apollonia Page for four runs in the final three innings to get the 8-3 victory.

The Lady Warriors were able to hit

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side line

Prep Results

Thursday, April 15
Boys Tennis
Ruidoso 5, Cobre 0
Girls Tennis
Ruidoso 4, Cobre 1

Friday, April 16
Softball
Ruidoso 3, Portales 2
Portales 9, Ruidoso 4 (8 innings)

Saturday, April 17
Softball
Lovington 8, Ruidoso 3
Lovington 12, Ruidoso 0 (5 innings)

Preps on Tap

Thursday, April 22
Baseball
Magdalena at Mesalero (2), 3 p.m.
Softball
Ruidoso at Dexter, 4 p.m.
Tennis
Ruidoso at Roswell, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 23
Softball
Mesalero at Eunice (2), 3:30 p.m.
Track
Ruidoso at Bulldog Invite in Artesia, 3 p.m.
Capitan/Carrizozo/Mescalero/Hondo in Slade Relays at Tularosa, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 24
Baseball
Portales at Ruidoso (2), 11 a.m.
Hatch at Mesalero (2), Noon
Softball
Eunice at Mesalero (2), 1 p.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 257-3193 or e-mail at bartyoung@zianet.com.
Billiards — April 27 at Capitan Senior Center, 10 a.m.
Horseshoes — April 30 at Carrizozo Country Club, 10 a.m.

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 Ski 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 \$35, and 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 682-1229.

Benefit for Leadership Lincoln
The first annual benefit golf tournament for Leadership Lincoln will be held May 7 at Kokopelli Country Club in Alto. The scramble has two

shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., with prizes awarded for longest drive, closest to hole and a chance for a new Jeep Wrangler for a hole-in-one on No. 13. A \$100 contribution buys 18 holes of play and a cart rental, lunch and support of Leadership Lincoln. There will also be hor d'ourves, cash bar and a silent auction from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information and tickets, call Jon Crunk at 937-0461 or Jules Videau at 257-2831.

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.

Fundraiser at IOMG
A tournament to benefit the Early Years Childhood Center in Ruidoso Downs will be held May 16 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course. There is a \$55 entry fee for the four-man scramble, and the deadline to enter is May 14. To enter, call Daniel Nunez at 1-800-448-2963.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters benefit
The eighth annual golf tournament to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters will kick off Thursday, May 27 at Cree Meadows Country Club. The tournament, co-sponsored by the Ruidoso News, will start at 12:30 p.m., with teams of four teeing off in a shotgun start. The entry fee of \$75 per player includes green fee, cart, games and a dinner at 5 p.m. For more information, or to obtain a registration form, call 257-4750.

RUIDOSO DOWNS SCHEDULE

Ruidoso Downs Stakes Schedule 2004

Month	Day	Event
May	28 Friday	Ruidoso QH Futurity Trials
	29 Saturday	Ruidoso QH Derby Trials
	30 Sunday	Fine Loom Handicap
June	3 Thursday	Ruidoso QH Sale Futurity Trials
	4 Friday	Ruidoso TB Sale Futurity Trials
	4 Friday	Bayer Legend Derby Trials
	13 Sunday	Ruidoso QH Derby Final
	13 Sunday	Ruidoso QH Juvenile
	13 Sunday	Ruidoso QH Futurity Final
	19 Saturday	First Lady Handicap
	19 Saturday	Ruidoso TB Sale Futurity Final
	20 Sunday	Ruidoso QH Sale Futurity Final
	20 Sunday	Bayer Legend Derby
	26 Saturday	Aspen Cup
	27 Sunday	Free Spirits
July	3 Saturday	Higheasterjet Handicap
	4 Sunday	Fern Sawyer Handicap

Month	Day	Event
	5 Monday	Master Salls Handicap
	8 Thursday	Rainbow Futurity Trials
	9 Friday	Rainbow Derby Trials
	15 Thursday	Zia Futurity Trials
	16 Friday	Zia Derby Trials
	17 Saturday	Rio Grande Señorita Trials
	17 Saturday	Rio Grande Señor Trials
	18 Sunday	Governor's Handicap
	22 Thursday	American Airlines Juvenile Challenge Trials
	24 Saturday	Rainbow Derby Final
	25 Sunday	Rainbow Juvenile Final
	25 Sunday	Rainbow Futurity Final
	31 Saturday	Ruidoso Oaks
August	1 Sunday	Zia Derby Final
	1 Sunday	Zia Juvenile Final
	1 Sunday	Zia Futurity Final
	1 Sunday	Rio Grande Señor Final
	1 Sunday	Rio Grande Señorita Final
	1 Sunday	Zia Handicap
	1 Sunday	Sierra Starlet
	1 Sunday	Zia 870 Championship

Month	Day	Event
	1 Sunday	Road Runner Handicap
	1 Sunday	Land of Enchantment
	1 Sunday	Lincoln Handicap
	7 Saturday	Mr. Jet Moore
	7 Saturday	Ruidoso Mile
	8 Sunday	American Airlines Juvenile Challenge Final
	12 Thursday	AQHA Professionals Choice Claiming Trials
	14 Saturday	Norgor Derby
	15 Sunday	Desert Rose
	19 Thursday	All American Futurity Trials
	20 Friday	All American Derby Trials
	22 Sunday	550 Championship
	29 Sunday	AQHA Professionals Choice Claiming Final
September	4 Saturday	Brigand Handicap
	4 Saturday	All American Gold Cup
	5 Sunday	Ruidoso Thoroughbred Derby
	5 Sunday	All American Derby Final
	6 Monday	Ruidoso TB Championship
	6 Monday	All American Juvenile Final
	6 Monday	All American Futurity Final

Ruidoso overmatched, but still improves

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CLOVIS — As a team, the Ruidoso girls tracksters scored just eight points at Friday's Wildcat Relays, while the boys scored none.

That wasn't really the goal for Warrior coach Ronny Maskew, he just wanted to see improved times and distances. He was happy to report that that's what he got.

"All our running events got better, and some of our field events we got better in," Maskew said. "This was a good meet for us. It really helped us a bunch."

The Lady Warriors' points were the result of a sixth-place finish by Sarah Breecher in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.5, and gold medal in the javelin for Katie Coronado, who re-qualified for state with a throw of 115 feet, eight inches.

Coronado also finished seventh in the long jump at 15 feet, 11 inches, while Heater Johnson was eighth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.4 seconds and seventh in the 300 hurdles at 51.67.

Additionally, the Lady Warrior 4x100 relay team was seventh with a time of 53.01, while the 1,600-meter relay team finished eighth — ahead of District 4-3A opponent Portales — with a state-qualifying time of 4:25.31.

For the boys, things were much rougher. Only the 800 and 1,600 relay teams placed seventh — out of the points. The 800-meter relay team had a time of



Ruidoso's Heather Johnson, right, competes closely with La Cueva runner Marissa Cremer during heats in the girls' 100-meter hurdles Friday during the Wildcat Relays at Clovis. Johnson bested Cremer by just two-hundredths of a second, but finished seventh overall in the final standings.

1:36.99, while the 1,600 team crossed the line at 3:41.29.

The fact that there were some very strong teams present — La Cueva, Highland, Alamogordo and meet host Clovis come to mind — meant that Maskew wasn't too disappointed in his teams' performance. He was just happy to see improvement overall.

"We're just a few hundredths of a second away from qualifying in three relays," Maskew said. "The girls have run three

weeks of qualifying times (in the 1,600), now we just need to get a little better.

"The boys showed significant progress in all their relays," he added. "We think by next week, we can qualify in two or possibly three relays."

The Warriors get another chance to improve their times — and hopefully get some more kids qualified for state — Friday when they head to Artesia for the Bulldog Invitational in the Bulldog Bowl at 3 p.m.

GOOFY FOR GOLF



Area golfers gather to celebrate the Bonita Park Camp and Conference Center Golf-A-Thon 101 at Cree Meadows April 15. The event, which featured 18 golfers playing 1,747 holes of golf, raised more than \$15,000 in gifts and pledges to support Bonita Park. Rick Hutchinson, raised more than \$2,000 of those pledges and won a \$250 gift certificate to the pro shop, while golfer Nik Davis received a free green fee for two at the Links at Sierra Blanca for his recruiting efforts.

FRANKLIN: A girl and her horse earn big accolades on the high school circuit

FROM PAGE 1B

She was able to win the all-around barrel-racing title — and a handsome belt buckle — at Moriarty this past weekend. It was a feat that was all the more remarkable considering the Franklins had to come back to Ruidoso in the middle of the rodeo for the high school prom.

Dusti will be in Gallup this weekend, and will have to drive the horse herself as far as Grants, where mom Celeste — in town with the tennis team — will meet her and head on to the rodeo.

"It's not the way I want to do it, but that's what has to be done sometimes," Celeste said.

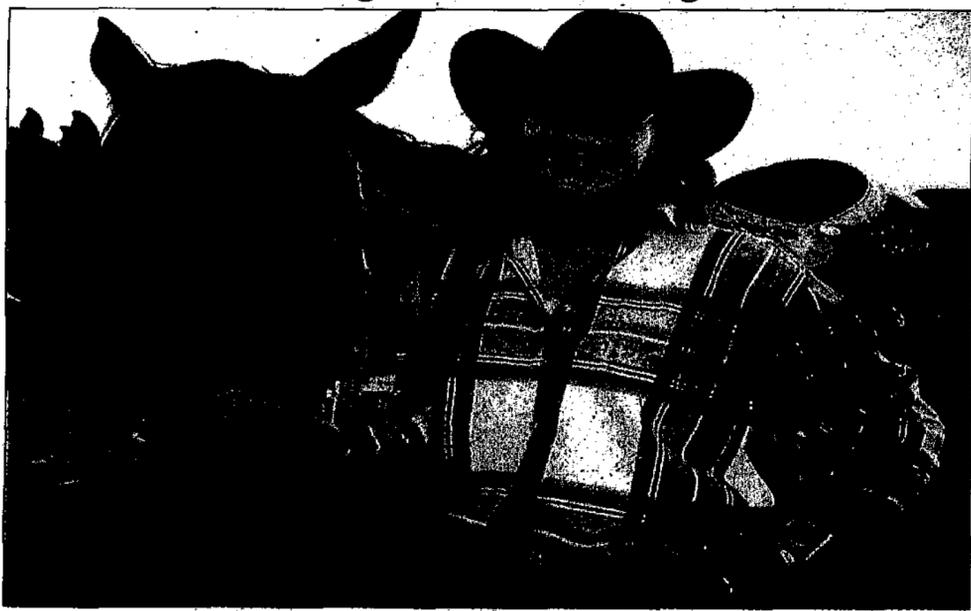
Scary spill

Dusti won her buckle at Moriarty thanks mainly to a stellar 17.6-second run in her final go-round. That run came after Dusti Girl — the mare, that is — became spooked by the tractor driver and reared up twice.

After the second time, Dusti the rider immediately spurred her mount to the winning time.

It was a thrilling moment, but also a scary one, as it hardened to a time last season, with Dusti's mare — generally a skittish but talented horse — reared up in a similar situation and fell backwards onto the younger Franklin.

Dusti — who had already been diagnosed with a degenerative disc disease in her back —



Dusti Franklin flashes a winning smile while pausing from competition with her mare, Dusti Girl, at last year's Smokey Bear Stampede in Capitan. The two have been together for more than a decade, and Dusti's mom and rodeo sponsor, Celeste, says the bond between girl and horse goes beyond loyalty and into love.

required physical therapy and missed the volleyball season at Ruidoso High earlier this year.

"I was told not to go into rodeo anymore," Franklin said. "We decided not to take part in the goat-tying, but I had to continue the barrel racing."

Franklin's love for the sport has been evident ever since she

was a small child. She's been riding since she was 2, when mom Celeste entered her in lead-class competitions.

"Even then, she told me 'let go, mama,'" Celeste recalled. "She's always been competitive and has tried everything she can to win."

The competition level really

gets ratcheted up when Dusti will enter college. The NMSU women's team is currently ranked fourth in the nation and is a perennial competitor at the collegiate finals.

"I don't expect to win every time, I just want to be competitive," the younger Franklin said.

Tennis boys run roughshod over Cobre in district match

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

All year long, Ruidoso tennis coach Celeste Franklin knew her boys team was going to be a force to be reckoned with come district and state tournaments.

On Thursday, the Warrior boys proved their coach right with a 5-0 decision over Cobre.

Individually, Ruidoso gave up only five games in all, ruthlessly running down their opponents at every opportunity.

"They all played really well, and are so much more improved from last year," Franklin said. "You could really tell."

The district win comes after a narrow 3-2 loss to Grants last Tuesday, a team match, that put the fire under the Warriors to not just do better against Cobre, but turn the match into a laugh.

They did just that, and now are hoping the momentum they've gained turns into another big win over Grants this Friday, but not before they take on non-district opponent Roswell at home on Thursday.

"This was a big confidence-builder for the guys," Franklin said. "They know now they can go to state as a team."

One team that is a virtual lock for state is the Ruidoso girls, who are undefeated in

team matches this year. That streak continued Thursday with a 4-1 decision over Cobre.

The only misstep came at No. 2 doubles, as Jeanette Zagone and Liz Pruett fell in a three-set decision to Sally Alcovta and Cerisse Grijalva. That loss really irked Franklin, as she knows Zagone and Pruett are better players.

"The quality of this girls team is really impressive," Franklin said. "And the competition we've faced this year will be invaluable when we get to state. It's a mental game, and all the skill in the world can't help you if you fall apart."

Ruidoso tennis results

Boys
Ruidoso 5, Cobre 0
Singles
No. 1 — Matt Johnston (R) d. Brendan Geels (C), 6-1, 6-0. No. 2 — Kevin Yeager (R) d. Richard Lara (C), 6-1, 6-0. No. 3 — Alex Nocella (R) d. Javier Gutierrez (C), 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles
No. 1 — Matt Johnston/Adrian Olvera (R) d. Isaac Martinez/Sтивен Vega (C), 6-0, 6-0. No. 2 — Ted LaCoe/Dillon Hoffman (R) d. Zach Salas/Jonathan Bender (C), 6-1, 6-0.

Girls
Ruidoso 4, Cobre 1
Singles
No. 1 — Heather McDougal (R) d. Melinda Holguin (C), 6-1, 6-0. No. 2 — Christine Brown (R) d. Sarah Archuleta (C), 6-1, 6-0. No. 3 — Kristin Bewley (R) d. Juanita Olivera (C), 6-0, 6-1.
Doubles
No. 1 — Beth Robinson/Katherine Dunstan (R) d. Teresia Dominguez/Sylvia Revelas (C), 6-1, 6-0. No. 2 — Sally Alcovta/Cerissa Grijalva (C) d. Liz Pruett/Jeanette Zagone (R), 6-4, 6-6, 6-4.

SOFTBALL: Close but...

FROM PAGE 1B

Lovington's star pitcher Stephanie Ganaway — they got five hits off her in the first game — but were unable to string those hits together to score runs when they needed.

"We got started slow, and we had our chances in the end," coach Page said. "They made all the small plays, and we didn't."

If Ruidoso got to Ganaway — even a little — in the first game, they found Lovington's pitcher to be untouchable in the second contest.

The Lady Wildcat hurler held Ruidoso hitless in five innings, and Lovington (16-9, 6-0) pounded the ball for 15 hits and took advantage of a pair of Lady Warrior errors for the 12-0 win.

Ruidoso was battling more than its inability to hit the ball. The Lady Warriors were also without star first baseman Dusti Franklin — who was in Moriarty for a rodeo — and had to deal with an injured throwing arm for Gibson at shortstop.

Page later moved Gibson to first and put regular catcher Rachel Adaza at short, opening up the backstop position for freshman Breanna Mails.

"I wanted to see what we had in the way of a backup catcher, Rachel needed a break," Page said. "This was Breanna's first time to catch in a game, and I'm really proud of the way she played."

The Lady Warriors were at home Tuesday against Hot Springs in a break from 4-3A play, and take on Dexter on the road Thursday in a single game starting at 4 p.m.

Friday, April 16			Saturday, April 17		
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			Franklin. LOB — Por 7, Rul 6.		
Lady Rams 9, Lady Warriors 4	Lady Wildcats 12, Lady Warriors 0		Lovington 103 25 — 12 15 0	Ruidoso 000 00 — 0 0 2	
Portales 202 000 05 — 9 9 0			Ganaway and Enriquez. Page and Adaza,	Breanna Mails (4). W — Ganaway. L —	
Ruidoso 010 300 00 — 4 9 5			Page. 3B — Lov, Monica Sanchez. LOB	— Lov 7, Rul 0.	
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3B — Por, Flores; Rul, Vicki Celusnak,					
Jessica Gibson. 2B — Por, Flores; Rul,					
Erin Nutting. LOB — Por 10, Rul 4.					

THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR

During the 1870's a group of civilian merchants gained control over the economy of Lincoln County, New Mexico, southwest United States, including a monopoly on filling lucrative contracts from the military at Fort Stanton. This group who monopolized trade and their allies was called The House.

But in 1877, their control was challenged by an English entrepreneur, John Tunstall. Tunstall's employees and supporters were known as The Regulators, and followers of "The House" violently resisted them.

The battle was fought both in courtrooms and also through gunfights, murders, and cattle rustlings. Even the Army became involved. Eventually members of "The House" killed Mr. Tunstall.

And, as might be expected, "The Regulators" fervently vowed to take vengeance upon the House group responsible for killing Tunstall. Among the group of "Regulators" loyal to Mr. Tunstall was a young man who was known as Billy the Kid.

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CAN YOU DIG IT?



Heavy equipment digs through rock Tuesday along Highway 48 north of Ruidoso.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Downs land sale raises zoning doubts

The possibility of an RV park going on the 4.7-acre lot has some officials concerned.

BY MARTY RACINE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A parcel of land sold by the City of Ruidoso Downs has officials investigating the zoning law that is applicable to the property.

The approximately 4.7-acre parcel off Joe Welch Drive was part of a larger city purchase of water rights and was resold to Tierra Realty Trust VI for the asking price of \$150,000. The money may be used to acquire additional water rights.

At last week's City Council meeting, Bonnie Richardson of the Planning & Zoning Committee observed that the notice advertising the sale had also mentioned a possi-

ble zoning change. She asked the council if there had in fact been such a change.

"The newspaper notice said the city would consider changing the zoning to an R-4 for prospective bidders," Richardson said.

"Bonnie, you just said what I know about it," replied City Attorney Dan Bryant.

Richardson then made the council aware of a local realtor, whom she did not name, who had requested a re-zoning for the property. "Her customer's intention was to put an RV park in there."

That idea did not meet the

approval of neighbors in the area.

"The neighbors down there did not want an RV park," Richardson said. "One of the prime considerations for zoning changes for the Planning & Zoning Committee is what the neighbors think. So the neighbors do need to be consulted about this."

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Bonnie Richardson
P&Z committee member

what's necessary," he said. "Then we'll bring whatever that is, if it's necessary, before the Planning Commission."

Smokey planners staying on schedule

BY MARTY RACINE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Plans for Smokey Bear's 60th birthday party in Capitan are proceeding on schedule but a lot of work remains.

"The wheels are in motion; everything is going well," Eddie Tudor of the Smokey Bear Ranger District said of the May 7-9 event.

More than 5,000 visitors are expected over the three-day weekend, including dignitaries from around the state. All the mayors in Lincoln County have been officially invited.

"We're getting response from all over the United States," Tudor informed the Board of Trustees last week.

A number of details are still in the works. The Capitan Chamber of Commerce, Tudor said, is purchasing liability insurance to cover several spectator events, including contests in chainsaw bear carving and horsehoeing.

The spectators would be covered through the Chamber's insurance, while Tudor asked the trustees to cover the participants through the village's own insurance.

"In my opinion, that's money well-spent," Mayor Steve Sederwall replied prior to a unanimous vote to approve the village's insurance.

The village also gave the Chamber of Commerce \$1,000 from the lodgers tax fund for its work in promoting and planning the event.

A cleanup drive is under way specifically for the celebration, including the sprucing up of parking lots and vendor areas.

Banners are also in the process of going up.

Ticket sales for the Highway 101 concert on May 8 are running slow, Tudor announced. "But everybody keeps telling me it's going to be last-minute on ticket sales," he said. "We've talked to a lot of people who say they are coming to the concert but they haven't purchased tickets."

Tickets are \$25 and are available

at the Chamber office. Because there is no discount for advance purchase, "Nobody's been in a hurry to purchase tickets," Tudor said.

Seating at Tiger Stadium will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. That has Tudor somewhat concerned.

"Everybody's waiting until the last minute, so it will be a real big logistical nightmare trying to get everybody through."

Tudor added that putting on Smokey's celebration has been a "learning experience."

"We've made some mistakes, and we've learned good and bad."

Sederwall said he's been getting "a lot of good feedback" from locals who are "excited" about the upcoming celebration.

Tudor praised the chamber. "They've really taken the bull by the horns to plan this event," he said. "This will not only be a good thing for Capitan this year but for the future."

In other Board of Trustees developments:

Trustee Bobbi Shearer, who sits on the Community Center Task Force, announced she is opposed to using tax money to either build or maintain the proposed Community Center of Lincoln County. "We're looking to build something that's self-supporting," she said. "If it comes to raising taxes, it won't have my support."

New plants and a new water line are going in at the Capitan Wetlands bird sanctuary. "Things are moving down there," said Municipal Judge Jack Johnson, who helped spearhead the birding observatory.

Outstanding Achievement Awards from Gov. Bill Richardson were presented to two Capitan boys who helped in a successful lobby in Santa Fe for \$100,000 that will be used to build two new baseball fields, one for the high school and one for a planned Little League. Zach and Wade Shearer also received a "Capitan Slugger" award from the Board of Trustees.



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Trent's	257-7012	
J. Robert's	257-6945	Mon-Sat 10AM-5:30 PM; Sun 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
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Michelle's	257-5700	M-Thur. 10-5:30, Sat. 10-6, Sun 11-5:30
102 Center Street	257-1807	Daily 11:00-5:00
Mountain Country Store	257-3980	Daily 10:00-5:00
Candle Power	257-9508	9:00 - 5:00
Hummingbird Tea Room	257-5100	11:30 - 2:30 Closed Sunday
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Ruidoso T-Shirt Outlet	257-5511	10 - 6 p.m. 7 Days Per Week
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Surroundings	257-2299	Daily 10:00-5:30
Covered Wagon	257-3471	10:00 - 7:00 Daily
Happy Trails	257-2268	10:00 - 5:00 M-F 10:00-6:00 Sat & Sun
Thunderbird Curtos	257-4100	10:00 - 6:00 Daily
Silver Eagle	257-7595	10:00 - 6:00 Daily
Rebecca's	257-7199	10:00 - 5:00 Mon - Sat 1:00 - 5:00 Sun
Ruidoso Ski Rental	257-4847	7:00 - 6:00 Daily thru March Only
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Bronco Sue's	630-1912	Sun-Sat 10-5PM, Closed Tues-Wed.
River's Edge	630-5394	Sun-Sat 10-5 pm Closed Wed.
Apache Trading	257-1950	Mon-Sat 10-5PM Closed Sunday
White Mountain Pottery	257-3644	Sun,Sat 10-5 PM Closed Wed-Sun (if slow)
High Altitude	257-0120	Sun-Thurs 10-5 PM Fri-Sat 10-6PM
Cabins & Cottages	257-7859	Sun-Sat 10-5 PM Closed Wed.
Simply Soaps	257-4429	10:00 - 5:30 Sunday 11 - 5:30
Brunell's	257-2911	Mon - Sat 9:00-5:30 Sunday Holidays Only
Mountains Arts	257-9748	7 days week 10-6/after as needed
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Galleria West	257-4560	Daily Summer 10:05 - 6:00 p.m.
Pampered Lady	257-5553	11:00 - 5:00/Winter closed Tuesdays Summer 7 days a week
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Café Rio	257-7646	7 days a week 11:20 - 7:50 p.m.
Quarters	257-9535	7 days a week 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Googly Buds	257-8099	7 days a week 10-5 Sundays 12-5
Misty Mountain	257-3135	Sun - Friday 10:00 - 5:00 Sat 10:00 - 6:00
The Zuni	257-2440	Mon - Sat 10:30 - 5:30 Closed Sunday
Great Southwest	257-9884	Sun - Wed 10:30 - 4:00 Closed Thur, Fri-Sat 10:30 - 5:00
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Alex Gutierrez of Albuquerque was airlifted to an Alamogordo hospital after his pickup collided with the semi shown at left Saturday.

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Man airlifted after wreck on U.S. 54

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

One man was injured after an accident Saturday morning at approximately 11:30 at the intersection of U.S. 54 and the Ancho turnoff road.

State Police officer Sal Beltran said a witness reported that the semi truck was head-

ed south on U.S. 54, passing another semi in a no-passing zone on a hill. The passing truck driver, Felix Rodriguez, 35, of El Paso was uninjured.

The pickup came from the east on the Ancho road intersecting U.S. 54, and failed stop at the stop sign, Beltran said. Turning north on 54, he was faced with a wall of semi trucks coming at him. Both drivers veered to

the east side of the highway, with the semi striking the pickup.

The pickup driver, Alex Gutierrez, 57, of Albuquerque, was airlifted to Alamogordo's Gerald Champion Hospital with a four-inch laceration above his right eye.

Beltran said both drivers were cited — Rodriguez for improper passing and Gutierrez for failure to stop.

Lincoln County Fair needs queen

Candidates sought for summer contest

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Fair Queen coordinator, Mary Jane Cooper, is seeking candidates for the Fair Queen Contest to be held this summer prior to the Smokey Bear Stampede, July 1-4.

Possible candidates should commit soon to allow time to participate in a number of queen clinics available to them, as well as practices and wardrobe planning.

A queen candidate must be a single girl between the ages of 16 and 22 years and

must be a resident of Lincoln County for 12 consecutive months prior to the contest.

Candidates will furnish their own horses and participate in the Fourth of July Smokey Bear Parade and the Stampede Rodeo performances.

The chosen queen will represent Lincoln County at the county fair as well as other county events in 2005. She will also have the option of competing at the New Mexico State Fair.

For more information and a complete listing of the rules, contact Mary Jane Cooper at 653-4180.

Some tips to help people meet those difficult financial goals

These tips will help you take charge of your finances so that you can meet your financial goals, whether they be providing for your children, increasing your savings or saving for retirement.

1. Cut your debt. Make a budget and find out where your money goes and where you can save. Here are a few tips: Don't spend raises or bonuses; try using checks if you are piling up ATM fees or spending freely.

2. Set up an emergency fund. Put away about three months' worth of take-home pay in a safe, accessible, interest-earning investment, such as a savings account or a money market account. Use this money for unexpected expenses so you don't have to tap your savings for a house or retirement, or run up a credit card bill.

3. Invest more now. The earlier you invest and the more you invest, the better — thanks to the power of compounding.

4. Be systematic. Deposit your paycheck directly into your bank account, and use automatic withdrawal to fund your savings account and investments. The goal is to pay yourself first and save and invest more.

5. Educate yourself. Buy books on personal finance and keep reading newspapers and other sources of useful information on how to be a savvy consumer and investor. Attend seminars on investing or join an investment club. Even if you hire a broker of financial planner, you still need to understand the basics of investing. An

on-line course on the basics of investing can be found at <http://www.investing.rutgers.edu/>

6. Calculate your net worth. List and add up all your assets, the things you own, and your liabilities, debts that you have. Assets minus liabilities equals net worth. You hope to see a positive number that grows over time.

7. Review your credit report. Find out what the credit reporting agencies have on your account and make sure that it is accurate. If you don't have your own credit history separate from a partner, get a credit card in your name in order to build your own credit.

8. Watch the credit cards. How many credit cards do you really need? Use your credit cards for essentials and try to pay them off each month. Keep one credit card with a high credit limit for emergencies, but you may not need it if you have an emergency fund.

9. Check your insurance coverage. Make sure you have adequately insured your home, health, life, and automobiles. If you own a home, get replacement-cost coverage. If you rent, insure your personal belongings.

Get disability insurance. You have a one-in-five chance of becoming disabled at some point during your working life. Disability insurance replaces a percentage (typically 60-70 percent) of your income if you can't work because of illness or injury.



Hints for the Home
BY MARSHA PALMER

LINCOLN COUNTY
EXTENSION AGENT -
HOME ECONOMICS

Rabies clinics coming to 'Zozo area

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Animal Clinic, Mary Jane Cooper DVM, will be hosting a rabies clinic at the Carrizozo Fire Station on Saturday, April 24,

10 a.m. to noon.

The cost of a one year rabies vaccination will be \$6. Other vaccinations will be available.

State law requires rabies vaccinations on all dogs and cats over three months of age.

Other vaccination clinics will be held at the following locations on the 24th:

Nogal: 9-9:45 a.m. Across from the Nogal store.
White Oaks Turnoff: 12:30-1 p.m.

Ancho: 1:30-2 p.m.

Knowledge Bowl season nearly complete

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Region IX schools participated in the last regular Knowledge Bowl meet April 14 in Carrizozo. The junior high event saw all Region IX schools

participating. The final tournament of the season is today at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Results of the April 14 event:

6th Grade:
1. Ruidoso
2. Hondo and Tularosa (tie)
3. Capitan

7th Grade:

1. Cloudcroft
2. Ruidoso
3. Capitan
8th Grade:
1. Cloudcroft
2. Hondo
3. Capitan

BRAVO WINNERS



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Carrizozo Bravo award winners for March in grades K-2 were, top row, left to right, Joshua Ventura, Lisa Ventura, Jace Hill, Dalton Hutto, Isaac Vega, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Mason Huston, Rylah Zamora, Zachary Zamora, Shaye Ventura, Johnathan Smith; middle row, Jose Romero, Cirsten Barela, Branson Vega, Eli Langley, Veronica Ochoa, Alexis Zamora, Emily Comstock, Kadee Sedillo, Dominique Zamora, Leslie Ryan, Zhane Vega, Fantasia Dennis; bottom row, Gene Gore, Cheyanne Apodaca, Lindsay Chavez, Desirae Zamora, Alex Randolph, Christian Najer, Caleb Ventura, Tyrrell Barela, Miccah Hamilton, Jerry Davis. Not Pictured are Patience Anaya, Trevanen Johnson, Samantha Vermillion and Erica Vega.



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Carrizozo Bravo award winners for March in grades 3-5 were, top row, left to right, Destiny Dutchover, Lauren Smith, Joel Ferguson, Jordan Hill, Marshal Wilson, Lane Carter, Sergio Ramirez; middle row, Stephanie Zamora, Shayna Zamora, Sara McNatt, Justin Vega, Marilah Ventura, Andrea Beltran, Victoria Ventura, Andrea Vigil, Chelsea Lamay, Justin Greer; Brianna Ochoa, Marshall Ventura; bottom row, Patrick Ryan, Nikko Ryan, Brittany Simmons, Jenna Schartz, Levi Corley. Not Pictured are Sierra Anaya, Sean Medina, James Offutt and Brea Baca.

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A cup of Joe with Tom

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RUIDOSO NEWS

Limited zoning comes under consideration in Capitan

BY MARTY RACINE AND GYVINS RACINE FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan has taken the first step towards enacting a limited zoning ordinance.

At the Board of Trustees meeting last week, Mary Brothers submitted the Capitan Planning Committee's mission statement, dated March 24, calling for the creation of a Planning and Zoning Board. The board could be modeled after the P&Z body in Ruidoso Downs, a city of similar size.



Sederwall

In a village historically opposed to zoning regulations, the mission statement is a significant development amid growing sentiment to enact land-use policies to address population growth and the village's overall appearance.

"We do not envision major changes," the mission statement reads. "Our objective is to prepare an ordinance to apply oversight to the uncontrolled growth that Capitan is experiencing."

Among the document's guiding principles: revitalization of the commercial core; encouraging residents to bring properties

into compliance with existing code; support for economic development; preservation of open space; and the preservation of the character of Capitan — "its lifestyle and character without unduly infringing on individual rights and discretion."

The statement addresses such issues as the replatting and redistribution of water taps, annexation, building permits, the subdivision ordinance and the protection of existing buildings.

Brothers acknowledged that the initiative might be controversial. "But it's steps that we need to take," she said.

Trustee Bill Martin, who said he supports "modified zoning," applauded the initiative. "I like the concept of the principles that the committee came up with," he said. "It speaks well."

Martin, however, had a problem with some of the verbiage, more in "form than the substance," he explained.

"I think you have to be very careful any time you establish guiding principles in an organization that represents the public," Martin said.

"You have to be very careful that you're not putting your own personal beliefs on the public. This is very difficult, and I don't envy what you're trying to do."

Brothers explained that the Planning Committee came to the trustees for that type of

direction. Martin used as an example the mission statement's opposition to such new businesses as adult bookstores, "etc."

"What is etcetera, Mary?" he asked Brothers.

She replied: "We were just trying to give you a general idea of the types of businesses that..."

"That (the Planning Committee) doesn't like?"

"That we think that probably the village as a whole would not want."

"Based on what?"

"Talking to people, the character of the village."

"You make some assumptions in your principles. I'm simply saying that as you move forward you have to be very careful that as you're building recommendations to come to this board, and we're attempting to clarify what this village is and how we all want it to grow...we have to be careful not to let any individual or any group influence this unduly, so that we get people saying, 'Wait a minute, you're excluding me!'"

Brothers and others on the Planning Committee agreed to semantics changes. "We don't want to step on anybody's toes," Brothers said. "We want to know what you as a village want."

Brothers invited the public to attend Planning Committee meetings, held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Martin suggested that Planning Committee workshops, in which those unable to attend might send written comments, would elicit broader public input and perhaps eventual support. He added that he was "not trying to elongate the process."

Brothers agreed to the workshops. John Egert, a Planning Committee member, said any public input is helpful. "We're trying to reframe the debate on this. Zoning has always been the fifth rail in Capitan politics, although it doesn't appear as severe this time as it has been in the past. What we're trying to do is prepare for a debate which we know that will be hot and heavy that doesn't get into some planning board trying to dictate how many goats you can have."

Egert said the Planning Committee hopes to avoid a "food-fight" over zoning.

"What we're hoping to do is understand that we've got commonality in terms of the goals that we're trying to present here, and that we want them to benefit everybody."

Following the discussion, the

board voted unanimously to approve Martin's motion, to direct the Planning Committee to return with a "more focused" mission statement and a "time-line for implementation."

The zoning discussion dovetailed into a topic on stricter code enforcement of existing statutes, especially regarding abandoned trailer homes and vehicles.

"We've been having some compliance," Mayor Steve Sederwall noted, while Municipal Judge Jack Johnson argued that abandoned vehicles, of which there are many, can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The trustees advised proceeding slowly on enforcement

due to the village's historical lenience.

"I want to avoid us putting our staff in the position where they have to play judge out there and put them in a contentious position," Martin said. "That's not fair to our staff."

Martin suggested that the village clerk develop "an administrative policy on enforcement" that "pays closer attention to the spirit" of enforcement "rather than the letter."

"I think we have to have a little bit of leeway on some of these ordinances," he said. "Our purpose here from my point of view is to support the public into ensuring health and safety and peace."

LCMC BIRTHS

Recent births at Lincoln County Medical Center:

April 2, 2004, a son, Duncan John Balatche, to Althea Palmer and Kevin Balatche, 9 lb, 2 oz, 22"

April 4, 2004, a son, Angel Mauricio Sanchez, to Renee Lopez, 7 lb, 11.6 oz, 20 1/2"

April 5, 2004, a son, Joel Brennan Chino, to Brenna and Joel Chino, 6 lb, 4 oz, 18"

April 5, 2004, a son, Devlyn Michael Scott, to Holly and Richard Scott Jr., 7 lb, 12.4 oz, 19 3/4"

April 5, 2004, a daughter, Ashton Addie Rose Smith, to Marilyn and Charles Smith, 6 lb, 5 oz, 21 1/2"

April 7, 2004, a daughter, Catherine Jade Sabo, to Salina and Scott Sabo, 6 lb, 15 oz, 20 3/4"

April 8, 2004, a daughter, Trishelle Kathryn-Halle

Matcher, to Denise and Harrison Matcher Jr., 10 lb, 15.4 oz, 22"

April 9, 2004, a son, Brandon Jay Lee, to Rachel Kaydahzinne and Eldred Lee, 8 lb, 6.8 oz, 21"

April 11, 2004, a son, Jaydyn Diamond Lester, to Misty Kaydahzinne, 6 lb, 7.6 oz, 19"

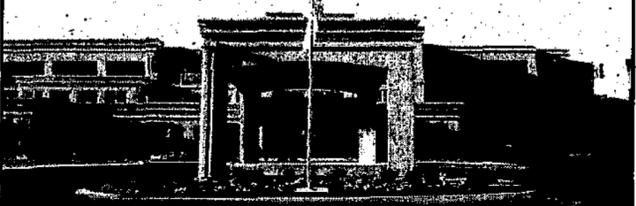
April 13, 2004, a son, Edgar Zahri Rivas, to Judith De la Torre and Edgar Rivas, 7 lb, 6 oz, 19"

April 13, 2004, a daughter, Jesslin Celine Vera Paz, to Meryl and Thurman Paz, 7 lb, 7 oz, 19"

April 13, 2004, a daughter, Jayden Erin House, to Marina Rice and Joseph House, 7 lb, 7.6 oz, 19"

April 13, 2004, DeAundrea Jacob Christian Glossop, to Louise Glossop and Nicholas Baca, 7 lb, 11 oz, 21 1/2"

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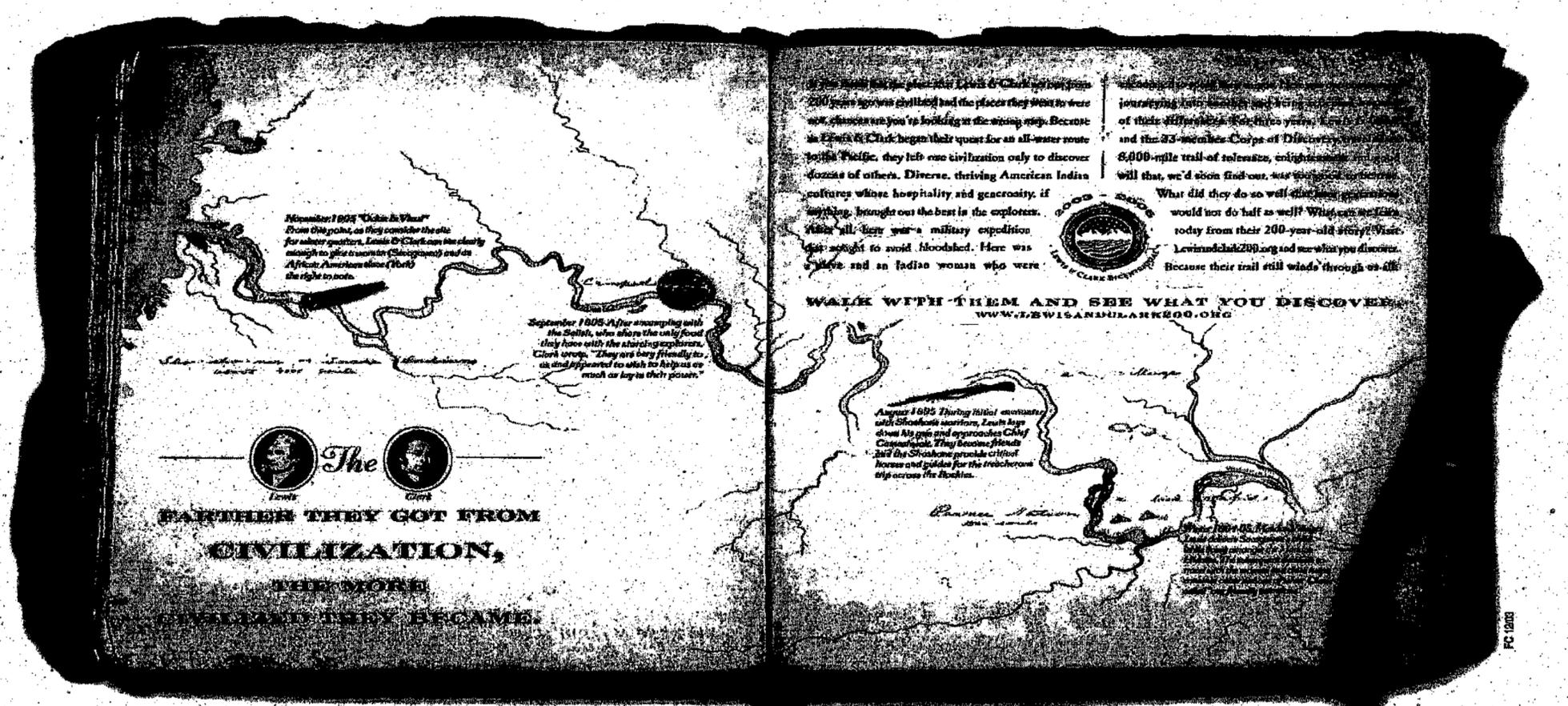
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Seeking help from above in selecting a university

Q: Our son is trying to decide what college to go to when he gets out of high school in a couple of months, but he just can't make up his mind. We didn't go to college so we can't help him much. What would you suggest to him? — Mrs. B.R.

A: The best advice I could give him is to seek God's will for this important decision. God knows all about him, and God also knows what's best for him. Could anything be better? The Bible says, "As for God, his way is perfect" (Psalm 18:30).

You see, God loves us — and because He loves us, He not only knows what is best for us, but He wants us to have it. Encourage your son to pray about this decision and to seek God's leading. The Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

You don't indicate if your son is a Christian — if not, I pray he will make his commitment to Christ now.

Yes, college is an important decision — but his decision for Christ is even more important, because it affects both his eternal destiny and his life right now. He will face many pressures in college, and I don't believe a young person can fully resist them without Christ in their heart.



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As a footnote, I also would encourage your son to consider a Christian college. Yes, private schools can be expensive but most have generous financial aid packages. But wherever he goes, urge him to put Christ first in his life. This is only the first of several major decisions he will be making, and God wants to help him.

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

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College researchers finding happiness is in what we have

What is your happiness quotient? And how is happiness measured? Psychologists are beginning to study happiness in a scientific manner. Some of the early investigators from the University of Illinois, Harvard University, and the University of Southern California have found that happiness is an elusive goal.

Richard Easterlin from the USC faculty in economics found when studying happiness and money that getting more stuff won't make us happy. He says most people don't believe that statement. But because people's aspirations are always on the rise, we have a tendency to get, not be satisfied, and then want more. The good life for many seems to always be just out of reach.

Seligman and Diener studied 222 Illinois college students to find out what the happiest 10 percent had in common. They found out that they were extroverts with more friends and romantic relationships. Daniel Gilbert of Harvard found the obvi-

ous... optimistic people are happier. He also found out that people were inaccurate in predicting what would make them happy. He discovered that we overestimate the positive impact of what we think will bring us pleasure. We also overestimate the negative impact of catastrophic events in our lives. Gilbert also found that others around us are far more accurate in predicting what will make us happy than we are.

So, how can we be happy? Perhaps we can begin to appreciate what we have and not focus on what we don't have. The Bible tells us in 1 Timothy, chapter six, verse six, "Godliness with contentment is great gain," verse nine, "People who want to get rich, fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction," verse eight, "But if we have food and clothing we will be content with that," verse 17, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arro-

gant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

That God provides everything for our enjoyment is the key — not that He gives us everything we want, but that we should enjoy what He provides. We can't enjoy the Chevy because we want a Caddy. We can't enjoy the loving, faithful wife on many years because we want a new, young one. We can't be happy with our old home because we want a new house. And on and on we go, thinking that new stuff that we want will make us happier than the old stuff that God has provided.

Happiness is a choice. The old hymn, "Count Your Many Blessings," helps us to be grateful and brings happiness to our hearts. Without happiness, contentment and optimism, we don't have much help for today and hope for tomorrow. Remember, Jesus is our help for today and our hope for tomorrow.

Charles can be reached at helpandhope@aol.com.



Claryfications
By CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Good schoolteachers create classrooms free of ridicule and fear

QUESTION: You once wrote about an overweight fourth-grade girl who was teased by nine aggressive boys as she entered the classroom — all while the teacher looked on in silence. What would you have done if you had been the teacher on that day?



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DR. DOBSON: Those mocking, joking boys would have had a fight on their hands, I promise you that. Of course, it would have been better if the embarrassment could have been prevented by discussing the feelings of others from the first day of school. But if the conflict occurred as described, with Nancy suddenly being humiliated for everyone to see, I would have thrown the full weight of my authority and respect on her side of the battle. My spontaneous response would have carried this general theme:

"Wait just a minute! By what right do any of you boys say such mean, unkind things to Nancy? I want to know which of you is so perfect that the rest of us couldn't make fun

of you in some way? I know you all very well. I know about your homes and your school records and some of your personal secrets. Would you like me to share them with the class, so we can all laugh at you the way you just did at Nancy? I could do it! I could make you want to crawl into a hole and disappear."

"But listen to me! You need not fear. I will never embarrass you in that way. Why not? Because it hurts to be laughed at by your friends. It hurts even more than a stubbed toe or a cut finger or a bee sting."

"I want to ask those of you who were having such a good time a few minutes ago: Have you ever had a group of students make fun of you in the same way? If you haven't, then brace yourself. Someday it will happen to you, too. Eventually you will say something foolish — something that will cause everyone to point at you and laugh in your face. And when it happens, I want you to remember what happened today. (Then addressing the entire class) "Let's make sure that we

learn something important from what took place here this afternoon. First, we will not be mean to each other in this class. We will laugh together when things are funny, but we will not do it by making one person feel bad.

"Second, I will never intentionally embarrass anyone in this class. You can count on that. Each of you is a child of God. You were made with his loving hands, and he has said that we all have equal worth as human beings. This means that Susie is neither better nor worse than Wade or Mary or Brent.

"Sometimes I think maybe you believe a few of you are more important than others. It isn't true. Every one of you is priceless to God, and each of you will live forever in eternity. That's how valuable you are. God loves every boy and girl in this room, and because of that, I love every one of you. He wants us to be kind to other people, and we're going to be practicing that kindness through the rest of this year."

When a strong, loving teacher comes to the aid of the least respected child in her class, as I've described, something dramatic occurs in the emotional climate of the room. Every child seems to utter an

audible sigh of relief. The same thought is bouncing around in many little heads: "If Nancy is safe from ridicule — even Nancy — then I must be safe too."

By defending the least popular child in the room, a teacher is demonstrating (1) that she has no "pets"; (2) that she respects everyone; (3) that she will fight for anyone who is being treated unjustly. Those are three virtues that children value highly, and that contribute to mental health.

And may I suggest to parents: Defend the underdog in

your neighborhood. Let it be known that you have the confidence to speak for the outcast. Explain this philosophy to your neighbors, and try to create an emotional harbor for the little children whose ship has been threatened by a storm of rejection. Don't be afraid to exercise leadership on behalf of a youngster who is being mauled. There is no more worthy investment of your time and energy.

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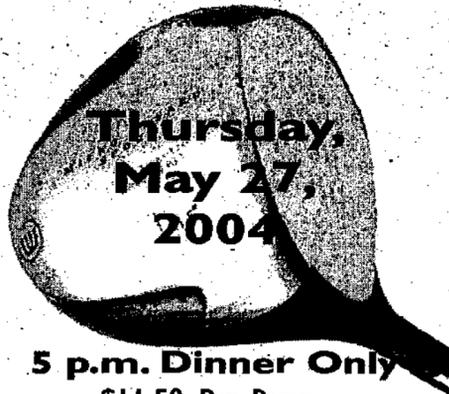
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Kellogg Foundation grant to help youth programs

BY WALTER RUBEK
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — The Court Youth Center in Las Cruces and an Indian youth leadership program in Gallup are among the organizations that will benefit from a \$5.2 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation announced Monday.

The grant will be administered by the New Mexico Community Foundation and will be used to help youth programs in New Mexico, said Stephen Patrick, director of youth and emerging initiatives for the foundation.

"It will end up supporting a whole lot of different pieces in a broader youth-development strategy, including some promising and effective practices and three or four different organizations, such as the National Indian Youth Leadership Project in Gallup, the Court Youth Center in Las Cruces and Rocky Mountain Youth Corps in

Taos," Patrick said.

He said the grant will also help support the New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community, which is working to coordinate the efforts of public and private agencies.

"This foundation grant, we believe, will bring together public and private partners around a common youth agenda," Kellogg Foundation President and CEO William Richardson said. "Youth programs and services at all levels — from state agencies to after-school programs to grass-roots community-based programs — all will be coordinated through the investment that this grant represents."

Marissa Nordstrom, manager of New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community, said the grant would allow successful youth programs to share their methods with others and will bring together divergent organizations that are working toward the same goal.

"We convene people across

boundaries — you're talking state, foundation and non-profit worlds that often don't intersect," she said. "And we're trying to bring people together so that they're talking more and agreeing on common standards."

Patrick said the grant money will help provide training for those who work with youth, with the goal of developing a strong network at the community level.

"A key point is really to try to strengthen youth-adult partnerships," he said. "Part of the premise behind this grant is that we don't have a youth problem in New Mexico, we have an adult problem. And it's really about how adults engage young people. So there's a big piece around trying to support community-based organizations and really providing positives outlets and opportunities for youth."

Patrick said the grant will also help fund a college-awareness coalition to help

more low-income students attend college. The funding will also help those in the nonprofit sector support the goals of the state's Children's Cabinet, he said.

"As the Children's Cabinet develops priorities, there's a coalition of practitioners, of state government folks and of

philanthropy ready to help make those priorities successful," Patrick said.

With the \$5.2 million grant announced Monday, Kellogg has now invested more than \$40 million in New Mexico in the last 10 years, said Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, who chairs the Children's Cabinet.

"In our minds, because New Mexico's population is as young as it is, it really must be invested in in every way possible to assure the future well being of the state," Kellogg CEO Richardson said. "It's really an urgent matter of both social vitality and economic development."

Cloudcroft area skeleton is female

BY MICHAEL SHINABERY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CLOUDCROFT — The state medical examiner has determined a skeleton dug up near Cloudcroft is female, Otero County Sheriff's Det. Capt. Norbert Sanchez said.

Sanchez recovered the partial remains in March, at mile marker one on the Sunspot Highway, near Slide Campground. He unearthed the hip and lower vertebrae, as well as part of a skull with the upper teeth.

"There was some extensive dental work on the upper teeth," Sanchez said.

The front teeth had had root canals and the back teeth had had fillings.

No decomposed clothes were found, he said.

The examiner determined the deceased was between 5 feet 2 inches and 5 feet 8 inches tall, ranging in age from the early 20s to the 40s. While the Sacramento Mountains' wide climate

changes had "an adverse effect" on the bones' "deterioration," he said the remains "don't appear to show any trauma to them."

Now it is Sanchez's task to sift through unsolved missing-persons' cases and compare dental records that will put a name to the remains.

"We have received missing reports throughout the state," he said.

There is an unsolved Otero County case from the late 1980s. Another possibility is the body was dumped from El Paso.

When the winter snow melts are complete, Sanchez intends to continue excavation.

He has received numerous calls with tips, and urged anyone with possible information to contact him at 437-2210.

Michael Shinabery is a reporter for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

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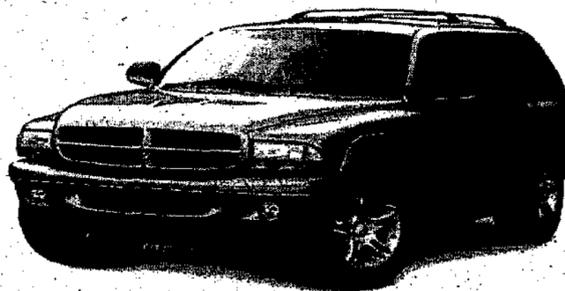
The newspaper will provide these names to the organizers of the 2004 Prayer Breakfast, to be held May 6 in Ruidoso.

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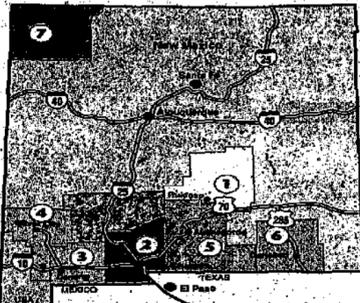
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting and Public Hearings beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 6, 2004, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

A. Preliminary Budget Hearing, Fiscal Year 2004-2005

B. Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP)

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed Budget and ICIP may be obtained from the County Manager's office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 505/848-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

By: Martha Guevara, Assistant County Manager

#6072 1T (4)21 LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

NO. 03-04-014

"Dust Control Suppressant for County Roads"

Due: Tuesday, May 11, 2004, 2:00 p.m. Local Time

The County of Lincoln is requesting bids to furnish all labor and materials to apply dust control suppressant overlay to three (3) miles of County roads.

Bid packets can be obtained at the County Manager's Office, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, or by calling Jane Williams at 505-848-2385 ext. 105.

By: Jane Williams, Purchasing Agent

LEGAL NOTICES

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CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

LODGERS' TAX COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lodgers' Tax Committee of the City of Ruidoso Downs will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 in the City Hall - Hubbard Room at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution 2004-09 Twenty-Four (24) hours prior to meeting date. Meetings of the City of Ruidoso Downs are open to the public. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing of 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.

By: Carol Virden, Clerk/Treasurer

#6070 1T (4)21 LEGAL NOTICE

Village of Capitán, New Mexico Notice of Adoption of Resolution

Notice is hereby given of the title and of a general summary of the subject matter contained in a Resolution duly adopted and approved by the Village Council of the Village of Capitán, New Mexico (the "Governing Body"), on April 13, 2004. Complete copies of the Resolution are available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Capitán, Capitán, New Mexico.

The title of the Resolution is:

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN, NEW MEXICO (THE "VILLAGE") AND

LEGAL NOTICES

THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY EVIDENCING A SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE VILLAGE TO PAY A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$125,746 TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST TO ACQUIRE A PUMPER FIRE TRUCK FOR THE VILLAGE'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT, SOLELY FROM THE DISTRIBUTIONS OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE FROM THE NEW MEXICO STATE TREASURER, PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTIONS OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES FROM THE STATE TREASURER TO BE REDIRECTED TO THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OR ITS ASSIGNS PURSUANT TO THE INTERCEPT AGREEMENT FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST DUE ON THE LOAN AGREEMENT, APPROVING THE FORM OF AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN INTERIM RATE OF INTEREST ON THE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE PERMANENT RATE TO BE FIXED IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE PERMANENT FINANCING; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTIONS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT.

The title sets forth a general summary of the subject matter contained in the Resolution.

This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-8, NMSA 1978.

By: Elizabeth Yeasli, Deputy Court Clerk, Lincoln County, New Mexico

LEGAL NOTICES

#6071 4T (4)21 28(8)5,12 LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ARCENIA LUERAS and CAROLYN A. LUERAS, Plaintiffs,

vs. CV 04-12 Div. III HOLLY M. SMITH, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Holly M. Smith, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Arcenia and Carolyn Lueras are the Plaintiffs and you are the Defendant, the same being Cause No. CV-04-12, Division III.

The object and purpose of this said suit is to obtain a judgment against you for damages resulting from that motor vehicle accident of July 2, 2002.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before June 15, 2004, the Plaintiffs will make application to the Court for a Decree by Default, and Decree by Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the complaint.

The name of the Plaintiffs attorney is Richard A. Hawthorne, P.A., whose address is 1221 Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 12th day of April, 2004.

By: Elizabeth Yeasli, Deputy Court Clerk, Lincoln County, New Mexico

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