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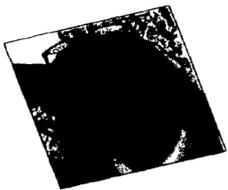


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## Tax group seeks big changes

New marketing plan shared

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A radical change is needed to rechannel money raised in Ruidoso by a tax on nightly room rentals into more advertising for tourism, say members of a lodgers tax task force.

In a lengthy report submitted by task force members to the Ruidoso Village Council Monday, they proposed to eliminate profits and commissions and to reduce travel expenses. They suggested terminating contracts for marketing and advertising services, and with the chamber of commerce for the management of a visitors center, effective June 30.

Under the new system, a tourism director should be hired to lead an independent visitors center to be the advertising and marketing hub for the village, they said.

According to task force members Bob Moroney, Stan Cape, Kaye Kernodle, Renee McAlister and chair Kim Smith, under the new system instead of spending \$210,000 for advertising out of \$784,500 in collected lodgers tax, the village would end up applying \$379,500, an 80 percent increase.

Cape pointed out that over the last 30 years, the amount

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## Mobile home law considered

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Mobile homes are moving in all around Lincoln County without the owners properly notifying officials overseeing taxes, site development, zoning, water wells and septic systems.

That was the complaint lodged last week during a county commission meeting by County Assessor Rick Silva, county planner Patsy Sanchez, County Commissioner Leo Martinez and Shamie Mills Huband, a member of the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission and a business owner on Gavilan Canyon Road.

"I'm asking for a mobile home ordinance, and to brainstorm on well tracking, especially shared wells, and a statement to let people know there is no county enforcement, no assurance and no real recourse," Huband said.

"This is not just about my situation," she told county commissioners. "Things are going on all over the county. It's a bigger problem than locating them to pay taxes."

By the time an inspection occurs, if one does, the owner may already be living in the unit, Huband said. "We have no assurances or cross checks."

Some mobile homes are placed on easements, lots are clear-cut, proper drainage is not included in the site plan and retaining walls may not be executed correctly.

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**LIFE LESSON**



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

**Rebecca L. Gutierrez**, safety officer with Datil Fire and Rescue, practices clearing the airways of a dummy with the help of instructor Kyle Henson of the Albuquerque Fire Department. The class was part of the week-long EMS Region III "Partners for Life" Conference at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

**SEEING RED**



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

More than 100 members of the Red Hat Society donned purple dresses and red hats to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the national "disorganization" at Studio W in Ruidoso Sunday, said Peg Usrey, co-owner of the gallery. Nine "queen mothers" were in attendance, five from Ruidoso, two from Alamogordo, and one each from Albuquerque and La Luz. The official poster, "Red Hat," by Bryan Moon sold out, but more will be ordered. Usrey said Red Hat coffee mugs are also available. Ruidoso has seven chapters of the Red Hat Society, designed for women at least 50 years of age.

## Complaints may speed LCSWA move

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Complaints from neighbors about odors, noise and insects emanating from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's recycling center in Ruidoso Downs could help move the operation to a new site faster.

Debra Ingle, operations supervisor of the authority, a garbage collection coalition of the county and its municipalities, said Thursday she welcomes help from residents concerned about their community.

Juan Ordorica is one of those who have complained for more than a year and want to see the operation shifted to property purchased by the authority off U.S. 70 across from Conley's Nursery.

But that move still is about 16 months away, said Ingle, who was scheduled to meet last week with the engineer on the project.

**"They call it sanitation, but I think it's just the opposite. People should come and spend one night here and they'd know what I'm complaining about."**

Juan Ordorica  
LCSWA plant neighbor

"I'm to see the final design today and once the board accepts it, we're looking at 16 months," she said. "The biggest process was the engineering. I've gathered local names (of contractors) to keep the construction local. Once the bidding is complete, construction shouldn't take as long (as the work leading up to it)."

Sewer lines are going in at the site and should be finished in the next 60 days, she said. Tire bales also are stacked there and will be used to form a fence and then stuccoed, she said.

"I've tried to move all the big containers down there. I'm trying to keep some of the operation off this property," Ingle said.

An inspection of the center April 15 by the state Environment Department resulted in four "blowing litter" notations, but no violations concerning insects or odor, according to a department spokesman. The litter violations were cured before the end of the day, Ingle said.

Ordorica said wait until the summer when the odors and insects increase. Early morning noise is a constant problem, he said.

"The noise starts at 5 a.m. and they use the retaining wall to pile

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## Drug court aimed at first-time offenders

This is part two 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

Involvement of family members in the treatment of juvenile drug offenders can increase the chances for success, says the director of a new juvenile drug court program.

"The treatment is pretty involved," Rick Gilsdorf, who heads the program in the 12th Judicial District, said. An offender

may be ordered to attend group counseling sessions three times a week, individual sessions every other week and sessions with family members at least weekly.

"It helps them recognize how they can implement or change approaches at home to help their children," he said of the program aimed at juveniles on probation for drug offenses.

An offender may be ordered by the district court judge to see the supervising officer two or three times a week and people from different agencies two or three times a day, he said. Drug testing also may be ordered three times a week, instead of the usual monthly test.

A daily breath test also may be part of the treatment to determine the participant's blood alcohol level.

"So it's extremely difficult to sneak one by," Gilsdorf said. "The rules have really changed for them and it's difficult to take advantage of a lack of communication. The juvenile probation officer hears at each meeting what the counselors are seeing."

The program is designed to be applied in phases, he said, with the most intense and structured portion at the beginning.

"The goal is to help the client and families as they progress so

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# Charter dropping Net speed

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Subscribers to Charter Communications computer lines will be hit with a price increase next week, if they don't want to drop to a slower service speed.

A company spokesman said the average Internet surfer should be comfortable with the lower speed, but people who play video games and frequently download programs probably should look at paying more for the faster line.

Many of Charter's local customers were caught by surprise with the news of the increase. Although Bob Jones, based in Denver, Colo., and director of Outer Markets for Charter, said letters were mailed to customers last month, those letters apparently didn't reach a substantial portion of Charter's Ruidoso base.

Instead, customers were contacted this week by callers from Market Link Inc., a firm hired to notify them of their choices. They must either increase their computer speed by upping their monthly payments from \$29.99 a month to \$39.99, plus a modem rental for a total of \$42.95, if needed, or they automatically will be dropped to a slower speed while paying the same \$29.99 monthly service charge, plus a modem rental.

Charter is not regulated by the village of Ruidoso. A prior village administration

relinquished its authority to review and vote on any rate increases.

Jones explained that the company is going to phase out its current three-speed service and offer only two speeds. He contended most companies only offer one or two speeds.

"Research shows that customers either are the type that want a high speed for streaming videos and games, or they are just surfing," he said.

Although some people signed up for special promotions, those offers have expired, Jones said.

The manager of the Alamogordo office, which also covers the Ruidoso area, said contracts guaranteeing a particular rate for a particular length of time were not used in signing up customers for the service.

In the letter, Charter officials inform customers that they want to provide superior service by continuing to update their broadband network and by enhancing their Internet service. The fastest service is going up to 3 megabytes.

"You can enjoy our fastest service and receive all our planned enhancements and upgrades, like e-mail parental control, 25MB of primary e-mail storage and more."

The letter continued, "Should you decide not to stay with our faster service at up to 3 Meg of speed, on May 4, you will automatically be moved to our 384K speed."

# Editor taking job at sister newspaper



Schwengels

Change is near at the top of the newsroom at the Ruidoso News.

Editor Wes Schwengels has agreed to take the position of assistant news editor at the Las Cruces Sun-News, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News under the Texas-New Mexico Newspaper Partnership. His last day is Friday.

"While I'm saddened to leave all the friends I've made during my three years at the News, I believe this is a good opportunity for me," Schwengels said.

A replacement for the editor has yet to be named, though general manager David Price said several candidates are

being considered.

"Thanks in large part to what Wes has accomplished during his time at the Ruidoso News, we're anticipating a smooth transition period and will not rush our search for a replacement," Price said. "The staff is excited for Wes as he embarks on this new adventure in Las Cruces. He will be missed."

Price said the newspaper will hold an informal open house in its offices, at 104 Park Ave. in Ruidoso, on Friday, April 30. Visitors are welcomed to come by from 9 a.m. to noon, and refreshments will be provided throughout the morning.

# LCSWA: Plant won't move for 16 months

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up things," he said.

After he complained, that operation was moved from the corner where he lives to the corner of a neighbor. Then the neighbor complained to him about complaining, Ordorica said.

"Everybody knows this place should be out of here," he said. "They call it sanitation, but I think it's just the opposite. We just can't get no sleep. People should come and spend one night here and they'd know what I'm complaining about."

He's spoken to a congressman

about the situation and has written letters, he said. He complained to different officials at city hall.

"I've complained for the last two years for them to move," he said. "What's the problem? If they never start, they'll never finish."

Ingle said she applauds his effort.

"Mr. Ordorica is a wonderful man," she said. "I've walked the property with him and worked with him. He's an asset to us. His letter helped get funding (for the move)."

She tried for two years to break loose some federal money.

Ordorica's plea for help seems to have prompted attention, she said.

"I support what he's doing," she said.

To try to respond to his current complaints, Ingle said she changed start-up hours for trucks to 6 a.m., except for one that has to leave at 5 a.m. But that driver is supposed to roll off the lot before firing up.

No work with the recycling metal is to occur before 8:30 a.m., she said.

"We put out fly traps in the summer and have put out lime (to combat odors)," Ingle said.

## CLUBS MEETINGS

### 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.-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

**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.

**Ruidoso Shrine Club;** 6:30 p.m. at Cree Meadows Restaurant. 258-5860

**Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club;** Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.; location TBA; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

### Thursday, April 29

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

**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.

### Friday, April 30

**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, May 1

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

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

**Narcotics Anonymous;** 7:15 p.m. at Best Western Ruidoso Inn, 97 Camelot Dr. Call Josie at 378-5621.

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

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

### Sunday, May 2

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

### Monday, May 3

**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.

**Republican Party** of Lincoln County; 6 p.m.; 937-1280 for information.

**Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary;** 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70. 378-8099 or 378-8316

### Tuesday, May 4

**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; business meeting is also this Tuesday.

**Altrusa Club;** 7 p.m. program; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail. Information: Beth at 258-4244.

**Kiwanis;** noon at K-Bobs. Info: Rutalee Waters, 257-2626.

**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 Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. 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 Evening Lions;** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook; Bill Speegle, 378-4151

### Wednesday, May 5

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

**Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group;** 7-9 p.m., Ruidoso Care Center, 200 Resort Drive. 257-9071.

**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

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**Ruidoso Book Review/** Discussion Group Meeting; 10 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

To add your club or meeting to this list, call 257-4001, fax at 257-7053 or e-mail to editorial@ruuidosonews.com

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# LODGERS: Marketing officials say task force presentation not based on facts

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of lodgers tax collected grew by nearly 20 times, while the actual dollars spent on advertising increased just five times the 1974 level.

Monday's session consisted only of the task force presentation, which was aired to give the public, contractual entities and lodgers time to consider the contents and to respond at the council's regular meeting May 11.

The recommendations caught several people by surprise.

Attorney Mike Runnels, who represents Grindstone Graphics Inc., the village's main contractual service for advertising and

promotion, and coordination with writers, photographers and filmmakers, said he was disturbed that assertions in the report were presented as facts, when they were only opinions.

"I think the council needs to look carefully at any radical changes," he said. "They need to deliberate based on facts."

Mark Doth, one of the owners of Grindstone Graphics, said he was amazed that "the whole presentation was done without any backup information."

Brad Treptow, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said Tuesday that the council should invest whatever time is neces-

sary to consider the facts, the impacts and to look at other communities with similar models as the one proposed.

Timing for implementation also must be considered. Trying to transition during the height of the summer tourism season wouldn't be wise, he pointed out.

Although a job description for a tourism director was included in the report, qualifications were not covered, nor was there a clear delineation of who would hire the person, Treptow said.

"That position would carry a lot of power and if mistakes are made, it could impact and set the village back for years," he said. "Speaking on behalf of the chain-

ber, we are operating within the scope of our contract for managing the visitors center for the village."

In the task force report, members wrote that the village should work more closely with Leisure Travel, which handles sales and promotion for the Ruidoso Convention Center, but should limit that entity's annual budget to \$80,000. That approach would most closely replicate a convention and visitors center model, they contended.

The Lodgers Tax Committee would continue to manage special events funding directly. To improve the effectiveness of the

committee, a new advertising subcommittee should be created, involved in the management and guidance of the newly formed CVB.

They urged the council to develop one clear message about the village to be repeated in advertising and promotions year after year. Clutter should be removed and one Web site about the village should be devoted only to tourism-related information, they said. Government functions and chamber of commerce services can be touted on their own Web sites, they said.

The current approach using three vendors to promote Ruidoso results in duplicated effort, they contended. "Each conducts their business with little input or oversight by the village," according to the report.

Using the model outlined on a chart for the councilors, Cape

said under the existing model, \$296,900 goes to salaries, account administration, fees, commissions, and profit; \$102,100 for overhead expenses such as taxes, utilities and telephone; \$40,500 for creative work and production; \$60,000 for travel and \$75,000 to help pay for special event advertising, which requires a match by the promoters of events.

Under the proposed model, \$160,000 would cover a \$60,000 service contract for the director of tourism, \$60,000 for two specialists and \$40,000 for Web services. The village would break out the Leisure Travel contract at \$80,000. Special events would stay at \$75,000. The visitors center operations would be reduced to \$50,000 and creative work/production would decrease by \$500 to \$40,000. Travel would be eliminated.

# COUNTY: Mobile homes causing problems, officials say

FROM PAGE 1A

The recommended county officials consider adopting an ordinance similar to one in Valencia County. They could require permanent foundations, she said. She's disgusted because it's obvious that covenants attached to land sales are not enforced by developers and disclosure statements required by the county don't mean anything, she said. "I really wish I could see something in the disclosure that says buyer beware," she said. "The developer may (pledge) to give me water and sewer, but I better be prepared to drill my own well."

Martinez said the commission failed to pass an ordinance proposed by Silva six months ago that would require owners or movers of mobile homes entering the county to obtain a permit.

"It would help him collect taxes on the units and ensure they pay their fair share," the commissioner said. "We need to get these different state agencies like the Environment Department to work with us and to let us know when they OK a septic tank, so we don't have the mess we're having."

"We have a chance to get a

handle on it now."

Commissioner Earl Hobbs agreed, saying, "It's not right for me and others to pay taxes on our property if others aren't. Whether statewide or locally, this needs to be addressed."

But Jack King of the Ruidoso office of the state Environment Department said rules only impact people who abide by the law. Outlaws are putting up mobile homes all over, he said.

"Before you pass an ordinance, think about how you are going to enforce it," he cautioned. "People are putting in septic systems everyday we don't know about. Just drive up and down the road to Arabela."

Commissioner Maury St. John echoed his point.

"Passing an ordinance doesn't make them do it," she said. "Some people are not going to abide by the law no matter how many laws we pass."

King offered to provide the county with a list of people requesting septic tank permits from his department to help Silva track down mobile homes.

Rancher Stirling Spencer suggested Silva work with the power companies because everyone needs electricity, but Silva said privacy laws interfere there.

Records from the Motor Vehicle Division, the environment department and the construction industry division are public.

Martinez said another complication with mobile homes is that they can be dropped anywhere on a lot, ending up encroaching on easements or septic leach fields.

"My problem is that we don't even know they're there," he said.

Silva estimated his office misses 25 percent to 30 percent of mobile homes in the county.

Sanchez said stick homes require building permits, but mobile homes don't, "and that's where we lose them." County attorney Alan Morel said commissioners could put requirements for mobile homes in subdivision regulations. No permitting process exists now.

St. John said mobile home movers should notify the county. Silva said with an ordinance, that could be required. Although he receives some information now, the exact destination of the units is not included.

St. John said the assessors' affiliate of the New Mexico Association of Counties should be working on a statewide solution.

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson suggested Sanchez, as flood plain manager under a new law just adopted by the commission, ask for a physical location when people call to see if their land falls within a flood zone. If they aren't calling, then the commission passed an unnecessary ordinance, he said.

The ordinance was required for the county to participate in the National Flood Insurance program.

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## POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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A reader suggested that other animals lovers in the area might want to learn more about a "no-kill" operation in Arizona called Best Friends.

Located in Angel Canyon, the complex consists of an Old Dogtown, a clinic, an Old Friends shelter, Dogtown Heights, a gated community for younger canines, Wild Cats Village and Kitty Motel, Benton's House and the TLC Cat Club, the bunny House, an area for wild and feather friends, Horse Haven, a welcome center and a cemetery called Angel Village.

While the organization solicits for support nationally, it also has some high profile advocates.

According to information from their latest mailer, Best Friends originally opened in the late 1970s as a sanctuary for abused and abandoned animals during a time when most people in the field thought little choice existed but to destroy the millions of

cats and dogs brought to shelters each year.

A core group of people who helped local shelters with the least likely animals to be adopted, started a small sanctuary and eventually founded the Best Friends Animal Society.

At that time, an estimated 17 million animals each year were being killed in shelters.

"Over the years since then, Best Friends has become the flagship of a movement that seeks to bring an end to the killing," according to a statement by Michael Mountain of the society. "Last year, just 4.2 million animals were put down in shelters."

I have to interject here that obviously, the work of major groups such as the Humane Society of the United States and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and their affiliates - emphasizing spay and neutering of pets, education and

increased efforts for adoption, are a good part of the reason for the improvement.

No officials with humane groups want to put down animals in their care. The goal is to reduce the population of unwanted animals through birth control.

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### OUR OPINION

## Why the governor wins so many elections

Bill Richardson's patented 'town meetings' pay off

Gov. Bill Richardson demonstrated in Ruidoso Downs one afternoon last week how he wins elections — by conducting a short "town meeting," and giving one easy "do it" order. It's how he won congressional elections for 15 years in northern New Mexico.

He arrived at the Downs City Hall at 4:30 p.m., after a long day of visits at other locations across the state.

He made a stump speech, then took questions from a crowded City Hall, including a passel of kids from Ruidoso Middle School. The governor also questioned them, and listened to their answers.

He got thank-yous from local officials for the capital appropriations he signed off on for

Lincoln County communities. He made an appropriate crack about Billy the Kid ("is he still buried?") and noted that he understood the difference between Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. That played to the crowd. So did his education pitch — teacher pay increases moving the state from 49th to 29th in rank nationally.

But the big hurrah came when the need for a traffic signal across U.S. 70 at Downs Drive. After a brief explanation of the danger for kids, the governor turned to an aide and said, "do it."

He was gone by 5:30 p.m. Now, if the federal and state highway people will just go along with that traffic light... Little things mean a lot.

## Your brilliant columnist tries to defend himself

How dare you call me that! Thank you, reader, for letting me get that off my chest. I have spent the last couple hours going over reader response e-mails and letters to the editor. I was shocked — be prepared, this is going to knock your socks off — to find not every-one thinks I am brilliant.



LOOKING ASKANCE  
NED CANTWELL

That would certainly include a Hobbs reader who responded to a column about Rush Limbaugh. "For a supposedly fair-minded peace-loving liberal, your column... showed you to be anything but. Your attack against Rush Limbaugh only served to reveal your own bitter and whining nature. You also do not have your facts. Rush Limbaugh was not 'fired' by ESPN, he resigned."

OK, first things first, Sharon. I am not bitter! Maybe I whine a little, but only when I don't get my way, or my tummy aches.

Columnists can't hide anymore. I made fun of Fern Penna, the New York guy who ran for president on the New Mexico Democratic primary ballot. My point was that frivolous campaigns waste the public's time and money. This unsigned response from e-mail address ferns.star: "Hello Ned, I just read your little writing about Fern Penna. Very funny. Obnoxious, too. Obviously you didn't have to work at age 15. Some people do, but of course you must doubt it very much, don't you? Who's the brat?"

Ouch! So far I have to admit to being a whining brat, but, by golly, I am not bitter.

I suspect the fern.star communication came from New York. Similarly, I have responses from Panama, Los Angeles, and the states of Virginia, Texas, and Tennessee. And Gene Loveland, press secretary to U.S. Rep Tom Udall in Washington, says that office notices my columns. I don't mean to whine, but it occurs that I need to be real careful what I say about Udall. Let me just state for the record: I like Tom.

Occasionally, the brat will write

a column that is well received. Such was the case for the argument that both candidates for President need to stop beating up on one another and get some class. A Carlsbad reader thought that was a "bases loaded homerun," and Lovington's Dorothy Runnels, widow of former Congressman Harold "Mud" Runnels, said the column should be sent to Bush and Kerry. Another Lovington reader said of the column, "I'm Jackie Fuson and I approve this message." Clever. Wish I would have thought of that.

My grammar is suspect. I wrote Ronny Cox "graduated Portales High." That ruffled the feathers of Ruidoso's Bruce MacKenzie who said it should be "graduated from Portales High," or "Portales High graduated Ronny Cox." Bruce said this grammar error is a pet peeve, and "I suspect that you know how to use 'graduated' correctly, and this instance was a senior moment." No, Bruce, it wasn't. I thought I used it correctly, and will await an email from an English teacher to settle this once and for all.

Coaching is welcome. Meg Milligan in Carlsbad suggested the content of one column was "pretty lame," and said, "You can do better — I've seen it. Quit settling." Thanks, Meg. It's a struggle. But you won't catch me whining about it.

Ned Cantwell - ncantwell@charter.net - is a retired newspaperman living in Ruidoso. Like Avis, he will try harder.

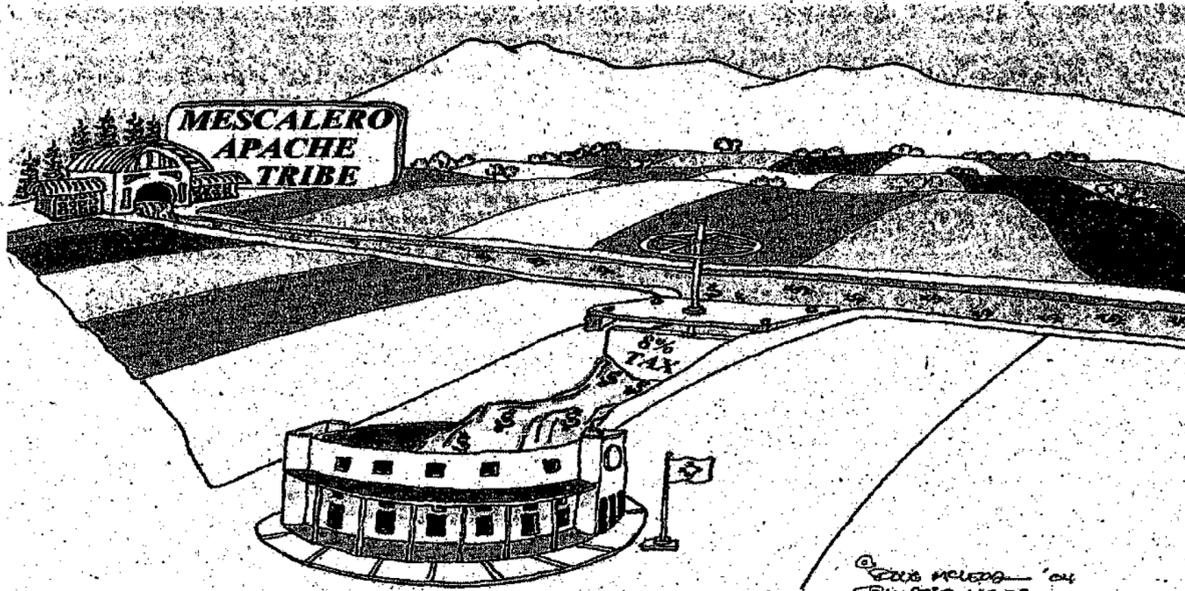
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### YOUR OPINION

## A long-time hospital employee now needs help

To the editor:

Glenda J. Perry is a lifetime resident of Lincoln County. She was born on July 31, 1948. She is married to the Rev. Harold W. Perry Sr., of Capitan. Glenda's daughters are Tyana M. Lehmann of Alamogordo and Tinnie M. Swanner of Capitan. Their husbands are Birk Lehmann and David D. Swanner. Glenda has four granddaughters, Meagan S. and Audrey M. Lashway, of Alamogordo, and Emily M. and Courtney R. Swanner, of Capitan.

In 1968, Glenda was involved in an auto accident, which resulted in her receiving a blood transfusion. The blood that she received was contaminated with Hepatitis C, consequently resulting in her suffering from irreversible liver damage and cirrhosis, causing end-stage liver disease. Glenda is currently waiting for a liver transplant.

In February, Glenda suffered an injury to her knee which resulted in her developing an infection causing her to become septic. The medication used to treat her infection caused kidney failure. She is currently receiving dialysis in Denver, Colo., and will have to remain on dialysis treatments three times a week, for four hours a day, until her kidneys are able to function properly on their own again.

ly on their own again.

In addition, Glenda has had two operations on her knee and many more are anticipated to help her fully recover and treat the infections.

She was employed at the Hondo Valley Hospital / Lincoln County Medical Center for a 26-1/2 years. She started out as a nurse's aide. Her last 12 years of employment were spent as the administrative secretary, until she was forced to retire due to her health. It has been my pleasure to know Glenda and her family for 18 years now.

Everyone in her family, including herself, has given so much to this community. It is now our turn to give back in her time of need.

The family wishes to extend its appreciation for all the support and prayers that Lincoln County has shown during this very difficult time. We wish to extend a special thank-you to the staff of Lincoln County Medical Center and Ruidoso Emergency Medical Services. The outstanding care that she received will never be forgotten.

If anyone wishes to donate to help with Glenda's current and future medical expenses, a charitable medical fund has been set up at Pioneer Bank — "Glenda Perry Medical Fund."

The family is moved by the love and

**"It is now our turn to give back in her time of need."**

Tinnie Swanner  
Glenda Perry's daughter

support that the community has extended to Glenda. It is in times like these that the love and support of Lincoln County prove what wonderful people live in our community. A very special thanks to Grant and Melanie Dean and Angel Shaw.

Tinnie Swanner  
Capitan

### Insult to readers

To the editor:

Certain of your guest commentators continue to insult this, and untold other, readers.

Ned Cantwell, retired newspaperman, in his latest words, in far too many words at that, exercises his Constitutional right to demonstrate his cynicism and biased reportage.

Unfortunately, I paid 50 cents for the privilege.

Had Mr. Cantwell chosen to mention a most glaring and unsolved Mafioso-like murder, had he written about abuse of power under the color of authority, i.e. RPD brutality, I'd not have felt the need to dignify his verbiage of Wednesday, April 21.

If William Bonney was able, he would have commented personally.

Mr. (editor), I am on a fixed income. Please advise me of Mr. Cantwell's anticipated scheduled comments.

Louin P. Robinson  
Alto

## More national television exposure for Ruidoso

Ruidoso's national television exposure is not limited to Drew Gomber's frequent appearances on the Discovery and History channels. Viewers of CNBC's Kudlow & Cramer may have had occasion to see former



BY DAVE  
PRICE  
RUIDOSO NEWS GM

thestreet.com.

Recently (and presumably on a slow financial news week), Willard asked his readers five questions about Ruidoso. Those who knew Grizzly Adams was filmed here, or that the town is also home to actor Neil Patrick Harris, could win a "silly-sticker."

Cody may well become the next Louis Rukeyser or Lou Dobbs. Either way, it seems between Willard and Gomber, we've got history, science and finance covered, insofar as cable television promotion for Ruidoso is concerned. Now, if we could only get Ellen Lucas to take her KEDU-LP "Pawworthy Pets" show to Animal Planet, we'd really be in business.

Last Saturday, a horde of volunteers fanned out around Ruidoso picking up trash in the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful cleanup.

Nothing makes one so furious at one moment and happy the next. When you pick up a soiled diaper or an entire bag of trash some imbecile has hurled off a ridge or out of a vehicle, you're convinced there's little hope left for humanity. Then, you look up that same steep ridge and see a senior citizen volunteer scaling the rocks to collect this debris. Perhaps there's some hope after all.

During Saturday's cleanup, I was amazed at the number of cans and bottles strewn everywhere. I'm a newcomer to Ruidoso, having come here last spring from Oregon. There, one never sees cans or bottles. Every one of them is worth a nickel from any grocer. This month, the *Albuquerque Journal* reported on the arguments bottlers make about why such a program could never work in New Mexico.

Tell that to Billy Jean Jameson. Jameson, who was volunteering Saturday and is a member of the First Baptist Church. Her group collects aluminum cans around Ruidoso. Last year alone, she and her friends raised more than \$1,000 from the activity. The money bought three water purifiers for missionaries overseas.

If you've a spare cardboard box in your garage, start filling it with empty aluminum cans. Call the church at 257-

2081 to arrange for delivery when it's full.

Other non-profit organizations using recycling programs to raise funds are encouraged to contact me at 257-4001 or by e-mail at dprice@ruidosonews.com. The *Ruidoso News* will run free notices each week this summer detailing where locals and visitors can deposit items for recycling to any of these organizations.

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# Calaway targets overdue mobile home tax bills

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Owners of manufactured housing whose personal property taxes are delinquent more than two years will be targeted for collection by the Lincoln County Treasurer's office over the next few months.

"I am looking at 162 mobile homes that are delinquent by 2 1/2 years or more," Treasurer Beverly Calaway said Wednesday. "The outstanding dollar amount I'm trying to collect is \$102,768."

Because the units are mobile, Calaway said she thinks a greater percentage of owners try to avoid the tax than owners of real property.

"We're sending out about 25 to 30 letters each day to the owners," Calaway said. "That's the first procedure — a courtesy letter of notification. The next step in June is to notify the Motor Vehicle Division of the state Taxation and Revenue Department of the delinquent taxes. Then we file a lien with the MVD."

A copy of the lien and another letter is mailed to the owner, she said.

"I mean business about this," the treasurer emphasized.

The sale of property for delinquent taxes will be delayed this year because the state went after larger counties first, Calaway told county commissioners during their meeting Tuesday.

"We usually have our tax sales before this, but the state is doing the larger counties first. They won't have our sale until August, so no revenue will be coming from that source in this fiscal year (which ends June 30)."

Her staff works hard to avoid having to sell property for back taxes, she said.

"We're very aggressive," Calaway said.

Overall, the percentage of real property that

makes it to the courthouse steps to be sold is very low, Calaway said.

"We started with 75 last year and got it down to eight," she said. "It's been as low as three."

But mobile homes are considered personal property, as are business equipment and livestock.

"We've started with collection letters and we're going out into the field to red-tag units if taxes haven't been paid to let the owners know they will be sold if we don't receive payment in full," Calaway said. The county assessor's office helps in pinpointing locations, she said.

"I'm sure there will be a percentage we won't find because they probably moved to other counties," she said. "There's a procedure they should go by to move. They should go to the county assessor's office to get a certificate of no tax liability — proof that taxes are paid. But a lot of people don't do that. A lot of movers will move (a unit) without a certificate, so I do expect some of these will be gone."

**"Some people tell us to go ahead and sell it, they don't want it. We usually find out that there are IRS claims or liens against it."**

Beverly Calaway  
county treasurer

Commissioner Leo Martinez said he's annoyed by the idea that some people wait until the last minute to pay, causing Calaway and her staff to expend money and time trying to track them down for collection.

Calaway said those people are charged a \$5 penalty and 1 percent on the balance each month, but Martinez said that probably doesn't offset the treasurer's effort.

If a property owner is experiencing a true hardship, the person can call her office and see if a payment schedule can be arranged, Calaway said.

"There always are ways to keep property from being sold," she said. "Some people tell us to go ahead and sell it, they don't want it. We usually find out that there are IRS claims or liens against it."

Taxes for 2003 not paid by June 30, will be considered delinquent.

# COURT: Organizers point to success

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that the intensity can be lessened and they can step into the vacuum," he said. Most of the clients in the program, about 13 at last count, range from 14 to 17 years of age.

Participation in the program usually lasts from nine months to one year. By that time, both the family members and the offenders have developed new skills and have become empowered to make more positive decisions in their lives, Gilsdorf said.

"The success rate is phenomenal nationally, particularly when looking at the type of population being worked with," he said, about 80 percent. "We're impacting one of the most difficult populations for success. We often are working with multiple problem families with long histories of substance abuse."

However, not socio-economic group is immune, he said. A two-parent, financially secure home is not inoculated against a child's involvement in drugs.

Gilsdorf brings seven years of experience as a probation officer in Otero County to his job. He earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and is close to finishing his master's degree in counseling and psychology.

"That's what I love about this job," he said, referring to the variety of demands. "As program director, I deal with the administration end, but I also work with the legal and mental health aspects."

"We use the power of the court system to keep them in the treatment process long enough to have a positive effect. (The shortness of contact) is where there has been a disconnection in the past."

"The problems that kids experience do not occur in a vacuum," he said. "You can't say because of their parents they got into trouble or that parents are bad because they did. People do the best they can with the skills and tools, and opportunities they have. We try to give them more skills, tools and better opportunities for the future."

The advisory board also includes people from the business community, Gilsdorf said.

"We want to involve not only those in the field, but we also

want to bring people from varied backgrounds into the mix to bring different experiences to help come up with innovative ideas," he said. "The number of people and agencies involved really speaks to the value people place on it."

Enrolling someone on the first offense is important and can make significant changes, Gilsdorf said. Eighty-five percent of the prison population say their incarceration is related to

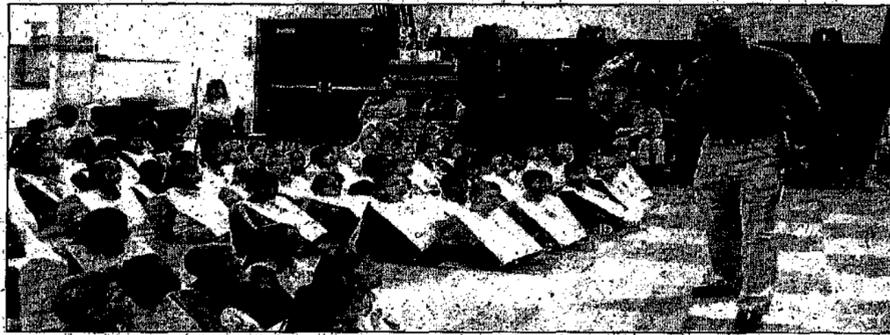
the use and abuse of substances throughout their lives, he said.

"We want to let the kids know what they're doing is not harmless," he said.

If he could offer advice to parents, it would be not to give up, Gilsdorf said.

"Keep talking to your kids," he said. "They do pay attention. When you're most frustrated is probably when they need your direction the most and the time it is the most important."

## THE BRAINS OF THE OPERATION



Former Nob Hill Early Childhood Center principal Roger Sowder visited the school for a special assembly on the organs of the body organized by school nurse Bonnie Rossiter. Sowder was "Mr. Brain" — and the kids loved him as much as the staff did.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

## Final Rainmakers protest is settled

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With the settlement of the last water protest before the Office of the State Engineer, final approval is expected by the developers of the Rainmakers subdivision north of Ruidoso.

Attorney H. John Underwood, who represents the development across from Ranches of Sonterra, said last week an agreement was worked out with the Sacramento Mountains Watershed Restoration Association a few weeks earlier.

"That was the last protest and we expect OSE approval shortly," he said.

The settlement requires Rainmakers to monitor a shared well leased by Sharon Wells at the Equibest Center, he said.

"I didn't handle it, but as I recall there also was an agreement to use wells proportionately, in order to establish a system of water management," Underwood said.

The protests were tied to the use of two wells drilled to 1,000 feet by the developers, who pur-

chased an existing water system that already served two subdivisions. The wells reportedly produce up to 5,000 gallons per minute. The system includes a total of five wells.

The subdivision approved by the Lincoln County Commission

was significantly scaled down from the original proposal for a golf course community with equine center and 640 lots to a 230-lot community. The golf course was handled separately. The county has no regulations governing golf courses.

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## The SHADOWS know

Students learn ins and outs at humane shelter

BY KIRSTEN OAKES  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

What follows is the epic story of how five teens spent a day cleaning cages, feeding, and playing with animals:

Trying to get these cute and adorable 30 dogs and 20 cats adopted. Talking with one of these teens (she talked for all of them), Felicia Gadston, a 14-year-old eighth-grader, said, "It takes a lot of commitment and hard work doing this job. We did things that you would not expect to do. Washing dishes, cleaning pens, and picking up unpleasant droppings was a hassle for us, but we were willing to do it."

The experience of being around all the animals was a reward greater than money. Every day they get more animals then they can adopt off,

but they take great care of the animals.

Loren Loftis, another worker of the Humane Society, agreed that all of the animals there were important and should be treated fairly — whether it was a dog or a cat. Working hard, she always made time between her jobs to play with one or two of the animals.

All day people were coming and going looking at animals to adopt. All of them were impressed by the work of the students.

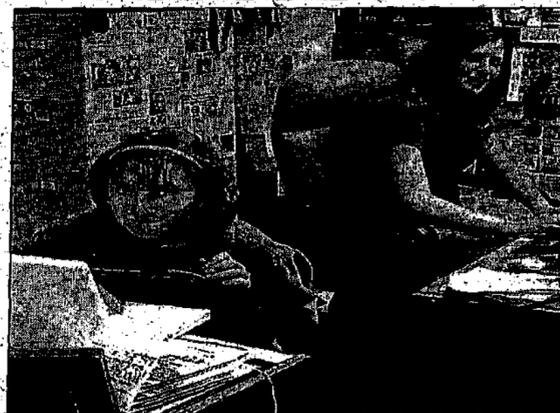
Being a student myself I understand what it is like doing something that you are not normally doing. Today "shadowing" was the big thing, students were all over town instead of at school. Following and doing what your shadower is doing was a basic day for



PHOTO BY KIRSTEN OAKES  
Loren Loftis holds a puppy that has found its way to the Humane Society.

every student. Learning the experience of having a job for a day was extraordinary. I hope that every student that participated in "Shadow Day" had as much fun as I did.

### LEARNING THE TRADE



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

The stories and photos on this page were produced by a pair of Ruidoso Middle School students who acted as job "shadows" at the Ruidoso News for Job Shadow Day. The program, sponsored annually by Ruidoso Middle School, gives RMS students the opportunity to experience a regular day at work in a profession they hope to enter. The News had three shadows for the day: Elysia Miner, left, and Kirsten Oakes, shown here working on their copy, and Stephanie Sanderson; not pictured, in the advertising department.

## Concrete surface aside, RMS athlete scores personal best in the high jump at Roswell

BY KIRSTEN OAKES  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Running as hard as they can, feet pounding against the cement-like track, arms flying in the air feeling as heavy as 50-pound weights, and looking at the finish line wanting to cross it so bad. Every runner felt this feeling at one point or another during the Roswell track meet where Ruidoso Middle School blue team girls took first place.

As a runner for the Ruidoso Middle School Blue Team, I know this is how it felt to run at Roswell. I took second in the high jump with a mark of 4 foot-8 inches. Feeling like I was flying over the bar — I bested my goal for the year.

Before the 400-meter dash I had butterflies really bad. Setting up on the track I was ready to hurry and get the race over with — and boy did I hurry. I ran around that track leaving people in my dust. After the race I felt the accomplishment of not letting my team down.

I hope in my next track meet I feel the same accomplishment.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF  
Kirsten Oakes clears the bar during the high jump competition April 15 at Ruidoso High School. Oakes cleared 4 feet, 8 inches during a meet Monday at Roswell's Wool Bowl.



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PHOTO BY KIRSTEN OAKES

Felicia Gadston, 14, smiles as she holds two kittens currently being held at the Ruidoso Humane Society. "It takes a lot of commitment and hard work doing this job," Gadston said.



PHOTO BY KIRSTEN OAKES

Sara Sisneros works on a public service announcement at KWES radio during her job shadowing experience Wednesday.

### EDUCATION BRIEFS

#### Juniors take note

Ruidoso High School is sponsoring a special workshop called "Preparing for Your Senior Year and Beyond." The workshop is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday in the RHS Library. Juniors and their parents/guardians are urged to attend. Information will be provided on applying to institu-

tions of higher education, scholarships, career opportunities and key timelines for students and parents.

#### Richardson graduates

Cindy Richardson, daughter of Libby Richardson, will graduate from Oklahoma City University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing on

May 8.

While at O C U, Richardson held the office of president of student nurses for two consecutive years, and was



Clady Richardson

named outstanding sophomore and junior student of the year. This year, she was named outstanding senior student and will be honored at a banquet and reception this week.

There will be an open house in her honor from noon-5 p.m. May 15 at 207 West Circle Drive in Ruidoso Downs for friends and family. For directions, call 378-9169.

### 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 28 — Breakfast: Ham bar, muffins, fruit or fruit juice.

Lunch: Chix Nuggets, chef salad with crackers, salad with dressing, Tater Tots, fruit crisp.

Thursday, April 29 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fruit or fruit juice.

Lunch: Beef and cheese nachos, barbecue on a baked potato, salad with dressing, fruit.

Friday, April 30 — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit or fruit juice.

Lunch: Spaghetti, steak fingers, green beans, roll, fruit.

Monday, May 3 — Breakfast: Toast, hot cereal, fruit or fruit juice.

Lunch: Pizza, corn, fruit.

Tuesday, May 4 — Breakfast: Ham, biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit or fruit juice.

Lunch: Chix fajitas on a flour tortilla, salad, fajita fixings, pinto beans, fruit.

#### Carrizozo Schools

Wednesday, April 28 — Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal and fruit juice.

Lunch: Spaghetti, rolls, salad, pineapple.

Thursday, April 29 — Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, cold cereal and fruit juice.

Lunch: Combination burrito, Spanish rice, corn, mixed fruit.

Friday, April 30 — Breakfast: Boiled eggs, cold cereal and fruit juice.

Lunch: Deli sub sandwich, salad, pickle spear, chilled fruit.

Monday, May 3 — Breakfast: Quesadilla, cold cereal and fruit juice.

Lunch: Corn dog, fries, salad, chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 4 — Breakfast: Wheat toast with jelly, cold cereal and fruit juice.

Lunch: Fried burrito, corn, carrot sticks, pineapple.

#### Ruidoso Elementary schools

Wednesday, April 28 — Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit.

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fruit cup.

Thursday, April 29 — Breakfast:

Egg and sausage hot pocket, diced peaches.

Lunch: Spaghetti, corn, roll, mixed fruit, or Spike's lunchable (peanut butter and jelly sandwich).

Friday, April 30 — Breakfast: Cheerios, graham cracker, orange wedge.

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

Monday, May 3 — Breakfast:

Lunch: Tuesday, May 4 — Breakfast:

Lunch: Middle School

Wednesday, April 28 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks.

Lunch: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, tossed salad, fruit, pudding cup.

Thursday, April 29 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, French toast sticks, toast and peanut butter cup.

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

Friday, April 30 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, cheese quesadillas, scrambled eggs with toast.

Lunch: Bean burrito, spicy fries, salad, fruit.

Monday, May 3 — Breakfast:

Lunch: Tuesday, May 4 — Breakfast:

Lunch: High school

Wednesday, April 28 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, French toast sticks, toast and peanut butter cup.

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

Thursday, April 29 — Breakfast: Cheese quesadillas, donut, cinnamon toast.

Lunch: Cheesy beef macaroni, green beans, roll, salad, pudding cup.

Friday, April 30 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks.

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

Monday, May 3 — Breakfast:

Lunch: Tuesday, May 4 — Breakfast:

Lunch: May menus for Ruidoso schools were not available in time for publication today.

## Of PSAs, deer and risky town driving

BY ELYSIA MINER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

While I was on the job with Todd Fuqua, the sports editor for the Ruidoso News, I had the chance to interview some people on my own. Stephanie Sanderson, 14, of Ruidoso Middle School was "shadowing" Gail Beltran, the paper's advertising executive.

"I chose this job because I like to write," Sanderson said. "But it was much harder than I thought it would be." She also said that she would like to be a journalist. "I liked the job and the fact that you aren't just sitting at a desk all day."

Sarah Sisneros, also 14, was working at KWES radio station in the Lincoln Tower. Her job was to help with the news casting and public service announcements.

"The best thing about my job is that I can write my own stories, and I can interview others in my area," said Sisneros. "I love music, and this is a very fun job."

As we were heading back to the office, we happened to see some deer. We had to stop and get a picture!

By the way, if you happen to see a white Toyota Tacoma that never uses its turn signals, it's probably Todd driving.

**RUIDOSO POLICE**

**Missing boy**

Josh Trembley, 17, Ruidoso, was reported missing as of April 24. He is described as 5 feet 4 inches, crew cut, brown hair and eyes, slender build and wearing braces. He was last seen in the 300 block of White Mountain Meadows Drive.

**Hot tub hijinks**

Ruidoso police arrested four Ruidoso juveniles April 22 for allegedly breaking into a residence behind the high school, using the hot tub, carrying the walls, ceilings and doors with knives and leaving several knives stuck in the walls, throwing food around

the house, breaking a window and cutting screens. They also had allegedly left water running in the bathtub with a ripped-up Bible in it. The youths, ages 14, 15, 16 and 17, were variously charged with burglary, criminal damage to property, criminal trespassing and larceny and were all referred to the Juvenile Probation Office. A fifth student may have been involved, but police were unable to locate him.

**No license to drive**

Police arrested Matthew O. Garcia, 30, of Las Cruces, April 25, charging him with driving on a suspended or revoked license.

**Family dispute**

Police arrested at 16-year-old Ruidoso female April 24, charging her with battery against a household member for spitting in the face of one victim, throwing a newspaper at another and shooting the bird at all of them. She did not meet the criteria for detention and was released to her parents, the report states.

**Trash bin relocated**

Someone possibly driving a tan, full-size, four-door Oldsmobile car ran into a Village of Ruidoso trash container at 616 Carrizo Canyon Road about April 24, tossing it 15 feet from its original position.

**Rock throwing**

Someone threw a rock through a window on the west side of Walgreen's, 138 Sudderth Drive, adjacent to the liquor section, between 10:30 p.m. April 25 and 7 a.m. April 26.

The rock shattered the outer portion of the two-pane window, and replacement is estimated at \$500.

**Wallet lifted**

A wallet was taken from on top of a desk in an office of Lincoln Tower, 1096 Mechem Drive, between 2:30 and 3:36 p.m. A credit card and \$50 in cash were in the wallet, which was valued at \$50.

**Maddox to head up FBI executive training**

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso's police chief was sworn in last week as president of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

Lanny Maddox said the international organization represents more than 2,000 law enforcement executives throughout the United States and eight foreign countries.



Maddox

The ceremonies concluded the Federal Bureau of Investigation/LEEDA National Conference in San Diego, Calif. Administering the oath was FBI acting assistant director Andrew R. Bland III, from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

Present for the event was

Joe Polisar, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Mike Carrol, 6th vice-president of IACP; and Tom Stone, executive director of FBI/LEEDA.

Maddox will serve as a member of FBI director Robert S. Mueller's Directors of Law Enforcement Advisory Group.

In his inaugural statement, Maddox emphasized the importance of the association in the task of training and educating law enforcement executives.

"I envision the enhancement of our educational efforts will contribute to a more professional and technologically sound law enforcement leadership throughout the world," he said.

**Dino named Sue arrives at Hubbard**

She has arrived. Standing 13 feet tall at the hips, she is one of the mightiest predators the world has ever known. At an overall length of 42 feet and with teeth a foot long, her fearsome reputation is easy to believe. She is "Sue," the largest T.rex ever found.

In 1990, archaeologist Sue Hendrickson almost accidentally discovered this, one of only 22 existing T.rex skeletons known to exist, in South Dakota. The most complete T.rex skeleton ever found, she is named for her discoverer. In point of fact, scientists say it is impossible to actually tell the animal's true gender, so she may really be "A boy named Sue."

The awe-inspiring sight of this mammoth creature has held people spellbound all over the United States.

On Monday, Sue arrived at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. The formal opening of the exhibit is Saturday, May 1, but visitors are welcomed to come and watch Sue being assembled all the week prior.

Accompanying Sue to the Hubbard Museum is a host of interactive dinosaur-related exhibits. Among other things, visitors can determine for themselves how Sue balanced her unwieldy body using her massive tail and what the vision of a T.rex was like.

The Hubbard Museum of the

American West is located one-half mile east of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and behind the larger-than-life bronze horses on U.S. 70 West.

From May 1 to Aug. 1, the length of Sue's stay, the museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day and until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Admission is \$8 for adults. Seniors, and military: \$6; ages 6-16: \$3 and under 6 are free. All current members are free. School group tours are \$1.50 each and adult group tours are \$5 each.

For more information, call the Hubbard Museum of the American West at 505-378-4142 www.hubbardmuseum.org

**FUNERALS DEATHS**

**Edna Jones**

Funeral services for Edna M. Jones, 84, of Nogal will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Capitan Church of Christ, with burial to follow at the Angus Cemetery. Leslie Earwood will officiate.

Mrs. Jones died Saturday, April 24, 2004, in Albuquerque.

She was born Sept. 8, 1919, in Carrizozo.

She was a life-long resident of Lincoln County.

She graduated from Carrizozo High School in 1937, operated Jones Dry Goods in Capitan and the Carrizozo Mercantile.

She married Manuel V. Jones on July 3, 1939, in Roswell, and he preceded her in death in 1984.

Survivors include sons Pat Jones of Canyon City, Ore., and Mike Jones of Nogal; a daughter, Sharon E. Williams, of Pahump, Nev.; a sister, Opal Hill, of Carrizozo; a daughter-in-law, Joy Jones, of Albuquerque; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Capitan Church of Christ.

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

**Deryl Shaw**

Funeral services for Deryl D. Shaw, 70, of Alto, will be 1 p.m. Friday in the First

Christian Church in Ruidoso, with burial to follow in the Angus Cemetery. Friends may call Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home in Alamogordo.

He died Friday, April 23, 2004 at Sierra Medical Center in El Paso, Texas.

Mr. Shaw was born October 25, 1933, in Tularosa to Aubrey and Frances (Dobbs) Shaw. He graduated from Tularosa High School in 1952 and attended New Mexico State University. He delivered the El Paso Times for 13 years, and owned the O.T. Chevron Station in Tularosa for 7 years. In 1967 he joined the New York Life Insurance Company and retired in 1997.

He earned many agent honors and awards during his career and was loved and admired by his many friends, colleagues and clients. He was a former president of the Tularosa Lions Club and the Coronado Lions Club in El Paso. He also served on the Sun Bowl Host Committee for four years and was involved in many varieties of charitable work.

The family lived in El Paso for 26 years and moved to Alto in 1995 to enjoy the beautiful mountains he loved. He was an avid fisherman, outdoorsman and hunter. He and Melva were able to spend their winters in Kino, Sonora, Mexico, for 9 years, where he made many close and concerned friends.

He is survived by his loving

family, his wife of nearly 47 years, Melva of the family home; a son, Lance Shaw of Arvada, Colorado; a daughter, Layna Ownes and her husband, Robert of Elgin, Illinois; three grandchildren, Justin and Zachary, Shaw of Arvada, and Jessica Owens of Elgin; a sister, Opal Copus of Bloomington, Indiana; and an uncle and aunt, H.B. "Buster" and Hazel Shaw of Tularosa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Glorinda Shaw Manjak.

To send a tribute to the family, please visit www.mem.com.

**Erwin Little**

Funeral Mass for Erwin M. Little, 59, of Mescalero was Tuesday, with burial following at the Little Family Cemetery.

Mr. Little died Friday, April 23, 2004, at his home.

He was born Sept. 29, 1944, in Mescalero and lived there all of his life.

He had worked for the Housing Authority and was a member of St. Joseph's Mission.

Survivors include daughters Edwina Little, Mildred Cimarron and her husband, Max, and Heidi Cajé; sons Owen Little and Tielson Cajé and his wife, Christina; brothers Raymond Little and his wife, Helen, and Christopher Little and his wife, Lynn; sisters Rita Shaffer and her husband, Larry, and Bernadett Chavez and her husband,

David; grandchildren Brandi Little, Malaree Cajé and Del Raye Cajé.

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

**Margarite McCoy Gordon**

Graveside services for Margarite McCoy Gordon, 78, were Monday in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

Mrs. Gordon died peacefully in her sleep after a prolonged illness on April 22, 2004.

She was born Aug. 6, 1925, in Hall County, Texas.

She taught school for 40 years in the Lakeview, Memphis and Lubbock, Texas, and in the Alamogordo and Albuquerque public school systems.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha Gordon; a son, John Gordon, and his wife, Karen; grandchildren Brent and Brooke Gordon; a brother, Max McCoy, and his wife, Pat; a nephew, Donny McCoy, and his wife, Barbara; a niece, Cindy English, and her husband, David; and a great-niece, Gretchen English.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, John L. Gordon; and her parents Lynn Oliver and Leona New McCoy.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, (505) 257-7303.

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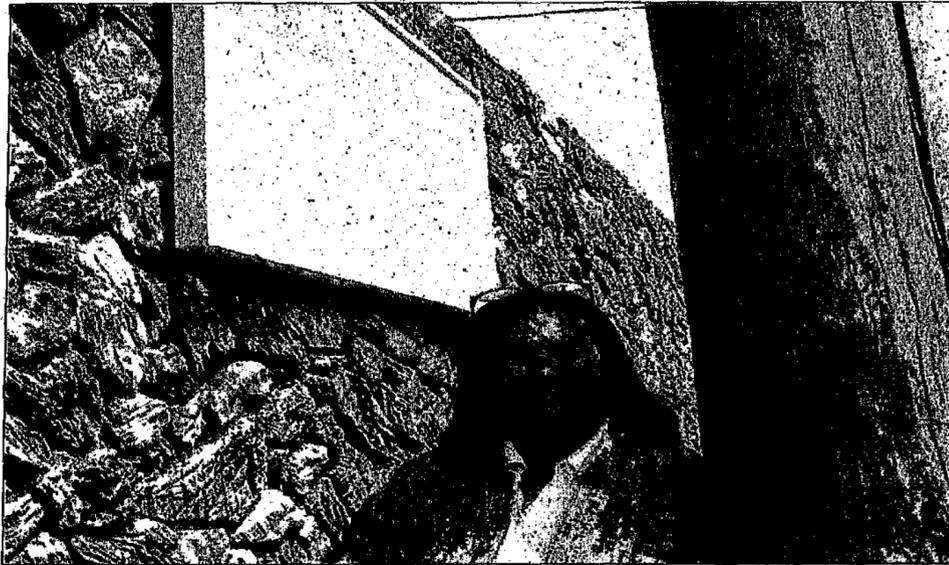
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**Farewell, Wes!**  
Ruidoso News Editor Wes Schwengels has accepted a position at one of our sister newspapers. Wes will leave Ruidoso for Las Cruces next week. The public is invited to visit the Ruidoso News office (104 Park Ave.) this Friday morning from 9 to noon to say goodbye and enjoy a donut and coffee. All of us at the News congratulate Wes on his new appointment and wish him all the best!  
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# HOME & FAMILY



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**Trudy Broome**, right, is administrator of Hospice of Lincoln County. Four full-time nurses and a total staff of 13 operate the non-profit hospice and home health care, which since 1999 has been under the wing of Presbyterian Medical Services. Typically, 11 to 14 clients are cared for every month, Broome said. About 46 home health care clients also are served.

## HOSPICE

Easing the pain of patient and family as life's termination nears, Hospice of Lincoln County has served the community for 30 years

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**H**ospice care for her Joetyne Wright's late husband allowed her and other family members to be close to him at home until the very end.

"That truly was a gift, she said. "I already knew about Hospice of Lincoln County and donate to it each year," she said. "It's a tremendous help in letting loved ones go. I wish I had hospice when my dad was going, but I didn't and consequently, he died in a care center during a time when it was not operating very well.

"This made it much easier. The whole family was there, even my great-grandson. He never knew anything was amiss. They made it all so orderly and peaceful."

Her husband, C.L. "Bones" Wright, the founder of C&L Lumber, former Ruidoso Downs mayor and an avid weapons collector, suffered from several maladies — a deteriorated back, minor strokes, the first phases of Alzheimer's. And he had only one lung and one eye.

"It got to the point that he said he wasn't going to go to any more doctors or get out of bed," Joetyne Wright said.

His physician notified the hospice group and "they moved in and brought oxygen and a hospital bed, all the equipment they needed. I can't say how much we appreciated them. I'm so thankful," she said.

When her husband died in October 2002 at the age of 82, she asked that people donate to the

hospice organization in lieu of flowers.

Now people have a chance to help support the organization and have some fun to boot.

Hospice of Lincoln County will be the beneficiary from an evening at Flying J Ranch on Saturday, May 8.

"We've been doing this event for a number of years," said Kim King, a member of the hospice board. "James and Cindy Hobbs always have been great supporters of Hospice of Lincoln County. It's a pre-season benefit, which receives a lot of support from the community. Many people have been touched personally by hospice. And then many people just want to come and enjoy the entertainment and great food."

Hospice has operated in Lincoln County for 30 years and was acquired about five years ago by Presbyterian Medical Services. (It is not affiliated with Presbyterian Healthcare Services, which manages the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso.)

"The program provides end-of-life care in a family or familiar setting," King said. "The diagnosis from the physician typically is (a life expectancy) of less than one year.

"Usually, the patient is at the point where there is no more fighting. Sometimes treatment is available, but often it has been rejected by the person and they want to just stay in their home."

King personally has seen the advantages of hospice through her parents in another state, and locally, by a good friend who died recently and had praised the program, she said.

"They are able to stay in their home," she said. "We have physical therapists, occupational therapists, nurses and nurse's aides, who can bathe a

patient. We also have volunteers who will help the caretakers as well as the patient by staying at the home so that the caretaker can go out and buy groceries. Or they will buy the groceries for them, if the caretaker doesn't want to leave the patient."

Volunteers also will read to patients, who have vision problems.

"The nurses are on-call 24 hours a day for advice," King said.

Part of the process is to educate people in the community about hospice as a viable option for end-of-life and quality-of-



COURTESY JOETYNE WRIGHT

C. L. "Bones" Wright was in hospice care prior to his death in 2002.

life care.

"Some people think only in terms of cancer," King said. "But there are many conditions that might put a patient into that category, such as heart disease and emphysema."

Extra money must be infused into the program every year to pay for services for people not covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance, she said.

"Those entities do well covering hospice care because they realize it is less expensive than hospital care," she said. "But last year, we had 11 clients who had no coverage and the cost was close to \$50,000. We raised \$30,960 over the last two years and PMS ate the rest. So we feel fundraising is critical to ensure that patients have a choice."

The average length of care is about 77 days, King said. The monthly expense is about \$1,722, much of it focused on pain management, but often some special medications are needed that can drive up the cost, she said.

"The board members are all local people and they never want to turn away any patients because we don't have the resources," she said. "They are passionate about that."

### Benefit show time

Gates open for the Hospice of Lincoln County benefit at 6 p.m., May 8, at Flying J Ranch on State Highway 48 north of Ruidoso.

A gun fight is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. with the dinner bell at 7 p.m.

Tickets in advance are \$19 for adults and \$10 for children between 4 and 12 years of age. Tickets at the door are \$24 for adults and \$13 for children. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (505) 257-5189 or visit the hospice office at 200 Sudderth Dr., Suite A.



COURTESY JOETYNE WRIGHT

Joetyne Wright found her burden eased by hospice care as her husband neared the end of his life. This photograph was made in the early 1990s.

## looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

APRIL 30, 1954

### New mayor to take helm

Dan D. Swearingin, who polled the biggest vote any candidate ever received in a municipal election in Ruidoso, is to take the oath of office as this city's new mayor in a regular council meeting May 5, succeeding Raymond S. Buckner, who did not "choose to run" again.

Taking the oath ... with Swearingin will be all four of the reelected village trustees — Luther Bynum, Dr. D.E. Snyder, S. K. Kuykendall and Harold Jones.

MAY 1, 1964

### Youths admit thefts

Four Ruidoso High School boys were arrested April 24, and local police say they admitted to the theft of hundreds of dollars worth of liquor, rifles, shotguns, field glasses, money, jewelry and assorted merchandise from more than 40 cabins during the past two weeks.

The boys, ranging in age from 14 to 16, have been arraigned to the district court in Carrizozo, for trial Monday, May 4.

Recovered merchandise is awaiting identification by the owners.

MAY 3, 1974

### The Silver Lining

BY DANIEL A. STORM

The month of May has long been a time of gladsome celebration, especially in lands such as ours, where we have long and cold winters. The harder the winter, the sweeter smells the wild rose of May, and the more delightful to hear the song of the meadow lark, spring sparrow, blue bird and robin.

More delightful, too, after the winter months, the bright colors of many and many a "Queen of the May," our way-side flowers.

MAY 3, 1984

### Paxton chamber chief

James Paxton was elected to a second term as president of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at a chamber board of directors retreat last weekend in Las Cruces.

According to chamber executive director Ed Jungbluth, Paxton was elected by acclamation.

MAY 4, 1994

### Cattle Baron buys Bull Ring

Cattle Baron Restaurants Inc. confirmed Monday that it was the successful bidder at the Small Business Administration's auction of the former Bull Ring on March 26.

Jeffrey Wilson, president of Cattle Baron, has not yet decided on a concept for the newly acquired property.

## First Christian Church realizes a 25-year-old dream



COURTESY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Memorial Prayer Garden ground was broken Sunday.

An official ground-breaking ceremony for a new memorial prayer garden was held at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road, at noon on Sunday.

Leading the congregation in the groundbreaking ceremony were Dr. Jim Smith, pastor of First Christian Church; Mark Clark, church chairman; village councilor Don Williams; Kathy Clark, Prayer Garden Committee chairman; and Rick Zandt and

Jim Secor of ZiaScapes.

The garden will fulfill a dream conceived by the church leadership in 1979. In addition to enhancing the church property, the garden will provide a specific area for the remains of deceased members of the church family and friends beside their spiritual home on earth, their church.

Additionally, the garden will provide a place for meditation and renewal. A winding crushed

granite path will lead from the church parking area to the 60-foot diameter garden.

Surrounding the garden will be a three-foot precast stone retaining wall. The interior space will be planted with a variety of mature trees, bushes, plants and bulbs that are native to the area.

Featured in the garden will be a waterfall, a bronze sculpture and a large boulder with a mounted bronze dedication

plaque. On either side of the entrance to the garden will be two granite memorial towers on which bronze name plates will be attached identifying those interred in the garden as well as memorial name plates for those interred elsewhere but remembered here.

The garden has been designed by Jim Secor with ZiaScapes. Construction is expected to take about six weeks.

# SPORTS

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## Improved marks all around for RHS track

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

**ARTESIA** — What a birthday present for Sarah Breecher.

The Ruidoso High School junior celebrated her 17th birthday Friday at the Artesia Invitational with a state-qualifying time of 12.99 seconds in the 100-meter dash.

It was just one of several presents for the Warrior boys and girls track teams, as they finished with a total of 76 points at the meet.

The totals were only good enough for sixth place for the boys and fifth for the girls, but those were considerably better finishes than were evidenced at the Clovis Invitational a week before.

At that meet, the girls were a distant 12th with but eight points, while the boys had no points at all.

In addition to the improved team standings, the Warriors also boasted a few new state qualifiers, starting with Breecher's time in the 100. She got her time in the preliminaries of the event, and got a 13.19 in the finals.

"I was confident I could get that time," Breecher said of her performance. "I felt very good to finally get it here. I'm running a lot faster than I was last year."

"My start was a lot better in the final," she added. "The start makes a big difference, so I've been working on that a lot."



**Ruidoso high jumper** Cody Small clears the bar during the Artesia Invitational Friday at the Bulldog Bowl in Artesia. Small won the event with a leap of 6 feet, 9 inches, easily a state qualifying mark and a school record at Ruidoso High.

Also qualifying in the preliminaries was Heather Johnson, who earned a time of 16.88 in the 100-meter hurdles and turned in a time of 17.50 in the finals to finish fourth.

"This was probably the best start I've ever had," Johnson said after her run in the final. "But at the third hurdle, I really had to reach for it. That knocked me off the pace."

"Now I have to work on improving my time, and keeping that spacing down between the hurdles."

Another Ruidoso runner who was close to earning a trip to Albuquerque was Cody Small in the 100-meter dash. His time of 11.25 in the preliminaries was only 5/100th of a second away from qualifying, but he tightened up in the final

and was only good enough for a time of 11.37, finishing fifth.

Small didn't disappoint in the high jump, however. Already a state qualifier in the event, he improved on his finish a week ago in a big way — clearing the bar at 6 feet, 9 inches to take first place and set a school record.

"I had a lot more practice, and the coaches made sure I

was a lot more focused. They made sure there were no distractions out there to hold me up," Small said. "I had a lot of confidence I could do better. I warmed up real well, and everything fell into place."

Probably the most surprising performance came from

See IMPROVED, page 3B

## Tennis team 'cramming' for district

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

With the District 4-3A tournament a little more than a week away, the Ruidoso High tennis teams have been on the court quite a bit lately, tuning up for what coach Celeste Franklin hopes is a pair of district titles and a strong showing at state.

"This should be good for the kids mentally, to have this much tennis," Franklin said. "They'll have to continue on even if they're tired. It helps them mentally to have to dig in and play hard."

The Warrior teams hosted Roswell on Thursday, played at district opponent Grants on Friday, hosted Lovington in a make-up match on Monday and turned right around to play Santa Teresa in a home date Tuesday.

Add to that a match this Thursday against Artesia, and the Warriors will have played five matches in eight days.

With the exception of the boys' match against Grants, Ruidoso won every team match up until Tuesday, and the Warriors' loss to the Pirates was a close one. Kevin Yeager at No. 2 singles was battling illness in his match against Erik Lewis and lost 6-2, 6-2.



**Ruidoso singles player** Adrian Olivera returns a serve by Lovington's Justin Black Monday during a team match at Schoolhouse Park.

"We had to drag him out of the bathroom so he could play," Franklin said. "If Kevin had been able to pull his match out, which he very nearly did, we could have beaten them."

The Grants date was the only 3-2 event — three singles matches and two doubles

matches — the Warriors played in the six-day span. Their dates against Roswell, Lovington and Santa Teresa were nine-match sets featuring Warriors in two matches on the

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**Ruidoso shortstop** Jamie Urban, right, moves to apply the tag to Portales pinch runner Bryant Bannister Saturday at White Mountain Athletic Complex. Bannister may have been out, but the Rams earned a sweep in the double-header.

## Warriors come close, but still get no wins

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

All season long, the Ruidoso High School baseball team has found it difficult to get wins.

They've come close many times, but close doesn't count in baseball, only runs.

The Warriors got plenty of runners on base Saturday in their District 4-3A doubleheader against Portales, and they got more than a few across the plate for scores, they just didn't do it enough times to win.

As a result, they dropped 10-3 and 18-11 decisions to the Rams.

"This is typical of all the games we've played," said Ruidoso

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## Another frustrating loss for the Ruidoso Lady Warrior softball team

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

About the only good thing about this loss is that it was close.

The Ruidoso High softball team had nothing to lose in their non-district game against Dexter on Thursday. They responded with a classic game which ended with the Lady Warriors on the unfortunate end of a 4-2 score.

"We played better than last time," said head coach Billy Page, referring to the Lady Warriors' 9-5 loss to Dexter earlier in the season. "It came down to a hit here and there."

"We had runners in scoring position, we just could-

n't score."

Ruidoso (7-15) had the bases loaded twice in the game, in the fourth and sixth innings. But each time, Rachel Adaza flew out to left field to end the inning.

"She was getting the bat on the ball, it was just going right to them," Page said. "I can't complain."

As a team, the Lady Warriors left 12 runners on base in the game, squandering numerous opportunities to score.

It was a game they led 2-1 after the first inning, but then saw the Lady Demons go ahead with one run in each of the first three innings.

Jamie Wirth had the best day at the plate, going 2-for-2 with a triple, while Raquel Serna and Dusti

Franklin were each 2-for-3.

Apollonia Page had six strikeouts and allowed just five hits for Ruidoso.

The Lady Warriors played at Lovington on Tuesday and face St. Michael's on Saturday to close out the season. Ruidoso might have had a chance at the post-season with a sweep of those double-headers, but a split by Portales with the Lady Horsemen over the weekend brought those playoff dreams to an end.

"We want to finish strong for the seniors now," Page said. "Most girls that will play next year are already on the field for us, so this isn't about building for the future. We want to compete and show that this is the toughest district in the state."

## side line

### Prep Results

**Thursday, April 22**  
Softball  
Dexter 4, Ruidoso 2  
Boys Tennis  
Ruidoso 6, Roswell 3  
Girls Tennis  
Ruidoso 7, Roswell 2

**Friday**  
Boys Tennis  
Grants 3, Ruidoso 2  
Girls Tennis  
Ruidoso 5, Grants 0

**Saturday, April 24**  
Baseball  
Portales 10, Ruidoso 3  
Portales 18, Ruidoso 11

**Monday, April 26**  
Boys Tennis  
Ruidoso 7, Lovington 2  
Girls Tennis  
Ruidoso 7, Lovington 2

### Preps on Tap

**Thursday, April 29**  
Boys Golf  
Ruidoso at Grants, 9 a.m.  
Tennis  
Artesia at Ruidoso, 3 p.m.

**Friday, April 30**  
Track  
Ruidoso at Cave City Invitational at Carlsbad, 3 p.m.  
Mescalero/Hondo in District 8-1A meet at Tatum, 3 p.m.  
Rodeo  
NMHSRA rodeo at Alamogordo

**Saturday, May 1**  
Baseball  
Mesilla Valley at Mescalero (2), Noon.  
Rodeo  
NMHSRA rodeo at Alamogordo

**Sunday, May 2**  
Rodeo  
NMHSRA rodeo at Alamogordo

### 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 mbyoung@zianet.com.

**Horseshoes** — April 30 at Carrizozo Country Club, 10 a.m.  
**Shuffleboard** — May 5 at Ruidoso Senior Center, 10 a.m.  
**Track and Field** — May 8 at Ruidoso High School, 10 a.m. Events include discus, javelin, softball throw, high jump, long jump, standing long jump, shot put, race walking at 400 and 1,500 meters and 5k, 800-meter estimated time run/walk, and 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1,500 meter and 5 and 10k runs.

**Recreational events** — May 8 at Ruidoso High School gym, 9 a.m. Events include frisbee — accuracy and distance, soccer kick for accuracy and basketball free throw.

**Table Tennis** — May 10, Ruidoso Senior Center, 10 a.m.  
**Tennis** — May 11 at School House Park, 10 a.m.

**Golf** — May 15 at the Links golf course, 1 p.m.  
**Raquetball** — If interested, call Bart Young at 257-3193.

**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 hors d'oeuvres, 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 257-2631.

**Optimist scramble at Cree**  
The 12th annual Sierra Blanca golf scramble, held to benefit the Ruidoso Optimist Club, will be held May 8 at Cree Meadows golf course. The tournament will begin at noon. Entry fee is \$50 per person or \$150 to become a hole sponsor. For more information, contact Cree Meadows at 257-5815.

**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.

# LCRC kicks off kid rodeo season in Lincoln County

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**CAPITAN** — The Lincoln County Rodeo Club (LCRC) opened its 2004 season April 17 at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds.

The LCRC is a rodeo club for youth ages 19 and under. The "under" goes down to the very young. Two-year-old cowboys and cowgirls in full cowboy dress are the norm. By the time contestants are 9 and up, they are aggressively competitive.

The club will host six rodeos this year, as well as a queen and princess contest and a dance fundraiser. The awards banquet is tentatively set for September. Each rodeo offers an assortment of timed events in age divisions as well as calf and steer riding for those youth aspiring to grow up to be bull riders.

Memberships are accepted from Lincoln, Chavez and Otero County residents. Although the LCRC is for youth competitors, the board of directors is made up of adults. This year's board members are: Billy King, president; Buddy Virden, vice-president; Tonya Sandoval, treasurer; Becky King, secretary and board members Lisa Sanchez, Tiger Stanbrough, Dink Bowen, Lee Johnson, and Janice Silva.

The LCRC membership fees are \$25 for up to three kids. A family membership for four or more is \$60. Entry fees at the rodeos are \$2 for speed events and \$6 for the roping and rough stock events. The first rodeo of

the season drew in approximately 100 entries.

Results from the April 17 rodeo are:

**Little britches boys (5 and under)**  
Barrels — 1 Levi Beaty, 2 Brayson Smallwood, 3 Taylor Varbel

Flags — 1 Beaty, 2 Smallwood, 3 Varbel  
Poles — 1 Beaty, 2 Smallwood, 3 Varbel  
Goats — 1 Varbel, 2 Smallwood, 3 Beaty

**Little Britches girls (5 and under)**  
Barrels — 1 Bryanna Parker, 2 Molly Griffin, 3 Loryn Danley

Flags — 1 Griffin, 2 Terri Trapp, 3 Sammi Jo Mart

Poles — 1 Griffin, 2 Parker, 3 Trapp  
Goats — 1 Parker, 2 Danley, 3 Trapp

**6-8 boys**  
Call riding — No qualified rides  
Barrels — 1 Ross Griffin, 2 Dillon Trapp, 3 Chandler Coons

Flags — 1 Trapp, 2 Griffin, 3 Coons  
Poles — 1 Trapp, 2 Tracker Bowen, 3 Griffin  
Goat tying — 1 Griffin, 2 Coons, 3 Jake Young

**6-8 girls**  
Barrels — 1 Kaylee Gilliland, 2 Kaitlyn Silva, 3 Karlee Alvord

Flags — 1 Gilliland, 2 Silva, 3 Danica Fifer  
Poles — 1 Fifer, 2 Gilliland, 3 Silva  
Goats — 1 Fifer, 2 Gilliland, 3 Alvord

**9-12 boys**  
Breakaway — 1 Lon Danley, 2 Lance Merritt, 3 Lyle Danley

Steer stopping — No times  
Steepdown roping — No times  
Steer riding — No qualified rides

Barrels — 1 Conner Hall, 2 Merritt, 3 Lyle Danley

Flags — 1 Merritt, 2 Hall, 3 Isaac Sanchez  
Poles — 1 Merritt, 2 Lyle Danley, 3 Sanchez

Goats — 1 Merritt, 2 Mathew Silva, 3 Lon Danley

**9-12 girls**  
Breakaway — 1 Callie Evan

Steer stopping — No times  
Steepdown roping — No times  
Barrels — 1 Kayla King, 2 Jayda Silva, 3 Brittany Perreot

Flags — 1 King, 2 Perreot, 3 Carly Reynolds  
Poles — 1 Callie Evan, 2 Perreot, 3 Sarah Gilliland

Goats — 1 Evan, 2 Gilliland, 3 King

**13-15 boys**  
Barrels — 1 Tanner Jones, 2 David Orderica, 3 Ben Sanchez

Flags — 1 Ben Sanchez, 2 James Sanchez, 3 Jones

Poles — 1 Jones, 2 Ben Sanchez, 3 James

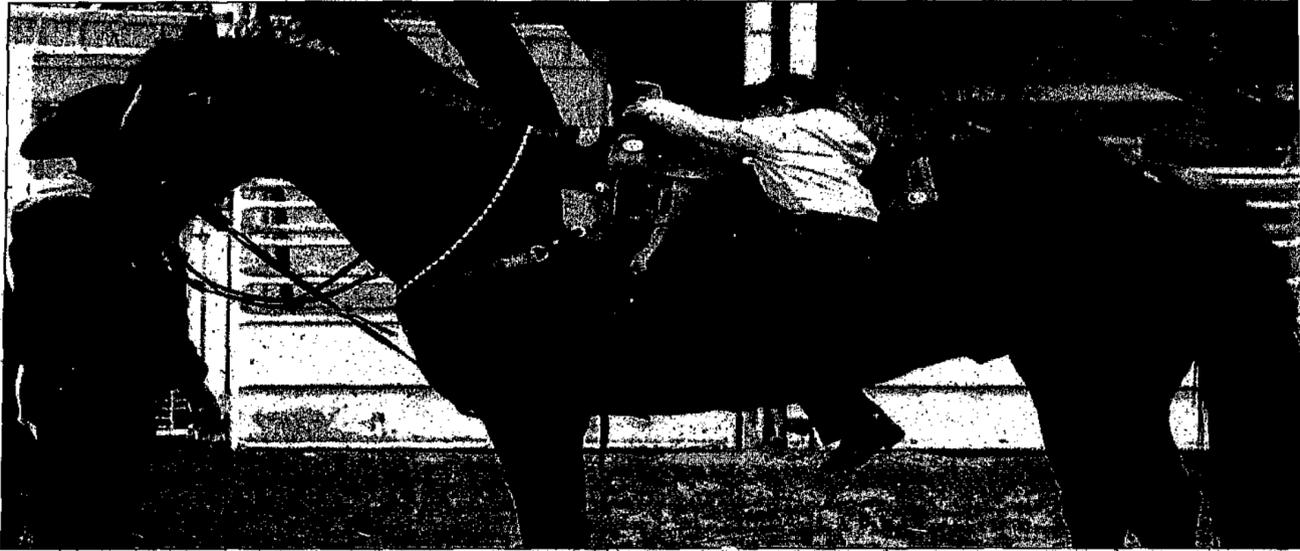


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**Shiloh King** makes the long trip down from her horse, to tie a goat in the little britches goat tying.

Sanchez  
Goats — 1 Tanner Daniel, 2 James Sanchez, 3 Travis L. Virden

Breakaway — 1 Daniel, 2 Ben Sanchez, 3 James Sanchez

Ribbon roping — 1 Virden  
Calf roping — 1 Daniel

Team roping header — 1 James Sanchez, 2 Virden

Team roping heeler — 1 Ben Sanchez

**13-15 girls**  
Barrels — 1 Morgan Gibbs, 2 Macie Thomas, 3 Brittany Caughron

Flags — 1 Macie Thomas, 2 Brittany Caughron, 3 Gibbs

Poles — 1 Gibbs, 2 Brittany Caughron, 3 Macie Thomas

Goat tying — Brittany Caughron, 2 Macie Thomas, Gibbs

Ribbon roping — no time or breakaway  
Team roping — No times

**16-19 Girls**  
Bridgette Fuson, 1st in barrels, flags, goat, poles.



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Sometimes it just HURTS to be a cowboy. This little guy hit the ground hard in the boys calf riding.

## High school rodeo hands mark spring season half-way point

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The fourth rodeo in an eight-rodeo spring schedule for the New Mexico High School Rodeo Association was in Moriarity April 17-18.

Jared Green of Socorro, and Alicia Sandoval of Bloomfield won the all-around titles. This was Green's third all-around title for the four rodeos.

Ruidoso's Dusti Franklin cleaned up at the barrel racing pay window by winning a first and second, giving her the average title in the event for the rodeo.

Franklin also picked up a fourth-place check in the breakaway on the second day. The event average was won by Whitney Dutton of Los Lunas.

Tyler Rose Walton of Raton made a clean sweep of the pole bending winning both rodeos and the average.

Brooklyn Chester, Carlsbad, claimed the goat tying average with a first place win the first day and a placing below fourth on the second day.

Corona's Jordan Muncy placed fourth the first day in the girls cutting with a score of 66. The event average was won by Jaci Sant of Portales. Artesia's James Matthews won the boys cutting average.

Johnny Salvo of Datil picked up the calf roping average with a time of 9.88 in the first run

and a second-place run of 10.84.

Steer wrestling was won by Cole Jackson of Animas, Jackson was fourth the first day and tied for fourth on the second day.

Jared Green won the bareback riding average. He was a 66 for second place on his first horse and a 71 for second on the next.

Green shared the average win in the saddle bronc riding with Nelson Tsosie of Farmington. Taos Muncy was first the first day with a 71, followed by Corona neighbor Casey Sisk.

Sisk also picked up second and third split in the bullriding with 78 point ride on the second day. Muncy was right behind him in fourth place with 76 points. The event average went to Randy Saiz of Edgewood.

Super loopers Chance Means, Buckhorn, and Robert Roberson, El Paso, Texas, won the team roping average at Moriarity.

Taos Muncy and partner Kory Bramwell won the team roping the first day with a 6.21 second run. Slate Stout and Casey Sisk were second on the second day with 7.63 seconds with Corona's Victor Perez and Marcus Elkins following in fourth place with a 9.17.

High school rodeo hands are headed to Alamogordo this weekend followed by Mescalero on May 14-15 and finishing up at Sky City May 22-23. The state finals will be in Gallup on June 10-13.

## Franklin earns buckle at Gallup

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

This is the first year that Ruidoso High senior Dusti Franklin has ridden in the New Mexico High School rodeo circuit, but she's already proved she belongs among the tough competitors in the NMHSRA.

She proved it again over the weekend, when she earned a buckle for winning the pole-bending title in Gallup April 23-25.

It's not the first time Franklin has won a title on the

circuit, but it is the first time she's won in pole-bending, an event she's not that crazy about.

"It's not my favorite event," Franklin said. "It's a little harder, and I've always been better at barrels." 

Still, Franklin did earn the win, and is glad she's doing well on the NMHSRA circuit

after competing so long in 4-H during the summers.

"It's more exciting to win it here," Franklin said. "This is the most competitive circuit I've ever been in."

Franklin gets a chance to show off her skills to a home crowd of sorts this weekend, when she takes part in the next NMHSRA rodeo Friday-Sunday at the Otero County Fairgrounds, in Alamogordo. After a week off, the circuit concludes its regular spring season at Mescalero May 14-15.



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# Ruidoso skiers end season with tough competition

BY LEXIE DOTH  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Ski Team finished out the racing season with some of the toughest competition of the year. The final race of the season was held at Loveland Ski Area in the Silverthorne area of Colorado April 17-18. Due to scheduling conflicts, only four members of the Ruidoso team headed north for the competition. Lexie Doth, Kermit Baumann, Casey Cultreri and Peter Zagone strapped on their fastest skis to compete in the slalom at the Loveland Derby.

Conditions for spring skiing are always questionable, and Mother Nature threw everything she had at the skiers during the Derby. Saturday was a spectacular day with clear, blue skies and cold temperatures in the morning warming up to shirt sleeve weather in the afternoon.

Correspondingly, the snow was hard packed in the morning and softened up considerably by the afternoon — presenting new challenges for each run.

Because of the number of competi-

tors at the Loveland Derby, the different age groups are split up between four different courses. Doth faced 31 competitors over the red course, located at the far edge of the ski area. A bit intimidated by the steep pitch of the course and the icy morning conditions, Doth had a clean run down, but didn't push it. Her first run of the day ended in a time of 1:00.21. In the afternoon, feeling a bit more confident on the softer afternoon snow, Lexie again had a good run, covering the course in a better time of 58.66. Her combined time of 1:58.87 put her in 15th place, solidly in the middle of the pack.

The J3 boys, Baumann and Cultreri raced on the blue course. With 37 competitors in their class, Baumann and Cultreri ended up 25th and 28th respectively. Baumann covered the morning run in 1:06.42. He improved dramatically in his second run and posted a time of 1:00.45. He ended the day with a combined time of 2:06.87. Cultreri had difficulty over-

Slalom	Run 1	Run 2	Combined
Lexie Doth	1:00.21	58.66	1:58.87
Kermit Baumann	1:06.42	1:00.45	2:06.87
Casey Cultreri	1:06.42	1:00.45	2:06.87
Peter Zagone	1:06.42	1:00.45	2:06.87

the hard packed morning course and posted a time of 1:44.05. In the afternoon, his race went much better, and he covered the terrain in 59.40 for a combined time of 2:43.45.

Zagone, racing in the J2 division raced over the green course. Coming off of some excellent efforts in Colorado races, Zagone carried a lot of speed in his first run of the day. He blew by a gate and had to hike, but

was unable to recover. Because times are combined in this event, he did not race in the afternoon.

On April 18, the weather shifted gears and a true Colorado snow storm descended on the racers. High winds, cold temperatures and blinding snow turned the courses into sheets of ice. The temperatures did not improve during the day, and the snow conditions remained icy all day. Over on the red course, Doth braved the elements and cruised down the course in a time of 59.05. Race setters set a challenging afternoon course, and she posted a solid second time of 1:00.00. Her combined time of 1:59.05 left her in 16th place for the day.

The boys battled the same nasty conditions over on the green course. Both Baumann and Cultreri started late in the group, and had to overcome ruts in addition to the ice. Baumann posted times of 56.23 and 55.29 for a combined time of 1:51.52. Cultreri followed him with times of

58.08 and 58.61. His combined time was 1:56.69.

As Ruidoso's last hope for a medal, Zagone raced over the blue course on Sunday. He had a spectacular first run, covering the course in 48.77. He was sitting in good position for the afternoon run. Zagone roared out of the gate and was picking up speed when he clipped a gate and did a full 360 degree turn on the course. Recovering without falling, he nevertheless lost time and posted a time of 54.35 for the second run. His combined time of 1:43.12 still put him in 15th place for the day.

Coach Hubert Seigmann was pleased with the effort that the Ruidoso racers put out for the weekend. "We didn't come home with any medals, but it was a great experience. Any time you can compete at this level, you are going to better yourself." Many of the Ruidoso racers will be joining Seigmann in Austria to train on the glaciers this summer. "We will work hard this summer, and come back strong in the fall," said Seigmann.

## TENNIS: Preparing for district the hard way

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day.

That meant players like Matt Johnston, Kevin Yeager, Heather McDougal and Christine Brown — all singles players all year long — were playing doubles matches as well.

Franklin said that will help her decide where best to play certain individuals come the team competition at district and state.

"We've been looking at different combinations, so we'll know, when we get to district, how we want to pair things up," Franklin said. "On individual days, you pretty much know who will play where. But on team days, you have to think about how you can win three of the five matches and how to pair your kids up."

While the boys have had to shuffle around some this season, the girls have been set in their lineup since last year, when they finished second at state. In the seven five-set team matches they've had this season, the

Lady Warriors have lost just five sets all year long.

That dominance continued on Friday with a sweep of Grants.

It hasn't been easy for all involved, particularly on Monday against Lovington. The boys won 7-2, but had six different matches go three sets, including a marathon at No. 3 doubles. Ted LaCoe and Dillon Hoffman lost that one to Braden Johns and Justin Black, but not before taking it to a 15-13 decision in the tie-breaker.

So how will all of this figure into the district and state tournaments over the next two weeks?

"It won't be a piece of cake or anything, but we look pretty good," Franklin said. "They'll have to work for it, but they want it."

Following Thursday's Artesia match, the Warriors have the week off until May 7, when they host the district tournament. Because of the lack of court space in Ruidoso, the tourney will be played in Alamogordo.

## NINE: Warriors still winless in District 4-3A

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coach Varnadore. "Just like the last time we played them (Portales), Lovington, and everybody else. It was just like this."

Ruidoso (6-13, 0-10 district) didn't do all that poorly to open the first game, they just had no offense to speak of. Defensively, it held the Rams (14-6, 6-2) to a run an inning through the first three frames, then allowed three in the fourth before finally earning its first run of the game on an RBI single by Will Wilson.

That was all the scoring the Warriors would get until the seventh, and along the way, Portales got four more runs, including a home run by T.C. Nusser in the fifth inning.

With the Rams leading 10-1 in the seventh, it looked as though Ruidoso would go quietly, but Maclen Enriquez reached on a single and then scored on a triple by Jake Tetrault. Tetrault later scored on a passed ball with Nick Page up to bat.

In the end, it was too little, too late, as Page struck out to end the game.

Game two was better for Ruidoso initially. The Warriors spotted their opponents two runs on three hits in the top of the first inning, but held Portales scoreless in the second and turned on their own offense in the bottom half.

Ruidoso pushed five runs across in the second, with the big blow being delivered by Tetrault, who had a two-run-scoring double. A pair of errors by Nusser at third base helped things along.

The Warriors held on to their three-run lead after each team scored three runs in the next two innings, but then Portales surged ahead with five runs in the top of the fifth.

They did it with four hits, including a two-run homer by starting pitcher Kevin Cheatham.

Cheatham was later knocked off the mound in the bottom half of that inning after Jared Storey scored without the benefit of a

hit and Will Wilson walked. The Rams then brought in star pitcher Seth Clabaugh, who struck out the last two batters to end the inning.

Portales wasn't done offensively. They did more damage to Ruidoso pitcher Wilson with two runs, including another home run by Nusser. Auston Beier didn't fare much better, allowing three singles and two walks before he was relieved by Jamie Urban.

Urban gave up a bases-loaded triple to Clabaugh, then walked Cheatham, but finally got out of the inning with a grounder to second by Nusser.

Even though they now trailed by eight runs, and were facing a pitcher they had previously found untouchable, the Warriors were able to tag Clabaugh for three hits and took advantage of two errors and two wild pitches to score two runs.

Two runs was all they got, however.

"Right now, there's no correcting anything, right now it's about building for the future," Varnadore said. "We've got a lot of sophomores and freshmen playing right now, and they're looking pretty good."

Rams 10, Warriors 3
Portales: 111 310 3 — 19 14 3
Ruidoso: 000 100 2 — 3 7 7
T.C. Nusser and Tyler Rutherford, Jake Tetrault and Auston Beier. W — Nusser. L — Tetrault. HR — Por, Nusser. 3B — Rui, Tetrault. 2B — Por, Seth Clabaugh, Kevin Cheatham, Mario Salazar. LOB — Por 6, Rui 6.

Rams 16, Warriors 11
Portales: 202 157 1 — 19 18 10
Ruidoso: 062 112 0 — 11 10 4
Cheatham, Clabaugh (4) and Tyler Rutherford, Will Wilson, Beier (6), Jamie Urban (6) and Bear, Cutter Pack (6). W — Clabaugh. L — Wilson. HR — Por, Cheatham, Nusser. 3B — Por, Clabaugh. 2B — Por, Clabaugh, Cheatham, Bryant Bannister, Rui, Tetrault (2), Michael Sanchez. LOB — Por 7, Rui 7.

The Warriors already knew they weren't going to the post-season before Saturday's double-header, and still had two more games to play against Lovington on Tuesday. Despite being mathematically eliminated from the playoffs, Ruidoso wouldn't go quietly, if Varnadore had anything to do with it.

"We're taking a step in the right direction," Varnadore said. "We've gone from not even being in the game, to being able to compete. We've got to look at the good side and realize we can't turn this thing around all at once."

Thursday, April 22	Friday, April 23	Saturday, April 24	Sunday, April 25
<b>Boys</b> Ruidoso 3 Singles No. 1 — Luke Huebner (Ros) d. Matt Johnston (Rui) 8-6. No. 2 — Martin Campos (Ros) d. Kevin Yeager (Rui) 8-4. No. 3 — Adrian Divera (Rui) d. Zane Camp (Ros) 7-5. No. 4 — Brandon LaCoe (Rui) d. Ryan Brown (Ros) 6-3. No. 5 — Jose Bravo (Ros) d. Alex Nocella (Rui) 8-5. No. 6 — Rob Humphreys (Ros) d. Ted LaCoe (Rui) 8-5. Doubles No. 1 — Huebner/Campos (Ros) d. Johnston/Yeager (Rui) 9-3 (7-4). No. 2 — Divera/LaCoe (Rui) d. Camp/Bravo (Ros) 8-6. No. 3 — Nocella/Dillon Hoffman (Rui) d. Humphreys (Ros) 8-2. Girls Ruidoso 3 Singles No. 1 — Heather McDougal (Rui) d. John Haley (Ros) 8-6. No. 2 — Christine Brown (Rui) d. Fallon Barr (Ros) 8-3. No. 3 — Katherine Dunsen (Rui) d. Stephanie Gomez (Ros) 8-4. No. 4 — Jeannette Zagone (Rui) d. Maribel Morales (Ros) 8-3. No. 5 — Isela Appelas (Ros) d. Kristan Bawley (Rui) 8-2. No. 6 — Stephanie Brandt (Ros) d. Elizabeth Pruitt (Rui) 8-0. Doubles No. 1 — McDougal/Brown (Rui) d. Barr/Haley (Ros) 9-3. No. 2 — Dunsen/Bawley (Rui) d. Morales/Appelas (Ros) 8-2. No. 3 —	<b>Boys</b> Grants 3, Ruidoso 2 Singles No. 1 — Matt Black (Gru) d. Matt Johnston (Rui) 8-6. No. 2 — Erik Lewis (Gru) d. Kevin Yeager (Rui) 8-2. No. 3 — Alex Nocella (Rui) d. Jason Gallegos (Gru) 2-6, 6-3 (10-5). Doubles No. 1 — Isaac Alencio/Kurtis Montoya (Gru) d. Adrian Divera/Dillon Hoffman (Rui) 8-2. No. 2 — Brandon LaCoe/Ted LaCoe (Rui) d. Jason Kramer/Swain Montoya (Gru) 8-4, 8-3. Girls Ruidoso 3, Grants 2 Singles No. 1 — Heather McDougal (Rui) d. Kay Louie (Gru) 8-6. No. 2 — Christine Brown (Rui) d. Kay Brannan (Gru) 8-1. No. 3 — Kristin Brannan (Rui) d. Kay Valdez (Gru) 8-1. Doubles No. 1 — Sam Robinson/Katherine Dunsen (Rui) d. Silke Kohn/Heather McDougal (Rui) 8-0, 8-0. No. 2 — Jeannette Zagone/Elizabeth Pruitt (Rui) d. Alexis Barraza/Robbie Jaramila (Gru) 8-3, 6-2. Monday, April 26 Boys Ruidoso 3, Lovington 2 Singles No. 1 — Matt Johnston (Rui) d. David Head (L) 8-2. No. 2 — Kevin	<b>Boys</b> Lovington 2 Singles No. 1 — Heather McDougal (Rui) d. Chris Baker (L) 8-3. No. 2 — Christine Brown (Rui) d. Emily Pace (L) 8-2. No. 3 — Erin Robinson (Rui) d. Mia Santolucito (L) 2-6, 6-3 (10-5). No. 4 — Erin Divera (Lui) d. Katherine Dunsen (Rui) 8-4. No. 5 — Jeannette Zagone (Rui) d. Luke Ruiz (L) 4-6, 4-10 (4-6). No. 6 — Tera Ramirez (L) d. Kristin Bawley (Rui) 8-4, 6-4. Doubles No. 1 — McDougal/Brown (Rui) d. Divera/Pace (L) 8-0, 8-4. No. 2 — Robinson/Dunsen (Rui) d. Ramirez/Santolucito (L) 6-4, 6-4. No. 3 — Elizabeth Pruitt/Zagone (Rui) d. Baker/Ramirez (L) 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 (10-4).	<b>Boys</b> Lovington 2 Singles No. 1 — Tyler Graham (L) 8-4, 8-6 (10-6). No. 2 — Adrian Divera (Rui) d. Justin Black (L) 8-2, 6-3. No. 3 — Brandon LaCoe (Rui) d. Braden Johns (L) 5-7, 6-3 (10-5). No. 4 — Alex Nocella (Rui) d. Alex Brughart (L) 5-7, 6-1 (10-5). No. 5 — Ted LaCoe (Rui) d. Byron Boxkemper (L) 6-4, 2-6 (10-9). Doubles No. 1 — Divera/LaCoe (Rui) d. Boxkemper/Brughart (L) 8-3, 3-6 (10-5). No. 2 — Reed Graham (L) d. Jonathan Yeager (Rui) 6-0, 2-6. No. 3 — Johns/Black (L) d. LaCoe/Dillon Hoffman (Rui) 4-6, 6-4 (15-13). Girls Lovington 2 Singles No. 1 — Heather McDougal (Rui) d. Christy Baker (L) 8-3. No. 2 — Christine Brown (Rui) d. Emily Pace (L) 8-2. No. 3 — Erin Robinson (Rui) d. Mia Santolucito (L) 2-6, 6-3 (10-5). No. 4 — Erin Divera (Lui) d. Katherine Dunsen (Rui) 8-4. No. 5 — Jeannette Zagone (Rui) d. Luke Ruiz (L) 4-6, 4-10 (4-6). No. 6 — Tera Ramirez (L) d. Kristin Bawley (Rui) 8-4, 6-4. Doubles No. 1 — McDougal/Brown (Rui) d. Divera/Pace (L) 8-0, 8-4. No. 2 — Robinson/Dunsen (Rui) d. Ramirez/Santolucito (L) 6-4, 6-4. No. 3 — Elizabeth Pruitt/Zagone (Rui) d. Baker/Ramirez (L) 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 (10-4).

## IMPROVED: New state qualifiers for Warrior runners

FROM PAGE 1B

Willie Comanche, who won the 3,200-meter run.

The fact he won it wasn't that surprising. He'd already turned in a qualifying time at that distance. What was surprising was that he turned in the lightning-fast time of 10:15.19, all in a cold, biting wind that permeated the entire meet.

Comanche was particularly happy with his performance, saying he's been trying to get better to compete with the cream of the crop at state.

"For state, Pojoaque is the team to beat," Comanche said. "I just want to be able to run up there with them."

"That's his best time all season," said distance coach Nick Nanz, who led Comanche to a District 4-3A individual title in cross country in the fall. "He's been working real hard and has a real good work ethic. That's what distinguishes him from everyone else."

"They all work hard, but all season, he (Comanche) has progressively got better."

Comanche was joined by Samuel Klinekole in the 3,200, who may not have run a state qualifying time, but his mark of 10:53.44 was good enough for fourth place overall.

A big disappointment came in the boys relay teams. Eddie Gutierrez injured himself in the long jump competition, and Maskew had to run Elijah Hedin the 400-meter relay.

"We don't know how serious the injury is," said head coach Ronny Maskew. "We'll X-ray his leg, and if it's what we think it is, he might be out a week only. We'll just have to go from there."

"That hurts real big, because it affects three relays."

Whether Gutierrez would have made the difference on Friday might be debatable, but the fact remains that the Warriors ran a 46.67, good enough for fifth place, but still more than a second off of the state qualifying pace.

Still, the Warriors did do better as a team at the Artesia meet.

"We did a lot of things a lot better," Maskew said. "The

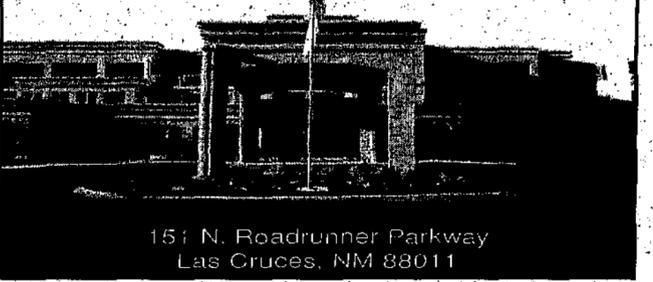
kids performed well, it was just hard for the kids to have good times with all of this wind.

"We'll be in Carlsbad next week, and hopefully see some better weather," he added. "We should see some better times down there."

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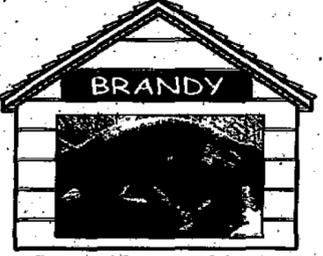
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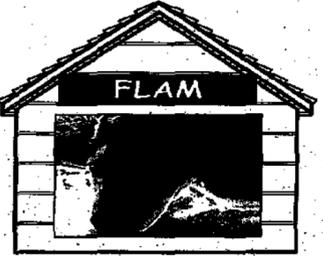
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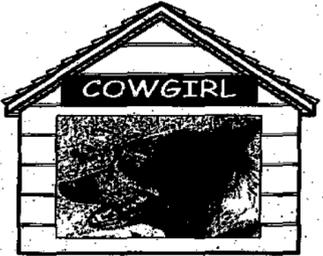
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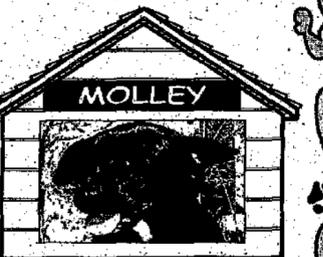
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# LINCOLN COUNTY



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Martha Guevara is the county's employee of the month.

## Martha Guevara nets monthly county honor

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In a program that rotates through county departments monthly, recognizing employees with outstanding attributes, Martha Guevara was chosen this month from the county manager's office.

Guevara is the assistant county manager and has been a county employee since July 1979. She began work in the treasurer's office and then moved to be the administrative secretary for the then-county manager, Bill Billingsley.

Eligible to retire in July, Guevara said after careful consideration, she decided to work awhile longer. She and her husband, Tommy, like to travel and she'd like to see Alaska and Canada before she gives up her regular paycheck.

Guevara was born in Carrizozo, left in 1966 for 10 years, then came back to stay. She and Tommy raised three

children, sons James and Robert, and a daughter, Teresa. Both sons graduated from NMSU, one working for Wells Fargo in Vaughn and the other for the U.S. Post Office in Ruidoso. Teresa is a beautician, EMT and is currently going back to school to be a nurse. The Guevaras are also raising a grandson, one of seven grandchildren.

In her free time, Guevara likes to read and crochet. "I love flowers too, but Tommy takes care of the yard."

Co-worker Punkin Schlarb said of Guevara, "She's wonderful, informative and so very generous. We love her."

Tom Stewart, the seventh county manager to work with Guevara, said he chose her for the award because she has a heart for everyone. "She goes out of her way to help, has a great attitude, and is extremely knowledgeable about an assortment of things that bring great benefit to all of us," stated Stewart.

## Area piano students show off their skills

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

For six years area piano teachers have been combining their piano students at this time of year for a recital.

This Sunday, May 2, at 4 p.m. in the Methodist Church

in Carrizozo, piano students studying under Jane Shafer, Beth Hightower and Cheryl Smith will present a piano recital.

The recital is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

## Spring concert tunes up

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

On Thursday night at 6:30, April 29, the Carrizozo grades pre-K-6 will present the annual spring concert. This year's event is titled Sound Around.

Music director Jamie Gieb described it as a "feast of sound."

"It includes music in ways that you would think of it and music in ways that you would not," she said.

Barbara Culbertson is the pianist and the complete staff of teachers has been helping as well.

This year's concert will feature the Grizzly Drum Line who made their debut in the fall of 2003. This will be their first performance marching with drums.

The drum line is proudly sporting a new set of drums. The eight regular

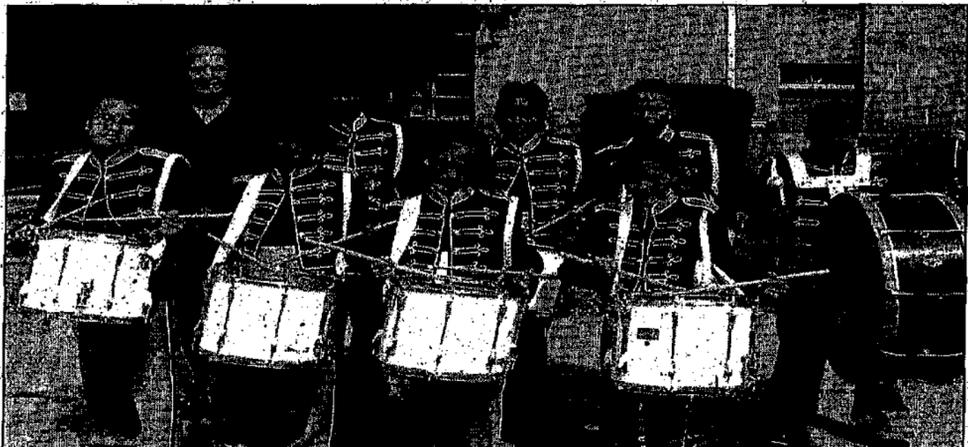


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Performing in the Carrizozo Schools spring concert will be the Carrizozo Drum Line. From left, front row, Destiny Dutchover, Stephanie Zamora, Katina Daugherty, Jenna Schartz; back row, Mrs. Jamie Gieb, Cody Ventura, Jordan Hill, Troy Niederstadt and Kinsey Vega.

drummers practice after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program is completely voluntary.

This year's drummers are, fifth grade, Troy Niederstadt, Jenna Schartz, Destiny Dutchover, Stephanie Zamora, Jordan Hill, Katina Daugherty; sixth grade, Cody

Ventura, Kinsey Vega

The group hopes to march at some football games next year. Gieb is hopeful to have some students interested in a bugle corps to complete the ensemble.

Thursday's concert is free and open to the public.

## Fair board names members for '04

■ Much work remains in preparation for July's Smokey Bear Stampede.

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Fair Board met on April 21 for its regular monthly meeting with a long list of items to cover.

With the fast approaching Smokey Bear Stampede, July 1-4, and the Lincoln County Fair in August, the board had many decisions to make and considerable information to be shared.

First on the agenda was the election of officers for 2004, tabled from the March meeting until more members were present. All current officers retained their positions, with the addition of new board member Rusty Garvin as secretary. Billy Bob Shafer remains president, Bill Hightower vice president, and Ray Rush treasurer.

A livestock committee meeting prior to the regular fair board meeting completed unfinished business on the Fair Book. The advertising deadline has been extended to April 30 in an attempt to gather more ads for the book. The 2004 Fair Book will be dedicated to the Bill Hightower family in memory of their son, Patrick.

The Canyon CowBelles were approved to handle the concessions at the county fair.



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

2004 Lincoln County Fair Board members are, from left, Jack Allen Davidson, Tito Montoya, treasurer Ray Rush, secretary Rusty Garvin, president Billy Bob Shafer, Scott Daniels and Allen Sultermeler. Not pictured are vice president Bill Hightower and Thomas Montes.

Original artwork for the fair book cover has been donated by Glencoe artist Della Bonnell. The painting will be used as a fundraiser in a silent auction, with proceeds going to the Fletcher Hall renovation fund.

Entry fees, gate and dance admission for the 49th Smokey Bear Stampede events will remain the same. Pending the ability to fence and control admission to the grounds, the board will consider the possibility of a day-pass system.

Shawn Allen and the 'Bout Time Band from San Antonio, Texas, has been booked for the

four nights of dances at the Stampede. Rusty Garvin presented a CD, photos, posters and bio on the band and will make the arrangements for them.

Martha Bond, 4-H leader, reported to the board that the Lincoln County 4-H clubs want to do the concession at the stampede. As previously discussed, a manager will be hired for a percentage or flat fee.

The Lincoln County Fair Association will handle all the finances, and a listing of last year's purchases will be provided to the manager for a basic idea of what is needed

for the four-day event.

The Hondo FFA, led by Brandon Divine, will again manage the stall rentals during the stampede. All stalls will be indoors and will cost \$15 a night.

A work day was scheduled for June 27. Skeebo Norris, the contracted announcer for the Stampede events, volunteered to come help move the scoreboard to a location that doesn't interfere with the line of sight from the crowd's nest to the bucking chutes.

The next fair board meeting will be May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan.

## Try taking a taste trip to the tropics today

Exploring new flavors is one reason to try the astonishing variety of tropical fruits. But researchers are discovering that they have health benefits as well.

### Mango

Inside, the golden color of the sweet flesh indicates that the mango is rich in beta-carotene. It has a good amount of soluble fiber, vitamin C and vitamin E. Scientists also think that it contains other antioxidants besides carotenoids that can protect against cancer.

Fresh mangoes are best to eat during their growing season of May through September. Add them to salads and salsas, puree for drinks and cold soups or cook them with fish, poultry or rice.

### Fresh Mango Salsa

1 cup chopped ripe mango  
1 Tbsp. Olive oil  
1 large firm tomato chopped  
Pinch of sugar  
half cup finely chopped red bell pepper  
Freshly ground pepper and salt to taste  
one fourth cup finely chopped red onion  
2 tsp. lime juice  
one fourth tsp. cayenne pepper

In a medium bowl, mix together all ingredients. Refrigerate for 1 hour to blend flavors before serving.

### Kiwifruit

Kiwis have high amounts of fiber and are an excellent source of vitamin

C. They also provide nutrients that protect against eye disease and reduce cancer risk. When buying kiwi, choose those that are firm and allow to ripen. To peel a kiwi, remove only a thin layer to retain nutrients. Or, instead of peeling, cut it in half and scoop out the fruit with a spoon.

### Strawberry Kiwi Smoothie

1 cup 100 percent apple juice  
1 container (8 oz.) strawberry nonfat yogurt  
2 whole kiwi fruit, peeled and chopped  
1 package (10 oz.) frozen unsweetened strawberries  
1 tsp. almond extract  
In blender mix together all ingredients and blend until smooth. Serve immediately. (Unused portions may be frozen.)

Adapted from American Institute for Cancer Research Newsletter, Issue 83.



Hints for the Home  
BY MARSHA PALMER

LINCOLN COUNTY  
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## Rodeo club holding dance

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Rodeo Club is hosting a fund-raising dance this Saturday night, May 1, at the Lincoln County Fair grounds in the Fletcher Hall building.

The dance will be from 8 p.m. until midnight. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under the age of 12.

Music and disc jockey skills will be provided by Skeebo Norris. Norris is best known for his rodeo announcing and his Skeebo Show on KNMB 96.7 and W105. The music will be a wide variety of country-Western spanning decades of dance music.

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# Village to remove hazardous trees

■ Ruidoso officials are also preparing for their first 2004 budget workshop.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Eighty-one trees designated as hazards in public rights of way are targeted for removal. County forestry department director Rick Delaco said the project in Upper Canyon, Grindstone and Ponderosa went out for bid earlier this month.

He explained to village councilors that the work was broken into eight projects in terms of difficulty and location. The money for the projects is coming out of the forestry department's annual budget, not from a grant, he said.

"We go up and down the streets checking the meters and poles there to see if the trees are standing dead or in some phase of beetle infestation," Delaco said. "They will be pulled out completely."

In other business, the council set today, April 28, as the day councilors will receive the annual budget books for their review. Workshops were scheduled for 8 a.m., May 1; 5:30 p.m., May 4; and 8 a.m., May 8. Two are on Saturdays.

All the sessions are open to the public.

Village manager Lorri McKnight showed off the new water and sewer billing sheets put together by the water and finance departments.

"They contain a lot of information," she told the councilors. "They show the previous and current usage, the average use per day in gallons and the average cost per day. They also have a comparison to previous years and months."

On the back, the current water rates are listed, including the base rate for 4,000 gallons, commodity charges, and sewer rates. The format will allow flyers and messages from the village to be included in the monthly mailing, she said. The new system even will fold the information with the bill, she said.

"This is a trial period for the software," McKnight said. "We can make changes if something doesn't make sense or we don't like it."



Delaco

## IMPRESSIVE POOCH



DAVE PRICE/STAFF

Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Shawn Sanderson and his drug-sniffing dog, Andor, were guests Thursday morning on KEDU-LP Community Radio. The station was broadcasting its Pawworthy Pet News show, hosted by Ellen Lucas. Complete broadcast schedules for KEDU can be found at [www.kedu.us](http://www.kedu.us).

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## Effort needed to remove objectionable shows

Q: Why don't the people who produce television programs put out more that are family-friendly, instead of ones with so much violence and sex? It's hard for us to know what to let our children watch — or even to watch ourselves. — Mrs. B.F.

A: I can't speak for the television industry, of course — but I suspect the main reason the programs you object to get produced is because they make money. And the reason they make money is because advertisers believe people are watching them. If you object to a particular program, therefore, let your

local television channel know — and let the program's sponsors know also. (Most of them can be reached through their Web sites, where you can also find the name of their president and their address.)

If every concerned person in America wrote polite but firm letters to the companies that sponsor such programs, who knows what impact it might have? If companies refused to sponsor programs that focus on violence or sex or other objectionable material, those programs simply won't get aired. God told the ancient Israelites to "seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried

you.... Pray to the Lord for it" (Jeremiah 29:7). Should we do any less?

Unfortunately, there will always be evil in this present world. Pray for your children, and do all you can to guide them and help them make wise decisions as they grow. Most of all, point them to Christ, because "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness" (John 8:12).

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

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## Tillman, servicemen are modern heroes

The life of selfishness and self-centeredness of most Americans is in the spotlight of contrast when compared with the selflessness and concern for others in the life of Pat Tillman. This 27-year-old Arizona Cardinal football safety gave up the safety and security of a \$3.6 million contract to enter the elite Army Rangers soon after 9-11.

Pat Tillman valued the freedom and democracy of America so much

more than his own personal freedom that he gave up what he had worked for, so that he might help others enjoy what had been his American birthright. He did not want his decision publicized. In contrast to the self-promotion of most professional athletes, entertainers, and politicians, he wanted nothing to do with publicity for his decision. No photos. No interviews. No press releases.

Pat Tillman is a true American hero, in the order of Sergeant York, Audie Murphy, and the many others who have risked their lives to free others. A hero is one who is admired for achievements and qualities; one who demonstrates courage in the face of personal danger. Tillman is all this and more. America needs heroes today. Never before in the history of our nation have we needed heroes like Tillman as we do today. What were his achievements? A three-and-a-half-year *summa cum laude* graduate of Arizona

State with a marketing degree and a 3.84 grade point average. A successful college athlete with a valuable pro football career.

What were his qualities? Humility, concern for others, sacrifice, dedication, loyalty, courage, and on and on.

Instead of rappers, politicians, sex kittens, and athletes who flaunt godly values, the law, and the things that have made America great, we need genuine heroes and heroines for our youth and children to emulate, for our adults to respect and promote. In the character of the world's greatest hero, Jesus Christ, Pat Tillman thought of others before self, acted on behalf of others rather than self, and, in his heroic death, speaks volumes to restore virtue and value to human life in America.

No! I am not trying to make St. Pat out of Tillman. But, he did offer help for today and hope for a better tomorrow. He did remind us of the kind of life that has made America great. And not just Pat Tillman, but the thousands of other service personnel who have given their lives or have been wounded or have put their lives in harms way on behalf of those who need to be set free.

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

Charles can be reached at [helpandhope@zianet.com](mailto:helpandhope@zianet.com).



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BY CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR

## Motivated alcoholics can be successfully treated

QUESTION: You listed alcoholism as a marriage killer. My husband has that problem. It has created a great deal of pain in our home, and I am concerned about the emotional welfare of my children. Can it be treated, and is there hope for families like mine?

DR. DOBSON: Alcoholism is a devastating disease, not only for the person who has it, but for his or her entire family. Research shows that 40 percent of people living in Western nations have a close family member who is an alcoholic. That incidence is even higher in Russia and other countries of Eastern Europe. There is no way to calculate the impact of this problem on children, on spouses, and on the culture itself. Fortunately, it can be treated successfully for those who are willing to seek that help.

I discussed the issue of alcoholism with a panel of knowledgeable people on the Focus on the Family radio broadcast. Included were Dr. Keith Simpson, a physician who has treated this problem for 20 years, and Jerry Butler, a marriage and family therapist with

25 years of counseling experience. His own father had committed suicide during one of his drunken binges. Also with me were "Bob," a recovered alcoholic, and his wife, "Pauline," who preferred that we withhold their real names.

I did not ask these four individuals for a detailed analysis of alcoholism; our listeners already knew how serious it is. Rather, I wanted them to provide us with practical suggestions as to how family members can recognize the disease and then be of help to those they love. The answers they gave were most encouraging and enlightening.

Dr. Simpson was asked whether alcoholism can be treated successfully today. Is it a hopeless condition, or is there a way out for the victim and his family? This was his reply:

"I specialized in the field of internal medicine for many years, but found it to be depressing work. I could help my patients with chronic lung disease and severe diabetes and heart disease, but in reality, my efforts were just a delaying action. Over time, conditions worsened and the diseases progressed. I made my

rounds in intensive care each day and watched people losing their battle for life, whereas my alcoholic patients were getting well.

"That's why I deal almost exclusively with alcoholics now, and I find it to be extremely rewarding work. I see people who come in with more horrible problems than you can imagine, but they get into a recovery program, and in a few months the difference is like going from night to day. So yes, not only is alcoholism treatable, but the medical community does better with this disorder than any other chronic disease. Alcoholics emerge from treatment programs more functionally integrated, more capable and more effective than before they 'taught' the disease."

That was the theme of the entire discussion: There is hope for the alcoholic! But before recovery can begin, the problem has to be acknowledged and treatment sought. That applies to your own family situation, I'm sure. Your husband can be helped if he has "the want to."

QUESTION: I've been aware of my husband's unfaithfulness for some time now. I've taken him to task for it, which has resulted in some incredible, horrible battles. I have even made demands that he stop his infidelity, yet no changes in his



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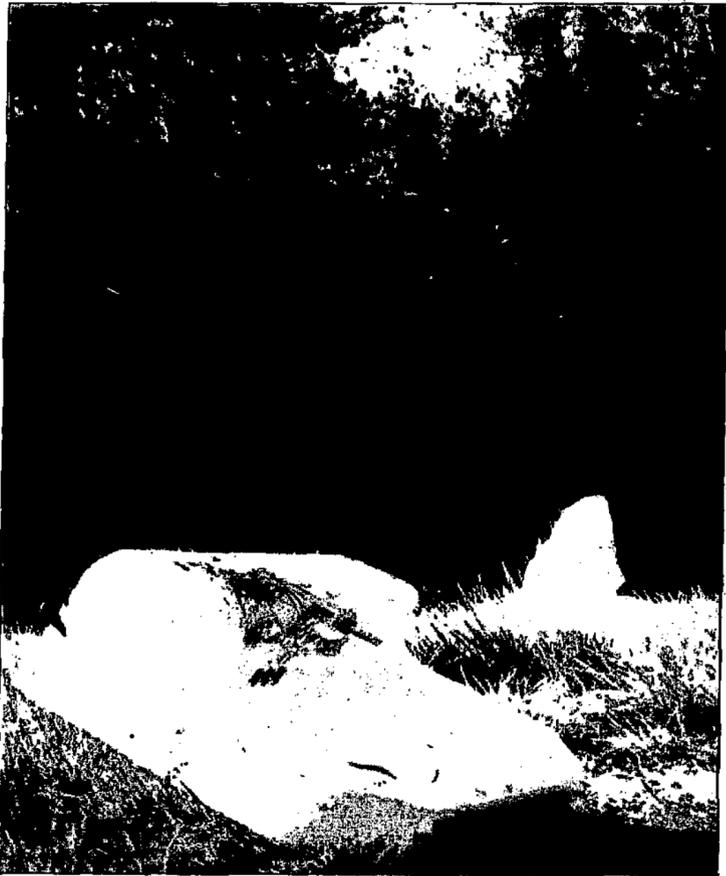
# Clean and green

Saturday's Great American Cleanup brought out 160 Ruidoso and area residents to help pick up village streets. Volunteers gathered 486 bags of litter and found everything from unwanted tires and bedframes to an out-of-use port-a-potty.

CityBank of New Mexico won the annual Bank Challenge, filling 108 bags with trash along Swiss Chalet hill to Farley's. Seven banks participated in all.



A CityBank crew stopped on the way down Highway 48 from Swiss Chalet. From left, back row: Lisa Bartley, Miranda Affuso, Linda Affuso, Keith Bjrd, Viviana Zavala, and in front, Caleb Affuso.



DAVE PRICE/STAFF

Volunteers picked up everything, including — wait for it — the kitchen sink.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

A large group of picker-uppers pose at Schoolhouse Park after Saturday's event.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Susan Lutterman, Kim Chavez and David Montes cleaned up along Gavilan Canyon Road for the First National Bank team.



DAVE PRICE/STAFF

Terri Parker, left, and Charlotte Musgrave stand with the portable toilet Musgrave discovered atop a ridge along Paradise Canyon during last Saturday's Keep Ruidoso Beautiful clean-up event. The two scaled the steep ravine and pushed and pulled the cumbersome contraption all the way down to the roadside, where Village of Ruidoso staffers could collect it. Parker and Musgrave work for Wells Fargo in Ruidoso.



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Cleaning up on Paradise Canyon Drive for Wells Fargo Bank were Waynette Walker, Rick Beggs and Charlott Musgrave.



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Betty Bush and Michael Bush picked up trash on Resort Drive. They come out for the cleanup every year, they said.

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510 FINANCIAL SERVICES

510 FURNITURE

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BIG BIG Garage Sale - Furniture, dishes, lawn furniture, equipment, & misc. At 280 East Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs at Mac's Auto Sales, Friday & Saturday.

NEED TO have an estate sale? But don't have the time or energy to sell it? Call me-I'll sell it for you! Call Annette at Appraisals & Sales, Inc. 378-5445.

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501 SERVICES

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1992 HONDA Accord LX, body interior, engine in excellent condition, great stereo, perfect student car. Call 978-4279

97 BIGFOOT, 15CB, 5FS Camper. Excellent condition, self-contained with 3-way fridge, 2/2 and more. \$13,000. (505) 257-8852

FOR SALE - 1996 Dodge Cargo Van, excellent condition, automatic, 3/4 ton, AC, \$6,000, OBO. 258-5818

501 FOUR WHEEL

1990 FORD Bronco, 4x4, \$4,000. Eddie Bauer Model, 90,000 miles, good condition. Lots of recent work including rebuilt trans, all new seals & belts, tune-up & tires. 258-3305

501 MOTORCYCLES

2000 HONDA Shadow ACE Touring motorcycle. AC, 1100cc, 19,340 miles. Kwik Kamp MC camping trailer. Call 649-6803

2001 KAWASAKI Vulcan Classic, FI 1500; low mileage, garage kept, excellent condition, many extras. \$8,250. 505-354-8047 or 505-420-4020

501 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

04 IMPERIAL 5th Wheel, 37ft, 3 slide outs, tri-axle, basement model, 2 AC, W/D, D/W, hardwood floors, all upgrades, perfect condition. \$36,900. 432-413-0394

15 FT. Yukon Camper/trailer, sleeps 6, but & clean, can pull with 2 V-6 to the roughest camp sites! \$3,200. 258-2819

1989 5TH Wheel 43ft. Spacecraft Travel Trailer. Due to size, not for the novice RV'er. This trailer is large enough to live in full time, you must see to appreciate all of the many extras. Slide out, oak cabinets, separate icemaker, full sized shower, redwood closets with built in safe are a few of the extras. \$8,500.00. call after 5:00pm for an appointment, located in Carrizozo. 505-648-2981, or cell 799-5188.

501 AUTOS FOR SALE

1987 EL CAMINO, \$2,500. Call 258-1063

1988 BRONCO II, near mint int/ext., lift, 4x4, lots more, \$2,000. Call 257-8169

1996 CHEVY Extended cab, 6 cyl., \$4,499 OBO. Call Timothy @ 378-1488

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1996 YAMAHA Wave Runner 700, with built in ice chest in good condition. 1999 GTS skidoo, 580 good condition, one trailer for two jet skis, two life vests. All stored indoors. Call 937-0615.

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501 LEGAL NOTICES

#6098 4T (4)21,23,28,30 LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units at AA Mini Storage are past due. If payment is not received within 30 days of first publish of this notice storage items will be sold at auction.

Units: E-8, B-11, C-8, A-10, C-28, B-19, B-24, E-9, F-12, 23.

#6098 2T (4)23,28 LEGAL NOTICE

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Carpet and Tile for approximately 25 classrooms for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Installation must be completed by August 2, 2004. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051). Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR CARPET/TILE". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.

1/5/ Paul Wirth, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent, Ruidoso Municipal Schools

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LEGAL NOTICES

#6093 2T (4)28(5)5  
LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD THOMAS ENGLISH, JR. Deceased.

PB-04-15  
Division

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the law office of Adam D. Rafkin, P.O. Box 1912, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court.

DATED: April 2, 2004.  
Miriam P. English  
Personal Representative  
of the Estate of Howard  
Thomas English, Jr. 114  
Pat Willingham Ct.  
Ruidoso, New Mexico  
88345

Adam D. Rafkin  
P.O. Box 1912  
Ruidoso, New Mexico  
88345  
(505)257-0129  
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

LEGAL NOTICES

#6094 1T (4)28  
LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids for Bid #04-018:

CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE PAD FOR SKATEBOARD PARK

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Department at the City of Ruidoso Downs City Hall, 122 Downs Drive in Ruidoso Downs, or by calling (505) 378-4422. Sealed bids must be received by the Procurement Manager, if handed delivered, to 122 Downs Drive Ruidoso Downs, or if mailed, P.O. Box 348 Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88346. Bids will be received until Thursday, May 13, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., and then publicly opened at the City of Ruidoso Downs City Hall. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened. The fact that a bid was dispatched will not be considered. The City of Ruidoso Downs reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of the Governing Body

/s/John Waters  
City Administrator  
City of Ruidoso Downs

LEGAL NOTICES

#6095 1T (4)28  
LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids for Bid #04-017:

ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT

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#6071 AT (4)21 28(5)12  
LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

LEGAL NOTICES

ARGENIA 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 Argenia 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 the 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, F.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.

LEGAL NOTICES

#6096 2T (4)23,28  
LEGAL NOTICE

Call For Bids

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for 2 Chevrolet Suburbans. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR SUBURBANS". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the Special Budget Hearing and Regular School Board meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.

/s/ Paul Wirth, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Ruidoso Municipal Schools

#6087 2T (4)23 28  
LEGAL NOTICE  
INVITATION FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The Ruidoso Board of Education solicits requests for proposals for independent auditor to review the 2003-2004 school year fiscal activities of the district. Specifications for the service and all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement code and the State Auditor's Office are available in the Office of the Superintendent.

LEGAL NOTICES

#6097 2T (4)23,28  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-6-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of the Ruidoso School District #3, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will present and publicly review the operational budget for the 2004/2005 school year on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Schools Board Room. This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend. Dors at Ruidoso, New Mexico, this 20th day of April 2004.

Ruidoso School Board of Education  
/s/Frank Sayner

#6096 1T (4)28  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Ruidoso Police Department Friday, April 30, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Ruidoso Police Department Building, 1085 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso.

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/s/Sandy Gladden  
Executive Director

LEGAL NOTICES

#6099 2T (4)28,30  
LEGAL NOTICE

The Ruidoso Police Department has received a Block Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and a public hearing is a required condition of the grant. A five-member advisory board will review the proposed equipment purchases and take public comment. The board will then make recommendations, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance will review them before disbursing the funds.

/s/Lanny G. Maddox  
Chief of Police  
Ruidoso Police Dept.

#6092 2T (4)28,30  
LEGAL NOTICE

Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council meeting, Monday, May 3rd, 2004, 11:00am. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include application approvals, employment recommendations, and acceptance of grant awards. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Sandy Gladden, 257-2388, if public accommodations are needed.

/s/Sandy Gladden  
Executive Director

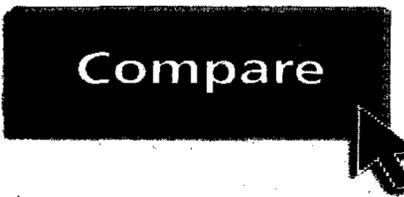
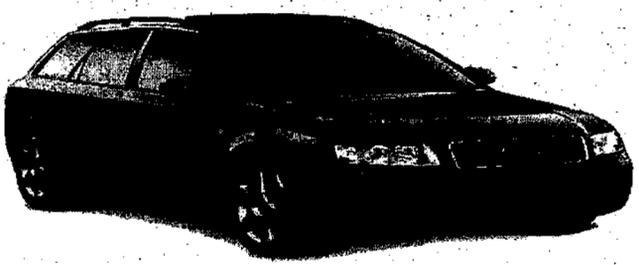


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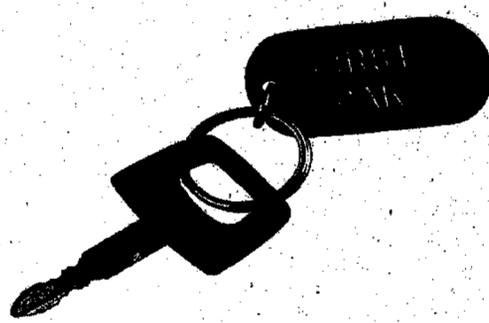
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**\$17,992**  
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**\$188** OF OR  
 mo. STK#P242258  
 \$4,000 REBATE \$24,930 MSRP

**2004 GMC**

**'04 GMC Canyon Shortbox**  
**\$12,992**  
 GMC WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE™  
**\$129** OF OR  
 mo. STK#P241903  
 \$2,500 REBATE \$10,530 MSRP

**'04 GMC Sierra Shortbox**  
**\$14,992**  
 GMC WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE™  
**\$158** OF OR  
 mo. STK#P242194  
 \$3,000 REBATE \$20,077 MSRP

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**\$19,992**  
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 mo. STK#P242217  
 \$5,500 REBATE \$25,022 MSRP

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**\$19,992**  
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**\$10,092**  
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**\$6,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$4,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 19 AVAILABLE

**'04 GMC Yukon 4 DR AWD**  
**\$9,092**  
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**\$5,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$4,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 112 AVAILABLE

**'04 GMC Regency Savana**  
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**\$3,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$3,500 REBATE & COTRIBOR OFF MSRP  
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**'04 GMC Envoy XUV 4DR**  
**\$8,092**  
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**\$4,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$4,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 42 AVAILABLE

**'04 GMC Sierra Ext Cab 4DR**  
**\$7,092**  
 GMC WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE™  
**\$3,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$3,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 123 AVAILABLE

**'04 GMC Envoy 4DR**  
**\$7,092**  
 GMC WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE™  
**\$3,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$4,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 87 AVAILABLE

**'04 BUICK Rainier**  
**\$8,092**  
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**\$4,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$4,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 14 AVAILABLE

**'04 BUICK Rendezvous**  
**\$7,092**  
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**\$3,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$4,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 26 AVAILABLE

**'04 BUICK Lesabre**  
**\$7,092**  
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**\$4,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$3,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 47 AVAILABLE

**'04 PONTIAC Montana Van**  
**\$6,592**  
 PONTIAC Fuel for the Soul  
**\$2,592** CRAWFORD DIS. \$4,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 16 AVAILABLE

**'04 PONTIAC Aztec**  
**\$6,092**  
 PONTIAC Fuel for the Soul  
**\$2,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$4,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 31 AVAILABLE

**'04 BUICK Regal**  
**\$6,092**  
 BUICK WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE™  
**\$3,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$3,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 22 AVAILABLE

**'04 PONTIAC Grand Prix**  
**\$5,092**  
 PONTIAC Fuel for the Soul  
**\$1,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$3,200 REBATE OFF MSRP  
 22 AVAILABLE

**'04 PONTIAC Grand AM SE**  
**\$5,092**  
 PONTIAC Fuel for the Soul  
**\$1,092** CRAWFORD DIS. \$3,000 REBATE OFF MSRP  
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