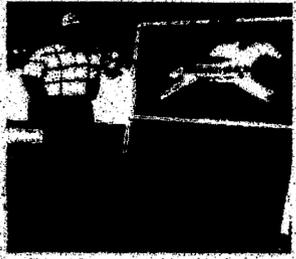


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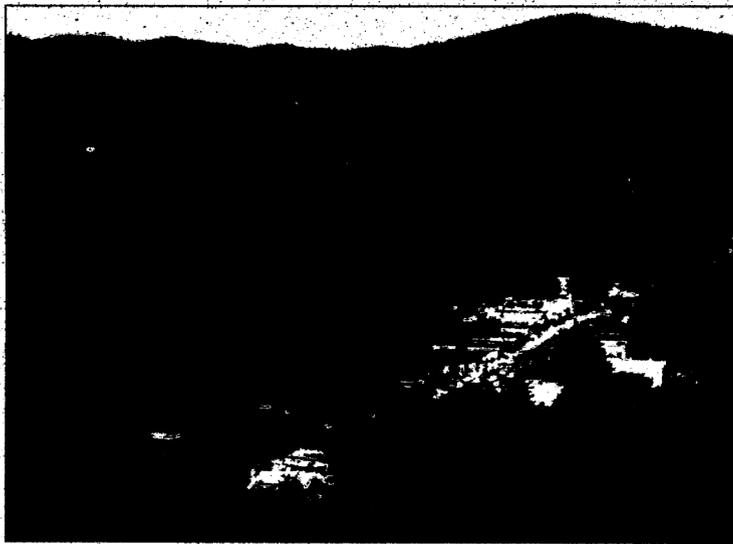
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Fire tower offers unparalleled views and history



Paradise Canyon winds its way through the hills in this southern view from the lookout tower near Midtown.

Below The lookout tower has watched over the Midtown area of Ruidoso since 1940.



Above Midtown is easily recognizable when you turn west.

The view south overlooks the River Crossing development and other businesses along Sudderth Drive. The Ruidoso News office is just up the hill to the left, hidden by the numerous pine trees that dominate the landscape.

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Thirty feet above the top of Lookout Drive in Ruidoso, a U.S. Forest Service fire spotting tower stands sentinel.

The panoramic view from the weathered wood frame cabin on top of a steel structure of stairs and supports stretches from Swiss Chalet on New Mexico Highway 48 to Paradise Canyon, sweeping in River Crossing, Midtown, Cree Meadows Golf Course, the Lincoln Tower and Grindstone Reservoir Dam.

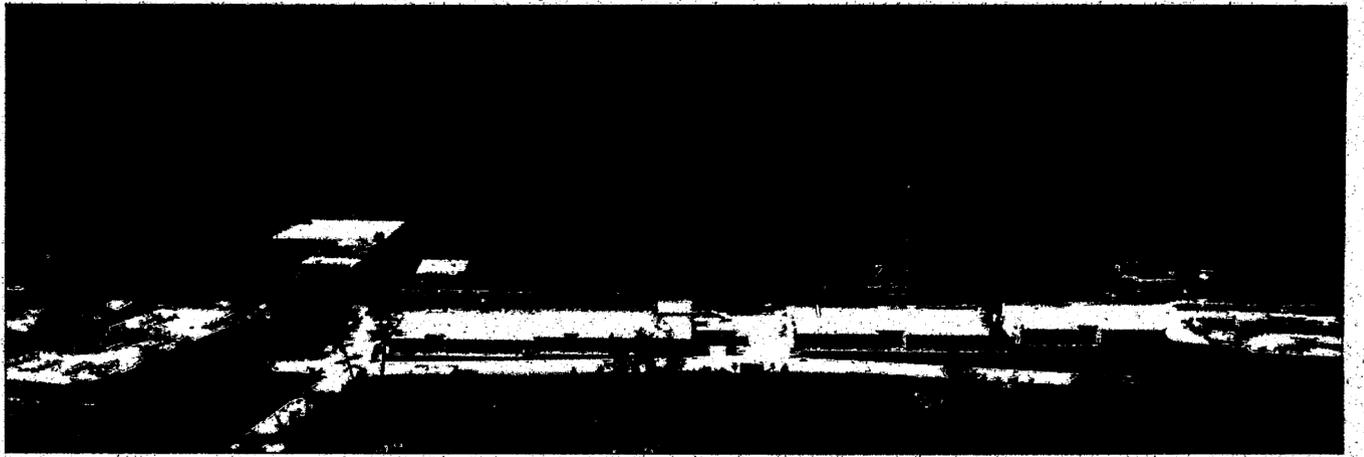
On gusty days of spring winds, fire spotters reported the tower swayed so much the coffee spilled from their cups. Last Friday, Forest Service fire prevention staffer Frank Cannella nervously watched heavy rain clouds rolling into town as he climbed the three flights of stairs to the trap door that gives access to the spotting shelter. The last place to be caught when lightning from a



thunderstorm begins is a tower sticking high above surrounding trees.

Built in 1940, Lookout is one of the few hundred left standing of 5,000 fire towers built seven decades ago in the United States. Lincoln County boasts two. The other, which is encased in a protective covering of boulders and stones, sits atop Monjeau Peak in the Lincoln National Forest closer to Bonito Lake. At one time,

See LOOKOUT, page 10A



County dispatch benefits from state-of-art equipment

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The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office 911 dispatch center has taken on a new hi-tech look with "lifesaver technology," using a system that is one-of-a-kind in the state of New Mexico.

Monday, Lincoln County Commissioners toured the new dispatch center in the Sheriff's Office now set up in rooms that were once part of the old jail.

The Positron Viper is the next generation 911 digital system that has caller I.D. offering name, address, phone number and which fire department or EMS to dispatch to the call. The accompanying map shows streets, intersections, addresses and subdivisions.

Lincoln County is the first in New Mexico to purchase the 911 Viper system, which was recently

ordering one. According to New Mexico E911 program manager Art Rios, Phoenix Police Department is using the same system.

The \$457,822 project was approved for funding by the state board of finance. It has enabled the dispatch center to increase from two- to three-dispatcher capability. Dispatchers sit at state-of-the-art ergonomic consoles leaving plenty of room to work before an array of monitors and screens.

Rios said the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office's tenacity in pursuing the funding approval and the project in general, is the reason it is a reality today.

Wireless 911 is slated to be online with the next year as part of Phase II of the project.

The county was also given an emergency broadcast system (EBS) which will be installed soon, giving the capability to broadcast emergency messages over the public radio.



Lincoln County Commissioner Don Williams looks over the new 911 dispatch center at the Lincoln County Sheriff's office during a tour Monday morning.

JULIE CARTER/STAFF



Orozco honored

Dr. Cynthia E. Orozco, lead faculty in the History and Humanities department at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, was invited by the National League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) to moderate a session at its annual conference in Chicago.

LULAC is the nation's oldest Hispanic civil rights organization in the country, founded in 1929. Orozco moderated a session titled "Women Pioneers of LULAC:

Latina Leaders in the Civil Rights Struggle."

The session included past LULAC president Belen Robles of El Paso and current president Rosa Rosales, the first and second women presidents respectively.

Dr. Orozco is a national expert on the history of LULAC and Hispanic women. Her writings on LULAC women have appeared in the Texas history encyclopedia *New Handbook of Texas*, and in *Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia*, for which she also served as an asso-

ciate editor in 2006.

Carrillo graduates

Adam Martin Carrillo recently completed his AIT training in the 150th Infantry in Fort Benning, Ga. His parents are Johnny and Linda Carrillo, Sr. of Mesalero.

Village workshops

Two workshops on the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget for Ruidoso are scheduled for the village council at 3 p.m., Thursday and 3 p.m., July 24, in the administration complex at 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Meeting cancelled

Members of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board canceled their regular meeting set for Thursday in Lincoln and will meet again on Aug. 16.

FRW meeting

To accommodate more working women, the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County will hold their next meeting at noon July 24 in the Region IX conference Room at 1400 Sudderth Dr. The program will include a presentation by Coleen Widell, administrator of the battered women's shelter The Nest. Attendees are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch or call Genevieve at least two days before at 336-2694 to reserve a sandwich lunch with beverage and dessert for \$8. All Republican women are invited.

Out for a walk

There will be a joint outing with the Lincoln County Bird Club and Trail Snails for a wildflower walk July 23. The groups will meet at 8 a.m. at Eagle Creek Complex on Ski Run Road to walk the Bonito Crest Trail. Be sure to bring snacks and water for the walk. For more information, call 257-7452.

Rummage sale

The Ruidoso Woman's Club is hosting a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. July 21 at 116 S. Evergreen Dr. For more information, call 257-9877.

Economic board

The regular meeting of the Ruidoso Downs Economic Development Board has been rescheduled for 5:30 p.m. July 26 in

the Hubbard Room at City Hall, 122 Downs Dr.

LEPC meeting

The Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold a regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. July 25 at Ruidoso Fire Station No. 2 on White Mountain Drive.

The LEPC provides information on hazardous chemicals present in the surrounding communities and to assist Lincoln County officials in planning for and responding to accidents involving hazardous materials.

Another primary goal is to inform citizens about wildfire tragedies. To become involved, contact James Mason at 258-9991, James McCarthy at 258-2142 or Alfred Ortiz at 378-4421.

Rubber Ducky race

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County will host a rubber ducky race at 10 a.m. July 28 at Two Rivers Park. Cost is \$5 per duck or five ducks for \$20. Grand prize for the winning duck is \$500, with \$200 going to the runner-up and \$50 to the second runner-up.

Tickets are available at the Ruidoso Athletic Club, Domino's Pizza, Ruidoso Office Supply, Ruidoso Animal Clinic, The Wild Herb Market, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Copper Mountain Auto Body and the BBBS office, G-13 in the Lincoln Tower.

All proceeds will benefit

Lincoln County BBBS, a one-to-one youth mentoring program providing children ages 6-17 with a friend and positive role model. For more information, call 258-4185.

Senior Center fundraiser

The Ruidoso Downs Senior Center will hold its annual fundraiser 7:30-11:30 a.m. Events include a breakfast, silent auction and bake sale.

A majority of funds raised will be used to offset the expense of running Meals on Wheels for local residents. Other activities at the center include lunch for anyone 60 and older Monday through Friday for a \$2 suggested donation, line dancing Monday, Wednesday and Friday, pool and dominoes tournaments and other game days.

For more information, contact the center at 378-4659.

Bereavement group

Beginning Aug. 4, there will be a Grief/Bereavement group meeting for those who have lost loved ones.

The meetings will be held at the Ruidoso Public Library in the Conference Room, meeting from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

For additional information, contact Ruidoso Home Care at 505-258-0028 or Community United Methodist Church at 257-4701.

Elk Foundation

The Sierra Blanca Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is holding its third annual banquet Saturday Aug. 4 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

There will be a raffle for a Bowtech Bow for first place and a Nikon Range finder for second place and \$100 cash for third place.

Other games, live auction and silent auctions will also be available.

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New Mexico At A Glance

Moon Phases

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UV Index

Wed 7/18	Extreme
Thu 7/19	Extreme
Fri 7/20	Extreme

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Alamogordo	97	68	mst sunny	Grants	87	55	t-storm	Santa Fe	83	55	t-storm
Albuquerque	90	69	pt sunny	Guymon, OK	97	68	sunny	Santa Rosa	94	63	mst sunny
Carsbad	95	66	mst sunny	Hobbs	92	66	sunny	Silver City	85	54	t-storm
Charma	78	51	t-storm	Las Cruces	95	69	mst sunny	Socorro	92	63	mst sunny
Clovis	92	59	sunny	Las Vegas	84	53	pt sunny	St. Johns, AZ	94	68	t-storm
Deming	97	67	t-storm	Lordsburg	98	69	t-storm	Taos	86	50	t-storm
El Paso, TX	98	72	mst sunny	Lubbock, TX	92	68	sunny	Trinidad, CO	86	58	pt sunny
Espanola	89	61	t-storm	Odessa, TX	92	67	sunny	Truth or Consq.	94	67	mst sunny
Farmington	93	60	t-storm	Raton	87	54	mst sunny	Tucson, AZ	104	81	t-storm
Gallup	89	56	t-storm	Roswell	95	66	mst sunny	Tucumcari	92	59	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	85	69	t-storm	Houston	88	75	t-storm	Phoenix	112	90	pt sunny
Boaton	80	68	t-storm	Los Angeles	80	64	pt sunny	San Francisco	73	54	pt sunny
Chicago	84	67	t-storm	Miami	88	78	t-storm	Seattle	73	60	rain
Dallas	88	75	mst sunny	Minneapolis	91	70	t-storm	St. Louis	93	78	t-storm
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Finance Authority to brief Joint Use Board

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A representative of the New Mexico Finance Authority will brief members of the Joint Use Board of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant about funding options for plant improvements during a special meeting at 1 p.m. today.

Mark Valenzuela is the last item on the JUB agenda before a closed session begins, but Kevin Powers from RBC Dain Rauscher also is scheduled to talk about bonding procedures and timelines. The meeting will be conducted at the Ruidoso Village Administration Center at 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Other items on the agenda include:

- adoption of two resolutions entering into agreements identified as special appropriations projects for the Ruidoso and

the Ruidoso Downs Wastewater Facility grant with the state Environment Department.

- discussion and possible action regarding bonding procedures and timelines.
- discussion and possible action on a dual-track review process for design-build proposals for the treatment plant.
- discussion and possible action to authorize Molzen-Corbin & Associates to provide administrative services not to exceed \$20,000 to assist the village and the city of Ruidoso Downs in obtaining more grant money.

The closed session is listed as a report on the status of a draft consent judgement with Forest Guardians, a group that challenged in court the failure of the plant to meet permit requirements on the quality of discharge into the Ruidoso River.

Working to stop puppy mills

In a letter to members, Wayne Pacelle, President and chief executive officer of the Humane Society of the United States, covered steps in the group's campaign to end abuses at puppy mills.

"Sadly, 2 to 4 million puppy mill puppies are sold each year, while millions of animals at shelters are euthanized for lack of good homes," he wrote. "To feed this brutal industry, untold numbers of breeder dogs spend their entire lives confined to tiny and filthy cages, giving birth to one litter after another until their worn-out bodies can no longer reproduce."

HSUS officials are determined to defeat what he described as a "cruel underground business," and briefly outlined the campaign as:

- Litigate. A class action suit filed by HSUS members to end a Florida retailer's practices of selling severely unhealthy puppy mill dogs and defrauding customers about the puppies' origins.
- Pass federal legislation to increase protections for dogs across the nation languishing in puppy mills.

• Pass state laws to require licensing, regulation, and inspection of large puppy mills, which currently "escape U.S. Department of Agriculture scrutiny because of a loophole in the Animal Welfare Act.

• Reach out to prospective puppy buyers. Pacelle advised using everything from billboards to word of mouth, to educate people about the cruelty of

puppy mills and where these animals are sold.

"Puppy mills can only thrive if consumers are kept in the dark about the fraudulent tactics and inhumane conditions used to mass produce purebred and designer dogs," the society president wrote. "You have the power to shine a light on these cruel practices and prevent further animal suffering. Please spread the word to your friends and family and help us put this brutal industry out of business."

Check out the society's Web site at www.humanesociety.org/stoppuppymills, to find badges, banners, and flyers to help spread the word about the cruelty of puppy mills, Pacelle wrote.

Other suggestions for individuals include spreading the word while walking a family pet with the society's "BeKind - Stop Puppy Mills" CauseCollar, or sending a message on every envelope with a "Stop Puppy Mills" sticker from Zazzle. Check out the Humane Domain shop on the society's Web site to find other Stop Puppy Mills gear.

Collection of back county taxes means fewer properties sold

■ County also earns safety award from state due to low loss ratio among employees

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Although Lincoln County treasurer Beverly Calaway initially was looking at 107 pieces of property scheduled for sale at auction because of delinquent taxes, by the time state officials arrived to conduct the event on the steps of the county courthouse in Carrizozo, the number dwindled to five.

That reduction was due in great measure to the efforts of her staff in tracking down owners, she said.

"Five were sold at auction for \$26,100," she said. "Of that amount, \$1,563.50 comes to Lincoln County for property taxes."

The remainder goes into a suspension fund for the previous owners to claim. All of the

sales were lots with no improvements, she said.

"Four of the five owners asked for the property to be sold at auction," Calaway said.

In another county matter, Tom Battin, chairman of the county commission, said that officials with the New Mexico Association of Counties presented Lincoln County with a safety award because of the low 2.6 percent loss ratio connected to employee accidents and claims.

"It's almost backwards," said Commissioner Dave Parks, who deals with insurance.

County Manager Tom Stewart said as a former military leader, nothing is more important than the safety of his employees.

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OUR OPINION

It's raining, It's pouring

Recent deluges not always a cause for celebration

Anyone who was in the area last summer during the massive floods and washed out roads knows a plethora of rainfall can bring with it just as many headaches as blessings.

The monsoons have started anew, although not with as much ferocity as last year. Even so, there are still concerns relating to the increased rainfall.

Flooding is still a concern in some sections of the village, as roads damaged from last year still need some work, and road-work on other avenues — not related to any rain damage from before — has yet to be completed. The extra rain serves only to turn these roadways into mud pits.

Then there's the weeds.

Rain helps everything grow — flowers and noxious weeds alike.

The Ruidoso News has run stories in the past on the invasive nature of the musk thistle in the past, and anyone driving about town has likely seen these purple-headed devils, at times completely choking roadways and unused lots, some growing as high as six feet or more.

Keep in mind also that this monsoon is somewhat false, as the area is still in an extended dry period that may last for several years into the future.

Rain is a fickle thing, and can actually bring bad with the good. Constant maintenance and vigilance is needed to prevent the type of disasters we experienced last summer.

Columnist works for peanuts, but they're good for you

There is a reason I write for peanuts doled out by New Mexico editors and George Will gets thousands of bucks to grace *Newsweek's* back page. He just says things better.

For instance, George does not think much of potential presidential candidate Fred Thompson. Here is what Mr. Will wrote about Mr. Thompson:

"But as Thompson ambles toward running, he is burdened by a reputation for a less-than-strenuous

approach to public life, and that opaque thought he voiced about immigration looks suspiciously symptomatic of a mind undisciplined by steady engagement with complexities."

Here's what I would have said: "He is lazy and dumb."

George Will is, like, cool, and I'm no George Will. But there are some folks who respond to some of the columns and I appreciate each.

One such is J. Rowse who reads the *El Defensor Chieftain* in Socorro. Responding to an anti-gun column that suggested Jesus didn't pack a pistol, Mr. Rowse, who indicated he enjoyed the piece, directed me to pistol-packing preachers.

That Web site is dedicated to the "Glory of God and His servants," especially ones who are armed. To get into the Web site, you "enter by the strait and narrow way." Amen. Anyone want to start a website called heaven-withouthandguns.com?

A column about the late and highly respected district judge, George Reese, brought even more stories about the lovable old cuss. Granddaughter Beverlee Lanning, an *Artesia Daily Press* reader, says that when her grandma and grandpa moved to Roswell, the judge enjoyed working in the yard, dressed in frumpy old khakis. Beverlee writes that one day a lady drove by, stopped and asked the judge how much he charged. "Nothing," said George, "I get to

sleep with the lady of the house."

One reader wonders if the column has much future now that cockfighting has been banned. He urges me to keep writing because without this column the

Op-Ed page of his local newspaper "would be just another bird cage insert." I will not be mentioning this fellow's name or that of the newspaper because I would just as soon not get fired, thank you.

Carl Thornton, a *Los Alamos Monitor* reader, com-

mented on our "friendly" mention of Governor Bill Richardson. From Carl's email, I got the indication Big Bill is not an immensely popular figure in that town. Incidentally, other emails suggest I tend to pick on the governor. Apparently I have my feet firmly planted on both sides of the fence.

Not long ago we speculated that gas pump pricing is probably New Mexico's longest running story. Just about every town in the state is convinced it alone is the target of greedy oil conglomerates. This has been going on for 20 years, we suggested. Much longer, points out *Alamogordo Daily News* reader Milt Miller.

Writes Milt: "Recently I was doing some research in the old *Alamogordo Weekly News* and in June 1938 there was an article about the citizens of Alamogordo being up in arms over the fact that the price of gas had been raised to 21 cents. They were asking why the price of a gallon of gas was higher in Alamogordo than in any other town in the Basin. So New Mexico's longest running story is even longer than you thought." Indeed.

To all those who read the column, thanks. And to the New Mexico editors I insulted in the first paragraph, let me quickly point out, I love peanuts.

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YOUR OPINION

Cemetery doesn't need excessive grooming

To the editor:

THE JULY 13 RUIDOSO NEWS had a letter to the editor from Gene Warner of Stillwater, Oklahoma, titled "Municipal cemetery a blight on village."

I take issue with Mr. Warner's idea that the city should groom the cemetery. He used words like disappointed and disgusted. He called the vegetation weeds and grasses. Does he know that that growth is precious natural vegetation? Did he take time to identify or appreciate the native flowers in bloom: purple verbena, Indian paintbrush, orange mallow, white yarrow, Spanish dagger?

Did he identify the stands of native grass that control erosion? Did he listen to the birds sing in the trees, or stay long enough to watch the wildlife like deer, squirrels and rabbits feed on the growth, or provide living comfort while you visit a loved one?

Had he visited in the winter, would he have requested snow removal? That sacred ground fully represents the wheel of life; from death comes life, perhaps seen in the life of the plants and animals

there.

Why is the village expected to provide free cemetery grooming? Many cemeteries provide perpetual care for a fee. Perhaps Mr. Warner would be willing to pay a local to maintain the area around his wife's relatives' graves.

Why is there a need to order and manicure what nature has chosen to do for itself? If Mr. Warner wanted grooming, why not step out of his convention hotel room and enjoy The Links golf course. Mr. Warner could have enjoyed that impeccable grooming, although he would have probably overlooked the real blight, which is most of the trees on that golf course are diseased and dying, and no one has mentioned controlling the spread of that blight, which has traveled across White Mountain Drive and is headed north of the fire station.

In closing, I do believe that the cemetery should have funeral remnant trash removed and perhaps any thistles be cut, yet leave the rest in its native state. Why not appreciate the Japanese concept of Wabi Sabi: weathered and worn; simple,

perfect, natural. The local cemetery represents all these concepts.

Bonnie Coe
Ruidoso

Bush in denial

To the editor:

I WAS OUTRAGED to hear President Bush's reaction to recent findings about al Qaeda. The terrorist group has regained strength since first attacking the U.S. in 2001, as evidenced by a recent threat assessment that shows increased training, money and communication in the group.

President Bush dismissed this information, stating that it is "not the real debate." He has resisted immense pressure from Congress and the public to remove troops, and continues to ignore these growing threats.

His disregard for the safety of our country and his misguided prioritization greatly upsets me.

Tom & Brenda Helm
Ruidoso

Solar power: Selling energy back to the company

A solar power system produces DC power directly from the sun using panels of photovoltaic cells. When the sun isn't shining, solar panels don't work. That's a problem for homeowners, who are usually away from home in the daylight hours. This problem is solved by battery packs. The solar panels generate electricity while the sun is out, then this power is stored in batteries for use in times when the sun isn't shining.

One of the major expenses of installing a solar power system in your home is the purchase of an inverter. Inverters convert DC power to AC

power. Although photovoltaic cells and battery packs produce and store DC electricity, most home appliances run on AC power; therefore you'd have to convert from DC to AC to use solar power in most commercially available appliances. A typical inverter runs anywhere from \$3,000-\$5,000. There are smaller inverters that can be used for each individual appliance for around \$150, but the problem here is that you would have to purchase an inverter for every appliance you intended to run.

Generally, when homeowners plan for their energy consumption needs, they base their power needs on the rates of consumption found in traditional AC-power homes (around 8900 kWh

per year). If you are starting from the ground floor by building your own green home, power consumption needs can be greatly reduced.

The average power consumption in a green home is only around 900kWh per year. The more energy cuts you can make, the more affordable your system will be. The possibilities are only as limited as your imagination and resourcefulness.

It may be that you are not ready to take the plunge and go all-out in creating a sustainable home. If that is the case, there are still many alternatives available to you that would reduce your need for non-renewable resources.

One possibility is to use your local power company as a storage facility for your solar home. In this arrangement, you are still on the grid, but you have access to your local power company for peak times when your usage may exceed your energy production capacity.

Conversely, during your downtime when you're not using much electricity, a federal mandate requires that your local power company buy from you any electricity you produce but don't use. Unfortunately, in many states, you have to pay the retail rate for their electricity, but they purchase any you sell to them at wholesale rates. Check with your local company if you're interested in this approach.

How much would a good stand-alone solar power system cost? The prices vary greatly depending on available sunlight in your area, consumption demands and system options, but as a ballpark figure, if you're planning to buy a solar power system based on the average power consumption of an American home (8900 kWh), plan to spend anywhere from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for a stand-alone system. If you can reduce your consumption to the 900 kWh range, you can expect to pay as little as \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the system. So you can see that it pays to make as many cuts as you can. This may sound expensive up-front, but when you consider that you'll be eliminating your monthly power bill, it can actually be less expensive in the long run.

It's up to you to decide where you can make cuts and how much you're willing to invest in sustainable power. One thing is for certain, on-the-grid power rates will continue to rise, and so any changes you can make will pay off over time, not only by decreasing your power bills but also by reducing our demand on non-renewable resources that damage the environment.

CHUCK HALL is a Sustainability Consultant and author. His latest book, *Green Circles: A Sustainable Journey from the Cradle to the Grave*, is now available at the *Culture Artist Web site* at www.cultureartist.org. You may contact Chuck by email at: chuck@cultureartist.org.

Commissioners reluctantly agree to more restricted assistance to Hondo clinic

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Although Lincoln County commissioners said they wanted the flexibility each year to decide how to distribute a special property tax levy to the county hospital and health care clinics, they agreed to some binding language to benefit the clinic in Hondo.

At their meeting last month, commissioners passed a resolution for a special election Nov. 6, asking voters to approve an increase from 3 mills to 4.25 mills in support of the hospitals and clinics.

One mill generates about \$755,740. Because 1 mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value, a property owner would pay \$4.25 for each \$1,000 beginning 2008, if voters approve the issue and commissioners decide to levy the maximum. The maximum since 2001 has been \$3 per \$1,000, but commissioners levied that amount only the first two years, and reduced the levy after that.

Of the amount collected, commissioners decided last month that 3.25 mills would go to the hospital and 1 mill would be divided among clinics.

Initially, Commission Chairman Tom Battin strongly favored keeping the language flexible to assure future commissioners the ability to change the allocation formula among the hospital and each clinic, depending on shifting financial needs.

"I do think commissioners should have a voice on how to allocate, because we will have growth and need to allow future commissions to have that ability," he said.

Before the decision, James Gibson, administrator of the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, said while the firm's officials are willing to waive the right to manage the Hondo clinic under a contract with the county, they need to know that some limit is placed on the amount of money going to Hondo, which is managed by La Casa de Buena Salud Inc.

He hoped to secure a limit in a contract form, but County Attorney Alan Bond said a contract could not bind future commissioners. Voters could set a limit by approving the mill levy with language setting the amount going to the hospital and to the clinics as a group, he said.

And that's how commissioners eventually decided to phrase the mill levy issue language.

Gibson asked if 3 mills could be designated for the hospital, 1

mill for the clinics and leave a quarter of a mill flexible, but Morel shook his head "no."

Hondo is managed by La Casa, because at the time Presbyterian was awarded a contract from the county in response to a request for proposals to manage all county clinics, members of the Hondo School District opted to stay with La Casa, a company that jumped in to help with the clinic years earlier when no other company was interested.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace said she didn't understand why a portion of the mill levy could not go to Hondo no matter what company managed it. Hondo residents are taxpayers and have paid toward the mill levy every year since it was initiated, she pointed out.

The former school district president said at one point Hondo residents were told by county officials the community clinic was owed about \$285,000 in back mill levy money never distributed to the area, but that money was never received.

Morel explained that once the RFP was awarded to Presbyterian, that company was authorized to manage all county clinics. When Hondo declined Presbyterian's management, and with the county not owning the clinic building, the operation was not considered a county clinic, he said.

"I can't get a waiver from Presbyterian (from the right to manage the Hondo Clinic). They don't want to do it without a limitation on the money to Hondo and you tied my hands by saying you wanted language on the ballot giving you discretion annually on how the mill levy should be divided," he told commissioners.

Gibson said Presbyterian lawyers were comfortable with allocating \$100,000 for Hondo, "but now it is open-ended and attorneys have a whole lot of problems with open-ended things."

"It's easy to blame the lawyers," Morel said, and Battin replied, "Usually, it's appropriate."

Morel said Gibson's proposal to limit the amount by contract for one year. Voters could bind for seven years by approving language in the mill levy election. Presbyterian's contract with the county will expire in three or four years, before the new mill levy allocation runs out, if it is approved in November, he said.

A sublease situation then could be created to allow La Casa to continue operating the Hondo clinic.

Gibson said for some reason he could not recall, previous talks about a sublease died

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Tom Battin
Commission Chairman



after Presbyterian was awarded the contract and "Hondo folks" decided to stick with La Casa, although they knew it would cut them out of the mill levy money.

"My (hospital community board) wants to support Hondo Clinic," he said. "They have made that clear to Presbyterian, but there are some legal issues. We want to be good neighbors."

Commissioner Dave Parks said the simpler and cleaner the language on the ballot, the better for voter understanding.

Commissioner Jackie Powell, who is elected from the district, said she would be willing to specify \$100,000 for Hondo.

Lovelace said the attorneys

need to move on working out the details. "These are taxpayers," she said.

Gibson said the responsibility is two-fold between the county and Presbyterian.

Specifying 1 mill for the clinics and 3.25 mills for the hospital still would give commissioners the ability annually to decide how to divvy up the one mill among the clinics and would provide a limit, he said.

"I could see in the future the folks in Hondo needing a new building and \$100,000 would not be enough," he said. "If the 4.25 mill (didn't specify a portion for the hospital), the whole \$3 million could go to Hondo."

"But I think we need some option for a new building and I don't know when that will be."

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Before Hondo needs a new building, Presbyterian may expand within two to three years into a county health clinic in Capitan and a new building definitely is needed there, he said. The cost is projected at about \$400,000. Capitan won't be eligible until after July 2008, if voters approve and when the new mill levy kicks in, and language is broadened from specific communities to a more general "county health care clinics," he said.

County Manager Tom Stewart said the projected needs of the clinics for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is \$757,000, including money for Hondo, but in the future, the operating subsidy for Carrizozo must be pared down.

Gibson said he will sit down with Stewart and clinic representatives each year to recommend mill levy allocations to the clinics, but he thinks the money will be sufficient. Some money may have to be set aside to save up for larger projects, he said. If a shortfall occurs, Presbyterian will try to step in to help, he said.

"We are not going to let our neighbor fall down," Gibson said.

"Can our attorney get that in writing?" Commissioner Don Williams asked.

"Absolutely," Morel replied.

Gary Mitchell, president of the hospital's community board, said he lives in Glencoe on the way to Hondo and the mill levy should not be a divisive issue.

He characterized the community board as the most independent of any not-for-profit hospital chain he knows.

"We look to take care of the people of the county first before Presbyterian and we sometimes clash," he said. Next to, or equal to, the roads, police and fire protection in the county, the hospital is the most important service, he said. Property owners don't want to say sometime in the future that because they were unwilling to pay a higher tax, residents have no local hospital, especially with an aging population that will drive up demand at the medical center even if the county doesn't grow, he contended.

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The Great Water Company, Inc. is a family business-based right here in Ruidoso. Owners Lonnie and Patricia Bellon successfully encouraged their sons Michael, Brian and Jared to dive in to the business and now the five work together, selling, installing and servicing Kinetico non-electric water conditioning equipment, including water softeners and reverse-osmosis systems. They also sell and deliver water.

Consumer's Digest magazine has rated Kinetico Systems sold by the Great Water Company as "Best Buy." Kinetico is the world's only non-electric twin-tank water softener on the market today. Thanks to Kinetico's twin-tank design, you'll always have soft, conditioned water. When one tank is exhausted, service automatically switches to the other, while the first regenerates. It doesn't matter when it regenerates, one tank is always ready to provide your home with soft, conditioned water.

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EDUCATION

Starting a new educational life in Mescalero

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The Mescalero school district is about to be the beneficiary of more than 50 years of teaching experience when it welcomes its two newest faculty members for the 2007-08 school year.

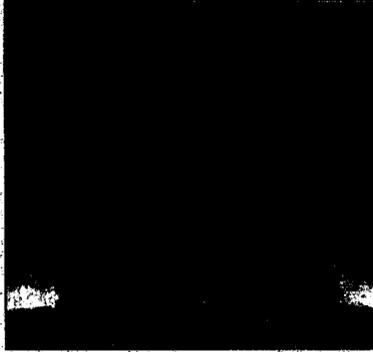
Former Ruidoso and Carrizozo High School instructors Mike Gaines and Bob Hemphill recently retired from their many years of service for the state's Department of Education, but couldn't stay away from the classroom forever.

"I'd been doing on-line classes for ENMU-Ruidoso," said Hemphill, who teaches math and technology. "They needed someone to teach a face-to-face class in the afternoon, and after I did that I realized how much I missed the classroom."

Gaines has also taught for ENMU-Ruidoso in the interim, serving as a welding instructor for the institution.



Hemphill



Gaines

He's particularly excited about the facilities afforded him at Mescalero, a building that will be starting only its sixth year in the fall.

"It's a heck of a building, they just needed some attention, someone to

make a successful program out of it," Gaines said. "It looks like I'll be working on all of it, small engine, wood, carpentry, metals and so on."

Gaines taught the same skills at Ruidoso High, often building racing

cars for him to race at the Sertoma track north of Tularosa. When he taught at Carrizozo, he created a meat processing plant which not only taught students to process meat for consumption, but also provided a valuable service to community members.

"It was exciting to me to be able to get it up and running both as a teaching aid and as a community service to area livestock owners," Gaines said. "It was a good source of income for the school, and we provided a service that would cost less than making people transport their livestock a long way to get it processed."

"Building race cars with kids is crazy and building a meat processing plant at a school is crazy," he said. "But sometimes you need to change things up to get better results."

Hemphill will also have access to some high-tech equipment, work stations created to give students some hands-on experience in technology fields.

He hasn't seen exactly what Mescalero has to offer, but said he's familiar with the company that makes the modules and said they can create such situations as a flight simulator and wind tunnel, desktop publishing and mechanical design that give the students a real-world-type experience.

But the equipment isn't what drew Hemphill to Mescalero.

"Teaching the kids is what made my decision," Hemphill said. "I just want to be part of the team up there and help those kids get ready for the real world. Education is the stepping stone to help all kids be successful."

Both Hemphill and Gaines live in Carrizozo, and will be carpooling to Mescalero each day, giving them time to meet and formulate their educational plans for the day.

"He's a super instructor," Gaines said of Hemphill. "We feed off each other all the time, so I'm looking forward to this."

Local students named to Honor Roll

A total of 27 students from the Ruidoso area were named to the 2006-07 National Honor Roll, which recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. The Honor Roll annually sets aside money to be shared among a select few inductees, and a copy of every student's biography is sent to

colleges designated by the student.

Only students with a B or better average are eligible to be listed.

Students from the area listed in this year's roll are:

RUIDOSO

Ashlea Archibaque, Samantha Bagley, Jara

Berg, Hailee Bob, Bridget Busby, Bree Comanche, Elizabeth Jackson, Micalah Marshall, Liza Martinez, Nathaniel Mays, Nayara Megarity, Andrea Montes, Monica Nunez, Marisa Olvera, Adrienne Ordorica, Cutter Pack, Daniel Skaggs-Ryan, Emma Sowell, Mariza Varela, Ashley Welch, Peter Zagone.

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Kerra Carver, Darcy Horst, Samantha McAllister, Danielle Mills, Katherine Polley, Brandon Talbot.

Scott named outstanding young ag teacher

Carrizozo High School instructor Chris Scott was honored at this year's New Mexico Agriculture Education Teachers Association summer conference in Albuquerque July 8-12.

Scott will be starting his fourth year of teaching this fall, his third in Carrizozo after spending one year in Belen, and was named the Outstanding Young Agriculture Education Teacher at the award conference. Scott is already recognized as a leader in the area of innov-

ative classroom instruction, and his cash award was sponsored by the New Mexico Farm Bureau Association.

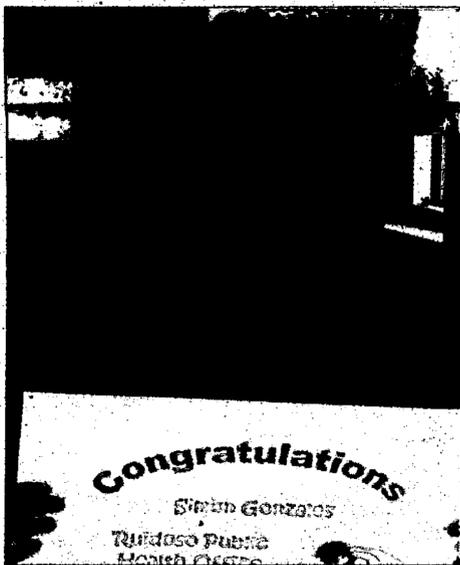
Others honored at the conference were Nate Wolf of Roswell High, who was named as the New Agriculture Education Teacher of the year, having completed his first year of teaching at RHS.

The Outstanding Agriculture Education Teacher for 2006-07 is Gary Leger of Las Vegas, whose FFA chapter at Robertson High was responsible

for winning three FFA state championships and the National FFA Agriculture Marketing contest last October.

Attendees of this year's conference took part in training programs on landscape watering systems, livestock management systems and three days of intensive training in agro-terrorism programs. As a result of all this training, teachers will now have new curriculum materials to share with students in the fall.

PROTECTING THOSE NOGGINS



COURTESY

In recognition of the Child Helmet Safety Act which went into effect July 1, Aimee Bennett, community health educator with the New Mexico Department of Health, sponsored a helmet giveaway for two lucky children in the Ruidoso area. There were 95 applicants and two winners: 2-year-old Calista Chico (left) and 8-year-old Simon Gonzales.

Experts estimate the new law - which requires helmets for all minors using bicycles, skateboards, scooters and skates on public property - will double the number of children wearing helmets in the state and reduce by half the number of head injuries and deaths among children in accidents.

For more information on the law, contact Bennett at 258-3252.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Community education

Community education classes continue at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso through July. Classes available this month are:

- Handmade greeting cards, July 17-19
- Traditional New Mexico cooking, July 27
- Basic music theory, July 28
- Facilitating speech and language development, July 30-Aug. 1

ENMU-Ruidoso's Kids College is also accepting registration for the following classes for children:

- Journey through time, July 9-13, 8 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- The arts encounter, July 10 and 12, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Pine needle basket weaving, July 13, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- Words and watercolors, July 17, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Pet pals and forest friends, July 17, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Back to nature series (5-7-year-olds), July 19, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

- Painting to music, July 20, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Signs of the times, July 24, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Back to nature series (8-12-year-olds), July 26, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

- Jewelry Design Workshop, July 27, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Space is limited, so register today. The ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education Office is located in the State National Bank Building, 707 Mechem Dr. You

can also contact them by phone at 630-8181.

Come and meet SARA

Dr. Carl Hoffmeyer will demonstrate a Scanning and Reading Appliance at 2 p.m. July 25 at the Ruidoso Public Library.

As a retired Texas school educator and superintendent and current educational leadership professor at the University of Texas in the Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas, Hoffmeyer uses his personal SARA to assist him in teaching following his loss of sight.

For more information on the SARA, visit www.freedomscientific.com.

College graduates

Ruidoso native Stephanie Anne Kelsey recently graduated Cum Laude from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Arts in English during commencement in May.

Another Ruidoso native, Heather Jackson, also completed her degree at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing. She was named to the second semester high honors dean's list for the 2006-07 academic year.

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Assessor says multiple road name changes a problem for his office

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When road names are changed multiple times, Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva said the action throws his department into chaos.

He said one change per road is "enough to satisfy the 'no duplication' requirement tied to the county's Enhanced 911 system aimed at directing drivers of emergency vehicles and police units to the source of a call for help.

"It's one of the biggest problems we have," Silva told county commissioners Tuesday. "You don't realize the ill effect changes have in our office. When you are changing multiple properties, it is a big undertaking in my office. Each card has to be changed in our files and the mapper must enter the changes too.

"Enough is enough. If you are going to change (a road or all roads within a subdivision) do it all at once and then no

more. It causes an upheaval in my office. They still are trying to catch up."

People come in to review or buy maps and criticize staff when the most recent changes are not entered, he said.

"There have been three different changes in the Alto Village alone, and it's a big subdivision. Windmill Ranches was all done and then changed again," he said.

"I'm asking the rural addresser that if a name is changed once, that's it, no more. The changes are going on constantly."

County Manager Tom Stewart replied, "I don't know if the changes go on constantly, but I need to sit down with the assessor and he needs to purge the data base in the assessor's office."

Silva said that particular request wasn't a problem, but if the names are changed again, and then the numbers change, that's a problem.

manager said.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin directed Silva and Stewart to "work it out administratively."

Silva said his office oversees the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for the county. "We're the keepers of all that information and it's difficult," he said.

Stewart said Silva's mapping system is the oldest in the state. The assessor replied that he is changing his system and sending his staff to school for training.

Battin suggested that Silva be consulted on any road name changes.

The action that spurred the discussion was approval by commissioners of new names for County Road 023 to Champ Hill Trail and of County Road 024 to Brazel Ranch Road.

Silva said that particular request wasn't a problem, but if the names are changed again, and then the numbers change, that's a problem.

Free choir concert by Baptist's 'HOPE' tonight

California Baptist University's group "HOPE" will perform at 7 p.m. tonight, July 18.

The event will take place at First Presbyterian Church located at 101 Sutton Drive, Ruidoso.

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More than 3,400 students attend CBU, coming to Riverside from more than 40 states and 20 countries. Located 60 miles east of Los Angeles, Riverside is a community of 240,000.

For more information about the university, access the CBU Web site at www.calbaptist.edu.

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JULIE CARTER/STAFF

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After 17 years with the Lincoln County Road Department, Billy Hall was recognized by the county commission and Road Superintendent Albert Hernandez with a plaque Tuesday on his retirement. Hernandez said Hall was assigned the Captain district as a bladesman, but "ran every piece of equipment we have." Calling Hall a model employee with a positive attitude who never griped and could get along with anyone, Hernandez said Hall on several occasions came back from vacation during the winter when he was needed to clear roads. "I've always heard that anyone can be replaced, but he will be difficult," the boss said. "He knows and has worked every (road) district."



"For this size community to have a hospital this good with this many specialists and as many services it offers is just phenomenal."

Chris Robinson, MD, practices internal medicine at LCMC Internal Medicine Associates and provides expert care to patients admitted to the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

Tell me about your specialty.

I practice general internal medicine and mainly take care of adult patients with breathing problems, diabetes, high blood pressure or cholesterol problems.

How do you like to relate to your patients?

I really like to just think of them as friends, open up conversations with them and then have them participate in their care. I try to get them in routinely to make sure they understand what's going on, but I absolutely want them to be involved in their care. I want them to bring up questions that are concerning and be a partner in the process.

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What's a good day for you?

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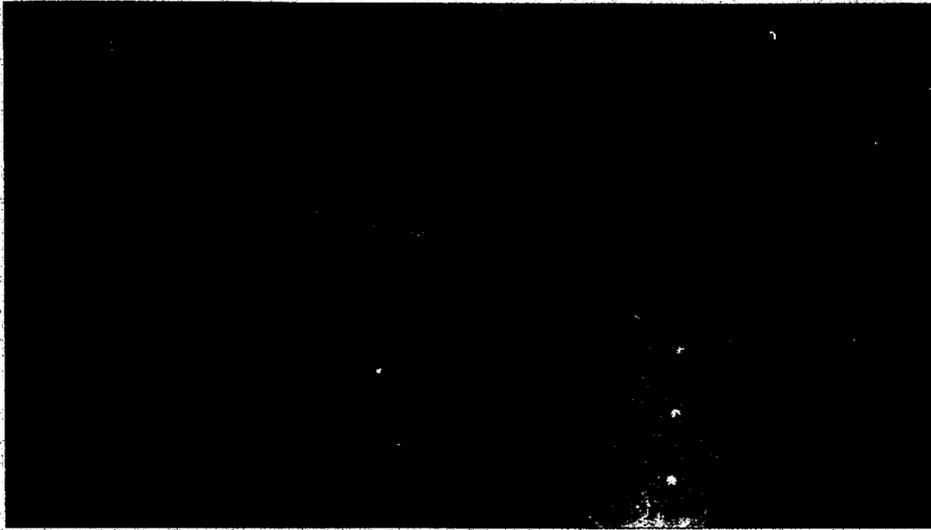
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Business owners polled on Ruidoso Chamber benefits

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"We want to gather as much information as possible about what additional benefits our members want as well as how we can better serve them," said Brad Treptow, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

The survey can be completed electronically by clicking on the survey link that was e-mailed to the membership last week. It can be accessed by visiting www.ruidosonow.com/chamber_info.asp. The survey takes about five minutes and the deadline for response is July 20.

"The electronic survey will allow us to tabulate the results quicker and easier, as well as giving the business owner or manager the convenience of

participating in the survey with the comfort of their own computer," said Rachel Weber, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Membership/Special Projects Coordinator.

Survey results will be tabulated and communicated to the Chamber Board of Directors at its regular monthly meeting July 25 and to the membership in the August 2007 Chamber Newsletter.

"The survey is brief but to the

point," Treptow said. "It is only 16 questions and takes just a few minutes to complete."

Treptow said the Chamber will be reminding the business community between now and July 20 to complete the survey in an effort to represent the entire area business community and not just a sample.

If you are interested in participating in the Chamber's membership survey, contact Treptow or Weber by calling 257-

7395 or e-mailing brad@ruidosonow.com or rachel@ruidosonow.com.

"This is just the first of many issues to come that will benefit our members," Weber said. "The Chamber has created a 'Chamber Essentials' program focusing on membership, economic development and our community. This survey allows us to expand the Chamber's benefit offerings while giving our members what they expect."

LOOKOUT

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nine towers operated in the Smokey Bear District of the national forest.

Cannella recalled a story about an unusual day remembered by fire spotters that was repeated by local historian, the

late Herbert Traylor, in a book he wrote about the county.

The men at the Monjeau and Ruidoso towers rose the morning of July 16, 1945, and began the daily routine of shaving as they prepared to cook a breakfast and brew some coffee. Both reported seeing a huge explosion in the western sky on the outer rim of the Sacramento

Mountains.

Baffled by the intensity of the event, they wondered if the Germans interned at Fort Stanton had executed some nefarious sabotage scheme. Only much later did they and others in the area learn that the giant mushroom in the sky marked the detonation of the first atomic bomb at White

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The two fire spotting towers in Lincoln County were added in 1988 to the National Historic Lookout Registry.

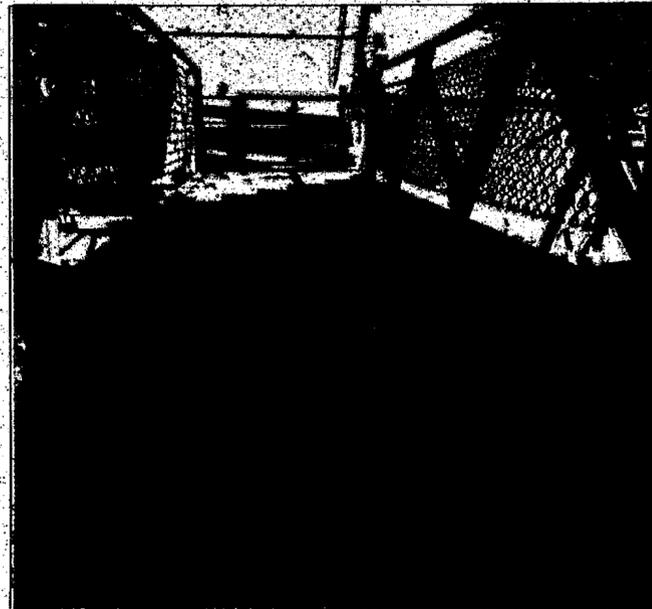
John Kennedy, fuels management specialist and facilities director for the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, supervises both, but said maintaining, repairing or restoring historical sites can be tricky.

"It's not like fixing a leak. You can't just go to Home Depot and buy some windows," he said during an interview earlier this year. "It must be thematic and we have to abide by State Historical Preservation Office standards." He routinely consults a 1938 manual that contains the plans and specifications for all of the towers and their "cabs," the boxes that sit on top.

Kennedy is trying to restore Monjeau, north of Ruidoso, back to the stage when fire spotters were dropped off and lived there for a week at a time. Conditions were spartan, a couple of bunks, a table, refrigerator, stove and sink, he said.

Kennedy would like to restore both towers, because they are a historic part of the area's skyline, he said. During a U.S. Forest Service Centennial celebration in 2005, he gathered information on the towers.

In 1910, a series of devastating fires in Idaho, Montana and Washington often called "when the mountains roared," spurred an effort to create an organized



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Initials carved on the steps leading to the top of the tower attest to the various people who have spent time seeking out possible fires in the surrounding hills.

forest fire reporting system with better trails and communication, Kennedy said. The fires burned three million acres of prime timber and killed 85 people, he said.

By the late 1930s, more than 5,000 fire lookout towers were built, 611 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps. The Monjeau lookout was one of those CCC projects, first built in 1936 and rebuilt in 1940, he said.

"Early communication was by means of a heliograph, a device using two mirrors to reflect sunlight, sending Morse Code messages," Kennedy said. Eventually, a telephone system was installed.

"Signs of the telephone line can still be seen from the tower

southwesterly down what is now called Telephone Canyon to Eagle Creek. By the time the number of lookouts was on the wane, portable radios were standard equipment," he said.

The other seven towers once in use in Lincoln County are now only foundation fragments found at the Ski Apache resort site, on Gavilan Canyon Ridge, Tucson Mountain, Block and Pine Lodge on the north side of the Capitan Mountains, and at Baca and Glencoe, south of the Capitan.

Today, most towers have been replaced by satellite detection and airplane flights, but while satellites can detect a lightning strike, not every strike results in a fire and human eyes still may be the best and most direct tool, Kennedy said.

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It's true they'll be facing-off on a dirt track but in this circumstance it won't be men heeled for gunplay on some dusty street of by-gone days — it will be 10 Quarter Horses vying to be the fastest in the west on Zia Derby Day, June, 29.

And standing at the top of the heap in speed after the Zia Derby trials Friday afternoon, was the Fred Danley-trained racer, Gun Battle, earning the No. 1 qualifying position with a well-run time of :19.650 on a wet track.

Gun Battle won last years Zia Futurity, the largest purse in the Zia Festival.

One of the premier trainers in New Mexico and the country, 64-year-old Danley is well-known in the winner's circle of all five tracks in the state of New Mexico. His quiet, soft-spoken demeanor belies the many achievements he has enjoyed as a trainer.

Yet, even with his polite Southwestern bearing, he speaks with a reserved voice of authority as he modestly

recounts past victories, near-misses and what could have been.

Danley, and other trainers like him have greatly helped elevate the sport of horseracing to the position it enjoys today.

Born in Alamogordo, this New Mexico-bred horseman started training racers in Ruidoso at the age of 18, when his father, Ike, likewise a well-known trainer pulled up stakes and went to Omaha, Neb.

"My dad left me a string of horses and, more or less, kicked me out on my own," Danley recalls.

"The first year was a struggle but the '61 season picked up some when we were fortunate enough to have some good runners. Mr FinkyBar, a two-year-old gelding won the Kansas Futurity at Ruidoso Downs and came in second in the All American Futurity."

The 2006 meet was exceptionally good to Danley when a four-year-old New Mexico-bred gelding, Gotta Get, trained by him and owned by his wife Rita and Gordon Cox, won seven straight stakes races.

The last of that string of victories was the Grade 1 Championship at Sunland Park, giving Gotta Get a \$182,500 payday and running his career earnings at the time to just under \$640,000.



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACETRACK

Gun Battle crosses the line first in the Zia Derby trials Friday to become the top qualifier for the Zia Derby.

Because of those impressive victories, Gotta Get received the most votes for the Champion Aged Gelding of the Year.

"We felt super, it was fantas-

tic — it just was not a common thing," Danley fondly states.

"We raised that horse and from the time he was two years old we knew he was a racer, although he needed to mature

out. "Racing has been good to us and we've won some big races

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Horseshoeing for winners

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There's no real evidence when horseshoeing was first invented — some say around 500 B.C. while others argue it didn't come to pass until the Crusades, (1096-1270 A.D.) Whatever the case, the craft of horseshoeing has been with us for a long time. It's important, hard, backbreaking work that requires stamina, skill and state-of-the-art knowledge. Especially when you're shoeing an expensive racehorse at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.

In essence, Quarter Horses and Thoroughbred racers are not unlike costly racecars, which require the right "footwear" for any and all circumstances — rain, mud, dry conditions and a host of other situations.

A good horseshoer (farrier) is a consequential necessity to any horse community, especially here in Ruidoso, and Mike Johnson typifies just such an individual.

Born in Burley, Idaho, he started in the profession at the age of 18 and has been at it now for the past 17 years.

He first attended Western's School of Horseshoeing in Phoenix and then served a one year apprenticeship at Turf Paradise Racetrack in the same city.

"I had some very knowledgeable mentors, such as Jim Clark, who helped me immensely, when I first started out," Johnson recalls. "It was a satisfying learning experience and I was fortunate to have known people like Clark. He still shoes in the Phoenix area to this day."

From the Turf Paradise track, Johnson went on to Lone Star Park in 1997 and then to Alamo Downs in San Antonio, Texas, where he worked for

such notable trainers as Steve Asmussen and Ronny Werner.

"It was fortuitous meeting those guys in San Antonio because when they went up to Kentucky to race at the big tracks there, I went with them," Johnson continued. "I got to work the big tracks like Churchill Downs, Keeneland and Ellis Park."

From there Johnson went on to work at such other notable racetracks as Belmont Park and Saratoga but after four years of continuous airplane travel, commuting from one track to another, he decided to move to Anthony, N.M., in '03, where he could work at Sunland Park Racetrack and Ruidoso Downs.

"Now at least I know where to get my mail," Johnson says. "And I get to work on some of the best horses in the U.S., right here in Ruidoso. 'It's very

rewarding to know you've shod such great horse as, say, Planet Holland, the world record holder for 350 yards. It's also gratifying to have shod futurity and derby winners or any other fast horse here at the Downs."

Good farriers make the craft look easy — but it certainly isn't the case. In short, it's hard physical work that requires focus and a good knowledge of the horses you're working with.

"Some of these two-year-olds literally breath fire and you have to be aware of that when you've got one of their hooves between your legs," Johnson asserts. We work with sharp tools and even horse hooves can have a knifelike effect on your body when the two unfortunately meet."

To prove his point, Johnson

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MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

Mike Johnson, a veteran farrier of 17 years, plies his craft at the Downs.

Lady Warrior is South All Star MVP



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Hailee Bob stands proud with trophies she won at the All Star game.

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Even in a losing effort, Ruidoso's Hailee Bob came out of the Class 3A North-South All Star girls basketball game on top of the heap as she scored the most points, 19, and was voted MVP for the South team. Although the North captured a decisive victory, 91-87, it was a foot 8 inch Bob who was the star on the Las Vegas, N.M. hardwood Friday evening.

Bob, a premier, recently recognized athlete from Ruidoso, has been named MVP of the Las Cruces area for the full semester and team manager in training.

on the varsity team for RHS the past three years and enjoyed her time there.

"I was especially pleased to have played for Coach Montoya this last year," Bob said. "It was fun and our coach made the year a pleasurable one. Being picked as the South All Star MVP was a great honor and really ended my high school playing days on an upbeating note."

Bob was not only a top athlete for RHS but was an honor roll student also. She will be attending New Mexico State University in Las Cruces for the fall semester and plans to major in nursing.

"I've been honored to be the MVP of the All Star game and to be a team manager in training."

side line

On Deck

Senior Olympics

In the 2007 Summer National Senior Games, three Lincoln County residents competed June 22-July 7 in Louisville, Ky. June Hence repeated her success of the 2005 Pittsburgh games, winning sixth and seventh place ribbons in the 500 yard freestyle swim and the 200 yard breast stroke events. Overall, she swam in five events. Christopher Carusona just missed an award with a ninth place finish on the very difficult 5,000 meter racewalk course. Galen Farrington cycled to 25th place in both the 20 and 40 kilometer road races in highly competitive fields of 69 and 73 men in his age division. Over 12,000 men and women, ranging in ages from 50 to 100, attended the games, with 3,819 in swimming, 1,771 in cycling and 474 in racewalk. New Mexico was represented by 273 athletes, 15th highest among the 50 states. Upcoming National Summer Games will take place in San Francisco in 2009 and Houston in 2011. Eligibility for the 18 sports is determined through state games in even numbered years.

Soccer Camp

A British soccer camp will be held July 23-27 at the White Mountain soccer complex and will be hosted by the Lincoln County Youth Soccer League. It will consist of mini-camps and half-day instruction for boys and girls, ages 4-16. Prices range from \$60-\$86 and include a free soccer ball and T-shirt. All interested parties should sign up by July 13 to avoid a late fee but applications will be accepted until July 23. For more info call Rhonda Newsome at 973-0108 or 257-6391.

Football Camp

A youth football camp will begin July 23 and run through July 25th. It is open to boys, first grade through ninth grade and will begin each day at 8 a.m. and go until noon at Horton Stadium. There will be a \$20 fee. Bring shorts and cleats if you have them. T-shirts will be provided. For more info call Coach Johnson at 505-808-3076.

Archery Contest

The 3rd Annual 3-D Shoot Above The Clouds archery competition will be held July 21-22 at Ski Apache and is hosted by the Ruidoso Archery Club. There will be 50 targets set up on two different courses with the first 25 targets shot on Saturday and the final half on Sunday. One of the courses will require riding a ski lift which is included in the registration fee. Spectators may ride with the shooters for \$5. There will be novelty shoots on both afternoons. Classes: Male & Female — Open, Bowhunter, Limited, Barebow, Traditional and Senior. Entry fee: \$30 (non-competitive fee — \$25). Youth male and female (ages 13-17) entry fee: \$15. Cub male and female (8-12) fee: \$10. Future bowhunters (7 and under) shoot for free. Start time both days will be 9 a.m. There will be a shotgun start on B Course (ski lift). This will be the final leg of the newmexicoarchery.com Championship Tour. Awards for the tour will be presented at the Ski Apache Plaza area following Sunday's competition. Dinner will be served on Saturday evening for \$10.95 per person — please RSVP. Participants should register in the plaza area — spectators may purchase tickets at the booth. For info call David Locke at 258-0044, Steve Nesbit at 937-1037 or go to newmexicoarchery.com

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but I don't ever think for one minute I have it made. To be successful in this business you have to have good owners as well as good horses and I like to think I have the better of them both."

"Additionally, I could not have achieved anything without my wife of 46 years, Rita. She handles the books, runs our farm in Anthony, does an inordinate amount of work in general and she does it the old-fashioned way - with a pencil."

The Danleys have two children, a son Dustin and a daughter, Destry who also live in the southern New Mexico area.

"I really enjoy the Ruidoso locality and if I had a choice it would be my No. 1 pick. The mountains and countryside are

something to behold, but then that's what brings most people here, isn't it?"

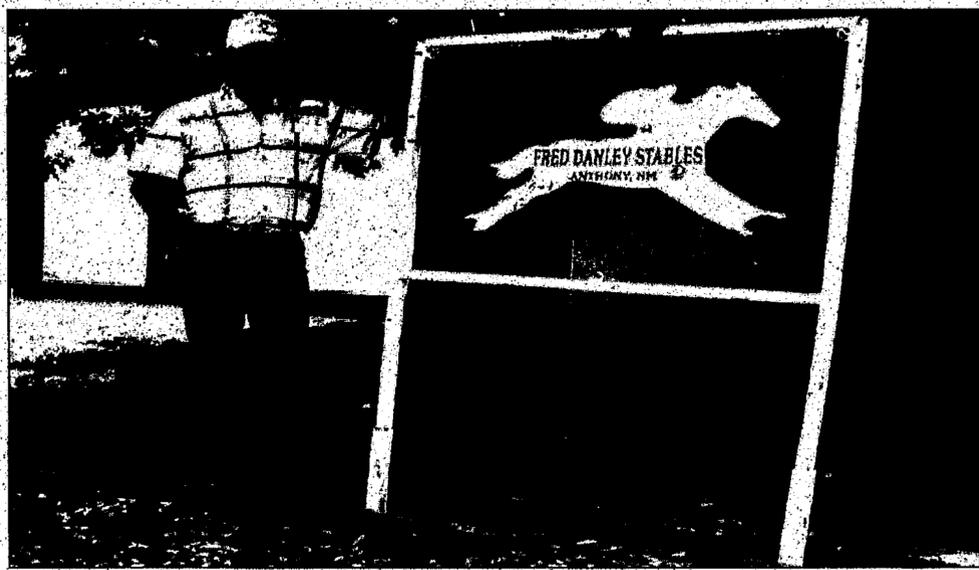
In the meantime, Danley's has his hands full running a split barn with about 40 horses in training.

He has three horses running in the All American Futurity: two-year-old colts, Strong Hope and First Moon Flash, in addition to the gelding, Sinful Heart. Before that though, he will have nine head running on Zia Festival Day.

"That's going to be a very busy day for us but I think we should do well," Danley continued.

You can see him each and every time he has a horse in a race because he pony's all of his racers past the grand stands and to the starting gates.

All of his years of experience sit relaxed and comfortable in the saddle as he gives a complete meaning to the term "hands on."



Fred Danley gets ready for his top qualifying racer, Gun Battle, to run in the Zia Derby July 29.

JOHNSON

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bares his forearms and what you immediately see are a multitude of various-size scars which cover his arms. As if that weren't enough, evidence to prove the hazards of horseshoeing, he then lifts up the back of his shirt. Larger, more heavily pronounced old wounds jump right out at you.

"Yeah, that's where a horse got away from its holder and did a dance on my back," Johnson recalls.

The other injuries, a separated shoulder, together with a broken hand, foot and collarbone aren't noticeable, but they're there none the less.

So when a master craftsman, like Johnson, makes the farrier job look like a piece of cake, don't believe it. Expertise and skill always make something look easier than it is.

RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Thursday, July 12

Race 1: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. A Streak Regard 4.20, 2.40 2.20, BRT Wire To Wire 5.00 3.20, Dos Miranda 3.80. Scratched: Sure Thats Blazin. Time: 20.004. Jockeys: Mark Villa (7) G R Carter, Jr. (1) Christopher Zamora (6). EX 7/1 \$28.60, Q 1/7 24.60, Superfecta 7/1/6/9 371.20, Trifecta 7/1/6 258.80.

Race 2: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Fames QTP 4.00 2.80 2.40, First Down Cartel 4.60 3.40, Tunes 3.20. Scratched: Rebel Chicks (5). Time: 20.022. Jockeys: Tony Guymon (10) G R Carter Jr. (9) Nathan Smith (1). EX 10/9 14.60, Q 9/10 10.80, Superfecta 10/9/12 187.80, Trifecta 10/9/1 50.20, DD 7/10 5.60.

Race 3: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Uncovered Regard 7.80 4.80 4.00, Real Valentine 6.00 4.60 0, Blazin Force 6.80. Time: 19.911. Jockeys: J R Valenzuela (9) Esgar Ramirez (8) Christopher Zamora (1). EX 9/8 93.40, Q 8/9 34.80, Superfecta 9/8/1/5 9,053.20, Tri Super 9/8/1 347.40.

Race 4: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Flashy Netas 46.80 20.60 7.40, Flash The Nurse 31.00 7.80, Uncle Dallas 3.00. Scratched: Royal Blazin (9). Time: 20.224. Jockeys: Freddie Martinez (3) Esgar Ramirez (6) Roy Baldiviez (7). EX 3/5 835.20, Q 3/5 309.60, Superfecta 3/5/7/11 6,254.20, Trifecta 3/5/11 4,831.40.

Race 5: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Runaway With This 9.00 3.00 2.60, Zanmir 2.20 2.40, She Is Generous 4.60. Time: 20.041. Jockeys: Bonifacio Perez (3) James Gonzales II (4) Antonio Escareno (6). EX 3/4 22.20, Q 3/4 7.20, Superfecta 3/4/6/9 2,307.40, Trifecta 3/4/6 402.80.

Race 6: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Ginnin Blaze 6.20 2.60

2.60, A First Caller 2.40 2.40, Red Hot Woody 2.80. Scratched: Blazin Elans (7). James Gonzales II (4) Tony Guymon (2). EX 8/4 12.00, Q 4/8 4.60, Superfecta 8/4/2/5 54.40, Trifecta 8/4/2 30.60.

Race 8: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Jess Ought To Flash 20.20 5.40 3.80, Blazin Zeena 3.40 2.80, Areal Runaway 8.00. Scratched: Mimosa For The Lady (2). Time: 19.970. Jockeys: Bobby Harmon (4) G R Carter Jr. (3) Carlos Madeira (5). EX 4/3 40.00, Q 3/4 9.80, Superfecta 4/3/5/10 4,510.10, Trifecta 4/3/5 472.00.

Race 9: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. First Moonflash 12.80 6.00 5.00, South Oak 11.80 5.80, IN Famous Caper 3.40. Time: 20.091. Jockeys: Bonifacio Perez (1) Freddie Martinez (6) G R Carter Jr. (5). EX 1/6 542.40, Q 1/6 137.60, Superfecta 1/6/5/2 8,921.60, Trifecta 1/6/11 715.40.

Race 10: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Flash With The Best 10.60 6.20 4.00, Babe Too Fame 9.20 6.20, Corona Call 4.20. Scratched: Uri Of East Branch (1). Time: 20.157. Jockeys: Tony Guymon (8) Mark Villa (4) James Gonzales II (7). EX 8/4 216.60, Q 4/8 110.60, Superfecta 8/4/7/2 1,264.90, Trifecta 8/4/7 1,056.80.

Race 11: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Mans High On Chicks 15.00 7.20 4.00, Mac N Fame 5.20 4.60, Blazin N Shakin 7.60. Scratched: Makemyday Caliente (4). Time: 19.970. Jockeys: Nancy Summers (1) Tony Guymon (10) G R Carter Jr. (3). EX 1/10 41.20, Q 1/10 42.40, Superfecta 1/10/3/9 4,626.70, Trifecta 1/10/3 1,923.00.

Race 12: Zia Futurity Trials, Quarter Horses, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Quick Cartel 49.00 19.40 15.20, Peek A Boo Slew 4.20 4.00, Imarealisk 15.00. Scratched: Suenos Y Milagros (7). Time: 20.179. Jockeys: Roy Baldiviez (3) Freddie Martinez (9) Esgar Ramirez (4). EX 3/9 242.40, Q 3/9 41.80, Superfecta 3/9/4/2 3,989.60, Trifecta 3/9/4 2,726.20, Pick 3 8/1/11 204.60.

Friday, July 13

Race 1: Maiden Claiming, 3, 4, 5 year olds, fillies and mares, Purse: \$6,500, 5 1/2 furlongs. Rocky Bird 43.60 10.60 7.60, Shes Lesters 12.20 6.80, Runaway Zazz 19.20. Scratched: Silver Ways. Time: 1:10.00. Jockey: Elvis Langlinalis (5) Salvador

Martinez (7) Carroll D. Lewis (10). EX 5/7 294.80, Q 5/7 250.40, Superfecta 5/7/11 550.30, Trifecta 5/7/10 4,920.00.

Race 2: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$9,900, 550 yards. Sir Strawly Special 8.00 4.80 3.20, High Chivato 4.40 2.60, Special Pizzaz 3.20. Scratched: Blazin Bold Man, Flydragonfly, Reckless Oscar. Time: 27.182. Jockeys: Roy Baldiviez (7) Freddie L. Martinez (4) Bonifacio Perez (3). DD 5/7 222.60, Ex 7/4 28.20, Q 4/7 19.40, Superfecta 7/4/3/8 474.10, Trifecta 7/4/3 100.80.

Race 3: Maiden, 2 year olds, Purse: \$7,300, 350 yards. Stellar Shay 4.60 3.40 3.20, Mbn Finest Hour 3.80 3.40, Tacareno 5.60. Scratched: Roger That. Time: 17.489. Jockeys: Juan L. Vasquez (5) Freddie L. Martinez (10) Esgar Ramirez (8). EX 5/10 24.60, Q 5/10 9.80, Superfecta 5/10/8/9 496.40, Trifecta 5/10/8 245.00.

Race 4: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, fillies and mares, Purse: \$9,973, 6 furlongs. Ask Nicely 38.60 7.60 5.00, Bendalee 2.60 2.40, Legal Edition 4.60. Scratched: Footie Two. Time: 1:14.40. Jockeys: Jorge Espitia (1) Duane Lee Sterling (8) Travis Cunningham (5). EX 1/8 140.80, Q 1/8 22.00, Superfecta 1/8/5/4 1,555.90, Tri Super 1/8/5 84.70.

Race 5: Allowance, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$12,000, 870 yards. Count the Blingbling 13.60 6.60 5.40, Da Elegant Promise 4.40 3.80, Toodles Bullet 4.40. Time: 46.450. Jockeys: Jerry Mendez Rodriguez (5) Freddie L. Martinez (7) Roy Baldiviez (1). EX 5/7 62.60, Q 5/7 22.80, Superfecta 5/7/1/6 4,372.20, Trifecta 5/7/1 1,127.60.

Race 6: Allowance, Optional Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$15,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. In Unity 9.00 4.60 3.40, C. G's Dollar 9.40 5.80, Timeless Mika 3.80. Time: 1:07.60. Jockeys: Carlos D. Madeira (5) Oscar Ceballos (2) Joe A. Martinez (8). EX 5/2 98.80, Q 2/5 43.80, Superfecta 5/2/8/3 1,653.90, Trifecta 5/2/8 519.60.

Race 7: Trials, 3 year olds, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Gun Battle 3.40 2.80 2.40, Mister Ww 3.40 2.80, Casino Dash 3.60. Time: 19.650. Jockeys: Esgar Ramirez (8) Roy Baldiviez (4) Freddie L. Martinez (3). EX 8/4 11.60, Q 4/8 7.00, Superfecta 8/4/3/1 399.90, Trifecta 8/4/3 41.00.

Race 8: Trials, 3 year olds, Purse: \$4,000, 400 yards. Mightys First Call 4.60 3.20 3.20, Rainbows N Diamonds 4.00 3.40, Miracle Snow 4.40. Time: 19.753. Jockeys: James Julian Gonzales, II (10) Bonifacio Perez (9) Tony F. Guymon (1). EX 10/9 14.00, Q 9/10 11.40, Superfecta 10/9/1/6 188.40, Trifecta 10/9/1 72.00.

Race 9: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$8,300, 7 1/2 furlongs. Devil's Intent 3.80 4.00 3.20, Kalle My Girl 5.60 4.40, Fair Tango 7.00. Scratched: He's Enchanted. Time: 1:40.40. Jockeys: Duane Lee Sterling (3) Ruben Urloste (7) Michael V. Meador (2). Pick 3 8/10/3 (3 correct), Pick 3 8/10/3 9.00, (3 correct) 28.80, Ex 3/7 40.00, Q 3/7 31.60, Superfecta 3/7/2/8 2,408.70, Trifecta 3/7/2 548.20.

Saturday, July 14

Race 1: Rio Grande Senorita Futurity Trial, 2 year olds, fillies, Purse: \$4,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Wildwood Band 11.60 4.80 3.40, Shug's Cash 4.80 4.40, Lea La Belle 5.00. Time: 1:08.60. Jockeys: Carlos D. Madeira (8) Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. (4) Nate Smith (8). EX 2/4 42.40, Q 2/4 14.40, Superfecta 2/4/8/9 1,616.60, Trifecta 2/4/8 443.80.

Race 2: Rio Grande Senorita Futurity Trial, 2 year olds, fillies, Purse: \$4,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Blooming Pleasure 4.00 3.00 2.80, Red Peaches 5.20 3.40, One Bad Ghost 3.00. Time: 1:07.00. Jockeys: Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. (9) Mark Anthony Villa (6) Carlos D. Madeira (2). DD 2/9 15.60, Ex 9/6 25.60, Q 6/9 13.40, Superfecta 9/6/2/8 95.00, Trifecta 9/6/2 59.60.

Race 3: Rio Grande Senorita Futurity Trial, 2 year olds, fillies, Purse: \$4,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Sweetghost 6.00 3.60 3.60, Inexcessive Choce 5.40 4.80, Pocketfullachime 3.60. Time: 1:07.40. Jockeys: Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. (7) Oscar Ceballos (3) Bonifacio Perez (8). EX 7/3 39.40, Q 3/7 24.60, Superfecta 7/3/8/1 85.10, Trifecta 7/3/8 86.40.

Race 4: Quarter Horse Maiden, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$8,900, 350 yards. Rabbits Chickie 5.20 3.40 3.00, Quick Colors 4.80 3.80, Mito Dean 4.20. Time: 17.936. Jockeys: Shawnette Sherbino (8) Carlos Madeira (1) Joel Aranda (10). EX 8/1 21.40, Q 1/8 12.00, Superfecta 8/1/10/4 767.50, Trifecta 8/1/10 15.80.

Race 5: Quarter Horse Maiden, 3, 4, 5 year olds, Purse: \$7,300, 350 yards. Royce Rogers 3.00 2.60 2.40, Elegant Cat 3.60 3.40, Never Fold Fame 6.40. Time: 17.610. Jockeys: James Gonzales II (3) Nate Smith (8) Mark Villa (2). EX 3/8 10.20, Q 3/8 9.40, Superfecta 3/8/2/6 516.60, Trifecta 3/8/2 192.80.

Race 6: Rio Grande Senor Futurity Trial, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Playingwithchimes 3.80 3.00 2.60, Rowdy Night 6.40 3.80, Mgba Kessin Silver 4.40. Time: 1:06.60. Jockeys: Adrian Ramos (8) Alfredo Juarez Jr. (7) Nate Smith (2). EX 8/7 38.20, Q 7/8

14.00, Superfecta 8/7/2/9 91.70, Trifecta 8/7/2 91.70.

Race 7: Rio Grande Senor Futurity Trial, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Top Set 4.20 2.60 2.40, Booger Boo 2.60 2.40, Move Moves 2.60. Time: 1:07.00. Jockeys: Travis Cunningham (3) Ricardo Jaime (5) Jorge Espitia (7). EX 3/5 8.40, Q 3/5 4.80, Superfecta 3/5/7/6 119.90, Trifecta 3/5/7 27.60.

Race 8: Rio Grande Senor Futurity Trial, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$4,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Brax 2.80 2.40 2.40, Set Director 2.80 2.40, Be The Best 4.20. Time: 1:07.10. Jockeys: Alfredo Juarez Jr. (3) Carlos Madeira (8) Adrian Ramos (2). EX 3/8 12.00, Q 3/8 6.80, Superfecta 3/8/2/4 198.60, Trifecta 3/8/2 40.60.

Race 9: Quarter Horse Allowance, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$12,000, 350 yards. Saguardo Ridge 3.40 2.20 2.10, Shazoom Gone Pi 2.60 2.20, A Sure Sign Of Go 2.20. Time: 1:15.85. Jockeys: Freddie Martinez (5) James Gonzales, II (7) Travis Cunningham (2). Scratched: Smoke Chick. EX 5/7 10.20, Q 5/7 6.60, Superfecta 5/7/2/4 64.30, Trifecta 5/7/2 18.60.

Race 10: Quarter Horse Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$6,700, 550 yards. Kinda High Man 13.00 6.20 3.60, The Factor 4.80 3.40, Miss Taffany Ootole 4.20. Scratched: Runagate. Time: 27.798. Jockeys: Bonifacio Perez (8) Noe Garcia (3) Alfonso Perez (7). EX 8/3 46.20, Q 3/8 27.00, Superfecta 8/3/7/5 43.21, Trifecta 8/3/5 18.00, Pick 3 3/5/8 31.40.

Sunday, July 15

Race 1: Maiden Claiming, 3, 4, 5 year olds, fillies and mares, Purse: \$4,900, 6 furlongs. The Lord Is Fair 6.00 3.20 3.00, Ringtone 2.60 2.60, Gentia Cass 5.80. Time: 1:15.20. Jockeys: Nate Smith (7) Mark Anthony Villa (6) Shawnette L. Sherbino (2). EX 7/6 11.40, Q 6/7 5.20, Superfecta 7/6/2/1 236.30, Trifecta 7/6/2 126.20.

Race 2: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$10,300, 870 yards. Singin Diva 4.20 3.40 3.00, Ice On The Rocks 17.60 6.60, Sitters Feature 12.60. Scratched: Jilted Heart. Time: 47.190. Jockeys: Freddie L. Martinez (7) Bonifacio Perez (8) Salvador Martinez (2). DD 7/7 14.60, EX 7/8 92.20, Q 7/8 86.00, Superfecta 7/8/2/4 2,714.40, Trifecta 7/8/2 902.40.

Race 3: Maiden, 2 year olds, Purse: \$7,300, 350 yards. Escodido Beach 5.40 2.80 2.60, Furious Styles 3.00 3.20, Sinful Heart 3.00. Scratched: Ze Last Straw, Sneaky Booger. Time: 17.521. Jockeys:

Juan L. Vasquez (9) Joe A. Martinez (5) Bonifacio Perez (4). EX 9/5 17.20, Q 5/9 12.80, Superfecta 9/5/4/6 390.60, Trifecta 9/5/4 71.40.

Race 4: Allowance, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$12,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Movin' Music 23.60 9.40 5.60, Bruisen Susan 3.60 3.00, Smashed Cat 5.80. Time: 1:06.00. Jockeys: Oscar Ceballos (7) Joe A. Martinez (2) Carroll D. Lewis (1). EX 7/2 142.40, Q 2/7 31.20, Superfecta 7/2/1/3 3,710.10, Tri Super 7/2/1 291.10.

Race 5: Maiden, Special Weight, 3, 4, 5 year olds, Purse: \$8,900, 5 1/2 furlongs. Key's Band 4.20 3.20 2.80, Elegant Judge 23.40 7.00, Fancy Cadillac 5.40. Time: 1:06.60. Jockeys: Duane Lee Sterling (4) Elvis Langlinalis (6) Mark Anthony Villa (7). EX 4/6 84.00, Q 4/6 67.20, Superfecta 4/6/7/2 1,519.80, Trifecta 4/6/7 974.20.

Race 6: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$11,700, 350 yards. Mb Far to Trendy 33.80 11.40 6.60, Bully for Moolah 4.80 2.80, Drededoneye 3.20. Time: 17.860. Jockeys: Noe Garcia (1) James Julian Gonzales, II (9) Freddie L. Martinez (6). EX 1/9 201.00, Q 1/9 85.80, Superfecta 1/9/6/8 11,114.20, Trifecta 1/9/6 796.60.

Race 7: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, fillies and mares, Purse: \$10,808, 7 1/2 furlongs. Bold Cara 44.20 11.40 5.80, Castelli Magic 2.60 2.40, She's Long Gone 3.00. Time: 1:36.80. Jockeys: Oscar Ceballos (1) Joe A. Martinez (2) Jorge Espitia (7). EX 1/2 101.20, Q 1/2 46.20, Superfecta 1/2/7/8 2,281.70, Trifecta 1/2/7 625.80.

Race 8: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$9,500, 5 1/2 furlongs. Southern Excess 5.20 2.80 2.40, Filpson 3.20 2.80, Activated 3.20. Scratched: Bill's Demon. Time: 1:07.60. Jockeys: Joe A. Martinez (8) Mark Anthony Villa (5) Duane Lee Sterling (2). EX 8/5 18.20, Q 5/8 8.40, Superfecta 8/5/2/6 347.10, Trifecta 8/5/2 36.20.

Race 9: Allowance, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$10,300, 400 yards. Lethal Factor 3.40 2.80 2.40, Miss Corona Deverano 7.60 5.00, Wicked Wendt 3.60. Scratched: Lds Whatwasi Thinkin, Wcr Chicken Hawk. Time: 19.912. Jockeys: Bonifacio Perez (8) Salvador Martinez (11) Joel Aranda (1). EX 8/11 83.20, Q 8/11 45.80, Superfecta 8/11/10 463.10, Trifecta 8/11/1 231.40.

Race 10: Claiming, Thoroughbreds, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$7,400, 7 1/2 furlongs. Scratched: Ready Steady Go, One Tough Hombre 7.00 4.40 3.40, You Essay 46.20 8.00, Flame Raider 4.00. Time: 1:36.80. Jockeys: Carlos Madeira (7) Nathan Smith (4) Mark Villa (6). EX 7/8 151.00, Q 4/7 13.80, Superfecta 7/8/8/5 6,937.40, Trifecta 7/8/8 248.67, Pick 3 8/8/7 53.40.

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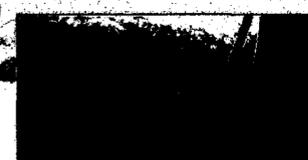
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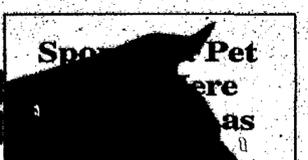
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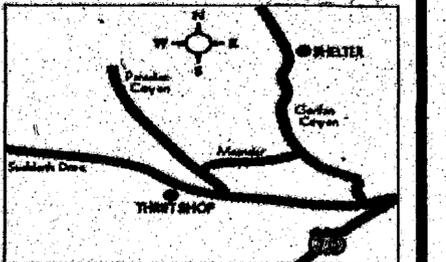


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LINCOLN COUNTY

The county calendar is full

It has been a busy weekend. The Lincoln County Photography Club held their annual picnic Friday evening in the lovely home of Pat and Cheryl Sullivan.

Cheryl gave the group a tour of their dairy setup. Following the tour, everyone enjoyed the food and conversation.

Many of us sat on their porch with their beautiful view of the mountains. There were about 20 members present.

Sunday evening the community of Lincoln held a get-together with all the old and new residents.

We have so many new people and this a good way for all of us to get acquainted with each other. And everyone enjoyed all the food that was brought by everyone. No one should have gone home hungry.

The get-together was held at the Wortley Hotel. The Garrisons furnished the BBQ. It acted like it was going to rain so everyone grabbed a dish and we all ended up inside and on the porch. There was also live music.

Gary and Beth Stilwell have returned from a trip to Virginia and North Carolina. They enjoyed visiting their children and the grandchildren ages 3-10 years.

Joe and Kelly Phillips have redone their front yard with new soil and a new sprinkler set up. With the rains we have been having

it should soon be a nice green lawn.

The La Junta Extension Club met at the Hondo Senior Citizens facility Tuesday. I was unable to go due to previous commitments.

Pageant practice starts this week and the Nogal Ranchmans Camp Meeting also begins on Nogal Mesa.

The pageant is Aug. 3-5 with the Lincoln County Fair the following Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 6-11 in Capitan.

The Lincoln County Historical Society was at Fort Stanton Saturday

with another 100 persons attending. The program was "Buffalo Soldier and Apache Campsites" by Charles Haecker, National Park Service archeologist.

The next program is Sept. 29-30 on Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War symposium with tours at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

Congratulations to Bud and Ruth Hammond who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Drew Gomer was a lucky man recently when he was shot at in the middle of the night. He returned the shot and was able to see the pickup had Mexican license plates.

Lincoln businesses were also busy over the weekend.

Dee and Lucy Galt of Las Cruces and the Dunlaps celebrated the Galt's 40th wedding anniversary at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALIE DUNLAP

Friday the 13th unlucky day for 'Zozo employee

JULIE CARTER
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The Town of Carrizozo found themselves short an employee Friday, July 13, after an arrest made by Carrizozo Chief of Police Carrie Spencer.

According to the criminal complaint, at approximately 1 p.m. Spencer observed a person driving that she knew to have a revoked driver's license with an arrest clause.

Spencer stopped a 1990 blue and white Ford pickup driven by David Weihbrecht. When asked for a driver's license, Weihbrecht offered an I.D. card that had been issued June 21, just four days before he had gone to work for Carrizozo.

Weihbrecht had been hired in response to an advertisement for a temporary laborer to set water meters and risers.

Weihbrecht, 50, pleaded guilty to D.U.I. four different occasions since 1998, resulting in the revocation of his driver's license.

When making application for the job with the Town of Carrizozo, Weihbrecht told the town clerk he had a permit to drive for work from Alamogordo District Court, which he promised to produce by the July 17 trustees' meeting when his hiring would be up for approval by the council. There was no court permit.



COURTESY

Carrizozo maintenance supervisor picks up tools from an arrested employee's vehicle.

The vehicle Weihbrecht was driving belonged to a Ruidoso woman who was contacted after his arrest.

After being pulled over by the police, Weihbrecht told Chief Spencer that he and his son, Justin, who was a passenger in the vehicle, were working for Carrizozo installing water meters.

Carrizozo maintenance supervisor Joey Thornton was contacted to pick up the tools from the vehicle that belonged to the Town of Carrizozo.

Weihbrecht was sent to the Lincoln County Detention Center where he remained after his arraignment

Monday, July 16.

After pleading no contest to the charge of driving while suspended, Carrizozo Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor sentenced him to serve out the remainder of a seven-day mandatory sentence for driving while revoked for DUI.

He was fined \$300 plus \$75 court costs and given 357 days of unsupervised probation.

Carrizozo Mayor LeeRoy Zamora said all future advertisements for employees will require persons with a valid driver's license.

FFA Summer Camp taught leadership, trust and teamwork

JENNIFER SHAFER
Carrizozo FFA Reporter

Four FFA members beat the summer heat June 20-23 by attending the annual FFA Camp at the Manzano Mountain Retreat near Mountainair.



Gaines

Carrizozo FFA members Kylie Gaines, Joel Ferguson, Tanner Huston and Marshal Wilson were the Carrizozo members to participate in this week of workshops and leadership.

Some of the activities that highlighted the event were a dance, a pool party and team "Olympics" which consisted of groups of three or four people competing in volleyball; basketball, dodgeball, football and diving contests.

As always, the food kept the 74 campers from across the state well-satisfied.

Soon-to-be freshman Kylie Gaines said her favorite part was the Olympics. Gaines said the most useful

skills she was able to bring back were "how to work as a team and communicate."

In addition to the members who attended as campers, Erin Hightower and Kendal Wilson also participated in this event.

Hightower, a newly elected state FFA officer, served as a group leader throughout the camp.

Wilson conducted a workshop geared toward helping members to appreciate the values of trust and teamwork.

By attending leadership events like FFA Camp, Carrizozo members are building skills that will help them, not only in the FFA, but also in life.



Ferguson

COURTESY JENNIFER SHAFER



Lead Class entrants dress themselves and their animals for trip around the show ring.

Pet show, lead class open to all county kids

County fair pet show and lead class open to all county kids

The Lincoln County Fair is Aug. 6-11 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

Two highly popular events of the fair, the Pet Show and the Lead Class, are open to all boys and girls residing in Lincoln County.

There is no entry fee for either class and the following rules apply:

Pet Show

- No species of animal shown in the fair may be entered in the Pet Show.
- Ribbons will be given for first through fifth place and all other entries will receive honorable mention ribbons.
- All pets must be restrained in some manner.
- No unruly pets will be allowed. Determination of pet's disposition will be made by the superintendent and that decision will be final.
- No vicious, dangerous or poisonous pets will be allowed.
- Entries will be received beginning at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 10. The

show will begin at 5 p.m.

Categories include tallest dog, shortest dog, largest cat, smallest cat, pet with the longest tail, pet with the shortest tail, best groomed pet, pet doing the most tricks and the most unusual pet.

Lead Class

- This is a lead and costume class open to boys and girls of Lincoln County.
- There will be two age groups: ages 2 - 5 and ages 6 - 9.
- Entries will be received beginning at 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 10. The show will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Exhibitors may not show buck sheep. Exhibitors may show, at halter, a sheep, goat or exotic such as a llama, alpaca, miniature horse or donkey, etc., of any age or breed.
- Contestants will be judged as a pair with their animal - 60 percent on showmanship and 40 percent on costume.

Prizes will go to the first five places in each age group.

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Mark Marsalis, Extension agronomist at NMSU's Agricultural Science Center at Clovis, speaks to participants at last year's field day at the center. The Clovis center's 2007 field day is Tuesday, Aug. 7. COURTESY

NMSU-Clovis Science Center Field Day Aug. 7

CLOVIS - The annual field day for New Mexico State University's Agricultural Science Center at Clovis Aug. 7 will highlight both crop research and dairy production relating to New Mexico.

The program will include a rolling tour of the many crop research projects being conducted at the center, followed by breakout sessions to highlight specific research and Cooperative Extension Service programs related to irrigation efficiency, alternative cropping systems and dairy production.

The newly installed, six-acre subsurface drip irrigation demonstration project will be showcased by Mark Marsalis, Extension agronomist, and attendees will have opportunities to learn about and ask questions concerning drip installation and practicality.

"This year's program focuses on irrigation efficiency and potential ways to improve and prolong the existence of agriculture on the eastern side of the state," Marsalis said.

"Our goal is to get producers to think outside the box so that they will be able to adapt to the inevitable certainty of restricted water-use operations and reduced well capacities."

Sangu Angadi, crop stress physiologist, will present information on the various short-duration crops that he has been researching for best-fits into cropping systems in the region.

Victor Cabrera will present ongoing research and Extension projects of the Dairy Extension Team and how these efforts are beneficial to New Mexico producers. "We are excited to have the opportunity to share and receive feedback

from dairy producers regarding the NMSU Dairy Extension Program," Cabrera said.

Speakers will include NMSU College of Agriculture and Home Economics Dean Lowell B. Catlett, who will address attendees during lunch.

The field day is free to all and registration will begin at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The Science Center is located 13 miles north of Clovis on State Road 288.

"The center's research and Extension program have been expanding over the past few years," said Rex Kirksey, superintendent at the Clovis Science Center.

"We have outstanding staff who conduct a broad range of projects. We host an annual Field Day to showcase the center's activities and express our appreciation to our legislators and the local community for their continued support."

For more than half a century, research at the Agricultural Science Center at Clovis has helped agricultural producers in eastern New Mexico increase profitability.

The 164-acre center lies in the heart of the largest crop production area in New Mexico and is centrally located in the state's busiest dairy production region.

For more information about the field day, or if you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, contact Marsalis in advance at 505-985-2292 or email him at marsalis@nmsu.edu.

STORY SO FAR: With the barn ablaze and no time to spare, Ben and Mr. Brennan struggle to get the racehorses to safety. Through the inferno, Ben sees Joe Pastore consumed by his own burning revenge.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN
 In the Winner's Circle
a breakfast serials story

By the next morning all the horses had been rounded up and taken to the DiSienas' farm. The celebration over Gogo's victory had been a muted one, but the Brennans kept repeating how fortunate they were that none of the horses had been killed and most importantly, that Ben hadn't been hurt in the fire.

"We're so grateful to you," Mrs. Brennan said for the twentieth time over breakfast. "If you hadn't been here to help, we might have..." She broke off, glancing at her husband with glistening eyes.

From the front of the house came the sound of car doors slamming. Mr. Brennan wiped his mouth with a napkin and stood. "That'll be the insurance investigator. Let's hope we can find out how the fire started."

Ben looked down at his plate. He couldn't help thinking he had to say something about the fire, about Joe Pastore trying to get him to start a fire himself. But he couldn't find the words. Who would believe him? It would sound crazy - it sounded crazy to him!

But could Joe have started the fire? There was no question in Ben's mind that Joe had wanted to start a fire to hurt the Brennans - just as he had done fifty years earlier. The question was, could Joe have done it? And would there be some way for the investigator to figure that out?

Without a word, Ben stood up to follow Mr. Brennan outside, and Rachel scraped her chair back and rose also. They made a solemn parade out to the site of the barn, where the odor of smoke still lingered in the air, and the leaves on nearby trees were withered and scorched. The barnyard was a mess of wet cinders and steaming, charred beams, and the driveway was a morass of muddy ruts from the fire trucks. A balding man with rubber boots and a clipboard was picking his way among the ruins, and Mr. Brennan went to meet him.

Rachel put her hand on Ben's arm. "I guess I really misjudged you," she said, her voice low. "I don't know how you could have been brave enough to go in there and get the horses out. But I'm really glad you did. For a lot of reasons," she added, finally raising her eyes to meet Ben's.

"I didn't even really think about it," he muttered.

"Thank you. For Uncle Teddy's sake. And for the horses."

For a moment, they looked at one another without speaking. Then Rachel



grinned. "I'm going back in to help with the dishes. Maybe later we can go riding."

"I don't know how..."

"You can learn, can't you?" Rachel asked, turning away.

Ben fought the urge to let out a whoop of elation. Instead, he took a deep breath and let it out very slowly as he watched her return to the house. Then he joined Brennan and the fire investigator, who were crouched over a charred and disfigured lump of metal.

"I'm guessing electrical," the man said, poking the lump with a screwdriver. "Could there have been frayed wiring? Old wiring with cracked insulation?"

Mr. Brennan frowned. "We had the whole thing rewired five years ago, all up to code."

"Did you have mice? I've seen even new wiring totally chewed by mice."

"We've got cats to control that," Brennan mused.

"Or could have been, say, an extension cord, maybe driven over by the tractor, or stepped on by a horse? Rubbed away the insulation and exposed the wires?"

The hairs stood up on the back of Ben's neck. The night when Rachel had run to confront him in the barn over the lighter she had skidded on the extension cord, scraping it along the rough cement floor, and then kicked it to the edge of the center aisle.

where scraps of hay always accumulated... He must have made a noise, because the men were looking at him.

"What's that, Ben?" Mr. Brennan asked.

"Nothing," Ben replied. "I was thinking how easily things can go wrong."

"You got that right," the investigator said. He stood up, dusting his hands off. "I'm writing this up as electrical."

As the men moved away, Ben wandered to the edge of the fire zone and stood lost in thought. If the fire started because of the extension cord, then it had nothing to do with Joe. It was an accident, not arson.

An accident, caused by something Rachel had done.

She could never find out. Ben knew with utter clarity that it would break her heart if she ever found out. She would never forgive herself.

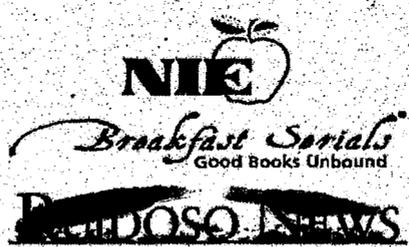
But he could forgive her. He could and he would. Forgive and forget. Put it behind and start afresh.

With a start, he realized he was standing on the spot where he had last seen Joe Pastore caught in the inferno of timbers and beams. He nudged aside a piece of burned wood with his foot. In the clear light of an August morning it seemed incredible that he'd been talking to a ghost since he'd arrived upstate - since he'd arrived upstate to be near his father. Was it possible he had imagined Joe from the beginning?

Whatever the truth was, he had a strong sense that he wouldn't be seeing Joe anymore.

And he thought maybe he'd ask Mr. Brennan for a ride to the prison in a few days. He knew it was time-time to see his father.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

Corona Festival

A parade, music, crafts, class reunion, brisket dinner, ranch rodeo and a dance are all some of the things happening in Corona July 28.

The parade is at 10 a.m. and event are ongoing throughout the day in town.

The Corona High School FFA's major fundraiser, a ranch rodeo featuring local ranch teams, will be at 1 p.m.

Events include team penning, team branding, team tying, trailer loading and wild cow milking!

Admission to the ranch rodeo is \$5/person or \$20/car-load.

The brisket dinner is served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the school.

Adults are \$8 a plate and children 6-12 are \$5. "Little Cowpokes" are free.

More information on next Wednesday's Lincoln County page.

Lincoln County Fair

Aug. 6-11 is the 2007 Lincoln County Fair in Capitan at the county fairgrounds. Exhibits of arts and crafts as well as livestock shows bring the tradition of county fairs home to Lincoln County.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Stella Warner Salas

Visitation for Stella Warner Salas, 93, of Ruidoso Downs is today, July 18, in St. Jude's Catholic Church from 5-7 p.m. with the prayer service following at 7 p.m. The funeral mass will be at 10 a.m., July 19, with burial to follow at the Hondo Cemetery in Hondo.

Mrs. Salas passed away

July 12 in Ruidoso. She was born June 26, 1914, in Lincoln and grew up and lived in Lincoln County until moving to Roswell in December 1973 and then moved back to Lincoln County in 2005.

She married Hilario Salas on Dec. 1, 1951 in Ruidoso and he preceded her in death on Oct. 11, 1973.

She is survived by her son,

Reyes Salas of Ruidoso Downs; two sisters, Viola Warner of Roswell and Alice Lucero of Southern California; a grandson, Reyes Salas, Jr. and 3 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers, Manuel Warner and Eloy Warner; sisters, P.W. Salcido, Pauline W. Zengerle, Julia W. Romero, and Frances W. Baca.

Stella was very loved and appreciated by her family. She was a woman wealthy in understanding and warm in feeling and concern for her family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

Peter Howard Benson

A Celebration of Life for Peter Howard Benson, 71, of

San Patricio will be at 5 p.m. Friday, July 20, at the Lyn LaPort residence. Mr. Benson passed away Monday, July 16, in Ruidoso. He was born Aug. 25, 1935, in Martinez, Calif., and moved to Lincoln County in 1997 from Palos Park, Ill.

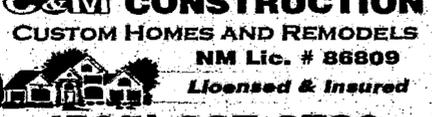
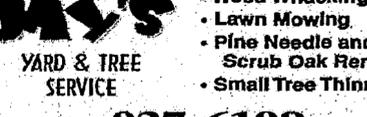
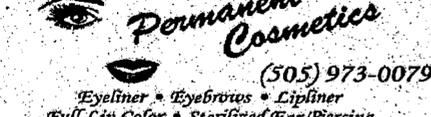
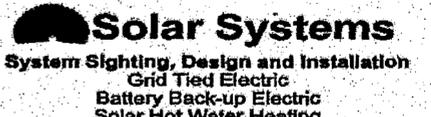
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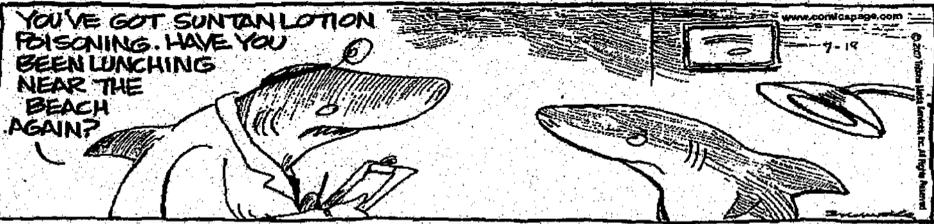
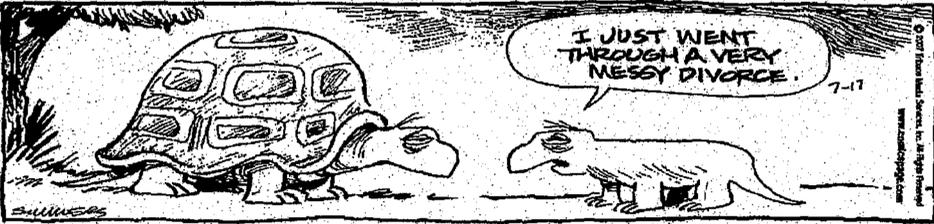
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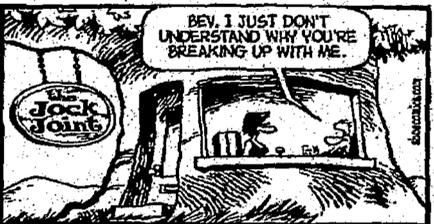
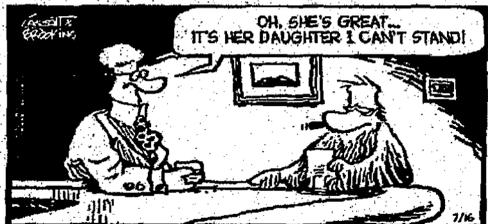
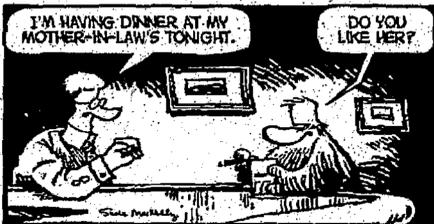
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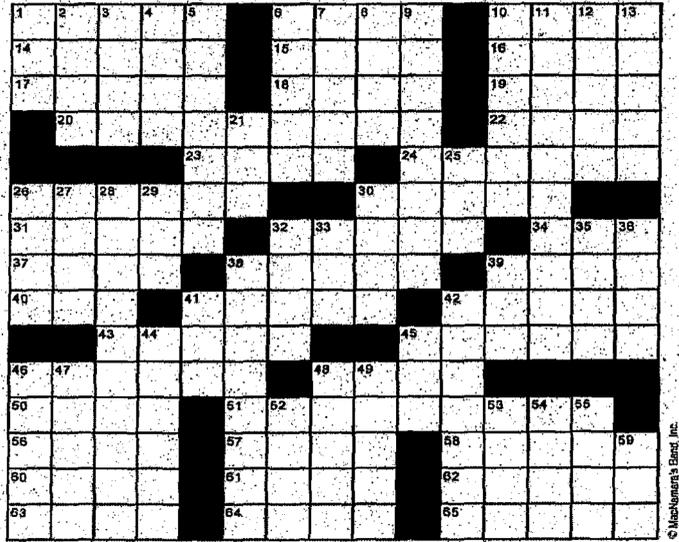
SHOE



ACROSS

1. Usurer's offerings
6. Large earring
10. E-garbage
14. Facing the hurler
15. Jessica of TV's "Dark Angel"
16. "Would ___ to you?"
17. Tuscany city
18. "New Look" designer
19. Bit of verbal fanfare
20. Return to square one
22. Baseball's Musial
23. Ancient alphabetic character
24. Set straight
26. Get a move on
30. Jellyfish attack
31. Trod the boards
32. ___ away (drew back)
34. Chem room
37. Dr. Seuss's "If ___ the Zoo"
38. 18 holes, typically
39. Plexiglas sheet
40. Cariou of stage
41. Gets frothy
42. Dreadlocked one
43. Go limp
45. Knowledgeable
46. State with authority
48. Burn cause
50. After the buzzer
51. Bic product
56. "How sweet ___!"
57. Inner: Prefix
58. 1860s war side
60. Awful-tasting
61. Peacock tail features
62. Old TV sidekick
63. Fish caught in pots

Kick Me!



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21. Winery vessel
25. Purge
26. It may be "golf ball-sized"
27. Plot unit
28. Negotiations hangup
29. Royal flush part
30. Confession recitals
32. Daytime TV offering
33. Play a kazoo
35. Initial stake
36. Wampum unit
38. Float ingredient
39. Hole goal
41. Part of FWIW
42. Astronauts' vision problems
44. Big name in candy

DOWN

1. ___ Palmas
2. Mayberry tippler
3. Assist in wrongdoing
4. Granny
5. Had the lead role
6. Spotted
7. Place for a pimiento
8. Conical reed
9. Repeated unthinkingly
10. Joins the jam session
11. Window material
12. Quinn of "Benny & Joon"
13. Stood for

KUDZU



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Answer: "POINTLESS"

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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WANTED HANDY MAN/MAINTENANCE
 Person for fine art, painting, finishing studio. Must have clean driving record and be able to do some travel. Location at McGary Studios, 2002 Sudderrth Drive, Ruidoso.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA
 Part-time full-time Fry cook, Prep, Hostess, Busser, Wait Staff, Dishwasher. Apply in person @ 2913 Sudderrth

Help Wanted: Chuy's Speed Shop & Kwik Lube
 Seeking F/T & P/T. Call 937-3515 or 937-6114

Kokopelli Country Club
 Apply in person. Full time positions available: Busser, Servers, Hostess, Dishwashers, prep cooks & line cooks.
 Kokopelli Golf Course now hiring. Apply in person. 100 Sudderrth Park, Alto NM 88312
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 Long Cab Restaurant now hiring hostess, busser, cooks & dishwashers. Apply in person @ 074 Mechem

Noley Water Lodge/ Mountain Air Cabins- Housekeeping and Front Desk
 A full time, year-round position is available for a flexible, mature individual. Responsibilities will include housekeeping, front desk and telephone contact with guests, with potential to develop a more varied workload. A part time housekeeping position is also available. Strong interpersonal skills are essential. Position plus competitive salary and benefits for the right people. Call 257-3881 to schedule an interview for both positions.

Now hiring all positions.
 For immediate interview call for location at the Ruidoso Country Club.

Public Education Department and Region IX Education Cooperative
 are seeking 2 Coordinators of Special Projects and 1 support staff (secretary) for a state initiative: Career/Technical Education. Position will include: state travel and coordination of professional development activities for a group of technical education student organizations. Coordinators' minimum qualifications include:
 1. Bachelors degree in Career/Technical Education field;
 2. 3 years Career/Technical Education experience

Secretarial position
 minimum qualifications include:
 1. Associate Degree or higher preferred
 2. 3 years experience in C or T / Technical Education programs.
 Salary depends on qualifications/REC IX Salary Schedule and the REC IX benefit package. Complete job description and application packet may be obtained from the REC IX website: www.recixnm.org. Jobs section. Completed application packet (Application, resume and 3 references) must be received at REC IX, 1400 Ruidoso, NM 88345, by 4:00 p.m. July 23, 2007. For more information call 257-4491 or 257-4491 or 257-4491 or 257-4491.

STAGNER STAIRS
HELP WANTED:
 Tree Thinners
 Landscapers
 Laborers
 Yearly Maintenance Personnel
Call 336-2321

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