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# County eyes Capitan site

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## Commissioners approve purchase of 25 acres near fairgrounds

In a major acquisition, Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday approved the purchase of 25 acres south of the county fairgrounds in Capitan.

Following a closed executive session, Commission Chairman Tom Battin offered a motion to enter into a contract with Edwin and Patsy Cillessen for \$750,000.

Commissioners stipulated that if the property is appraised for less, county officials will negotiate for a reduced price. If the two sides can-

not concur, the agreement would be terminated. The contract also is subject to approval by the state Department of Finance and Administration.

The motion was approved unanimously.

County Manager Tom Stewart said the commission believes the additional property is part of their vision for the future of the fairgrounds in Capitan, which hosts

the largest amateur rodeo event in the United States.

Commissioner Dave Parks said before anything is done with the land, a master plan will be drafted.

Stewart said possibilities include the relocation of the county road department yard, because the Capitan School District owns the land surrounding the current yard and logically may want to acquire that property.

"It also offers a solution to the location of the rural health clinic," Stewart said. "This is absolutely a home run as far as I'm concerned. We have a \$779,750 reserve above the required reserve in the budget."

### 'Major step'

Battin said, "I think this is a major step for the county, the county fair and the village of Capitan."

The property includes a three-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home, a boarding kennel, an eight-stall horse barn, a guest house, a hay barn, a shop and several storage buildings.

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## PUMPKIN PATCH



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**Ashley Burch**, 4, Carrizozo, was with Rocking Horse Pre-K and Day Care, Friday, visiting Laughing Sheep Farms' Pumpkin Patch. Youngsters and their parents from Rocking K and River Raccoons, Ruidoso, picked pumpkins on a bright sunny day in Lincoln.

# Trick or treat to be held Friday

Midtown event the day before holiday

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Young ghouls, goblins and witches are invited by Midtown merchants to join other costumed trick or treaters from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 30, for the annual candy bonanza.

Frank Potter, owner of Imports Etc. on Sudderth Drive and a former Ruidoso village manager, said he researched how the tradition of celebrating Halloween in Midtown began, but he never found out the exact origin.

"It's been around since the early 1980s," he said. "We wanted everyone to know that this year, the trick or treating will be Friday, Oct. 30, after school, not on Saturday, the actual Halloween. We know the dates are a little

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# State GRT promise in jeopardy

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When state officials cut gross receipts taxes in 2004 on "essential" grocery food sales and on medical services, they promised to make up the drop in tax revenue for municipalities and counties.

But Lincoln County commissioners were warned Tuesday that Gov. Bill Richardson and New Mexico state legislators, facing a \$450 million deficit, may renege on that promise.

That could cost the county \$1.24 million overall, County Manager Tom Stewart said.

At the urging of the manager, commissioners approved a resolution submitted by the Southeastern New Mexico Economic

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## River restoration committee picks design firm

### As part of process, Ruidoso Downs officials want a park built near the Rio Ruidoso

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Members of the Ruidoso River Restoration Committee, tasked by the county with selecting projects within a \$1 million budget to improve the health of the river, picked Stream Dynamics as the firm to guide them.

Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee said the committee, with Nora Midkiff as meeting facilitator, is negotiating a contract with the firm to take the scope of work outlined in the request for proposals and

come up with cost estimates for ongoing projects.

As part of the process of lining up projects, representatives from the city of Ruidoso Downs are asking committee members to consider a park in that municipality as one of the possibilities.

They contend the park near the river would include planting trees to help lower the temperature

in the river and would keep down algae growth and help stop agricultural nitrates from draining into the river.

Lee said what she liked about the firm selected is the staff's emphasis on river health using existing soils and materials, and not as much focus on river recreation as the other contender for the job.

On the Silver City-based

company's Web site, the mission statement includes, "Our watershed restoration projects are unique in that we make a landscape scale effort, treating erosion problems in a natural and unobtrusive way. We employ native materials to help watercourses achieve dynamic stability, using deflectors and weirs made of sticks and stones. We put the wiggle back into long, straight gullies by harnessing the hydraulic power of a gully washer to carve meanders

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**Mammograms**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Throughout the month, Altrusa Club of Ruidoso has partnered with Lincoln County Medical Center to offer low cost mammo-

grams to residents of Lincoln County. Hundreds of women have already taken advantage of this program, but the program will end on October 30.

The Low Cost Mammogram program is available Monday through Friday,

through Oct. 30, at a cost of \$55. In order to take advantage of this program, you must be between 30 and 64 years of age, and be a Lincoln County resident, or have a doctor in Lincoln County. Patients with implants or augmentation

are not eligible.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. Each year, over 200,000 women are diagnosed with the disease and over 40,000 die from it. Early detection is the best defense against this deadly disease, and a mammogram can show cancer that is too small for you or your doctor to feel.

If you have not yet had your annual mammogram, you can still call Terri Trotter in Ruidoso at 258-4615 to schedule an appointment. There are still some appointment times available, but you must call soon. Terri is accepting calls from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Remember, early detection with a mammogram could save your life.

**Cemetery board**

The regular meeting of the Village of Ruidoso Cemetery Board is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., today, at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

The agenda include discussion of a presentation for the Village Council workshop at 4:30 p.m., Thursday.

**Parks commission**

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., today, at Village Hall.

The purpose of the special meeting to discuss and possibly take action on the Trails Design Master Plan report by Gerardo Garcia, review of the Parks & Recreation portion of village Comprehensive Plan and review of the depart-

ment's master plan.

Parks Director Debbie Jo Almager also will report on Activenet Policies, the NRPA Congress, the Dog Show and Dog Park Opening Saturday at White Mountain and the Newsletter.

**Alto Lakes water**

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will conduct a regular meeting at 9 a.m., Thursday, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office, 214 Lake Shore Dr., Alto.

**Alto Lakes zoning**

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will conduct a special meeting at 3 p.m., Thursday, at the Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, 1 Mulligan Dr., Alto. The session will continue to the 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo for a hearing on a variance appeal.

At any time during the open meeting the Commission may close the meeting to the public to discuss matters not subject to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. The Commission may revise the order of the agenda items considered at the open meeting.

**Dog park**

A ribbon cutting for the new dog park is scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday morning. The park is located off of Hull Road behind the elementary school.

**GOP women**

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County will have their October meeting on Oct. 26 at Cree Meadows Country Club at 11:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Al Santos, administrator of Lincoln County Medical Center, who will talk about some options of Master Plan that was presented to the County Commissioners in September.

Lunch is a buffet for \$11.50. RSVP to 575-653-4379 or hondocho@pvt.net.

**LCSWA meets**

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will

meet at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Office, 222 Second St., Ruidoso Downs.

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct regular business, including hearing from the Operational Supervisor's report covering the Alto Collection Center update and information on the Capitan landfill from Golder & Associates; approval of the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2011-2016; permission to advertise a public hearing on the Illegal Dumping Ordinance; discussion and possible action on the City of Ruidoso Downs balance adjustments; and an executive session on limited personnel issued and threatened or pending litigation.

**Plan reaction**

Public reaction to and suggestions for Ruidoso's Comprehensive Plan revision will be accepted and discussed during a meeting Oct. 28, at the village Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr.

The two-hour session will begin at 5:30 p.m., and will be the last before the draft review by the village Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Mock disaster**

A mock disaster exercise was held Oct. 8 at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

The exercise was lead by Sierra Blanca Regional Airport (SBRA) Fire Chief Russell Shearer. He and his team had been planning the exercise for several months with help from the other participating entities.

A major exercise like this is required every three years for FAA certification.

The exercise "controllers" included Shearer, Carl Bartley (fire chief, Bonito Volunteer Fire Department), Robby Hall (BVFD assistant chief), Sandie Nunnally (Lincoln County Medical Center EMS) and Rick Hall (BVFD safety officer).

Public Information Officers were Joe Arcure and Kathryn Minter from BVFD.

There were approximately 30 participants from the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport Fire Department, Ruidoso Fire Department, LCMC EMS, Bonito Volunteer Fire Department, Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and State Police.

In addition, 17 "victims" were role-played by Eco-Servants and City Bank employees. Sierra Blanca Disaster Relief Team provided pizzas, drinks and snacks for the After Action Review (AAR).

The scenario consisted of three airplanes piled up at the end of Runway 30 which runs north and south at SBRA, one crashing into the other two. Two school buses and one van were used to simulate the airplanes. Injured passengers were on each plane; the first was clear and OK to enter, the second was smoke filled and the third was smoke filled, on its side and victims needing extrication.

The exercise started at 10:04 a.m., with SBRA notifying Ruidoso Fire and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office of the scenario. Both departments sent out pages at 10:06. Radio communications included "this

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THESE TIMES ARE GOOD FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

*Patricia "Pat" Perry*

**Was born Oct. 18, 1951 in Ruidoso, NM and passed away October 16, 2009 in El Paso, Texas after a lengthy illness.**

**Pat was preceded in death by parents, Neal & Mona Perry.**

**She is survived by her brother Dale Perry & his wife Jami; sisters Sharon Payne & Husband Alan, Beverly Delanda, Brenda Souder & husband Davis. She is also survived by her nieces Amber Wilkie & Amy Souser & Husband B.J., Nephews Arin Perry & Wife Renee, Adam Delanda & Wife Stephanie. Plus 3 great nieces & 2 great nephews.**

**Pat worked at D&D Beauty Salon for 30 years. After that she worked for Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizen for 5 years.**

**Memorial Services will be held at the First Assembly of God Church located at 139 El Paso Rd, Ruidoso NM, on October 24, 2009 at 2:00 pm.**

**Family requests that donations be made to the First Assembly of God Church in lieu of flowers.**



COURTESY JOSEPH ARCURE

D.J. Samaniego uses the "jaws of life" for a simulated extraction.

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is a drill" at intervals. The exercise concluded at 11:45.

An After Action Review (debrief) was held from 12:30 to 1:30.

The major take-away from the AAR concerned communications, which comes up in every drill. In this case, it was the need to have all emergency units in Lincoln County with shared radio channels so they can communicate with each other and the SBRA. Shearer said this was an easy fix and he would get on it immediately.

Participants were able to practice triage, extrication and fire fighting equip-

ment deployment during the drill. Responders were in full protective gear, including SCBA, until released by the controllers. "Victims" were not transported to LCMC because of the concern over flu exposures and hospital case load, but triage was conducted at the scene.

All participants were also able to practice good radio communication techniques, keeping them clear and concise and not overloading the channels.

The Incident Commander utilized the Incident Command System with chain of command and delegation of duties.

The airport remained

open during the exercise, with responding units requiring clearance from the Tower to approach the incident scene. Several planes landed or took off during the exercise, including a Medevac helicopter.

Robby Hall stated that this was the smoothest drill he has seen at SBRA in his 25-plus years working on fire departments in Lincoln County.

Radio stations broadcast that this was only a drill.

**Bowl of Hope**

ENMU-Ruidoso is hosting a community fundraiser called the Empty Bowl Event to benefit the Nest

Domestic Violence Shelter on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. on campus.

For a \$15 donation, participants will choose a handmade ceramic or pottery bowl, several varieties of soup, bread, desert and a drink. There will be 400 bowls available, each created by ENMU ceramic students, community volunteers, the Nest Board of Directors and staff and the women and children who live at the Nest.

The Empty Bowl Event is a joint project of the ENMU Ceramics Department and the Hospitality & Tourism Department.

Tickets will be available at the door and at the following locations; ENMU Bookstore, Josie's Framery, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, The Nest Domestic Violence Shelter, Southwest Securities and Oso Gallery in Capitan.

There will also be a silent auction of local artist's pottery. Thomas Radcliffe, an accomplished fingerstyle guitarist, singer and songwriter, will be playing music from his recent CD, *I Believe in Love*, which will also be available for purchase with the proceeds being donated to the shelter.

The Nest Domestic Violence Shelter is operated by Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) and is located at 512 East Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. All services are free and confidential. For further information, please call the shelter at 575-378-6378.

Pictured, top right, is a handmade pottery bowl titled "Bowl of Hope" made by a resident of the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter.



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*Lola "Lena"*  
**Magdalena Centeno**  
was granted her angel wings on  
October 16, 2009

Lena was born September 2, 1978 in Oxnard, CA to Peggy Lu Jane of Ruidoso Downs, NM. She graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1996. At the time of her passing, she was residing in Austin, TX where she was a practicing attorney doing enforcement/litigations of the State of Texas.

Lena attended and graduated Arizona State University and then went to Arizona State University Law School and graduated her Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree in 2005.

Lena was bright and funny with a ready smile and generous heart. She was loved deeply by those who knew her best. She had a kind and passionate soul and was loyal to her loved ones. Lena enjoyed spending time with family, reading, inspirational quotes, traveling, Chuck Norris, attending concerts, and Chevy Chase films.

Lena is survived by her mother Peggy Lu Jane of Ruidoso Downs, NM and a step-father, Terry Williams of Las Cruces, NM. Also, a grandmother, Cuca Centeno of Camarillo, CA, a grandmother, Marlene Bell of Ruidoso Downs, NM, her sisters Lisa Peterson of Thousand Oaks, CA and Lindsey Seales of Longview, WA, and her brothers Steve Centeno of Clarksville, TN. She is also survived by an Aunt, Lola Green of Navarre, FL, a cousin, Peggy Green of Kansas City, MO as well as many other aunts, uncles, cousins, three nieces, and four nephews.

There will be a rosary on Thursday evening at 8pm at St. Eleanor Catholic Church. A funeral mass will be held at St. Eleanor Catholic Church on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 10 am.

On Sunday, October 11, 2009 our beloved husband, father and friend, Pete G. Lopez went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with the blessing of his family at his side.

Pete was born on January 18, 1944 in Lake Arthur, New Mexico, to Pedro Lopez Sr. and Herminia "Minnie" Garcia-Lopez-Hitzges. Pete was the second eldest of seven children. His love of being a part of a large family continued when he met and married Trudy Olguin of Roswell, New Mexico and eventually grew his family to include eight children. Together with Trudy, Pete moved his family throughout the states of Oklahoma and Texas. It was while he and Trudy lived in Herford, Texas that he owned and operated the El Torro Restaurant before relocating permanently to Ruidoso Downs in 1982.

Upon arrival in Ruidoso Downs, Pete accepted a position working for the Lincoln County Water Waste Treatment Plant. Never being one to allow grass to grow under his feet, it wasn't uncommon for Pete to work two or three jobs as he provided for his family. By 1982, Pete and Trudy were permanent fixtures within the Land Of Enchantment Foster Parent Association. Together they have experienced the joy and blessing of providing safety, shelter, love and unconditional acceptance to over 200 area children over the past 20+ years.

Pete had an enormous heart and was generous to everyone he met. Pete frequently entertained angels as he served his Lord, offering a helping hand to anyone in need. Pete was always in and a home cooked meal. Ever taking joy in the gift of hospitality the Lord had blessed him with, Pete was often found behind a stove cooking for his family friends and community at every opportunity. Labor Day family gatherings were an important part of the Lopez household where everyone eagerly awaited his Posole, menudo and homemade tamales. For several years, Pete served as the head chef for the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizen Center until his retirement in 2006.

Besides his love for his Lord, Jesus Christ, Pete indulged in several passions; cooking, gardening/landscaping and hunting. Although it can not be recounted if he ever actually bagged a kill, for Pete it was more about the chance to spend time one-on-one with his sons and friends. Pete is survived by his wife of over 44 years, Trudy Lopez, his sons, daughters, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren; Todd and Renae Quigley of West Richland Washington and their children, Derek Quigley, Selena Mears, Sabrina Mears and Cameron Quigley, Michelle Lopez of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico; Paul Lopez of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico and his children Paul Jr. and Amanda Lopez; Fernando Lopez of Billings, Montana; Kimberly Lopez of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico and her children Marissa, Jesse, James Lopez and Justin Mendez; Christopher and Cheyenne Lopez of Chandler, Arizona and their son Mateo; Issac Lopez of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico; Shania Lopez of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico; Roman Chavez (the apple of his eye) of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. Siblings, Fred Lopez, Leo Lopez, Virginia Buchannon, Manuel Lopez, Alice Lopez and step-father Paul Hitzges, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Pete was preceded in death by his parents as well as his brother Roman Lopez and sister Lorena Lopez-Luna.

Memorial Services will be conducted on Thursday, October 15th at 11:00 AM at the First Baptist Church of Cree Meadows, with Pastor Tom Kearns of Ruidoso First Assembly of God presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the Lopez family respectfully requests that you make a donation to the Land of Enchantment Foster Parent Association, C/O Kristin Cullers, Treasure PO Box 2024 Alamogordo, New Mexico, 88310. While you are at it, please request an application to become a foster parent - tell them Pete sent you. Pete promises it will enrich your life in ways you will never imagine or anticipate.



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### OUR OPINION

## Personnel files should be accessible

Capitan's trustees must be free to inspect

Mayor Sam Hammons of Capitan wants to restrict the ability of village trustees to view personnel files because it's possible that a trustee inadvertently came across medical records while perusing one village employee's file.

The mayor's solution: require all four trustees to assemble at any given time to vote whether to open a particular personnel file.

That's like blasting an elephant gun to kill a fly in the room. It's also one step closer to closed government, because trustees, after all, represent the people.

Trustees also need to monitor certain documents because they can individually be held liable in the event of an employee's lawsuit.

The obvious solution is to simply remove medical records from the personnel file. They could be kept in a separate envelope or, better, put in a secure location elsewhere. Capitan Clerk Kay Strickland says either is doable.

We have not found another Lincoln County municipality that requires basically a full council meeting to inspect an employee's files. Capitan should use common sense and follow their lead.

## There's some good economic news — really

Last year at this time, we were staring into an economic sinkhole, wondering if it had a bottom. In New Mexico we're usually spared the worst of downturns or there's a delay in its impact, and this time we've seen both. Now, as we feel the monster's tail lash our industries and our job market, it's a good time to take stock.

When I say, "First, the bad news," you can assume there's some good news. Really.

The state's unemployment rate in August, the most recent available, was 7.5 percent, with 30,900 lost jobs over the year. That embraces everything from the 12.8 percent rate of Luna County to the 3.5 percent in Los Alamos County, along with the 8-plus percent of San Juan and Lea counties that reflect the slump in oil and gas. And the 9 and 6 percent rates in Taos and Santa Fe that say it wasn't a great year for tourism, although Lincoln County's 5.5 percent looks rosy by comparison.

For all that, we're still better off than half the other states, with a national ranking of 25th in job "growth." Talk about your glass half full. Nationally, unemployment was 9.7 percent.

The good news?

You already know the Dow Jones industrial average cracked 10,000. I've said before that the stock market isn't rational, it's emotional — it responds to fear and optimism. In March, the market thought the sky was falling; today it's anticipating recovery.

The improving stock market does something else: As those ravished 401k plans start to bulk up, boomers will retire. Then the unemployment numbers will look very different. Employers can go back to worrying about the brain drain.

Experts are starting to say the worst is over. Consumers are returning to stores, savings rates are higher, credit card debt is down, and homes are selling again. Lending is cautious but sensible. New Mexico banks may have too much bad

debt still on the books, but they're sound. Community banks, in fact, are in better shape than the mega banks.

And this year's chile crop is a good one.

We can't talk about what did happen without talking about what didn't happen. A year ago there were so many dark predictions of a second

Great Depression that I was inspired to point out that it wasn't the 1930s.

We got a recession instead, which means that the unpopular bailouts

either worked or helped. At the time it seemed

only right for the organizations that created the mess to take their lumps, and if they died, they deserved to die. The trouble was, they would take commercial credit with them. It was that nagging detail that moved two administrations with vastly different philosophies to swallow the same medicine.

Still to come is the impact of stimulus funds. The state Office of Recovery and Reinstatement reports that \$77 million in stimulus money spent so far provided work for 8,641 people, mostly in education, construction and law enforcement. We're due \$3 billion.

Something else that didn't happen: Los Alamos National Laboratory didn't disappear and none of our defense installations took big budget hits. Another proposal was that Los Alamos would be taken over by the military. When I asked Gen. Everett Thomas, commander of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, about that in March, he said, "We have a new administration recirculating old ideas. I don't put much stock in it."

In September, state labor economist Suzan Reagan wrote in her department's otherwise gloomy newsletter, "One thing is certain: This recession will end and the economy will recover and begin to grow again."

She reminds employers that a lot of good people are looking for jobs right now. As the economy recovers, this nice labor pool will shrink. Employers should be thinking about life after the recession.



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### YOUR OPINION

## Hope should spring eternal in youth

To the editor:

AS WE IN Ruidoso are seeing the Aspen turn gold, the sky achingly blue, and celebrate the season's change, we are faced with the New Mexico television stations blaringly chronicling the ultimate loss of hope in our youthful suicides here in Ruidoso.

It truly is the loss of hope, never advancing to a life well lived and the attainment of wisdom. And a loss that ripples out from the stones they throw upon the surface of water. It becomes all of us.

As I turn 75 years young soon, and my gift of a granddaughter who attends NMSU and becomes 21 years old next week, I am heart sore to see life thrown away, and with all of you, ask why?

Alfred North Whitehead, a British mathematician and philosopher, observed, "The deepest definition of youth is, life as yet untouched by tragedy." Yet suicide is the most tragic in

those who have not tasted the global view outside their window, an ending most tragic, and incomprehensible.

When a young man named Figueroa hanged himself at the high school from a tree many years ago, I was stunned. I addressed a psychology class invited by the teacher, as I am a teacher of the Arts in theater and voice since I was 26 years old. Their input, the questions and the observations of these 16- to 18-year-olds were passionate and telling. Are we not listening to them?

In my search for answers to this hometown tragedy, I came upon a passage written by the American writer Henry Miller, who died in 1980 and was born in 1891. He had wisdom and a long life.

"Youth ends where manhood begins, it is said. A phrase without meaning, since from the beginning of history man has never enjoyed the full measure of youth or known the limitless possibilities of adulthood. How can one know the splendor and fullness of youth if one's energies are consumed in combating errors and falsities of parents and ancestors."

This is why those of us who volunteer for whatever youth-oriented cause we believe in, have much to say and much to give. Hope wears many faces. My cause is scholarships for young women and a confidence-builder in the Miss America/Miss Ruidoso Scholarship Pageants. These girls bloom and gain a whole new sisterhood and purpose in life. They have hope. And now we have added the even younger set in a Miss Teen Ruidoso.

Weeds grow faster than flowers. What have each of us done this day to really listen, love, and guide a youngster? Hope should spring eternal in the human breast... not suicide. Think about it.

Barbara Westbrook  
Ruidoso

## The Humane Society is doing what it can

To the editor:

In in the Sept. 23 edition of the *Ruidoso News* there was an article about animal control, and in that article was a remark made by [County Commission Chairman] Tom Battin.

I was very upset by Mr. Battin's remark, and so were a lot of other people who love and care about animals. Quoting him, "the county has put a lot of money into the Humane Society, and it's not doing what we (meaning the county commissioners) want it to."

And just what is that, Mr. Battin? The Humane Society does what it can — it takes in stray and abandoned pets, feeds them, shelters them, loves them and gives them their needed

shots and vet care.

And when they are adopted, they are neutered and given a microchip to identify them.

They have applied for and gotten a grant to supply food so the animals don't have to constantly be changing their diets — which causes diarrhea. They have, with the help of donors, built a spay and neuter clinic, a new outdoor play area for bigger dogs and one for smaller puppies.

They use the internet to connect with rescue organizations to find homes for certain breeds of dogs. They, on their own personal time, hold off-site adoptions — finding homes for many animals.

I could go on and on about the work they do, and also the work that other organizations in the

county do, trying to solve the problem of too many unwanted animals. Without your (the county commissioners) help it will never come close to being solved. The county needs to stop delaying and pass regulations that would require owners to license their dogs. And there should be two levels of that license; owners who do not spay or neuter them should pay more. That money should be earmarked to pay for free or low-cost spaying and neutering. And those regulations should be enforced.

Stop blaming the Humane Society and start helping them. They are doing their part. Now you should do yours!

Jan Sawyer  
Alto

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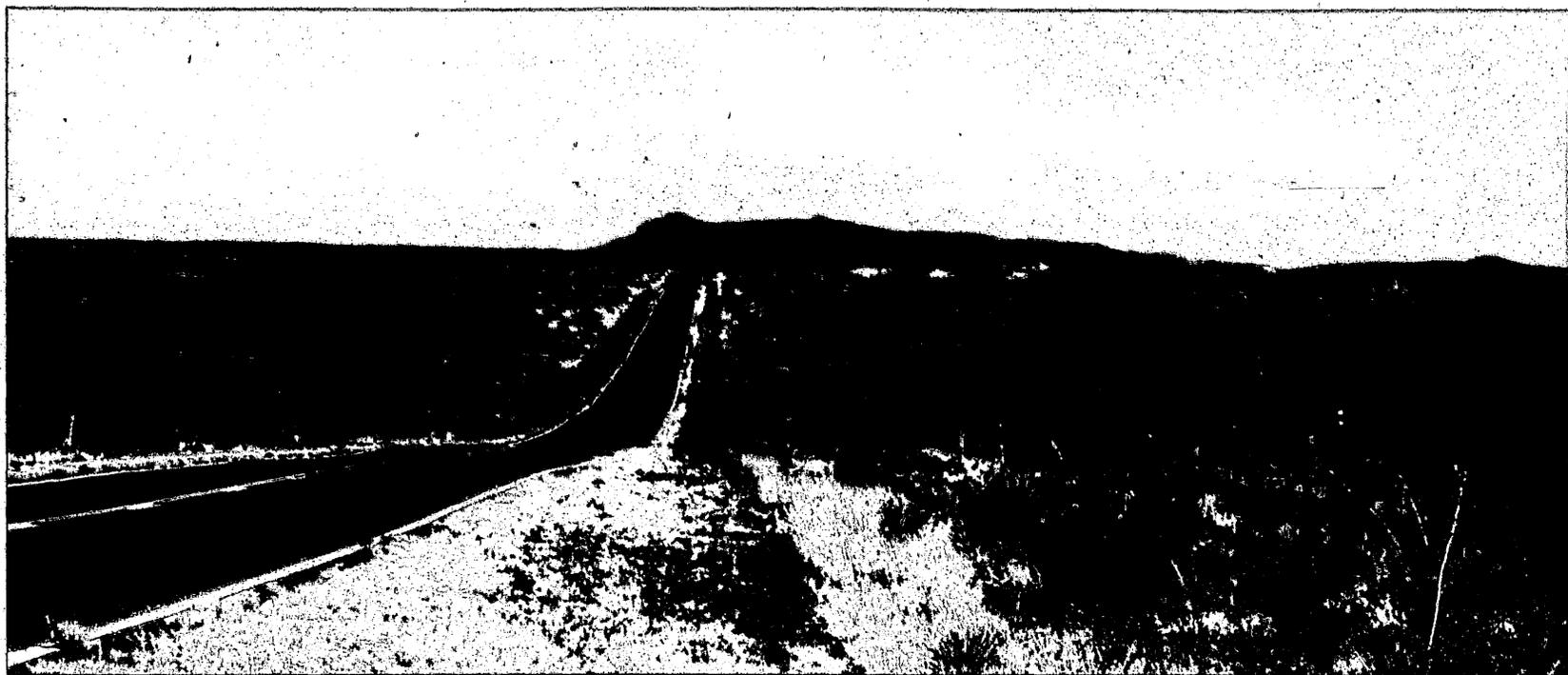
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The road goes on forever, or so it seems, with the view on Highway 55, looking east just before it connects with Highway 54 south of Ancho. The photo was taken Sunday when a few thunderheads began to gather over distant mountains. The black-and-white photograph gives the scene a timeless quality.

## Bill designed to improve health of horse herds submitted to Congress

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A proposal to restore the health of America's wild horse herds and the rangelands that support them has been submitted by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar.

He hopes to initiate a cost-efficient, sustainable management program that includes the possible creation of wild horse preserves on the productive grasslands of the Midwest and East, he said.

"The current path of the wild horse and burro program is not sustainable for the animals, the environment, or the taxpayer," Salazar said in a letter outlining his proposals to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada) and eight other key members of Congress with jurisdiction over wild horse issues. Salazar said he is "proposing to develop new approaches that will require bold efforts from the Administration and from Congress to put this program on a more sustainable track, enhance the conservation for this iconic animal, and provide better value for the taxpayer."

Bob Abbey, Director of Interior's Bureau of Land Management, commended the Secretary for his initia-

tive, saying, "The proposals we are unveiling today represent a forward-looking, responsive effort to deal with the myriad challenges facing our agency's wild horse and burro program. We owe wild horses and burros on Western rangelands high-quality habitat. We owe the unadopted wild horses and burros in holding good care and treatment. And we owe the American taxpayer a well-run, cost-effective wild horse program. Today's package of proposals will achieve those ends."

The challenges to the BLM associated with maintaining robust wild horse populations in the West were recognized by the Senate Appropriations Committee, which warned that gathering and holding costs rose beyond sustainable levels and directed the BLM to prepare a long-term plan for the program.

The Government Accountability Office also found the program to be at a "critical crossroads," affirmed the need to control off-the-range holding costs, and recommended that the BLM work with Congress to find a responsible way to manage the increasing number of unadopted horses.

In response to Congressional direction, Salazar's

proposals aim to achieve a "truly national solution" to a traditionally Western issue.

In four decades under the BLM's protection, wild horses that were fast disappearing from the American scene have returned to rapid growth.

"As wild horses have no natural predators and herds grow quickly," Salazar said in his letter. "More than 33,000 wild horses live in 10 western states. Unfortunately, arid western lands and watersheds cannot support a population this large without significant damage to the environment."

BLM officials work to achieve an ecological balance on the range by removing thousands of wild horses and burros from public rangelands each year and then offering them for adoption. Unadopted animals are cared for in short-term corrals and long-term pastures. With the sharp decline in wild horse adoptions in recent years, because of the economic downturn, bureau staff now maintains nearly 32,000 wild horses and burros in holding, including more than 9,500 in expensive short-term corrals.

In Fiscal 2008, the cost of holding and caring for these animals exceeded \$27

million. In FY 2009 that ended Sept. 30, holding costs were about \$29 million, or 70 percent of the total 2009 enacted wild horse and burro program budget of \$40.6 million.

A key element of the Secretary's plan, designed to address concerns raised by the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Government Accountability Office, would designate a new set of wild horse preserves across the nation. Citing limits on forage and water in the West because of persistent drought and wildfire, Salazar said the lands acquired by the BLM and/or its partners, "would provide excellent opportunities to celebrate the historic significance of wild horses, showcase these animals to the American public, and serve as natural assets that support local tourism and economic activity."

The wild horse herds placed in the preserves would be non-reproducing.

By bringing the reproduction and replacement rate of wild horses into closer alignment with the number that can be adopted out each year, the Secretary's proposal would eliminate the need for any additional holding by 2014. While initial costs for implementing the Secretary's proposals

would be significant as the BLM acquires preserves and works to achieve sustainable herd levels on public rangelands, overall program costs could begin to decline as early as 2019, Salazar contended.

In his letter, Salazar also proposed:

- managing the new preserves either directly by the BLM or through cooperative agreements between the BLM and private non-profit organizations or other partners to reduce the Bureau's off-the-range holding costs.

- showcasing certain herds on public lands in the West that warrant distinct recognition with Secretarial or possibly congressional designations. They would highlight the special qualities of America's wild horses while generating ecotourism for nearby rural communities.

- applying new strategies aimed at balancing wild horse and burro population growth rates with public adoption demand. The effort would involve slowing population growth rates of wild horses on Western public rangelands through the aggressive use of fertility control, the active management of sex ratios on the range, and perhaps even the introduction of non-reproducing

herds in some of the BLM's existing Herd Management Areas in 10 Western states. The new strategies also would include placing more animals into private care by making adoptions more flexible where appropriate.

Noting that his proposals are subject to Congressional approval and appropriations, Salazar said he and Abbey look forward to discussing them with members of Congress to work together to protect and manage America's "Living Legends."

Since 1971, the BLM has placed more than 220,000 mustangs and burros into private ownership through adoption, a process in which a citizen may receive the title of ownership to an animal after one year with a limit of four titles per year, regardless of the number adopted. Under a December 2004 amendment to the 1971 wild horse law, animals more than 10 years old and younger ones that have been passed over for adoption at least three times, are eligible for sale, a transaction in which the title of ownership passes immediately from the federal government to the buyer.

Since that amendment took effect, the BLM sold more than 3,700 wild horses and burros.

## RIVER

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into the terraces."

Ruidoso Village Councilor Michele Rebstock said she's anxious to see something positive to come out of the \$1 million settlement to improve the health of the river, damaged in part by the discharge of contaminants from the regional wastewater treatment plant.

"The group is mandated (by the court) to spend \$1 million as part of the settlement agreement," she explained. "They wanted to hire some scientists to advise them on where, what and how to clean the water. I was part of the bid proposal review committee, because village ordinance says a councilor will be on there. Cleatus Richards (Ruidoso Downs director of

Public Works) represents Ruidoso Downs."

The scientists from Stream Dynamics will decide which projects best deliver on improving river health, she said.

"I've learned a lot about the different trees and brush used to prevent erosion and narrowing of the river, but where and how to spend the money will be their (the committee's) choice. There may be several minor things in many areas instead of concentrating everything in one."

Councilors also hope the company and committee can work together to bring in more federal money for projects to improve the river.

Village Manager Debi Lee and Deputy Manager Bill Morris will continue to sit in one committee meetings, but Rebstock said her role ended with the selection of the firm.

Much of contribution from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs will be in the form of in-kind services, such as the use of municipal equipment, manpower or material.

During the last meeting of the Joint Use Board that governs the wastewater treatment plant, Councilor and JUB Chairman Greg Cory asked if the committee was looking at any particular areas along the river.

Lee said those types of decisions would occur as plans are tightened.

In other issues discussed during the village council's meeting last week, Lee reported:

- staff is meeting regularly with representatives from Ruidoso Downs, Molzen-Corbin & Associates, the New Mexico Environmental Department and RMCI, the contractor for Phase IB of the wastewater

treatment plant on reporting requirement for the American Reinvestment and Restoration Act stimulus package funding.

"Since this project is the first to start in New Mexico, staff is working to ensure compliance with the ARRA funding requirements," she said. The plant received \$3 million in stimulus dollars.

- 411 businesses were cross-referenced with quarterly reports received from the state Taxation and Revenue Department to en-

sure that anyone engaged in business in the village is registered with the municipal clerk's office. As a result, letters were mailed to businesses shown by the state as active, but not registered with the village. Lee noted a annual business license costs just \$35. Thirteen new business registrations were processed during September.

- from September of last year through Sept. 25, forestry work associated with cost-share projects contributed about \$385,000

to the Ruidoso economy while putting 82 properties into code compliance and reducing the risk of wildfire.

- the department-by-department inventory of information technology equipment will be completed this month.

- about 1,405 visitors stopped at the Billy the Kid Visitors Center in Ruidoso Downs in September, just a few people short of last year. The total for the year to date is 15,986 compared to 15,182 for 2008.

## TRICK

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different, but we thought coming after school would be the easiest.

"Last year, I gave out about 1,200 pieces of candy,

so we expect a big turnout that Friday. The schools said they will try to get the information out about coming on the Friday instead of Saturday."

Potter said he ordered reams of yellow ribbon to tie around the 20 power poles in Midtown, consid-

ered the historic shopping and tourist-oriented core of the community. But Potter said the significance of the ribbon strictly is for locals as a statement of the merchants' awareness and concern about recent multiple suicides by high school students.

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# EDUCATION

## School officials: No evidence of suicide pact

HAROLD OAKES  
For the Ruidoso News

### Community grieves, reacts to deaths

Ruidoso School officials addressed actions they are taking since the second teen death by suicide this month and third in two months at a news conference at Ruidoso High School, Friday.

"As you can imagine, our community is deeply saddened by the recent loss of young lives in Ruidoso and Mescalero," Ruidoso Municipal Schools Superintendent Bea Etta Harris said. "Ruidoso High School has lost two students in the past 11 days and we know that many in our community are concerned about keeping their children safe."

A 16-year-old female student died as a result of a suicide in Ruidoso Downs, Wednesday. A 14-year-old female student died as a result of a suicide in Mescalero, Oct. 4. A 16-year-old Mescalero Apache School student died as a result of a suicide in early September.

"I want to give you a quick overview of what we have been doing here at Ruidoso High School to support our kids and help them navigate through a very tragic moment in their lives," Ruidoso High School Principal Stanley Lyons said.

"More than 20 mental health providers have been here on campus and available to our students and staff as needed. Teams specializing in suicide prevention from UNM Health Sciences Center and the National Indian Health Services have been invaluable to our community. Our local ministerial alliance, along with local youth ministers, has mobilized to reach out not only to their youth, but to the youth of the whole community."

#### Native American liaisons

"We have three Native American liaisons who have worked tirelessly with us and our youth through this journey. Every staff member in our district, and especially those here at Ruidoso High School, has put the care and support of our children as their number one priority. On a daily basis, they are the net of care and support for our children. During a time of crisis, they have gone above and beyond."

Harris discounted the rumor that there was some suicide pact, but said school officials are still investigating the matter.

"We have no evidence of a

pact," she said. "We are following up on this, though. From all accounts, these girls were not the closest of friends. Their friends were not the same friends."

Mescalero Police Chief William Mitchell said on Thursday that the three girls did know each other and hung out together.

"In a small school, the kids all know each other," Harris said.

"In the wake of these tragedies, it is our sincere hope that Ruidoso, Mescalero, Tularosa and our other surrounding communities can work together to create a larger 'community of one' that can identify those who are at risk and prevent the senseless loss of life," Ruidoso School Board president Susan Lutterman said.

"It doesn't matter what town they live in or what school they may attend, they are all our kids."

"When suicide occurs in young people, it is not simply just a family issue or just a school issue, it is a community issue," Harris said.

"And when we say community, we mean it in the broadest sense of the word, we mean Ruidoso, Mescalero, Lincoln County, Otero

County and the state of New Mexico.

"We are one people and one community, and these events impact all of us," she said.

Harris said the mood at the school has changed since the news of the death reached the students on Thursday morning.

"The children are grieving," she said. "They are going to class and taking care of business because children are resilient."

She said the teachers were reacting much the same as the students and the result is that the school is quieter.

"We have a number of counselors set up in the library, and students can go talk to them at any time they need to," Lyons said. He estimated that between three and 10 percent of the 670 students were seeking counseling at any given time during the day.

School officials are also very alert for signs of problems with other students.

"We are working very closely with the School Based Health Center with suicide prevention measures," Harris said. "We've learned this week that 60 percent of suicide cases had underlying

mental health issues."

Lyons said the staff would be receiving additional training in programs to identify suicide risk and prevent suicide, probably before the end of the month.

"Deaths as a result of suicide are six times higher than in any other area," Dr. Clayton Small of Native Pride said at a three-day Help Our People Endure program in Mescalero in July. "If we are going to stop suicide we have to address the trauma and stress. There is historical trauma, racism, bullying and poverty."

#### Learning to cope

Small said these factors are not going to go away so children have to be taught to cope with the stress these cause.

"Violence is never the answer," Small said.

One 16-year-old at Ruidoso High School called death by a suicide "a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

"Teens need to know that there is help available where they hang out with their friends, on MySpace," Mescalero Schools Youth Suicide Prevention Program coordinator Jeremiah Simmons said. "Suicide.org has a MySpace site, as do other suicide prevention programs."



### GOSPEL SING

Sierra Blanca Christian Academy's Annual Gospel Sing was a great success this year, as the school earned \$4,165. The students, staff and board would like to thank everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, and performed.

COURTESY PHOTO

### Facility Master Plan

*Editor's note: The following is an update on the Facility Master Plan from Ruidoso School Superintendent Bea Harris to district administrators:*

"We have retained Greer Stafford to facilitate the updating of our Facility Master Plan (FMP). The

school district updates the FMP every five years.

"We have started this process a little early to have it complete earlier in 2010, rather than later in the year.

"The process is lengthy and somewhat involved. We will begin by meeting with each school community to assess need. This will

be followed by bringing all this information together with a meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

"The Blue Ribbon Committee will be charged with prioritizing district needs, setting a calendar for informing the community, and selecting a bond election.

"To date we have met with the Nob Hill School staff and parents. We will meet with the remain-

ing schools before the winter recess.

"The new middle school is open and the kids and staff are enjoying the facilities. However, there remain some major needs: a second exit, landscaping, and a play field.

"We have several things in mind for the old middle school. We had intended to keep the gym for Little League and football games, the cafeteria and kitchen

for school and community events, and the rooms surrounding the gym for storage.

"After some consideration, we have decided to keep the eighth grade wing (which is closest to central office) for special education offices, since we have outgrown Central Office.

"REC IX (Regional Education Cooperative), which is currently renting space on Sudderth has offered to rent the remaining rooms in the eighth grade hallway. We are in the process of preparing those rooms for rent.

"We are also going to

keep the library for a training space for both Ruidoso Schools and REC IX.

"The remaining buildings on that site, including the office complex, will be raised in the near future. When the office is removed a new entrance to the cafeteria/gym area will have to be constructed.

"Thank you for your willingness to serve on the Blue Ribbon Committee. We pledge to keep you informed throughout the process, and look forward to reconvening the committee as we plan for the future needs of Ruidoso Schools."

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# County property tax bills are in the mail

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Lincoln County property tax bills will begin arriving in mailboxes Thursday.

County Treasurer Beverly Calaway told county commissioners Tuesday that 30,266 tax bills would be mailed today by her staff in Carrizozo. That number represents an increase from 2008 of 223.

The total amount of tax billed hit \$22,881,502.93, up by \$2,184,464.38 from last year.

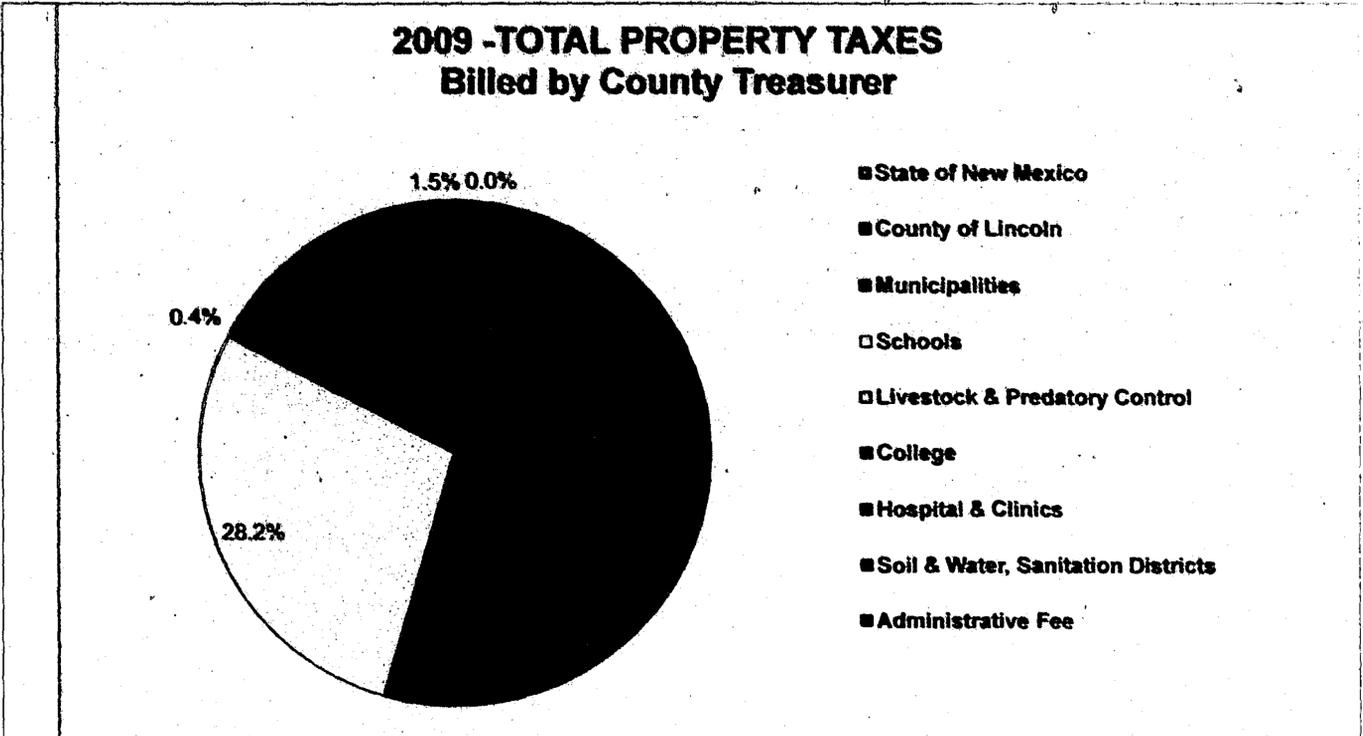
Calaway said she collects for the state, the county, five municipalities, five school districts, the hospital and health clinics, the community college, several soil and water conservation districts, livestock and predatory control, and one overlapping district consisting of Capitan school and Ruidoso village property.

To date, she collected 97 percent of the taxes billed in 2008, the treasurer said.

Referring to the freeze of about \$150,000 invested in the state investment pool Sept. 15, 2008, when Lehman Brothers collapsed, causing a domino effect with the Reserve Primary Fund, Calaway reported some good news.

The county received a notice Oct. 2 from the State Treasurer's Office that the Reserve Primary Fund would distribute \$1 billion to shareholders. The New Mexico Local Government Investment Pool was included in the distribution and the county received \$61,309.

That leaves a balance of \$87,152.75 still being held in the Reserve Contingency



**2009 -TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Amounts from Tax Schedule

Billed by County Treasurer	
State of New Mexico	\$1,168,945.01
County of Lincoln	\$8,654,514.37
Municipalities	\$2,635,681.14
Schools	\$6,460,281.46
Livestock & Predatory Control	\$90,004.25
College	\$985,139.30
Hospital & Clinics	\$2,538,460.87
Soil & Water, Sanitation Districts	\$346,627.82
Administrative Fee	\$1,848.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,881,502.93</b>

Fund, she said.

"I'm happy to see the distribution, but I'm still very apprehensive that not all of the money will be released," she said. The contingency fund was created to cover litigation and other costs based on the "share" of money entities had invested at the time.

The investment pool was convenient for counties because of the good interest earned and the quick liquidation when money was

needed, But Calaway told commissioners she withdrew all money Oct. 6.

"The only investment we still have with the state is the money frozen," she said. She's using local banks with deposits collateralized by 102 percent, except for a few volunteer fire department loans.

Commissioners have pointed out that Calaway's quick action last year and

her tenacity helped the county avoid the big hits taken by some other entities in the state. She was appointed to a regional committee to monitor the situation with the Fund.

"The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged the Reserve Primary Fund with an enforcement action on May 5, seeking the return of the fund's remaining assets to

investors on a pro rata basis," Calaway told commissioners. "An order was issued June 8, requiring objections to the commission order by July 22, and responses to the objections by Aug. 21. A hearing on the commission's order on a proposed plan for distribution was held Sept. 23."

In other financial information, Calaway said the financial report for

September 2009 showed total cash held by the treasurer's office at \$11.76 million compared to \$9.14 million at the end of September 2008. The average interest rates for county investments for September were 0.92 percent for certificates of deposit, 1.51 percent for money market accounts and 0.50 percent for the county's operational account.

## GRT

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Development District calling on the legislature to leave the hold harmless pledge intact.

If legislators repeal the provision of the law, Ruidoso would lose \$420,645 in GRT; Ruidoso Downs would lose \$597,838; Capitan, \$110,371; the unincorporated portions of the county, \$95,235; and Carrizozo, \$16,980, according to figures provided by Stewart.

According to the SENMEDD, the overall impact to local governments in lost revenues would hit \$94.5

million for municipalities and \$26.5 million for counties, a total impact of \$121 million.

"The Board of County Commissioners urges the governor and the Legislature of the state to give priority for addressing budgetary needs of the state without increasing the financial burden of local government by repealing the Hold Harmless provision to the gross receipts taxes on food and medical services," the resolution states.

"The financial impacts and consequences on local governments arising from the loss of the gross receipt revenues will be immediate and long-lasting."

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# TURKEY TROT



COURTESY STACY HAMILTON

A flock of wild turkey enjoys the dried grass in Eagle Creek Saturday, oblivious to the fate next month of their domesticated relatives.

## Stover: EMS is recruiting

The departure of three employees from Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services shouldn't cause a blip in coverage, says Jim Stover, who runs the ambulance service.

Stover said Monday one intermediate emergency medical technician left a month ago, one is transferring to an air medical service and one is moving out of the area.

But Stover has been recruiting, he said. A new employee joins the service today stationed at the Lincoln County Medical Center, and a husband-wife team is slated to begin work in two weeks to fill a paramedic slot.

He delayed filling the intermediate EMT's position because he hopes to receive the green light to hire a paramedic, instead.

"With the new people, we will be at 13," Stover said. "We will be in the best shape we have for a long time. In the 1980s, six people ran two ambulances. In the 1990s, eight ran three. Now we are going to have 14 and four ambulances, which will give me more latitude in scheduling and the Alto station."

The county employs three levels of specialists: the basic EMT, the intermediate and the paramedic. Fire departments can use first responders, but they cannot be used on ambulances. They can obtain critical care status, which would allow them to accompany nurses on flights.

About 40 people are employed countywide with the ambulance service, Stover said.

"Since January, we've wanted to reestablish the station at Alto," he said. "We were at eight or nine employees (based at the hospital) and we needed to be at 14. We attempted to work toward finding a location. We have EMTs ready to go."

- Dianne Stallings

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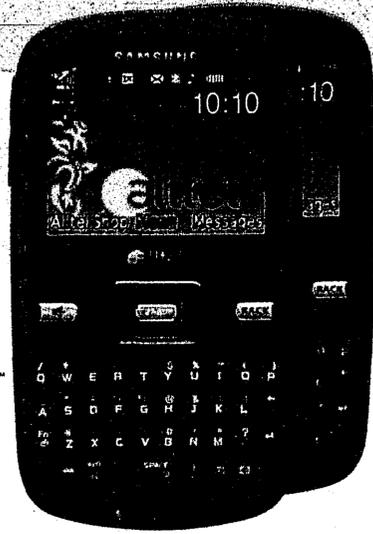
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## Warriors edge Lobos

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Ruidoso needed to get back on the winning track and did so Friday, in dramatic fashion when they edged the Chaparral Lobos, 41-40.

But there's more to the story than just a 1-point win. The Warriors scored the tying touchdown with 29.9 seconds left on the scoreboard and kicked the go-ahead winning PAT with time fast expiring.

Chaparral's offensive line averaged 275-pounds but exceeding Ruidoso's far speed in the name of the game and the Warriors utilized theirs to the detriment of the Lobos.

"The Warriors used their speed on the outside," RHS head coach Kief Johnson said. "And our offensive line gave quarterback Darrell Carr time to throw. Jonathan Smith at right tackle was named offensive player of the week. Warren McCracken filled in nicely at center

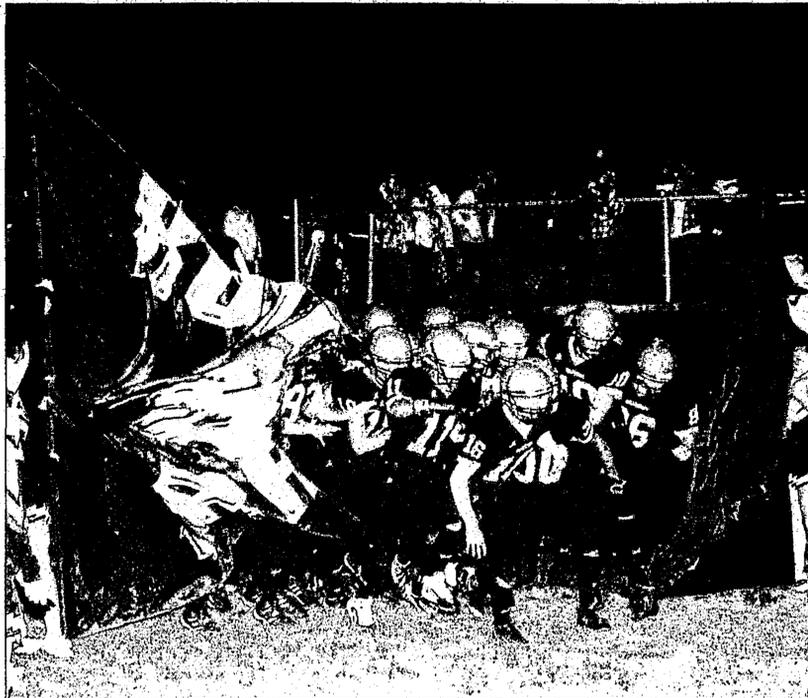
when Ivan Scott was injured. Merle Scott, Jacob Rodriguez, Clifford Poncho and Justin Zumwalt did a great job all night."

In the passing department Carr went 13-for-18 for 358 yards and three TDs.

Receivers, Jesse Scarafiotti pulled in three for a 100 yards, Justin Spargo collected three catches for 85 yards, Brendan Flack caught two for 74 yards and Forrest Sanchez nabbed three for 70 yards.

For the Warriors, Kayle Frierson scored first on an 18-yard left-sweep. Flack then ran in the next 6 RHS points on a 10-yard right sweep and followed that up with another TD on a 63-yard pass reception from Carr. A 2-point conversion gave the Warriors 22 points for the first half. The only problem with that though was Chaparral was ahead by 12 when both teams went to the locker rooms.

During halftime Johnson told his players, "The last man with the football



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Come and see the Warriors burst through at halftime in Friday's district Portales contest.

will win this game." Those words proved to be prophetic.

The coach and his staff also made some defensive

adjustments for the coming 24-minutes of play when they went to a 5-3 formation with three linebackers.

"The kids responded

nicely at the half and went on to fight to the bitter end," Johnson said.

See PIGSKIN, page 2B

### Results

#### Football

Friday, Oct. 16  
Ruidoso 41, Chaparral 40  
Fort Sumner 10, Carrizozo 0  
Tularosa 52, Capitan 14  
Newcomb 34, Mescalero 18

#### Girls Soccer

Saturday, Oct. 17  
Ruidoso 5, Hatch 0

#### Volleyball

Saturday, Oct. 17  
Tatum 3, Mescalero 0  
Ruidoso 3, Lovington 2

### Sports On Tap

#### Football

Friday, Oct. 23  
Ruidoso at Chaparral, 7 p.m.  
Mescalero at Carrizozo, 7 p.m.  
Lordsburg at Capitan, 7 p.m.  
House at Elida, 3 p.m.

#### Volleyball

Thursday, Oct. 22  
Carrizozo at Vaughn, 5:30 p.m.  
Hondo at Mountainair, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 24  
Lordsburg at Capitan, 3 p.m.  
Ruidoso at Roswell, 3 p.m.

#### Boys Soccer

Thursday, Oct. 22  
Socorro at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

#### Girls Soccer

Thursday, Oct. 22  
Ruidoso at Socorro, 4 p.m.



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Blair Orocco scored one of Ruidoso's five goals.



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Lorely Enriquez boots one past the Hatch goalie.



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Sonia Badachi hits a header between two Bear Bears.

## Ruidoso soccer girls skin Bears ... again

### Lady Warriors drub Hatch and head to district decider

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The Lady Warriors soccer girls blanked the Hatch Valley Lady Bears Saturday, 5-0, to follow up on a 6-0 whitewashing of the same team a week earlier.

The Ruidoso soccer girls might have a 6-12 overall mark to date, but district-wise they are 2-1, (only a game behind Socorro (14-3, 2-0). If RHS wins the Lady Warriors will be first in D3-1A-3A.

**"Whatever happens this season, I'm very excited about next year. We will only lose three players to graduation ..."**

Darien Ross  
RHS girls head soccer coach

Socorro had beaten Ruidoso, Oct. 13, 6-0, for Ruidoso's only

district loss.

"That match started badly from the beginning," RHS head coach Darien Ross explained. "One of our defenders tripped a Socorro attacker and the subsequent penalty kick put us down one.

"Things went downhill from there. Our defense broke down and even though we had shots on goal we couldn't finish them.

"We also had a number of girls

out sick and when you start changing players around on the field it disturbs player familiarity in given situations, and ultimately, the flow of the game. Until then, the girls were starting to mesh nicely."

From that match to the Hatch contest was no comparison.

Sophomore Blair Orocco kicked in Ruidoso's first goal at

See SOCCER, page 3B

## Local 'Bad Girls' shoot'em up in Lincoln County

JACK SHUSTER  
For the Ruidoso News

"Bad Girls" was the theme for the October Cowboy Action Shooting match of the Lincoln County Regulators.

Nine cowboys and cowgirls came from as far as Alamogordo and they came armed with six guns, lever guns and scatter guns.

The shootists, along with family members and spectators, gathered under sunny skies at the Cowboy Action Shooting Range and Old West Town at the

Ruidoso Gun Club range on Hale Lake Road in Ruidoso Downs, on Saturday morning, Oct. 17.

Competitors recalled four scenes from the 1994 movie, *Bad Girls* in which gun-slinging floozies flee town to avoid a hanging and meet an outlaw with a score to settle.

All female shooters were invited to shoot the "Bad Girls" match for free.

Stages were designed by Match Director John Steele with scenarios written by Sgt. Shuster.

The First Stage took

place in the saloon, where Cody Zamora, leader of the bad girls, shot the abusive Colonel in self-defense.

The Colonel fired first but the shoot-out began with the warning, "You touch her again, you're a dead man." Ginger Malloy, of Ruidoso, was the top bad girl on that stage followed by Light Fingered Linnie, also from Ruidoso.

Overall finishers were John Steele in first place, followed by Saguaro Sam, of Alamogordo, and Rowdy Lane, of Alto.

On the run in Stage

Two, the girls are in the wrong place at the wrong time in the bank at Agua Dulce, Texas, and end up in the middle of a bank robbery.

The shooting started with the competitors saying, "I'd like to close out my account." Ginger Malloy and Light Fingered Linnie were the top bad girls.

Top three finishers were John Steele and Rowdy Lane with Usurious Dave, of Ruidoso.

In the Third Stage,



COURTESY

Ginger Malloy at the Gatling Gun on Stage Four of 'Bad Girls.'

See SHOOT, page 2B

## RHS CHEERLEADER INVITE



COURTESY

The RHS cheerleaders are inviting all Junior Cheer Camp participants to join the cheerleaders at Friday's game to do a halftime cheer. Meet at Horton Field near the spirit booth at 6:15 p.m.

## CAPITAN TIGERS FOOTBALL



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A Tularosa defender hangs on to Capitan quarterback Rudy Chavez in the Tigers 52-14 loss.

## PIGSKIN

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In the third quarter, Sanchez grabbed a 27-yard scoring pass to tack another 6-points on the board for Ruidoso but the Lobos also put up six to leave the score 40-28 going into the last 12 minutes of play.

Scarafiotti then pulled in a 61-yard passing score to narrow Chaparral's lead to six.

With three minutes left in the contest, RHS punted

to the Lobos, held them to four plays and got the ball back with two minutes left.

Ruidoso passed for incompletions on the next two downs but connected to Ralph Miranda on a third-and-10 for an 11-yard gainer. A subsequent 5-yard loss put the Warriors back to the Chaparral 44-yard line.

Carr then hit Spargo for a 38-yard gainer to the six. RHS tried a running play on the next down which ended in a 1-yard loss.

Carr spiked the ball on the 8-yard line on the next

play to stop the clock. On the next play, Carr showed pass but pulled the ball down and ran right, out-of-bounds at the 1-yard line.

The Warrior signal-caller intended to run a quarterback keeper on the last Warrior down but changed off and called for Nick Smith to plunge off right tackle.

With less than 30 ticks left on the clock, Smith's carry was good and the score was tied at 40.

The crucial PAT was blocked and the contest, for a few split seconds, looked

to be ending in overtime play.

Until a penalty flag was unfurled against Chaparral for 12 men on the field of play.

On the following attempted PAT, with Carr holding, Scarafiotti split the uprights for the go-ahead score.

With 24 seconds remaining, Chaparral managed to get in four offensive plays.

All were contained by the Warriors' defense, including a nice knock-down by Carr.

Game over, victory Rui-

doso. While the RHS offense put up 19 big points in the second half, the Warriors' defense held the Lobos to only six.

"Miranda and Frierson had big nights on the field defensively with seven solo tackles and six assists and seven solos and seven assists, respectively," Johnson said.

"Linebacker Gage Whipple, defensive tackles Jerod Lewis and Tanner Chavez and JB Lewis and Smith also had great efforts for the evening."

For their defensive play Frierson and Jerod Lewis were named defensive players of the week.

Next up for the 3-4 Warriors will be their first district clash with 2-5 Portales at Horton Field, Friday.

"We'll have to pay close attention to their runner, Jesus Davalos," Johnson said. "And they like to flair out their runners."

"Both sides will air-it-out."

It should be a great offensive show for the fans in attendance.

## SHOOT

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knowing the outlaws planned to rob an Army train, the girls decided to rob the robbers.

They fought off the outlaws with some pretty fancy rifle shooting and stopped the wagon with dynamite.

The plunger was pushed when the shooter yelled, "Now."

Ginger Malloy and Light Fingered Linnie placed first and second for the ladies and the three overall best scorers were John Steele, Saguaro Sam and Rowdy Lane, in that order.

In a final confrontation

with the outlaws in Stage Four, the girls were willing to trade the army's Gatling gun for the cash stolen from them at the bank but the pistols start blazing when the order came, "Lily, shoot'em."

Ginger Malloy and Light Fingered Linnie were only about a minute apart on the fourth stage with overall top finishers John Steele, Rowdy Lane and Saguaro Sam.

Overall Top Gun for the day was Regulator John Steele followed by Saguaro Sam and Regulator Rowdy Lane.

Winner of Mescalero Apache Clean Match Arrow for having no misses in all four stages was John Steele.

Top shooters in the Wrangler category were John Steel and Regulator Ginger Malloy, top Lady Wrangler.

Leaders in the 49er category, in order, were Saguaro Sam, Regulator Usurious Dave, Regulator Special Constable Frank Coe, of Alto, and Regulator Clayton, of Ruidoso.

The Senior category was led by Nogal's Nogal Kid. Regulator Light Fingered Linnie was the top senior Lady.

Regulator Rowdy Lane topped the Silver Seniors.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a multifaceted amateur shooting sport in which contestants compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the

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It's the fastest growing family shooting sport in the world and the closest you can get to the Old West short of a time machine.

The next shoot of the Lincoln County Regulators will be on, Saturday, Nov. 14.

The theme of the match will be "The Men Behind the Tin Star", featuring stages based on the exploits of James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickock, the Prince of the Pistoleers, Pat Garret, former buffalo-hunter-turned-sheriff of Lincoln County, the dapper Bat Masterson and the

legendary Texas Rangers.

All Law Enforcement Officers, local, county and state, are invited to shoot "The Men Behind the Tin Star" match for free. Stages will be designed by Match Director John Steele with scenarios written by Sgt. Shuster.

The Lincoln County Regulators is the Cowboy Action Shooting arm of the Ruidoso Gun Club and an affiliate of the Single Action Shooting Society.

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the 32:40 mark of the first half to give the Lady Warriors a 1-0 lead.

Five minutes later, another sophomore, Lorely Enriquez, scored to put RHS up by two.

With 11:25 left in the half, Sonia Badachi booted

in a third goal for the Lady Warriors and RHS took a commanding 3-0 lead going into the second period of play.

At the 27-minute mark of the second half, junior "Frankie" Gavin punched in Ruidoso's fourth score of the day.

Less than 11-minutes later, senior Kerbi Miller scored the fifth and final goal of the day for the Lady

Warriors.

"Kerbi gives 100 percent, 100 percent of the time," Ross said. "She can always get up for a needed goal and never complains. Although she has to learn her range, which comes with time, she could be college material."

Last season the girls soccer squad lost nine players to graduation.

One of which was the

state's leading scorer in Aimee Vasquez.

"Last year, normally, the girls fed Aimee the ball the majority of the time," Ross said.

"This season, Kerbi, and others are learning to take their own shots. Saturday's Hatch match is a good case in point. Five different players scored. And when you have several girls who can score it makes it hard-

er for the opponents to defend"

Against the Lady Bears RHS had 29 shots on goal - 13 in the first half. Hatch had a total of six.

"We've been working on getting the ball to the outside to players like Lorely, Blair and Sonia," Ross said. "And we will probably change our formation to a 4-2-4 rather than a 4-3-3."

"Whatever happens this

season, I'm very excited about next year

"We will only lose three players to graduation and we have lots of younger talent coming up."

Thursday's, 4 p.m., match at Socorro could be the biggest contest of the year for the Lady Warriors.

If the Ruidoso girls can pull off a win they will take district.

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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Working in retirement

We attended the Armed Forces Field Band concert last week. What an enjoyable evening.

The band and all the soloists were great. It was amazing at the singers ability to hold on the high notes.

There was a representative from each of the high schools, who were guest musicians for part of the evening.

The Las Cruces Narfe Association is really a bunch of go-getters and they all keep their hand in all the activities.

It is interesting to hear why so many from all over the U.S. retired to Las Cruces.

We spent the weekend recently closing up the house and cleaning up. Wayne did a fantastic job on the property, getting his Dad's tools all in their proper place and in order.

What a difference a few years make when you are unable to do much work on your property.

Gene and Caroline are taking care of our dog Beavis. He is really going to miss Wayne, going to the pasture, Ruidoso and watching him work on the

back of the house. Even the cats had him trained. Even though they have a pet door it was more fun to get Wayne to open and close the door for them.

We wish him luck living in Albuquerque.

The weather is turning a little cooler and more pleasant.

Ralph works on his wool, weaves at home and spins every Wednesday morning, until 1 p.m., at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum.

There were more than 200 RV people last week. I work, or try to, on my photos.

There will be ghost stories at the Green Bridge, plus other ghostly happenings at the NMF&R Museum this week.

Homecoming activities begin Friday at the NMSU. So it will be a busy weekend with luncheons, parade and football game, etc.

We miss you all in Lincoln County but hope to see you once in awhile.

Our next trip will be the middle of November so I can attend the Creative Memories Retreat at Fort Lone Tree.



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COURTESY CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS

Carrizozo MESA students visit NMSU (top photo) for the Alliance for Minority Participation Leadership Conference. Above, Carrizozo eighth graders went on a marathon tour of a portion of New Mexico's past and present contributions to history and science including Trinity Site and Very Large Array.

## Western Swing Society inducts Baker

JULIE CARTER

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Ruidoso's Joe Baker, MTD Radio, was inducted into the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame in Sacramento, Calif., on Oct. 4.

The society is the oldest Western swing in the United States. They were named "Grand Daddy of Them All" in their 28th year, giving honor to those who contributed to the preservation and promotion of Western swing music.

Hall of Fame fiddler Bob Bone, Weatherford, Texas, was inducted. Bone passed away just four days before the induction ceremonies.

Steel guitarist Albert Talley, Cleburne, Texas, was also inducted and played with Brady Bowen and Swing Country at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium.

Others inducted were fiddler Darrell Anderson, Renton, Wash.; promoter Tink Cariker, Sacramento,



COURTESY

Joe Baker, MTD Radio and the Backforty Bunkhouse Show was recently inducted into the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame.

Calif.; drummer Gene Carter, Muskogee, Okla.; drummer Bill Compton, El Cajon, Calif.; guitarist Bobby Lee Dwillis, Shady Point, Okla.; guitarist Tony Grasso, La Mesa, Calif.; guitarist and promoter from Big Springs, Texas; steel guitarists Bob Meeks, Rancho Bernardo, Calif.;

Baker said he met many

folks he had only heard about in California and saw many old friends as well.

In May, Baker's monthly "Backforty Bunkhouse Newsletter" was selected by the Cowtown Society of Western Music as Publication of the Year. To subscribe to the newsletter, visit [www.backfortybunkhouse.com](http://www.backfortybunkhouse.com).

## PUMPKIN PICKIN' TIME



Pumpkin picking was serious business for Ty Roper, 4, of Carrizozo. Ty was with the Rocking Horse Pre-K kids, Friday, at Laughing Sheep Farm to claim his pumpkin. Ty is the son of Jessica and Shad Roper.

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

## 'Zozo students travel with MESA

ASHLEY IVINS

For the Ruidoso News

A delegation of eight Carrizozo High School MESA (Math, Science and Engineering Achievement) students attended the New Mexico State University AMP (Alliance for Minority Participation) Leadership Conference on Oct. 2.

New Mexico AMP conferences focus on giving students the inspiration and tools needed to set and achieve personal and educational goals.

Conference workshops are designed to provide information and strategies for students to use in their academic and career planning.

In past years, workshops have covered topics such as career exploration, preparing undergraduate research presentations, and preparing for graduate school.

At this year's conference, students listened to presentations by college students about the projects that they are working on in the fields of math, science and engineering as well as attended a poster session about what projects the professors are working on.

To foster a strong spirit

of leadership among the students, they were challenged with building a roller coaster out of poster board and tape, that would be supported by the group members, that had challenging elements like loops and corkscrews, and that also sent it's marble "rider" quickly down the track.

They also had a fantastic presentation from Dr. Alexander, of NMSU, who taught them that Chemistry can be fun by blowing up different gases for their entertainment and education.

Carrizozo's Mesa program was able to send eight students to the Conference that was limited to a total of 100 MESA high school students from throughout the state.

Trinity, museum, array

On Oct. 3, the Carrizozo eighth graders went on a marathon tour of a portion of New Mexico's past and present contributions to history and science.

The day began with a tour of ground zero and the McDonald house which was interesting to connect to what the students learned in class with what they had also heard in recollections from their grand-

parents and others.

It takes actually going to the site, on one of two weekends a year that it is open, to appreciate the pilgrimage that so many make to our area to see the site.

Students enjoyed seeing a short presentation about radioactivity in items we encounter daily.

It is truly awe inspiring to see the tranquility of the site and to imagine the blast that interrupted that.

Next, they headed to New Mexico Tech in Socorro, to visit the Mineral Museum.

There, they learned that the largest known gold nugget was actually discovered in Lincoln County and is on display at the museum.

On the road again, they journeyed to the Very Large Array which uses radio waves and wide spread satellite dishes to serve as sort of a giant telescope.

The students were in awe here as well by the enormous size and complexity of the array.

Ashley Ivins is the Carrizozo Schools Science instructor.

## COUNTY BRIEFS

### 'Zozo Homecoming

Homecoming in Carrizozo is Friday, Oct. 23.

The schedule of events for the day are:

Assembly - 10:30 a.m. in Old Gym. Public is welcome. A \$2 admission fee goes to winners of Junior and Senior Pizza Eating Contest or winners of Freshman and Sophomore Pizza contest. There will also be a Senior Auction during the assembly, so

anyone wishing to buy a senior to serve for errands or projects, this is your chance. Buses run: 12:35 p.m. Parade: 1 p.m.

This year's parade will not travel down Central Avenue.

Check the Carrizozo Grizzlies Web site, under "Homecoming Events" to see the route. The route will be different than used before because Central was not approved for closing during the event.

Football Game: Grizzlies

host Mescalero: 7 p.m.

Dance following game.

### Fall carnival

Carrizozo PFK is sponsoring a Fall Carnival Thursday, Oct. 29, 5-7 p.m.

There will be a costume contest at 6:30 p.m.

Costume contest entry fee is \$1. Call 648-2346 for more information.

### First Friday

The Capitan Public Library will host First Friday at 7 p.m., Nov. 6,

with Lynn Jeffrey.

Jeffrey, a certified holistic nurse, will discuss the healing touch. Jeffrey has used Healing Touch in her practice of more than 28 years. She teaches the first five levels of Healing Touch and speaks locally and nationally about Holistic Nursing and Energy therapies.

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# BARBIE BUNGEE JUMPING CHAMPS



Grand champions of the Barbie Bungee Jumping contests are Capitan 8th graders Teyna Montoya and Alexis Trost, the "Ninja Turtles," at left. The team successfully beat all other competitors from the middle and high schools and was best of 17 teams going to the championship. Middle left, Capitan High School and first runner-up are Algebra I students and freshmen Cade Haines, Caroline Feuerstein and Sophomore Alexandria Millsaps. Bottom photo, no Barbies were hurt in the experiments of championship, even though some came very close to the ground. Judge Fred Luera watches closely as Barbie does her jump. Students took most of the photos for the preliminary games and the Grand Championship. Many others came to watch and a large number of food cans were collected for the National Honor Society food drive. The students are all looking forward to next year. Instructors for the event were Kris Shearer and Vicki Sedillo.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

River Raccoons Pre-K, Ruidoso, Rocking Horse Pre-K, Carrizozo, gathered on straw bale maze for a group photo with some of the pumpkins they picked at Laughing Sheep Farm, Friday, in Lincoln. Owner Sally Canning said she hosted two days of Pre-K and Kindergarten (Capitan) to pick pumpkins from the pumpkin patch. "It will be bigger next year," she promised. "This is a great way for the kids to get out in the fresh air, visit the farm, and take home a pumpkin."

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### Ronny Eric Wright

Age 67, realtor and owner of Professional Property Management, died in his home on Sunday, October 11, 2009.

He was born in 1942 in a farmhouse outside the Town of Cooper, Delta County, Texas, to Lafayette Calvin (L.C.) and Ruby Pearl (Maupin) Wright. The family later moved to Lubbock, Texas, where he lived until moving to Ruidoso, New Mexico in 1981.

Mr. Wright enjoyed a long successful career as a property manager, realtor, and developer. He was a respected member of the real estate community, receiving many honors including Lubbock's Realtor of the Year, and serving as the President of both the Lubbock and Ruidoso Realtor Associations.

Ron was a caring, loving individual, with many friends (admittedly most of them women) who will deeply miss him. As a developer, he was especially renowned for his creative and artistic remodeling gift.

He is survived by his daughter and her husband, LaRhonda and Steve Bailey; his son and his wife, John Lafayette and H. Lindsay Wright; his son and his wife, Ronny Eric (Jr.) and Anne Margaret Wright; nine grandchildren, Bryce, Stephanie, Brooke and Seth Bailey, and Josiah, Benjamin, Gabriel, Abigail and Zechariah Wright; and two brothers Glenn Wright and Marion Wright. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services for Ron Wright will be held on October 22nd, at 1:30 p.m. at Broadview Church of the Nazarene, State Road 209, Broadview, New Mexico. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, October 24th, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Ruidoso, New Mexico, at Cree Meadows Country Club. Relatives and friends are welcome at both ceremonies.

In lieu of flowers, memorial funds have been established at the Humane Society of Lincoln County. Condolences may be sent to [www.memorialwebsites.legacy.com/ronwright](http://www.memorialwebsites.legacy.com/ronwright).

## Scott Ryan Palmer



The prayer service for Scott Ryan Palmer "Scotty", 26, of Mescalero will be Sunday, Oct. 18, at 6:00 PM in St. Joseph's Mission where the funeral mass will be on Monday, Oct. 19, at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.

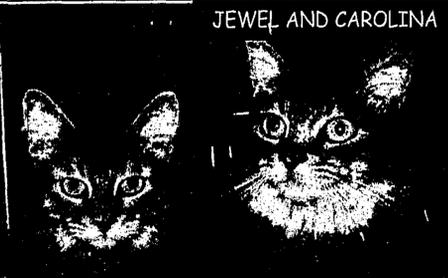
Scotty was born March 1, 1983 in Ruidoso and lived the first half of his life in Albuquerque and the second half in Mescalero. graduated from Ruidoso High School and was attending Eastern New Mexico University. He was a wildland firefighter and was on the engine crew. His great grandfather was Naiche, his grandfather was Ignatius Palmer, the person who designed the current logo for Mescalero Apache Tribe and his father is the current President.

He is survived by his parents, Ada and Dr. Carleton Naiche-Palmer Ph.D.; two children, Caydence Palmer and Jewel Tahnito-Palmer; 4 sisters, Gina Fulsom, Michelle Naiche-Palmer, Melissa Chavez, and Lorilee Martinez; 1 brother, Marlin Palmer; his companion, Wynona Tahnito and many other relatives from the Enjady, Pellman, Kirgan, Skin, Fernando, Hugar, Blaylock, Naiche, Baca and Palmer families.

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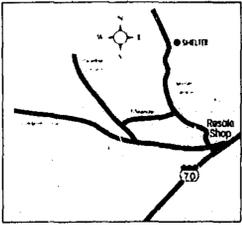
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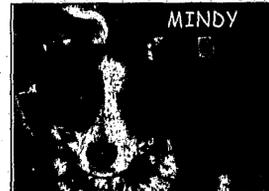
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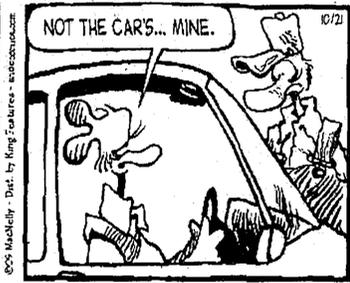
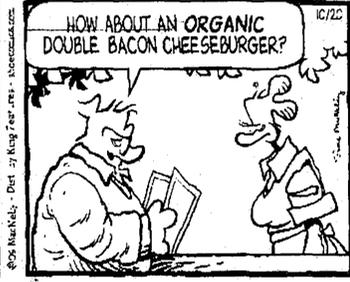
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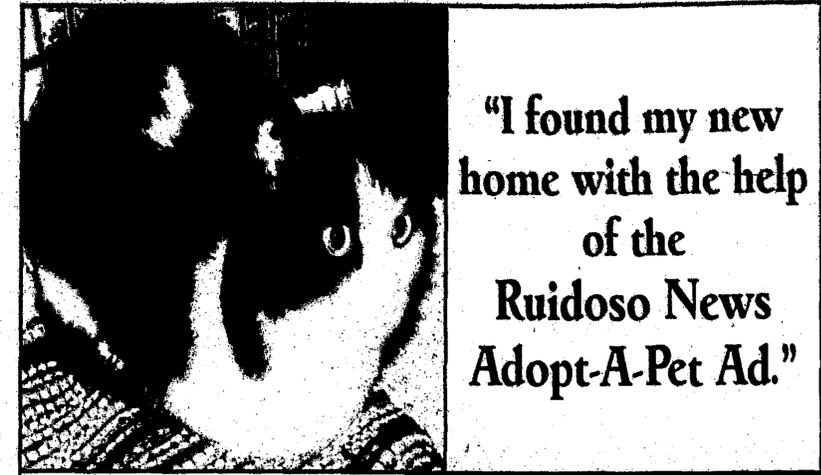
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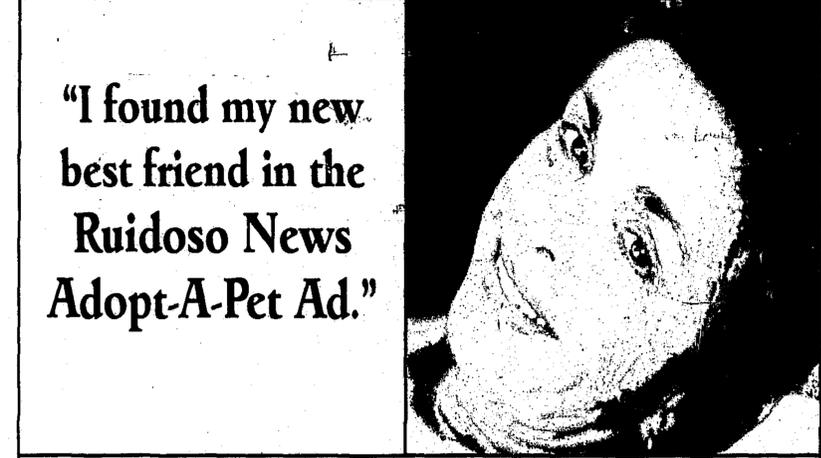
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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2009-20**

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso, shall conduct a public hearing during a regular meeting scheduled on November 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administration Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, for the purpose of adopting the following ordinance:

**Legal Notices 152**

ORDINANCE 2009-20: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO, ADOPTING THE 2009 AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFORM COMPILATION OF THE A.F. UNIFORM ORDINANCES."

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**financial 280-290**

**Need to sell something?**

Call 257-4001

Ruidoso News Classifieds Today

**rentals 300-383**

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 600-888 & 2550-4157

**Want To Buy** 600  
 I want to buy a mobile home in any condition. Call to see table call 255-9230 or 915-274-0391

**Wanting to Buy** 600  
 Plot of Forest Lawn Cemetery. Call 713-823-9461

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**REWARD FOR PRE 1940 LURES REELS RODS & TACKLE BOXES**

**PAYING RETAIL PRICES: RICK @ 575-354-0365**

**pets**  
 700-725

**Horse/Donkey/Misc.** 702  
**HAY RANCH** Reswell NM. All breeds. Call quantities. 5m & 10 square Bales. 575-973-2500

**Dogs/Services/Supplies** 722  
**AKC** Yorkie puppy, also **Norkie** puppies. 808-789-3350 or 808-289-8376. Lubbock, TX

Chihuahua puppies female 1 male \$100 258-5912

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 Free to loving Home **Husky Pit Bull** mix young female blue eyes and young to male **Pitbull** both people and dog friendly call 258-3999 or 937-1104

**commercial real estate**  
 950-996

**Business/Retail For Rent/Sale** 951  
 Executive Office space avail. Shared secretarial for copy mail offices avail. Guiding w/ out side support. Great view. Bldg & Parking 257-2359

For Sale or lease **Commercial BLDG** 2000+ sq ft 155,000. 20 cvn call 575-257-4244 or 575-937-1201 for info call

**Self Storage** 953  
 Storage space space for rent w/ loading dock. 1200sq. \$500 mo. 800sq. \$300 160sq. \$75-378 461

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 water rights 1.8 acres. Make an offer 354-9599

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**Care Bears** now has openings, all ages. \$85/wk.  
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FOR SALE: Older Whirlpool Dryer, needs belt \$65. Sturdy bunk beds complete, \$150. 257-0892 for appt.

New gas 26" fireplace w/ logs, new \$960, asking \$575. 2 new windows 6 ft. value \$1,000 asking \$85 & 3.5 ft. value \$111 asking \$55. 808-3454

**recreation**  
 799-816

**Campers/Travel Trailers** 808  
 26 ft Travel Trailer w/ slide out. Like new. To many extras to list \$14,000. 575-630-0519

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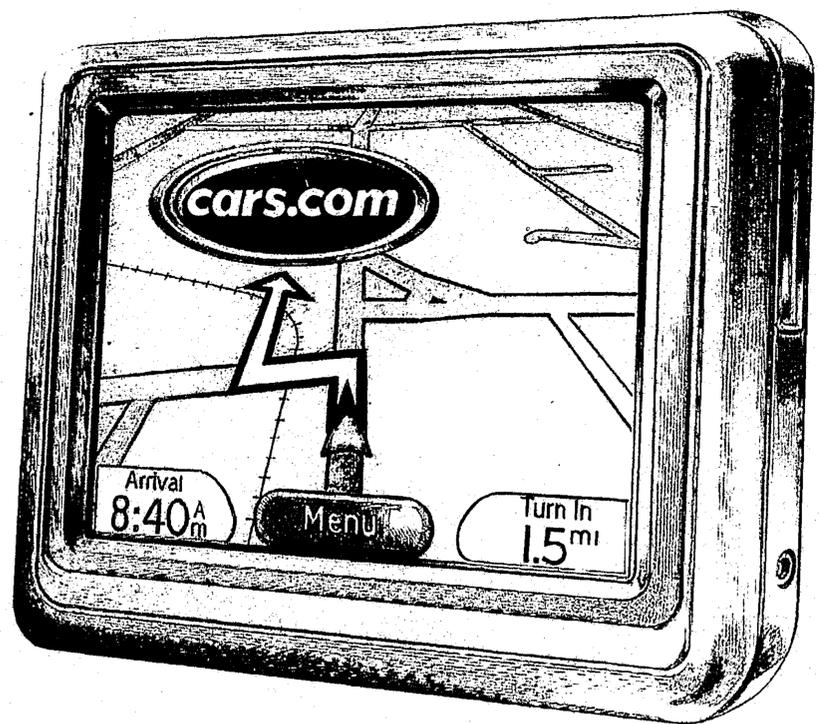
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