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## MESCALERO POW-WOW



# The spirit of sharing

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**T**he Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino hosted its 3rd annual pow-wow contest Saturday, replete with remarkable drum groups and resplendent Native American dancers of all ages.

Master of Ceremonies Dennis Bowen of Tuba City, Ariz., again held center stage with his insightful introductions and optimistic personality. A Native American arts and crafts show also complemented the proceedings within the confines of the convention hall.

Natives and non-Natives from the Four Corners (Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah) were part of the packed house in attendance.

"The spirit of the pow-wow is to bring people together to celebrate sharing, show respect and humility

and bring families together," Bowen explained.

"Right now there are probably 25 pow-wows going on all over the U.S. and we are fortunate to have so many here in Mescalero to observe, perform and revere a spiritual way of life."

The Gourd Dance event opened at 11 a.m., overseen by Head Gourd Dancer Tommy Spottedbird of Mescalero. The Grand Entry dancers took center stage at 1 p.m. Both events were repeated at 6 and 7 p.m., respectively.

Periodically, during the gourd dances, participants would all pay their respects by dropping money (any denomination is acceptable) on a blanket placed on the ground in front of an appointed recipient. Each giver shakes the hands of everyone on the line.

"The shaking-of-hands is about friendship and sharing," Bowen said. "Bending over to place money on the

ground is an act of humility and respect to Mother Earth. It's a classroom for one and all to forget about their everyday problems, if only for a while. Before we were born we heard the beat of our mother's heart. Now, when you listen to the beat of the drums you are hearing the heart of Mother Earth. We want to honor people, not just those who live but ones who have passed on."

Watching the proceedings at a pow-wow is a learning lesson and can also be infectious.

"It's hard not to dance when you hear the drums," one organizer was heard to say.

A pow-wow is even more than about respect, humility and honoring. It's about the circle of life: You are born, you grow to adulthood and advance to old age and then it all begins again.

"You are here to have a good time

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## Huckins pleads guilty

Would-be contractor left one client homeless

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After two years of waiting, Denise Bundy finally received the news last week that Robert Huckins, a man she once called her friend, pleaded guilty to multiple fraud and embezzlement charges.

Prosecutor Wayne Jordan, an assistant district attorney in the 12th Judicial District who handles white collar crime, confirmed Tuesday the plea of guilty to three counts of fraud and three counts of embezzlement.

Although the date of Huckins' sentencing by District Judge Jerry H. Ritter is not yet set, the rub is he probably will not serve one day in jail, Bundy, a long-time Lincoln County resident, said.

During the past two years while she was homeless, living out of her truck or an unheated metal shed with her pet dachshund, Huckins was at home

See **GUILTY**, page 7A

## Downs concerned about 'hold harmless' provision

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As did the Lincoln County Commission last week, city councilors in Ruidoso Downs are asking the state to maintain a higher threshold for gross receipts tax distributions.

In a resolution adopted Monday evening, the council stated eliminating the "hold harmless" provision of the 2004 removal of the gross receipts tax from food and many health care services would have "a crippling impact on future infrastructure projects, street capital projects, street maintenance, water improvement projects, economic development, and other uses specially authorized by the residents of the city."

The hold harmless clause has the state make up the difference after the tax on most foods and medical needs were eliminated at the beginning of 2005. Ruidoso Downs officials argue the city could lose almost \$600,000 annually if the clause is removed. The state's \$675 million revenue shortfall brought fears that the hold harmless clause might be ended to help patch the shortfall.

City Clerk Carol Virden told councilors that she made a small, last minute change to the resolution,

See **CLAUSE**, page 9A

## U.S. 70 site considered for new village cemetery

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A former salvage yard on the U.S. 70 entry into Ruidoso from Mescalero was recommended as the location of a new municipal cemetery.

But some village councilors are not sold on the concept of the town operating a cemetery, especially if it means more land must be purchased.

Village Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager said the cemetery

board went back for another look after a previous council session. As much as the members would like to push village land in Sun Valley as the choice, the U.S. 70 acreage was "ideal," she said.

Village residents years ago told councilors they want their families buried in the mountain setting that brought them to Lincoln County. However, rock formations underlie much of the village-owned land large enough for a cemetery, specifically nine

acres in Sun Valley and more than 100 acres of Ski Run Road, and wouldn't be suitable for gravesites.

"It's privately owned and we have no price yet," Almager told councilors during a workshop Thursday. "The price is to be negotiated but Zack Dillenback with the New Mexico Finance Authority said financing is feasible."

To guarantee a revenue stream, the cost of plots would have to be increased in line with other municipal cemeteries, she said.

Mary Austin, who served as cemetery board chairman, said Almager found out what other areas charged and Ruidoso's fee were not realistic. "We must stay in line with what they've been doing," she said. "But to factor the cost, we need to know the price of the land, whether a trade would be involved, the rate of interest and the annual payment to service the debt." The property is not listed for sale, but it is

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**ENMU Halloween**

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at ENMU-Ruidoso would like to invite all Halloween Trick-or-Treaters and their parents to the first Halloween Candy Handout and Pumpkin Painting Contest, Oct. 30 from 3 - 5 pm.

The first 15 children who arrive will receive a free pumpkin to decorate. Children can also bring their own pumpkin to decorate.

There will be prizes for the Lucky Winners and painting supplies will be provided.

**E-waste recycling**

Lincoln County and Mesalero residents and businesses will celebrate

the annual "America Recycles Day" - with the Fall electronic waste recycling event to be held Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the IGA parking lot at Ruidoso's Sierra Mall.

Residents may dispose of electronic waste at the E-Waste event with a simple drive-through drop off that takes just a few minutes. No large white goods or large appliances are accepted at the event.

There is no charge for drop off participation.

Proper disposal of electronics helps reduce illegal dumping and continues to lower amounts of waste placed in the Otero/Lincoln landfill.

Recyclers recover more than 100 million pounds of materials from electronics each year. Recycling electronics helps reduce pollution that would be generated while manufacturing a new product and the need to extract valuable and limited virgin resources. It also reduces the energy used in new product manufacturing.

Selected items are taken by Albuquerque Recycling Company for processing and sales within the United States. No items are sent to other countries or overseas.

Carrizozo and White



COURTESY LYNNE DAMRON

Put out some seed, and a whole flock of Pifion Jays will come, as Gary Damron's feeder shows.

Oaks area residents can participate in a local e-waste recycling event on Saturday, Oct. 31 in Carrizozo.

The Nov. 7 event is sponsored by Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, the Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department, the Albuquerque Recycling Company, Lawrence Brothers - IGA, and the

Lincoln County Recycling Committee.

Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697 or toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com. Keep Ruidoso Beautiful at 257-5030. General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.lcswa.org.

this training.

The workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Community Youth Center Warehouse at Christ United Methodist Church, 200 Church Dr.

The presenter is John Ross. For more than 30 years, John has served the non-profit, for-profit and government sectors working for children, their families, the elderly and the community.

In the non-profit world he has seen the industry from many angles; he has worked with United Way, served in agency leadership positions, chaired and/or participated in numerous community collaborations and has provided consulting services to many non-profit organizations.)

Although there is no fee for any of our workshops

you must preregister. Please contact Martha Aragon at 505-766-4907 or Matt Loehman via e-mail at mattloehman@helpnm.com

**Heart healthy**

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell is offering a HeartSaver First Aid/Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator course on Nov. 14.

The course will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., on campus in room 167 of the Health Science Center.

The course shows rescuers how to effectively recognize and treat adult emergencies in the first critical minutes until emergency medical services personnel arrive. The course also provides training in first aid, adult and pediatric CPR, and the use of an AED.

For more information or to register, contact Peggy Harelson at the ENMU-Roswell American Heart Association Training Center, 575-624-7249.

**Mammograms**

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso has partnered with Lincoln County Medical Center to offer low cost mammograms to residents of Lincoln County through Oct. 30.

The cost is \$55. 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.

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**'Building Bridges'**

New Mexico's Binvenidos Building Bridges Initiative will sponsor a Board Development Workshop in Ruidoso on Oct. 30.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending this workshop, register as soon as possible. Lack of registrations may result in the cancellation of



**Cody Traver**

*Cody Traver, founder of Laughing Eyes Kennels, died on October 15, 2009. She is survived by her life partner, Taryn McCain of Nogal, NM, and son, Kyle Traver of Seattle, WA. Cody has been a visible champion for the disabled, appearing throughout Lincoln County with her service dog Phinley. From humble beginnings, Cody served as crew chief flying helicopter med-evac missions for the Army. She later had a distinguished career as an IT executive, running her own company CIO Global, and serving as Director of Global Network Operations for Motorola. In 2006, she left corporate pursuits to devote herself to public service. With partner Taryn, she founded Laughing Eyes Kennels, a 501c3 nonprofit charity, to breed and train service dogs for persons disabled by conditions affecting their mobility and psychiatric wellness. Cody understood their needs first-hand, as she battled with debilitating illnesses affecting her own health. "Laughing Eyes", which was Cody's name as a member of the Western Arkansas Cherokee Tribe, embodied the spirit she bore in her life and efforts. We will miss her energy, dedication, and passion for helping disabled persons gain independence through the support and love of a service dog trained to meet their needs. Memorial services will be held at 2pm Sunday, November 1st, in Cody and Taryn's home above the kennels at 201 Nogal Canyon Road, Nogal, NM 88341. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Laughing Eyes Kennels, Cody Traver Memorial Fund. May her stillness free her spirit to the universe, to walk in peace for the rest of time beyond imagining.*

# Park goes to the dogs



Kai Brown, above, of the Humane Society of Lincoln County, cuts the ribbon to officially open the Ruidoso Village Dog Park Saturday. The weather was windy and cold, but the event was a huge hit, with lots of dogs visiting their new park.

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## LIVE AUCTION LIVE MUSIC

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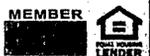
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# OPINION

## RUIDOSO NEWS

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### OUR OPINION

## Film initiative requires coordinated effort

But county must protect its interests

Reading between the lines, we deduce a slight annoyance on the part of Lincoln County officials who want to be included in central casting for a role to help jump-start the film industry in the area.

Prior to commissioners placing on hold last week a resolution supporting film efforts, the initiative had been taken by the Village of Ruidoso.

We trust a rivalry won't develop between the two enti-

ties, including who is chosen to represent whom as a liaison to the state film office.

A coordinated effort is paramount, and the county must protect its interest and communities. While Ruidoso is a hub for accommodations and resources, outlying areas probably contain the majority of potential scenes, backdrops and destinations.

If ever there were doubts, *The Book of Eli*, shot in Carrizozo last winter, should dispel those.

## Bland's volatile mix of politics and investments finally explodes

State Investment Officer Gary Bland is the latest fall guy in the unraveling cloak of connections and contracts. It wasn't exactly a surprise.

The surprise is that Bland lasted this long.

His was a political appointment that didn't compute. A total unknown, Bland had managed a pension fund for Boeing. Suddenly he was responsible for New Mexico's Permanent Funds, one of the nation's biggest trust funds. And even though he'd peaked as a vice president for his last 16 years with Boeing, the governor called Bland "a leader who will take the office in a new direction."

I always wondered how Bland ended up here. We now know he was close to the governor's pal Anthony Correa, who is much in the news lately.

It didn't take Bland long to stumble. An advisory group failed to do its homework on the first two investments to be made directly into companies under a new program. Bland and the equally inexperienced Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans walked away with black eyes. The program chose a new advisor, Fort Washington Capital Partners.

In the course of writing an investigative story on that episode, I heard financial people call Bland everything from a huckster to incompetent. The most charitable view recognized Bland's unenviable balance between politics and finance: "I think Gary Bland is caught in the crossfire," said a high-tech entrepreneur. "He's smart enough to see the mission and the problem. I feel sorry for him."

A newbie can be forgiven an early flub, but it didn't end there. Bland and Homans proposed a joint-powers agreement that would have the Economic Development Department evaluate, investigate and recommend companies for state investment money; the State Investment Office would even pay the department 1 percent of the amount invested in companies. Woohoo!

Homans would suddenly enter the fiduciary arena, but neither he nor his deputy secre-

tary du jour (he was on his third in a year) had any investment experience. He promised to hire some, but legislators wisely killed that idea.

About then Bland proposed that the state invest in derivatives, hedge funds, short selling and other risky instruments. Investor and occasional Republican candidate Gregg Bemis was the only one at that particular meeting to object.

That summer the state almost became the owner of a new pipeline. The SIC was considering a \$150 million investment in pipeline construction from Farmington to Gallup and south to Las Cruces. State Land Commissioner Patrick Lyons, a council member, backed the idea

because it would move more gas out of the San Juan Basin. The governor suggested a \$130 million investment instead. Then we learned the company's CEO contributed to the gubernatorial campaign.

There followed the revelation that Bland replaced most of his agency's private advisers; six of the new advisers had contributed to the governor's political committees, reported the *Albuquerque Journal*. That wasn't a factor in hiring the firms, Bland insisted.

We should have taken the hint when Deputy State Investment Officer Deborah Gallegos, a former vice president of JP Morgan Fleming Asset Management, resigned just before the pipeline deal broke "to pursue other opportunities."

In 2006 Fort Washington Capital Partners also resigned—two-and-a-half years before its contract was up. Something about a tiff over investing up to \$20 million in Virgin Galactic and another company with Spaceport ties.

As usual, the bigger picture adds some perspective. There was long-standing criticism that New Mexico's Permanent Fund investments were helping grow jobs out of state. Bland's marching orders were to direct some investments here. He tried to do that and had some success.

But the difficulty of balancing politics and good investment practice, which dogged him from the beginning, was his undoing.



### YOUR OPINION

## Lincoln County, where is the justice?

To the editor:

TODAY I RECEIVED a letter from the District Attorney's office asking me to write a letter to the 12th District Court after Robert Huckins pleaded guilty to felony fraud and embezzlement.

I'm a little lost for words.

What do you say when a man has stolen your mother's life savings and left you homeless? Worse still, what do you say when this wasn't the first, nor last time he has embezzled large amounts of money leaving destruction in his wake.

The list of victims in Lincoln County is horrendous. Far too many people. Far too much money.

Enough money for most of us to retire on with comfort.

And how many years in jail will Robert Huckins get for financially raping people? None. Fifteen years probation. Did you hear that right? Yes, you did. Fifteen years probation for robbing people blind and pleading guilty to felony fraud and embezzlement.

Most people go to jail for writing hot checks. Robert Huckins doesn't, so it seems. Most people go to jail for fraud and embezzlement of this magnitude. Robert Huckins doesn't, it seems.

What is wrong in Lincoln

County? Are the 12th District Court judges unable to see the dividing line between justice and injustice? Is the DA's office so incapable that we must — yet again — shake it up and find a DA who *can* and *will* do the job they are sworn to do?

There is such a lack of fairness here, the courts so obviously find it impossible to discern betwixt right and wrong that I am simply dumbfounded. Our judicial system cannot work without law enforcers who are willing to enforce the law.

So let's have a rundown of this man's escapades since he came to Ruidoso.

The IRS and NM Tax & Revenue tried to stop him. He didn't stop. CID ignored him. The local builders knew what he was doing but couldn't stop him. Victims sued him. They acquired high legal bills but no compensation — even though they were armed with a court order of repayment.

Karen Parsons put a cease and desist preventing him from taking new construction contracts. He ignored her.

So here we are at the last resort, criminal court. And the man and his court-appointed attorney (which we paid for) plays enough games with the court for it to be an Olympic

sport. Perhaps I should write a book: *101 Ways to Continue Criminal Proceedings*.

A few days before the first criminal trial he pleads guilty to all counts of felony fraud and embezzlement. And he gets ... 15 years probation.

Because of Robert Huckins, it's my understanding that new legislation has been written that will increase the bond of each contractor. All have paid the price for Huckins' "retirement fund" scheme. All *except* Robert Huckins.

I think I'll pass on writing to the judge. I've wasted enough time on courts and DA's offices that are three shades past useless and should be ashamed of themselves.

Robert Huckins, I want to know where my \$83,000 is. The only truth you spoke is when you boasted that the DA's office would do nothing to you. But you have not met our god. You have a rude awakening coming to you on Judgment Day. Lord, have mercy upon your soul.

Denise Auchmoedy-Bundy  
Alto

Editor's note: All accusations and depictions beyond official court records are those of the letter writer.

## Specific suicide connection was inaccurate

To the editor:

TO DATE, there has been an increase of suicides within the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation and additional prevention methods have been implemented in attempts to educate the community to identify early warning signs of potential attempts. The community is urged to participate in these workshops as these traumatic events need community involvement.

Within in a recent publication of the *Ruidoso News*, an article was written that contained inaccurate information about statements made from Mescalero

Chief of Police William Mitchell concerning recent suicides in the communities of Ruidoso Downs and Mescalero. As the Chief of Police for the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, community members have raised concerns on misquotes within the newspaper article concerning these inaccuracies and clarification is needed.

It was initially reported that Chief Mitchell made a statement about specific connections between a recent suicide that occurred in Ruidoso Downs involving a 16-year-old-female and recent suicides that occurred

in Mescalero. The printed information was not an accurate account of the statement made by Chief Mitchell. The information provided by Chief Mitchell stated, "She was not a native but she hung around with the native girls."

Chief Mitchell continues to be involved in providing his services to the Mescalero Apache Tribe suicide prevention efforts and expressed his sincere remorse for the families who have experienced the loss of loved ones.

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# Deer Park residents rethink road assessment district

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As the price tag goes up, some Deer Park Valley property owners seem to be rethinking their commitment to a road improvement assessment district.

Even some of the originators of the petitions requesting a district be formed expressed doubts at a Lincoln County Commission meeting last week about the road and drainage standards required.

The project was covered up to \$25,000 by lot owners for the county to pursue a district formation. After noting the county already invested \$120,000 into the steps needed to form a district, commissioners voted to proceed with a public hearing at 1:30 p.m., Nov. 17, on the resolution setting the benefit to each lot. At that time, lot owners can show support or protest the conditions.

Dan Aguirre of Wilson & Co., an engineering and architectural firm based in Albuquerque, said drainage studies and preliminary plans are complete and he is preparing the benefit and assessment roll. For lots of 0.6 of an acre or less, the benefit was estimated at \$15,500. Lots larger than that size would receive a benefit of \$23,500, he said.

The project cost swelled to \$3.5 million from an initial estimate of less than \$1 million a year ago before a professional engineer was

brought on board. If the cost of the project was divided equally among the 239 lots in Deer Park Valley, the assessment per lot would exceed \$15,000 and the smaller lots would not meet the test for the requirement that benefit exceeds assessment, Aguirre said.

Dividing the lots into two categories, the assessment for smaller lots would be \$14,300 and for larger lots \$16,300, Aguirre said.

He filed an engineer's report with the county clerk and established the assessments, which lot owners can check to see what they would pay. "I also filed a preliminary plan for the project," Aguirre said. "It's still a feasible project. The costs are well within the benefits and well within what we originally estimated." The benefit will increase with time, he said.

The design conformed to a once-in-50-year storm event, he said. Expense was figured in a 1.5 percent administration fee for the county treasurer to buy the necessary software and to collect the assessments for the next 10 years to 20 years, he said. The New Mexico Finance Authority will handle the loan.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said the proposal sounded as if some lot owners will overpay when all will benefit. She thought the difference between the cost and the benefit was slim and any unexpected

financial bump could eat up the margin.

Bob Decker, who lives in Deer Park and is planning and zoning director for Ruidoso, said several people share Powell's concern about the narrow benefit margin.

"Prices are pretty good right now, but if oil goes back up to where it was, we'll be concerned about cost," he said. "The road design did not need to be that high. Hopefully, we can reduce the cost. Every \$100,000 we can cut means a drop of \$400 in the assessment. We're hearing from larger lot owners they don't think they should pay more, because much of their land is within the flood zone and they can't really use it."

He reminded commissioners Deer Park Valley is an approved subdivision with an approved design for roads.

"Technically, if someone built them today to the standard (in place at the time the subdivision was approved), you'd have to accept them," Decker said. "I think we need to look at it a little closer."

He wanted time to talk to Aguirre about a different design that could pull several hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the project and would give a "little wiggle room."

Some options include keeping the pavement at 22 feet width, but reducing the proposed size of the shoulders.

County Attorney Alan Morel said the road design is a health and safety issue.

"We're required to design to the current standards, but if you think the roads are safe (with a different design), I believe you have the power to adjust," he told commissioners.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said if safe roads could be built within existing easements, a big savings would be realized. He told Decker to work with officials from Wilson before the next hearing.

"If you can agree on design modifications," commissioners probably would go along, he said.

Decker said he's willing to walk the property lot by lot, if it will help.

County Planner Curt Temple said because the county joined the Federal Emergency Management Agency flood insurance program, drainage crossings must be designed for a 50-year event.

Deer Park Valley resident Jeff Sager, who was instrumental in promoting the assessment district, said if the project goes forward, the district will cover all of the county's costs. However, he pointed out that 1,000 feet of the roads within the development is a county roadway that was paved but never maintained by the county. The section connects Deer Park Woods to the Valley, and he asked commissioners to pay for that portion.

"If it was subtracted

from the assessment, it would become no man's land," he said. "I don't know why it is not maintained."

County Manager Tom Stewart said, "We are required to maintain it as a fire escape route," but there are potholes.

Morel said the road never was accepted by the county. It only is an escape route for emergencies.

Battin asked Morel to research the issue by the time of the November hearing.

Roy Radcliffe, a Valley resident, said lot owners were asking the county to help them "whittle down the cost on this project in exchange for making things right." Most of the escape route work was performed by lot owners using county materials, he said. He also suggested that a segment of a road owned by Lincoln Hill subdivision and which divides the Valley into two sections, be included in the district.

Aguirre said it would be easy to add the intersection, but it is private property.

Radcliffe said he's built eight houses in the Valley and many utilities are within the rights of way, not set off the road.

"Everything will have to be redone, if you do 24 feet for road width and 4-foot shoulders," he said.

Charlotte Stewart, a Valley lot owner, said some of the issues have existed since the 1970s. "Right now

we have no safety on our roads," she said. She advocated dividing the assessment equally, because she said regardless of lot size, all owners will benefit.

Earl Hobbs, a former commissioner and Valley lot owner, said he lives on a corner lot.

"We don't see an assessment in this range matched by benefit," he said. A \$15,000 assessment paid out over 15 years balloons into \$25,000 to \$30,000 with interest, he contends.

With that assessment against his property, it will be devalued if he chose to sell, Hobbs said.

He noted that in the first letter to lot owners asking for backing to explore forming a district, "We were assured the district could be accomplished for \$3,000 per lot."

He and his wife "understood the nature of the roads, because we did due diligence," he said. "The roads never were properly engineered, drained or constructed and many were misplaced and should be resurveyed."

The proposal in front of commissions amounts to them confiscating money from him to correct errors of past commissioners and individuals, he contended. He criticized the resolution being adopted, said the proposal was based on bad assumptions, bad conclusions and faulty facts.

"No lot owner should be assessed beyond the value received, Hobbs said.

# Council treads line between encouraging vendors and supporting merchants

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Trying to balance the investment of year-round merchants with the tourist draw of special events vendors and itinerant sellers presents a challenge.

Ruidoso village councilors say they don't want to lose any potential gross receipts taxes, especially in a depressed economy. But they also want to protect those who own and rent in Midtown, paying utilities all 12 months of a year.

Village Manager Debi Lee told councilors during a workshop Thursday that she met with staff about the issue and included representatives from Midtown and others, who also e-mailed comments about how the situation affects them.

In proposed regulations, an itinerant vendor was defined as someone who offers goods or services for sale without having an established place of business within the village, or the extraterritorial zoning district. An established place of business was defined as an address recognized by postal authorities or a 30-day lease or property ownership, Lee said.

A third category could be created to cover vendors invited to specific special events, and who could be charged less than the \$35 per year fee, she said.

Some other places charge per day, she said, adding, "Every time you come you pay."

Councilor Ron Hardeman said \$35 may be too cheap. Ruidoso Downs charges temporary merchants \$500 for the first day and \$300 for each day after that.

"My big concern is not vendors with special events. It is a business owner who rents out a

parking lot to someone with no license who only is there part of the day and moves to Ruidoso Downs the first time someone expresses concern," Hardeman said. "To me, as (Councilor Michele Rebstock) suggested, a special event is annual and on the calendar and has wide support, not a bunch of cars for sale or a truckload of furniture. That's opportunistic. We don't benefit."

Lee said all vendors must register and should pay gross receipts taxes. "(Village Clerk) Irma (Devine) and (Deputy Clerk) Bertha (Randolph) are reconciling state Tax and Revenue records (with the village list) to ensure every business is registered," Lee said.

Village Code Enforcement Official Kalama Davis' schedule was changed to allow weekend work.

"We looked at what other cities do," Lee said. "We have to decide if we want to encourage or discourage itinerant vendors. We are a resort/tourist town, but at the same time, we have issues with traffic, pedestrian safety and the impact on local businesses."

Communities approach the situation differently, she said. For instance, officials in Hobbs didn't want that type of vendor at all, because the town is not tourist-oriented. They charge a \$500 licensing fee. Tucumcari charges \$110, she said.

In Ruidoso, a regular business license costs \$35 per year. Vendors tied to a special event also pay \$35, whether it is staged at the Ruidoso Convention Center or at River Rendezvous on Sudderth Drive.

"A vendor who sets up in a parking lot or a corner, we want to discourage and they would pay \$100 per day," Lee said. "If we don't

want them to be here and in competition with local businesses, maybe they should pay a little more."

Special event licenses can include special provisions, such as traffic control or extra police officers to patrol.

"They still can do it, but we want them to address the impacts and to ensure it is a safe event," she said.

Rebstock and Councilor Don Williams said they prefer an event to be registered by the host person so the village doesn't have to worry about each vendor paying \$35 for a license or the proper GRT.

"I'm concerned with fairness," Rebstock said. "We bought Wingfield Park with the idea of staging special events there and haven't used it much. It was intended to keep Midtown busy with foot traffic. I'd like to see a chili cookoff there or a car show. Although it also is nice to have activity at River Rendezvous, which is near the entrance to town, it created a lot more traffic and safety issues. My preference is to move them to Wingfield. If we are not going to use the park, we need to sell it and develop another piece of property along Sudderth."

She said hotel, cabin and motel owners wonder why a portion of the lodgers tax they collect is dedicated to paying off the purchase of the park when it isn't used that much to draw in tourists.

Village Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager said places for 10 vendors with electric installed are ready at Wingfield. The owners of River Rendezvous are planning a July 4th event at Wingfield, she said. A car show and the Mountain of Blues Festival also are scheduled.

"Some have issues with the rental rates," Almager

said. "My goal to have more events. I have been approached about concerts in the park and there will be a big wedding next June."

Hardeman said whatever fee is charged at Wingfield should be enough to cover utilities and cleanup.

Another issue may be where vendors pay their GRT. "It may be paid, but not here," he said. "They may be registered with licenses in Roswell and pay GRT there. If we are going to realize any benefit, it has to be in the form of a fee up front."

Lee said Tax and Revenue officials will tell her if someone is not registered and if they are paying GRT, but not how much and to whom.

"You can write Tax and Revenue and ask them to come to events and they will bring registration packets with them," Lee said.

Hardeman suggested that each special event submit plans to the village Planning & Zoning Department to obtain a permit.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said a more comprehensive review process is needed than used in the past.

"We're working on modifying our review," he said. "In the past, departments signed off without knowing the concerns of other departments. Now they take it more seriously."

With a plan, the stagers and code enforcement will know in advance what's expected. Davis would know how many tents were approved at Rendezvous to ensure the stager followed what was allowed and parking spaces were not usurped.

Lee said too often Davis was called after the fact, instead of having a plan in hand for each license and being able to check for compliance.

Lee said before people would pay a fee and go, but now, they must have a layout and special conditions may be imposed, such as traffic control or portable toilets.

Rebstock said she's not a big fan of flea markets and

it is important to delineate between that and vendors at a special event.

"There certainly has been a proliferation of flea markets," Harden agreed. "I'm not sure that is the experience we want people to come here for."

## Booth fee questioned

In a letter considered as input during a Ruidoso Village Council workshop on itinerant vendors, an advertising and marketing executive offered her experience.

"I have personally been an itinerant vendor at arts and crafts shows throughout New Mexico, Texas and Arizona for 26 years," wrote Laura Doth. "With one recent exception, I have never been required to obtain a special permit to participate in these shows. The communities have always recognized the value that these special events bring to their tourism

efforts."

Last year she spent \$4,500 on booth fees, hotel rooms, meals and gas while participating in the shows. But vendors in such shows operate on a small profit margin and keeping expenses to a minimum is critical to their success, she wrote.

If the village charges \$35, booth fees may become prohibitive for vendors, she contended and could hurt the quality of shows for little return to the village, she wrote.

"These people bring money to our community," she wrote.

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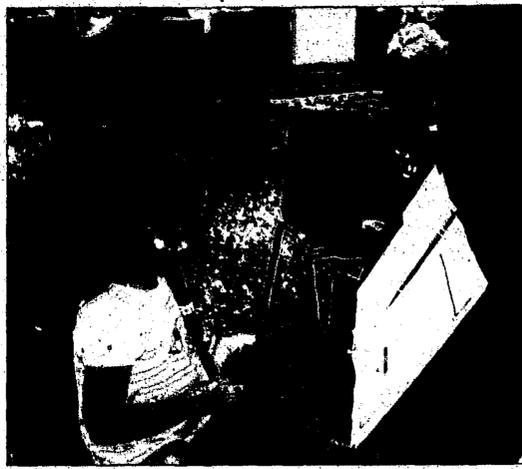
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# EDUCATION



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## Carrizozo after-school program brings smiles and success

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The second year of a federally funded after-school program is showing signs that it is a resounding success for the Carrizozo School District.

The program is provided for grades K-5 and is facilitated by Carrizozo Schools' staff and community members. With a capacity for 36, the program has 30 stu-

dents enrolled, keeping the staff to student ratio at one to five.

The weekly schedule offers daily healthy snacks to the students and the school library remains open until 6:30 p.m., for students and community residents. Each day has time set aside for homework help.

Literacy Day on Mondays involves reading and literacy activities along

with learning strategies.

Tuesday and Thursday schedules offer enrichment units that currently include archery, service dogs with Laughing Eyes Kennels, digital photography, Earth Rangers and recorders.

Last month included a science lab and upcoming will be horses, golf, Spanish, tennis, cooking, science lab and scrapbooking.

Fridays are the active achievement and sports leagues. There is a basketball league this fall and soccer in the spring. Combined learning and exercise games like math/bowling, run and spell and Flag Frenzy for words and numbers.

Becky Borowski is the project director with Dena Odell serving as the site coordinator. Staff members participating include

Kellie Gallacher, Kaycee Patterson, Cathy Barela, Eli Avila, Anne Serna, Wes Corley, Sarah Ball, Margaret Barela, Candie Aguilar, Polly Chavez and Carol Wilson.

Community members helping with the program are Sherry Savas, Deborah Geary, Susan Gerke and Ray Dean along with Laughing Eyes Kennels and Brandon Hutchison with Angus Outdoor Ed-

ucation.

Odell said of the program. "Each day at 5:20, I see happy, smiling kids leaving for home. They are happy and they are enjoying the program."

She said that teachers are reporting noted improvements in the students' academics in the classroom and attribute it directly to the successful efforts of the After School Program.

### EDUCATION BRIEFS

#### Workshop

A workshop on the United States Constitution will be held Nov. 5, at ENMU-Ruidoso in Room 119, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Among other topics, the class will focus on:

- what does the constitution mean to you?
- is the constitution under attack?
- what was the original purpose of the constitution?
- what is the roll of the three branches?
- what/who does the constitution govern?
- what does the bill of rights mean to you?

The class is free, but space is limited. To make a reservation, call 937-1957.

The workshop is sponsored by Lincoln County Tea Party Patriots.

#### RMS Green

There could be more green for the new Ruidoso Middle School. The Ruidoso Municipal School District is asking for funding through the federal stimulus package. School superintendent Dr. Bea Etta Harris said the district is asking to be considered for a solar electric system.

Last month Governor Bill Richardson announced \$10 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds would be available to public schools in New Mexico for the development of electric producing photovoltaic collector systems. The middle school, which first opened in August, has a geothermal heating and cooling system which uses relatively warm ground-

water for heating and cooling.

Harris said in addition to powering the middle school during the school year, the district would realize revenues during the summer. She said when schools are closed the electricity produced by the solar powered system would be purchased by PNM, providing income.

The \$10 million dollars in stimulus funding is expected to be divided among 15 to 20 schools around New Mexico. Each selected school would get funding for the purchase and installation of a 100 kilowatt system. A competitive grant application process will determine awardees.

There are a dozen requirements to receive a grant, including a proper roof for the PV system and an educational component to teach students and staff on renewable energy.

Harris said the middle school meets the required criteria.

### TEEN SPOTLITE

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Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community. Nikk Terrones is the next teen in the Spotlite.

Nikk is a freshman at Hondo Valley Public School. Nikk is the son of Iliana Preece. Terrones participated in last year's Homecoming Court at Hondo, and lists math as his favorite subject. He is also a Knowledge Bowl participant, on the honor roll, and did well on his New Mexico state test scores.

It is evident that school is important in Terrones' life. His teacher said, "Nikk consistently displays on-task behavior and performs tasks pursuant to instruction with dedication."

Terrones was selected to attend the 2008 Light the Fire Youth Leadership Summit and plans on attending the 2009 Summit in November. This Summit promotes leadership skills and youth advocacy in their communities. Away from schoolwork and the daily grind, Terrones enjoys spending time with his dog.

Future plans are definitely in the back of most students' minds. Terrones became interested in becoming a film director or producer at a young age and would like to direct a Hollywood film someday. He plans to attend college, but has not decided where yet. Terrones lists his mother as an influence in his life since she inspires him to do the right thing and work hard. The Hondo Valley is lucky to have Terrones.

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# GUILTY

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sleeping in a comfortable bed, she pointed out.

Under the plea and disposition agreement, Huckins, who represented himself as a contractor, pleaded guilty to two counts of embezzlement and two counts of fraud in connection with the case of Dr. James Brown.

## \$3,500 converted

The embezzlement in excess of \$2,500, a 3rd-degree felony, occurred Sept. 22, 2005. Huckins acknowledged he converted to his own use \$3,510.61 that he was given by Brown to purchase and install a Quadrafire wood-burning stove.

The embezzlement in excess of \$500, a 4th-degree felony, occurred March 30, 2006. Huckins acknowledged he converted to his own use an antique brass rail.

The first fraud charge in

excess of \$2,500 is a 3rd degree felony, and occurred on Sept. 29, 2005, when the defendant "by words or conduct (made) a promise he had no intention of keeping or misrepresented a fact or misrepresented to deceive or cheat Dr. James Brown or another." Brown paid \$6,500 for a metal roof that never materialized.

## Never installed

The second count of fraud in excess of \$500, a 4th-degree felony, occurred March 30, 2006, when he was paid by Brown for windows never installed.

Under the same plea agreement, Huckins pleaded guilty to fraud in excess of \$20,000, a 2nd-degree felony, for money he received from December 2006 through April 2007 from Sally Canning for work never completed.

In the Bundy case, Huckins pleaded guilty to embezzlement in excess of \$20,000, a 2nd-degree felony dating to Dec. 26, 2007.

According to court records, Bundy paid



HUCKINS

Huckins more than \$80,000 to build a home for her and her elderly mother. The money came from the sale of her mother's home in England. Huckins never followed through and refused to repay the money. For two years, Bundy hasn't seen her mother, who now, also, is without a permanent home.

"I can't bring her over here and tell her the money is gone and we have no place to live," Bundy said.

After months of trying to scout out free or reduced price building materials

and labor, her efforts recently bore fruit when Sandra Querin became interested in her plight and found the right people willing to help, including contractor John Cornelius.

Although much still is needed to get Bundy into a structure for the winter on her property at Loma Grande, for the first time, the outlook is promising.

As for Huckins, who also has a string of civil cases previously filed against him, the recommended sentence is nine years in prison for the charges in the Brown case; nine years for the Canning case and nine years for the Bundy conviction.

However, under the agreement, the sentence will be suspended or deferred at the discretion of the court in each of the three cases and Huckins may be placed on probation for a term of 15 years.

Conditions attached to the probation include:

- He will not engage or act as a contractor;
- He will fully cooperate

with the prosecutor in completely and fully disclosing any financial information requested concerning assets, liabilities and financial condition;

• He will comply with the terms of any plan of restitution ordered by the court;

• After 12 years of successful probation, the state will not oppose the probation being transferred to another jurisdiction;

Six other fraud charges against Huckins connected to the Canning case will be dismissed. By agreeing to the conditions, Huckins waives his right to appeal. Attorney Todd Holmes represented Huckins.

Jordon noted that a restitution hearing will be conducted to determine the amount of restitution to be paid to each of the victims with accrued interest at a rate of 15 percent per annum until paid in full. A repayment plan will be submitted to the court within 45 days of entry of the judgment and sentence. Bundy, who suffers from

advanced Bessel-Hagen disease with bone tumors around her joints, and from rheumatoid arthritis, warned that Huckins' pattern indicates he will return to what he has been doing, maybe he has been from the area.

She holds out little hope she will see any of her money.

"Robert Huckins is a thief, a highly skilled career criminal with no conscience," she said. "His life has been evading the consequences of his continual illegal activity. The destruction in his victims' lives can, and has in some cases been so severe, they can never recover."

"Having seen the list of cases in the New Mexico court case records, and having spoken to dozens and dozens of victims, many of whom were never allowed to file charges or who declined that opportunity, I think it would be safe to say that we can expect no better from this individual."

# SITE

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available, she said.

Several other towns cited by Austin charge from \$650 to \$1,200 per plot. A consumer price index automatic increase could be factored into base prices.

After the board previously received direction from councilors, the members narrowed the site possibilities to the U.S. 70 and Sun Valley behind T.R.'s Market.

"We really tried to do this without spending a lot of the taxpayer's money," Austin said. "We didn't want to go down a road and find out it will never come to fruition. The only viable option is U.S. 70."

An estimated 1,000 grave plots could be created on the 5 acres, she said. Almager said with 30 to 35 plots sold each year, the site would last about 30 years. The village's current cemetery called Forest Lawn, has no more available spaces. The only way there is to buy an unused plot from someone who has moved or for another reason no longer wanted the gravesite, she explained.

"What is your mind set toward trying to accomplish this?" Austin asked. "I know some councilors don't want the village to subsidize a cemetery. They want

it to sustain on its own and that's our goal too. The biggest question is do we have the complete backing of the council, because we spent more than a year getting here and not knowing if the council supported the concept."

"And that remains to be seen." Councilor Ron Hardeman said. He noted that because the meeting was a workshop, no action could occur that day.

"I'm supportive as long as there is a business plan and it is self-sustaining," Councilor Michele Rebstock said. "I like the site and (a cemetery) would make (the area) look better."

Austin said changes in burial trends could alter the useful life of the cemetery. If cremation becomes more popular than traditional burials, because it is more affordable for families or for other reasons, such as environmental considerations, the acreage would accommodate many more sites.

Mark Younger of Ruidoso Land Survey, who tested soil borings, said the land around T.R.'s Market had good top soil but rock formations underlying it. The 9 acres could accommodate 350 sites, but the majority of the property was not usable. Hardeman pointed out that the village-owned property also lacked a direct route, making access difficult.

The U.S. 70 land is half the size, but perfect with alluvial gravel and fill for easy digging, Younger said.

Austin said 30 percent of the price of a gravesite would be set aside in an endowment for perpetual care. The operation would be an enterprise fund combined with Forest Lawn.

Because the property was used for years as a salvage yard, environmental testing must be performed, but that can be part of the price negotiations, Almager said. The land also contains structures.

"We're to the point where we can't do a whole lot more until we know,"

Austin said.

Hardeman asked Village Manager Debi Lee, who started in July, if she was familiar with operating a municipal cemetery.

Lee said Hobbs, where she previously was manager, owned a cemetery. Perpetual maintenance care is appropriate, but a council must not allow any variances. Sometimes donors set up endowments because they want to ensure their families can be buried locally and the cemetery will be maintained. However, she has never worked with a cemetery where land must be purchased and a debt incurred.

"Hobbs' cemetery was on municipal land and they did a good job of advance planning," Lee said. "It's an unpredictable thing to service a debt when you don't know how lot sales will go."

Hardeman said because Forest Lawn is full, he would expect plot sales to be brisk initially. The cemetery could be developed in stages, he said.

Lee said often families will buy a block of sites to ensure they are buried together.

Austin said the new cemetery would be too late for her family and that of member Dwayne Goar. Their children had to be

buried at Biscuit Hill, east on U.S. 70.

"We had no choice, but we didn't want other families to face the same dilemma. That's why we're on the cemetery board," she said. "People don't like to talk about this in advance. It's just too bad no village property is available."

Hardeman said he appreciated the work of the board and asked that the cemetery be put on the agenda of the December council meeting as an action item. "We want it before the election in March with people on the board who know the background," he said.

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## Kalvelage joins 'Ruidoso News' as a reporter

Jim Kalvelage, veteran journalist and longtime news director for KWES-KBUY radio, has joined the *Ruidoso News*.

Kalvelage will cover several beats for the *News*, including Police, Education, Business and the municipality of Ruidoso

Downs. "I couldn't be happier," said *Ruidoso News* editor Marty Racine. "Now, in Jim and Dianne Stallings, we have *Ruidoso's* most accomplished and respected journalists covering Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs. "With Julie Carter, Mike

Curran and Jessie Hanson, I now have a Dream Team in the newsroom."

Kalvelage, 58, worked in news in the Chicago area during the 1970s, until getting married. He returned to journalism in 1988 in Wisconsin and moved to Ruidoso in 1997.

He worked for the *Ruidoso News* from November 1999 to September 2001 before becoming news director at KWES-KBUY.

He has covered Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County news and governments for nearly 10 years.

## Forest restoration project reduced

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A change in the country's guidelines for roadless areas on federal lands will cut a Lincoln National Forest ecological restoration proposal almost in half.

The Bonito Forest Restoration Project will be trimmed to a still hefty 16,029 acres, said Smokey Bear Ranger District fire management officer Kim Kuhar.

When first announced a couple of years ago, the project added up to around 30,000 acres. Kuhar says the White Mountain Wilderness Area of the forest will be severed from the tree thinning plans.

"Every time we have an administration change, we have a roadless initiative come up. So it's come up again and the wilderness is part of our roadless area, so we've dropped that from the project."

The Obama administration wants increased protections for roadless areas on the national forests.

The Bonito Forest Restoration Project would reduce tree densities and provide for forest diversity.

Kuhar told the Greater Ruidoso Wildland Urban Interface Working Group that the Bonito area has some very steep slopes and locations with 1,000 to 3,000 small trees per acre. That creates ladder fuels for fires to race through stands, she said.

"And there's a lot of

insect kill (in trees) there," Kuhar said. "And the trees are encroaching into our stream areas and we're basically losing it."

*With Obama's increased emphasis on protections for roadless areas on national forests, the White Mountain Wilderness area has been dropped from tree-thinning plans.*

She noted that the Bonito Lake area can have as many as 10,000 people recreating on some weekend. And the area is home to some sensitive species.

"We want variations in size and heights of trees," Kuhar said. "We don't want treatments that look like jail bars. And we also want openings and a variety in there to see more herbaceous growth."

The Forest Service is expected to have a pre-decision Environmental Assessment available early next year for public review. There are three options for the project; no action, thin and cut with some new roads to remove the timber and slash, or thin and cut and burn on site.

"The economics is we would rather see someone cut and remove than burn to have someone make some money on it," Kuhar said. "It's a good project, a beautiful place, certainly worth protecting."

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# SPIRIT

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and put your problems on a shelf," Bowen said. It's about fellowship.

"A pow-wow is held to help people grow and enjoy the weekend. Monday at work, you might recall a song or a dance and it could bring a smile to your face."

There are about 560 Indian nations in the U.S. and most hold pow-wows periodically.

Event Coordinator Gina KlineKole, a four-year employee of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, conceived of the Mescalero Pow-Wow three years ago.

"It's my passion," she said. "The traditional way of life is something I grew up with. It's what I did at NMSU. A pow-wow is sacred. It's about rejoicing and giving blessing. It's about coming together."

Throughout the day, the recent suicides on the reservation were addressed with sadness and honesty. Parents were beseeched to take more responsibility in their children's lives and to seek help when a child shows signs of aberrant behavior.

For more on pow-wows, visit [www.powwows.com](http://www.powwows.com).



# CLAUSE

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amending "has" to "had" in the new statement that now says "Governor Richardson had called a special legislative session to address the serious short-fall of revenues for the state budget."

She noted the special session "has come and gone" but the issue could return again. That special session, which lasted seven days, ended last Friday. Lawmakers advanced several budget mending bills to the governor, but not a measure that could reduce gross receipts tax distributions to municipalities and counties.

State Representative Zachary Cook (R-Dist 57) of Ruidoso said while the hold harmless was untouched in the special session, it could return this winter. "They talked about hold harmless," Cook said of the special session, "but there was no legislation. The governor had said there would be no tax cuts now. But January will be a new session."

The legislature will convene in mid-January for a regular 30-day session for budget matters. Additional fixes are anticipated.

"The fix is a very temporary deal," Cook said of items like fund transfers, some capital outlay eliminations and funding cuts to state agencies. "The budget problems won't go away."

The governor has the special session's budget balancing measures on his desk.

Mayor Tom Armstrong said the city's resolution opposing a repeal of the hold harmless provision

will be sent to the governor and legislators who represent the area. "We want to let them know we oppose

taking our money away," Armstrong said.

The Lincoln County Commission had said local

governments could lose nearly \$1.25 million a year when they passed their hold harmless resolution.

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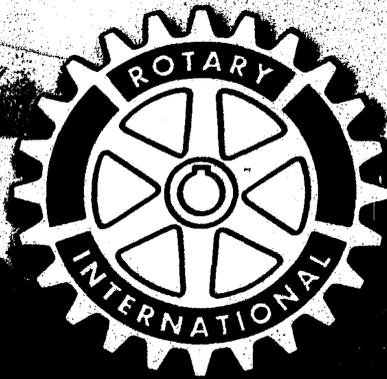
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Ruidoso nature photographer David Tremblay's recent shot of a Rufous hummingbird, which migrated out of the area about two weeks ago, is an ode to another passing summer. Until next year.

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### Results

**Football**  
Friday, Oct. 23  
Hondo 68, Elida 20  
Carrizo 32, Mescalero 19  
Lordsburg 41, Capitan 6  
Portales 54, Ruidoso 39

**Girls Soccer**  
Thursday, Oct. 22  
Socorro 9, Ruidoso 0

**Boys Soccer**  
Thursday, Oct. 22  
Ruidoso 6, Socorro 3

**Volleyball**  
Thursday, Oct. 22  
Carrizo 3, Vaughn 0  
Hondo 3, Mountainair 2  
Saturday, Oct. 24  
Roswell 3, Ruidoso 0

### Sports On Tap

**Football**  
Friday, Oct. 30  
Albuquerque Academy at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
Capitan at Cloudcroft, 7 p.m.  
Mescalero at Fort Sumner, 7 p.m.  
Carrizo at Jal, 7 p.m.  
Lake Arthur at Hondo, 7 p.m.

**Volleyball**  
Thursday, Oct. 29  
Ruidoso at Dexter, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 31  
Ruidoso at Portales, 2 p.m.

### On Deck

**Smokey Bear Challenge**  
Saturday, Oct. 31, the Smokey Bear Mountain Challenge 8-mile Littleton/Kraut Canyons trail race will once again take place. The main race registration fee is \$30 with a free kids half-mile race for ages 5-12. There will be a Halloween costume contest for all participants. Race packets and check-in can be obtained and made at the White Mountain Outdoor Store & Cyclery, 2810 Sudderth, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. or on race-day at the bottom of Kraut Canyon at Bonito Lake from 7:30-8:15 a.m. Cash only on race-day. The chip timed main race starts at 9 a.m. and the kids race at 9:45 a.m. For more info, call 257-0184.



**Winners of 2009 D3-1A-3A soccer celebrate after defeating Socorro, Oct. 22.** Laying down, Jamie Enriquez, front row, l-r, Cesar Medina, Jorge Varela, Alex Romero, Edgar Medina, Keith Yeager, Scott Thompson. Kyle Rossiter and Matt Collins. Back row, Coach Craig Washnok, Erick Garcia, Arturo Romero, Antonio Enriquez, Fernando Lagunas, Andrew Gilliland, Mario Varela, Jacob Rigsby, Eric Castillo, Beto Fernandez and Coach Richard Enriquez.

## Ruidoso soccer boys take back-to-back district titles

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The Warriors soccer team finished the regular season with a 10-8 overall mark, but more importantly, they were 4-0 in district and won D3-1A-3A over arch-rival Socorro by a score of 6-3, Oct. 22.

This marks the second year in a row that RHS head coach Washnok and crew have won district

Coming into last Thursday's match, Socorro was 2-1 in district and needed to win the contest by three goals to claim the district title.

Ruidoso was 3-0 coming into the match and pounced on Socorro early. Within the first 20 minutes of the first half, the Warriors were up 3-0.

The visitors converted a penalty kick in the closing moments of the half and Ruidoso led by two at the

break.

Mario Varela came out and kicked in Ruidoso's fourth goal within the first 22 seconds of the second half.

The next 15 minutes saw the Warriors score two more to take a 6-1 lead.

With that lead, Washnok cleared the bench and played all 13 of his seniors (it was senior night) and others who had not seen action.

Late in the match,

Socorro put in two harmless goals and the Warriors earned a 3-goal victory.

This was decidedly different than last year's RHS win where the Warriors had to overcome a 2-goal deficit to claim the district crown.

Varela scored two goals and had two assists, Cesar Medina kicked in two goals with one assist, Jacob Rigsby booted in one with an assist by Scott Thompson and Andrew

Gilliland scored the first goal of the contest.

To win this year's title the squad had to overcome adversities – sickness, suspensions and other problems – but in the end their talent won the day.

"These kids went about their business and did what they had to do," Washnok said. "They worked very hard – not for glamour – but for the love

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## Warrior football team unhorsed by Rams

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Friday's D4-3A football game between Portales and Ruidoso ended in a 54-39 loss for the Warriors.

The Rams scored first at the 7:42 mark of the first quarter and a missed PAT gave Portales a 6-0 lead.

The Warriors came right back two minutes later on an 8-yard run around the right side by Brendan Flack.

The successful PAT gave RHS a momentary 7-6 advantage.

From there on out, it was a scoring fest by both squads.

Portales senior running back Jesus Davalos was a

key factor in the Rams win over RHS with over 200 yards.

At the end of the first quarter, Flack again ran in an 8-yarder to get the Warriors to within one, 14-13.

Towards the end of the first half, Flack was injured and had to leave the game. At the half, Portales gained a 27-19 advantage.

By the end of the third quarter, the Rams increased their lead to 41-32 and eventually won by 15.

"We knew Davalos was going to be a factor," RHS head coach Kief Johnson said.

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Quarterback Darrell Carr gets outside of Portales defenders in Friday's 54-39 loss.

## Lydia's Last Step pulls off 59-1 \$60,000 upset at Zia Park

TY WYANT  
For the Ruidoso News

**HOBBS** – Rose Mary Chandler's homebred – Lydia's Last Step – pulled off the biggest thoroughbred stakes surprise of the Zia Park season when he won the \$60,000 Governor's Cup Handicap at 59-1 odds on Sunday afternoon.

Earlier on the 11-race program, DM Hot Hot Hot raced to the fastest-qualifying time to the New Mexico

Classic Derby for quarter horses.

Lydia's Last Step raced the six furlongs in 1:11 1/5 and rewarded his supporters with \$120.20, \$52 and \$11.60.

He keyed a \$1,376.20 \$2 exacta payoff and a \$1 trifecta worth \$5,208. The \$1 superfecta paid \$44,465.70.

Jockey Juan Ochoa found racing room and Lydia's Last Step responded to win by three quarters of a length over Kerrville.

Big Texas Daddy finished third.

Trained by Todd Fincher, Lydia's Last Step was overlooked in the classy field of two-year-old colts despite a dominating maiden win two starts ago and finishing third in the Smarty Jones Overnight Handicap at 5-2 odds at Ruidoso Downs in his previous start.

In the trials to the New Mexico Classic Derby, the Reed Land And Cattle

Company's DM Hot Hot Hot pulled away to win the first of three trials with a :21.442 time for the 440 yards.

The Heath Reed-trained DM Hot Hot Hot broke well from the outside post position and easily drew out under jockey Freddie Martinez to win by an easy two-and-a-quarter lengths.

It was the third-straight win and fourth wins win the latest five starts for the daughter of Corona Cal-

iente. Her only defeat during that stretch came in the \$107,000 Zia Derby at Ruidoso Downs on July 26.

She then took the Pelican Stakes at The Downs at Albuquerque and was an easy three-quarter-length winner of a \$33,200 allowance race at Zia Park.

Joining DM Hot Hot Hot (:21.442) in the New Mexico Classic Derby are Rabbit Revival (:21.491), Zamron (:21.542), My Box Of Chocolate (:21.547),

Cartel Power (:21.639), One Diamond Kitty (:21.727), Downchicks N Themail (:21.777), Sacred Stone (:21.813), Wildside (:21.834) and Klassic Strawfly (:21.855).

The New Mexico Classic Derby is part of the New Mexico Classic Cup program on Nov. 8 at Zia Park.

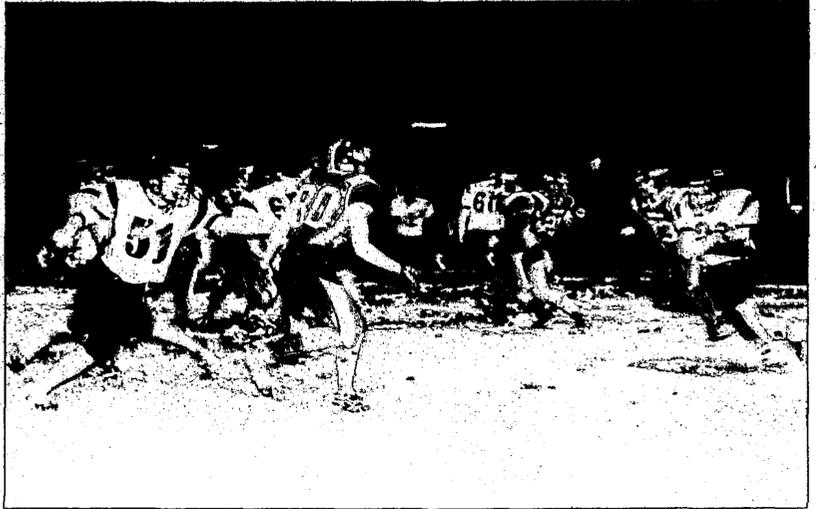
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# CARRIZOZO/MESCALERO FOOTBALL



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Cole Hubbard rips off yardage against Mescalero defenders in Carrizozo's 32-19 win Friday.



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Mescalero's Craig Valdez covers the ball and runs for a gain.

## NMSU Aggies have 3-point shot weapon in Gordo Castillo

JASON GROVES  
For the Ruidoso News

LAS CRUCES — Gordo Castillo has the green light to let the ball go from long range for the New Mexico State men's basketball team.

The Aggies junior guard shot 45 percent from long range last season to lead the Western Athletic Conference.

Castillo, like the rest of the Aggies guards, have but one rule. Don't take the challenged shot.

"Pretty much if I'm open, I have the green light," Castillo said. "It

might be harder to get open this year."

Castillo and the Aggies led the WAC and were 10th in the nation last year in accuracy from beyond the arc.

NMSU shot 40 percent as a team while California led the country with a 42.7 percentage.

Castillo, junior Jahmar Young (42 percent) and senior Jonathan Gibson (39) form a formidable trio of guards that can spread the defense out.

"I didn't know that but it's not a surprise because our coaches tells us to shoot with confidence," Young

said. "Coach put a big emphasis not to be scared to shoot open 3s, like in transition so you shouldn't be surprised if we pull up for a 3 because we work a lot on transition drills. A little confidence goes a long way."

Although they ranked first in the WAC in percentage, the Aggies were fourth in attempted triples, meaning their shots were not typically forced.

NMSU attempted 555 treys last year. Fresno State led the league with 701.

Aggies coach Marvin Menzies said his philoso-

phy of avoiding taking challenged shots is similar to coaches he has worked under throughout his career. He wants his players to get shots out of the offense and wants individual players to know their limitations.

"We run offense to get open 3s off of drive and dish and set plays," Menzies said.

While the Aggies return the players who are capable of hitting 3s, those same players have to do a better job at defending the 3.

NMSU ranked third in the WAC in 3-point defense and 145th nationally.

Aggies opponents shot 34 percent from long range against the Aggies and 37 percent from the floor.

"We talk about us shooting with confidence but some of the teams like Boise State and Utah State will shoot it from wherever," Young said. "If you look at last year, we were there but just a second too late sometimes. The shell drill that we do is helping a lot with that."

Menzies carries the same philosophy to the defensive end of the court. He doesn't want his players shooting challenged 3s. Likewise, he wants to chal-

lenge as many shots as possible.

Defending the 3 also carries over into transition, which comes back to the perimeter players getting back and communicating.

"Transition defense was one of our weaker points," Menzies said.

"It's been something that we are focusing on and it starts with the 1-2-3 guys turning and getting back."

If the Aggies can tighten up against the 3 this year and continue to shoot it at the same clip, the Aggies could improve on their 2.0 scoring margin and 17 wins from a year ago.

## SOCCER

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of the sport of soccer because they enjoy what they do.

"You can't be a winning

coach without good players. I've been blessed with a great group of seniors who have played together since they were kids.

"They know each other's style of play well and they've hung together, excelled and beat back mis-

fortune."

Washnok will lose 13 seniors to graduation.

This would spell gloom in most schools for next year's winning prospects but not necessarily in Ruidoso's case.

Washnok, who has been

coach for five seasons now, has averaged 40 players on varsity and JV for the last four years.

With 19 players coming back next year, and 22 kids on JV, who have never seen varsity playing time, Ruidoso's chances for suc-

cessful future teams look good.

In short, RHS has what other schools (such as NMMI) don't have — a soccer program which builds for the future.

"My boys bought into the system I presented to them early-on," Washnok said. "That's one of the reasons why I think we were successful."

The Warriors were seeded fourth in state play and get a first-round bye in the state playoffs. They will

then play the winner of the Hope Christian/Desert Academy match on Nov. 5, at 9 a.m., at the new Rio Rancho High School. Last year, Ruidoso lost to Bosque, 2-1, in the semi-finals of the state playoffs and hope to rectify that defeat in the upcoming state matches. Redemption can be sometimes be a motivating factor and with Varela leading in 3A goals and assists there's no telling how far this team can advance. Stay tuned.

## PIGSKIN

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"We assigned alternate players to 'spy' on him but their line continually gave him a 'crease' to run in."

The Warriors put up 39 points on two running TDs by Flack, one by quarterback Darrell Carr, two touchdown catches by Jesse Scarafiotti and a 6-point reception by Ralph Miranda.

The RHS coaching staff met Saturday and Sunday reviewing the game films in preparation for Friday's upcoming contest with Albuquerque Academy at Horton Field at 7 p.m.

"The coaches and I are

proud of our boys and everybody involved is working as hard as they can for the playoffs," Johnson said.

"We need to win the next two regular season games first though."

The 6-2, 0-1, Albuquerque Academy Chargers come to town with a district loss to Lovington (28-24, last Friday).

"They only have 22 kids on their roster," Johnson said. "But they are very well conditioned, well disciplined and they're big and fast."

"Our defense will have to key-in on their quarterback, No. 11, Kevin Clauss and running back, No. 10, Brandon Branch (whose brother played for UNM)."

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Ruidoso defenders force an out-of-bounds fumble.

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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## NMSU Homecoming a success

The weather made the NMSU Homecoming activities pleasant. At the Friday morning Ag breakfast, Scott Shafer, of Carrizozo, was recognized for his range management practices. Erin Hightower, Ancho, was one of the several 4-H - FFA Ambassadors present. (I hope I have this right).

At the Saturday luncheon, Ann Ferguson, Carrizozo, was one of several 1959 graduates recognized.

There was the usual large crowd watching the parade. The children - big and small - were waiting for the candy, too.

I visited with Audrey Hardman-Hartley briefly. She has been the parade hostess for 21 years. She has a great sense of humor which makes the parade so much fun.

The weather was chilly and the game started so late that we stayed home. Some friends came to the house and we watched the game on TV.

Debbie Widger is back as Alumni Director and did her usual great job getting the activities organized. Welcome back, Debbie.

Also present was Dr. Thomas. Jean was unable to attend any activities but everyone wished her well.

We were saddened to hear the deaths of Dr. Frank English and Al Stubbs.

Al worked for the news media his entire lifetime. He worked in Lincoln County for several years.

Dr. English had quite few clientele from Lincoln County.

Winter is on its way. Ralph's cousin, Evelyn Terpening, from Artesia, was one of many who attended the Homecoming activities.

She returned home Monday by way of Cloudcroft and met vehicles with snow on them. She said it was so misty she had to use her windshield wipers.

Also, time to change our clocks back one hour Saturday night.

One of our neighbors has been building a new house and she will move into it Thursday.

The Las Cruces City Council election is coming up and as with most elections there is a lot of rhetoric.



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## HALLOWEEN AT SMOKEY BEAR PARK



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Halloween at Smokey Bear Park opens at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 31. Inside are games, prizes and candy provided by the Capitan Women's Club and outside is the Haunted Forest. This year, since it is on a Saturday night, many items have been added to the Haunted Forest to make it bigger and better than last year. The tour starts with a milder version for the young ones. At sunset, 6:30 p.m., it will get scarier and will be entertaining for the older kids, including teens. Free to all. Closes at 7:30 p.m. Friday is a pumpkin carving or decorating contest. Bring a completed pumpkin to the park by 3 p.m. for judging. Age categories are 5 to 12, 13 to 17 and 18 and older. First place wins a cash prize of \$20 in each age category and prizes for runners up. All pumpkins will be placed in the pumpkin patch Halloween night when the winners will be announced. For more information, call 354-2748.

## FSA announces \$1.1 million loan

ALBUQUERQUE - Salomon Ramirez, State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in New Mexico today announced the loan limit for its Guaranteed Loan Program has been increased to \$1,112,000, effective Oct. 1.

The limit is adjusted annually based on the "Prices Paid to Farmers Index," compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

"The increased limit will enhance the agency's ability to meet the credit needs of farmers and ranchers throughout the country," said Ramirez.

The Guaranteed Loan Program allows commercial and farm credit lenders to extend credit to qualified applicants, who otherwise would not meet their standard lending criteria.

Participating lenders can use the Guaranteed Loan Program to strengthen a loan's viability through a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loan amount. Farmers interested in

guaranteed loans should apply through a conventional lender. FSA also offers the Direct Loan Program as an alternative for those unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. Direct farm loans are government-funded, and made by FSA.

The loan limit for loans under the Direct Program is \$300,000 (except for Emergency Loans). Farmers interested in applying for a direct loan should contact their local FSA office.

## Rabies confirmed in western Socorro and Grant Counties

LAS CRUCES - The New Mexico Department of Health confirmed that a calf from Socorro County and a fox from Grant County both tested positive for rabies.

The fox was found about 10 miles south of the town of Glenwood near the Catron County line while the calf was from a ranch about 10 miles east of Datil.

To help prevent the spread of rabies the Department of Health is encouraging all pet and livestock owners to vaccinate their dogs, cats, horses and other valuable livestock against the disease.

"The confirmation of rabies in a calf shows that rabies can spread into other animal species and be a threat to people, their pets and livestock," said Dr. Paul Ettestad, public health veterinarian for the Department of Health. "Vaccination of pets and valuable livestock is crucial in protecting your family and your animals."

Ettestad said that tissue specimens from the calf will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta to determine the strain of

rabies that infected it. Fox rabies has been a problem in Arizona for decades and was first detected in New Mexico in the Glenwood area of Catron County in 2007. Rabies is a fatal disease that can be prevented with vaccination, but not cured once it has been diagnosed.

So far this year, Grant County has had six foxes, two bobcats and a coyote test positive for rabies in July. While Socorro County had a bat from near Dusty test positive for rabies in July.

The Department of Health recommends the following guidelines to help protect against rabies:

- If you see a sick or dead wild animal or a wild animal that is acting abnormally in this area, report it to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish at 505-532-2100. Rabid animals may show no fear of people and may even seem friendly or become aggressive.

- Keep pets on a leash at all times. Pets should be up-to-date on rabies vaccinations and wearing current license tags on their collar. If your cat or dog has been bitten or scratched, call your pet's veterinarian,

even if the wound is superficial.

Horses and other valuable livestock should be considered for rabies vaccination to protect them from wild rabid animals that may attack them.

- Stay away from wild or unfamiliar animals. Do not attempt to feed, approach or touch wild animals. Teach this important message to your children, and keep a close eye on your kids at all times.

- If you or a loved-one are bitten by an animal or come into contact with an animal's saliva, wash the exposed site immediately with soap and water.

So far in 2009, there has been a total of 20 animals test positive for rabies in New Mexico. In 2008 there were 28 cases of rabies in New Mexico, including 18 foxes and one dog in the southwestern area of New Mexico. There were 14 foxes and one dog with rabies in Grant County, two foxes in Catron County and one fox each in Sierra and Hidalgo Counties.

For more information about rabies, visit the department Web site at [www.nmhealth.org/epi/rabies.html](http://www.nmhealth.org/epi/rabies.html).

### COUNTY BRIEFS

#### E-Waste Day

Drop off your obsolete, outdated and replaced electronic items at the Carrizozo Town Hall, Saturday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m. - Noon and they will be taken to Ruidoso's E-waste collection Nov. 7.

Computers and peripherals, office equipment, old ink cartridges, small electronics, household appliances, cell phones, radios, televisions and stereos are all accepted.

For more information, to volunteer to help, or to schedule a pickup or if you cannot make a drop off, call Ray Dean at 648-5586 or Judy Fitzpatrick, 648-2514.

#### Fall carnival

Carrizozo PFK is sponsoring a Fall Carnival Thursday, Oct. 29, 5-7 p.m. Booth applications are available in the High School office. 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.

First Friday Adult Lectures are held at Capitan Public Library, 102 E Second, Capitan, and are free of charge.

For more information call 354-3035.

#### Grizzly briefs

Congratulations to: •the Lady Grizzlies for finishing undefeated in District volleyball;

•the Grizzly football team for defeating Mes-calero;

• the Cross Country team competing in Ruidoso on Saturday

• FFA Meats team of Kylie Gaines, Ryan Guevara and Tessa Hendricks for placing in the top 25 at National FFA Convention;

• FFA member Joel Ferguson for competing in Extemporaneous Speaking at National FFA Convention;

• Junior Class for winning the Hall Decorating and Pizza Eating Contest participants: Fernando Najera, Wade Sultemeier, Mark Vigil and Roper Webb;

•First Grade for winning the Homecoming Float, Dress-Up contests and winning the overall Spirit Award;

• Cody Ventura and Betsy Solis for being voted Homecoming King and Queen.

For a full viewing of Homecoming event photos by Polly Chavez, go to <http://zozoelem-art.weebly.com/>.

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Seventh grade: Fantasia Dennis, Lisa Ventura;  
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Ninth grade: Victoria Ventura;  
Tenth grade: Marshall Ventura;  
Eleventh grade: Nicole Apodaca, Joel Ferguson,

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Twelfth grade: Alexa Borowski, Tessa Hendricks, Tanner Huston, Dakota Lovelace, Lena Reyes, Ashley Ventura

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- Thornton, Tiffany Vega, Zhane Vega, Josh Ventura;  
Eighth grade: Devon Artech, Dalton Vega, Rylah Zamora;  
Ninth grade: Analicia Beltran, Andrea Beltran, Tavi Nash, Shayna Zamora;  
Tenth grade: Amilia Lueras;  
Eleventh grade: Fernando Najera, Jenna Scharz, Wade Sultemeier;  
Twelfth grade: Ryan Guevara, Daniel Hernandez, Stefan Najer, Betsy Solis, Arron Vallejos, Mariah Vallejos, Cody Ventura.
- As reported by school.

# 'ZOZO KING AND QUEEN



POLLY CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Betsy Solis and Cody Ventura were crowned the 2009 Carrizozo Homecoming Queen and King at the Friday night Homecoming football game. Both are seniors at Carrizozo High School.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Pizza-eating contest winners for the event held at the Homecoming Pep Assembly Friday at Carrizozo Schools were junior class members Wade Sultemeier, Fernando Najera, Roper Webb and Mark Vigil. The contest was sponsored by Tomas Marrulo with Valero. Valero provided the four giant pizzas, drinks, T-shirts and a trophy for the winning team and plaques. Four students from each high school class participated. Second place winners was the sophomore team of Lane Carter, Cole Hubbard, Adreas Verdugo and Marshal Ventura.

# Weed of the Week

Hoary Cress, one of Lincoln County's noxious weeds, is a major competitor to our wildlife and forage.

Nearly every area of Lincoln County contains Hoary Cress.

It is incredibly fast spreading and very difficult to control.

Most yards, hiking trails and roadsides are infested with this weed.

Following the flood of 2008, everywhere the flood waters swirled regardless if it was under a deck or near a bridge, a new infestation of Hoary Cress appeared.

Hoary Cress is a perennial, so its one of those pesky weeds that live throughout the whole year and has a very deep and extensive root system.

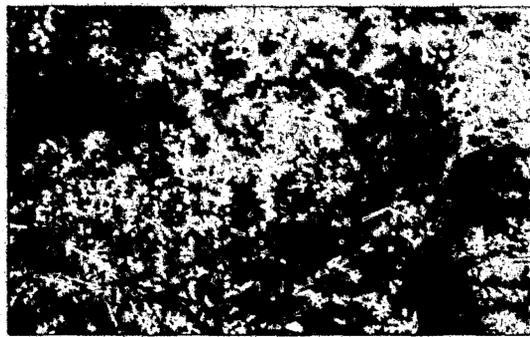
Hoary Cress reproduces more commonly from its horizontal roots than its seeds.

This weed has been known to spread an average of 12 feet in diameter each year.

If grown for medicinal purposes it is very important to keep Hoary Cress contained so that it cannot spread to other areas.

Hoary Cress as well as other non-native weeds have a huge impact on our watersheds.

When invasive weeds



HOARY CRESS

take over an area they lead to erosion, they choke streams and rivers and they take nutrients from native trees and plants which in turn reduce the health and abundance of our wildlife.

Accidentally introduced into the US through contaminated seed, Hoary Cress has been problematic wherever it spreads.

It is a native of Western Asia and Eastern Europe, where it had natural competitors to stop it from taking over its native continent.

Research centers all over the world are working on safe and effective forms of biological control to help areas like ours with Hoary Cress.

Three different 'bugs' have not yet been released but are good candidates: the Shiny Hoary Cress Flea



HOARY CRESS ROOT WEEVIL

beetle (*Psyllodes wrasei*), the Root weevil (*Baris Semistriata*), and the Stem weevil (*Ceutorhynchus merkli*).

For more information on Hoary Cress and its biological control research centers, visit the Hoary Cress Consortium Web site: [www.sidney.ars.usda.gov/hoarycress/index.html](http://www.sidney.ars.usda.gov/hoarycress/index.html).

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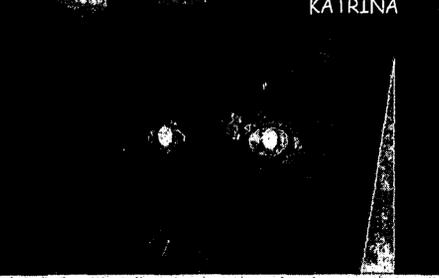
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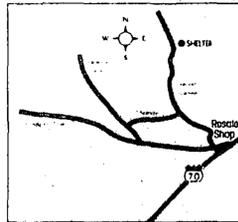
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## William Duck

**William Charles Duck, 71, of Ruidoso, N.M., died Oct. 16, 2009, at Hunt Regional Medical Center. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Ruidoso.**

Mr. Duck was born April 21, 1938, in Greenville, the son of Howard and Mary Virginia Williams Duck. On July 27, 1996, he married Carolyn Craig in Greenville. He was an Army veteran and an employee of Walmart in Ruidoso.

He is survived by his wife of Ruidoso, N.M., daughters Marie York of Sand Springs, Okla., and Debra Griffin of Sedalia, Mo., brother Howard Duck of Greenville; and his mother-in-law, Charlene Craig of Greenville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Catherine Pinkerton; a brother, Donald Duck; and his parents.

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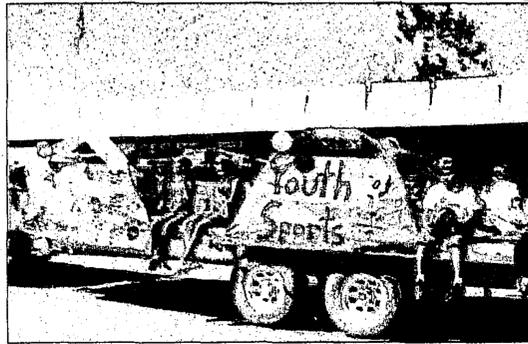
## Buddie Vuicich

Funeral services for Buddie Vuicich, 85, of Georgetown, Texas and formerly of Ruidoso were Friday, Oct. 23, at 2:00 PM at the First Christian Church of Ruidoso. Burial followed at Ruidoso Hondo Valley Cemetery near Ruidoso Downs.

Mr. Vuicich passed away Tuesday, October 20, 2009, in Waco, Texas. He was born June 8, 1924 at Eagles Nest, New Mexico. He moved to Lincoln County in 1980 from Denver City, Texas. He had owned the GMC-Pontiac, International Harvester and AMC dealerships in Denver City and Seminole, Texas and a member of the Sheriffs Posse in Yoakum County, Texas. He served in World War II and Korean War earning two purple hearts. He married Evelyn Taylor on September 29, 1948 at Seagraves, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; son, Buddie Collin Vuicich; two daughters, Cheryl Vuicich Stokes and Melody Vuicich Kump; 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com)



## Wayne C. Edwards



passed away peacefully with his wife and best friend of 13 years, Arlene Edwards, at his side on October 22, 2009 after a 2 year battle with ALS. He was born August 13, 1946 in Havre de Grace, Maryland and served in the Air Force from 1965-1969. Wayne was a successful business man that worked in 60 different countries. He was also a consultant in Albuquerque, NM for 15 years.

Wayne loved many things in life. He was a beautiful singer and loved music of all sorts. He was a wine connoisseur that loved great food and wonderful company. He was always the life of the party and ready to take the microphone in a heartbeat...although, he would tell you he was shy and hated the limelight...what a kidder he was! He loved life itself and a good laugh. He was an avid reader and traveler who knew something about everything. His happiest times were spent on family vacations and showing his wife the wonders of the world. He loved to see her face light up as they toured Italy and many other places. He was someone you could confide in and trust that he would give you good and logical advice.

Proceeded in death by his parents, Wayne, Sr and Gladys Edwards and brother, Fred Edwards; Wayne is survived by his wife Arlene, daughters Angel and Bonnie Chavez; grandchildren Gabriel and Imani Chavez and Brittany Gethman; brothers David Edwards, his wife Yvette Edwards and family, Steven Edwards and Rick Edwards, and a sister Norma Valentine. He is also survived by Albert Gonzales and family, Rick Gonzales and family, Steve Gonzales and family, Efrene Gonzales and family, Ralph Gonzales and family, Jason Gonzales and family, Rosita Saenz and family. He will never be forgotten by multitudes of very special friends that he held near and dear to his heart from New Mexico to Europe to Australia.

Throughout this illness Wayne kept his faith, humor, and strength. What a wonderful man! He will truly be missed and always loved.

Memorial services will be held at 2pm on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 139 Carrizo Canyon Road.

In lieu of flowers Wayne kindly requested that a monetary donation be made to: The Cidella Gonzales Childrens Foundation [www.cideliagonzalesfoundation.org](http://www.cideliagonzalesfoundation.org)  
 Email: [aedwards@cideliagonzalesfoundation.org](mailto:aedwards@cideliagonzalesfoundation.org)  
 For additional information please call Angel @ 505-610-8255

## Patricia E. Hughes

Graveside services for Patricia E. Hughes, 76, of Capitan and formerly of Albuquerque were Saturday, Oct. 24, at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque. Mrs. Hughes passed away Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at her home in Capitan. She was born February 21, 1933 at Springfield, Missouri. Mrs. Hughes was an accomplished seamstress and loved to hook rugs. She was a "Champion" of all animals. She moved to Lincoln County in 1986 from Albuquerque.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Hughes; two daughters, Pati Cillessen and her husband Ed, and Chandra Ankeny and her husband Michael; three sisters, Betty Holley, Mary Virginia Johnson, and Emily Barton; grandchildren, Duane Cillessen and his wife, Erin and their son Caleb, Dale Cillessen and his wife Ashlee, and Tiffany Ankeny and her daughter Brooklyn; she was preceded in death by a daughter, Lynn Ellen Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Lincoln County, PO Box 2832, Ruidoso, NM 88355.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com)



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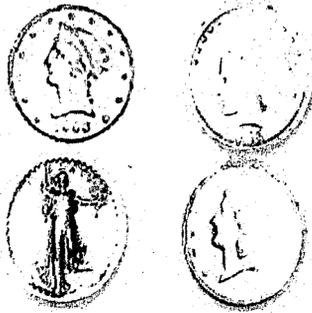
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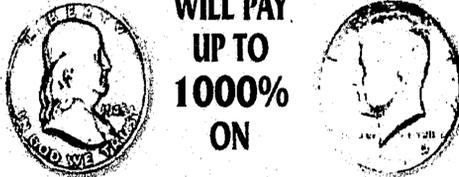
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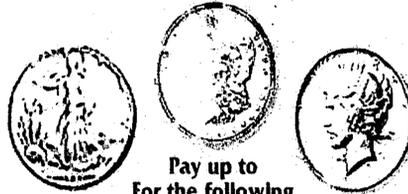
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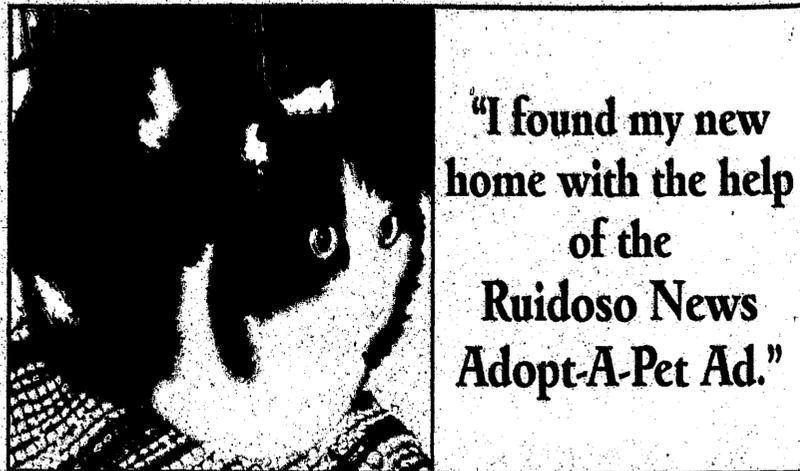
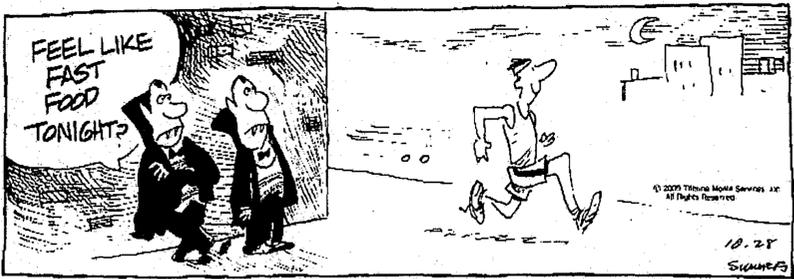
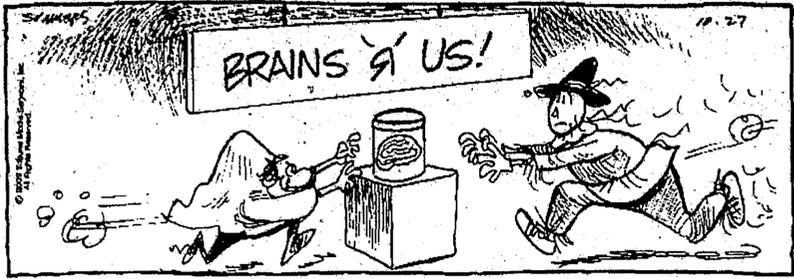
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Bracelets	\$12,750	Lavallere	\$ 7,750
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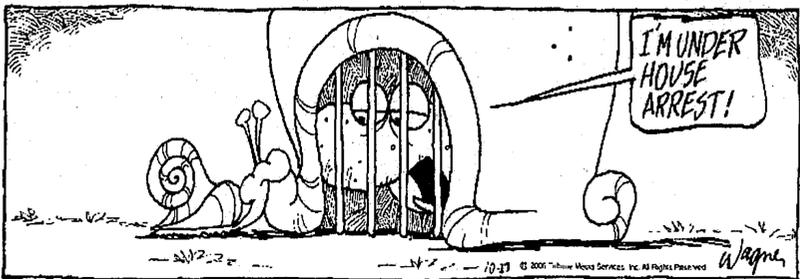
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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E	N	F	L	O	
E	X	G	O	N	Y
Z	I	F	L	E	Z

Ans: A "O-O" - "O-O" "O-O" "O-O"

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by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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A	F	A	B	A	F	A
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**SUDOKU**

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 7 2 3 4

		1	3					4
	3			2				
					5			
4			8	5	6	9		
					1			
	1	9	3					2
	6					8		
8			6			5		
9	4	5	8	1	7	3		

SOLUTION TO TODAY'S PUZZLE 10/28/09

6	5	1	3	9	8	2	7	4
7	3	4	5	2	1	6	9	8
2	9	8	6	7	4	5	1	3
4	2	3	1	8	5	7	6	9
8	6	9	7	4	2	1	3	5
5	1	7	9	3	6	8	4	2
3	7	6	2	5	9	4	8	1
1	8	2	4	6	3	9	5	7
9	4	5	8	1	7	3	2	6

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON CERTAIN STREET STORM DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, DEER VALLEY SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the property owners within the proposed Lincoln County, New Mexico, Deer Valley Subdivision Special Assessment District (the "District") and to all interested persons that:

1. The Governing Body of the County of Lincoln ("County"), New Mexico, has provisionally ordered that the District be divided into two parts: one part shall be graded, graded, and otherwise improved ("Street Improvements"); and the other part shall be improved ("Storm Drainage Improvements").

2. The estimated total cost of the Street Improvements, including engineering, legal, financing, and all necessary and incidental expenses is \$3,664,000 of which \$1,000,000 will be assessed against the property owners of the District. The estimated total cost of the Storm Drainage Improvements, including engineering, legal, financing, and all necessary and incidental expenses is \$2,253,000, of which \$1,000,000 will be assessed against the property owners of the District.

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**FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS NOTICE OF EXPLANATION**

Publish Date: October 28, 2009

The Town of Carrizozo intends to undertake Street Rehabilitation; removing existing asphalt and base course; compact sub-grade; laying new base course and new pavement; asphalt overlay; curb and gutter; and other related/rehabilitation repairs. Airport Road or 8th Street (from U.S. 54 to Hangar Road) will be the first street in a series of street improvements.

This is a CDBG project #09-C-RS-I-01-G-36 under the NM Small Cities Program for non-entitlement cities and counties. The project is located in the 100 year floodplain. The proposed improvements cannot be undertaken in another other location as relocation costs would exceed available program resources. Failure to provide the rehabilitation assistance would result in the continued unsafe conditions for the Town beneficiaries. It is the Town's judgment that Executive Order 11988/11990 has been considered in proceeding with this project for improvements to the existing streets.

Please extend or send written comments to:  
**Mayor Robert Hemphill, Town of Carrizozo,**  
P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301.  
Comments will be received until  
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Valley Court from Deer Valley Drive to 500 feet southeast.

Mule Deer Court from Deer Valley Drive to 300 feet north.

Antler Drive from Deer Valley Drive to 200 feet west.

Big Horn Court from Antler Drive to 200 feet west.

Reindeer Drive from Fort Stanton Road to Antler Drive.

Saddleback Road from Antler Drive to Rancho Ruidoso Estates.

Sitrus Court from Saddleback Road to 350 feet south.

Whitehall Drive from Saddleback Road to Antler Drive.

Cinch Court from Whitehall Drive to 450 feet west.

**STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

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**ALL IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

11. Except as more particularly shown on the plans in the attached, the County Clerk, the improvements shall be made for the assessments as follows:

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2 bd, 1 ba unfurn house, 2 1/2 car garage, fireplace, deck, TV hook-up, excel. cond. \$750, 258-5877

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