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Hubbard ups the ante

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Ruidoso Downs Race Track applies to move operations to Las Cruces — if

Ruidoso Downs Race Track is seeking permission from the New Mexico Racing Commission to move the track to Las Cruces for the 2011 racing season.

Racing Commission Director Julian Luna officially received the letter of request Monday morning from Ruidoso Attorney Billy Blackburn, who represents track interests.

Ruidoso Downs track and casino officials have inquired about suitable property in the Las Cruces area for a new operation.

Ruidoso Downs General Manager and President Ann McGovern said Monday the track and its casi-

no are losing money because of competition from Indian casinos.

McGovern said the track will seek a tax break from the Legislature next year and the track will remain in Ruidoso if the measure is enacted.

"The request to move our racing dates is the first step towards finding another option to return our business to profitability, if we're not successful during the upcoming legislative session," McGovern said Tuesday.

A similar tax break bill designed to level the playing field

on the amount Indian and non-Indian casinos pay to the state stalled in committee during the 2009 Legislative session.

Luna told the *Ruidoso News* Monday that the Racing Commission will consider the matter during a general monthly meeting Thursday.

"This will be long process, as the Racing Commission does not take things like this lightly," Luna said.

"At the end of the day, the commission will do what's best for horse racing in the state of New Mexico."



MCGOVERN

Ruidoso Downs is the home of the All American Futurity, the

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IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS



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Juliet Rost, 6 months, and Layle Snead have a good time at the annual Christmas Jubilee Saturday.

Back from 'the dead,' Capitan man gets nine years

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An attempt to fake his own death to escape vehicular homicide charges didn't keep a Capitan man from a jail sentence.

Byron Shane Carpenter, 30, was sentenced Monday in Albuquerque District Court to nine years in prison with two years suspended for charges related to a 2006 vehicle crash. The accident in Edgewood resulted in the death of a woman and severe injuries to an elderly family member.

Carpenter was indicted by a grand jury in September 2007 for the death of Rhonda Prince and the injuries to her now-93-year-old passenger. A jury trial was set for last August but Carpenter filed

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Wanted: Public input on comprehensive plan

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Multiple meetings don't necessarily equate to adequate public input on Ruidoso's Comprehensive Plan update, Village Councilor Michele Rebstock commented recently.

Although she voted with the rest of the council last week to schedule a public hearing Dec. 8 on amendments to the 2006 plan, she asked that the item be removed from the consent agenda. That agenda is approved without discussion in one vote covering all issues. She preferred the item be placed on the regular council agenda to allow discussion.

"At the (village) Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, a person said it was not advertised correctly," she said. "I noticed in our binders, I don't see a planning and zoning vote or recommendation."

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said he attended the commission session and the item was on that board's agenda as a public

hearing to go through the plan. A citizen objected to the wording that she contended would discourage people from attending, because it sounded as if no input could be offered and commissioners simply would vote to recommend approval or rejection.

However, as the hearing progressed, several people offered comments, he said.

The heart and soul of a comprehensive plan is public input, Bryant said.

"I told (Village Planning Director Bob Decker) to document all efforts by groups to develop a comprehensive plan, so in the manager's report, it enumerates all of the meetings conducted," he said. The meetings include several clubs, real estate agents, the village arts council, the parks and recreation commission, as well as general sessions. The staff will continue to conduct meetings whenever and wherever possible until Dec. 8, he added.

"As a matter of law, (Decker) has gone way above the call of duty get-

"The word was out. If someone didn't show, it was their fault," KEDU general manager Jamie Estes said about news coverage of the comprehensive plan.



ting public input and I'm telling you, you are free to proceed, if that is your wish," the attorney said.

Councilor Ron Harde- man said several volunteers worked hard to bring information to people, "But you can't drag them into meetings. You only can set up and advertise the meetings."

Rick Albers, one of the volunteers on the comprehensive plan committee, said typically, only a few people attend planning and zoning meetings, but the CP public hearing at the

last session drew about 20 attendees, "So obviously, the word got out or they wouldn't have shown up," he said.

Jamie Estes of KEDU Christian Community Radio said he ran a one-hour call-in show strictly on the comprehensive plan and he advanced every meeting on air.

"So the word was out," he said. "If someone didn't show, it was their fault."

Rebstock said a lot of meetings can be document-

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Swenor appointed interim chief

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He's served twice before as Ruidoso police chief and Tuesday, Dick Swenor was tapped again, but this time only for an interim term through municipal elections next March.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley said he "labored considerably" and interviewed several candidates before deciding Swenor was the best choice for the village and for those police officers vying for the top spot as a permanent job.

"He will serve starting tomorrow through March 31," Nunley said. Picking a chief then will be up to a new council and mayor after the March 3 election.

Swenor, accreditation manager and evidence custodian for the police depart-

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PHOTO BY DAVID TREMBLAY/SENT COURTESY BRAD COOPER

Sunset over the mountains David Tremblay explains the light condition as "Crepuscular rays. These rays, which stream through gaps in clouds or between other objects, are columns of sunlit air separated by darker cloud-shadowed regions. The name comes from their frequent occurrences during crepuscular hours (those around dawn and dusk), when the contrasts between light and dark are the most obvious."

380 Closures

White Sands Missile Range Control announced a roadblock of U.S. 380 west of Carrizozo beginning at noon today and Friday and ending about 2 p.m.

The blocks at mile marker 49 will lift for 15 minutes and then reset until about 4 p.m. Times of blocks may vary depending on weather.

Children and youth are being accepted at various business and institutional locations with a marked Christmas paper wrapped box in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. Coats are collected, cleaned and distributed to children and youth around Lincoln County and the Mescalero Reservation. Cash donations toward the purchase of new coats are also accepted.

Tree lighting

The annual Lighting of Trees during the Christmas in the Park celebration is set for 6:15 p.m., Dec. 3, in Schoolhouse Park off Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

Sleigh rides and hot chocolate and cookies will be available. Members of the Ruidoso School Choral will sing and photographs with Santa will be for sale.

Members of the Eastern New Mexico University dance class also will perform a Christmas Cha-cha and other dances before door prizes from local merchants are awarded.

The annual event is sponsored by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department.

China talk

A trip to China to study practices and treatments by Chinese nurses will be highlighted at the next Sacramento Mountain Village Breakfast Talk.

Barbara Mader, RN, who owns the High Mesa Healing center, joined other U. S. nurses in the trip. She will talk about practices used by both groups.

The discussion will be on Nov. 21 at 9 a.m. during the group's breakfast talk at Cree Meadows Country Club.

The gatherings are always open to the public.

Childbirth classes

Childbirth delivery classes for expecting mothers

and coaches will be offered on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

The classes, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be in the hospital's conference room. The cost is \$20 per class.

The classes will teach relaxation and breathing

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Transfer dedication

The public is invited to the dedication of the new Ruidoso Solid Waste Department garbage transfer facility at 2 p.m., Thursday, on Gavilan Canyon Road.

Warm coat drive

With the El Niño winter storm season on the way, the Optimist Club of Ruidoso has launched its annual warm coats for kids drive across Lincoln County.

Donated new or gently used warm coats for chil-

Families needing coats should contact Christian Services at 257-4381.

Warm Coats project sponsors include Christian Services, Evergreen Cleaners, and the Optimist Club of Ruidoso.

For more information on the warm coats program or to make a cash donation, contact club president Harold Oakes at 937-7227.



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"La Muerte" plays a little mandolin with Tomás Vigil and others at Oso Gallery's 2nd annual Day of the Dead art show and celebration Saturday in Capitan.

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- Thanks to the Lincoln County Merchants.
- Thanks to our local media for promoting the Jubilee.
- Thanks to everyone who came and shopped.

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The Ruidoso Valley Greeters

Due to technical difficulties we did not receive our weather spot today. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

OPINION

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OUR OPINION

Shopping, marketing habits changing rapidly

Inquire about the 'local discount'

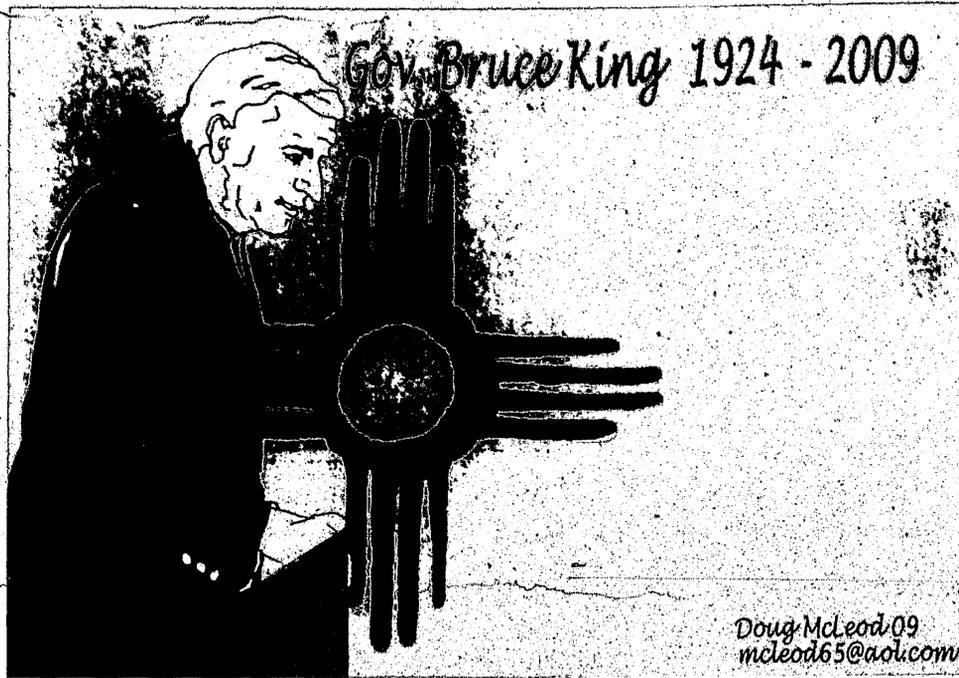
Studies show that the holiday season spending will be similar to last year. The shopper, however, is more engaged and service-oriented. Families with teens will spend more on music, electronics, clothing, gift cards, beauty products, video games and movies.

Convenience is at the top of the list and consumers are researching online options this Christmas. Most consumers research online and buy offline. But with online shopping on the rise, trends show consumers plan on spending 50 percent or more online versus the storefront.

While some businesses do not consider an online store as a competitor, we're here to tell you they are.

Much about consumers has changed. They have more options available. Take the Village of Ruidoso and their plan to change the way they market to tourists by selecting niche magazines and guides targeting a select audience which enjoys visiting our area.

Our local businesses want to target the local consumer and many of them offer discounts to locals. Before you shop online or out of town visit our local businesses and ask if they provide local discounts.



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YOUR OPINION

Village plays game of 'Ruidoso Roulette'

To the editor:

I HAVE KNOWN and loved Ruidoso since childhood. We built our home in the Upper Canyon in 1970. I was a co-founder of the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County (FHCLC) in 1997, and a founding member of the Upper Canyon Coalition (UCC) in 2008.

It is my opinion that dealing with the village in the past few years has become a lesson in futility. It is my considered belief that our elected officials are off-track and conducting business in an irregular and arbitrary manner.

On Oct. 31, 2006, the Village Council unanimously approved a resolution dividing a \$475,000 state appropriation for an alternate escape route with \$275,000 for design of the route and \$200,000 for bridge improvements.

For no apparent reason, the village made a 180-degree turn in the village priority that led to the state appropriation for a second escape route, apparently believing a three-lane bridge and the McDaniel Bridge would solve the need for a second way out of the canyon. Now we learn that a new three-lane bridge replacing the first bridge in the canyon has been added as a new village priority.

For the past seven years the village has relied heavily on the advice of its village forester who practiced a policy of personal promotion and a non-aggressive thinning approach to forest management. Unfortunately, this lopsided strategy has left citizens without necessary evacuation routes and emergency planning. Professionals have deemed the village codes the forester created relating to forest thinning and fire safe zones as inadequate and ineffective.

This leaves the village vulnerable to an unstoppable catastrophic forest fire event, and I'm not talking about a fire just in the Upper Canyon, but one consuming homes from Black Forest to Ruidoso Downs.

Much is known about fire behavior and results of fires in California and here in the Sacramento Mountains. On Oct. 20, 1991, the Oakland/Berkeley Hills Forest Fire in California killed 25 people including a police officer and firefighter.

This fire took many lives and destroyed nearly 2,500 single-family dwellings. In addition, many apartments and condominiums reduced to ashes and the fire burned 1,600 acres.

In 1996, the Chino Wells Fire crossed the road leading to Cloudercroft near Mescalero. This horrific fire burned 4,000 acres in but four hours. No homes were lost due to required fire safe

zones around homes on the reservation, but expected flooding followed.

In 2002, the devastating Kokopelli Fire destroyed 29 homes in Alto and burned 1,000 acres in but a few hours. The fact remains that the fuel load in the Ruidoso area is at least as great as in California, and when a fire reaches the treetops, it will burn as hot and likely faster than any of the California fires. Ruidoso has been exceedingly lucky not to experience the firestorm of monumental proportions foreseen by many experts.

In October 2004, under the direction of the village forester, The Greater Ruidoso Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) was adopted by the village. This FEMA-required report failed to include any mention of the need for secondary escape routes for canyon residents, or the need for careful evacuation planning for the entire village.

In 2005, after years of requests, the Village Council appointed Citizen Escape Route Committee (CERC). The village also declared the need for a secondary escape route for Upper Canyon residents a village priority leading to a state appropriation for \$475,000.

In 2007 a Request for Proposal (RFP) was prepared and mailed for the specific study and engineering of two possible routes one proposed by the CERC and the other designated by Village Emergency Manager James McCarthy. When McCarthy left for another job, the village assigned the forester responsibility for the engineering report and escape route planning. It is no accident that the engineering study morphed to become a "feasibility" study and that no quantitative engineering was included in the final report, only guesswork and opinion. This study cost \$79,000, and left our elected leaders confused and vacillating.

In January 2009, the village held a town hall Meeting to specifically address emergency preparedness. This meeting proved to be a waste, with the village forester claiming that he was out of "experts" and that "no expert had recommended the need for an alternate escape route."

The RFP made no mention of the need for additional expert opinion whatsoever. Canyon residents were incensed with this statement. Sensing anger, Village Manager Dan Higgins then stated that he would keep the Emergency Route for Upper Canyon on the "top burner." However, Higgins resigned from village employment a few months later, acknowledging "tensions

with Village Council."

Mediation efforts to settle the Writ of Mandamus lawsuit proved unsuccessful. The village attorney stressed village discretion and the assistant village manager stated that the village plans to use the remaining funds from the state appropriation for other purposes.

When Judge Currier closed the door on citizens' right to question in court the ability of the village to make questionable decisions regarding our health, safety and welfare issues, the hopes of having answers to many questions may never be known as to who, how and why the alternate escape route for the Upper Canyon got derailed.

When experts found the forest codes of the village to be inadequate and ineffective, alarming concerns regarding village priorities arise. It is not unreasonable to suggest the village fire department will be hard-pressed to keep a forest fire in the Upper Canyon on the ground and when a fire crowns, the entire village is at risk.

Village Council seems far too willing to play whimsy with village priorities. The announcement of the new village priority to construct a second three-lane bridge on two-lane Main Road raises questions: Is FEMA going to cost-share this expense? Is the state appropriation designated for an alternate escape route to be used for this ridiculous decision?

Why was Special Projects Director Justin King assigned to make this priority announcement for the council? At what meeting did the council make this priority decision? And finally, when will the results be made public of the previous council priority to update the evacuation plans for the village with special attention being given to the Upper Canyon?

I believe our village leaders have been sold a bill of goods by allowing employees to make far too many decisions relating to the safety of the people who pay the bills. Our elected leaders need to open their eyes and minds, as the village has no greater fiduciary responsibility than to protect the enormous investment citizens have made here, as well as our very lives.

To continue to play the dangerous game of "Ruidoso Roulette" is not an option. Police, Fire, Emergency Management and Forestry, supposedly trained in human safety, must step up and level with the community as to what it takes to survive in a forest prone to burn.

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With or without cap-and-trade, we're going to pay more

News bulletin: Scientists disagree! This is the story I'd like to see every time the media quote dissenting scientists on the subject of global warming. By training and discipline, scientists relentlessly examine each other's data, question the results of studies and arrive at their own conclusions.

Finding a scientist who questions the seriousness of climate change is hardly unusual. What is remarkable is the large number of reputable experts and scientific organizations included up to say, unequivocally, that human-caused climate change is real.

And yet, just 57 percent of Americans think there is solid evidence that the world is getting warmer, and only a third think human activity is to blame, according to a recent poll. Political bluster trumps scientific papers, it seems.

Here in New Mexico, the debate has largely focused on the financial impact of the proposed cap-and-trade law. The state's energy industries understand that they have to make changes — they just disagree on the present course.

"People shouldn't take our opposition as saying, don't do anything," says Bob Gallagher, president of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. "We're saying there's a better way."

To PNM, climate change is "the most pressing environmental and economic issue of our time," says a spokesman. The company is a founding member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership; its proposal for change is largely reflected in the bill that passed the House last summer.

The bill would cap greenhouse gas emissions for certain industries; companies that reduced emissions would earn credits, which they could sell or trade to companies with emissions above the cap. Utilities would have to meet 20 percent of demand with renewable sources.

Rep. Harry Teague managed to add language to the bill that, among other things, allows New

Mexico's four small refineries to emit carbon without buying credits from the government and helps out electric co-ops.

Estimated costs are all over the board: Critics say up to \$1,500 a year per family, but the more reliable Congressional Budget Office estimates an average cost of \$175 a year per household.

The cost of doing nothing will be \$3,430 by 2020 for every New Mexican, according to the Climate Leadership Initiative (whose steering committee includes two UNM economists). It measured impacts including health and water supplies, the rising frequency of wildfires, and higher cooling costs.

The oil and gas industry argues that the costs, especially during a recession, are prohibitive. Environmentalists say the bill gives too much to the utility industry and will have little impact. Critics on both sides have reservations about a market-based system for the exchange of credits, operated by the same Wall Street types who got us into our present economic mess. They wonder what bureaucratic nightmare will be created to track all these emissions, credits and offsets.

Enter the state Environment Department, which proposes a New Mexico cap. PNM, which took the lead in supporting the federal bill, has taken the lead in opposing a state mandate. The department wants a New Mexico statute — the only one in the nation — just in case Congress fails to act. PNM warns that a state cap would increase energy bills here and place New Mexico businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

"The silver lining may just be that it's woken up business groups in New Mexico," Gallagher told the Economic Forum, a business group. "This is an attack on business in New Mexico."

The alarm is well placed. The state effort is regulatory overkill that does little to address the problem while needlessly running up costs for businesses and consumers.



SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE



CHIEF

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ment, said he was willing

to accept, but only on an interim basis.

"I've had my time," he said. "I was surprised, but I'm willing to take up the slack and it's a good way for

the guys to step up and compete."

Swenor worked in the Office of Special Investigations for the Air Force before joining the Ruidoso

Police Department in 1979. He served as chief from May 1981 through October 1987, stepped down for a few years and took over again in Dec. 1990 through

July 1994, when he headed security at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

He rejoined the Ruidoso Police Department on June 25, 2007.

Dick Swenor, right, accepts congratulations from the rank-and-file after his appointment to interim police chief after current chief Wolfgang Born retires.

County clerk, treasurer partial to database idea

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County Clerk Tammie Maddox says her main concern about providing a Lincoln County government database for citizens is protecting the integrity of the information in her department.

County Treasurer Beverly Calaway voiced some of the same concerns Tuesday at a county commission meeting, but Chairman Tom Battin said he'd like to see a projected budget for the service that could help professionals as well as property owners who want to double check their taxes and valuations.

County Manager Tom Stewart said Realtors rely on a database obtained from the county and provided through a service by Harvey Foster in a format called TAME-IT. The service provides access to property owner information, valuations and property taxes. But Stewart said the information frequently is out-dated by the time the subscribers to the service receive it.

"The Realtors would like more up-to-date Internet access to our database," he told commissioners. County Assessor Paul Baca is researching options with the county's software provider, Triadic, for alternatives used in other counties, and Calaway is considering a data base she provides to Triadic officials specifically formatted for mortgage companies, he said.

"The issues to consider are the cost of setting up access, security from the ability to manipulate our data bases, necessary improvements to our AS 400 computer and increased Internet speed, among others," Stewart said.

Baca said Triadic is setting up programs for two other counties to provide public access to records through the Internet.

"We would tell them what to release and the data can't be compromised," Baca said. "It can only be viewed. They told us it would be safe.

"Most of the data Harvey is getting now is from the assessor's office, along with taxes and taxes due from the treasurer's office."

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo asked if the cost of providing the information could be charged back to Realtors and people wanting the data. Foster charges for the service he provides.

According to a summary provided by County Attorney Alan Morel, the set-up cost to write the program and insert data would run about \$6,100. A \$75 a month charge to maintain and update the data would be charged for each office serviced. In Lincoln County, that probably would be the offices of the clerk, treasurer and assessor, adding \$2,700 per year.

Otero County officials wrote their own program and the information is extensive, Morel said. But each county can decide what it wants to provide.

Chaves County officials said adding the service didn't slow down their computer system, but it's possible Lincoln County might have to update some equipment, he said.

"We have a public look-up (computer) for people who come in and Tammie

and Paul do too," Calaway said. "I'm very concerned about hackers. I don't want anyone to get into any other data."

Her office provides disks of data formatted by Triadic to mortgage companies for \$100 each, she said. They aren't updated daily, she acknowledged and that could provide a problem for Realtors who need to know on a daily basis about liens filed or delinquent taxes.

She also receives requests from seminar promoters who try to sign people up by promising they can buy tax delinquent property for as little as \$200.

"I worry about that," she said. "Anyone can come and ask for help to look up something" as an alternative.

With a disk, she knows who is receiving the data, but on a Web site, she won't know, Calaway said.

"I'm torn a bit between internal controls and providing information to the public," she said.

Morel said Triadic can ensure the integrity by putting the information into a different program, just as is done now for real estate people, bankers, title and mortgage companies.

"Otero County said it freed up two employees," for the information to be on the Internet, he said.

Baca said provided data can become old in a couple of days through sales and other actions.

Maddox said her office deals with mortgages and deeds, and she is especially concerned about protecting data integrity. "I would like to know more before I decide," she said. In Bernalillo County, people have to file a credit card to pay for data access and the clerk's office then has a record of those accessing, she said.

Foster said he's been compiling and providing the information for 15 years. The information primarily is for real estate agents and mortgage companies, but by providing it, he also reduces the workload in county offices that otherwise would have to accommodate each business's representatives collecting the data.

He's willing to provide weekly information, if that's what is needed, Foster said.

He assured commissioners, Maddox and Calaway that no one can convert the data.

"I paid Triadic to have a program written for you, with 'read only' rights," he said. "All I need is a link and it would save the county a lot of money."

Realtor Gary Lynch assure commissioners his peers are only after factual information. On-line access would eliminate a lot of research time while in middle of transaction. It would be beneficial to all and more efficient, he contended.

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EDUCATION

Teachers to vote on agreement

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Teachers and most other staff in the Ruidoso Municipal School District will vote today on a collective bargaining agreement that the district's education board unanimously ratified last week.

The 55 page negotiated agreement, if endorsed by members of the Ruidoso Education Association (REA), would be the first in 10 years. New Mexico's Public Employee Bargaining Act expired in 1999. The law was restored in 2003.

"We're real happy, we think it's a good contract,"

said Brian Brown, president of the Ruidoso Education Association. "It's a lot of hard work, but we got it done. The next one won't be so hard."

If approved by the union membership the agreement would take effect as of July 1, 2009 and remain in force for one year or until a new contract is ratified with the exception of compensation, which would be negotiated annually. If finances change before the one-year renewal, the district or the REA could reopen the contract.

New Mexico state government's current financial situation played just a small role in the talks that

started in June.

"We knew going into the negotiations there probably wasn't going to be any money for salary increases," said Brown. "We didn't push that point."

Items such as employee rights, association rights, employee leave, hours, workload and non-instructional duties are spelled out.

"It means they have a contract that they can look at and know in no uncertain terms what to expect in any grievances they may have, what their salaries are going to be, what their leave policy is going to be. Those sorts of things."

The accord would adjust

the salary schedule upward one year for all employees of the bargaining unit that were employed during the 2008-09 school year. For 2009-10 a percentage increase in pay is excluded, but should additional funding become available to the district the funds would be applied to "an equitable salary increase of at least one percent for all employees of the bargaining unit."

"You're still getting the credit on the pay schedule," said Brown. "So you'll still move over for the experience and education. They're just not going to get a pay increase until we can negotiate that in. And that's going to depend a lot

on what the state's finances look like."

It was early this year the association asked the state's Public Employee Labor Relations Board to certify the bargaining unit. The board administers New Mexico's Public Employee Bargaining Act.

In addition to Brown, fellow teachers Kevin Clawson and Dean Hood represented the REA in the agreement talks. Superintendent Bea Etta Harris, Associate Superintendent Patty White and education board member Rafael Salas were at the table for the school district.

"We appreciate the time that went into this," said

Susan Lutterman, president of the school board.

"I hope as much time was put into educating kids as these negotiations," said Frank Sayner, the board's vice-president.

"It was after hours. Mr. Sayner," responded Salas. "I'll clarify that."

All REA members are eligible to cast a vote. There will be meeting a 3:45 p.m. today at the high school cafeteria for an informational and question and answer session. That will be followed by a vote. The contract would apply to all employees, including those who are not members of the REA.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Suicide prevention

Staff, parents and students at Ruidoso High School are getting more help with suicide prevention.

Last Wednesday students were dismissed at 12 noon for training of the high school staff, said Superintendent Bea Etta Harris.

"The Department of Health will train the high school staff on developing trauma-informed school environments as a prevention on youth suicide," said Harris.

On Nov. 19 a professor of psychiatry from UNM's Health Sciences Center will be in the high school all day. Dr. Steven Adelsheim has worked on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in recent months following several suicides in the area. There will be "floating" substitute teachers to allow other instructors to sit down with Adelsheim, said Harris. Adelsheim will also be at "No Fear Factor for Parents and Teens" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. that night. The psychiatrist, as well as psychologists, counselors and other Christian leaders will be available. The event will take place at the First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., in Ruidoso.

A forum for parents has been scheduled for Nov. 23

in the high school gymnasium.

"We will have health professionals, police, staff and people from the reservation," Harris said. "It will be a panel to talk about prescription drugs."

"It's the drugs we have in our medicine cabinets," said school board president Susan Lutterman.

The parent forum will begin at 6 p.m.

Additional mental health training is being scheduled for December. And next spring a team will be brought to the high school to work with students toward becoming helping partners.

Driver permits

Doing well in school and attending classes will become a factor in teens getting a New Mexico driving instruction permit.

A public hearing is scheduled to obtain input on the Public Education Department's rule that ties a student's academic proficiency in math and reading and school attendance to whether the student may receive a driving permit.

Under the state's Motor Vehicle Division rule, driving permits may be requested between the ages of 15 through 17. Although the rule will take effect on Dec. 31, 2009, the requirements for meeting proficiency and attendance will

only apply to those minors submitting applications to the M.V.D. for permits on or after Sept. 1, 2011.

Because the proposed rule looks at academic proficiency in the 8th grade, the requirement could apply to students who are currently in the 8th grade during the 2009-2010 school year, and who later request a driving instruction permit on or after Sept. 1, 2011. Additionally, because the rule also requires meeting a 90 percent attendance rate in the 9th grade, the rule will first apply to students in the 9th grade during the 2010-2011 school year who then request a driving permit on or after Sept. 1, 2011.

In a notice about the public hearing the Public

Education Department said the proposed rule would not apply to any minor student requesting a permit before Sept. 1, 2011.

The hearing is set for Dec. 14. The proposed rule can be accessed on the Public Education Department's website. Written comments may also be submitted.

Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving Holiday means time off for students in the area. Some pupils will have more than a week without classes.

In the Ruidoso Municipal School District, the holiday begins on Nov. 25, with classes resuming on Nov. 30.

At the schools in Capitan, students will have a ten day

period away from the classrooms. With a normal Monday through Thursday school week, the Thanksgiving break will begin on Nov. 20, and go through Nov. 29.

Carrizozo classes will be on break from Nov. 21 until Nov. 29.

Students at the Mescalero Apache School campus have an extended holiday, from Nov. 20 until Nov. 29.

ENMU-Ruidoso be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from Nov. 25 through Nov. 29.

Region IX

Nearly \$500,000 in federal funding will help high schools and middle schools in Lincoln County and a

part of Otero County connect electronically with Eastern New Mexico University classes.

The USDA Rural Development's Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program awarded the Region IX Education Cooperative in Ruidoso \$499,361 on Nov. 12.

The education cooperative agency provides support programs for member districts. Region IX deals with school districts at Capitan, Carrizozo, Cloud-croft, Corona, Hondo, Ruidoso and Tularosa.

"The funding will deliver expanding telecommunications, educational resources and computer networks throughout rural communities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

TEEN SPOTLITE

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Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community. Christian Quiroz is the next teen in the Spotlite. Christian is the son of Javier and Olga Quiroz and is currently in his senior year at Capitan High School. Quiroz is involved in a variety of activities at his school and in his community.

At Capitan High School, Quiroz is active in sports and has participated in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He has participated in Tiger Football Camp, received the MVP award in football, and was named to the All-District team. In track, he is part of the school record 4x400 meter relay team.

Quiroz also enjoys staying in shape with weights and conditioning. In addition to playing sports, Quiroz finds time to be active in class government serving as vice-president for this year's senior class. He was also part of the Homecoming Court and is interest-

ed in culinary arts. It is obvious Quiroz is busy with extracurricular activities at school, yet he maintains a high GPA is on the "A" honor roll.

Quiroz is also involved in the community. He is an active member of the VERDAD - CFD Youth Group, Overwhelmed - the Angus Nazarene Youth Group, and participates in the Praise and Worship Ministry.

Quiroz knows success is linked to the influences in his life. He lists influences as Bishop Bennet Smith, his parents, and his older brother. He also knows he needs a



good education to achieve success and plans to continue his education as he strives to reach the goals he has set for himself. Lincoln County citizens are lucky to have such an individual in their midst.

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New Ruidoso newspaper, staffed with former RN employees, debuts

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A second Ruidoso newspaper made its debut on Tuesday.

The Ruidoso Free Press appeared on newsstands. Despite vows to have the paper delivered Tuesday to homes and Post Office boxes, initial reports were that copies of the first issue had not arrived on time.

"We thought there was a need to have another paper," said Terry Fitzwater, editor and publisher. "I believe the Ruidoso area can support two

papers. We hope so."

Fitzwater is a former publisher of the Ruidoso News.

Home delivery of the weekly publication is free. Newsstands offer it for 50 cents per copy. Fitzwater said the newsstand sales are for visitors and those who want extra copies.

"It was a very challenging and a time-consuming effort," he said of the months-long effort to launch the weekly. "But the business community is excited for us."

Many of the paper's seven employees formerly

worked for the Ruidoso News.

Located at 1086 Mech-em Dr., the paper shares a building with MTD Radio, a group of southeastern New Mexico radio stations. MTD's vice-president is R. D. Hubbard, according to New Mexico incorporation records.

Morning radio show host Tim Keithley writes in Keithley's Korner, "When I first got word that Mr. Hubbard wanted to start a weekly community newspaper in town, my first thought was that would be great, if it were 1909."

RUIDOSO FREE PRESS

Come to Ruidoso on vacation, go home on probation?

Are the police wrong too many times?

KENDRICKS

New lawyer for the Joint Use Board is – the current lawyer

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When only one firm responds to a request for proposals for professional services, some Ruidoso village councilors feel a little squeamish.

The latest incident involved professional services for an attorney to represent the Joint Use Board that governs the regional wastewater treatment plant.

Councilors learned at their meeting last week that three firms asked for proposal packets, but only one sent in the paperwork, Montgomery & Andrews, the same law firm in place for several years. Ned Kendrick is assigned by the firm to the JUB.

"To be honest, this JUB issue is not something most firms want to step into to," said Councilor Ron Hardeman.

He referred to an ongoing debate over the representation of the village on the JUB compared to the city of Ruidoso Downs. Village officials argue that being 85 percent financially

responsible for the treatment plant, being the operator and owner, Ruidoso warrants more weight on the board. Representation now is split with two officials each from Ruidoso and from Ruidoso Downs, plus one Lincoln County commissioner.

Councilor Jim Stoddard said he never was a fan of the JUB as a village resident or as a councilor, but the mayor appointed him earlier this year.

"Now I'm on it and I'm glad Ned Kendrick submitted," he said.

But Councilor Michele Rebstock disagreed.

"I've not been 100 percent happy with Montgomery & Andrews," she said. "I think they've been part of the problem."

She asked if the RFP could be reopened and advertised again, but Village Manager Debi Lee said the firm's contract already expired and no time is left to try to generate interest by more companies.

Hardeman pointed out that Kendrick was assigned the job of trying to

draft bylaws for the JUB and to find a mutually acceptable board membership arrangement.

"The effort is long overdue," he said. "I'd like to see whatever progress made before the plant is operation or we will be looking at a lot of issues," he said.

4-1 vote

The motion to accept the proposal from Montgomery and Andrews and begin contract negotiations was approved 4-1 with Rebstock voting against.

The two municipalities are working under a court deadline to complete a \$36 million new treatment plant by the end of 2010. The plant is designed to reduce contaminants discharged into the Ruidoso River.

In another matter, councilors approved providing water and sewer service to lots 6-13 in Gavilan South Industrial Subdivision for a auto service garage under an agreement with White Mountain Development.

The benefit to the village lies in installation of an engineered high pressure

water line by the developer to properly provide service in an area identified for future annexation, explained Village Deputy Manager Bill Morris.

"We don't want taps coming in and drilling into the line," he said. The developer also is paying all applicable impact fees, he said.

In another water issue, councilors approved beginning negotiations on a contract with Henninghausen & Olsen of Roswell to act as water rights attorney for the village.



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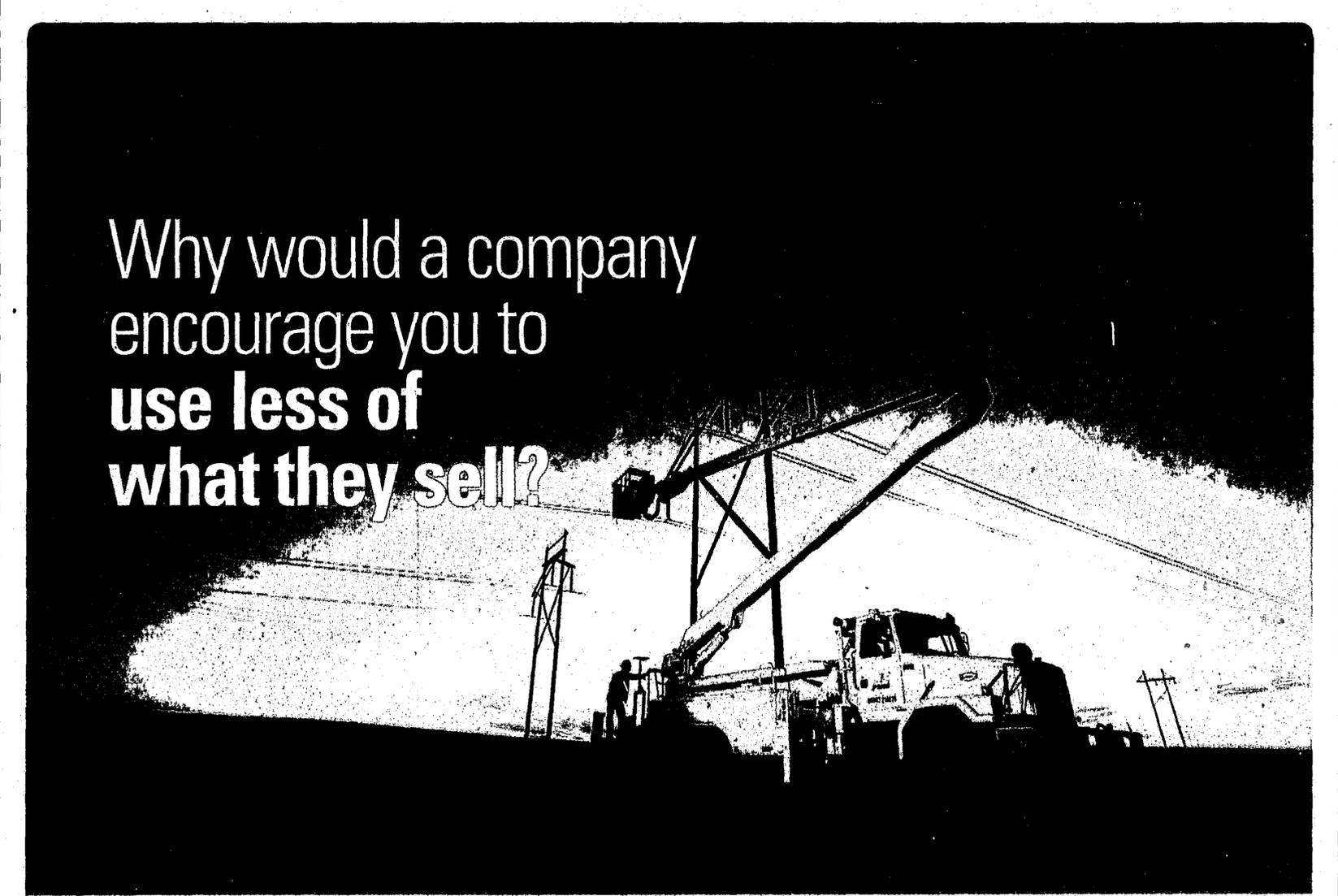
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Escaped? Released?

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A Ruidoso man was taken into custody early Tuesday after a report of an escaped prisoner. But officials with the Lincoln County Detention Center said a magistrate judge had authorized a release for the man more than an hour earlier.

Ruidoso police were called to the area of Lincoln County Medical Center around 1:30 a.m. William R. Smith, 26, was said to have left the hospital on foot, still wearing an orange jumpsuit from the county jail.

Officers saw a man matching the description at a nearby Allsup's convenience store with "a hospital-style blanket" over the orange clothing, according to a police report. Smith went into a bathroom, an officer opened the door, and he

was ordered out.

Smith exited the restroom and was told to lay flat on the ground. The report said Smith refused and was electroshocked once by Taser. He was then handcuffed.

After being picked up by officers and taken outside Smith said he was having a seizure. He was returned to the hospital.

Medical furlough

Lincoln County Detention Center Chief of Staff Walter Beall said Smith had been taken to the medical center Monday night and there had been talk of flying him out to a Lubbock, Texas, hospital. Beall said that was when Ruidoso Magistrate Judge Lorena Lamay issued a medical furlough.

The court Tuesday afternoon confirmed the Monday night release order.

Jail Warden Marcello

Villeges said Smith was free to leave the hospital because of the judge's release.

"He was not in our custody at the time," Villeges said.

Ruidoso Police Chief Wolfgang Born said the department's dispatch center had received a 9-1-1 call of an escapee who "bolted from the E-R." He said better information needed to be provided by the jail transport crew that took Smith to the hospital.

The Lincoln County owned-detention center is managed by Emerald Correctional Management LLC through a contract with the county.

Smith had initially been charged with felony abandonment or abuse of a child, misdemeanor battery against a household member, and criminal damage to property, a petit misdemeanor.

Village fleet under scrutiny

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While she supports updating Ruidoso's vehicle fleet, Village Councilor Michele Rebstock hesitated on the purchase of two new units in the midst of an uncertain economy.

After discussion, she voted for one specialty vehicle last week for the wastewater treatment plant, but cast the lone nay for an extended cab four-wheel drive pickup.

Carlos Salas, water/wastewater manager for the village, asked for approval of a \$329,214 bid from Pete's Equipment for a combination sewer cleaner truck. The company was the lower of two bidders.

Salas said \$330,000 was budgeted and the department is an enterprise fund, which is self-supporting.

Village Manager Debi Lee said it's an important piece of equipment to deliver services, and saves time and money. The old unit

probably will be kept for backup.

Referring to a remark from someone in the audience about trying to salvage the older unit with 90,000 miles, Rebstock said, "It's a lot of money and worth considering (alternatives). Today, 90,000 is not much mileage."

Lee explained that mileage isn't the barometer to measure usage; it's hours of service.

"They are not going up and down the highway," she said. "But plugged up sewer lines that back up into houses often are the subject of tort claims. They can do serious damage."

Councilor Ron Hardeman said after a massive flood on the Rio Ruidoso in July 2008, the old unit was used to pull debris out of lines, including rocks and limbs.

Salas said the older unit is becoming costly to maintain.

Rebstock asked if it could be sold to another community or if portions of the unit could be replaced, as is done with ambulances.

Village Attorney Dam Bryant said the chassis and engine probably are worth only \$20,000, while the rest

would be valued at several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The motion by Councilor Jim Stoddard to approve the purchase passed unanimously.

But Rebstock voted against buying a 3-4 ton, extended cab, four-wheel drive truck with utility body from Don Chalmers Ford for \$37,438. It will replace a unit used daily by water/wastewater crews and wastewater department supervisor Rudy Lugo.

Lugo said the transmission in the truck being replaced required frequent repair and was totally replaced at least once.

The truck hauls equipment used to clean lines, he said. He told Rebstock a new transmission costs about \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Lee urged approval of the purchase, which passed on a motion by Hardeman. "The village's equipment is very old," she said. "We tend to give the hand-me-downs to parks and recreation."

However, Lee said she will examine the possibility of selling replaced units at auction as one of the avenues of funding a portion of a capital replacement program.

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Downs employees see better retirement perks

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Better retirement benefits will be in store for city employees in Ruidoso Downs.

For most employees their retirement contributions are increased. During an update to the city council last week, City Clerk Carol Virden said the changes are taking effect at the first full pay period of November. The changes also require the city to increase its contributions to the retirement plans.

City employees in New Mexico's Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Municipal General Member Coverage Plan voted Oct. 6 to the increased retirement contributions, after the city council in August unanimously agreed to send the question to the employees.

Two fire department employees were eligible to vote to move to PERA Municipal Fire Member Coverage Plan 3, and they both voted for the new coverage. Each had been contributing seven percent of their pay. That now increases to eight percent. The city had also been contributing seven percent. The new employer share goes to 21.25 percent, an increase called "significant" by Mary Frederick, deputy director of Member Services at PERA.

Of 46 eligible general employees, 34 voted for the enhanced coverage under the Municipal General Member Coverage Plan 2. Six voted against the change and six did not vote.

For the general employees, their previous seven

percent contribution moves to 9.5 percent. The city's share increases likewise.

Ruidoso Downs police officers will also see improved retirement benefits.

Officers did not have to vote, because their contribution stays at seven percent. But the city's share moves from 10 percent to 18.5 percent.

The PERA Board accepted the changes on Oct. 29.

The changes affect pension maximums and the amount of service needed to see the highest retirement levels.

In other action the city council:

- heard from Mayor Tom Armstrong on a special Oct. 30 meeting of the regional wastewater treatment plant's Joint Use Board. He said three options for the future were offered. One could make Ruidoso Downs a plant customer. A second could reconsider replacing the board with an authority separate from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. The third could retain the board and create bylaws. Armstrong said he preferred keeping the Joint Use Board in place.

- approved hiring two part-time employees for the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Connie Hernandez and Jeannine Isom are visitor services representatives.

- approved paying the city's 15 percent share of operating expenses and capital reserves for September at the regional wastewater treatment plant. The Ruidoso Downs share was \$10,571.28.

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VERDICT

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a guilty plea in a motion hearing that same month.

The case made headline news across the state when Carpenter attempted to fake his own death by placing an obituary in the *Albuquerque Journal*. In March 2009, Carpenter's wife, Jennifer Lucero, reported his death by phone to his then-attorney, Sandy Barnhart y Chavez.

The obituary indicated that Carpenter had died in a car accident on March 2, and gave the name of a fictitious funeral home.

Acting on a tip received



CARPENTER POLICE MUG SHOTS

by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Carpenter was located by U.S. Marshals hiding out in Lincoln County and arrested on April 8.

When the officers moved to serve arrest warrants issued for Carpenter from both Lincoln and Bernalillo Counties, they found him hiding under a pile of rocks

at an address in Capitan. The address matched the address given by Lucero, a passenger in Carpenter's vehicle in the 2006 case.

A repeat offender with a

list of legal charges dating back to his teenage years, Carpenter was charged with DWI several times including a February 2009 charge while he was out on bond in the vehicular homicide case.

At the time of his April arrest, he was also facing charges in Lincoln County Magistrate court for larceny pressed by Zia Natural Gas and Otero County electric of he had unlawfully hooked up to utilities after they had been turned off by the property owner in Ruidoso Downs.

He also had embezzlement charges against him for taking more than \$2,000 for a remodel project he was hired to do but

failed to complete or return the money. He pleaded no contest to both the charges.

Reportedly family members told Judge Stan Whitaker at sentencing on Monday that Carpenter has a problem with alcohol. Carpenter apologized through his tears to the victims and the victims' family.

Judge Whitaker handed down the sentence after Carpenter spoke saying, "At some point somebody's got to say, 'Enough is enough'. We're going to do that today."

The Bernalillo District Attorney's office stated that charges are still possible for those who helped Carpenter fake his death.

PLAN

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ed, "but did a lot of people show? You can say that's their decision, but the first time, we had far more public involvement. I'm not sure what happened. A couple were impeded by snow. Is the rest of the council (satisfied)? There were a total of 100 people at most."

Hardeman reminded councilors that the village spent more than \$100,000 with a professional firm to draft a 90-page comprehensive plan in 2006.

"We closed Sudderth Drive and timed (gathering public input) with the Parade of Lights," he said. "We're not spending anything this time. It's all been through the efforts of volunteers. I don't know how long we want to delay this for meetings where people still may not show up." The proposed revisions cover about 23 pages.

Councilor Angel Shaw said municipal elections are in March and the new council will have to defend the revised plan. But Hardeman said the plan is a "living document" and can be revised whenever a council is ready.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley said he thought public interest isn't as stirred because the public has more trust in the council serving today.

Councilor Don Williams asked Decker to quantify how much and what type of public input was received. Decker said mostly adjustments to some phrasing and emphasis on already included items but "not a major rewrite." He kept notes and sign-up sheets of those who attended, he said.

Rebstock asked why no recommendation was included from the planning and zoning commission and Bryant said their comments will appear in a summary, but commissioners "specifically decided not to recommend on the merits of the plan now."

They will become more involved in the revamping of village codes to create mechanisms for the implementation of rules to reach stated goals, he said.

Albers said he expects significant debate as subjects narrow from generalities.

Hardeman agreed. "This is just the beginning of the process," he said. "We will be proposing the ordinances be modified."

"I've been after that for six years," Shaw said. She noticed that one comment urged removal of impediments to economic activity, but the impediments were not identified. Albers said that will come with discussion.

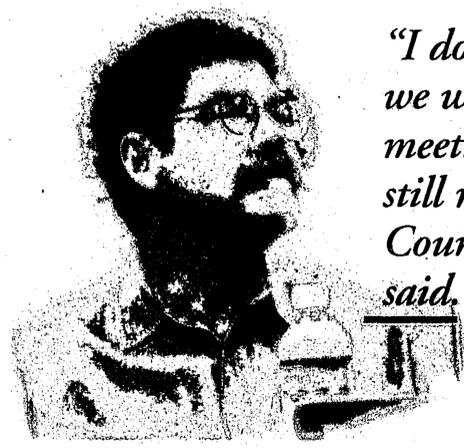
Nunley said he asked

the members of the comprehensive plan committee to start with issues affecting the village today, "and let future councils deal with the others."

Albers agreed, saying issues must be prioritized, because the village has limited resources to tackle them.

"Do the big picture and then address the smaller issues that make the big picture," Hardeman clarified.

Rebstock said at one point, she recalled the council directing staff to find a professional to help with changing the wording in village ordinances to reflect the vision in the comprehensive plan, but it was never done.



"I don't know how long we want to delay this for meetings where people still may not show up," Councilor Hardeman said.

"That will be up to the next mayor and council," Hardeman said.

Debi Lee, who was hired as village manager in July, said she was unaware of that directive. Rebstock

said she figured that was the case and that's why she brought it up.

Paul Van Gulick, an engineer, said anyone interested in the proposed revision could access a copy

at the front desk in Village Hall or on the village Web site. He sent in comments. He likes the revision, which he said closes loopholes and "is on target."

The problem has been a

lack of mechanism to follow up on the comprehensive plan, Van Gulick said. This revision covers core issues and is the first one he's seen, "that puts everything together," he said.

Shaw said she'd like to lock in future councils to regular reviews of the plan. Bryant said updates are essential because without them, the plan would lose its relevance. Review dates are specific and should be followed, he said.

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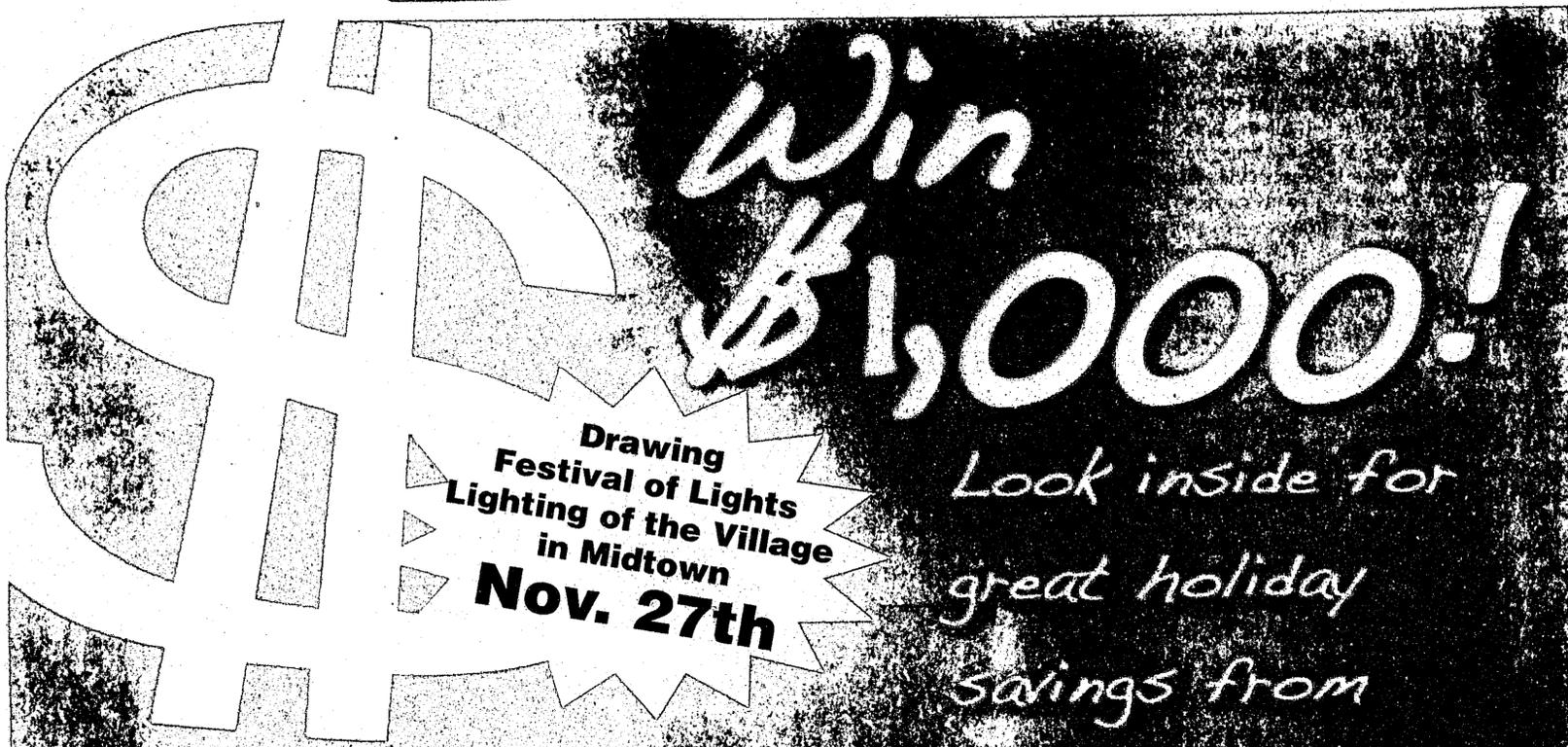
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Race Track to move?

R.D. Hubbard and the future of the racing here TRACK

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richest event in Quarter Horse racing.

On June 24, the track announced its intention to shorten the 2010 racing season from 60 days to 49 days. "This is an effort to lose less; it is a way to keep the track viable," McGovern said at the time.

The proposal was amended on Aug. 19 to revert to the 60-day schedule.

This is not the first time the track's majority stockholder, R.D. Hubbard, has indicated a willingness to move his track operations from Ruidoso Downs.

"We will definitely continue to seek tax relief from the state of New Mexico," Hubbard told the Ruidoso News in July 2008.

In March 2009, House Bill 258 was tabled (8-3) by the Senate Finance Committee after it had passed the House and given do pass recommendations by the House Taxation and Revenue, Business and Industry and Corporations and Transportation committees.

The New Mexico legislature has formulated a tiered revenue sharing formula for Tribal casinos of between three and nine percent. Racetrack casinos pay a fixed 26 percent state tax and an additional 20 percent to horsemen to supplement purses.

"We're asking the legislature to work with us to find a solution such as a similar revenue sharing formula used for Tribal casinos and keep Ruidoso Downs and Billy the Kid Casino in Ruidoso," McGovern said. "The track and casino are cornerstones of our local economy and we would certainly like to stay in Ruidoso."

When asked why the March 2009 bill was set aside, chairman John Arthur Smith (D-Deming) stated he and other committee members didn't see any urgency.

More challenges

The track has also been challenged by natural forces.

The Sunday, July 27, 2008, flood caused severe damage to the racetrack prior to Zia Festival weekend, a critical time in the racing meet.

That afternoon, Hubbard opened his checkbook and said, "Fix it."

Five days later, training sessions were up and running and by the following day, Saturday, a 10-race card was scheduled.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track leases the property on which it races from the Fountain Miller family of Albuquerque. But for 63 years, a track at the current site has been a fixture in the community, attracting tourists



FILE PHOTO

R.D. Hubbard has officially applied to the New Mexico Racing Commission to move his racing operations.

into the local economy. Its impact is immeasurable on hotels, restaurants and retailers.

On Sept. 1, 1957, four-of-11 nominated Quarter Horses raced in what was then called the Southwestern Futurity on "Mr. Miller's cornfield." Segura Miguel, a 2-year-old gelding, came across the finish line first to collect the \$19,700 prize. At that time, it was the largest single check ever paid to a Quarter Horse.

In August 1988, Hubbard purchased the then-struggling enterprise for \$2.6 million and assumed debts of \$9 million. He subsequently sank another \$2.5 million into renovating Ruidoso Downs.

From his initial purchase of the track, Hubbard lobbied to have slot machine gambling legalized on track grounds. State approval of the Billy the Kid Casino took

10 years, but, he says, the casino's existence dramatically improved the horseracing end of the operation.

In 2003, the Inn of the Mountain Gods introduced slots at the Casino Apache Downs Center on U.S. 70 West, just miles from Ruidoso Downs. According to Hubbard, slot machine revenues from the track dropped by 50 percent.

The racetrack complex occupies a 240-acre tax base, which contributes to local and state governments.

It is estimated that 40 percent of the Ruidoso-area jobs are directly or indirectly connected to Ruidoso Downs and the Billy the Kid Casino. The estimated negative economic impact on the Ruidoso area could be \$45 million per year if the track and casino move.

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Hondo, Capitan football teams fall in state playoffs

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Saturday saw the Hondo Eagles and Capitan Tigers go down to defeat in state playoff action. The Eagles lost a close one, 72-70, at Lake Arthur while the Tigers were defeated at Lordsburg, 49-12.

Hondo

Hondo lost its bid to win two straight state championships in a row when they were unable to overcome Lake Arthur.

The Eagles previously defeated the same team, 96-70, on Oct. 30, and won the district championship, Nov. 6, when they thrashed the San Jon Coyotes, 55-8.

Hondo head coach Brandon Devine and his team went 9-2 overall and posted a district mark of 3-1.

Saturday's loss to Lake Arthur was tough, especially by a close 2-point margin, but their overall record was the best of any Lincoln County football team and



BRENDA HOOD/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A Lordsburg defender hangs on to Capitan runner Leo Villegas.

their D2-6M title is a real feather in their caps.

"My boys fought Lake Arthur tooth and nail but we came up two points short," Devine said.

"In hindsight, there were some adjustments we could have made but we missed them at the time."

Weeks ago, when several of the Eagle players

came up injured, younger athletes stepped into the picture to take up the slack.

This bodes well for the 2010 Hondo team and they will again be expected to vie for the district crown and possibly, the state championship.

"We're a young team and we should do well next year," Devine said.

"I greatly appreciate the effort and dedication all of my players gave for the 2009 season.

Fan support was phenomenal and I can't thank assistant coach Isaac Polaco enough for the help he rendered this year."

Capitan

Capitan looked good in

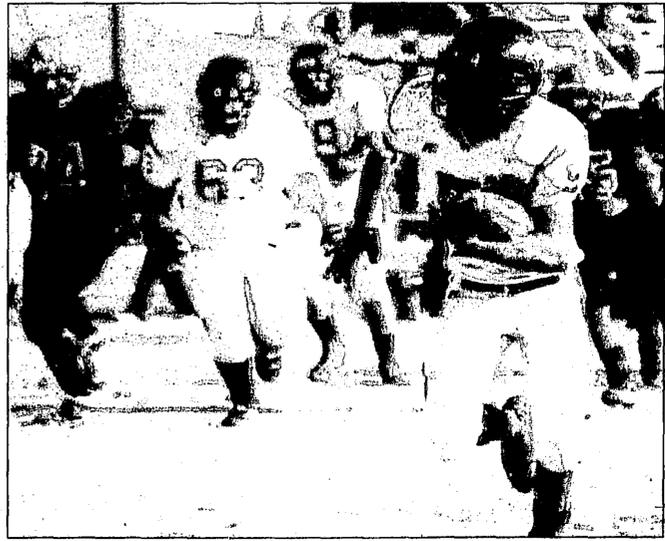
their Nov. 6, 39-20, victory over visiting Laguna Acoma to keep their state playoff hopes alive.

The only trouble with that was, they then had to travel to 9-1 Lordsburg and play the Tigers earlier on Oct. 23, 41-6.

Capitan ended the season with a 5-5 overall

record. The Tigers will lose nine seniors to graduation but junior quarterback, Rudy Chavez, is expected to return along with a host of young athletes.

Next year, Capitan will move from 2A to 1A, which should make things interesting for D2-1A, if that is indeed where they wind up.



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Christian Quiroz rips off a gainer in Capitan's 49-12 loss to Lordsburg Saturday.

Walker expects Seth Smith to play against Nevada

TEDDY FEINBURG
For the Ruidoso News

LAS CRUCES - New Mexico State head coach DeWayne Walker expects running back Seth Smith to play this weekend against the University of Nevada.

NMSU will host the Wolf Pack Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. in the home finale for the Aggies.

They hope to take the field with Smith, who has been nursing a banged-up shoulder and didn't carry the ball in the second half last week during the team's 24-6 loss to Hawaii.

"I always expect him to play," Walker said. "The bottom line is, if he's 100 percent. But he's a tough guy, so, he'll definitely

play."

Smith has been NMSU's most consistent player on offense this year, carrying the ball 173 times for 734 yards, good enough for a respectable 4.2 yards-per carry average. The junior has gotten the ball frequently throughout the year, a grind for a runner who pounds away with a physical, hard-edged style.

"I knew this would probably happen at the beginning of the year," Walker said. "We just ran him to death. And rightfully so. He's gonna have to battle through it and try to get through the rest of the season."

Tonny Glynn filled in for Smith during the second half against the Warriors and played well, carrying

the ball 11 times for 74 yards.

"I think it's good for his confidence and good for him," Walker said. "He's a guy we're gonna lean on for the rest of the year. I was happy for him to see him have some success."

The Aggies have been working in new players on kick and punt return duties the last three weeks.

Against the Warriors, Marcus Allen was the primary kick-return man while Todd Lee fielded punts.

As the season winds down, Walker said the team will look to work younger players into the lineup more often.

"These next three games, you may see us playing even younger guys

in some areas to really start looking ahead a little bit and giving guys a little bit of experience at certain positions," Walker said.

One player, Donyae Coleman, was moved from wide receiver to defensive back for last week's game against the Warriors.

"I thought he did pretty good," Walker said. "There were a couple plays where he was beat on and the quarterback couldn't find him. But, for the most part, I thought he did a pretty good job in his first college game at defensive back."

Walker said he wouldn't take much from last year's tape when NMSU beat Nevada 48-45 in Reno.

NMSU's current defensive system is different from last season's 3-3-5

scheme, while the offense hasn't scored a touchdown in 17 quarters.

"Well, it was 48-45," Walker said of last year's game. "Looking at it from that perspective, I don't know if we'll be able to put up 48 points... I think we know what we gotta do defensively."

"We gotta keep the points down. There's no way we can give up 40-something points to even have a chance."

Saturday night is a big one for Aggie football.

Aside from it being the team's home finale, it's senior night as well. The game will also be aired on ESPNU. It will be the second time this year the Aggies will be televised on the ESPN-affiliated net-

work.

The Wolf Pack enter Saturday's contest with the No. 1 rushing offense in the nation, tallying 353 yards-per game on the ground. Nevada has the No. 2-ranked offense in the country.

The Wolf Pack offense is spearheaded by quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who has 123 carries for 1,015 yards and 14 touchdowns. The 6-foot-6, 215-pound junior is also an effective passer, completing 134-of-220 passes for 1,638 yards and 14 TDs.

Running backs Vai Tava (135 carries, 1,059 yards and eight touchdowns) and Luke Lippincott (114 carries, 866 and seven touchdowns) also carry a heavy load in the Nevada attack.

NMSU rodeo team competes in finale of semester

MARGARET KOVAR
For the Ruidoso News

The New Mexico State University men's rodeo team ended the fall season on top during the NMSU National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) rodeo Oct. 31 in Las Cruces.

The men's team won first and the women's

team won second during the last rodeo of the semester.

Both teams are ranked first in the NIRA's Grand Canyon region.

"This rodeo was a great end to the fall season."

"The teams really shined this weekend and pulled ahead of the competition to claim the top spot in the region," said

Jim Dewey Brown, NMSU rodeo coach.

Trevor Haight, of Payson, Ariz., won first in the bareback event.

Thorsen Dusenberry, of Desert Hills, Ariz., and Steve Hacker, of Battle Mountain, Nev., won first and second, respectively, in the saddle bronc riding.

Johnny Salvo, of Horse Springs, N.M., won first

in the tie-down roping.

Bo Simpson, of Las Cruces, received second.

In the team roping, Donny DeForest, header, of Yuma, Ariz., and Tyler Findley, heeler, of Silver City, placed first.

Simpson and Garrison DeWitt, of Rio Rico, Ariz., finished second.

For the women's team, Carleigh Marr, of Belen,

received second in the breakaway roping.

Teammate Staci Stanbrough, of Capitan, placed third.

Dewey, Ariz., native Jordan Bassett placed third in the barrel racing event.

Capitan's Stanbrough was named the women's all-around champion for the rodeo.



FILE PHOTO
Staci Stanbrough of Capitan wins all-around champion.

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"If the track were to leave, it would be devastating to the Ruidoso Downs area," Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong said on July 2, 2008.

"The racetrack is a major part of our economy," Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley said at the same time.

In 2007, the latest year for which figures are available, 242,000 visitors passed through the casino and track. More than 80 percent of those visitors

were from out of state.

During racing season, the casino and track employ 450 workers, most of whom live, rent or maintain real estate in the track area and surrounding communities.

Even in the off-season, Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino retains a staff of 180 job-holders.

Ruidoso Downs' primary owner R.D. Hubbard and wife Joan Dale are stalwarts in the Ruidoso community. Since 1989, through their Hubbard Foundation, they have donated more than \$14 million throughout south-

eastern New Mexico, with more than \$12 million awarded in Lincoln County.

They established the Hubbard Museum of the American West and subsequently donated it to the City of Ruidoso Downs. Two years ago they built Crystal Springs Farm, their thoroughbred and quarter horse breeding operation, on 320 acres in nearby Tularosa.

"We live here and love the area. This is our home," R.D. Hubbard said. "However, we will secure the future of our New Mexico racing and casino operations."

"We want these enterprises to stay in Ruidoso. But, we can't continue to bleed money in an inequitable business environment."

"Because New Mexico-bred horses have increased in stature throughout the Southwest, the track could probably survive if Hubbard left, but it would be a blow," AQHA senior writer Richard Chamberlain said in July 2008.

"The Ruidoso Downs track has a rich history that goes back more than six decades."

Ty Wyant contributed to this story



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President and General Manager Ann McGovern surveys the flood damage repairs of July, 2008.

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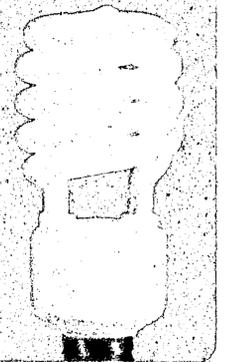
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Carrizozo adopts updated nuisance ordinance

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The Carrizozo board of trustees approved a long-awaited nuisance ordinance that is intended to update an old ordinance full of enforcing issues.

According to Mayor Bob Hemphill, the new ordinance repeals or changes many laws that were ever enforced and ones that were simply unenforceable. The committee charged with forming a new ordinance took the one from Ruidoso Downs, a town of similar size, and brought it up to date for Carrizozo with a clearer process for enforcement.

"We wanted it streamlined and made it bare bones for clarity," said town Trustee Dennis Dunnum.

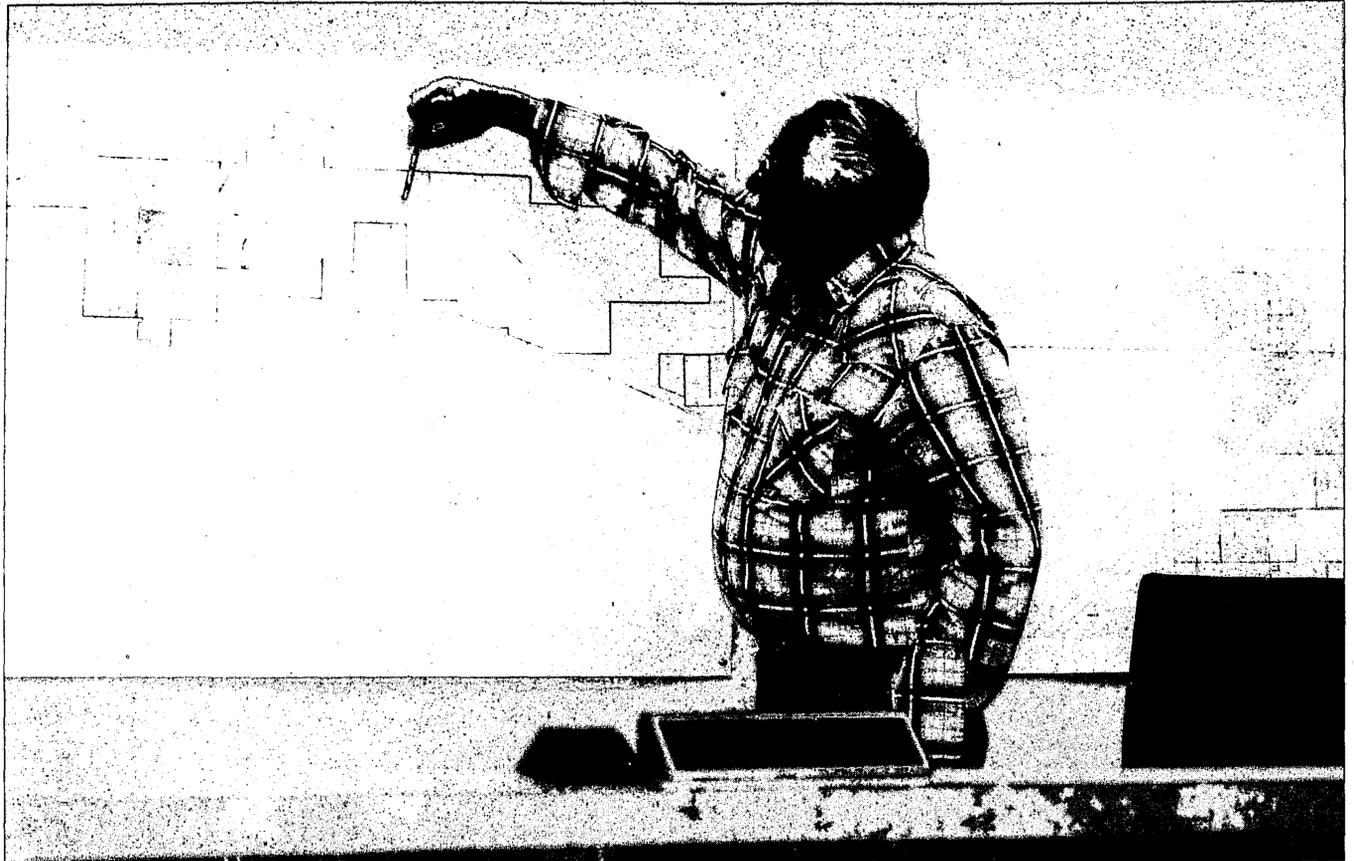
Also on the agenda of the Nov. 9 meeting was action for approval of the Improvement District at Valle del Sol.

Paul Pino, owner of a ranch adjacent to the development and target for the Improvement District, made a plea to the board to be exempted from the district. Pino outlined some of the issues where the development did not bring benefit to his property and therefore he did not feel he should be taxed as outlined by state statute for those supposed benefits.

Pino indicated he wanted to work with the town and the developer to lessen the impact of the development on his property and vice-versa. He was willing to offer several suggestions and ideas to accomplish that, he said.

Hemphill told Pino that because the portion of Valle del Sol that abuts the Pino Ranch was not yet sold, the issue was not applicable to the current action on the Improvement District. Currently Pino's property is not in the district.

"When it gets to that point, I suggest you come back here and make that same appeal and go through the process," said Hemphill. "I don't disagree



with you, it is just that this board is not able to make that decision until it happens."

Hemphill offered to take Pino to meet with the developer so the dialogue could begin between them.

Special meeting

A special meeting will be held today, Nov. 18, to approve an Election Day Resolution. The statutory timeline for approving the resolution fell in a timeline that made the November council meeting one day too early for approval.

Plans to present a water ordinance amendment to specifically cover situations where there have been requests to be billed for water only, and not sewer and trash, is still on the planning table.

Most of the requests come from rental home owners who request not to pay for services that are not used when the property is vacant.

The next regular meeting of the Carrizozo Town Council will be Dec. 14.

Top: Mayor Bob Hemphill shows the area of Valle del Sol that is included in the improvement district.

Right: Paul Pino, owner of a ranch adjacent to Valle del Sol on the north, appeals to the board to not be included in the improvement district.

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS



COUNTY BRIEFS

Grizzly happenings

Nov. 19: JV/Varsity Boys Basketball, 4 p.m., Scrimmage vs. Tularosa, at home;

Nov. 20: RoboRave Workshop in Roswell. Students leave at 7 a.m., return at 5 p.m.; Junior High Boys/Girls Basketball at Hondo, 4 p.m.; Progress Reports for 2nd-9th grades mailed to parents 6th-12th grade; K-5th Progress Reports will be sent home

in daily planner;

Nov. 21: Junior High Basketball vs. Mescalero cancelled.

The Grizzly "C" Club for winter sports is sponsoring a fundraiser called "Zo Town Crazy" at the Carrizozo Country Club on Nov. 28, 2009, at 6 p.m.

There will be:

Six Drawings from \$100 - \$2,000

1st Ticket Drawn = \$100

25th ticket drawn = \$200

50th ticket drawn = \$200

75th ticket drawn = \$500

100th ticket drawn = \$2,000

Remaining tickets will go in \$1,000 drawing; There will be tickets for \$10 per ticket available for this drawing. There will be \$4,000 given away.

Also, only 200 tickets will be sold at \$50 donation per ticket which includes dinner and dance for two.

See any Grizzly basketball player for tickets. All proceeds benefit the Grizzly "C" Club winter sports.

Call 575-648-2346 or Coach Page for more information.

Holiday Hoedown

The Carrizozo Holiday Hoedown will be held on Dec. 5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Woman's Club, 1101 D. Ave, Carrizozo. Enchilada

lunch, 11:30-1:30, \$6.50. Holiday desserts and wash, 2-4 p.m., \$3.

There will be gift ideas, handmade crafts, baked goods, jewelry and more from 23 crafters.

For more information, contact Sharon Hefker at 575-648-2219.

Drawing workshop

A Virgil Stephens drawing workshop, "Painting in Charcoal," will be held Jan.

15-17 at the Cree Meadows Country Club.

Twelve students maximum, \$375 each, daily lunch and all art supplies included.

Gift certificates available to give the class for a gift.

No refunds 30 days prior to class. For more information contact Virgil or Emily Stephens, 575-354-3352.

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Carrizozo MESA students partner with Kirtland AFB

ASHLEY IVINS
For the Ruidoso News

Oct. 15 marked the date of the annual SPACE Kick-off briefing at Kirtland Air Force Base.

The program, sponsored by the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) La Luz Academy, is called the Students Planning And Conducting Engineering (SPACE) Flight and provides a unique learning opportunity for high school students.

Teams of students structure and perform a real-world research and development project using a systems engineering approach and the guidance of their teachers and volunteer scientists and engineers acting as advisors.

Student teams present an annotated briefing of their accomplishments at the annual SPACE Symposium.

At the kick-off, students participated in various team building exercises and then had the opportunity to work with Air Force experts to design the three projects that will be a focus for Carrizozo this year, including learning robotics programming for competition, designing a windmill for competition and the design of a special water pumping system that also provides recreation for children that is being designed for a competition.

Students found the trip to be interesting and the resources provided by the laboratory to be extremely helpful.

ASHLEY IVINS is the Carrizozo middle and high school Science instructor.



Carrizozo students Lauren Smith, Chelsea LaMay and Dakota Lovelace plot a project during their day at Kirtland Air Force Base where they learned to plan engineering projects for competition.

The Family of
Brandi Maurice
Lea Little

would like to thank everyone who offered their condolences, prayers and words of comfort during our difficult time.

We also would like to thank everyone who donated food and beverages to include extended family members, families and co-workers former and present. Thank you to the Inn of the Mountain Gods for the tables and chairs, the M.I.T. members for their donations and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement for their assistance and to everyone else, thank you all again. We wish we can name all of you individually, but there were so many caring family and friends that were there, we wouldn't know where to begin.

Our beloved Brandi is greatly missed still, and to have such wonderful family and friends to support and comfort us it makes it bearable to continue each day with renewed faith that "We'll see her again" and that our Creator has her by his side.

For us to endure such a tragedy, our hearts and prayers go out to everyone and every family that faces the same tragedy. We ask, in light of what has happened to our Apache Youth that the parents try to understand that the children need to be part of the family, they need to have the ability to go to their parents with any problem they may have with out ridicule or judgement.

Thank You,
Max & Millie Cimarron, Leola & Heidi Cajal,
Tilson & Christina Gale, Owen Little
& Glada Bob

May God Bless You!!
In Loving Memory of
Brandi Lea Little
1993-2009

Lieutenant colonel
Thomas Myron Kirk

Lieutenant colonel Thomas Myron Kirk was born during a snowstorm on January 16, 1918 in Highland Park, Dallas, Texas, son of Myron and Bessie Wheelock Kirch. He passed away peacefully at the Air Force Village in San Antonio on October 25, 2009, at the age of 91. Lt Col Kirk attended the University of Texas, and became an Aviation Cadet and pilot in 1942. He spent the rest of World War II in Africa and Europe as a fighter pilot in the P-40 Warhawk and the P-51 Mustang. He flew over 100 combat missions, and shot down two enemy planes during the Anzio Campaign in Italy. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in the Second World War. After the war he joined the Texas Air National Guard, and continued his military career. His unit was called to active duty in 1950, remaining on active duty for the remainder of his military career. He served as a flight instructor for the Korean Air Force during the Korean Conflict, subsequently being assigned to the Air Defense Command. During the Vietnam Conflict, he first spent a year in Saigon on General Westmoreland's staff, and was then based at Travis Air Base in California, where he flew the C-141 back and forth to Vietnam for two more years. Lt Col Kirk retired from the Air Force following that assignment, in 1968. He served his country in the military for 27 years.

He returned briefly to Dallas, Texas, and then moved to Ruidoso, New Mexico. He was among the founding members of Alto Village Country Club. He finally moved to the Air Force Village in San Antonio, Texas, in 1996.

Thomas Kirk led an active and fulfilling life. His had many interests. He was a scratch golfer, including shooting seven holes-in-one during his lifetime. He was an avid nature photographer, particularly of birds and flowers. He traveled extensively while taking nature shots of eagles and wetland birds. he also took up needlepoint and cross-stitching in his later years, completing many beautiful projects.

Thomas Kirk was married three times. He was preceded in death by his three spouses, Dorothy Kerley Kirk, Moizelle Ward Oliver Kirk, and Johanna Rash Kirk. Tom is survived by his four daughters of marriage to Dorothy Kirk, Ann Murray and her husband, John; Carolyn Shapiro; Cynthia Kirk; and Virginia Fennel and her husband, Larry. From his marriage to Moizelle Ward Oliver, he is survived by two stepchildren, Denise Chamberlain and her husband, Alan; and Donald Oliver and his wife, Terri. He also has fourteen grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

He was known as a gracious gentleman, beloved by his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

In 1950 the little cub that was to become the National Fire Safety symbol Smokey the Bear was found trapped in a tree when his home in Lincoln National Forest was destroyed by fire. In 1963, in Smokey's honor, the New Mexican legislature chose the black bear to be the official state animal.

PLEASE ADOPT ME!

NEW ADOPTION FEES: All cats are now \$40. The fee includes spay/neuter, booster vaccinations, rabies vaccination, and microchip. We are also proud to now have an "in-your-prime" program: animals 5 and older adopted by persons 50 and older are half the normal adoption fee (\$40 for dogs and \$20 for cats). Still includes spay/neuter, booster vaccinations, rabies, and microchip.

Puppies!!!

The shelter has lots and lots of puppies right now. Most are about 3 months old and come in various colors, shapes and sizes! All are current on vaccinations and ready to go. Puppies have the uncanny ability to put smiles on faces. They are also very handy makeup removers, shoe organizers, garbage disposals, and bagless vacuums.

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BLOSSOM

Blossom is an absolutely adorable female puppy. A Shepherd mix, she is very friendly and outgoing. She's about 4 months old. She'll probably be a medium-sized dog like her 40 pound German Shepherd mom

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TASHA

Tasha is a very sweet Terrier mix with short light brown hair. She is friendly and will make an excellent companion. She is a nice size at just under 40 pounds and is about 1-2 years old.

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IKE

Ike is a great young male dog, super friendly, knows how to sit and loves to run and play. Very expressive face and eyes! He is under 1 year and weighs about 40 pounds and needs a home with a yard

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DICKENS

Dickens is a great cat with a BIG personality! He is very outgoing and always eager to have his head scratched. Dickens is a very beautiful medium haired cat with gray and white markings.

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MAVERICK

Maverick is a very outgoing and friendly orange and white male cat. He has beautiful markings and a great personality. He is young, probably around a year old.

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NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso

Notice of intention is hereby given for a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd of December, 2009. Room 119 Copies of the agenda will be available in the ENMU-Ruidoso Administration Office, 709 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

If you are an individual requiring accommodations in order to attend the Community Board Meeting, please contact the office of the President, ENMU-Ruidoso, (575) 257-3006 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

#8853 4T (11/16), 11, 11/13, 18

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority

Purchase of a Recycle Conveyor Belt for Greentree T5/RC

Sealed Bids for Recycle Conveyor Belt will be received by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. All bids are to be submitted to Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88346, or you may call 575-378-4697. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on November 20, 2009, and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid Forms and Specifications may be obtained from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88346, or you may call 575-378-4697. Mailed Bids should be addressed to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, P.O. Box 2405, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88346, with the envelope clearly marked: Recycle Conveyor Belt on the lower left hand corner of the submitted envelope. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to see that their Bid is delivered to the Authority's office by the date and time set for opening. If the mailed or delivered envelope is delayed beyond the opening date and time, the Bid will not be considered.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority

Purchase of Heavy Duty Bathub Roll Off Containers

Sealed Bids for Heavy Duty Bathub Roll Off Containers will be received by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. All bids are to be submitted to Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88346, or you may call 575-378-4697. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on November 20, 2009, and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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#8857 3T (11/11), 13, 20

ALTO DE AGUA Y SANAMIENTO DE LOS LAGOS DEL DISTRITO

El martes 12 de enero 2010 se procederá a una elección ordinaria de los cargos de Alto Agua y Sanamiento del Distrito. El horario de las elecciones será 8:00-7:00.

El propósito de la elección para elegir a dos (2) miembros de la Junta Directiva del Distrito, los cuales serán elegidos por un término de seis (6) años, los dos candidatos que obtengan el mayor

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numero de votos serán elegidos para cargos # 3 y # 4.

DECLARACIONES DE CANDIDATURA

Declaraciones de Candidatura de los dos (2) los posiciones pueden ser presentadas en persona en la Oficina del Alto Lagos Agua y Sanamiento durante el horario comercial normal entre las fechas de diciembre 1ro, 2009-diciembre 15, 2009.

Un lugar de votación consolidado de los rincones del condado de Lincoln 5.3, 5.4, y para los electores del Distrito que residen en otras partes de este Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico 88312.

Solo los electores calificados de los Lagos de Agua y Sanamiento ubicada en el Distrito 214 de Lake Shore Drive, Alto, Nuevo Mexico 88312.

La elección será por voto secreto. Aplicaciones para absentees ballots may be obtained on or after 4:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administration Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88312, telephone (575) 257-4333 between November 12, 2009 and December 28, 2009. Applications for absentees ballots may be obtained on or after 4:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administration Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88312, telephone (575) 257-4333 between November 12, 2009 and December 28, 2009.

Los libros de registro para votar en esta elección serán clausurados por el Secretario del Condado de Lincoln el 11 de diciembre de 2009.

La elección será por voto secreto. Aplicaciones para absentees ballots may be obtained on or after 4:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administration Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88312, telephone (575) 257-4333 between November 12, 2009 and December 28, 2009.

Votacion Ausente: Los solicitados de votos por correo solo podrá efectuarse en un formulario disponible en la Oficina de Alto Lagos Agua y Sanamiento del Distrito. Los formularios de inscripción pueden solicitarse por correo electrónico dirigido a los Lagos de Agua y Sanamiento del Distrito, PO Box 2405, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88346, or you may call 575-378-4697.

Region IX Education Coordinating Council meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2009 9:00 am. RUC 21X Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include: audit update, budget approval, project updates, and project updates. Hiring/resignations, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Cathy Jones at 257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

#8861 1T (11/18)

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2009-22

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso shall conduct a public hearing during a regular meeting scheduled on December 8, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village of Ruidoso Administration Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, for the purpose of adopting the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2009-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.01, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.01, AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCREASE ANNUAL SALARY.

Copies of Ordinance 2009-22 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review through Friday during the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 18th day of November, 2009.

(SEAL) Irma Devine, Village Clerk

#8862 1T (11/18)

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2009-24

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso shall conduct a public hearing during a regular meeting scheduled on December 8, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village of Ruidoso Administration Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, for the purpose of adopting the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2009-24: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.01, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.01, AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCREASE ANNUAL SALARY.

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TER 26. BUSINESS AND APPENDIX FEE SCHEDULE.

Copies of Ordinance 2009-24 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review through Friday during the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 18th day of November, 2009.

(SEAL) Irma Devine, Village Clerk

#8863 1T (11/18)

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2009-25

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso shall conduct a public hearing during a regular meeting scheduled on December 8, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village of Ruidoso Administration Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, for the purpose of adopting the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2009-25: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.01, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.01, AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCREASE ANNUAL SALARY.

Copies of Ordinance 2009-25 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review through Friday during the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 18th day of November, 2009.

(SEAL) Irma Devine, Village Clerk

#8864 1T (11/18)

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2009-26

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso shall conduct a public hearing during a regular meeting scheduled on December 8, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village of Ruidoso Administration Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, for the purpose of adopting the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2009-26: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.01, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.01, AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCREASE ANNUAL SALARY.

Copies of Ordinance 2009-26 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review through Friday during the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 18th day of November, 2009.

(SEAL) Irma Devine, Village Clerk

#8865 1T (11/18)

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2009-27

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ORDINANCE 2009-27: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.01, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.01, AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCREASE ANNUAL SALARY.

Copies of Ordinance 2009-27 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review through Friday during the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 18th day of November, 2009.

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ORDINANCE 2009-25: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.01, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.01, AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCREASE ANNUAL SALARY.

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Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 18th day of November, 2009.

General Help Wanted 230

Equibest Equestrian Center! Part-time help (2 days/week) Clean horse stalls, feed & groom show horses. Some landscaping work. Call Sharon 336-7690

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General Help Wanted 230

Health Care 232

Busy Community Mental Health Center seeking dependable, self-motivated individual to fill the following position in our Ruidoso office:

Intake / Medical Records Specialist - Must be able to multi-task and be comfortable in a fast-paced environment. Minimum requirements include: one year of college/technical school or two years of related office experience, excellent communications skills, ability to deal with the public, and computer proficiency (word processing, spreadsheets, data bases etc.) Bilingual/Spanish a plus.

Drop off letter of interest and resume at The Counseling Center, 206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, and pick up and complete employment application at same address. Position open until filled. Excellent benefits package. EOE

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