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GRT to increase

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County rates linked to state

Changes in gross receipts taxes initiated by the state Legislature will cause the amount charged in Lincoln County to increase, says County Manager Tom Stewart.

He sent an alert to county commissioners that he received the county's semi-annual request from State Tax and Revenue on verification of GRT imposed in Lincoln County on sales and services outside of municipalities.

"For everyone's information, the table that I verified indicates the GRT attributable to the state legislative and governor-approved

activities will increase 1/8th (of one percent)," Stewart wrote. "Therefore, effective July 1, GRT out in the county will increase to 5.5 percent from the current 5.375 percent. I would suspect that the municipalities' GRT would increase the same 1/8th."

Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee said the state increase means the village's GRT will go up to 8.4375 percent. She provided the breakdown as:

- State GRT - 5.125 percent
- County GRT - 0.2500 percent
- Village GRT - 3.0625 percent
- Total - 8.4375 percent

The village's 3.0625 percent GRT is composed of:

- Municipal GRT - 1.25 percent
- Municipal Environmental - 0.5625 percent
- Municipal Infrastructure - 0.25 percent
- Supplemental Municipal - 1.0 percent

"Gross Receipts Tax for the Village is a significant revenue source and for most all municipalities," said Lee, who formerly was city manager in Portales. "Even though we did not want to see the increase in GRT from the state, the loss of the hold-harmless provision on

food (created when the GRT on certain food items was removed several years ago) would have created a serious deficit in the Village's finances had the (State Legislature) taken action on that.

"Since the economic downturn last year, we have worked hard to reduce our costs of operations without decreasing services. We have done so through the elimination of vacant positions, a hiring freeze except emergency personnel, and reduction in general operating costs. We are hopeful that this next budget year, Fiscal Year 2010-2011, will bring new economic opportunities, but we are committed to operating within recurring revenues."

Ruidoso chief list trimmed to five

Applicants for top police post include three from out of state

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The list of candidates to fill the vacancy of Ruidoso Police Chief was narrowed to five and residents will have a chance to meet them at 6:30 p.m., Sunday.

Village Manager Debi Lee and councilors put together a reception open to the public in the council chamber of the Village Administration Building, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

An Assessment Center will be conducted on April 19, where the five will participate. A recommendation from that process will be presented to the mayor and council during their regular meeting April 27.

The candidates for police chief are:

- Doug Babcock, a detective with the Ruidoso Police Department
- Joe Magill, formerly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and now with the Ruidoso Police Department
- Thon Overstreet from Midlothian, Texas, employed by the Dallas Police Department
- James Paine from Kaysville, Utah, who works for the Utah Highway Patrol
- Brian Phillips from Lamar, Colo., employed by the Lamar Police Department

A possible quorum of the council may be in attendance at the reception, but no business will be discussed or actions taken.

Dick Swenor, who previously served as chief, has been acting as interim chief since Wolfgang Born retired at the end of 2009.

First in the Ruidoso News

FIRST PITCH



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn throws out the first pitch Saturday for Opening Day of Ruidoso Little League. Alborn, who has coached football at the college and professional levels, loves baseball, too. "Little League Baseball played a big role in my life growing up in Houston," he says. "At the time there was one baseball field and it was quite a distance away. I was 11 years-old and my mom and I had to take the bus to get there and come home. Kids today are lucky." For a recap of the day's action, see Sports, 1B.

Downs police chief denies racial profiling

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Ruidoso Downs' police chief will check into accusations of racial profiling by the department.

City councilor Rene Olivo broached the issue Monday night. He told Chief Alfred Ortiz that he received a 7 a.m. phone call that morning, asking him why the Ruidoso Downs Police Department stops

Hispanics for minor infractions and if they are in the country illegally they call the U.S. Border Patrol.

"I had heard rumors before, and I don't go by rumors," said Olivo.

Police Chief Alfred Ortiz told Olivo that Monday night was the first he had heard such an accusation.

"We are not into profiling any nationality," said Ortiz. "Our mission is for traffic law enforcement and

other laws that are violated. If there is a situation where the violator, if there is some question about their background as far as their criminal history, then we will, for the most part, contact the appropriate agency, whether it be ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) or the Border Patrol and investigate it further. But to my knowledge we are not in the business of stopping individu-

als just for the sake of their nationality and making unlawful arrests."

Olivo said he recently witnessed an event at the city's police station involving what appeared to be a mother and a daughter.

"Sunday afternoon about five o'clock I came down through this intersection here, going to see a friend of mine, and the

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These 2-year-old race prospects enjoy a run in the spring sun Saturday in Bent after being turned in a pasture for the first time. There are numerous race facilities in the Bent area, which is an extension of Tularosa's raising and training activity. The area is just now greening up and looking like Spring...and the horses are shedding, feeling good.

Highway 70 project

Restriping along U.S. Highway 70 in the Ruidoso area is underway.

A contract crew for the New Mexico Department of Transportation began the

project on Monday. The department's Manon Arnett said weather permitting the work should be completed in a week.

The restriping will cover the highway from mile marker 260 in Mesalero to mile marker 287 through Ruidoso Downs.

The new striping, using high build acrylic paint with glass reflecting beads, is expected to be easier to see and enhance safety for highway travelers.

Arnett said motorists should stay 500 back from the striping truck, and not cross wet paint. Temporary traffic control measures will be in place while the work is taking place.

Rabies clinics

Veterinarians across

Lincoln County are participating in a low cost rabies clinic April 17.

The rabies vaccine will be offered at \$6 and other immunizations will be available at their regular prices.

Staff from the Ruidoso Animal Clinic will be at the Main Fire Station, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at 541 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso.

Mary Jane Cooper will be handling shots from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., across from the Nogal Store in Nogal; from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Carrizozo Fire Station; from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the White Oaks Fire Station and from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Ancho.

Staff from Mountain View Animal Clinic will be

working from 10 a.m. to noon at the White Mountain Fire Station, 606 White Mountain Dr. in Ruidoso.

Veterinarian Warren Franklin will oversee the shots from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at the Lincoln Fire Station; from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Old Post Office in Hondo; and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Down Fire Station.

Veterinarian Becky Washburn will split her time between Capitan and Corona. She will be at the new fire station in Capitan from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Corona Fire Station.

Scoping meetings

The Department of Def-

ense has rescheduled a couple of meetings, including one in Ruidoso Downs, to solicit public comments on possible future Holloman Air Force Base training of F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) aircraft.

Because of wintry weather in New Mexico some of the late January scoping meetings were cancelled.

Holloman is one of five air bases being considered for the F-35 JSF.

The aircraft is a conventional take-off, multiple-role fighter with an emphasis on air-to-ground missions. It was designed to supplement and eventually replace legacy aircraft, as well as complement the air-to-air mission of the F-22A Raptor. The added role for Holloman would involve personnel changes, facility

construction and modifications, and aircraft training operations.

The scoping meetings will precede the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Ruidoso Downs scoping meeting will be April 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Best Western Pine Springs Inn.

Comments will also be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process. But to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of a Draft EIS, comments should be submitted to the address below by May 17.

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National Forecast for April 14, 2010

Legend:
Cold
Warm
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Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice

Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 63°/45°
Normal high 64°
Normal low 29°
Record high 75° (1971)
Record low 9° (1953)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.13"
Month to date 0.13"
Normal month to date 0.31"
Year to date 3.10"
Normal year to date 3.82"

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 83°/48°
Normal high 74°
Normal low 44°
Record high 90° (1960)
Record low 29° (2008)
Precipitation:
Monday Trace
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.12"
Year to date 1.88"

Weather Trivia:
Q: What country has the most tornadoes each year?
A: The United States by far. About 1,000 occur each year.

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset
6:35 a.m./7:32 p.m.

Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset
6:19 a.m./8:07 p.m.

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low:
(For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 83° in Camden, SC
Low: 15° in Oney, MT

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Memorial Service

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April 17

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Enchilada dinner

The Rocks Boxing Club is sponsoring an enchilada dinner fundraiser for their trip to the Junior Olympic State Championships April 23 and 24 in Los Lunas.

The dinner is 6 p.m., Friday, at the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs. Cost is \$7 for dinner, dessert and a drink.

MAW in May

The military convoys will come rolling into Ruidoso Downs at 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 7, from El Paso, Las Cruces, Albuquerque, and Roswell. Please have Old Glory on your buildings and in your hands along those routes.

The public is allowed on the demonstration field, at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Military City will be erected Friday afternoon and torn down Sunday morning. Team Bliss respectfully asks that the public not be on the field during those times for safety reasons. Please be along the streets and highways with signs during arrival and departure.

Painting raffle

The painting "Mexican Village" by noted Taos/Santa Fe artist Ben Turner (1912-1966) will be raffled off to benefit the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts June 19.

The painting was part of a collection left to the theater by its founder Jackie Spencer. Tickets are \$50 and are limited to 200. The painting is a 24-inch by 36-inch oil on canvas, which framed is about 31.25 inches by 40 inches.

Born in Gallup, Ben Turner was one of few native New Mexico artists to become a prominent commercial success in the first half of the 20th century.

His work was exhibited in the Fine Art Gallery at the University of New Mexico and is in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Fine Art in Santa Fe.

The raffle is part of the non-profit organization's "Taste of the Spencer" fund-raising event the evening of June 19, although ticket buyers need not be present to win.

The evening also will feature a performance by pianist Doug Montgomery and a live and silent auction. Tickets to the event are \$50.

For information about tickets, contact the theater at 575-336-4800, or try the Web site www.spencertheater.com, and use the link for the Taste of the Spencer event June 19, where tickets can be purchased online.

Meeting cancelled

The regular meeting of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board scheduled for April 15 at the Lincoln Community Church is canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

VDay2010

VDay2010Ruidoso and the benefit performance of *The Vagina Monologues* is Saturday, April 17, at 8 p.m. at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club Pavilion.

Doors Open at 7 p.m. with music and a cash bar with wine and beer.

The Monologue Actresses will mingle with the audience until show time.

Sonic booms

Sonic booms from aircraft training at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo may be heard Thursday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m.

For the week of April 19 through April 23, sonic booms could occur Monday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2

p.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m.; and Friday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit www.holloman.af.mil.

Vision support

The Vision Impaired Support Group will meet April 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth Dr.

The group is open to all residents free of charge who are sight-impaired.

Guest Speaker will be Beverly McFarland, director, Ruidoso Public Library, who will discuss items available to the sight-impaired at the library. Linda Velez of the New Mexico Federation for the Blind will also answer questions and talk about services.

Madeleine Sabo will host the group, which will be discussing issues and challenges relevant to the sight-impaired. This is an opportunity to visit with people who share the same issues and concerns and to better understand the services and products available to those with limited or no sight.

For more information, contact Madeleine Sabo 575-354-0201

Earth Day events

On the 40th anniversary of Earth Day April 22, New Mexico State Parks will celebrate with walks, talks and recycling events on April 17 and April 24.

The events aim to encourage visitors to connect with nature and will raise awareness about environmental issues and how to be better Earth stewards.

The following events are scheduled for April 17, 2010:

- Learn to identify cacti and other native plants while visiting the bajada of Dog Canyon at Oliver Lee Memorial State Park south of Alamogordo on a ranger-guided Wildflower and Cactus Hike. This is an

undeveloped area of the park with abundant yucca, ocotillo and a variety of cactus. It's the right time of year to see many cacti in bloom, depending on winter and spring rainfall. The hike will be leisurely but across uneven ground. Please wear sturdy shoes, sun protection and bring plenty of water and snacks. Call 575-437-8284 to learn more.

• Heron Lake State Park hosts Earth Day with exhibitors from the local area showing how to make use of the Earth's bounty. Demonstrations will be held every 30 minutes with a luncheon break provided by the Friends of Heron and El Vado Lakes State Parks.

Demonstrations include adobe brick-making, magnetized water for agriculture, wood carving, Jicarilla micaceous pottery and basket making, spear throwing, herb identification, spinning and fiber arts.

The local Cub Scouts from Chama will compete in a raingutter regatta race, which is the sailboat equivalent of the pinewood derby.

The boats are propelled by blowing on the sail and raced in a standard rain gutter that is filled with water. The first boat to reach the end of the gutter is the winner. Chokecherry seedlings will be given out until the supply runs out. 575-588-7470.

• Brantley Lake State Park's program, Shoreline Sweep, invites volunteers to help the park staff clean the shoreline; lunch will be provided and day-use fees waived for all participants. Call 575-457-2384 to learn more.

• Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park and the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society offer an early bird tour for all interested birders. Bring appropriate clothing, water and binoculars, or borrow a pair from the park. Events are free to the public with a valid park pass. Call 575-523-4398 to learn more.

• City of Rocks State Park near Deming offers the public a chance to learn how search and rescue teams locate people missing in the wilderness. Search and Rescue Training Day features the Region 12 New Mexico State Police Search and

Rescue training at the park, with a public information officer on site to update the action and answer questions. Call 575-536-2800 to learn more.

On April 24, the 16th annual March for Parks at Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park combines Earth Day exhibits and programs with a walk that raises money for local park improvements.

More than 200 walkers raise pledge money for school field trips for the Outdoor Classroom Project

and then walk from Carlsbad to the Living Desert for an awards ceremony.

March for Parks is sponsored by Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Park in partnership with Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park. Exhibits will be set up by federal, state and city natural resource agencies. Events include door prizes, giveaways, solar viewing, and a "party for the planet" with special children's activities. Call 575-887-5516 to learn more.

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OUR OPINION

Taxes are necessary but more burdensome

Rising rates, new levies a drag on economy

Reasonable Americans fully understand the need for taxes to fund our roads, schools, parks, military, certain social programs and public safety sectors.

The current debate about taxation, however, is being waged in a much wider arena — who pays, how much we pay and what we're paying for, set against the backdrop of a stagnant economy, an ever-more complex tax code and a widely feared collection agency.

It says here that a system that mines the "rich" as an endless source of governmental revenue is unsustainable.

It says here that expecting

half the country to pay income tax for the other half (47 percent) that doesn't pay is unsustainable, unjust and a blueprint for bankruptcy or rebellion.

Everywhere you look, tolls are going up or sliding into hidden corners of legislation: gross receipts, a looming "value-added" national sales tax, potential levies (in some states) on service providers, penalties contained in Cap and Trade and healthcare "reform," the president's vow to raise the tax rate on investment profits ...

Enough! The body politic has only so much blood to give.

New Mexico slow to get connected

It's another one of those lists with New Mexico bringing up the rear. The subject is broadband access. New Mexico ranks 46th nationally in Internet use and 36th in broadband (high-speed Internet) telecommunications, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce. About 78 percent of New Mexicans have DSL, compared with 82 percent nationally; 77 percent have access to cable modem, compared with 96 percent nationally.

This isn't just the stuff of computer geeks. When potential outside employers look us over, they want to know about "connectivity," and our economic developers usually have to change the subject.

Also, broadband holds the key to work-at-home jobs and home-based businesses that could do wonders for small towns.

It seems like New Mexico has always been behind the curve in telecom access, whatever the technology. It's the old problem of great distances, small population and money.

Lately, a new test by the Federal Communications Commission shows New Mexico among the nation's worst in download speeds. The labs, the universities and portions of Albuquerque are competitive; the rest of the state isn't. In upload speeds we look a little better.

So when the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dangled \$7.2 billion in stimulus funding for broadband projects, it got our attention. At least 50 New Mexico companies applied, but most are still waiting to hear. The selection process has been painfully slow, so only about \$200 million of the \$4 billion first round has trickled out so far.

Still, the trickles are pretty exciting. In recent months the Commerce Department awarded \$32 million to the Navajo Nation for 530 miles of fiber, 20 miles of connections and 59 microwave towers reaching 30,000 homes and other buildings — this in a region where 60

percent of homes lack telephone service. It also awarded \$11.25 million to ENMR-Plateau Communications, an East Side telephone co-operative, to expand broadband in its territory and build another 74 miles of fiber.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded \$57 million to LEACO Rural

Telephone Cooperative in Hobbs to build 462 miles of fiber and another \$11.5 million to Western New Mexico Telephone Company for last-mile broadband services to remote and unserved locations and critical community facilities.

In northeastern New Mexico Baca Valley Telephone Co. will receive \$3.2 million, grant and loan, to bring DSL to the area and replace outdated copper wire and microwave systems.

Other stimulus awards include \$9.6 million in loans and grants to the Peñasco Valley Telecommunications Cooperative in Artesia to extend fiber-optics to Hondo, Mayhill and Hope and \$1.26 million in grants and loans to San Ildefonso Pueblo for the TewaCom Broadband Initiative that will expand service to 2,405 homes.

The activity demonstrates that the interest and innovation have been there, just not the money. "It's an expensive proposition to lay down fiber in such remote places," said Terry Mullins of Peñasco Valley Telecommunications in the New Mexico Business Weekly. "Without the grant money we just couldn't do it."

It conjures up rural electrification during the 1930s and 1940s. Indeed, we've heard proposals here that local governments use bonds to beef up their capacity. Now we have Farmington's application to be a test site for Google's gigabit-per-second Internet network, but Farmington isn't sitting on its app. Organizers are now drumming up private sector support for broadband so the project moves forward regardless.

These projects may not allow us to run with the big dogs in broadband, but it could pull us off the bottom.



YOUR OPINION

In support of education but not debt

To the editor:

I AM WRITING to express my concerns with the ENMU-Ruidoso Cedars Campus and hope they can be addressed before the citizens of Lincoln County are committed to more debt that may not be appropriate at this time.

1. Current Lease Agreement — Will spend \$75,000 each year for five years (\$375,000 total), will not employ a single person during this period and/or may not be supported by the taxpayer. Unemployment for 16-29 year-olds is 15.2 percent

2. Potential Degree Program — Performing Arts, Museum Science Management and Technologies, Horticulture Sciences and Technology and High Altitude Sports Training. These programs do not justify the need for a multi-million dollar new building. They are attached to an internship that will be held at different locations around town and can have class in any classroom setting.

3. Location — The Strategic

plan explains the drive will create transportation issues; not to mention, there are no stores that serve food in the area and the food service portion of the project is projected to be built in phase six.

4. This has not been discussed with the public — This has been a plan that was dictated by previous administration and has not had the opportunity for those with a vested interest (student, staff, faculty, and taxpayer) to thoroughly discuss the pros and cons of this endeavor.

5. The survey does not have large enough support — At a time when the economy has slumped, taxes are high and the general population is concerned about job loss, decreasing retirement, etc., there is not a large enough majority to support the taxing issues associated with the new campus.

6. Growth slowing — The Strategic Plan uses population growth and FTE increase to justify the need for the new campus. Population growth and student

enrollment are both below estimates.

7. Current Economic Conditions — Considering federal, state and local economics, this is not the right time. Even if jobs are created, it will take time to return finances to before crash condition.

8. No Room to Grow — The Master Plan states there is no room to grow [in the current location]. There is a large empty building next door and the mall has several open spaces. I don't think the potential to use this space has been thoroughly analyzed.

As decisions are made, please understand that bricks and mortar are not education and one can still support education without creating debt. I ask those that agree with some of these points to please contact the administration of ENMU before the April 22 College Board meeting and signing of the Spencer contract.

Andrea Reed
Ruidoso

Dear Lincoln County Tea Partiers ...

To the editor:

DEAR GLYNIS Racine and the Lincoln County Tea Party Patriots:

I think it is great that we all have the right to gather peacefully to demonstrate in America. I am just hoping that those of you who attend this event will keep a few things in mind.

First, President Obama is not responsible for the disastrous downturn in our economy. Nor is he responsible for all of the corporations who have sent our manufacturing jobs overseas so that they can hire cheap labor.

These events or trends came along long before he held any office. He is, however, trying to address these problems in a positive way.

Second, I hope that those attending will acknowledge whether or not they receive any of the following: Veterans Benefits, Medicare, Social Security or Medicaid.

Although all of these are "social" programs, the only one that is a Socialist Program is the Veterans Benefits program as it

is conducted in government-owned hospitals with Military doctors and nurses.

If the Republicans and some of the Tea Partiers have their way, all of these social programs will cease to exist.

It might also help to remember that the part of the bill that seems most odious to the most vocal part of the current debate, the "mandatory" insurance is not set to go in to effect until 2014 and that the bill does not impose punishment on those who choose not to take part in this.

Third, President Obama as Hitler? Not so much. Hitler was a white supremacist who felt that the whole world should be inhabited by white-skinned, blond-haired, blue-eyed people and that everyone else did not deserve to live.

Hitler would be rolling in his grave being compared to President Obama. Also remember that with Hitler, the Jews were always the "other", and if he succeeded in eradicating them, there would always be another "other." Maybe old people, sick

people, Catholics, Hispanic people, etc.

But the only ones in the end who were not "other" would be the aforementioned properly pigmented people.

And finally, I have been wondering if all of us are being duped into concentrating on whether or not we want health care in America to be better to prevent us from focusing on the most important issue facing us today: the need for good regulations in banks and Wall Street to prevent financial meltdown from ever happening again.

Thank you if you read this and a bigger thank you to those of you who give real thought to these issues.

Marilyn Kamp
Ruidoso

Editor's note: The letter by Glynis Racine, Sally Moore and Terry Franklin published in the April 7 Ruidoso News inviting the public to Thursday's Tea Party made no mention of Hitler, Veterans Benefits, Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid.

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

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NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

A crew from Ruidoso's Water Department dug a ditch with some help from a trencher and its operator Tuesday to replace an old water line on Wingfield Street. A short portion of the street near its intersection with Sudderth Drive was closed to traffic to accommodate the work.

New P&Z commissioners get primer on comprehensive plan

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New members of the Ruidoso Village Council and the village Planning and Zoning Commission were briefed Tuesday on Ruidoso's 2010 Comprehensive Plan to help them understand the way it is organized and that it is a guide toward a future vision of the village, but subject to change.

One of the major changes will be the timelines set for each objective listed under a series of goals attached to each of 14 plan elements. Deputy Village Manager/Planning Director Bill Morris said the plan is a replacement, not a supplement to one put together by a consult-

ing company and previously approved in 2006. Village officials found the previous plan to be a cookie-cutter approach, not realistic for the village.

The new approach aims to ensure that changes in village ordinance occur to implement objectives, that department heads are aware of issues that need to be handled in their departments and that, when needed, money can be budgeted.

As councilors and commissioners began to fret over the timelines, noting that some already were past and in other cases, deadlines were bunched on a few dates, Village Manager Debi Lee stepped in to simplify and alleviate their quandary.

"We could take all the dates off and introduce dates later by resolution," she suggested. They would be dates to report and to symbolize a need for progress, but not dates necessarily for completion.

Morris said a matrix will be prepared to track dates and responsibilities.

A comprehensive plan is more than something to guide development; it is a valuable document when applying for grants, she said. "Certain grant agencies require a comprehensive plan with specific components, such as housing," Lee said. "The plan needs to reflect the best interests and improvement of a community."

Commissioner Don Dutton, who served on the com-

prehensive plan task force, said, "It's more of a wish list."

Wishes that don't cost money probably can be accomplished before those that are costly and several objectives along that line already are being tackled, Lee said.

Councilors Angel Shaw and Rafael Salas also pointed out that a disclaimer should be attached to inform the public that the numbering of the goals and objectives does not correspond to their priority.

"There are things in the plan that are concurrent," Commissioner Larry Wimbrow agreed.

Mayor Ray Alborn said he sees "a lot of important things to address," and he would like some type of pri-

oritization, which also can be altered as work progresses or conditions change. "We could adopt it Tuesday with the understanding the council will prioritize and move forward," he said.

"We could indicate the timelines are for planning purposes only," and staff could be directed to report to council quarterly on progress, Lee said. "I suggest when you set priorities, you invite all of the department heads in to discuss how reasonable the timelines are, so they can feel comfortable about meeting them. They have so much on their plates, but I don't see that changing."

"And sometimes we don't understand the problems they have," Alborn

said. "I do," said Councilor Salas, who previously served as director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

"You want to motivate, not criticize because they failed to meet a deadline," Lee said.

A comprehensive plan can make the difference between reacting to or planning for growth, she said. It should encompass a vision for Midtown, the traditional tourist shopping core of the village, with references to aesthetics and mixed uses, she said.

"It established the big-picture view of how things will happen when projects come up," she said.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Feeling the earth move: Carrizozo resident experiences quake

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When a major earthquake hit the Baja peninsula Sunday, a Carrizozo resident was in Yuma, Ariz., and experienced the tremors firsthand.

Dennis Dunnum said last Friday, he flew to Yuma to pick up a friend and bring him back home for the summer and fall.

"On Sunday, the earth moved," Dunnum said. "We were some 40 miles or so from the epicenter of that 7.2 (Richter scale) earthquake in northern Mexico and it was one of the most remarkable experiences of my life, and that's going

some." The Richter magnitude scale assigns a single number to quantify the amount of seismic energy released by an earthquake and 7.2 is considered "major," capable of causing significant damage.

This wasn't Dunnum's first earthquake, but this time he was outside barefoot.

"I mean no disrespect for those who lost life or property, but it was truly magnificent," he said. "I was sitting outside in the lovely 80 degree sunshine reading a book when everything started shaking. My first thought was irrationally that the sprinkler pipes

under the ground were rattling. Then everything started moving back and forth.

"It was awesome. I felt no fear whatsoever, because I was outside and there was nothing to fall on me. It continued for almost a minute dancing louder and softer, faster and slower. The power it demonstrated even that far from the center was just incredible. For the earth itself to 'wave' under my bare feet was absolutely exhilarating. It reminded me of C.S. Lewis' Perelandra, a planet where the 'land' is like a floating carpet on an ocean. One moment you could be on a hilltop and the next in

a valley." He said he found himself hoping a crack would open up, to allow him to watch the torturous movement underground.

"The last time I was in one was at my sister's house in Hesperia, Calif.," Dunnum said. "I watched a wave travel through a long

sheetrocked wall without even one little crack.

"A whole different set of rules apply to power that is that deep and alive. I know they cause much hardship and pain, but divorced from the effect on us mere mortals, I felt truly blessed to have experienced it safely."

Dunnum said very little

damage occurred in Yuma beyond items falling off grocery shelves. He saw photos of the liquor department at a Walmart, because a friend worked there, "and that was the biggest tragedy in town, as far as I knew."

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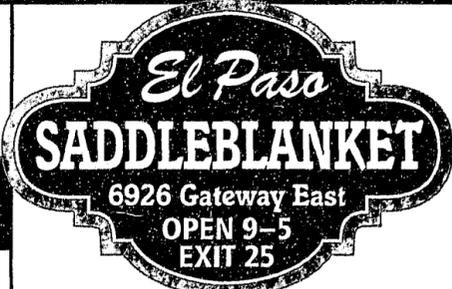
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Third grade – Back – Caroline Stephens, Vladimir Garcia, Kenan Zuazua, Cassidy Sanchez, Holten Ruwalt, Ezra Gonzales, Unique Ramirez, Carlos Figueroa, Amanda Marquez, Kodie White, Jonathan Lippold, Eliana Chavez, Jessika Shephard, Tyson Archer. Middle – Yesca Weary, Isabel Martinez, Colton Irons, James Heaton, Duncan Hutchins, Priscilla Miguel, Angel Griego, Lewis Figueroa, Jorge Polendo, Carson Vasile, Ivy Kckitrick, Daniela Rodriguez, Jesse West. Front – Karla Rodriguez-Agripino, Olga Hernandez, Jay Enjady, Andres Castro, Nayeli Dominguez, Idali Segura, Elena Chavez, Aidan Huey, Alicia Stewart, Logan Kelley, Morgan Chase, Baylee Taylor, Autumn Nunnally



COURTESY

Fourth grade – Back – Conner Davis, Elizabeth Morgan, Katelyn Ryén, Valeria Hernandez, America Alvarado, Anna Ortega, Alondra Herrera, Christian Gerthe, Morgan Johnson, Emma Pearson, Julien Polaco, Chloe Acosta. Middle – Kamrin McClellan, Jocelyne Castillo, Hannah King, Brennan Stewart, Alex Cannon, Brianna Douds, Sammy Reyes, Nico Garcia, Lauren Denney, Crystal Beaver, Madison Almager, Destiny Romero. Front – Ozren Cochise, Sebastian Polendo, Hailey Evans, Amy Munoz, Naomi Chavez, Hailee Blake, Amy Hough, Karina Herrera, Gabriel Taylor, Enrique Macias, Gisselle Villareal (Jesse Walker not pictured)



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Fifth grade – Back – Shalee Buurma, Elizabeth Molina, Nayeli Chavira, Taia Yankee, Terren Brown, Angel Sanchez, Kahler Enjady, Lizbeth Garcia, Maggie Rich. Front – Abbie Mercer, Jesse Villanueva, Lia Mosher, Nathan Bryant, Brooks Jarrell, Teresa Roberts, Kyler Woodul (Bailey Jones not pictured)

Mescalero schools get grant

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Following an impassioned plea for help with suicide prevention, the Mescalero Apache Schools will receive a federal grant.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools on Wednesday awarded three school districts new Project School Emergency Response to Violence (SERV) grants.

The Mescalero schools will receive \$48,040 in Project SERV funding to restore its learning environment following a series of student suicides last year.

The department noted that during 2009 the rate of suicide increased dramatically.

The suicides resulted in

a growing number of students in need of mental health services. To help address the needs, school officials requested the grant to provide additional support services for students, staff and parents. The grant submission also proposed hiring a part-time mental health provider, as well as providing specialized staff training on suicide assessment and intervention specific to the Native American culture.

On March 25 a Ruidoso High School sophomore who resides on the Mescalero Apache Reservation testified on Capitol Hill about last year's suicides. Coloradas Mangas told the U.S. Senate's Indian Affairs Committee said there was a need to increase awareness of the problem and to get both

youth and adults into intervention programs. He said more mental health providers were also needed on the reservation.

"When unfortunate events disrupt the lives of children and schools it's vital that the learning process continue," said Kevin Jennings, assistant deputy secretary for the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. "Project SERV provides districts and institutions of higher learning with resources to help respond in a timely manner."

Two other schools, the Palo Alto Unified School District in California, and the Madison City School District in Alabama, have also been awarded Project SERV grants because of recent suicides or school violence.

ENMU-Ruidoso wants tuition increase

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A proposed schedule of tuition increases for ENMU-Ruidoso will be outlined during a pair of meetings at the college.

The current \$28.50 charge per credit hour for in-district students would rise \$2.50, to \$31, under the proposal. That would be an 8.8 percent increase.

For out-of-district New Mexicans, a \$5 boost, to \$40 has been proposed. That is a 14.3 percent bump. For out-of-state students, the present tuition rate of \$96 per credit hour would increase 14.6 percent, to \$110. The proposed adjustments could take

effect for the 2010-2011 academic year.

College president Clayton Alred said the driving factor for the tuition increases is legislation adopted during the March special session of state lawmakers to deal New Mexico's financial shortfall.

Nine percent of tuitions collected will go to the state. Alred said the possible higher credit hour charges would cover the upcoming new payments to the state's coffers.

"I plan to do a couple of public meetings to address the proposed tuition increase with students and the public," said Alred. "I will discuss the proposal

and answer questions."

The meetings are scheduled for Thursday, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., and April 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The sessions, which Alred said will present the same information, will be in room 114 at the Ruidoso Branch Community College in the Sierra Mall in Ruidoso.

Before any tuition increase would take effect, both the ENMU-Ruidoso College Board and the Eastern New Mexico University system Board of Regents would have to approve the changes.

Those seeking for more information can call the college at 257-3006.

Spring fling - 2010 fun day for students

TESSA TALSMAN
for the Ruidoso News

Earlier this month many Ruidoso High School students participated in the Spring Fling.

The event went on during 4th and 5th period lunches. On Friday, April 2, 2010, students were required to go to school to make up the extra snow day used earlier in the year.

Instead of being in class, RHS put on a career fair, allowing students to explore career options and

later watch the finalists of the Spring Fling, in activities such as volleyball, Rock Band, and shopping cart races.

The winners of the volleyball portion in the fling then played the teachers, who ended up beating the students!

Those who participated and won in the different divisions received a bag full of candy and a large round of applause.

Overall, one team rose above all-FUJ Squad- and was awarded with 'medals'

made out of clay.

To keep events going, live music was played and grades played against one another in volleyball for the spirit stick.

Although it was a close game, the juniors beat the seniors and received the spirit stick!

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Ortiz: States that his department is not in the business of enforcing federal laws that pertain to immigration.

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Border Patrol was picking up two people from the police department. Check into that and see what's going on," Olivo told Ortiz.

The police chief said he was unaware of the circumstances for the Sunday afternoon vehicle stop, but he assured Olivo that he would look into it.

Olivo said he's heard from others that the department has targeted Hispanics.

Ortiz responded again, stating that his department is not in the business of enforcing federal laws that pertain to immigration.

City Councilor Dean Holman said he has also gotten similar phone calls.

"There are accusations out there," said Holman. "I've heard it from people in person this past week. It's just something, chief, that I don't think you were even

aware that it was out there. Find out if there is any basis. It may be and it may not be."

The issue of detaining undocumented immigrants for the U.S. Border Patrol and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement had been raised in Roswell and Otero County in recent years.

Roswell police stopped the practice last year after the American Civil Liberties Union contended the practice was illegal.

The Otero County Sheriff's Department, under the federal Operation Stonegarden program, had sought out illegal immigrants. But in September 2008 a federal judge issued an order forbidding the department from enforcing immigration laws through Operation Stonegarden. The injunction barred the department from "engaging in unlawful discriminatory activities and racial profiling for the purpose of identifying and apprehending undocumented and ille-



Olivo: "The Border Patrol was picking up two people from the police department. Check into that."

gal immigrants pursuant to Operation Stonegarden."

A year ago New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson signed into law a measure that halted the practice of police investigating someone based solely on their race. It also allows the New Mexico Attorney General's office to look into profiling complaints.

"The new law makes it

illegal for law enforcement officers to investigate anyone relying solely on the person's race, ethnicity, color or national origin among a list of other things," Rosa Rosales, the national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said at the time.

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Rescue training held

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Lincoln County now has a team that is trained in swiftwater rescues.

A total of 16 Lincoln County firefighters, along with five from Roswell, two from Bernalillo County, and one from Sandoval County, attended classes in the Ruidoso area this past weekend.

Lincoln County's director of the Office of Emergency Services, Travis Atwell, said the local firefighters who received the training were from the Bonito and Glencoe volunteer departments as well as his office.

The operations course was provided by New Mexico Task Force I, a FEMA urban search and rescue group.

The classes were held at the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department's Sonterra station, and at the indoor

swimming pool at the Cree Meadows Country Club.

Good timing?

Atwell said the timing of the classes could prove beneficial.

"We maybe got the class done just in time. They're predicting maybe some heavy rain later this week and through the weekend," he said.

The local swiftwater rescue team would have been beneficial during the late July 2008 flooding in the Ruidoso area when hundreds of people were rescued along the Ruidoso and Bonito rivers.

A team from outside the area was brought in then to rescue those stranded because of high and raging water.

Additional training is available in order to be certified as a swiftwater rescue technician.

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Lincoln County Medical Center

LCMC welcomes new Emergency Department provider.

Lincoln County Medical Center welcomes Family Nurse Practitioner Naomi West, FNP-BC, to our growing family of providers. Ms. West is a dedicated healthcare provider in the LCMC emergency department "fast track" care model, which treats patients who have non-emergent and non-urgent cases, allowing for care in a timely, efficient manner.

Ms. West received her undergraduate nursing degree from the University of Texas at El Paso. She obtained her Master's of Science Clinical Nurse Specialist degree from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces and her family nurse practitioner certificate from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. Ms. West has more than 15 years' experience working at hospitals and clinics in Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Carlsbad and El Paso, Texas.

Ms. West can be seen at the LCMC Emergency Department "Fast Track," Friday through Monday, 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

Fire destroys RV

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A recreational vehicle was totaled Monday in a fire west of Carrizozo.

The Socorro County Sheriff's Department said the large motor home, driven by a Ruidoso man, was westbound on U.S. Highway 380, several miles into Socorro County, or about 24 miles west of Carrizozo. As the RV entered a curve an eastbound car was in the wrong lane.

The RV swerved to the left, went off the pavement and climbed up and then down a hill's embankment.

The investigating deputy said the driver, Johnny R. Black, 64, then realized his vehicle was on fire. He was transported to Socorro General Hospital after complaining of left shoulder pain.

The deputy said the motor home was a complete loss after being fully engulfed by the flames. A propane tank and air condi-

tioning canisters were considered factors that contributed to the fire. Fire and EMT responders from Carrizozo, San Antonio and the White Sands Missile Ranger were dispatched to the scene around 9 a.m.

The deputy said where the RV came to a stop was pivotal in limiting the size of a resulting small brush fire. He said that 30 feet before or beyond the location would have likely sent flames up a hillside.

A BOLO (be on the lookout) was issued for the car reported to have been in the wrong lane and traveling at an excessive speed. But efforts to find the vehicle were unsuccessful.

U.S. Highway 380 in the area of the fire was shut down for a period.

The Socorro County deputy said there was excellent cooperation between his department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

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Lincoln County Medical Center Pink Ladies Peggy Ross (left) and Margaret Skelton prepare to clean up a mess at the thrift shop. Such scenes have become commonplace.

Thrift shop becomes dumping ground

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Some unusable items are being dumped at the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary's Thrift Shop. And items left at the property are often rummaged through.

"It's a problem after every weekend," said Pink Lady volunteer Peggy Ross, who was the first to arrive at the resale shop Monday morning. "There's no storage space for big pieces like appliances and furniture."

A couple of couches, mattresses, an old dresser, and bags of clothing were piled around the outside of a small building that has a hinged access opening for accepting donations. A number of the items left outside over the weekend were much larger than the

opening. "We have to pay to have the solid waste truck haul some of the stuff away," said Ross.

The thrift shop, at 140 Nob Hill Dr., accepts clothing and some other household items. Proceeds from the sale of the items in the thrift shop are given to the Lincoln County Medical Center to purchase hospital equipment.

The pink building is open for business Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Auxiliary is not alone in finding some junk served up as a donation. The People Helping People Thrift Shop at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs has had similar experiences.

"We take anything of use," said People Helping

People Chairperson Vickie Widener. "They don't have to be what you'd buy new in the store, but broken appliances are of no good to us. We get frustrated with stuff that should be in the landfill."

That's where some of the unusable items go, at a cost to the thrift shop.

Widener said the problem has eased a little over the past 60 to 90 days.

Donated goods, such as clothing, appliances and some furniture, are accepted during the shop's hours of 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday. Otherwise the location is clearly posted "no dumping."

Revenues from the thrift shop assist those who really need help, said Widener.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

County approves 3-bay fire station for Glencoe

Local contractor complains about bidding process

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A bid from a Clovis-based company to build a three-bay fire station for the Glencoe area east of Ruidoso Downs was approved by Lincoln County commissioners, but not before a representative of a local company with the lowest bid out of seven submitted complained about the county's scoring process for requests for proposals.

Design 360 Inc. of Clovis bid \$119,632, including tax with a potential for a lower price negotiated by reducing the thickness of a slab from 8 inches to 6 inches of reinforced concrete and modifying the height of eaves on the prefabricated fire station.

"The company was not the lowest bid, but was the highest ranked," by an committee that evaluated all responses, County Manager Tom Stewart explained at the commission meeting last month. Design 360 scored 284 points and the low bidder scored 223 points.

The amount of the bid accounted for 60 percent of the scoring, but Stewart said the low bidder failed to submit a bid bond and mentioned "references on request."

Bid not responsive

The owner also submitted one copy of the proposal, instead of five. The proposal was not responsive, he said.

"I don't know how to evaluate 'references on request,' Stewart said. "That's why the score dropped for you."

The representative of the low bidder said the requirements were "so vague," and he never in the past saw a similar ranking system.

The company he works for has experience and he was born and raised in

Lincoln County. Why send money for the contract to another county, he asked. Stewart replied that a local company doesn't receive a scoring advantage.

Explanation asked

"I'd like to sit down and have someone explain," the company official said. If there were problems with the bid, someone could have called in advance to see if they could be simply rectified, he said.

But Commissioner Eileen Sedillo pointed out all bids are opened at the same time and must be complete.

"So because we didn't give you five copies," his company was bypassed, the representative asked. "No way. I know we put a complete packet together and I know we had the low bid."

Commission Chairman Tom Battin suggested company officials meet with Stewart to gain a better understanding of the process.

"I understand, but you have final say," he told the chairman, pointing out his company's extensive experience in Lincoln and several other counties, as well as in Texas.

He indicated a bid bond was not required, but Stewart said a large packet went out with every proposal and responsive companies submitted bid bonds and the owner of the low bidding company did not. "I don't know what else to say, but they were not responsive."

"That by itself disqualifies him," Parks said.

"I've been very comfortable with the scoring system, because we needed something other than lowest bid," Battin said. "But I understand the frustration of being low and not being awarded a contract."

The company representative questioned if the specifications would meet state Fire Marshal require-

ments, if the bay doors were insulated and some other construction-related technicalities.

Commissioner Don Williams offered the motion to accept the bid from Design 360, which passed unanimously.

During the discussion of the possibility of lowering the bid amount from Design 360, Williams said, "I recommend you seriously consider the implications of reducing the thickness of the slab."

Ruidoso example

In Ruidoso, which is supposed to be the best station in the state, we've had trouble with cracking floors.

"When bids came in, the first thing they started to do was decrease the quality of concrete to get the price down and we've had cracking."

"That has to do with the PSI (pounds per square inch) of concrete, not the thickness, said Sedillo, who formerly owned a concrete plant. "(Six inch thickness is) good enough for heavy equipment."

In other action, commissioners approved an annual budget preparation time line as May 4 for a special meeting for review by commissioners and a chance for special program presentations; May 18 to submit for commission approval; June 11 to submit preliminary budget and capital improvement project list to the state Department of Finance and Administration; July 1, preliminary budget approval granted by DFA; July 20 for a final budget hearing with final adjustments; July 23 to forward final budget to DFA; and DFA review and certification of the budget by Sept. 3. Staff input will occur April 21-22.

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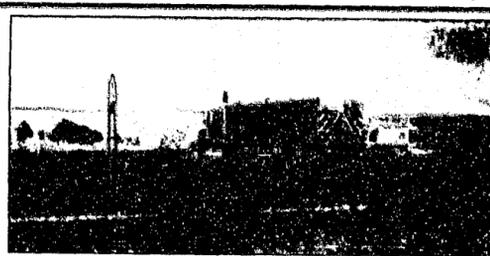
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Ruidoso Fire Chief Tom Gavin looks for clues to a Monday morning fire on the Rio Street side of Books Etcetera.



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380/220 Fire snuffed out

A wildland fire Monday afternoon consumed 30.5 acres northeast of Fort Stanton and briefly closed U.S. Highway 380 and New Mexico Highway 220.

The blaze, between Capitan and Lincoln, had jumped the federal highway.

The cause of the 380/220 Fire was pinned on a vehicle, said Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Shepperd. The county's Fire and Emergency Services Director, Travis Atwell, said the brakes on a vehicle apparently malfunctioned. A set of brake pads was found at the fire's origin near U.S. Highway 380, just east of its intersection with state Highway 220.

The fire, first reported about 1:15 p.m., occurred on a day that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management planned to begin a prescribed burn in the general area. But Ty Bryson, a fire management officer with the BLM in southeastern New Mexico, said the 380/220 Fire was not the agency's fault. He said the earlier plans for a prescribed burning on Monday were scratched because of weather conditions.

Wind gusts Monday afternoon at nearby Sierra Blanca Regional Airport exceeded 30 miles per hour at times.

"It's still dry out here," Atwell said at the location. "We're hoping for some rain, but not lightning. We did get a little rain."

During its run the fire had been moving in a west to southwest direction. Atwell said Highway 220 helped to stop the advance of the flames.

Crews from the Bonito, Capitan and Lincoln volunteer fire departments, along with a BLM truck and two engines from the Lincoln National Forest's Smokey Bear Ranger District, had responded to the fire.

By mid-afternoon the blaze was knocked down and crews were mopping up, according to Atwell.

The Sierra Blanca Disaster Relief Team also was at the location to provide snacks and cold drinks to the responders.

— Jim Kalvelage

Books Etcetera blaze deemed suspicious

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A Monday morning fire outside a Midtown business was intentionally set, according to an investigative report.

The fire, behind Books Etcetera, was extinguished quickly by Ruidoso firefighters before inflicting any serious damage.

The blaze, on a wooden landing in the back of the building at 2340 Sudderth Dr., was called in about 6:40 a.m. by a passing motorist, according to the Ruidoso Police Department's dispatch office. Several fire engines and police responded to the fire.

Ruidoso Fire Chief Tom Gavin, who is a certified fire investigator, said the small fire was incendiary in nature.

"I've done a thorough investigation," said Gavin. "An accelerant was used. What that accelerant was is uncertain right now. I am sending a sample to the lab."

He said there were a couple of leads in the case to follow.

"It's possible that because it was started by someone in the back of the building, they were not targeting a specific business," said Gavin.

"But being Midtown, and buildings close together or jointed all the way down to Lucy's (Mexicali Restaurant), there are concerns. It was mostly just the fuel that burned, and very little of the porch."

A small section of a wooden railing and wood floor on the landing, were scorched.

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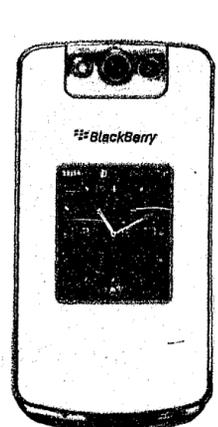
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That experience manifests itself in every edition of the *Ruidoso News*, which publishes every Wednesday and Friday. The reporters' expertise spans subjects from breaking news to county and municipal government, from feature stories to arts and entertainment.

Editor Marty Racine joined the *Ruidoso News* six years ago, shortly after ending his 22-year career at the *Houston Chronicle*, the seventh-largest newspaper in the country. At the *Chronicle*, Racine was both the principal music critic and a general feature writer. In 1997, he won the prestigious Lowell Thomas Award for Best Article on Foreign Travel given by the American Society of Travel Writers Foundation, winning a gold medal over competition from the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*.



Marty Racine

While with the *Ruidoso News*, Marty has won two E.H. Shaffer Awards from the New Mexico Press Association, including First Place in 2006 for column writing.

Racine has been in the media for nearly 40 years, also serving as a disc jockey at several radio stations and television anchor and reporter in Wisconsin. He has called Lincoln County home for 12 years.



Dianne Stallings

respected dailies in the country.

Dianne is a long-established beat writer covering Ruidoso Village Hall and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, plus such offshoot entities as the Joint Use Board, the Ruidoso Planning & Zoning Commission and the ETZ Commission.

At the *Ruidoso News*, Dianne has won too many awards to count; but needless to say, her byline is among the most recognized and knowledgeable in the state of New Mexico.

Reporter Jim Kalvelage is serving his second stint at the *Ruidoso News*, joining last November after eight years as the news director at



Jim Kalvelage

KBUY-KWES radio. Prior to KBUY, Kalvelage was a reporter at the *Ruidoso News* for two years, from 1999-2001.

Jim has spent 18 years in radio news, including stations in the Chicago area and in northern Wisconsin.

For the *Ruidoso News*, Kalvelage covers Ruidoso Downs municipal government, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police, business and education. His background also makes him fluent in all aspects of government up to the federal level; thus, he is a general assignment reporter in the truest sense.

Julie Carter of Carrizozo has written for the *Ruidoso News* for eight years and covers Lincoln County for the newspaper, from Carrizozo and Capitan municipal governments and police to the rural culture that defines our heritage, whether it's a potluck in Corona, an FFA event in Carrizozo or big doings at the county fair.



Julie Carter

Compilations from her Friday column, *Cowgirl Sass and Savvy*, have been turned into two books. The column has readers from all over the country, and is also published in the *Daily Times* and the *Land and Livestock Post* (both in Texas), *The Western Livestock Weekly* (Montana), and *The Fence Post* (Colorado/Wyoming/Nebraska).

Carter has also been published in *Range Magazine*, *Paragon Magazine*, *New Mexico Stockman*, *Arizona Cattleman* and *Livestock Digest*.

Sports Editor Mike Curran joined the *Ruidoso News* in 2007. A native of Pittsburgh, Curran wrote one of the art of pitching, *The Pitching Master*. He also is an expert on boxing and horseracing. For the *News*, he covers all those sports, plus basketball, track, wrestling, volleyball and soccer for all high schools in the county.

Vamonos Editor Jessie Hanson, a Wisconsin native, owned her own advertising agency in the Seattle area for 25 years and worked in television and radio in the Pacific Northwest. She moved two years ago to New Mexico, where she lives at the base of the Capitan Mountains with her horses.

Jessie was an events planner in Ruidoso before joining the *Ruidoso News* last July. Over the months, she has revamped *Vamonos!* into an attractive and significant guide to the area's extensive arts and entertainment scene.



Jessie Hanson

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Ski Report

Ski Apache
The resort is closed for the season.

Results

Baseball

Friday, April 9
Lordsburg 19, Capitan 7
Capitan 21, Lordsburg 11
Saturday, April 10
Ruidoso 15, Dexter 5
Ruidoso 17, Dexter 2

High School Softball

Thursday, April 8
Capitan 8, Dexter 7
Capitan 16, Dexter JV 14

Little League Baseball

Saturday, April 10
Majors:
White Sox 5, Cubs 0
Minors:
Tigers 10, Marlins 9

Sports On Tap

Track

Friday, April 16
Ruidoso girls and boys teams at one-day Artesia meet.

Tennis

Tuesday, April 20
Ruidoso girls/boys at Lovington, 3 p.m.

Baseball

Saturday, April 17
Mesilla Valley Christian at Capitan, 1 & 3 p.m.
Monday, April 19
Lovington at RHS, 3 & 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20
Tularosa at Capitan, 3 & 5 p.m.

High School Softball

Friday, April 16
Lovington at RHS, DH, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 17
Mesilla Valley at Capitan, DH, 12 & 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20
RHS at Portales, DH, 4 p.m.

Little League

Wednesday, April 14
Minors, Dodgers vs. D-Backs, 6:30 p.m., at Gavilan
Minors, Tigers vs. Rays, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Thursday, April 15
Majors, Indians vs. Cubs, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Majors, Rockies vs. Red Sox, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Friday, April 16
Minors, Cubs vs. Marlins, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
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Minors, Angels vs. Tigers, 6 p.m., Gavilan
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Tuesday, April 20
Majors, Cubs vs. Red Sox, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Minors, White Sox vs. Indians, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek

On Deck

Little League Juniors

Ruidoso Little League is still accepting registration for Juniors; ages 13-15. Registration will close on April 20. Please call Lisa Baker at 808-1710 for more information.

RHS Golf

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association, in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the fifth of six scrambles at Rainmakers Golf Club on April 18. The event will begin at 1 p.m. For more info or to sign up call 257-5815 (Cree Meadows) or 336-4653 (Rainmakers Golf Club).

Hershey's Track Meet

The annual Hershey's Track Meet is being held at the Ruidoso High School track facility on May 15. Girls and boys ages 9-14 can participate in 9 different running and field events. Ribbons will be awarded and you will have a chance to qualify for the state meet in Roswell and an all-expense paid trip to Hershey, PA. Competitive events include 50, 100, 200 and 400-meter dash, 4X100-meter relay, 800-meter run, 1600-meter run, standing long jump and softball throw. There will also be "Fun Runs" for the younger kids. Call 257-5030 for more information or see our flyers around town.



Fred Botella clears the last hurdle in the 110-meter hurdles.



TyLynn Smith, right, competes in the 100-meter hurdles Saturday.

Ruidoso Invitational Meet

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The 23rd Annual Ruidoso Invitational Track Meet went off Saturday under sunny skies with 14 boys and girls teams in attendance.

This year, 1A schools like Carrizozo and Hondo were given invitations and

acquitted themselves well.

The Lady Warriors came in fourth among eight teams and the Ruidoso boys nailed down a second place berth with 76 points.

Valencia High School won both the boys and girls top spots. There were 32 total events held throughout the day which started at 10 a.m.

"Our kids did well," Ruidoso head track coach Colt Harrelson said. "They qualified for four more events at the state level."

Sophomore Staci Mitchell qualified for state in the 400-meter dash with a 1:02.5 as did senior Darrell Carr in the 200-meter run with a :22.68.

In the 4X200-meter

relay Justin Spargo, Gage Whipple, Jesse Scarafioti and Carr qualified with a 1:35.73.

The same team qualified in the 4X100-meter relay with a time of :44.48.

Earlier, Carr had qualified in the 100-meter run at the recent Alamogordo meet. Freshman TyLynn Smith earned a state quali-

fying effort in the high jump at the Frenship High School meet in Wolforth, Texas.

Junior Justin Spargo also earned a ticket to Albuquerque in May at Frenship when he long-jumped 20-feet 10-inches.

Carrizozo's Lena Reyes

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Warriors pillage Demons in twin-bill

Ruidoso baseball 'Wrecking Crew' dismantles Dexter visitors with hit-fest

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If visiting Dexter expected hospitality from the RHS hardball crew Saturday they were sorely disappointed as the Warriors exorcised the Demons in a twin-bill, 15-5 and 17-2.

They banged out 27 hits in both games and improved their overall record to 6-7.

"We did what we do best," Ruidoso head coach Gilbert Alvarado said. "We put the ball in play and

flew around the base paths."

Right-hander Kayle Frierson stepped on the mound for Ruidoso.

With Cole Davis out of town for a funeral, David Kacena dawned the "tools of ignorance" behind the dish.

Going into the bottom of the fifth inning the visitors were up 5-1 but the entire complexion changed drastically when the Warriors came to bat.

The hometown boys scored 14 runs, including a grand slam by Tanner

Perrin who is turning into a real "fence buster" this season.

Jacob Vasquez ended the game on the 10-run rule when he smacked a two-run single to center.

Frierson got credit for the win with Perrin pitching the last inning in relief. The Warriors only suffered five strikeouts.

Jacob Vasquez went 2-for-2, including two walks, Forrest Sanchez and Julian Lopez each went 2-for-4.

Kacena was 1-for-two



J.B. Lewis bangles out a hit in the 15-5 first-game win Saturday.

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The mayor, free hot dogs and baseball

Ruidoso Little League opened Saturday with fanfare, fun and food

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Little League Baseball went to bat Saturday at Gavilan Field amid free hot dogs for the crowd in attendance and newly-elected Mayor Ray Alborn on hand to throw out the first pitch of the 2010 season.

A total of 512 hot dogs were served up by volunteers such as Toby Carroll.

Ravenous fans kept the "cooks" busy at the grill for four hours.

The initial game began at 12 p.m. between the Majors (10-12-years-old) White Sox and Cubs.

Jesse Tercero started on the mound for the Sox and Trevor Widener stepped on the rubber for the Cubs.

The White Sox blanked the Cubs, 5-0.

At 3 p.m. the Minors



Riker Graham of the Cubs swings big.



Matthew Rigby of the White Sox shows bunt.

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CAPITAN SOFTBALL



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan won both Thursday games against Dexter, 8-7 and 16-14. Maribel Villegas is shown as a runner on third base.

RUIDOSO WRESTLERS HONORED



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Last Thursday the Ruidoso wrestlers were treated to a dessert banquet given by RHS head coach Johnny Carson. The grapplers experienced an exemplary season with Brennin Cross winning the heavyweight state title and Ethan Myers grabbing fourth place in the 171-pound class. Carson had 13 kids qualify for the state meet. Casey Williams, in the 130-pound class was first in district and placed in four tournaments. Ruidoso was second in District 3-4A and 10th in the state.

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made the state grade at the Ruidoso Invite when she threw the discus 93-feet 3 1/2-inches. The Lady Grizzlies' sprint medley 1,600-meter team also qualified for state.

Hondo's Rico Lopez will go to state after he long-jumped 19-feet 8-inches at Saturday's meet.

Next up for the Ruidoso track and field teams will be Friday's one-day trip to the Artesia Invitational. One week later the teams

will attend a meet in Las Cruces and then, a week later, they will go to the district meet in Roswell on April 30.

The meet Saturday turned out to be a very successful experience for most in attendance," Harrelson said.

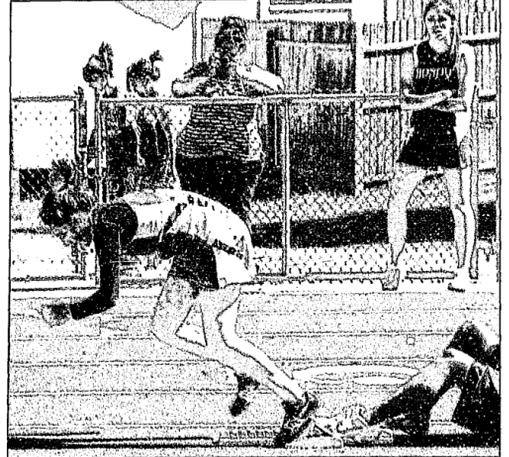
"We qualified 23 individuals, from 1A, 3A and 4A, for state competition.

"A total of 24 adults and 16 student council members, including student council sponsor Yelena Temple, made this meet a rousing accomplishment. Without them it could not have happened."



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Hondo's Chanci Lopez begins the 4X100-meter relay.



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'Zozo's Patricia Greenlaw starts the 4X200-meter relay.

BALL

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and Perrin was 1-for-4 but that one hit was the mighty 4-run blast.

J.B. Lewis started the second game for Ruidoso.

The Warriors continued their hitting onslaught in the second contest banging out 17 hits, including another round-tripper by Perrin over the center field fence.

That home run was his fourth in as many games.

Frierson was perfect at the plate going 4-for-4, Lewis

collected 2-for-2, Kacena was 3-for-4, Sanchez hit 3-for-5 and Lopez was 1-for-2. Both Frierson and Perrin compiled four RBIs each in the second game.

Only one Ruidoso batter went down on strikes and everybody in the lineup scored at least once.

"Our pitchers gave a great account of themselves Saturday, especially Lewis," Alvarado said. "Our defense was good in both games, but most importantly, we committed no errors in the second contest.

"In those two games the kids played baseball the way

we're supposed to play, not the way you might want to play ... and that's why we won twice."

Tuesday, the Warriors will have played at NMMI. Davis, may, or may not have made it back to join his mates.

"Whatever the case, we

will have put our best defense out there."

Alvarado's battle cry is to "win every pitch, win every at-bat, every inning and every game.

A credo like that is improbable, but it promotes the focus needed to win.

DOGS

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(8-10-years-old) division took the field with the Tigers defeating the

Marlins, 10-9. Harrison Moore started for the Tigers and Grady Woodul took on the initial pitching assignment.

The season for the Majors and Minors will end May 25.

All games will be played at Galvan Field, Eagle Creek and Capitan.

Mayor Albom enthusiastically fired a strike to officially open the season.

He wholeheartedly supports Little League

because it was such an influence on him as a kid growing up in Houston.

As an 11-year-old he and his mom had to take public transportation to the Little League field on the Gulf Freeway because

they had no automobile. "Right now I have two grandsons playing Little League in Houston," Albom said.

"They are fortunate, as are the kids here, in that today there are many vol-

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NELLIE

We first met Nellie when she was born at the shelter on May 12, 2009. Her mother was a collie mix, though Nellie doesn't share many of the collie physical features. She was adopted and then had to be returned, not through any fault of her own however. Nellie is very playful with other dogs and does well around cats. She weighs about 50 pounds, has beautiful markings and very interesting ears!

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TILLIE

Tillie is a pretty, black retriever mix. She has a beautiful, soft shiny coat. Tillie is about 9 months old and weighs about 27 pounds. She loves to play with tennis balls and other toys, and is already retrieving. Tillie gets along well with other dogs and walks well on a leash.

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LACEY

Lacey is a shy, sweet shepherd mix. She would do best in a home with other dogs for her to play with. Lacey is still learning to trust people, but has come a long way from when she first came into the shelter. She weighs about 35 pounds.

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KARA

Kara is a very cute terrier mix, about 1-2 years old. She weighs about 25 pounds and is excellent with other dogs. Kara walks well on a leash and is very sweet.

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OSCAR

Oscar is a pretty Rhodesian Ridgeback mix. He is very shy, but is coming along quite well. Oscar is young, 1-2 years old and weighs about 40 pounds.

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CHARLIE

Charlie is a very friendly Heeler mix. He is about 1-2 years old and very outgoing. Charlie walks well on a leash and weighs about 35 pounds.

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County FFA teams make strong showing at state

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No matter the size of the schools and FFA programs here in Lincoln County, they consistently show their muscle when pitted against the larger chapters from around the state.

This year was no different as proven by the New Mexico State FFA Contest held last week in Las Cruces at NMSU.

Carrizozo took first place in the Wool Contest with Capitan close behind in sixth place. Carrizozo FFA advisor Mike Gaines attributes the Carrizozo team's success to the able coaching by Pete Gnatkowski.

Corona's Horticulture Produce team came in fourth place but team member Alicia Palomarez nailed the high point individual position over 122 other competitors.

Capitan's Haley Montes landed second high individual in the Livestock Evaluation Contest with 146 competitors.

Capitan's Quiz Bowl team of Walker Bymoen, Kaleb Cleckler, Taylor Pre-

ston and Layne Southerd placed fourth.

The state contest closed out the year's judging events in the state with the state convention to be held in June in Las Cruces.

Results for county schools at the state contest are:

Ag Mechanics (30 teams)

9. Carrizozo: Kylie Gaines, Ryan Guevara, Fernando Najera, Kenneth Vega;

Individual scores (111 entrants) 21. Kenneth Vega, 30. Fernando Najera, 36. Ryan Guevara, 45. Kylie Gaines;

Crops (24)

17. Carrizozo: Kylie Gaines, Jordan Hill, Johnathan Smith, Lauren Smith;

Individual (87): 44. Kylie Gaines;

Dairy Foods (12)

12. Hondo: Felicia Chavez, Irving Gomes;

Individual (47): 36. Felicia Chavez;

Entomology (28)

4. Corona: Allysan Huey, Christy Huey, Jordan Huey, Ethan Johnson;

11. Carrizozo: Alexa Borow-

ski, Fernando Najera, Johnathan Smith, Wade Sultemeier;

Individual (99): 8. Jordan Huey, 14. Alexa Borowski, 19. Allysan Huey, 21. Ethan Johnson, 24. Christy Huey, 40. Fernando Najera;

Forestry (14)

12. Hondo: Stephani Gomez, Esther Gonzales, Celena Sanchez; Individual (46): 36. Esther Gonzales; Homesite (26)

12. Carrizozo: Alexa Borowski, Mason Huston, Tanner Huston, Stefan Najar;

Individuals (90): 24. Alexa Borowski 43. Tanner Huston;

Horse (42)

10. Carrizozo: Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Arturo Najera, Marshal Wilson; 22. Capitan: Royce Black, Kaleb Cleckler, Taylor Preston, Kirsten Wilson;

35. Hondo: Felicia Chavez, Esther Gonzales, Montana Prudencio, Celena Sanchez; Individual (155): 4. Marshal Wilson, 38. Shayna Gallacher, 59. Royce Black; 66. Kirsten Wilson;

Horticulture Produce (34)

4. Corona: Taylor Huey, Dylan Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Alicia Palomarez;

15. Carrizozo #1: Jordan Hill, Tanner Huston, Stefan Najar, Lauren Smith; 30. Carrizozo #2: Jacie Thornton, Tiffany Vega, Joshua Ventura;

Individual (123): 1. Alicia Palomarez, 16. Taylor Huey, 18. Dylan Johnson, 44. Lauren Smith, 48. Jordan Hill;

Land (22)

10. Carrizozo: Alexa

Borowski, Tessa Hendricks, Mason Huston, Tanner Huston;

Individual (83): 23. Alexa Borowski, 33. Tanner Huston;

Landscape Design (15)

4. Corona: Christy Huey, Taylor Huey, Dylan Johnson, Judith Torres;

Individual (54): 10. Christy Huey, Taylor Huey, Dylan Johnson, Judith Torres;

Livestock (40)

8. Capitan: Royce Black, Jenna Cleckler, Kaleb Cleckler, Haley Montes; 17. Carrizozo: Lane Carter, Joel Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Marshal Wilson;

Individual (146): 2. Haley Montes, 23. Marshal Wilson, 24. Jenna Cleckler, 56. Joel Ferguson;

Meats (17)

3. Carrizozo: Alexa Borowski, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Mason Huston;



COURTESY

Carrizozo's Wool Evaluation team took first place honors at the state contest April 6-9. Left to right, Carrizozo FFA Advisor Mike Gaines, Joel Ferguson, Tessa Hendricks, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher and NMSU Judging Coach Dr. John Campbell.

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Meats (17)

3. Carrizozo: Alexa Borowski, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Mason Huston;

Individual (62): 4. Ferguson, Joel Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Tessa Hendricks; 6. Capitan: Jenna Cleckler, Haley Montes, Kirsten Wilson, J'Nae Wood;

Individual (71): 2. Tessa Hendricks, 3. Jenna Cleckler, 5. Joel Ferguson, 7. Shayna Gallacher, 20. Haley Montes, 28. J'Nae Wood, 33. Kirsten Wilson, 34. Sarah Ferguson;

Wildlife (42)

35. Hondo: James Chavez, Irving Gomez, Stephani Gomez, Montana Prudencio;

Individual (157): 109. Irving Gomez;

Wool (20)

1. Carrizozo: Sarah

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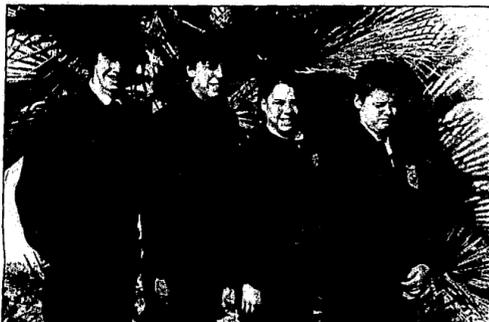
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Wool (20)

1. Carrizozo: Sarah



COURTESY

Capitan's Quiz bowl team, l-r, Kaleb Cleckler, Walker Bymoen, Taylor Preston and Layne Southerd.



COURTESY

Three of Capitan's team members at state: J'nae Wood, Royce Black and Kirsten Wilson.

Arcie will be missed

Lincoln County had beautiful weather this past weekend. We went to Lincoln Wednesday evening and returned to Las Cruces Sunday afternoon.

We attended the memorial services for Arcie Barham Thursday afternoon. It was held at the Baptist Church in Carrizozo afternoon.

The members of the family and friends paid tribute to Arcie. With his great sense of humor and joking the audience was kept in laughter as one story led to another. The family heard stories they hadn't heard before. A reception was held following the services with stories still being told.

Cheryl Smith was the pianist with the Minster, Hayden Smith, delivering

the sermon. Scott Shafer sang "Amazing Grace" accompanied by Cherly Smith on the piano.



LINCOLN TRAILS ROSALIE DUNLAP

The military honor guards were Sgt. Quillin and Spc. Kionut. I didn't get where they were stationed but they were probably from Holloman Air Force Base. The taps were blown and the American flag presented to Arcie's wife, Irene.

Family members present were Becky Torres, Gordon Barham and wife, Jan and grandchildren Brett and wife Amber; Julie Ann and husband Mark; and Jennifer and husband Chris. He also had several great grandchildren, Ashley, Addison, Christian and Jamie.

I hope I haven't left out any that attended

Donations were requested to be given to

the Boys and Girls Ranch of New Mexico -- 6209 Hendrix Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110-1334 or e-mail www.theranches.org.

Sunday afternoon was another occasion to see many old friends we had not seen for a very long time.

LaMoyné and Opal Peters were celebrating their 90th birthdays. There were many well wishers it was impossible to say hello to everyone, but you were able to wave across the room.

A bountiful catered meal, cookies, the cutest cupcakes with the cowboy boots and other goodies were served.

Their daughter, Glenda Armstrong was the master of ceremonies. She introduced the family members present; Renee and Kevin Grant, grandchildren and children Kyra and Rhett; Tanya and Josh Bequette, Kenzie and Kagan, all of Ft. Sumner, NM. Lynden Armstrong and J.K.

Homer attended from Washington, DC. Opal's sister from Artesia, Della and brother Shorty Jones also attended.

Friends from Albuquerque, Texas and many other NM places helped join in the celebration.

They will be celebrating their 67 wedding anniversary also this year?

Stephen Spencer and Martha Proctor brought Lois Aldrich from T or C, Lois and Opal taught school together for years in the Capitan Schools.

Lois is 101 years and still going strong.

The Creative Memories group will be meeting at Ft. Lone Tree April 16-17-18. That will be probably the last trip to Lincoln for awhile

So many asked what names I was going to put in my column this week. That was impossible to do. Thanks to all of you who read my column. It was great seeing so many of you.

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11th grade: Amanda Willingham, Scheryiah Romver, Monique Quiroz, Robert Eshom,

12th grade: Bethany Sweat, Jenna Cleckler, Dakota Clark, Leonel Villegas, Giovanni Quiroz, Christian Quiroz, Jessica Price, Haley Montes, Tara Klein-Kurtz, Darcy Horst;

AB Honor Roll

9th grade: Raul Villegas, Crystal Trujillo, Jayda Silva, Alejandro Rueda, Alyssa Miller-Juarez, Sean Impartato, Sidni Hughes, Katherin Horrell, Alexis Farris, Kirsten Creighton-Wilson, Julia Bertrant, William Berryhill

10th grade: Steven Zamora, Celeste Salcido, Tyler Neill, Connor Hall, Jamie Fields, Dustee Rae Eldridge, Kiana DeYoung, Jessica Cadena 11th grade: Kasey Kessler

12th Ashley Pruett, Jose Nava, McKensy Nail, Alyssa Dean, Jordan Dalton, Andrew Chavez, Alisha Autrey

COUNTY BRIEFS

Capitan PTA

Capitan PTA will be having a general membership meeting on Monday, April 12, at 4:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Administration building.

Elections and other action items will occur at this meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

A solar observation time will be held at the Corona School Thursday afternoon.

An Evening Star Party with star viewing and telescopes will be held at twilight at 131 Shae Rd. Public is invited.

Admission is free. Come look at the stars. Call 505-573-8230 for information.

Library amnesty

April is Amnesty Month at Capitan Public Library. Return your overdue items this month and no fees will be assessed.

Corona Star Party

Alan Hale and astronomers from Albuquerque and Alamogordo Astronomy Clubs will bring telescopes to Corona on April 22 for a Star Party.

Turkey hunters advised to check road conditions

SANTA FE - Spring turkey hunters may encounter closed or impassable roads early in this year's April 15-May 10 season, courtesy of a generous snowpack on mountain ranges statewide.

Hunters are advised to call the appropriate U.S. Forest Service district office before going afield to avoid getting blocked by snowdrifts, mud or locked gates.

Forest Service officials in various ranger districts around the state have closed forest roads to protect the resources and prevent travelers from getting stuck.

"We will have some roads still gated either because they are impassable or to protect the area from resource damage due to travel on muddy roads," said Steve Romero, Pecos-Las Vegas District Ranger.

He said back-country travel is problematic throughout the forest, which encompasses the south Sangre de Cristo, Jemez and San Pedro mountains east, west and northwest of Santa Fe.

Farther north, areas of the Carson National Forest are experiencing similar

closures to vehicle traffic because of heavy snowfall and mud.

Gates to Forest Roads 156, 710, 697 and 155 off N.M. 76 south of Chamisal to Truchas were closed last week. Many other roads that are closed for the winter are expected to open as normal on May 1.

Access to the Valle Vidal is open from the east side. In the Cibola National Forest, some roads are being reopened as recent warm weather dries the forest.

Although some roads remain closed to prevent damage to roads and resources, areas that have reopened in time for turkey hunting include Bonito Canyon (Forest Road 447), areas below San Mateo Mesa (Forrest Road 192), and Limekiln Canyon (Forest Road 448). N.M. 400 and county roads 49 and 50 remain open.

In southern New Mexico, the Smokey Bear District of the Lincoln National Forest has closed Forest Service Road 107D because of mud. Nogal and Tanbark canyons also remain closed until further notice, and forest travelers are advised to use extreme

caution on roads that are open.

Few roads have been closed in the Gila National Forest, but hunters and other travelers are encouraged to call a ranger district office in advance of their trip. Some roads in the higher elevations, including Bursum Road and Forest Road 59, remain closed because of the heavy snow.

As always, hunters should carry appropriate gear to deal with all kinds of road and weather conditions.

At a minimum, outfit your vehicle with tire chains, a tow strap, jack and shovel in addition to the usual personal survival gear.

Here are contact numbers for district ranger stations of New Mexico's five national forests:

Carson National Forest
Canjilon Ranger District: 575-684-2489;

El Rito Ranger District: 575-581-4554;

Jicarilla Ranger District: 505-632-2956;

Camino Real Ranger District: 575-587-2255;

Tres Piedras Ranger District: 575-758-8678;

Questa Ranger District: 575-586-0520.

Santa Fe National Forest
Espanola Ranger District: 505-753-7331;

Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District: 505-425-3535 or 505-757-6121;

Jemez Ranger District: 575-829-3535;

Cuba Ranger District: 575-289-3264;

Coyote Ranger District: 575-638-5526.

Cibola National Forest
Mount Taylor Ranger District: 505-287-8833;

Magdalena Ranger District: 575-854-2281;

Mountainair Ranger District: 505-847-2990;

Sandia Ranger District: 505-281-3304.

Lincoln National Forest
Smokey Bear Ranger District: 575-257-4095;

Sacramento Ranger District: 575-682-2551;

Guadalupe Ranger District: 575-885-4181.

Gila National Forest
Black Range Ranger District: 575-894-6677;

Glenwood Ranger District: 575-539-2481;

Quemado Ranger District: 575-773-4678;

Reserve Ranger District: 575-533-6232;

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Jehovah's Witnesses To Host Assembly In El Paso, Tx

Jehovah's Witnesses are hosting a **Special Assembly Day April 18 in El Paso, Tx. at the Region 19 11670 Chito Samaniego Dr.** (English speaking program)

The program's theme "*The Time Left Is Reduced*" is based on the Bible text found at **1 Corinthians 7:29.**

Danny Bland and Curt Johnston, special traveling representatives of the Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, will be on hand to deliver parts on the program.

The program will be practical and beneficial, helping us to stay focused as families and individuals in the face of increasing pressures and serious tests of faith.

The program will begin at 9:40am. All are invited to attend free of charge. There are no admission fees charged or collections taken at any meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses

COUNTY BRIEFS CON'T.

'Zozo FFA Pig Sale

There will be a Pig Sale at 3 p.m., April 17, at the Carrizozo FFA Ag Farm.

There will be approximately 40 to 50 show pigs available from quality breeders.

Breeds available will include Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Spot and Cross Shavings will be available for purchase.

All sales are final and purchase needs to be paid with check/cash at the time of sale.

Pigs will be available for viewing at approximately 2 p.m.

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Two tags

SANTA FE - Beginning

this year, hunters will be issued two tags with their spring turkey license, unlike previous years when hunters had to purchase a second tag.

One tag can be used for a turkey taken in open units statewide, including the special draw areas. The second tag can be used

only in units open to a two-turkey bag limit, which excludes the draw areas.

Spring turkey season opens Thursday and runs through May 10 in most areas of the state. Hunters are advised to check the 2010-2011 Big Game Rules and Information booklet.

MERRILL FRANCES NIX

Graveside services are scheduled at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, for Merrill Frances Nix who passed away April 6th 2010. Rev. Gavin Vaughan will officiate at the services. A lunch reception will follow for all friends of the family at the Artesia Country Club.

Merrill was born April 20, 1966 to Ralph Nix, Jr. and Joyce Dunlap Nix. Merrill graduated from the Hockaday School, class of 1984 in Dallas, Texas, received a Bachelor of Science, Journalism, from University of Texas, 1990; Master of Science, Journalism, from Ohio University, 1993; Master of Arts, Visual Communication, Ohio University, 1993, including course study at Queen Margaret College in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Some of Merrill's accomplishments include 1991 college photographer of the year and a Kentucky Derby photo on the front page of Sports Illustrated. She worked directly with Carl Schultz as Director of his first interactive CD, entitled "Snoopy's Campfire Stories". Most recently Merrill has produced fine art photography which has been sold in several notable galleries. Merrill spent considerable time and energy working to better the lives of animals everywhere, most specifically in the fields of rescuing homeless dogs and cats. She was a true advocate for animal welfare. Merrill was a member of several Artesia Main Street committees, including the Heritage Walkway Plaza and Rig Floor. She served on various art council committees and helped organize several dog show events. Her Christmas light sculptures and designs, enjoyed by so many during the holidays, were made by the company "Light Shed" which Merrill founded.

Merrill is survived by her father, Ralph (Skip) Nix, Jr. and his wife, Debbie, younger brother, Ralph (Hap) Nix III and his son, Rex, of Long Beach, Calif., a younger sister, Seanna Stocton, and husband, Phil, and their daughter, Hanna, of Dade City, Florida.

Merrill was predeceased by her Mother in 1994.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Paws and Claws, 702 W. Main Artesia; NM 88210, in memory of Merrill Nix.

Those who wish, may express their condolences at www.artesiafunerals.com



Betty Patton McCabe
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Visitation for Betty Patton McCabe, 85, of Ruidoso will be Thursday, April 15, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM with the funeral service on Friday, April 16, at 10:00 AM in First Christian Church followed by a private burial at Ruidoso Hondo Valley Memorial Park.

Betty leaves a legacy of motherhood, career and community. She passed away Friday, April 9, 2010 at the Mescalero Care Center, she was born March 19, 1925 at Austin, Texas. Betty (Patton at that time) moved four children from Odessa, Texas to Ruidoso and raised them as a single mother in the mid 1960's. Betty went to work as an assistant to the president of the Security Bank in 1968. In 1971, Betty purchased the Artistic Beauty Salon and was the owner operator for several years. Wanting to better herself, Betty saw an opportunity in the real estate industry. Courses were not available locally, so Betty and a friend commuted twice a week to El Paso following a full day of work. Betty obtained her broker's license in the early 1970's and went on to a very successful career as a real estate professional serving on the local Board of Realtors and was also the first female president of the organization. Betty also served on the Village of Ruidoso planning and zoning commission and was active in local politics for many years. Betty was a member of the First Christian Church for over 40 years playing the piano for many years in the 1970's. Betty loved the Lord and her church. Betty married Vic McCabe of Colorado City, Texas in 1985 who preceded her in death in 2008.

Betty is survived by her four children, Barbara Patton of Odessa, TX, Ken Patton of Amarillo, TX, Mel Patton of Newport Beach, CA and Van Patton of Ruidoso; 4 grandchildren, Dorley Harris of San Angelo, TX, Adam and J.D. Patton of Amarillo, TX and Bonner Patton of Ruidoso as well as many great grandchildren. Betty was passionately loved and will be greatly missed.

Condolences may be sent to the family at
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City Bank reports debit card fraud

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Fraud involving some debit cards issued by a Lincoln County bank has added up to at least \$5,000 recently.

An official with City Bank in Ruidoso reported to Ruidoso police that account numbers from about 15 debit cards have been fraudulently used.

Bank vice-president Terri Parker told the Ruidoso News that City Bank was not responsible for the compromised debit

card numbers. "That can come from the use of a debit card at a merchant or when purchasing something online. Or it can be at the transaction company," said Parker. "We are the ones that have taken action to pursue this. Our customers never suffer any loss at all."

The recent fraud reportedly involved locations in Decatur and Wichita Falls Texas.

Some other banks in Ruidoso have also reported customer information

had been fraudulently obtained in recent months.

There have been cases in recent years of hackers breaking into computer systems of debit and credit card transaction companies, making off with account numbers.

The believed largest intrusion was discovered earlier this year at Heartland Payment Systems, a company that processes as many as 100 million transactions a month.

Parker said the public

needs to be diligent too. She pointed to City Bank's online access that lets customers to see activity posted to their accounts.

And BNK N GO permits mobile banking using cell phones. Parker said the BNK N GO can allow a customer check balances and account activities on their cell phone. There is an option that will notify a customer's cell phone each time a transaction is made or it can be programmed to show only transactions over a set amount.

Spring Fling Community Garage Sale

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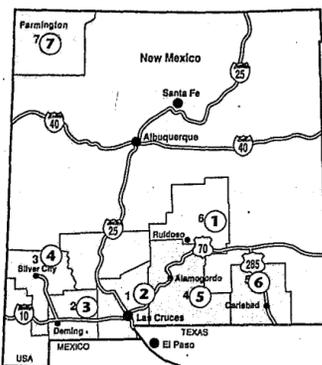
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Meeting Notice for April 22, 2010
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Delores Brewington
Asst. District Secretary

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
12TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
In the Matter of the Petition of the ABLYNN MOORE Mother Gina L. Salas For Change of Name of the minor child ALI ALYNN MOORE
No. CV-10-132
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING
COMES NOW the Petitioner, Gina L. Salas, and hereby gives notice that a Change of Name was filed in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 8th day of April, 2010 requesting that the name of the minor child's name be changed from Ablynn Moore to Ali Alynn Salas.
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Gina L. Salas
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