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Jail escapee still at large

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An escapee from the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo remained the focus of



Randy Lovitt escaped while helping unload a delivery truck

law enforcement on Tuesday. Randy Lovitt, 31, left the county lockup about 3 p.m. on Monday, setting up roadblocks and searches around the county seat.

"He went out a door, took off his oranges outside and left," said Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Shepperd. "We think he was wearing grey sweat pants, a white t-shirt and a grey sweat shirt."

Shepperd said many detainees at the jail have additional clothing beyond the orange jump-suits that are supplied by the detention center. He said it was believed Lovitt had the additional clothing under the orange jail garb.

Sheriff Rick Virden said there have been a few leads that are being run down. He said Lovitt had been helping to unload a delivery truck at detention center. A Sysco

Corporation food service truck was at the facility at the time.

"We had guys on the scene within one-minute after getting the phone call," said Shepperd.

Roadblocks were established along U.S. Highway 380 east of Carrizozo and U.S. Highway 54 south of town. The sheriff's department day shift was held over to provide additional law enforcement for the initial hours of the search. In addition police from Carrizozo and Capitan, as well as the U.S. Border Patrol were

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Meet the police chief candidates

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Plenty of people were curious Sunday to meet the five final candidates to fill the vacancy of Ruidoso police chief.

Village hall was crowded as people dropped in, shook hands, sampled some of the reception fare and wandered home.

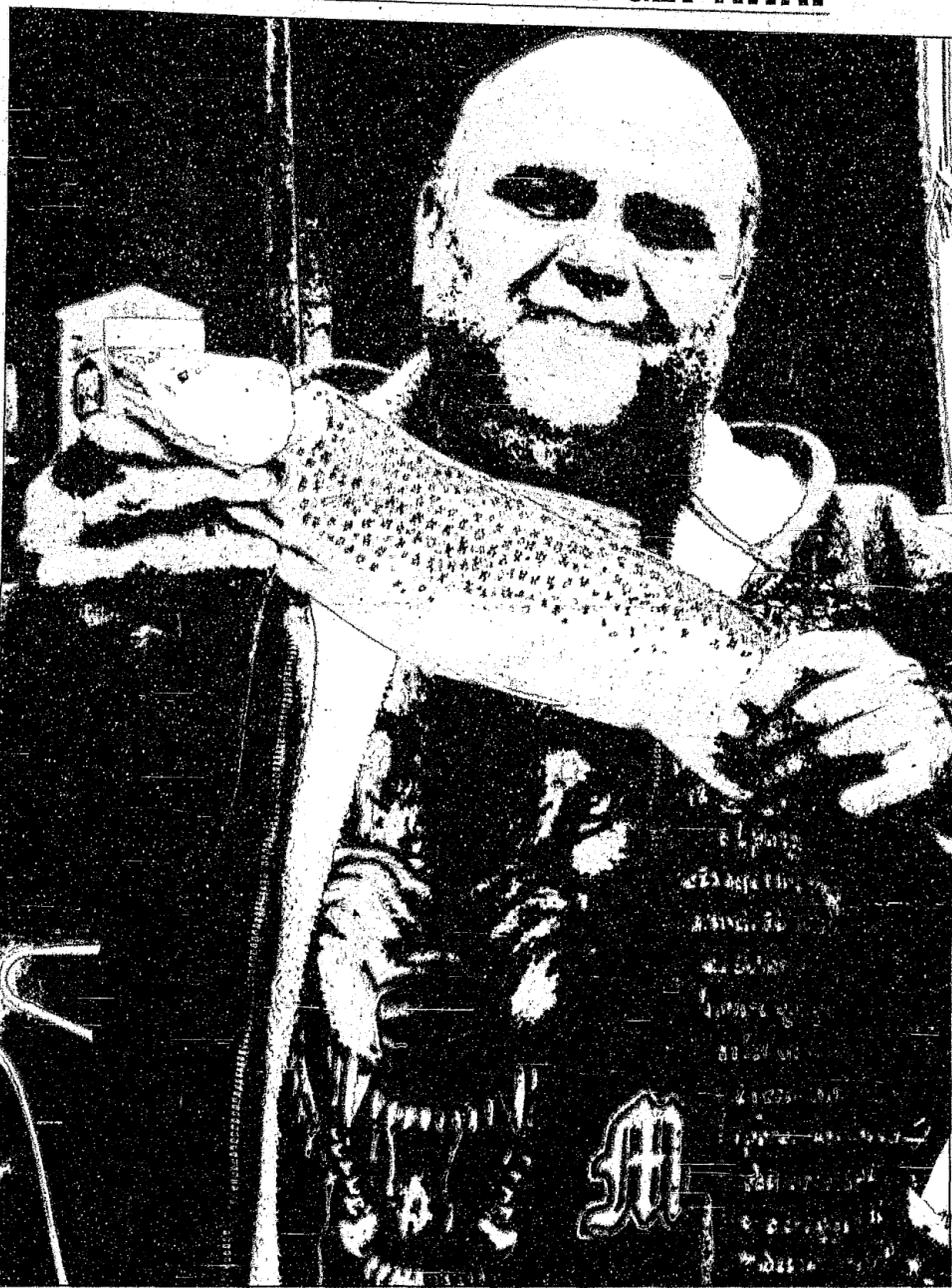
As assessment interview was scheduled for each of the five Monday and a recommendation then will be submitted by the evaluation committee to Mayor Ray Alborn for his choice for appointment and ratification by the council.

The candidates 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

Wolfgang Born retired as chief at the end of 2009 and Dick Swenor, a former village chief, is serving as interim chief until a replacement is selected.

THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY



Larry Sennahz Ceramico of Tularosa hooked this 18-inch brown trout last Friday at Grindstone Reservoir in Ruidoso.

Council approves funds to promote Ruidoso

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\$5,000 approved to promote the village as a military recreation destination

With strong backing from Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee, councilors approved \$5,000 as start-up funding to promote the village as a military recreation destination.

Lee said she, Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager and Village Tourism Director Steve Tally spoke with Command Sergeant Major David Davenport from Fort Bliss about the issue.

He said the base would be growing to 32,000 sol-

diers and up to 45,000 members who would be interested in recreation opportunities.

"It was suggested that we first get the word out about what Ruidoso has to offer for recreation, fishing, hiking and other amenities, and possibly provide package deals for military identification holders," Lee said.

"We will have an opportunity with the upcoming Military Appreciation Weekend event to

really market Ruidoso and to kick this effort off. To do so, staff is requesting \$5,000 from the general fund to be transferred to Parks and Recreation to develop a website, printed materials and to support MAW activities."

She said Almager is "a fireball with lots of ideas, but no money."

The village had some extra dollars in contractual services that could be transferred, she said. Tally

also will use some of his money for military target marketing, Lee said.

Councilor Don Williams said Fort Bliss officials proposed Ruidoso as a military recreational site designation and coordinating a push along that line is far beyond the capacity of MAW organizers, who are volunteers putting together an event one weekend out of the year.

"This would be year-round," he said. "Fort Bliss

expects fantastic growth and now there is trouble south of the border. Ruidoso is beautiful and they want the troops to come here and enjoy the atmosphere in a town where folks respect them and show them that respect."

The arrangement doesn't eliminate any other bases from sending personnel to the village for recreational weekends he said.

"The city of Ruidoso Downs would benefit greatly," Councilor Jim Stoddard

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The Ruidoso Police Department's latest officer was brought on board Tuesday. Above left, Tillman Freeman was sworn in by Municipal Judge Beverly Rankin. Above right, interim Police Chief Dick Swenor pins a badge on Freeman who began field training Tuesday. Originally from California, Freeman has resided in Ruidoso for 19 years. His addition to the police department puts 19 officers, through the rank of sergeant, on the force. That is two short of approved positions.

ALW&SD board

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will conduct a regular meeting at 9 a.m., April 22, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office, 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto.

Bridge work

A contractor working with the New Mexico Department of Transportation began bridge replacement work on the Priest Canyon Bridge, on U.S. 380, Monday.

About 10 miles east of Capitan, the project includes the installation of a new bridge with placement of guardrail, permanent signing and striping, erosion control measures and other miscellaneous construction.

A 12-foot width restriction will be enforced. Working hours will be between 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists are asked to watch for construction personnel working in the area, observe temporary construction signing, and

reduce speed to posted speed limits.

El Terrero Construction, a New Mexico based contractor, was awarded the bridge replacement project in January. Preliminary work, such as message board and sign placement began Monday. Work is anticipated to be complete within 140 working days.

For up-to-date information on this work, visit the NMDOT road advisory web site at, nmroads.com.

HEAL volunteers

Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) has enjoyed tremendous support from Lincoln County and our visitors. It is because of this support that the Nest became so successful, so quickly. Many volunteers have stepped forward over the last 6 years to help with

the cause. For those with a heart for helping battered women and their children, a new opportunity exists.

HEAL is seeking community volunteers for its new Sweet Charity Resale Store. The proceeds of the

store will benefit the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs. According to HEAL Vice

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Jennifer Chadwick, administrator for the Ruidoso Hospice Foundation, accepts a \$500 check from Helen Woodfin, representing Altrusa.

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| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| RealFeel 68° | RealFeel 51° | RealFeel 48° | RealFeel 58° | RealFeel 59° | RealFeel 66° | RealFeel 78° |
| Humidity 65° 46% | Humidity 56° 34% | Humidity 53° 39% | Humidity 58° 41% | Humidity 59° 38% | Humidity 61° 44% | Humidity 68° 47% |
| Breezy with lines of clouds and sun Wind: SSW 10-20 mph | Very windy, mostly cloudy, cooler Wind: SW 20-30 mph | Windy with partial sunshine Wind: WSW 20-30 mph | Partly sunny and windy Wind: W 12-25 mph | Mostly sunny Wind: WNW 10-20 mph | A stray afternoon thundershower Wind: ENE 7-14 mph | Partly sunny and warmer Wind: SSE 6-12 mph |

RealFeel Temperature* is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highs for the day.

National Forecast for April 21, 2010

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.

Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 59°/43°
Normal high 66°
Normal low 31°
Record high 80° (1960)
Record low 16° (1975)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.28"
Month to date 0.82"
Normal month to date 0.19"
Year to date 3.79"
Normal year to date 3.96"

Pollen:
Grass Low
Trees High
Weeds Low
Mold Low
Predominant Mulberry

Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 76°/52°
Normal high 76°
Normal low 46°
Record high 91° (1989)
Record low 35° (2008)

Precipitation:
Monday Trace
Month to date 0.25"
Normal month to date 1.87"
Year to date 1.95"
Normal year to date 1.95"

Weather Trivia*:
Q: What year had the greatest number of fatalities from tornadoes?
A: 1925: 792 lives were lost.

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset
6:26 a.m./7:37 p.m.

Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset
12:30 p.m./1:49 a.m.

Moon Phases

First Full Last New

Apr 21 Apr 28 May 5 May 13

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low:
(For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 99° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 17° in Bodie State Park, CA

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 117° in Pad Idan, Pakistan
Low: -48° in Summit Station, Greenland

National Cities

| City | Today | Thu. |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Abilene | 80/61/pc | 78/60/c |
| Anchorage | 50/36/c | 50/34/c |
| Atlanta | 74/53/s | 78/57/pc |
| Austin | 80/59/pc | 78/68/c |
| Baltimore | 65/48/c | 67/42/pc |
| Boston | 68/50/s | 61/46/pc |
| Chicago | 58/36/pc | 57/40/pc |
| Dallas | 78/61/pc | 78/66/pc |
| Denver | 63/44/l | 65/37/l |
| Des Moines | 70/49/s | 70/55/pc |
| Detroit | 66/38/pc | 60/39/pc |
| El Paso | 79/58/pc | 75/47/c |
| Las Vegas | 63/45/l | 66/47/l |
| Los Angeles | 62/50/l | 64/50/pc |
| Minneapolis | 64/44/s | 67/49/pc |
| New Orleans | 77/60/s | 80/63/pc |
| New York City | 71/50/s | 65/50/pc |
| Philadelphia | 67/49/c | 67/45/pc |
| Phoenix | 70/47/c | 67/51/c |
| Reno | 49/36/sh | 53/37/sn |
| San Francisco | 59/46/c | 64/49/pc |
| San Diego | 64/53/l | 59/54/pc |
| Seattle | 55/43/pc | 59/42/pc |
| Tucson | 74/46/c | 62/45/pc |
| Tulsa, OK | 70/58/l | 78/62/c |
| Wash., DC | 66/49/sh | 70/45/pc |
| Wichita | 66/54/l | 73/60/l |
| Yuma | 72/53/pc | 71/54/pc |

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

Regional Cities

| City | Today | Thu. |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Albuquerque | 73/47/pc | 61/36/l |
| Artesia | 82/57/pc | 76/45/pc |
| Chama | 82/33/pc | 50/25/l |
| Clayton | 72/47/pc | 70/40/pc |
| Cloudcroft | 60/36/pc | 51/25/c |
| Farmington | 77/41/pc | 59/33/c |
| Hobbs | 83/54/pc | 80/44/c |
| Los Alamos | 65/37/pc | 52/28/l |
| Portales | 78/50/pc | 75/38/pc |
| Raton | 68/42/pc | 64/33/pc |
| Red River | 59/30/pc | 48/24/l |
| Ruidoso | 65/46/pc | 56/34/c |
| Santa Fe | 72/43/pc | 59/31/l |
| Silver City | 73/46/pc | 57/37/c |
| Taos | 68/40/pc | 57/27/l |

Mexican Cities

| City | Today | Thu. |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Acapulco | 90/70/s | 90/70/pc |
| Cancun | 84/68/l | 90/70/s |
| Chihuahua | 86/50/pc | 82/45/c |
| Ciudad Juárez | 79/57/pc | 75/46/c |
| León | 84/52/pc | 88/51/pc |
| México, DF | 84/54/s | 84/54/pc |
| Monterrey | 84/64/pc | 90/70/pc |
| Morelia | 86/54/s | 89/54/pc |
| Oaxaca | 90/59/s | 91/61/pc |
| Pto. Peñasco | 72/50/pc | 63/48/c |
| Tijuana | 64/50/l | 64/50/sn |

THE COMMUNITY PAGE

President Joe Gomez, the concept of the resale store arose in response to the substantial budget cuts effective July 1st. "We have full intention to maintain the top quality of the shelter services and staff of the Nest, but needed to diversify our funding so we aren't so reliant upon government money."

Sweet Charity Resale Store will be organized and managed by Debbie Haines-Nix and Sarah Mayes.

Volunteers are needed to help sort the many donations HEAL receives each day. Other activities will include pricing, staffing the store during business hours, picking up donations from various locations, disseminating brochures about the Resale Store and helping customers who choose to support HEAL by shopping at Sweet Charity.

To join the HEAL team as a volunteer, please call Debbie at 575-937-0212.

HEAL operates the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter located at 512 East Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. All services are free and confidential. To contact the shelter crisis hotline, please call 575-378-6378 or toll-free at 866-378-6378.

FRWLC meet

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County next meeting will be April 26th at 11:30 A.M. at Cree Meadows Country Club.

The buffet is \$11.50 that includes soup, salad and sandwich bar. Scheduled speaker is Janice Arnold-Jones, candidate for Governor.

Please R.S.V.P. Karen Clontz 336-1360.

Prescribed burn

The Lincoln National Forest in cooperation with White Oaks Volunteer Fire Department is planning to conduct a prescribed burn on the Smokey Bear Ranger District through April 26, weather conditions permitting.

The Reventon prescribed burn is approximately 1,700 acres in size and will be located on Forest Road 72 just south of Jicarilla. Smoke will be visible for several days during and after ignition operations, and as always, firefighter and public safety are the top priority.

The objectives for this prescribed burn is part of the Southwestern Region's Central Priority of restoring fire-adapted ecosystems, which includes reducing the risk of crown fires and protection of private resources and communities.

Slash generated from

previous thinning activities are the primary target for consumption, but fire will be allowed and/or set in grasses and uncut stands of the project area in order to achieve a more natural mosaic pattern throughout the burn area.

The desired results of the burn will be to reduce hazardous fuels and to improve range, watershed, wildlife habitat, and overall forest health conditions.

For additional information about the prescribed burn or the Lincoln National Forest, please contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at: 575-257-4095, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hubbard grants

The R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation of Ruidoso, NM is proud to announce the "Southeast New Mexico Grant Program" for 2010.

Since this program was created in 2000, over \$1,580,000 has been awarded to a total of 296 organizations in Chaves, Curry, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Otero and Roosevelt Counties.

Grant proposals will be accepted from counties, municipalities, public schools and all 501-c-3 non-profit organizations in any of the above mentioned seven counties.

Proposals will be accepted beginning May 07, with a deadline of July 20. Proposals should explain how each project can improve the quality of life in a specific area. Successful grants will be awarded in November. Grant amounts may vary from \$20,000 to \$1,000. Requests for general operation, personnel costs or requests from individuals for personal grants do not qualify.

In 2009, more than \$200,000 was awarded to such groups as the Roswell Literacy Council and Chaves County J.O.Y. Centers, the Food Bank of Eastern New Mexico and Melrose Municipal Schools, Carlsbad Community Kitchen and St. Edward Catholic School, The Boys & Girls Club of Hobbs and CASA of Lea County, the Lincoln County Food Bank and Capitan Public Library, the Tularosa Elementary School and New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales.

Since its inception in 1986, the Hubbard Foundation has given \$28,550,759 in grants nationwide. Mr. & Mrs. Hubbard's business interests in New Mexico include Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, The Links at Sierra Blanca, and horse breeding operations in New Mexico as well

as real estate development. Organizations that qualify may contact the Hubbard Foundation for an application or information at P.O. Box 2498, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355 or by phoning 575-258-5919 or email at info@hubbardfoundation.com.

Run for the Son

Members of the Ruidoso Son Seekers Chapter of the National Christian Motorcyclists Association will participate in the 23rd National "Run for the Son" fundraiser on May 1.

This year, motorcyclists in the area will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track's back parking lot for registration at 10:30 a.m. After an 11 a.m. prayer time, they will ride with other area CMA chapters to Alamogordo for lunch and fellowship.

The \$10 registration fee will go entirely to the National CMA "Run for the Son" event.

Anyone interested in participating in the event can join the group for the ride. The chapter will be one of more than 1,060 CMA chapters chartered in the United States that will be participating in the event where riders will seek sponsors to help raise money for Jesus to every nation.

Over the past 22 years, CMA raised more than \$34 million. Every penny goes to work through giving 20 percent for Bibles to closed and restricted countries, 20 percent for motorcycles to native pastors around the world, 20 percent to help The Jesus Film Spread the Word of God, and 40 percent is used by CMA to help reach motorcyclists at home and internationally.

Last year, \$3.7 million was raised by CMA members, volunteers and sponsors. To become a sponsor of the event or for more information, call Rich Lurix, 808-0051.

Green conference

In an effort to promote green living, future job opportunities and business development in Lincoln County, the first Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference is being held on May 25 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The conference, free and open to all, will include a

trade show with products and training opportunities, plus workshops and panel discussions. The event is free to the general public.

Hosted by many organizations county-wide, the conference is designed to inform the community on renewables, energy efficiency, and green building technologies through exhibits and workshops. Job opportunities and training avenues in this emerging industry will also be exhibited for individual advancement and business development.

The conference will address interests as diverse as adding a solar livestock water pumping system to completely going off the grid. Attendees can also learn about the local business that installs these systems and learn how they can become involved.

Workshop topics include Solar Energy Basics 101 by Will Pote of Solar Systems, Inc.; How to Apply for a Residential or Business Energy Tax Credit by Ryan Helton of NM Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources; and PNM Residential and Business Energy Efficiency Incentives.

Gov. Richardson recently announced a multi-million dollar solar project for Eastern NM and with the development of the Wind Farm in Corona, Lincoln County is poised to embrace this emerging economic opportunity. To ensure green energy is part of the county's future, community involvement and education are required.

The May 25 conference is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Ruidoso Convention Center is located at 111 Sierra Blanca Dr. For questions or comments, call Jim Miller, 575-336-7710, or Dirk Norris, 575-648-2722.

Correction

Swiftwater rescues during the first two days of the late July 2008 flooding along the Rio Ruidoso were performed by members of the Ruidoso Fire Department. An April 14 report of rescue training had stated a team from outside the area was brought in to rescue those stranded because of high and raging water. Rescue teams from Roswell, the state, and federal government arrived later in the week.

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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.

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OUR OPINION

Reservoirs getting attention – finally

Did Alto Lake repairs need so much time?

It's important news, and information the public must be aware of.

But beyond the dire headline of Friday's paper, "Reservoirs low," is a story of optimism.

Ruidoso's reservoirs and main sources of drinking water – Grindstone Dam and Alto Lake – are well below spillway levels for vastly different reasons.

With Grindstone, "soft spots" have been detected in the dam wall, and in a cautionary move to relieve pressure, the water level was reduced to 63 percent of capacity, or 16 feet below the spill-

way. With Alto; an aerator that controls algae apparently malfunctioned months ago, ruining the water and forcing the village to drain it. Refilling, taking advantage of record snowpack, should quickly restore the lake.

Our question: Why does it take so long for agencies such as the Dam Safety Bureau to conduct full inspections? Delay in fixing the Alto Lake aerator allowed the water to go bad, necessitating drainage.

That's the speed of bureaucracies, we suppose. But we need our reservoirs. Let's hope all's well that ends well.

Breaking up too-big-to-fail banks

Credit card offers are starting to arrive in the mail again, several a day. The recession must be over.

Maybe not for you and me, but for the nation's biggest banks.

Saved by the taxpayer, they've gone their merry way. No regrets, no lessons learned. That and the potential for new abuses have sparked a call for the federal government to break up institutions it deemed too big to fail, just as it once did AT&T.

The call comes not from the anti-business left but from bankers – namely the nation's community banks.

It helps to understand how big banks morphed into mega-institutions.

In 1984, when I was a rookie business reporter with a banking beat, interstate banking was a hot issue in New Mexico.

Proponents, especially small businesses, complained they couldn't get loans, that the banks in New Mexico didn't understand them, that we lacked resources here.

Interstate banking would allow out-of-state banks to operate here, and that would solve our problems, they said.

The state's small banks banded together to resist interstate banking and started the Independent Community Bankers Association of New Mexico. "We didn't think it was appropriate or good for New Mexico," said association CEO Jerry Walker.

At the time, they looked like the skinny guy on the beach who didn't want to compete with the big, buff guy with the hair. Over their objections, we got interstate banking, and business people stopped complaining. Except now they complained their loans had to be approved by somebody in San Francisco or New York.

Like a lot of consumers, I saw my bank change hands several times, shedding jobs in each consolidation. The lines got longer, the fees higher and the tellers crankier, and I moved

my account to a credit union.

In hindsight, the independent bankers saw something, the rest of us didn't. Big banks kept getting bigger, thanks to deregulation and new laws that removed barriers in place (with good reason, it turns out) since the 1930s. In 1999 Congress took down the fence between commercial and investment banking. After that the 20 largest institutions doubled their assets and now control 70 percent of the nation's total.

Wrapped in this cocoon, they not only became "too big to fail" but were emboldened to engage in risky financial strategies. And they kept growing through the financial crash.

As I've written before, your community bankers didn't create this mess, but they have to live with it. And they're now speaking up.

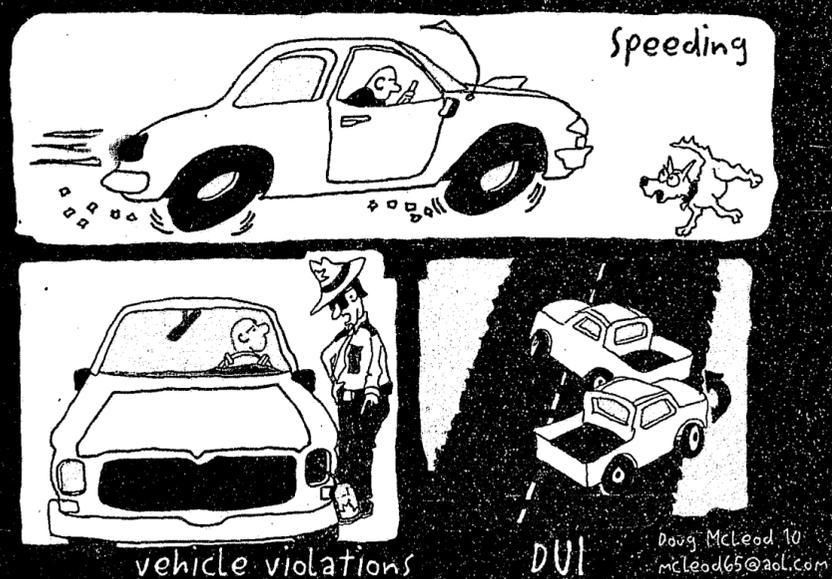
"I'm not here to say the problems are attributable to too-big-to-fail institutions or to regulators," Walker said recently. "I do favor breaking up the too-big-to-fail banks."

Such a move wouldn't ruffle their customers. Recently, Forrester Research released its annual Customer Advocacy rankings of the nearly 50 largest U.S. banking companies. It found – surprise, surprise – that customers of the biggest banks are the least likely to believe their financial institution does what's best for them as opposed to what's best for the bottom line.

Lately, Thomas Hoenig, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, has been outspoken in interviews and speeches here. "My view is that we do not have to subsidize or learn to live with the financial oligarchy that exists," he said. "Furthermore, our handling of too-big-to-fail institutions will define the future role of the United States in the global economy. Our failure to insist on a stable, market-based system jeopardizes the U.S. leadership position."

The too-big-to-fail banks failed us and now threaten our future.

What Ruidoso Downs police actually do profile...



YOUR OPINION

Grow ENMU

To the editor:

I love education. I support education and at the recent candidates forum I was the Counselor candidate that included ENMU in my 4 item list of top concerns.

My phrase was "Grow ENMU". My number one concern was "Fiscal Prudence". I lost but I still believe in both of those items.

I am curious about the short and long range details between ENMU and Spencer Theatre, that have been discussed and published and I have not paid enough attention. So I am on a fact finding mission. My concern is that the Village and the taxpayer be informed prior to commitment. Before signatures are signed. Where, when, who and how do we fit into this, and do we want it at this time? Who will

pay, and by what means for the new two year Community College campus to be built in the years to come? I have asked several citizens about this development. Many know some things, but no one seems to know the same things. Personnel opinions and or half truths are plentiful. We need some help, would the people with the answers please help me and others to understand the facts only.

I want ENMU to grow and for Ruidoso to have a well thought out program based in the future. What our economy can support and will need in the future to me may not be so clear at the moment. Right now there is an abundance of unemployed College Graduates with degrees that are no longer sought after. At this point in an uncertain economy, I tend to agree with those

who think we have an awful lot of unused school space, empty stores and buildings. Why not explore and exhaust those possibilities first, getting teachers and students in these empty places as soon as possible. Fill up what we have. It could happen allot quicker that way, creating commerce immediately. Why not get creative? Find ways to use what we have, instead of creating more infrastructure that will need more support. Possibly a "win-win" situation. Ruidoso could be on 60 Minutes as a community that solved some of it's economic problems by not spending more money. There is a vote on this issue at the college board meeting Thursday at 6 pm at ENMU. Please meet me there and lets get informed together.

A fellow citizen,
Gloria Sayers

GUEST COMMENTARY

Cutting Government: Specifics from Candidates

HAROLD MORGAN
New Mexico Progress

Once again, I asked our six candidates for governor to comment on an issue.

For this column, the question started with simple logic.

Everyone is talking about containing New Mexico's state government. But how, I wondered. So I asked candidates to respond to this proposition:

"Specify two functions of state government that you would eliminate. Include the name of the organization performing that function and, if possible, the money that would be saved."

As with my previous column, I limited the candidate's response to 75 words. I do not edit the response, nor do I comment. The idea is that you, the reader, sort the responses and decide which one(s) you like. It's you and the candidates.

An assumption in this experiment is that all six campaigns would say something. Some journalistic ego may lie behind the assumption. Journalists do come with ego, just like politicians. The journalist-politician relationship is symbiotic: Journalists ask, politicians answer, most of the time, even when they hate the question.

For this topic, the Pete Domenici Jr. campaign said nothing, despite a follow-up call. When politicians do not answer, journalists and citizens wonder why – not a good situation for the politician. Domenici's office is at 505-247-0714 and

<http://domeciforgovernor.com>.

Responses:

Allen Weh: I can't tell you which functions I'd eliminate until we have the opportunity and time to assess every part of state government for its purpose, its need, and its efficiency. When I become governor, every component of state government will be on the table. I expect that an objective review will result in executive actions that result in a leaner state government that cost taxpayers less money while increasing the quality of essential government services.

Doug Turner: To achieve efficient and cost-effective government, I would eliminate the redundant state agencies created by the Richardson-Denish administration. I would cut bureaucracy by eliminating the Department of Higher Education and Department of Public Education, and create one cabinet level agency to include both. Similarly, I would move the functions of the Department of Homeland Security back into Public Safety to eliminate bureaucracy and increase efficiency. I would also move the Children, Youth and Families Department back into Health and Human Services.

Susana Martinez: The Richardson-Denish Administration has grown our government by over 50 percent, wastefully spending taxpayer money and putting politics over principle. As governor, I will cut wasteful spending, root out cor-

ruption and look for bold, new ways to reduce government; for example, eliminating many of the estimated 4,000 budgeted, vacant positions and implementing a zero growth budget in certain areas will force our agencies to remove waste and inefficiency allowing them to return to core functions.

Diane Denish: I have proposed a plan to save taxpayers \$450 million over the next five years and am the only candidate to do so in such detail. Rather than discussing cuts to vital services that help thousands of New Mexicans, I am interested in how government can work smarter and more efficiently. Certainly, I would entertain eliminating programs that are wasteful and duplicative. It's why I proposed an accountability effort to root out and eliminate waste.

Janice Arnold-Jones: The Organic Commodity Commission and any board with only observe-and-report responsibility, approximately 47 positions (vacant and staffed) reducing expenditures by \$3.7 million. Eliminate positions currently vacant, combine at least eight agencies, reduce other agencies, approximately 1,373 positions (vacant and staffed) reducing expenditures by \$96.4 million. Total reduction: \$100 million in one year.

Review all Government services that could be provided by the private sector at equal or less cost with greater service. Do it!

Ruidoso Downs committees trimmed down

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The sizes of two municipal committees in Ruidoso Downs are trimmed.

The Planning Commission was cut from nine members to five by city councilors on Monday.

Planning and Zoning Department director Steve Dunigan said the reduc-

tion returns the commission to its original level.

"We have found it very difficult to find nine members at any given time, let alone always have them showing up at every meeting," said Dunigan. "The thought is let's take it back to where we are pretty assured of having a quorum at any given time. I think that the citizens that

come to the P-and-Z for a hearing certainly want to be assured that they'll have every opportunity to state their case and be heard and have a quorum."

The number of people assigned to the Planning Commission is currently at six, making a quorum sometimes difficult.

Dunigan added that the smaller panel would be

appropriate given the size of Ruidoso Downs.

And the city's Economic Development Board will be trimmed from 10 members to seven.

"It was the recommendation from Paul Van Gulick, who is the chairman of the Economic Development Board, that we reduce the number of members," said City Clerk

Carol Virden.

"For the last two years there hasn't been a full 10 member board."

Previous language that spelled out that the mayor or the mayor's designee from the city council, the president of the Ruidoso Downs Chamber of Commerce, and the chair of the city's Planning Commission are automatically on

the Economic Development Board, is removed from the provision in the city's Local Economic Development Act that deals with the board's membership. The mayor, with the confirmation of the city council, would appoint the membership from residents of Ruidoso Downs.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

LOVITT

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involved.

The roadblocks came down about 7 p.m. said Shepperd, though some additional officers remained in Carrizozo.

"He probably was held up somewhere, so we were patrolling the streets in Carrizozo."

The search resumed Tuesday morning. There had been a report of a hitchhiker near Oscuro, about 15 miles south of Carrizozo, around 7 a.m. But by the time New Mexico State Police and Shepperd arrived from opposite directions, the reported hitchhiker was already gone. Lovitt has ties in Alamogordo, which is 57 miles south of Carrizozo.

Shepperd said law enforcement agencies across the region, including Alamogordo, had been notified of the escapee.

A U.S. Marshals Service's Fugitive Task Force may be requested to assist in tracking down Lovitt. The task forces are used in combination with local and state law enforcement agencies to locate and apprehend fugitives.

Lovitt is awaiting a trial on charges of aggravated burglary, unlawful taking of a vehicle, and larceny. The aggravated burglary count is a second-degree felony. The other two counts are third-degree felonies.

Virden said those charges came out of a burglary ring that had been in operation in the Ruidoso and Alto area in late 2008.

Lovitt had been arrested on March 14 when a

Ruidoso police officer pulled over a vehicle on Mechem Drive because of an expired registration. Lovitt, listed in a police report as a passenger, provided the officer with a fake name. Another officer who arrived at the traffic stop identified the passenger as Lovitt. He was arrested on three outstanding warrants.

New charges of concealing his identity, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia were also lodged against Lovitt after a baggie with a white substance and a small glass pipe were found during the stop. The substance tested positive for cocaine.

The recent charges are set for a preliminary hearing in Ruidoso Magistrate Court on Thursday.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Reverse 911 used after escape

Monday's jailbreak put in motion Lincoln County's first real use of its reverse 9-1-1 notification system.

The computerized system, located in the sheriff's department, is capable of calling hundreds of phone numbers in quick order, to deliver an emergency message. The notification can go out to phone numbers in geographical areas or the entire county.

"It worked well," said Sheriff Rick Virden. "There were a few minor problems, but it is a work in progress. We have been working on this for so very long."

The notice of a detention center escape was sent to all phone numbers in Carrizozo.

In addition to stating there was an escapee in the area, the message pro-

vided a description of Randy Lovitt. It also urged calling 9-1-1 if someone matching the description is spotted.

The system had been only tested in the past.

"It did its purpose," said Lincoln County Emergency Services Office Director Travis Atwell. "The reverse 9-1-1 operation went fine."

Atwell said the calls began going out a 5 p.m., but he would have preferred an earlier notification.

County Manager Tom Stewart concurred.

"I've talked to the detention center administrator," said Stewart. "I told him I need a call on that kind of stuff. It's good that the Sheriff's Office was notified right away. But I need that too, to do what I did."

Before the reverse 9-1-1

noticed went out Stewart emailed information about the escape to the media and included a mug shot of Lovitt. A story and pictures were posted on the Ruidoso News website Monday afternoon.

The reverse 9-1-1 system was installed following an October 2007 armed escape from the Lincoln County Detention Center.

The escape had a knife. Some in Carrizozo said they needed to be warned about such events.

Stewart said in addition to the reverse 9-1-1 equipment a secondary alert, such as a siren at the lock-up should be looked at.

"The guy escaped at 3:01 p.m.," Stewart said of Monday's incident. "At 3:10 p.m. they could have blown the siren."

~ Jim Kalvelage

FUNDS

FROM PAGE 1A

said. "Have they been approached (about contributing some dollars)?"

Williams acknowledged many of the MAW events will be staged at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Councilor Michele Rebstock said the village also should approach the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee about some support.

"This just came up," Lee responded. "I'll get with Millie."

In approving the motion for the \$5,000 Rebstock specified not more than half would go toward the MAW event.

Lee said, "I think this is a really great opportunity for us."

In other action, councilors:

- postponed action on a proposal with Paradime Pictures to grant exclusive access of an open channel for use in promoting local businesses. Village Attorney Dan Bryant said in researching the issue, he discovered that public access channels cannot be used for private advertising. Under the Federal Cable Act, channels can be leased for that pur-

pose, but Paradime officials will have to negotiate with a cable service.

He also found that there are different classes of access channels and he is talking to officials with Baja Broadband about amending its franchise agreement to provide those. Channel 11 is used by Eastern New Mexico University and local school districts to announce things such as school delays. His aim is to provide a separate channel for the village to post items, but he recommended an indefinite postponement.

- approved renewal of a software contract for annual maintenance with New

World Systems for \$27,630. Village Finance Director Nancy Klingman said. "It killed me to renew it," to June 30, 2011, but the service will be needed for another year for the interfacing of past financial history data with the Incode Software system. Incode officials "strongly advised the renewal...in the event there are complications in the downloading process," she said. "The contract will cover the software updates and fixes, and telephone support service periodically needed by staff."

Councilor Don Williams asked if the village could be forced into a future contract,

but Klingman said no.

- approved an award to Linda Hand of Alto for a request for proposals for a DWI Prevention Specialist for the Ruidoso/Lincoln County DWI Grant Program for \$40,000.

"I've asked in the past about this grant program,

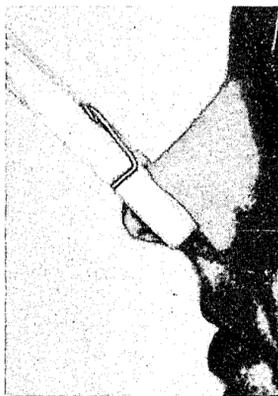
Councilor Michele Rebstock said. "It's been going for four or five years. Are DWIs going down?"

Acting Police Chief Dick Swenor said, "They will never be on a decline, but we're preventing someone from being out there who shouldn't be. Otherwise, the

number would be going up. (The DWI Prevention program) covers the needed overtime and it is an invaluable program for us."

Village Manager Debi Lee said she hopes the program's biggest influence is on children and said Hand "does a fabulous job."

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MAW 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 07
11:45 Convoys arrive from El Paso, Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Roswell. Public on street to welcome troops
Welcome & Greeting - All visitors are encouraged to join the Welcome Line to greet the troops as they enter the Race Track infield.
12:00 Noon Convoys arrive at Race Track Infield
1:00 BOWMAN and GRAUNKE arrive Sierra Blanca Regional Airport

SATURDAY, MAY 08
8:00 Open to public
8:00 NM Space Museum rocket launches
8:30 Sierra Blanca Steppers
9:00 OPENING CEREMONY
Honor Guard, From Pelican Rapids, Mn., Lt. Col. Chaplain Gary Garvey, USAF, ret. to deliver the Invocation
9:04 Lou Chamalas and Jason Leary, El Paso Skydivers to jump
44th Army Band Ensemble and RHS Band play National Anthem...
MAW 2010 Wounded Warrior, Mark Graunke
Sgt. 1st Class Dana Bowman, ret. Former Golden Knight to jump
9:45 Brigadier General Doug Murray presents award to the winners of the 2010 Essay Writing Contest.
1st place, grade 9-12, Megan Meyer, \$100 U.S. Treasury Bond + \$50. Personal check
1st place, grade 6-8, Morgan Lynskey, \$100 U.S. Treasury Bond
2nd place, grade 6-8, Xena Yankee, \$50 U.S. Treasury Bond
3rd place, grade 6-8, Britani Kelley, \$25 U.S. Treasury Bond
1st place, grade 3-5, Aaron Foster, \$100 U.S. Treasury Bond
2nd place, grade 3-5, Brennan Stewart, \$50 U.S. Treasury Bond
3rd place, grade 3-5, Sydney Annala, \$25 U.S. Treasury Bond
K-2 Winner, Alycia Alagr, Pizza Hut classroom pizza party
10:00 The EST, shooting skills training center is open, N.M. Space Museum will be launching rockets
10:15 Sierra Blanca Steppers perform a dance routine
10:45 Ron Massey in his home-restored Piper L21B Super Cub, Flown in Korea
12:45 El Paso Skydivers and Dana Bowman perform jumps
1:30-2:30 Brian Scott, USA Karaoke Champion & Reggie Penniger on stage
(2:00 Reception in Turf Club - See Reception Schedule)
2:30 NM Space Museum rocket launches
3:30-4:30 44th Army Band Ensemble in Concert on Demo Field Stage

SUNDAY, MAY 09
1:00 Farewell to the Troops Parade- from the Race Track to the "Y"

This project is sponsored in part by the Lodgers Tax Association, Village of Ruidoso Downs, Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County and N.M. Dept. of Tourism



EDUCATION

TEEN SPOTLITE

Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community.

Stephanie Gomez is the next teen in the Spotlite. Gomez is currently a junior at Hondo Valley High School. She is the daughter of Kevin and Angie Gomez.

Succeeding in school is important to Gomez. She is currently the junior class president and has danced at the Hondo Fiestas since she was in elementary school.

One of her teachers said, "Stephanie is the oldest of six children. She is the role model for her younger siblings. Stephanie has excellent grades and is very competitive in athletics. She has set her goals and will strive to reach them."

In addition to academics, Gomez enjoys participating in sports. She is a member of the Hondo volleyball, basketball and track teams and was named to the All-District Volleyball team. She has received numerous awards in sports including being named to the All-Tournament team at the Mescalero Basketball Tournament.

Gomez is also involved in the Hondo community. She has been a member in her 4-H Club for the past nine years and has served as an officer. Gomez has



also been a member in the Hondo FFA Chapter for the past five years. She is involved with her St. Jude Catechism class doing volunteer activities such as decorating the Church for the holidays.

Gomez is lucky to have positive support in her life. When asked about her influences, she listed her parents and high school coach and states that they continue to give her direction to accomplish her goals.

Gomez is already planning for her future and says she would like to attend college at Arizona State University and pursue a degree in nursing. Gomez is definitely an asset to the Hondo Valley.

Sponsored by Lincoln County DWI Prevention.

RMSD funding cut for next year

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The Ruidoso Municipal School District board will be looking to trim spending next year because of state funding cuts.

Education board president Susan Lutterman said state funding will be cut by about \$1.4 million for fiscal year 2010-11, or about eight percent.

"But we do feel a little lucky when you look at some of the other districts in the state," said

Lutterman. For the current school year the budget had been trimmed because of some revenue cuts and worries about the state's financial situation.

"We have a great staff that stays on top of things, and works to deal with budget issues," said Lutterman. The district had frozen hiring as part of the belt tightening.

In a letter to the district superintendent, two key New Mexico senators urge caution in building the school budget for fiscal

years 2011 and 2012.

"Take into account that the worst of our fiscal problems are not over. Making the hard decisions today will make future problems easier to deal with," wrote Senate President Pro Tem Tim Jennings and Senator John Arthur Smith, the chair of the Senate Finance Committee.

"The updated economic forecast for New Mexico indicates that the state's economy is even weaker than previously forecast and the economic recovery

is expected to be a sluggish one," the letter stated.

Some school district staff may be reduced when there are relocations, retirements or resignations.

The schools' 2010-11 budget will be looked at Tuesday afternoon during a public hearing at the district's central office, 200 Horton Cir.

The hearing, open to the public for comment, will begin at 4 p.m. The education board's April meeting will follow at 5:30 p.m.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Art competition

Submissions for the 2010 national Congressional Art Competition, An Artistic Discovery, are now being accepted.

Interested students, parents and teachers can submit their works to any of southern New Mexico Representative Harry Teague's district offices. The deadline is April 30.

The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize the artistic achievements of all participants and the winning artwork will be on display in Washington, D.C., for the rest of the year. In addition, the winning entrant from New Mexico's second district is eligible for a free flight to the nation's capitol for an unveiling ceremony.

The artwork categories include paintings, drawings, collage, prints, mixed media, computer generated art and photography.

The artwork must be two-dimensional, with a maximum size of 30-feet high, 30-feet wide and 4-inches deep. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 pounds.

District judging will be held May 8 in Las Cruces.

Windstream grant

A Ruidoso school is a finalist for a grant from Windstream Communications.

The Nob Hill Early Childhood Center is one of 34 finalists in the company's Classroom Connection program, and the only New Mexico school to make the list. Windstream received 120 applications from schools in 15 states.

The Classroom Connection program provides monetary awards for technology-related upgrades in public schools throughout the company's service area. In its second year, the

grant program will award a total of \$150,000.

A panel of Windstream executives and outside leaders in the technology and education areas will select four schools to each receive a \$25,000 donation. Schools will be judged on demonstrated need and creativity as well as enthusiasm shown in their applications.

Next month Windstream will announce the four schools selected for the technology grants.

The remaining 30 schools will be eligible for a Spirit Award. Up to 10 Spirit Awards, worth \$5,000 each, will be awarded in September based on public online voting at www.windstream.com/classroom. Voting will open in May.

Crane Scholarships

The committee for the Glen Crane Memorial Scholarship has awarded the 2010-11 Glen Crane Memorial Scholarship to Jacob Rigsby from Ruidoso High School, Jordan Dalton from Capitan High School, and Rico Lopez from the Hondo Valley High School.

Glen Crane was very involved in the Lincoln County community and was a school administrator for the Hondo Valley and Capitan schools, and later a school board member of the Capitan Municipal School District.

Crane was the broker and owner of the Prudential Lela Real Estate firm and was involved in helping the youth and residents of Lincoln County.

The Glen Crane Memorial Scholarship fund was set up in 2002 as a tribute to Crane by his real estate friends, the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, and his family to help high school students attend college. The Community Foundation of

Lincoln County, which is a 501(c)3, manages the fund.

If you would like to make a donation it can be sent to the Community Foundation of Lincoln County for the Glen Crane Memorial Scholarship fund, P.O. Box 573, Carrizozo, N.M., 88301.

SBCA enrollment

The Sierra Blanca Christian Academy is accepting enrollment for its 2010-11 academic year.

The school, which hosts pre-kindergarten through 7th grade, is Lincoln County's only Christian school. It has been open since 2004.

Academy officials said this had been a financially challenging year. Previous funding from grants and donations were less robust as in previous years. The school board, teachers and parents came together to adjust the budget for the current school year and made adjustments to next school year's budget.

"Working together with our parents, teachers and school board members had added a more dynamic dimension to the functioning of the entire school," said Jim Robbins, president of the Sierra Blanca Christian Academy school board. "It is amazing what God will do when we all come together to work through challenges like we faces this past year in our finances."

Registration for the upcoming year can be done at the school, located at the First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr. in Ruidoso. Student applications can also be found on the web at www.sbchristianacademy.org. For more information call 575-630-0144.

The non-denominational Christian school currently has 35 students enrolled.

Apollo 13 engineer

ENMU-Ruidoso's Director of Information

Technology will detail its personal story about his unique and historic experiences as a key engineer with the Apollo 13 mission.

Stephen Miller's presentation is scheduled for this afternoon, at 1 p.m., in room 105 of the campus at 709 Mechem Dr.

The April 1970 Apollo 13 mission to the moon was scrubbed after two days in space when an oxygen tank exploded, damaging the craft. The crew was able to safely return to earth.

A movie about the ill-fated mission was released in 1995.

Grant requests

The New Mexico Museum of Space History's educational division, New Mexico Space Academy, is requesting proposals for the STARS (Students and Teachers Achieving Real Science) Grant Program.

The STARS program will make a total of six \$500 grants in 2010 to be used towards bringing the New Mexico Space Academy's traveling science education program to qualifying rural underserved schools within the state.

Institutions eligible to apply for the STARS grants include all public schools, charter schools, alternate schools and private schools within the state of New Mexico.

The grant program is open to schools serving students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. More than one school within a particular PED district may apply. Rural underserved schools are encouraged to apply and will be given preference.

The request for proposals and grant application are available for download on the Museum's website at www.nmspacemuseum.org (click on the education link). For more information, contact Gabriel Veach, Education Director with the New Mexico Space Academy, at 575-437-2840 ext. 41132.

BUZZY BEES



COURTESY

Nob Hill Headstart: top photo, back row: Dylan Pruett, Edwin Pacheco, Jeremy Biscaino, Trevor Silva, Vincent Palaco, Olivia McCoy, Michelle Willoughby. Front Row: Ruby Quirrate, Jayden Mendoza, Quintin Allen, Dylan Scott.

Nob Hill Kindergarten: bottom row, back row: Jolee Magoosh, Mark Ryan, Mariana Cano, Max Hutchins, Ben Paiz, Fatima Lavin, Raphaelangel Ortiz, Maiya Denson, Isaac Spurr. Middle row: Jael Hernandez, Angel Arguedas, Lesly Ortiz, Jose Rivas, Junior Ramirez, Trayce Minter, Zoe Bruce, Caden Gibson. Front row: Jesslin Paz, John Martin, Myla Tsosie, Haozinn Garcia, Richard Gonzalez, Virginia Montes, Alexander Eakins.

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COURTESY BEVERLY GALAWAY

Early Monday, Lincoln County Treasurer Beverly Calaway heard a turkey gobbler. Climbing the hill behind her house, she spotted a male trying to impress a group of female wild turkeys, who don't seem properly overwhelmed by his beauty. He was so busy strutting his stuff, he completely ignored Calaway sneaking up for the shot of what she thinks are a flock of Rio Grande wild turkey.



Following the property tax trail

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Preparing to pay the second half of a 2009 property tax bill for Lincoln County before the May 10 delinquency deadline, one Ruidoso homeowner took a second look to see where the money was going.

But a few of the taxing authorities were a little confusing.

He could see that the state of New Mexico would receive 1.150 mills from the revenue collected.

One mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable value on a home or other property.

New Mexico considers the taxable value as one-third of the market value.

As the taxable value of a county goes up, if budgets remain static, the amount of tax needed to generate that same amount should go down. But budgets seldom remain static.

On a home worth \$300,000, the taxable value would be \$100,000. Based on that figure, the state would receive \$115.

The county taxes at a rate of 7.605 mills, and would receive \$760. The village of Ruidoso taxes at 4.864 mills and its distribution from his tax bill would be \$486.40.

The Ruidoso School District's tax is 8.122, which translates to \$812.20.

A 1.715 mill tax approved by voters in Ruidoso to support Eastern New Mexico University would bring in \$171.50.

Voters in the county approved a 1.948 mills special tax to support the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, which would generate \$194.80, and 0.584 mills for county rural health care clinics in outlying commu-

nities, which would produce \$58.40.

Combined, the tax bill would come to about \$2,599.

Property owners in some areas of the county may see additional taxes for soil and water conservation districts or special projects.

"We need to remember this scenario is for the Ruidoso School District inside the village limits on a residential property," said Chief Appraiser Walter Hill with the County Assessor's Office in Carrizozo.

"Tax rates vary with each school district inside

and outside of the municipalities as well as whether the property is residential or non-residential."

For more information about each tax and the budgets they support, property owners can call the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration at 505-827-4985; the Lincoln County Treasurer's Office or the Finance Department at 575-648-2385; the Ruidoso Village Finance Office at 258-4343 or the finance office of other municipalities; the Ruidoso School District at 257-4051; and the LCMC administration office at 257-8200.



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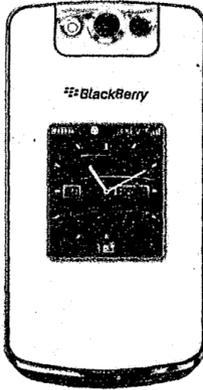
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VOR land will comply with forest management ordinance

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By the end of this year, Ruidoso village-owned land should be in compliance with the same rules other land owners must meet under the forest management ordinance.

Dick Cooke, Village Forester, told councilors last week it took him six months after being hired to figure out the exact status of different areas of the village, as far as compliance and overall condition, but now he and his staff "are fired up," setting and meeting goals. The focus is by the end of the calendar year to bring village property up to the same condition citizens are expected to meet.

After an article ran in the *Ruidoso News* about being able to reduce a charge on monthly village

utility bills by bringing private lots into compliance, even if they do not fall within areas notified by mail to comply, he's received numerous calls, Cooke said. His crew members each are inspecting or certifying three to four properties per day, he said. "Our guys probably are

the best public relations people the village has," Cooke said. "I'm proud of them. They are really making a dent. In six to seven years, we will be through the entire village."

Forest management rules took effect in 2002, after two major fires threatened Ruidoso and

the municipality was declared one of the most at-risk communities in the United States from wildfire. The reason, in part, was the reluctance for years to allow residents to cut down any trees. Since 2002, about 40 percent of the land in the village has been certified at some

point. Some may be ready to be reinspected for a new certification, he said.

He received about \$550,000 this year for cost-sharing projects.

"What happens when he cycle ends?" asked Councilor Jim Stoddard. "You'll apply for additional money?"

Cooke said the current award runs through Dec. 31, and crosses into the next fiscal year.

"We applied for four grants," Cooke said. "We keep hearing the grants may be cut, but we are actively applying."

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Downs is trimming

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The sizes of two municipal committees in Ruidoso Downs are trimmed.

The Planning Commission was cut from nine members to five by city councilors on Monday.

Planning and Zoning Department director Steve Dunigan said the reduction returns the commission to its original level.

"We have found it very difficult to find nine members at any given time, let alone always have them showing up at every meeting," said Dunigan.

"The thought is lets take it back to where we are pretty assured of having a quorum at any given time. I think that the citizens that come to the P-and-Z for a hearing certainly want to be assured that they'll have every opportunity to state their case and be heard and have a quorum."

The number of people assigned to the Planning Commission is currently at six, making a quorum sometimes difficult. Dunigan added that the smaller panel would be appropriate given the size of Ruidoso Downs.

And the city's Economic Development Board will be trimmed from 10 members to seven. "It was the recommendation from Paul Van Gulick, who is the chairman of the Economic Development Board, that we reduce the number of members," said City Clerk Carol Virden.

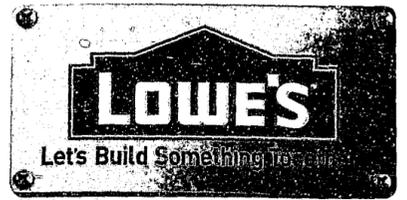
"For the last two years there hasn't been a full 10 member board."

Previous language that spelled out that the mayor or the mayor's designee from the city council, the president of the Ruidoso Downs Chamber of Commerce, and the chair of the city's Planning Commission are automatically on the Economic Development Board, is removed from the provision in the city's Local Economic Development Act that deals with the board's membership.

The mayor, with the confirmation of the city council, would appoint the membership from residents of Ruidoso Downs.

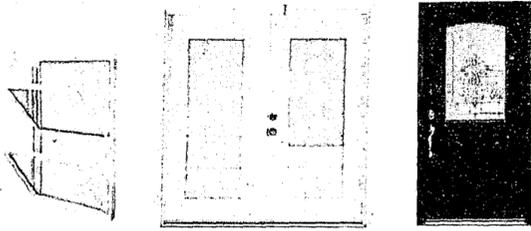
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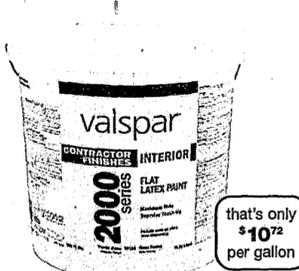


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Village approves lease agreement for two HEAL vans

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After being assured the village's liability is covered, Ruidoso councilors unanimously approved a one-year lease agreement for two Dodge vans with Help End Abuse for Life.

The arrangement took

months to conclude and began when an anonymous call was received accusing a van driver of speeding.

Although HEAL officials suspected the disgruntled spouse of one of their domestic violence victims placed the call, they followed the necessary steps in reporting and investigat-

ing the incident.

Subsequently, Lincoln County commissioners became uncomfortable with the county's exposure through the use of the vans by HEAL despite extensive insurance paid for by the non-profit group.

Some of the restrictions HEAL officials feared

would violate their employees' privacy rights.

Ownership of the vans was transferred to the village and with the approval of the lease, HEAL now has wheels again.

Stipulations required by councilors are in place and include checking drivers' records.

The new arrangement was approved by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration.

"So this meets all the suggestions and requirement from our last meeting?" asked Councilor Angel Shaw at the council meeting last week.

Village Manager Debi Lee confirmed.

"Does this in any way obligate the village when the time comes to supply new vans?" asked Councilor Jim Stoddard.

Lee said it does not. She explained a legislative grant bought the vans and HEAL officials will have to go back to the state Legislature when they need to be replaced. Legislators will make the final decision.

"What does this add to our liability (insurance coverage)?" Stoddard asked.

"In my opinion, nothing," Lee replied. "It specified that HEAL provides the insurance and a non-waiver of tort protections."

Stoddard asked what type of proof of insurance HEAL will provide and Lee said a certificate of insurance, and they will report on how the vans are used, and the goals met by use of the vans.

Councilor Michele Rebstock asked how much extra time from village staff will be required.

"We'll put it on a tracking system," Lee said.

"I don't see an administration fee," Rebstock said. "Can there be one?"

Lee said helping HEAL and serving as a fiscal agent for a grant are different situations. In this case, the grant already was accepted by the county, which was the fiscal agent, and the vans were purchased.

"We're simply providing for a continuation of public ownership of the vans," Lee said. "We're not expending money, not keeping the books. That's all done."

Councilor Don Williams asked how the village can be sure the vans are not abused and how will councilors know if a speeding violation occurs.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said HEAL must report monthly about van maintenance and carry insurance to cover any repairs and liability. The reports also will track drivers' records.

In other action, councilors approve the mayor's reappointment of Anessa Collins and appointment of Lance Winebrenne to the Parks and Recreation Committee; appointed Councilor Denise Dean as liaison to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce; appointed Councilor Rafael Salas to the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Extraterritorial Authority; and builder and village planning and zoning commissioner John Cornelius to the R/LCETZ Commission, replacing Bob Johnson, who did not want to continue to serve on that board.

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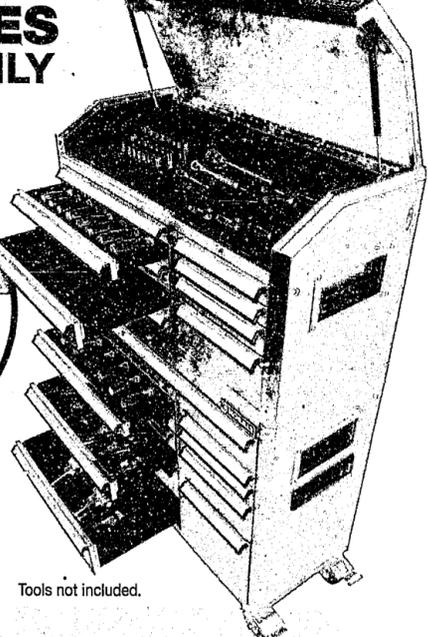


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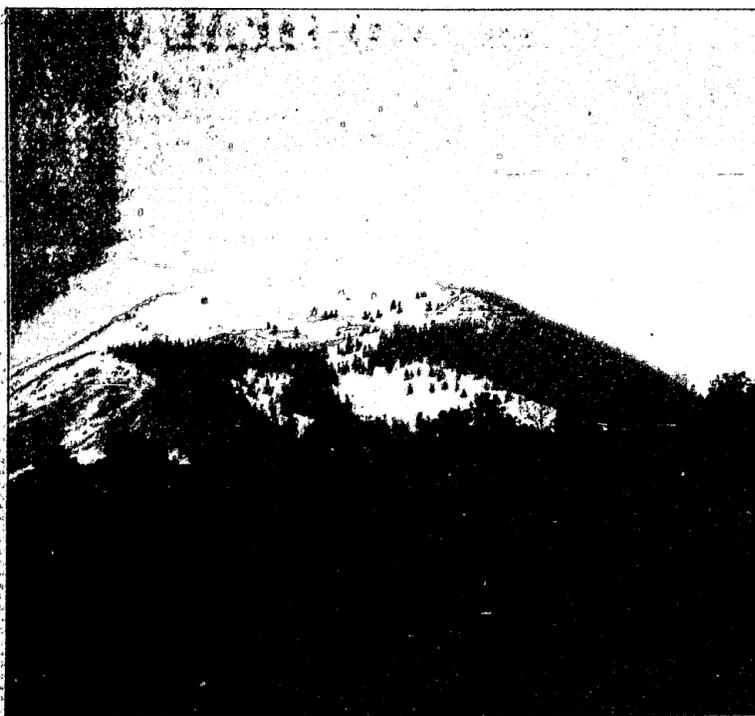
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Residual moisture from rain on Monday formed clouds Tuesday morning that hugged the upper reaches of Sierra Blanca.

April showers above average

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With the rain and hail that fell Monday around Ruidoso, the area had surpassed the average precipitation amount for all of April.

The National Weather Service forecast office for New Mexico reported .45 inch of rain on Monday, along with a quarter of an inch of hail.

For the month the weather service observer in Ruidoso has reported .92 inch. The average for the entire month is .74.

"So we sure are above average," said Brian Guyer, a meteorologist with the weather service. "It certainly is El Nino."

An observer in the Alto area reported just over one-inch of precipitation on Monday.

And more precipitation is expected this week and probably into a good part of next week.

"It is a continuation of an active weather pattern,"

said Guyer. "It let up a bit in early April, but should continue the next 10 days at least."

Another system off the California coast is expected to begin knocking on New Mexico's west border late tonight.

By Thursday the Ruidoso area could see periods of showers, perhaps similar to the on-again, off-again rain that fell last Sunday.

"But because the atmosphere will be colder, it will probably be more daytime driven," said Guyer.

There could even be some snow late Thursday or early Friday.

Guyer noted the above average April precipitation follows a winter that produced about twice the amount of snow in the northern Sacramento Mountains.

But the El Nino, which increases precipitation in the southwest United States because of warm water temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific Ocean, is coming to an end.

"It's like the last gasp," Guyer said of this spring's better than normal precipitation.

"El Nino has broken down. The atmosphere though takes time to respond."

Forecasters feel the rains here will ease back by the middle of May.

Typically the monsoon season begins to deliver increased moisture in late June or early July. But Guyer said that could be a little delayed.

He said that is often the case when the preceding winter was flush with snow.

The recent rains, along with more spring-like temperatures, have eaten away at what had been an abundant snowpack atop the mountains.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service reported Tuesday that their Sierra Blanca snotel station recorded 48 inches of snow.

A month ago the depth had been 83 inches.

RC&D to hire rural forester

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A rural community forester, similar to the position created in Ruidoso nearly 10 years ago, will come to Lincoln and Otero counties.

The South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council posted the job offering on Monday.

The rural community forester would provide assistance to landowners in the two counties, work with residents and groups toward implementing wildland urban interface practice plans.

The forester would also work to enhance forested and watershed ecosystems.

The forester would offer educational opportunities for landowner groups and organizations about the importance of natural

resource management and urban forestry, and assist with the development of viable forest products industries.

The position would assist the Resource Conservation and Development coordinator in other projects.

The coordinator is Rick DeIaco, who had been Ruidoso's forestry department director until taking his current job with the South Central Mountain RC&D two years ago.

Specific duties for the rural community forester may include wildfire hazard assessment and reduction, FIREWISE related programs, forest and watershed restoration, renewable energy projects, inspections and other initiatives.

In the past employees with New Mexico's State Forestry Division have

assisted property owners in assessing wildfire threats and the assembly of a mitigation plan that typically reduced trees on overgrown lands.

Minimum requirements include experience in forestry, ecology, fire suppression or other natural resources related fieldwork or a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry.

The annual salary has a range from \$35,360 to \$39,520.

There are no annual or sick leave benefits, nor health benefits. The position is currently funded for three years.

The office will be located in Carrizozo, though much of the job will be outdoors with irregular hours.

Applications to the South Central Mountain RC&D must be post-marked or emailed by 12 p.m. on May 21.

CORD pays January-February bills

Ruidoso Downs has paid its January and February share of the operating and capital reserve costs for the regional wastewater treatment plant.

The two months of payment totaled \$30,486.09.

"I've gone over both of the monthly invoices. They

seem to be correct," said Terri Mosley, the city's finance, procurement and asset control director.

The Village of Ruidoso handles the finances associated with the plant that is used by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

For a time last year the

city had deducted some charges contending the expenses were solely the responsibility of Ruidoso.

The village and the city split the operating and maintenance costs, with Ruidoso Downs covering 15 percent of the costs.

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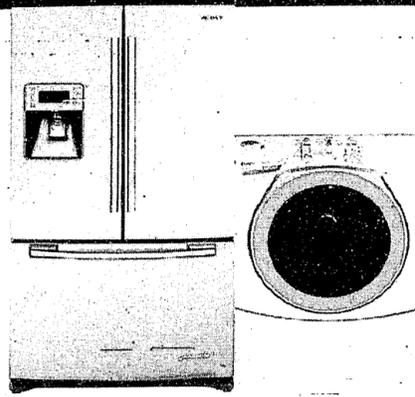
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Results

High School Softball
Tuesday, April 20
Capitan 17, Lordsburg 0
Capitan 10, Lordsburg 0

Sports On Tap

Track
Friday, April 16
Ruidoso girls and boys teams at Mayfield Invite in Las Cruces, 9 a.m.

Tennis
Thursday, April 22
Artesia girls/boys at Ruidoso, 2:35 p.m.

Baseball
Saturday, April 24
Portales at Ruidoso, DH, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Lordsburg at Capitan, DH, 1 & 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27
RHS at Dexter, DH, 4 & 6 p.m.
Capitan at Mesilla Valley Christian, DH, 3 & 5 p.m.

High School Softball
Friday, April 23
Dexter at RHS, DH, 4 & 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27
Mesilla Valley Christian at Capitan, DH, 3 & 5 p.m.
RHS at Lovington, DH, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Little League
Wednesday, April 21
Minors, Cubs vs. Tigers, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Minors, D-Backs vs. Marlins, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Thursday, April 22
Majors, Rockies vs. White Sox, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Red Sox vs. Indians, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Friday, April 23
Minors, Rays vs. D-Backs, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Saturday, April 24
Majors, Indians vs. Rockies, 3 p.m., Gavilan
Minors, Cubs vs. Dodgers, 6 p.m., Gavilan
Monday, April 26
Minors, Marlins vs. Angels, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Minors, Tigers vs. Dodgers, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Tuesday, April 27
Majors, White Sox vs. Red Sox, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Minors, Rockies vs. Cubs, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek

On Deck

RHS Golf
The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association, in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the final scramble at IMG Golf Course on April 25. The event will begin at 1 p.m. For more info or to sign up call 257-5815 (Cree Meadows) or 464-7941 (IMG golf shop).

Willingham wins regionals

A 17-year-old Capitan junior scores big for the Ruidoso Gymnastics Club

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The Ruidoso Gymnastics Club has quietly gone about its mission of producing athletes who come to understand the meaning of discipline and commitment.

This year, however, through the efforts of head coaches like Amy Eggleston and John Marshall, the club has achieved exceptional success.

The latest star to shine is 17-year-old Amanda Willingham when she won the Regional All-Around Gymnastics Championship in her age division at the Santa Ana Star Center in Albuquerque April 10.

On the vault event she scored a 9.0, the bars, an 8.5, the floor competition, 9.0 and on the beam she not only recorded a 9.3, but took first place.

Her all-around total mark of 35.8 was enough to give her the title. About 400 athletes (ages 12-18)

from seven states, including Texas, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming and New Mexico took part in the competitions over the weekend of April 9.

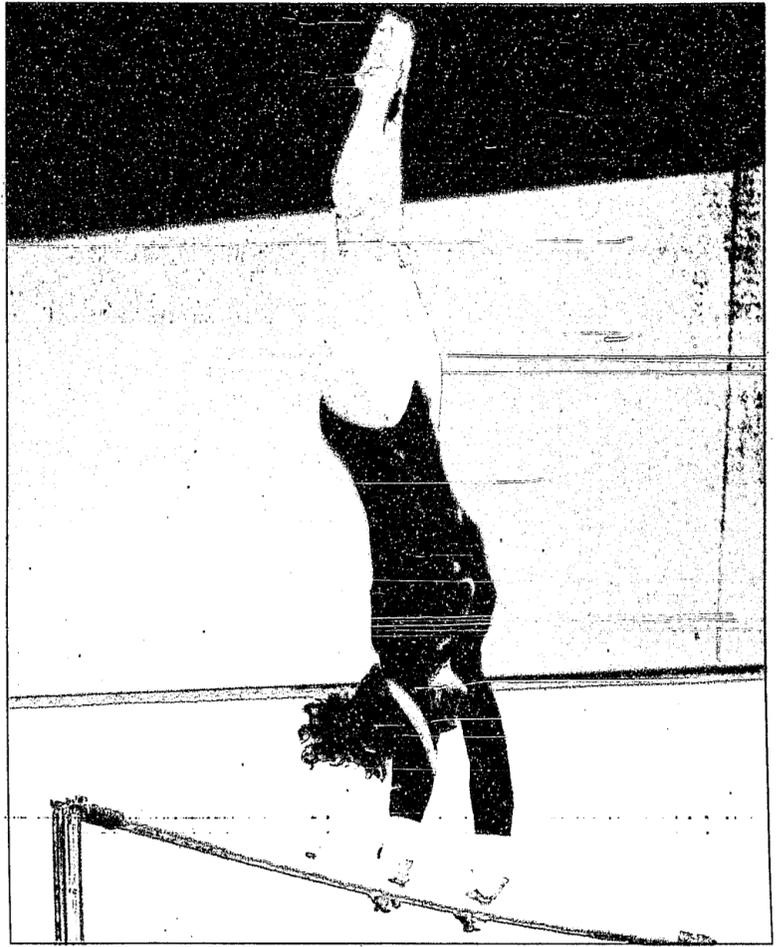
Good things happen to those who work hard and Willingham is just one more successful athlete who proves that.

She works year-round at her chosen sport, which began for her 12 years ago at the age of five.

"I was very proud and excited when I won the regionals," Willingham said.

"I worked as intensely as I could against contestants from seven other states. I tried to leave my nerves behind me and attempted to give it my all in every event. I then left the results in the hands of the judges.

"Very few people can manage what gymnasts succeed in doing but once



COURTESY

Amanda Willingham wins the All-Around Regional Gymnastics Championship in her age class.

See AMANDA, page 2B

RHS athlete Davis inks letter of intent

Ruidoso baseball player commits to New Mexico Highlands University

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Ruidoso High School baseball player Cole Davis signed a letter of intent, at 10 a.m. Monday, to attend New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) next season at the main campus in Las Vegas.

As one of the stars on the Warriors' squad he has contributed greatly, both offensively and defensively, over the past few seasons.

He started playing base-

"It's a relief to know where I'll be attending college - that's good. They have a good baseball program with a proven track record."

Cole Davis
RHS baseball player

ball for Ruidoso in eighth grade.

This is a right-handed

See DAVIS, page 3B



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Cole Davis seated next to his mother, Andrea, signs his commitment to NMHU. Behind are his former assistant coach Jerry Corliss (left) and current RHS baseball head coach Gilbert Alvarado.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation continues mission

Group to hold yearly fundraiser banquet at Mountain Annie's, May 1

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The Sierra Blanca chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) will be holding its annual fundraising banquet at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater May 1, at 5 p.m.

This is the one-and-only event to raise monies this non-profit group will hold this year.

During the dinner there will be a drawing to give away a Browning X-Bolt Hunter Win Mag to some lucky recipient. This 2010

Sponsor rifle has a hand-chambered 26-inch barrel with satin finish and a walnut stock.

The RMEF logo is contained on the grip. Other items, such as an elk sculpture, a .45 ACP and a collector knife set will be auctioned off at the dinner.

The Sierra Blanca chapter is one of 13 such chapters in the state of New Mexico and their mission is to maintain the elk and wildlife habitat, not only in this state but countrywide.

The RMEF held its first banquet/fundraiser in this state in Albuquerque in

1986.

Currently, there are 70,000 to 90,000 elk in New Mexico and that population, according to state representatives, looks to be stable to slightly increasing.

The efforts to improve elk and wildlife habitat not only rest with the RMEF but require the expertise and talents of the U.S. Forest Service (Smokey Bear Range District here in Lincoln County) as well as the New Mexico Game and Fish division.

To that end, Stewart Liley, of the N.M. Game and Fish department gave an informative talk on the elk situation, within this state and elsewhere, on April 12, at the Smokey



DAVID TREMBLAY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The RMEF, the U.S. Forest Service and the NM Game and Fish Commission work hand-in-hand.

See ELK, page 2B

Ruidoso yearlings victorious

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale graduates vaulted to the top of the 2-year-old division with wins in the Grade 1, \$596,041 Remington Park Futurity and the Grade 1, \$302,339 West Texas Futurity last weekend.

The entry deadline for the 2010 Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale is May 1.

The Remington Park and West Texas futurities are the two richest quarter horse races that have been contested in 2010.

Llano Teller, a \$19,000 repurchase offered in the Ruidoso Select Quarter

Horse Yearling Sale, took the Remington Park Futurity by a nose on Saturday night at Remington Park.

No Dice Special, a \$25,000 Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale purchase, scored a narrow victory in the West Texas Futurity for owner VWP Jr. Inc and trainer John Stinebaugh, who also saddled runner-up First Class Lacy B.

Llano Teller and No Dice Special are now prime prospects for the Ruidoso, Rainbow and All American futurities this summer at Ruidoso Downs. The All American Futurity is quarter horse racing's richest event and the 2011 run-

ning will award an all-time record first-place check of \$1,200,000.

The Ruidoso Downs summer season starts on May 28 with daylong trials to the Ruidoso Futurity.

The 2010 Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale will be held on September 3-5. The entry fee for yearlings nominated to the All American Triple Crown is \$500 and \$750 for yearlings not nominated to the three Grade 1 futurities - the \$2.4 million (est.) All American All American Futurity, the \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity and the \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity - is \$750.

For further information call 378-4474.

NM Senior Olympics

The 32nd Annual New Mexico Senior Olympic Games will be held in Las Cruces, July 28-31. Competition will be held for men and women aged 50 and over as of Dec. 31, 2010, in 28 sports (and over 100 events) and activities at the NMSU campus and other city venues.

For Ruidoso residents to be eligible to attend each participant must compete locally in the months of April and May and register for state by May 31. The local cost is \$5 and the state registration fee is \$45.

In Las Cruces there will be T-shirts for all and medal and rosette awards for five places in each event, for each 5-year age group beginning with the 50-54 age category.

Lincon County will hold the following events: bowling, golf, 8-ball pool, horse-shoes, racquetball, softball throw, soccer kick, frisbee (distance and accuracy), basketball (free throw and 3-point shots), shuffleboard, table tennis, tennis, track (100 through 5 and 10K), field (shot, discus, javelin, standing and running long jump, high jump and pole vault), racewalk (1,500 and 5,000-meters) cycling (one mile to 40K [five events]) and swimming.

For dates, times and places call county coordinator Sandee at the Senior Center at 257-4565 or Bart Young at 257-3193.

A complete schedule is available at the Ruidoso Senior Center.

The top three persons at the state games may then enter the Biennial National Senior Games in Houston, June 2011.

AMANDA

FROM PAGE 1B

you do you come to know it's the greatest. I love gymnastics."

The results of her exceptional marks at the recent Albuquerque competitions have qualified this local star for competition at the upcoming Level 9 May 1, Westerns (Nationals) in Des Moines, Iowa. There should be about 24 other states in attendance.

Eggleston, her coach, said, "This is my first athlete to finish as high as the regionals and it will help her tremendously towards college recruitment.

"What she accomplished was a huge achievement. We waited for her to put it all together at a meet like this - and she chose the regionals as the one to do it.

"This was the one where she made no mistakes and was most relaxed."

The Capitan High School junior will move to Level 10 next season when gymnastics begin in October.

In addition to Willingham's recent singular accomplishment Ruidoso Gymnastics has enjoyed a stellar year.

Also, this season, 10-year-old Bailey Jones won the state competitions on the balance beam and the

uneven bars. More importantly, she was judged Level 6 All Around State Champion.

Seven-year-old Brooks Eggleston became the Level 5 New Mexico State Champion at the statewide competitions in Albuquerque.

Aaron Forster was crowned state champion in the Level 5 nine-year-old division.

At Level 6, Tanner Harvey was state champion on the vault and high bar.

And the Ruidoso Gymnastics squad of Carter Beatty, Hunter Belcher, Gavin Garcia, Joey Marshall and Xavier Otero became the Level 4 (6 to 12-

years-old) New Mexico State Team Champions - for the fourth year in a row.

The Ruidoso Gymnastics athletes should be pleased with their exploits this season.

On occasion they were up against much larger teams, some of whom, like Gold Cup Gymnastics in Albuquerque have produced Olympic-level athletes.

The state of Texas, who Willingham was up against, is well-known for generating gymnastic competitors of this caliber.

"We had a good year," Eggleston said. "And this really helps pave the way for upcoming gymnasts in the Ruidoso area."



Willingham will compete in Level 10 next season. COURTESY

ELK

FROM PAGE 1B

Bear Ranger District headquarters.

Liley spoke to the history of elk in New Mexico, general elk biology and the management of elk herds in the state.

Every day 5,000 acres of America's landscape are lost to development - over 1.8 million acres annually. That's an area the size of Yellowstone National Park lost forever to wildlife each year.

In the 1500s, it is estimated there were over 10 million elk roaming most of North America.

They shared the land

with roughly 2 million people.

By 1900 the elk population, due mainly to hunting, had plunged to fewer than 100,000 while the human population had increased to 76 million.

Today the elk populace has rebounded to more than 1 million nationwide but the U.S. population has grown to over 300 million.

With the increase in both numbers (human and elk), a delicate balance of coexistence between the two must be constantly addressed concerning the needs of private landowners and wildlife.

Thus far, in its first 25 years, the RMEF has conserved nearly 6 million

acres for wildlife but considers that to be just a start.

In 2009 alone, 226 projects were begun by the RMEF and its partners, the U.S. Forest Service and the N.M. Game and Fish Commission.

About 331,680 habitat acres were enhanced and 99,001 acres were permanently protected.

During the elk birth season (beginning June 1), there is a high mortality rate among the young because of other wildlife (bear, coyote, cougar, etc.), infection and drowning.

Those that survive need an adequate food supply because they are still nutritionally stressed in many areas.

As the numbers of game animals and fish increase so do the amount of hunting and fishing licenses that are issued as well as the length of the particular season in question.

This can mean an increased influx of visitors to a locality which adds to the coffers of retailers, hotels and businesses.

The beneficial cause of the RMEF and its valued partners produce advantageous results for the community as a whole.

For more information on the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation annual banquet, including ticket pricing and membership fees call Dusty Romero at 937-0883 or email rmef-ruidoso@gmail.com.



Partners in the preservation of elk and wildlife habitat are, l-r, Stewart Liley of the NM Game and Fish Commission, Doug Doherty of the RMEF and Larry Cordova of the US Forest Service. MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

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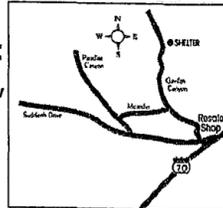
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Sawyer is an incredibly striking hound mix. He is about 10 months old and has beautiful markings. During the week, you may encounter Sawyer at the dog park, where he is becoming a regular! He is excellent with other dogs and loves people. Sawyer weighs about 50 pounds.

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BELLE
Belle is an extremely sweet, 4-5 month old Whippet mix puppy. She is enormously friendly and plays incredibly well with other dogs. Belle walks well on a leash, is spayed and current on her shots and weighs about 17 pounds right now.

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LYLE
Lyle is a fun loving guy, about 7 months old. He has a beautiful coat and actually prances when he is being walked! Lyle loves people and is super friendly.

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DUSTY
Dusty is an especially pretty, sweet brindle and white dog. She is 2 years old, spayed and housebroken. Dusty is excellent with children, but should not go to a home with cats.

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HANK
Hank is an exceedingly sweet dog, about 3 months old. He's great on a leash and gets along well with other dogs. Hank weighs just over 40 pounds.

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STANLEY
Stanley is a beautiful brown tabby with white on his chest and paws. He is Mr. Friendly and gets along extremely well with other cats.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

Queen entries due June 16

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Entries for the Lincoln County Fair Queen contest are now open and will be taken until June 16 with the contest to follow prior to July 4.

This year's new queen will, for the first time, receive a new saddle as well as a \$500 scholarship along with a crown and a buckle.

The county fair queen is a young woman who wants to be a leader in her community and further promote the Western way of life; portraying excellence in sportsmanship, and being of high moral and ethical character.

She is a role model exemplifying what can be accomplished in the Western environment.

The queen will act as the Lincoln County Fair Board's ambassador to the Lincoln County Fair in August.

Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. A queen candidate must be a single girl, (never to have been married and never to have had a child), between the ages of 16 and 22 years, and a resident of Lincoln County for 12 consecutive months prior to the county contest.

2. It will be clearly understood that when a candidate is named Lincoln County Fair Queen, the candidate agrees to remain single for one year from the time of her selection. There will be no cohabitation during her reign; as well as no use or consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco if under 21 years of age; or involvement in substance abuse.

3. In the event the queen becomes pregnant, gets married, or participates in any of the above mentioned, her title will automatically be relinquished and the first attendant shall assume the title. Her crown and buckle will be returned as well as any money she received from sponsors.

4. In the event the queen coordinators determine that the queen is not prepared for the New Mexico State Fair contest, or she does not wish to participate in the State Fair contest, it is not mandatory that she go.

In the event she chooses not to compete at the State Fair contest, and she does not wish to participate in



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Jenna Cleckler, Capitan, is the current reigning Lincoln County Fair Queen.

the State Fair contest, she will continue to represent Lincoln County at the county fair and other county functions.

Upon crowning, the queen will receive her crown and buckle, provided by her sponsor, the Lincoln County Fair Association.

She will also receive a saddle and a \$500 scholarship from area sponsors. Upon application to the New Mexico State Fair Queen Contest, \$500 will be awarded to the Lincoln County Fair Queen.

5. Dress code for candidates competing for Lincoln County Fair Queen will be a long-sleeve white shirt, denim pants, boots and hat for horsemanship; and for the personality competition a simple western dress, boots and hat. This attire is subject to change.

The personality contest will be held first, in the show barn east of the arena. A drawing will be held to determine who will go first.

Each contestant will be expected to have prepared a 3-minute speech about herself, Lincoln County and her goals. After the speech the judges may ask some questions.

From there the contestants will be given ample time to change into their Western riding attire.

At this time the judges may ask some horsemanship questions.

Contestant will do her

required pattern first; two-minute free time pattern second; and her Queen run last. This agenda is subject to change.

6. All candidates will furnish their own horses and participate in the Fourth Of July Smokey Bear Parade and Stampede Rodeo performances. The queen and all candidates will be asked to carry a flag during the stampede rodeo performances.

The Queen must be willing to participate in all county functions when asked to do so by the Lincoln County Fair Board and/or her queen coordinators.

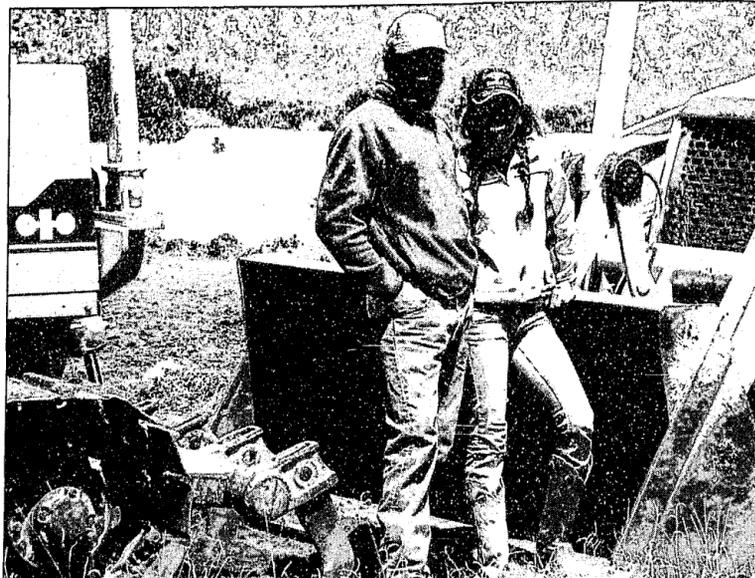
7. The queen is the ideal American cowgirl, spreading good will for Lincoln County. She will represent the County at the New Mexico State Fair Queen Contest in Albuquerque in September. She will be acquiring the richest experience of her life and laying the foundation for her future.

The queen contest is directed by Mary Jane Cooper, DVM. For entry information, call 653-4180 or email cobper@pvt.net.

Cooper is also looking for young women to care sponsor flags during the Smokey Bear Stampede.

Girls must be able to ride well, have their own horse and be prepared to be available for the four evening performances of the rodeo.

DIGGIN' AND SINGIN'



COURTESY

Capitan husband and wife team Tim and Amanda Beyer of Beyer Construction work together on a job near their home. When Amanda isn't running heavy equipment she can be found performing as a singer and musician at venues throughout Lincoln County.

Weekend visits and fun

Finally have my new computer working and now to learn how to use it.

The Taylor sisters had a "sister weekend" at the Perry Ranch recently. They were Shirley Dimas, Han-nibal Mo.; Margaret Watson, Capitan; Ellen Faye Womack, Capitan; Liz Montes, San Patricio; and Phoebe Taylor, Lincoln.

It was the first time for too many years that all five were able to be

together.

I imagine a lot of stories were told on each other and catching upon families.

Twenty-four Creative Memory scrapbookers met for the weekend retreat at the Fort Lone Tree. There is new scrapbooking equipment and a great variety of new paper, stickers, embellishments and ideas.

It is so much fun to go around and see the wonderful ideas the group have. Everyone had a great time gossiping, laughing, and just having

a great time together.

They were from Carrizozo, Capitan, Roswell, Ruidoso and Gallup. I know I have missed some. The women from Roswell had just attended the funeral of the two young men who had died of carbon monoxide, before coming to the retreat.

Carolyn and Gene Christman returned Thursday evening after a week in Hopper, Colo. They had their checkup with the doctors.

Carolyn is working on having a quilting class at the La Placita. For further information call 575-653-4274.



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CARRIZOZO FFA AT STATE



COURTESY MELODY GAINES

Carrizozo FFA judging contest teams competed at the state contest in Las Cruces the first week of April, bringing home a number of top awards and top individual scores.

COUNTY BRIEFS

PTA variety show

Capitan PTA will be hosting a variety show on Thursday April 22 at 7 p.m., in Traylor gym.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy local

talent. The event is free of charge.

Golf fundraiser

The "Lincoln County Outlaws" Special Olympic team from New Horizons in

Carrizozo is having a golf tournament fundraiser May 16. The event is a 4-man scramble at 8 a.m., at the Valle del Sol Golf Course. Cost is \$40/person \$160 a team, 18-holes with cart, breakfast snacks

and lunch.

Team prizes for 1-3 places plus closest to the pin, longest drive and door prizes. For information and to sign u call Beckie Lee Sanchez at New Horizons, 648-2379.

Limited to 10 teams so call soon.

Grizzly news

Wednesday, April 21: Region IX Child Find 9:30-noon, in the Old Gym. Kindergarten registration is open to all children turn-

ing 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2010.

Make sure to bring shot record and birth certificate for registration.

April 21: Middle and High School Knowledge Bowl Tournament in Ruidoso at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 22: 21st Century Afterschool Program Celebration at 5:30 p.m., in the cafeteria for slideshow, awards ceremony and desserts.

Parents are invited to attend 2nd Hour Enrichment activities from 4:20-

5:20 PM.

The program is a great success because of the students and parents. Come celebrate with the school.

Saturday, April 24: Prom begins with pictures from 7-8 p.m., in the Old Gym followed by dance until midnight.

After-prom participants will travel to Alamogordo Recreation Center at 12:15 a.m. and will return approximately 7 a.m.

Students must have permission slip for After-prom and out of town guests.

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In 1909, it was converted to the Palace of the Governors History Museum. It now houses exhibits on Spanish, Mexican and American colonization dating back to the late 1500's.

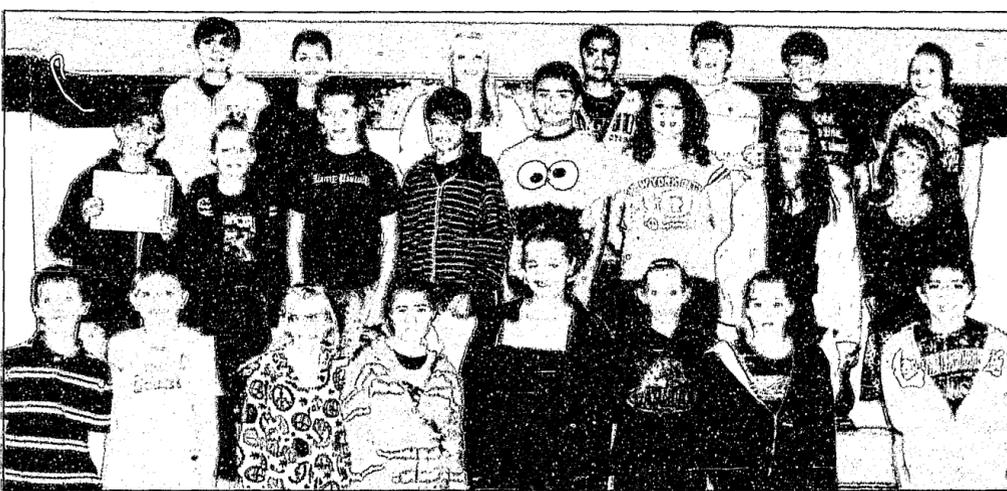
CARRIZOZO FFA PIG SALE



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Saturday's FFA Pig Sale in Carrizozo brought out 60-plus people to watch as buyers bid for young hogs as show prospects for the up coming fair season in Lincoln and surrounding counties. Chance VanWinkle served as auctioneer. It was not uncommon to see grandparents, parents and kids of a family all present for the selection and bidding. The sale was a success and organizers think it could become an annual event. The fundraiser benefits the Carrizozo FFA Chapter and was organized by Gray Gallacher and FFA Advisor Mike Gaines. Gwen Huston and Melody Gaines kept track of the buyers and the paperwork.

CAPITAN MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL



Capitan Middle School Honor Roll recipients. Top photo, "A" honor roll; bottom photo, "A-B" honor roll.

COURTESY

Wade Boyd Brown

Wade Boyd Brown, age 51, passed away April 15, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born August 2, 1958 to Boyd Joseph Brown and Manuela Brown in Salt Lake City. Wade and Becky were married and divorced in Salt Lake City. He was a loving father of Justin and Tiffany Brown. He was a man who truly enjoyed life and the outdoors. He was a great brother and son greatly loved by his family. We will all miss him deeply.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 19, 2010 at 12:00 Noon at Wasatch Lawn Mortuary Chapel, 3401 Highland Drive, SLC, with a viewing one hour prior to the services. Interment: Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park. Condolences may be made at www.wasatchlawn.com

Third quarter

Oliver Schultz, Mary Jane Swanson;

Jobe, Zabrina Jones, Sarah Kist, Kohlby McInnes, Jacob Morrow, Mackey Muller, Bailey Neill, Collin Parks, Cherish Payton, Regan Pruett, Wade Stearns, Abraham Valdez.

"A" Honor Roll

"A-B" Honor Roll

8th Grade: Natalie Barnwell, Madison Buechter, Walker Bymoen, Thomas Fields, Jacob Griego, Tara Herrera, Makala Hopkins, Ruben Mendoza, Tristan Romero, Layne Southard, Alana Willingham;

8th Grade: Nate Berryhill, Kaleb Cleckler, Sam Edington, Kymbra Espinosa, Josh J. Hernandez, Robert "Bobby" Hughes, Jake LaMay, Teyna Montoya;

7th Grade: Olivia Bertrand, Jace Davis, Georgia Lynn Eldridge, Krystal Graves, Kalyn Hazen, Phillip Payan, Bryanna Parker, Robbie Richardson, Dominic Salcido, Maria Villegas;

7th Grade: Shanna Briggs, Abigail Bullock, Raynee Dean, Cheyenne Dowdell, Daniel Hobbs, Robert Miller, Marlee Parks, Sebastian Rueda, Taylor Shaver, Ohlin Skeen, Kaydn Traylor, Angel Whitlock, Brittany Wyche;

6th Grade: Ryan Dement, Emily Dirks, Brayden Hall, Tell Lowrance, Evan Sabo,

6th Grade: Lauren Bason, David Ellison, Ulises Guereca, Brayden Hall, Nicole Hardin, Tyler



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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

April 10

11:52 p.m. — Police were sent to the White Mountain Elementary School, 203 White Mountain Dr., on a report of an activated entry alarm.

An alarm technician that was also dispatched to the school said he had seen several juveniles inside the building.

When officers entered they found broken eggs in some hallways and a few classrooms.

One of the classrooms had a broken mailbox, a teacher's desk had been gone through, and a pornographic screen-saver loaded onto a teacher's computer.

An art room had been damaged with red paint. No one was found.

April 11

8:13 p.m. — A criminal trespass case was filed after a woman was reportedly yelling, screaming and banging on the drive-up window at Mr. Burger, 1023 Mechem Dr.

When police asked Davina Rue, 26, of Ruidoso to leave three times and she refused, stating she

wanted to be taken to jail, the woman was arrested and taken to the police station.

April 12

6:39 a.m. — Officers were dispatched to Rio Street after the fire department responded to a small fire on a wooden walkway at the rear of Books Etcetera, 2340 Sudderth Dr.

A police report stated it appeared someone poured an accelerant on the landing and started the fire. Evidence was collected and photographs taken.

10:17 a.m. — Police responded to a residence in the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road on a report of missing prescription medication.

A hospice patient said 59 tablets of a narcotic pain medication were taken.

April 13

2:52 p.m. — A property owner in the 200 block of Shady Lane said sometime in the previous four weeks someone broke the door and lock to a storage area.

Nothing appeared to be missing. The case was categorized as a breaking and entering and criminal dam-

age to property.

April 14

1:37 p.m. — Officers went to a residence on Glade Dr. on a report of a domestic incident.

An 87-year old man said he had been hit on the head with a pillow. The 83-year old woman at the location said the man was crazy.

The man gathered some belongings and left the residence.

3:59 p.m. — A man went to Ruidoso police to report a larceny. His daughter's i-Pod and a carrying case were taken from the girls' locker room at Ruidoso High School during the PE hour.

The value of the items was put at \$300. The department's resource officer at the school was given the case for follow up.

April 15

4:26 p.m. — Police were dispatched to the Lincoln County Medical Center in reference to a reported battery.

A 14-year old girl said another girl had been harassing her for the past three weeks, and today she choked her and punched

her in the face while at school.

The victim had two black eyes. The school resource officer was to follow up.

April 16

5:11 a.m. — A woman staying at the Motel 6, 412 U.S. Highway 70, reported a case of criminal damage to property.

She discovered the rear glass window on her car had been shattered. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

The approximate value of the window was \$500.

12:43 p.m. — A case of burglary and felony larceny was reported at My Sister's Closet, 616 Sudderth Dr.

An employee said a money bag, that contained \$527.86, was missing.

There were no signs of forced entry.

3:24 p.m. — A man who had borrowed a Snap-on Tools impact gun has promised to make the owner right.

The owner said he found out the tool, valued at \$100, had been pawned.

No charges were filed because the borrower told

police that he would repay A-1 Pawn and return the impact gun to the owner.

April 17

1:05 a.m. — A teen was charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Police responded to the Allsup's Convenience Store, 217 U.S. Highway 70, for a silent panic alarm.

Two juveniles reportedly had been confrontational with a manager.

The teens fled, but police made contact with Thomas Millington, 17, of Ruidoso. He said he had consumed five shots of tequila.

A breathalyzer registered a blood alcohol content of .13. A referral to the juvenile parole and probation office was made.

The boy was turned over to his father.

3:11 a.m. — Officers were sent to a home in the 100 block of Apache Hills Drive for a domestic incident.

When police arrived a man exited the front door and put his hands behind his back stating "just arrest me."

A woman said she had been slapped on the face and had a door slammed on

a hand.

She added that she had initially been attacked in bed. Aaron A. Garcia, 26, of Ruidoso was arrested for battery against a household member.

Failing to post a \$2,000 bond, Garcia was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

April 18

5:01 p.m. — A report of harassment was filed after a woman said her ex-boyfriend had been sending her text messages.

One of the messages stated the ex hoped she died a slow death.

After being contacted by an officer, the former boyfriend said he would not text the woman anymore.

April 19

3:53 p.m. — A larceny was reported at McCracken's Home Gallery, 1218 Mechem Dr.

Police were told a woman came into the store to look at granite slabs. A four-by-three foot slab was loaded into the back of an SUV.

The vehicle, described as a green Toyota 4Runner, then took off.

RUIDOSO DOWNS BRIEFS

March 30

12:29 a.m. — A 9-1-1 call of a fight in progress and shots fired in a residential neighborhood sent officers to the undisclosed location.

There were a number of victims that had been battered, but no suspects.

A victim said that the offenders had run to a neighboring house. Other people at the location refused to cooperate with

the officers.

A case file was issued for an aggravated battery, but without any suspects the charges are pending.

March 31

3:30 p.m. — An officer responded to a unit in the Ladera Apartments in reference to a report of an 11-year old girl being harassed and threatened by another girl at school.

The girl's mother asked

for a police report in an effort to stop the harassment.

April 1

11 a.m. — A man walked into the police station with a warrant and a release order from magistrate court.

An officer booked and released Arturo Carmona, 52.

April 10

5:55 p.m. — An El Paso

woman was arrested during a routine traffic stop after the officer learned she was wanted on a warrant. Candie Franco, 25, was wanted for failure to appear in court in Las Cruces.

Franco posted a \$200 bond and was released.

April 11

4:32 p.m. — A traffic stop determined Dolores Medina, 21, of Ruidoso, was

wanted on a New Mexico State Police warrant. Medina was arrested and transported to the police station where she posted a \$155 bond and was released.

April 13

1:18 p.m. — Javier Flaco, 44, no hometown disclosed, was arrested on U.S. Highway 70 after a warrant check showed he had an outstanding warrant

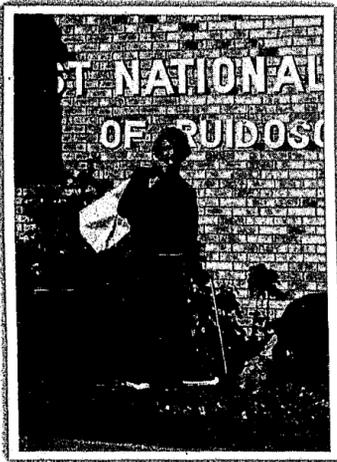
from Ruidoso Downs Municipal Court.

Flaco was held at the police department on a \$426 cash bond.

1:35 p.m. — Police responded to the Silver Leaf RV Park on a 9-1-1 call from a woman who said she and several other people were being attacked by the woman's son.

Officers were unable to locate the son.

Susan Says "Let's Talk Trash!"



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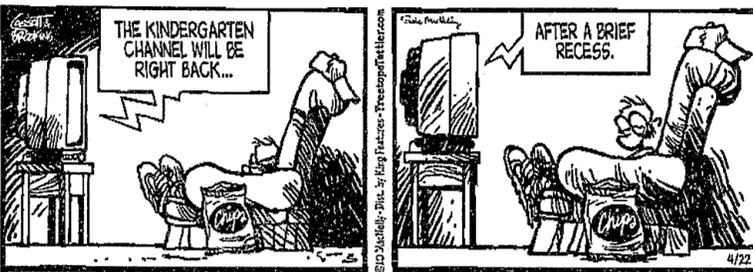


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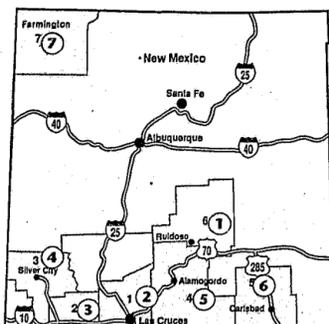
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#9019 JT (4/19/16,21,23)

CAPITAN MUNICI - PAL SCHOOLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of the Capitlan School District #28, County of Lincoln, New Mexico will meet on April 26, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. M.D.T., in the board room of the administrative building, 100 Forest Street, to present and publicly review the budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.

Done at Capitlan, New Mexico, this 5th day of April 2010.

CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Edward L. Vinson Board President

ATTEST: Nore Dunn, Secretary

#9020 2T (4/14,21)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COURT OF APPEALS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ALFALYNN MOORE

For Change of Name of the minor child ALFALYNN MOORE

No. CV-10-132

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner and hereby gives notice to the Petitioner for Change of Name as filed in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 8th day of April 2010 requesting that the Petitioner's minor child's name be changed from Alf Allyn Moore to Alf Allyn Sales.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen Parsons at 8:30 a.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2010 at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

The following conditions apply to prospective bidders:

A. Bidders must possess appropriate contracting license (CA-98 or other satisfactory classification) as regulated by Construction Industries Commission, 2550 Carrizozo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone: (505) 476-4700.

B. Resident bidder's preference shall be considered for details.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting for this project will be held on

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#9026 4T (4/16,21,23)

Region IX Education

Cooperative is requesting

multi-year proposals to provide audit services for the 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 fiscal years in compliance with the Single Audit Act and GASB-34. For complete specifications, contact Joy Chase at (575) 257-2366. For complete specifications, contact Joy Chase at (575) 257-2366. For complete specifications, contact Joy Chase at (575) 257-2366. For complete specifications, contact Joy Chase at (575) 257-2366.

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Legal Notices 152

May 5, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. of the Lincoln County Court House

Central Ave. Carrizozo New Mexico

Attention: Attendees of the Pre-Bid mandatory to qualify to submit a bid for this project. Plans, specifications, and other contract documents may be obtained at the office of Wilson & Company, C., Engineers & Architects, 4900 Long Avenue

New Mexico, beginning Monday, April 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., all rights of the defendant in the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 35, Block 9, HIGH MESA SUBDIVISION Unit 27, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., all rights of the defendant in the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Each proposal shall be submitted in accordance with the information for Bidders and shall be accompanied by an acceptable Proposal Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount, payable to Lincoln County, as a surety for the bidder. If the bidder is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file acceptable Performance and Labor Payment Bonds within seven days of award of the Contract.

Lincoln County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any informality or technicality in any proposal.

Decisions of the State Labor Commissioner setting wage rates shall be a part of the Contract.

Date: Tom Stewart County Manager

#9034 1T (4/21,28)

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

OF LINCOLN COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ALTO LAKES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB INC., a New Mexico corporation

Plaintiff,

vs.

DOROTHY L. GRAY, in her capacity as the Trustee of The Trust of Dorothy L. Gray,

Defendant.

CV 2010-00041 Div. III

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SURE JUDGMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Inc. (ALG&CC) is the holder of a judgment against Dorothy L. Gray, a New Mexico corporation, in the amount of \$5,474.46, plus interest without paying case.

ALG&CC is offering the property located at 135, B4.01, High Mesa common area, known as 103 Caven, of Ct. HM.

Ron Duncan Secretary

#9037 4T (4/21,23)

ALTO LAKES SPECIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Alto Lakes Special District Commission will hold a public hearing on May 4, 2010, during its Regular Meeting which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club clubhouse to hear public testimony and vote on the application of David Giesell for the granting of a Variance (variance) conditional use permit (variance application) applicable to the property located at L35, B4.01, High Mesa common area, known as 103 Caven, of Ct. HM.

Ron Duncan Secretary

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ALTO LAKES SPECIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Alto Lakes Special District Commission will hold a public hearing on May 4, 2010, during its Regular Meeting which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club clubhouse to hear public testimony and vote on the application of David Giesell for the granting of a Variance (variance) conditional use permit (variance application) applicable to the property located at L35, B4.01, High Mesa common area, known as 103 Caven, of Ct. HM.

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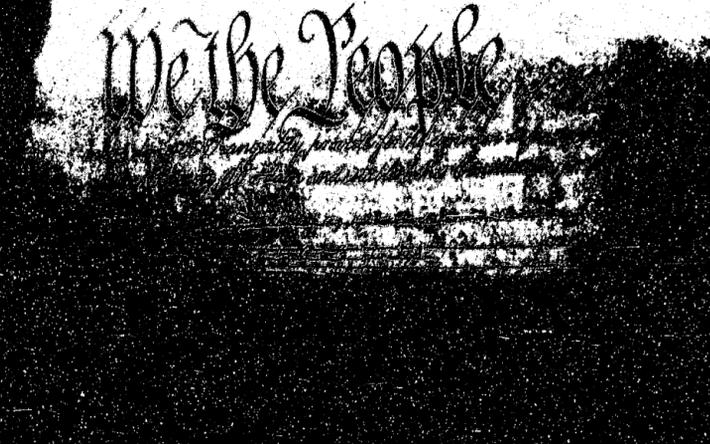
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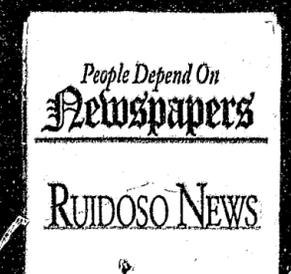
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