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River of fears

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Longtime observer questions channeling of the Rio Ruidoso after 2008 flood

If flooding is occurring on the Rio Ruidoso when it only is flowing at slightly more than 100 cubic feet per second, something has changed drastically on the river that runs through the village.

Frank Potter, a Midtown store owner, former Lincoln County manager and former Ruidoso village manager, offered his opinion on the situation based on his past experience and his constant tracking of the river. Even at 300 cfs, the

Rio Ruidoso should not be coming out of its banks, he said.

He fears that, instead of listening to the forces of nature when the July 2008 flood carved out a new course in some areas of the river, officials with federal agencies and the village decided to force it back where it was and in some cases, with steeper and deeper channels.

"A river flows vertically as well as horizontally," Potter said.

His comments were offered after a trip to Upper Canyon two weeks ago to check on many of the areas he hadn't seen since work began to restore the river after the flood. At that time, a councilor drove him up the canyon, and marveled at the way the river deposited big boulders and distributed the riverbed.

"Mother Nature was trying to tell you this is what she wants," Potter said he told the councilor.

With the installation of decorative riverbank walls, the height of the water was raised, along with increased weight and velocity, he said.

"They're taking a river and making it a flume, speeding it up," Potter said. "It's not what it wants to do. Then once it's turned loose, it wants to spread out. If, at 130 cfs, it's trying to get out of its banks, what will it do at 300 cfs? Honestly, I think we're going to have a problem."

Some of the current channeling

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BLISSFUL AFTERNOON



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Military Appreciation Week (MAW) President and Founder Millie Woods, front left, and Village of Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager meet two Fort Bliss base soldiers Friday during a visit by a Ruidoso contingent to promote MAW this weekend and tout Ruidoso as a recreational destination for the 21,000 soldiers based at the fort in El Paso. See page 7A for the story.

Ruling: Village hiring process legal

Questions have surfaced about the education requirement for village manager

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The attorney for the New Mexico Municipal League said Friday that Ruidoso village councilors and the mayor did not exceed their legal authority when they selected a village manager whose qualifications did not match the published criteria.

Randy Van Vleck said he spoke with Village Attorney Dan Bryant and was aware of questions raised by an apparent visitor to the village about the educational qualifications of Village Manager Debi Lee, who was hired in June 2009. While Lee is one of the few certified city managers in the state, based on her resume, she does not have a bachelor's degree, which was listed as a requirement for candidates for the job.

"Obviously, in the best of all possible worlds, it is cleaner and nicer to follow the criteria established," Van Vleck said. "If you don't, you can be subject to questioning. But I am not aware of anything illegal occurring in this situation."

The selection of a manager remains subject to the discretion of the mayor and council, based on qualifications, interviews and their judgment of the ability of the person to fulfill the job, he said. Lee is well respected in the state for her leadership in municipal man-

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County planners

Members of the Lincoln County Planning Commission will meet today to set dates for workshops on the county's Comprehensive Plan.

The session begins at 1 p.m., the county commission chambers in the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Members also will discuss the new Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Plain map appeal and protests procedure, and the possibility of placing LCPC members on the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, which hears development and subdivision applications in a one-mile zone around the village.

Alto Lakes meets

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will conduct a regular meeting at 9 a.m., May 6, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Dr., Alto.

The final agenda for the meeting will be published at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and will be posted on the bulletin board of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Democrats meet

Officials of The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will host an informal gathering of county candidates at the next regular monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, at K-Bob's Restaurant.

All candidates and the general public are invited to attend. Dinner is available off the menu. Candidates will be given a chance to speak briefly before answering questions from attendees. The regular business meeting will begin after a short break.

Reaching across political party lines, the Republican candidates who indicated they will attend are for the Lincoln County Commission, incumbent Don Williams in District 2; Kathryn Minter and Dave Parks in District 3; and Jackie Powell in District 5.

Rhonda Burrow, a candidate for county clerk plans to be there, as does Glenna Robbins, a candidate for county treasurer.

For information, call Democratic Party County Chair Maria A Quintana at 937-9394 or 653-4102. Rides are available.

Republicans meet

The Republican Party of Lake County will have its monthly meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club Monday May 10, 2010. 6PM for dinner and 6:30PM for the speaker is John Sanchez candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the upcoming Primary Election.

The Magistrate Judges vying for Division 2 and Division 4 will also speak, Lorena LaMay, David Rupp and Bill Brogan

There will be a buffet for \$14, which includes entree, salad, drink, desert, tax



COURTESY TONY DAVIS

State Rep. Joe Campos and Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom meet up on April 29 while Campos was in Ruidoso to give an address at the EMS Conference at the Convention Center. Campos is the former Mayor of Santa Rosa and is running as a Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor in the upcoming primary election.



COURTESY KAREN CLONTZ

Gubernatorial candidate Janice Arnold-Jones and Jamie Estrada, running for NM Public Regulation Commission District 5, were guest speakers at last week's monthly meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County.

and gratuity.

RSVP: Karen Clontz, 575-336-1360; kclontz@mac.com.

Early voting

Lincoln County voter registration books closed at 5 p.m., Tuesday, for the June 1 primary election, although a final total of eligible voters won't be available until after 5 p.m., Friday.

The County Clerk's office will accept registrations postmarked by 5 p.m., Tuesday that arrive by the Friday deadline. Only members of the two major political parties vote in their parties primaries.

Early voting for the primary election begins May 15 and runs through May 29, at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 501 Sudderth Dr. Votes can be cast from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Early voting will begin in the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the county courthouse in Carrizozo on May 17 and run through May 29.

Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 29. The courthouse is located at 300 Central Avenue in Carrizozo.

The county offices up for election are County Commissioners from District 2, District 4 and District 5, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer, and Magistrate Judges from Division 1 and Division 2.

The primaries select the Republican and Democratic nominees for the Nov. 4 general election, however Independent candidates can register June 2, the day after the primary, and members of minor parties can sign up June 22.

This is a major election

year for New Mexico, as voters will decide who fills the seats in Congress for the state, who serves as governor, lieutenant governor and many of the other major state cabinet positions.

Disabled program

The State of New Mexico has a WDI Program available (Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program):

For those with a disability who are considering working and need health insurance, contact your outreach program at 575-622-4169 and ask for Jeanie White

GSWA agenda

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) heard at its April 27th meeting that three more illegal dumping cases from the Cedar Creek area near Ruidoso are under investigation by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Other cases are pending from several Lincoln County locations as evidence is being collected and reviewed by the GSWA Security Coordinator and the Sheriff's office.

Operational Supervisor Debra Ingle also stated in a related report that the NM Department of Transportation had delayed removal of all solid waste dumpsters in the Tinnie and Arabela area for 90 days pending construction of a new GSWA solid waste site at the Espuela arena.

But, almost as the NMDOT delay was issued, GSWA equipment and crew were dispatched to the Arabela area late last week to pick up vast

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Humidity 9%	Humidity 9%	Humidity 19%	Humidity 30%	Humidity 18%	Humidity 14%	Humidity 19%
79° 56° Plenty of sun Wind: WSW 8-16 mph	78° 48° Sunny and windy Wind: WSW 25-35 mph	68° 43° Breezy in the morning; sunny Wind: ESE 10-20 mph	71° 51° Partly sunny and breezy Wind: S 12-25 mph	78° 54° Very windy; plenty of sunshine Wind: WSW 30-40 mph	73° 49° Very windy; mostly sunny Wind: WSW 30-40 mph	71° 46° Mostly sunny and windy Wind: SW 20-30 mph

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National Forecast for May 5, 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°/32°
Normal high 69°
Normal low 33°
Record high 81° (2000)
Record low 16° (1951)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.01"
Month to date 0.03"
Normal month to date 0.06"
Year to date 3.95"
Normal year to date 4.25"

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

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

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 72°/36°
Normal high 80°
Normal low 51°
Record high 93° (2000)
Record low 33° (1953)

Precipitation:
Monday Trace
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.06"
Year to date 2.14"
Normal year to date 2.13"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: 7.8 inches is a world rainfall record for: 1 min., 15 min., or 1 hr?
A: 15 minutes; Plumb Point, Jamaica, May 12, 1915.

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset
6:12 a.m./7:48 p.m.

Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset
1:26 a.m./12:18 p.m.

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low:
(For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 97° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 14° in Sunset Crater, AZ

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 118° in Jacobabad, Pakistan
Low: -5° in Tiksi, Russia

Moon Phases

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May 5 May 13 May 20 May 27



Walkers and runners take part in the annual Blessing Run in April along Fence Canyon Road in Mesalero. JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

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amounts of overnight illegally dumped material. The additional cost of removal is assumed by other GSWA customers.

In other business, the Greentree Board at its April 27 meeting

- Waived Accounts Receivable or late fees on \$529.99 in County residential accounts after review by the County Assessor's office

- Reviewed plans for traffic flow changes into and out of the Alto Water and Sanitation District solid waste collection center

- Heard the results of recent OSHA and Workers Comp inspections at both Transfer Stations. There were several violations regarding safety clothing and subcontractor - electri-

cal equipment noted by inspectors. Violations were corrected the same day.

- Heard a report that the GWSA Security Coordinator is now providing periodic grounds cleanup at major solid waste disposal sites across the County

- Approved a NM Environment Department grant resolution/application for the Town of Carrizozo

- Appointed Roger Allen to the Lincoln County Recycling Committee replacing Brad Treptow who resigned in February.

- Approved a Letter of Agreement with Operational Consultants Inc. in the amount of up to \$2,000 for additional work on the Capitan Landfill Closure Plan

The Operational Supervisor again reminded the Board that the new

Greentree Facility east of Ruidoso Downs is not open for the general public for business. Bill payment, recycling and solid waste material drop offs are still being conducted at the old GSWA location at 222 2nd street until Greentree construction is completed and approved by the State.

The next GSWA Board meeting will be May 25, 2 p.m.

Downs ordinances

All Ruidoso Downs' ordinances are in one place again.

Over the years parts of the code were revised and amended.

"The codification of the City of Ruidoso Downs code of ordinances was a long process," said City Clerk Carol Virden. "We have finally got the completed codified ordinances in a book form and also on a CD. Any ordinances that the city has adopted since the codification of the ordinances will be sent to American Legal for supplement and be entered into the binder itself."

The codification was approved by city councilors

following a public hearing that brought no comments from the audience at last Monday's council meeting.

Virden said that eventually the ordinances will be available online.

Water decision

New Mexico Attorney Gen. Gary King has praised a decision by a federal court to strike a district court decision that would have given the federal government control over water in New Mexico.

"The Tenth Circuit U.S.

Court of Appeals dismissed the legal contention that the federal government and not the state should administer New Mexico's water," King said. "This decision is essentially a victory for states' rights while preserving the habitat for the endangered silvery minnow. The district court and others should also be acknowledged for their efforts to protect the minnow but this case came down a respectful disagreement on the best way to do that while maintaining state control of our water."

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OUR OPINION

Lee's hiring does raise questions

But no proof of wrongdoing by village manager

In the real world, education prepares one for the future, but experience is the best teacher.

The fact that Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee does not have a bachelor's degree is, in and of itself, not a big deal, considering her lengthy career in government.

The village broke no law in scrapping their own degree requirement for Lee's position, but councilors should be prepared for questions as to why: Why did they hire Lee against their own standards? Simply responding that she is competent and qualified only partially explains things.

Mind you, Lee did not lie about this issue on her application; she checked neither the Yes nor No box to the question of degree. Elsewhere, she wrote that she was working toward a Masters.

Lee was hired with great fanfare almost a year ago, approved unanimously by village council. Her challenges were immediate, ranging from prior audits to the airport and wastewater treatment plant. If she's bruised feelings along the way, that's not unusual.

Is Lee legit? Is there a hidden agenda? Until someone produces a smoking gun, she gets the benefit of the doubt.

Healthcare reform trickles down to New Mexico

Meeting organizers explained that they didn't intend to debate health care reform.

"We're here to discover how New Mexico can get the maximum benefit," said Dick Mason, of Health Action New Mexico, a nonprofit, consumer advocacy group.

Amen to that, I thought. That declaration and the meeting venue - a church sanctuary - were effective. No shouting, no posturing. A large, diverse, polite crowd really did want to learn how the new law was going to work. I wanted to know how it would affect New Mexico.

According to a recent poll, only 28 percent of Americans understand the reform law, which means expectations may be unrealistically high or low. "We believe the more people understand, the better able they will be to take advantage of its benefits," Mason said.

New Mexico has a larger stake than most states, with a far greater percentage of uninsured people and higher premiums because the insured ultimately pay for the uninsured. The reform will insure 32 million of the nation's 47 million uninsured; in New Mexico, that's 315,000 of 434,000 uninsured. Illegal aliens will not be covered.

Reform will limit out-of-pocket costs for health care, prevent insurance companies from capping coverage, and close the Medicare drug benefit donut hole. The state's 22,700 small businesses aren't required to provide health insurance, but if they do they can expect tax credits and lower premiums through an insurance exchange. Rural areas will benefit by increased funding to the state's 133 community health centers and school-based health centers.

Surprisingly, New Mexico is already farther down the road than other states. We have a Health Insurance Alliance. Our high-risk pool for people with pre-existing conditions is one of the nation's best, said Mo Chavez, state Superintendent of Insurance. We have a law pro-

hibiting insurance companies from cancelling your insurance if you get sick - and it became the model for the national legislation. The federal law requires insurance companies to spend 80 cents of every premium dollar on health care; New Mexico already requires them to spend 85 cents. New Mexico

allows parents to add young adult children to their policies. And we've had a grievance process for 10 years.

Chavez has some concerns, however. For one thing the federal reform's rate guidelines "don't mean much," he said.

"There will be nothing the federal government can do about unreasonable rates. We'll have to deal with it on a state level."

He's more worried about young people. By 2014 they will have to buy insurance or pay a fee of \$95, or 1.5 percent of their adjusted gross income. "One of my concerns is that, potentially, a lot of healthy young people will pay the penalty and not participate," he said. "We need them in the pool."

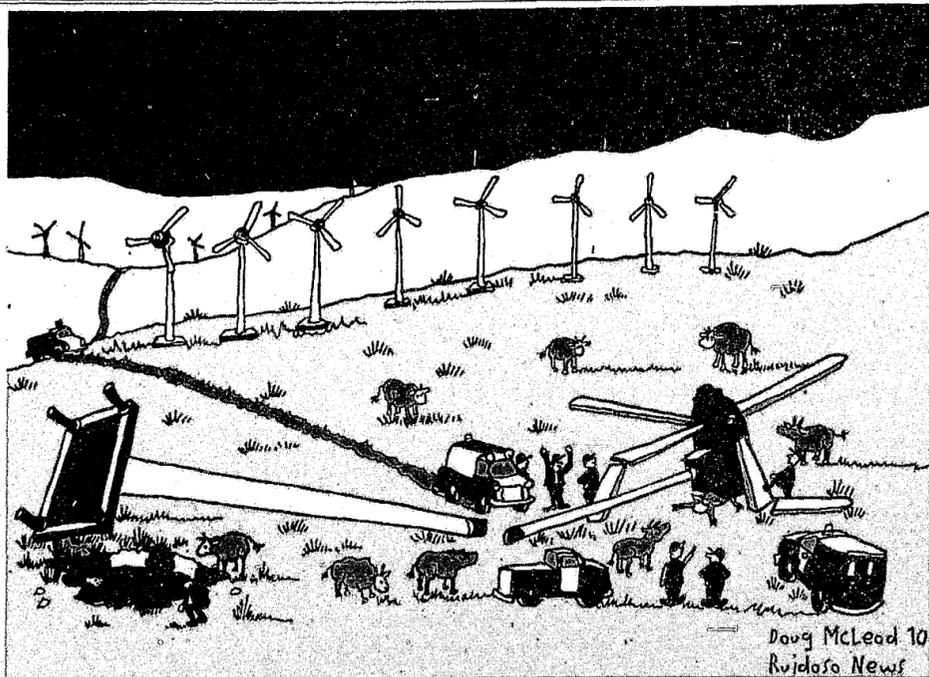
Much is still unknown. As the federal reform takes effect, the state will need to adjust existing programs and processes to fit. Medicaid is a moving target. More people will be eligible, but a tight state budget will force cuts; by 2014 the federal government will pay 100 percent. Similarly, the Indian Health Service will benefit, but details aren't yet clear.

In the last session, the Legislature created the Federal Health Care Reform Working Group of key members of the Public Regulation Commission and the executive and legislative branches. It meets for the second time on May 5, and Sen. Dede Feldman, an Albuquerque Democrat and working group member, encourages citizens to sit in.

"The heavy lifting is just beginning," she said.

For more information, see www.healthactionnm.org, www.randcompare.org, www.Familiesusa.org, or www.Consumerreports.org/health.

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Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Museum will move forward after I leave

To the editor:

FIRST OF ALL, I want to thank the citizens of Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso, and all of Lincoln County for their support, friendship and partnership over the last nearly five years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West. My love of the West and commitment to tourism in Lincoln County made the submission of my resignation a very difficult decision.

That being said, I think it is important to look forward because the departure of single person from an entity like the Hubbard Museum - a Smithsonian Affiliate - does not signify doom for any important community institution and regional attraction.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is no different from most institutions around the nation who have seen downturns in visitation, giving, or annual fundraising. That is only natural as everyone from private citizens to major corporations make choices about where their discretionary income - if they have discretionary income - is used. Like every other venue, we have curtailed spending where we had to, set aside projects as the economy required, and made hard choices when needed.

We will enter Fiscal 2011 with a budget surplus over the last five years of municipal operations. Part of that surplus can be attributed to fundraising by staff, and much credit for that needs to go to R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard who have stood by us for the past five years and assisted the museum through the CARD Golf Tournament, Annual Fundraiser, and grants from their foundation.

We have weathered budget cuts from the City of Ruidoso Downs, and while those cuts have hurt, the staff has been dogged in their determination to find ways to develop quality exhibits and programs even though we did not have the funding we would have liked to have. When I first arrived, I did not score points with very many people by announcing that our strategy would be to find ways to fend for ourselves, and to this day, we have never asked the City of Ruidoso Downs for one dime in additional tax dollars for any project, event, or repair. We do get some help from the Public Works Department on occasion for electrical issues or heavy maintenance, but we also provide the city with a staff member on the museum payroll to clean City Hall each day.

There can be no doubt, however, that we are "leaner and meaner," and, unlike many other

museums around the nation, we have been making progress towards that elusive goal of self-sufficiency. We are not there yet - but our numbers compare favorably to other museums in much higher populated areas. In a community of 2,800 people, in valley with 12,000 people and a county with a population of around 20,000, only 8 percent of our funding comes from local taxpayers through the NM Gross Receipts Tax (GRT).

We do receive 9 percent of our funding from the Lodgers Tax which is collected from patrons staying in local hotels (not residents) - funds that are by law required to be invested in tourism generating activities and entities such as the Hubbard Museum.

I cannot speak for everyone, but I think that is pretty good as I look around the nation and see greater dependence on government sources across the board.

Critics of the museum have howled about the fact that we have been spending funds from the \$1.5 million donation for museum operations that the museum received from the Hubbard family in 2005 when it was transferred to the city. Indeed we have, at a rate of \$150,000 a year - as was the plan laid out by city officials when I arrived as director. City officials also informed us that they would commit to ten years of funding at \$150,000 per year to help make the Museum self-sufficient by 2016.

Cuts from the city's general fund distribution over the last four years now amount to just over \$216,000 - and that amount can be projected to grow to nearly \$300,000 if the next fiscal year cut comes to fruition. That \$300,000 could have been used to set up an endowment, or to offset transfers from the Hubbard donation, or for other special projects that promote greater visitation.

So where are we going to find \$150,000 per year when the Hubbard donation runs out?

This is what museum staff has been working on - and making progress towards - especially in the last two years.

Three things need to happen to ensure a bright future for the Hubbard Museum of the American West:

1. We need to grow our visitation to 40,000-plus per year (we had 40,000-plus visitors back in 1998 - and 31,000 in 2007 - so this is not an unreasonable number). We already halted and turned around an annual decline in attendance from 1999 - 2005, and we have held steady at nearly 27,000 for the past two years amidst the worst national economy since the Great Depression.

2. We need to grow our present membership of approximately 275 to a steady 400-500 members and diversify our fundraising efforts - and those discussions have already begun with key donors.

3. We need the City of Ruidoso Downs to hold the line on budget cuts for five more years while the staff carries out items Nos. 1 and 2. Since we have already received 47 percent in cuts from the general fund, it is not as though we have not done our part to help trim expenses in the City of Ruidoso Downs.

That is where the museum will more than make-up for the \$150,000, and none of these goals are "pie-in-the-sky" unrealistic over the next five years.

If those three things happen, the Hubbard Museum of the American West will remain one of the best museums in New Mexico, and it will continue to fulfill its mission for generations to come. If you take the city's budget cuts out of the equation, we would be that much closer to self-sufficiency and sustainability already today.

Reducing the museum to four days of operation per week will not "save" the institution, as some have suggested - that move would harm the institution in profoundly disturbing ways that make no business sense. A few adjustments to the winter operational schedule may be warranted, but museum staff members are already working on such a proposal.

I have every confidence that the talented and determined staff that remains at the Hubbard Museum can, and will, get the job done - especially with the continued support of the residents of Lincoln County. Since April 5, when we launched a new membership drive, 21 new businesses have joined along with many individuals, and we expect quite a few more based on the calls we have received.

For my part, I will be focusing my final three months as director on developing grant applications and templates for future grant requests to help keep the ball rolling after my departure.

I want to thank again the residents of Lincoln County for their support over the past several years and especially our many members, donors and fans. I will miss my co-workers and volunteers at the Hubbard Museum a great deal as they are undoubtedly among the most talented, professional and capable museum staffs in the State of New Mexico - and they are certainly worthy of your continued support and investment.

Jay Smith
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Ruidoso Downs

Village Council advocates reform of 138-year-old federal mining law

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Following the example of the Lincoln County Commission, Ruidoso village councilors approved a resolution advocating "sensible reform" of the nation's 1872 Mining Law.

John Cornell, campaign coordinator with the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, said Tuesday that proposed revisions would hold mining companies responsible for reclamation. The county commission adopted a county mining ordinance and a resolution in 2008 in response to a threat of large-scale mining in the Capitan Mountains of the Lincoln National Forest.

The threat still exists until the national law is changed, Cornell warned.

"The law was signed in 1872 to encourage migration from the populated East to the unpopulated West," he said. "People were allowed to mine and keep what they found for free and it didn't matter if they gave away public land."

However, as mining technology advanced, the typical man with a mule gave away to massive machines moving whole mountains, creating mammoth pits and deep tunnels, Cornell said.

"Mining has leeway to do and go wherever it wants," he said. The price per acre for public land still is in the law for \$2.50, although Congress established a moratorium on sales, he said.

His organization advocates reform and supports Senate legislation offered by U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, a Democrat from New Mexico. U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, also a Democrat from New Mexico, signed on as a co-sponsor, he said. The new law would eliminate the mining claim patent process, which has

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allowed foreign companies to buy public lands of the United States, he said.

A royalty would be charged to go into a clean-up fund and relieve the taxpayer of carrying that expense, he said.

The resolution states that in New Mexico, an estimated 800 abandoned mines exist encompassing more than 30,000 acres. Cornell said the figure really is much higher in New Mexico and California has 47,000 abandoned or orphaned mines. New jobs would be created to close mines and render them safe.

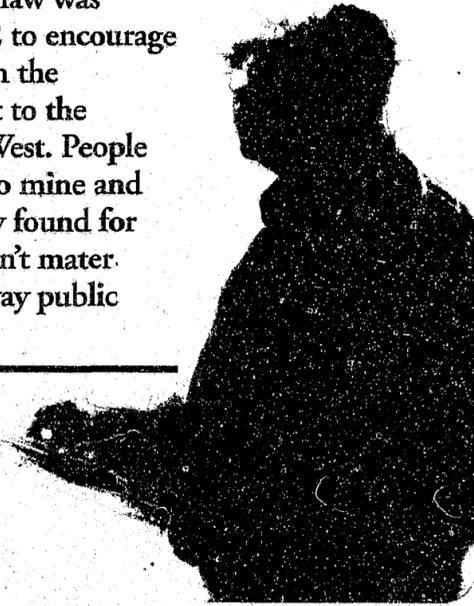
The new law also would allow a mining site to be removed by petition, Cornell said. "Right now, you have no say and mining companies can come in," he said. "Harry Reid (Senate Majority Leader and a Democrat from Nevada) is our biggest opponent. We need to send a message to Reid and Congress as a

whole." The motion to adopt the resolution was approved unanimously.

The resolution points out that under existing law, mining has priority over all other multiple uses on government lands, including grazing, timber harvest and outdoor recreation. The hard rock on public land is mined without any direct return to the federal taxpayer and no royalty is paid on the minerals removed, while coal, oil and gas industries pay up to 12.5 percent.

The 1872 law is out of date and a new law would work in conjunction with state and federal laws to reinforce and support protection of the environment and the local custom and culture, and restore the balance of common sense to land management decisions involving mining, the resolution states.

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Indigent fund OK

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Although claims filed against Lincoln County's indigent health care fund dipped this month, leaving the fund balance in good shape, the county manager warned the future of the program remains uncertain.

"I'm glad to see it was down from last month and we continue to be in good shape," he told county commissioners at their meeting Tuesday.

"Can we carry over what's budgeted (if a balance is left)?" asked Commissioner Eileen Sedillo.

"Absolutely," Stewart said. "That money only can be spent on indigent health care and is carried over to keep the indigent health care fund on track."

The fund is fed by a designated gross receipts tax on goods and services levied by the county.

"What happens when the balance accumulates over years?" asked Commissioner Don Williams.

"The state starts to look at us," Stewart replied. New Mexico statutes allow the state to "reach down and grab some, but so far we're in good shape. The only other thing the money can be used for, as I did in the past, is for the Medicaid and Sole Community Provider program payments. (Paying those) relieves the hospital (special property tax levy), so that's our valve to ensure we do not build (a balance) too high."

Because of the uncertain future of New Mexico's subsidized state insurance program for small employers

and individuals, especially with the passage of the federal health care program, the county may see interference with the current system, which is working well for residents and healthcare providers, he said.

"Maybe down the road in a couple of years the state Legislature may have to look at the state statute regarding indigent health care funds," Stewart said.

Under the monthly report to commissioners, the manager said the county indigent health care coordinator processed 53 claims.

Forty-two were recommended for approval for a total of \$21,755.72.

During the current period, an adjustment of \$71.74 was refunded to the county on one claim.

The year-to-date reimbursement is \$244,806.75.

"Last year, the average Indigent Health Care monthly payment was \$35,136.44," Stewart said. "Last year we spent a total of \$421,637.22 of the budget for claims."

"The average month out of 10 so far this (fiscal) year is \$24,480.68. At this rate, the current project budget requirement is \$293,768.10 of the \$472,069 budgeted. We continue to be in good shape."

Under the Sole Community Provider payment program, which reimburses the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso for indigent care as the only hospital in the area, 97 claims were processed and 90 recommended for payment for a total of \$83,536.13.

State: Lincoln County can take lead in green energy

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New Mexico energy conservation officials want to see Lincoln County leading the southeast quadrant of the state in developing renewable energy sources, they said at the April county commission meeting.

John Goldstein, Secretary of Energy and Minerals and Natural Resources, and Ryan Helton with the department's energy conservation division and program manager for Property Assessment Clean Energy, came to the meeting to brief commissioners on an approach to help property owners finance the upfront costs of installing renewable energy systems.

"I'm thrilled that the commission asked us to be here today," Goldstein said. While interest in renewable energy initiatives are plentiful, they seem to be clustered in the Rio Grande corridor, he said, adding, "But we are very interested in getting in this part of the state where real New Mexicans live."

Spending seven years with the state Environment Department, he became familiar with the area and the problems encountered with an aging wastewater treatment plant by the towns of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. "I was pretty intimately involved with the issues at the plant, from the problem to the solution side, now with funding in place," he said.

"Your county can be the first outside of the corridor, who could take hold and run with this," Goldstein

said. "It creates an exciting opportunity for folks who want to put solar panels on their homes."

The initiating legislation was approved two sessions ago, he said.

Helton said the PACE financing program is moving forward in several New Mexico counties, the first being Santa Fe County, which will kick off the program in June, after a month of training to ensure qualified installers are available.

PACE financing through property assessments would cover renewable energy such as solar, wind, geothermal and energy efficiency improvements to buildings. The installation cost would be spread out for a maximum of 20 years, although the life span of most of the systems would exceed that time frame, he said. The on-going assessment would be levied through a person's property tax bill.

The approach eliminates the upfront cost impact, one of the major hurdles when considering renewable energy systems, Helton said. A photo voltaic electric system can run \$20,000 to \$30,000 and a solar thermal domestic from \$5,000 to \$8,000. Home owners also must consider the cost of retrofitting a home, if the construction is not new, Helton said.

"Most of the systems will be going in on individual homes or commercial buildings and there would be large upfront retrofit costs," he said. "We thought it is an excellent opportunity through PACE to gain the benefit of doing away with

the upfront and putting it through a financing mechanism that then would go through an individual's property taxes."

A homeowner usually sells a house within eight to 10 years, and the PACE creates a chance for solar improvements to stay at the location.

In 2009, state Legislature passed two pieces of legislation that allowed the state to jump the hurdles plaguing renewable energy for individual homes and buildings in the state. They were Senate Bill 647, the Renewable Energy Financing District Act and House Bill 572, Solar Energy Improvement Special Assessments. The purpose of the legislation was to mitigate upfront costs and promote renewable energy installation on buildings.

"PACE has been (used) throughout the nation quite a few years, but more recently, started to explode," Helton said. "Eighteen states authorized PACE and we're one and I hope (the state will) be a leader in these programs."

He reviewed some of the steps to implement PACE, but said in middle to late May, an executive summary and a more detailed manual will be available for interested county commissions or municipal councils.

Under steps to implement a PACE plan, Helton said a geographical district must be defined, which may or may not include or follow incorporated boundaries. Property owners may volunteer to have their property included. Individuals may choose not to par-

ticipate, he said.

"There is no rule that individuals within the county will have to participate in this financing option," he said.

The next move is to file an intent to form an energy financing district, detail the included property and the eligible improvements, which could be all types of systems or limited to a particular system such as wind power, Helton said. Although an ordinance must be passed, inclusion of the property would be by resolution, he said.

A district may issue one or more special assessment bonds to pay for improvements. The bonds are repaid by assessments levied against the participating properties. The assessment also is imposed through resolution based on project costs and financing administration fees.

Then the property owners are provided the capital to pay for the improvement, and a special assessment is imposed to repay the debt service.

Helton listed the prime reasons to consider PACE as:

- job creation and economic development
- reducing the county's overall footprint
- no obligation or risk to the county, and property tax liens are senior to mortgages
- a property owner can opt in or decline.

In other areas, PACE has been very successful with an 98 percent payback," Helton said.

The benefits to the property owner are that the improvements will add to the value of the building,

monthly energy bills should be lower and the cost of retrofitting is reduced or covered.

Helton encouraged the commission to participate. He said he is working with the New Mexico Association of Counties to develop the manual to be used by county managers on how to produce an assessment program.

It will go into much greater detail," he said. "We also have at least two workshops by June 1. One will be in Las Cruces by the end of May and the other sometime in Albuquerque. I also will attend the NMAC annual meeting in Farmington this year with presentations on financing and purchasing."

Helton said he plans to set up a booth for the Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference May 25.

Counties other than Santa Fe County that have expressed an interest are Taos, Doña Ana and Bernalillo. "But I want Lincoln County to be the lead county in the southeast to participate in this unique opportunity," he added.

When the manual is ready, it will be posted on the department's website and the NMAC website.

Commissioner Don Williams, who also serves on the Ruidoso Village Council, asked if towns could be a district, or if the opportunity is limited to counties. Helton said Santa Fe County is including all small incorporated municipalities, but it is up to the towns to decide if they want to participate with a county. A municipality could form a district on its own, he said.

"What about a block of homes where two want to participate and the rest don't?" Williams asked. Helton said that could be a district as long as it was approved by a district board. "It's up to how you choose to implement the program as most beneficial to the citizens of Lincoln County," he said. However, Goldstein interjected that, "Technically, it would be hard to float bonds for two houses, so the more houses you can bring in, the better."

Helton said it took Santa Fe County about three months to prepare. He and other department staff would come down and help Lincoln County step by step, he said.

"It sounds like the Deer Park Special Assessment, which had a series of ordinances to adopt," said County Manager Tom Stewart.

"But nobody in Deer Park had the option of being in or out, so it's different," Commissioner Dave Parks said. "I don't want to pay interest on money not being used. We can sit and talk about this all day. Let's wait for the manual. If it works and benefits the citizens, my first thought is to make the whole county a district and fund as we go along, or do you have to have everybody upfront in a pot?" His answer was lost in other questions.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin told Goldstein and Helton the presentation was timely. "You're giving us a track to run on," he said.

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EDUCATION

Who will lead Ruidoso Schools 'back' to excellence?

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A long-time volunteer in Ruidoso schools tells the school board and top administrators it is time for change.

Speaking before the elected education board, Dana Lenzo called for openness and access to the board.

"When I was attending Ruidoso High School, this was one of the highest performing districts in the State of New Mexico. There was a waiting list to get a job here because we had a reputation of excellence," said Lenzo. "I've become a very active volunteer. I appreciate the children. I'm excited to see them grow and change."

But Lenzo said decisions that have been made in recent months make her wonder.

"My main purpose at this meeting is to try and find answers to questions that have come up in light of the recent non-renewal of contracts that directly

apply to the leadership of our schools."

A principal at Sierra Vista Primary School left last month after he was told he would not be renewed for the next school year. And the high school principal and assistant principal offered their resignations last month, according to a district official.

Lenzo said there have been six superintendent changes since the retirement of Mike Gladden.

"It makes people question how's the staff and the administrators held accountable? My intent is not to single out anyone, nor is it directed as myself being a troublemaker. But it's to ensure my children and all the other children attending school here in Ruidoso get the best possible education. And I just don't feel this is 'happening right now.'"

Lenzo asked if it was the realignment of some school campuses, job performances, or "major philosophical differences" contributing to administrative

changes.

"So I ask, who is responsible for getting us in this situation? And more importantly, who is responsible for leading this district out of it?"

School Board Vice-President Frank Sayner said the hiring and firing of staff starts at each school with the principal's recommendations.

"We have nothing to do with that," Sayner said of the board's duties.

"Our job is to hire a superintendent and to see that we have a balanced budget."

Lenzo said parents she has talked to feel district administrators and the school board are uninterested in outside suggestions to address issues.

"By extending an open hand directly to a parent we may be so surprised," said an impassioned Lenzo.

"Will we see positive changes, ones that will result in better education for our children? Or will we continue to see the same responses? Or is it serious-



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Parent and Ruidoso schools volunteer Dana Lenzo presses the education board for accessibility and change.

ly time for this community to look at considering charter schools?"

School board president Susan Lutterman said there are different sides to the story. She commended Lenzo for her volunteer

work in the school.

"But you know, you never come to a board meeting," Lutterman told Lenzo.

"You never talk to us about any of the things that you have said."

Lenzo replied that the board must make themselves available.

Board member Rafael "Rifle" Salas said he took offense with the reply and requested to continue with the meeting.

TEEN SPOTLITE

May is here, and soon, area schools will be holding graduation ceremonies.

Teen Spotlight would like to feature a local senior that has made a difference in his community.

Jacob Rigsby is the next teen in the Spotlight. Jacob is currently a senior at Ruidoso High School and will graduate this month. He is the son of Tom and Julie Rigsby.

Rigsby has been involved in school activities and organizations throughout his four years in high school.

He has served as president, secretary, and treasurer in Student Council and vice-president of the RHS National Honor Society. He has also been an active member of the Knowledge Bowl team, Science Olympiad, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), and Drama Club. Additionally, sports were a part of his high school experience as he played varsity soccer, varsity basketball, and varsity tennis.

Dedication often brings rewards. Rigsby has been



JACOB RIGSBY

named to the Principal's List and High Honor Roll, was the 2009 Homecoming King, and received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award in 2009.

National awards that he has received are being listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and being named

a nominee to United States Achievement Academy, People to People Ambassador, and National Young Leaders Conference.

He was a part of the United States Senate Youth Program and the 2010 Student Council State Convention. Amazingly, Rigsby found time to be an active member in the community.

He attended Teen Leadership Lincoln in 2009, is a Little League Basketball coach, and volunteers at the Rotary Enchilada Dinners. He is a member of his church youth group, a church nursery worker, and a vacation Bible school helper.

Other community volunteer activities include 9/11 Remembrance volunteer, Ruidoso River Clean-up, Bank Challenge Clean-up, Angel Tree Gift Drive, Food Bank Drive, Oktoberfest volunteer, and Cemetery Clean-up.

Rigsby has definite plans for his future. He would like to attend Colorado State University and pursue a degree in history.

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MAW essay winner selected

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Students in the Ruidoso Municipal School District will be honored for their patriotic stands.

A Military Appreciation Weekend (MAW) essay contest and a poster contest in the Ruidoso schools, kicked off earlier this year, when a New Mexico Army and National Guard helicopter arrived at the schools on Feb. 12.

Now the posters have been drawn and the essays completed.

The judging was done by a panel of anonymous people in Ruidoso who are not part of the day-to-day effort to organize this coming weekend's MAW events.

The judging was broken down into four categories, kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth, sixth through eighth, and high school.

The poster winner was second grader Alycia Almaguer.

For the essay contests in the intermediate grades, first place went to fourth grade student Aaron Forester, second place to fourth grader Brennam Stewart, and third place went to fifth grade pupil Sydney Annala.

In the middle grades, Morgan Lynskey, a sixth grader, took first place. Eighth grade student Zena Yankee won second, and sixth grader Brittany Kelly was third.

In the high school, sophomore Megan Meyer was the winner.

The winners will be presented with a certificate at the MAW 2010 opening ceremony at 9 a.m., Saturday.

Brigadier General Doug Murray, the dean of the New Mexico Military Institute, will distribute the certificates.

The winner of the poster contest won a pizza party for their class. The first, second and third place winners in each of the older categories will receive a savings bond.

During the Feb. 12 military event at the schools, educator Alicia Annala was honored as the VFW Teacher of the Year.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Capitan STARS

Capitan Elementary School is one of five rural schools in New Mexico that captured a 2010 STARS grant. The New Mexico Museum of Space History's educational division provides \$500 grants through the STARS (Students and Teachers Achieving Real Science) program.

"It is incredibly rewarding to be able to contact these schools and tell them that they've won," said Amy Younger, the museum's Space Academy program coordinator.

Criteria for the grant included descriptions of why the program would be beneficial to the schools, classes and teachers, and how the community, students and teachers would be involved in follow up activities. The traveling science program includes several space science activities for schools to choose from and a dedicated teacher workshop.

"In these difficult economic times our school has been forced to dramatically cut budgets," said Capitan third grade teacher Betsy Peralta. "Our elementary

students are especially affected by this because visiting zoos, museums, or attending special programs, require travel that is not available within our budget."

Funding for the grants was provided by proceeds from the annual White Sands Star Party, an event held in conjunction with the White Sands National Monument.

Local ENMU grads

Eight students from Ruidoso are candidates for spring graduation at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

They are: Daniel Dean Draughon, bachelor in special education in elementary education (Cum Laude); Jason E. Edmister, masters in education; Anna Marie Friberg, bachelor of special education in elementary education; Jennifer Elizabeth Hart Miranda, bachelor in special education; Amanda Marquez, bachelor of applied arts and sciences; Edwina Long Swearingin, bachelor of university studies; Mickie L. Vega, bachelor of university studies; and

Rhonda Kay Vincent, bachelor of special education in elementary education.

Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 will graduate Summa Cum Laude, while 3.7 to 3.79 will graduate Magna Cum Laude. Cum Laude, graduates must have a 3.6 to 3.69 GPA. Students with a 3.5 to 3.59 GPA graduate with distinction.

Entrepreneurship

Richard Aguilar, in conjunction with ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education and the Lincoln County Work Center, will teach a class on entrepreneurship on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m., starting May 11. This 12-session class is aimed at individuals interested in starting their own business.

The fee of the class is \$300. Financial aid is available through the state WIA program. Carrol Price, Career Development Specialist, may be reached by calling 630-8181. To register, call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

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Appreciating the military

MAW observes its third annual event beginning Thursday

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Be on high alert. A large combat force is headed this way replete with weapons, armored vehicles, technology, and an airborne assault helicopter.

Be not afraid, the contingent of service personnel who arrive in Ruidoso Friday at noon are reportedly ours – all members of the U.S. Armed Forces – and they will be on hand to help celebrate Ruidoso's annual Military Appreciation Weekend (MAW). MAW is the only military appreciation organization in the state of New Mexico and the 2010 Ruidoso MAW event will be highlighted nationally.

Troop elements, along with necessary mechanized support and materiel will roll out of Fort Bliss at 6 a.m., Friday, while units of the New Mexico National Guard will egress Albuquerque and Las Cruces. All will simultaneously rendezvous at Ruidoso Downs Race Track at the appointed time and the weekend's revelry will commence.

"This will be our third year celebrating our armed forces in Ruidoso," president and founder of MAW Millie Woods said. "In 2008 and '09 Holloman Air Force Base was the lead support and this year it will be Fort Bliss. We hope all patriotic spirited citizens in Lincoln County will be on hand to show these fine soldiers how much we care about them and to thank them for what they do for us. It will be three days of thanksgiving and entertainment."

The 2008 MAW event was honored to hold the last public flight of the F-117 Nighthawk stealth ground attack aircraft. Shortly after, on April 22, the planes were retired to Tonopah, Nev.

At the 2009 MAW occurrence, the F-22 Raptor was introduced to Ruidoso.

Among commissioned rank and non-commissioned officers coming with their 300 troops will be the Fort Bliss Base Commander, Maj. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg (who has 21,000 troops under his command) and his subordinates, the 3rd Brigade combat team headed by Col. Christopher Covoli (who has 4,000 troops under his command), Lt. Col. Elmer Speights (who will be bivouacked in an RV at the



Twenty of the 23-member Ruidoso contingent to Fort Bliss pause on the steps of Hinman Hall upon arrival Friday.

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Mountain View Christian Camp with 130 of his soldiers), Command Sgt. Maj. Russell Reimers with the 2nd Brigade combat group, Director Scott Marquardt; Deputy Director Jimmy Edinger and Sgt. Maj. Kevin Gerken of Mission Support; Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport and representing the German Air Force at Fort Bliss will be Col. Michael Goldstein.

Among the New Mexico National Guard commissioned and non-commissioned officers will be Maj. Gen. George Montoya and Brig. Gen. Jack R. Fox (both of whom greatly assisted, along with their troops, in the 2008 Ruidoso flood), Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Doug Piltz, Brigade Commander Col. Joseph DeAtona (who has 5,000 troops under his command) of the 11th Air Defense Artillery, Lt. Col. Gregory Brady of the 52nd Air Defense Artillery of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and the Mobilization and Deployment Brigade Commander Col. James Green and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Considine.

Brig. Gen. Douglas Murray, Academic Dean of NMMI will also be in attendance as well as a contin-

gent of troops from Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

When the troops and their equipment arrive they will converge at Ruidoso Downs Race Track to set up operations on the infield of the track. As they come through the horsemen's tunnel from the backside there will be a welcome sight in store for all – selected third- and fourth-grade Ruidoso students (supervised by Dana Lenzo and volunteers) will have already assembled at the chosen track site, lined up, six feet apart, to form a welcoming committee for the incoming troopers (everyone connected with the MAW event at the track should be on the infield by 11 a.m.).

Afterwards, the school children, along with their sack lunches will accompany the soldiers to the nearby "Feed the Troops" shelter where 100 tables will await the group. When lunch has concluded the troopers and the school children will engage in ball games and Frisbee tosses for about 30 minutes. Lenzo and the chaperones will then escort the students from the area and the soldiers will then set up "Military City" on the in-

field. All military personnel will break at 5 p.m. and meet at the Mountain View Christian Camp where they will board buses and be shuttled to the Flying J Ranch for a gunfight and dinner show.

The troops can relax for the night and not worry about their equipment back at the track and parking lots – some of Lincoln County's finest will have that responsibility well in hand. Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso police departments, as well as the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department will be at all sites, in three-hour shifts, to protect U.S. assets all night. Off-duty and retired police will also be included.

Saturday morning, the soldiers will be back on station on the demonstration field (track infield) at 8 a.m. and ready to attend to the public-at-large. Between 8 and 9 a.m., attendees may practice their shooting skills inside darkened surroundings, with lasers.

At 9 a.m., the official ceremony begins when an airplane will fly over and two skydivers will jump and land in the center of the infield. When they have made it to the ground former Golden Knight para-

chutist Dana Bowman will emerge from the plane, deploy his chute and unfurl the American flag as he descends. At this point, the 44th Army Band (who has played for three sitting presidents) will strike up the National Anthem. As Bowman touches Earth his two grounded mates will grasp the flag before it hits the landscape.

Bowman will then unzip his flight suit and step out on his two titanium legs. The former Golden Knight lost both of his legs in a 1985 mid-air collision with another parachutist who was killed. Bowman will then deliver his "It's Ability and Not Disability" speech.

Also at the 9 a.m. ceremonies, Brig. Gen. Murray will present awards to the winners of the essay contest, "How Can I STAND UP For America." The first-place recipient will receive a \$100 Treasury bond. A \$50 bond will be given for second place and a \$25 bond will be awarded for third. There will be a drawing for students, kindergarten through second-grade. The winner receives a pizza party at Pizza Hut.

The Sierra Blanca Steppers dance troop will perform at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m.

The 2 p.m. reception in the Turf Club has to be one of the more solemn, touching moments of the day. Former Marine Staff Sgt. Mark Graunke will be honored. In 2003 this Marine lost an eye, a leg and two fingers from each of his hands while defusing a bomb. An oil portrait of the wounded warrior (see Friday's Ruidoso News) will be presented to Graunke at the reception.

Maj. Gen. Montoya will be the keynote speaker at the reception and will honor Graunke, as well as POW Maggie Trujillo, who spent 37 months in a Korean prison camp and the oldest veteran who is reportedly 91 years old. The veterans name will be revealed at the reception.

During this gathering the "Youngest Military Service Personnel" will also be feted. A lone, unoccupied POW/MIA table will be set up and five airmen will carry the five caps, representing all five branches of the U.S. Military, and place them on an equal number of plates on the table. The accompanying water glasses will be turned upside down and each chair will be tipped forward against the table.

The Ruidoso High School advanced choir will sing the National Anthem at the reception. Tickets are \$10 and there are only 50 available. Call MAW President Millie Woods at 336-2828 for tickets.

The 44th Army Band will be in concert on the infield from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

During the day, visitors will be encouraged to don the equipment soldiers are required to wear, crawl on an M2 Bradley fighting vehicle and view the UH-58 Blackhawk helicopter.

Sunday morning, soldiers will break camp between 10:30 to noon. Some will head toward Roswell and Artesia on U.S. Highway 70 while others will split off at the "Y" for either Las Cruces or Albuquerque.

"It would be wonderful if as many citizens from Lincoln County as possible could bid farewell to our soldiers as they leave Ruidoso," Woods said. "It would be even better if our residents could wave flags, show signs and express the gratitude these fine troopers deserve."

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POLICE & COURTS

Mailbox thefts net checks and illegal account access

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Cases of thefts from mailboxes in Ruidoso are on the increase according to Ruidoso police. And the incidents may amount to more than just stealing mail. Thieves have discovered a way to very quickly get into your checking account. The latest mailbox theft was reported on April 30. A Ruidoso woman said she had paid a couple of bills using checks, and put the payments in her mailbox about mid-morning. A couple of days later

she said she received a phone call from someone on the other side of town who said she had found an open envelope with her name on it. After contacting her bank, the victim was told one of the checks had been used at the Walmart in Ruidoso Downs for \$197.33 in purchases. Another check was used at a Walmart in El Paso to the tune of \$197.54. An increasing number of merchants, including Walmart, use electronic funds transfers to automatically receive payment based using the account and routing

numbers on a check. The draft is then handed back to the person who presented it to the checkout clerk. Another Ruidoso case, reported to police on April 26, had a village resident put a check in his mailbox that morning to pay a bill. Collecting the mail later in the day, there was an empty CD case inside the mailbox with a note from the mail carrier. The note stated that when the postal service employee came to the box just the CD case was inside. Ruidoso police said they have that part of town on a

close patrol because of similar activity in previous days. Two days earlier a resident reported a check had been taken from her mailbox. The woman said she had put a payment in the box that morning, and when the mail employee arrived he told her just an empty envelope was inside. The police department's Criminal Investigation Division is looking into the cases. The Better Business Bureau said that in the wrong hands, mail can be a treasure trove of information about you. A bill from

your credit card company, a statement from your checking account, or an unsolicited offer for a new, pre-approved credit card, can open the door to identity and money theft. And putting bill payments in unsecured mailboxes can provide thieves with credit card numbers or the routing and account numbers from checks. The BBB offers some self-defense measures. They recommend that outgoing mail be taken to the post office or placed in a U.S. Postal Service box. Leaving outgoing mail in your own mailbox can

mean the theft of valuable information. Also, pick up incoming mail as soon as possible once it is delivered. The longer it sits in your box, the greater the chance that it will be stolen. If mailbox security is a concern in a neighborhood, the BBB suggests asking the local post office to install a centralized cluster box where mail is delivered into and picked up from locked boxes. A box at the post office is also an alternative. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service also offers a quick "mailbox security quiz" on their website.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

April 23
1:50 p.m. - Police were called to a residence in the 100 block of Singing Pines Road on a report of a burglary. The front door of the residence had been kicked in and two televisions removed from the vacation home. A police report stated there is a possible suspect who allegedly had previously gone through furniture drawers in the residence while with other co-workers that were doing a contracted job. The possible suspect was reportedly fired from his job. The case has been turned over to the police department's Criminal Investigation Division.

April 24
6:18 p.m. - An officer responded to Texas Street for a dog running loose. A brown golden retriev-

er/boxer mix was seen in the street. Stephanie Hargrave, 17, told the officer that she knew it was illegal to allow a dog to run loose. She was given a non-traffic citation for allowing an animal to be at large.

April 25
1:33 p.m. - What was called in as a burglary resulted in the filing of a harassment report. A woman in the 100 block of North Evergreen Road claimed some items had been taken by an ex-boyfriend. Text messages on her cell phone were shown to an officer, and she had replied she wanted to be left alone. An officer contacted the ex-boyfriend.

April 26
11:29 p.m. - A woman reported damage to her vehicle that happened three days earlier at the

Ruidoso Kite Festival near the White Mountain Sports Complex. A large tent blew over in high winds and a component struck the vehicle. 5:20 p.m. - A report of a fight in progress, involving people with knives, sent officers to the location in the 100 block of Ebarb Drive. Lawrence Frymire, 25, of Ruidoso was charged with third-degree felony battery against a household member, as well as possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, and denying someone their property. A woman, who said she had gone to the location to retrieve her dog, reported in a statement that Frymire had approached her with a knife. She said he threatened to kill her, put the knife to their throat, and punched

her causing her glasses to break. Police said the woman had bruises and scratches. Two other witnesses said the observed Frymire with a knife. **April 27**
6:08 p.m. - A dog was placed into quarantine for 10 days after the animal reportedly bite a four-year old. An officer was called to the 100 block of Jerry Shaw Place where the officer spoke with the dog's owner. Information provided indicated the dog's rabies vaccination had expired in 2008. 8:10 p.m. - A report of a verbal domestic had officers respond to the 100 block of Sleep Hollow Road. A woman at the location said she had come home to an intoxicated boyfriend who allegedly threw a coat hanger. The man had left the location before police arrived. A report stated there was no sign of physical vio-

lence. **April 28**
12:12 p.m. - A woman reported a window in her vehicle had been broken out. She said she had not heard anything overnight. A police report stated a suspect, at this point, is unknown. 3:32 p.m. - A call of a verbal domestic incident sent officers to the 100 block of Sleep Hollow Road. Three intoxicated people were found at the location, and two women reportedly had been arguing. One of the women had abrasions and a cut. Arrested was Cristal Moquino, 19, of Ruidoso. She was charged with battery against a household member and being a minor with alcohol. She was also taken into custody for a shoplifting warrant out of Tularosa. 5:17 p.m. - A Ruidoso man was arrested and charged with battery and resisting a police officer. Police responded to the 100

block of Brady Canyon Road on a report of a battery. Later that night investigators went to talk with Aaron Ramos, 32, and then took him into custody. At the police station Ramos allegedly refused to be photographed or fingerprinted, and resisted being transported to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo. He allegedly came close to kicking an officer during the incident. **April 29**
12:00 p.m. - Police were sent to the parking lot of the White Mountain Medical Center at 129 El Paso Road after a 9-1-1 call of a man waving a knife. According to a police report a man and a woman drove into the lot and some words were exchanged with two teenagers on skateboards. The man and one of the teens then reportedly got knives. Neither wanted to proceed with any charges.

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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 Chamales 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 Lyinsky, \$100 U.S. Treasury Bond
2nd place, grade 6-8, Xena Yankee, \$50 U.S. Treasury Bond
3rd place, grade 6-8, Britanni 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 Alagar, 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 Penninger 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

State forester: Fed involvement means more paperwork

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Accepting federal money under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act means more paperwork and compliance requirements.

State Forester Eddie Tudor with the Capitan District received approval of a new joint powers agreement between his agency and the Lincoln County Commission last month. He explained that the agreement contained "no changes in the way we do business and distribute funds, it just (details) more reporting requirements added in at back of the document and the work plan was updated for cost-share projects."

The New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, State Forestry Division has enjoyed a long and successful relationship with the county, Tudor said.

That relationship allowed the distribution of funding for cost-share projects, but with the ARRA, the agreement had to be revised for expanded reporting requirements, he said.

"The department had to go across the state and revamp agreements with counties, soil and water districts and nonprofits, because of new requirements," Tudor said.

However, when a rural community forester is hired, that person will

assume responsibility for much of the additional ARRA reporting, he said. The last day to submit an application for the position is May 21. The community forester will join the Southcentral Mountain Resource Conservation and Development District and provide services for two counties, Lincoln and Otero.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked if a pile of additional work is being heaped on the county manager.

"We've handled these type of programs before," County Manager Tom Stewart said, "We will lean on forestry to help me and will come up with the documents needed. There are significant reporting requirements, but that's why we have the community forester."

Funding for the position funneled through the forestry division for a three-year term. The SCMRC&D is fiscal agent and working with the division and the county, Tudor said.

"I don't see any impact on the budget," Stewart said. "All the money is coming from other sources."

Commissioner Jackie Powell complimented Tudor on the thinning and burning work she sees in the county through state or cost-share projects.

"He does amazing work, but he is very quiet," she said. "Between the manag-



Tudor: "The department had to go across the state and revamp agreements because of the new requirements."

er and Eddie, they get a whole lot done."

Tudor said many of the big projects occur on national forest land and fall under Smokey Bear District ranger Buck Sanchez.

"The (benefit of) cooperation is showing up," Powell said.

In other business, commissioners:

asked.

The law still would be in place, Chairman Tom Battin said. "This was adopted prior to our terms."

"It just says we agree," Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said.

heard the county was listed as "high" fire danger by the National Inter-agency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, but it dropped to "low to moderate" in the last few days.

were told that Brett Christianson of CDS Rainmakers Utilities of Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, proposed to renew a discharge permit for discharge of up to 40,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater. The wastewater is treated, disinfected and discharged into Little Creek subject to the permit. Potential contaminants associated with that type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at the intersection of Custer's Last Stand and Little Creek Road, about seven miles northeast of Ruidoso. Ground water beneath the site is at a depth of about 125 feet.

learned from Stewart that two new water right notices are posted on the State Engineer's website, both to benefit municipal purposes for the city of Ruidoso Downs.

The first come from Ruidoso Properties Irrevocable Management Trust to change a point of

diversion and purpose of 6.757 acre feet from the F. Herrera Ditch South to the city. One acre foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water per year.

The second from the same trust changes the same point of diversion for the city covered 5.984 acre feet.

Powell said the water rights are there, because agriculture proved up those rights. This is actual water in Ruidoso Downs to be used there, she said. "We fight hard for water to stay in the area, whether Hondo or Glencoe," she said. "If you transfer everything up here, the area from which transferred has no water to rely on." The ditch is fed out of river with a supplemental well.

"Ruidoso Downs probably will pump from the big well at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track Sports Theater," Powell said.

Managing surface and groundwater is a concern in the future for anyone pumping more than they deserve, she contended. "They need a lot more water in that well for their growth," she said of the city.

"They used to totally rely on a spring and they drilled that well in the river. (The water) probably was used at the race track and probably is not diverted from that ditch anymore for irrigation."

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RIVER

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work is to allow village crews to access the sewer lines in the river for repairs or relocation, Potter said he was told.

Village Public Works Director Randall Camp was unavailable for comment.

"History bears out the fact that no matter how much snowpack on the mountain, under normal temperature and precipitation for the years 1942 through 2010, you will see no flooding in the Ruidoso

area," Potter said. "You have to have some abnormal conditions to create floods like 1941, 1965, 1984, 1988 and 2008. The anomalies have to be of some great diversion from typical weather to create floods."

Potter stays in touch with emergency departments and was the contact person on the 2008 flood.

"I made the initial call to the police department, councilors and fire department at 3 a.m. that morning, we well as keeping the Albuquerque (office of the National) Weather Bureau updated on the situation."

While he's worried about

the river, Potter is not an alarmist about the condition of Grindstone Dam.

Speaking of engineer John Shaw, Potter said, "He was the engineer on the Mescalero and Grindstone Dam. He submits reports to the Dam Safety Bureau. He shows the maintenance."

Some of Shaw's maintenance recommendations haven't been followed, such as cleaning the gallery and joint repairs, he contended. But the density voids detected in sonogram tests may fall within an accepted margin for the original structure of the dam, Potter said. He questioned

what or who sparked the initial tests.

As for lowering the lake for safety reasons, he said Grindstone is sitting at an elevation of 6,902 feet, which is about normal. But when people read comments from village officials, they became alarmed, he said.

"People are still scared," he said. "They have called me and I said don't worry. It hasn't changed since it was built."

"It is still leaking about 202 gallons per minute in the summer and 309 gpm in the winter," Potter said. "If someone completes an analysis of the elevation

versus seepage over the history of the dam, you will immediately see the stabilization of the seepage."

If an emergency plan is needed, it should only focus on the area below the dam and be based on other national plans, he contended. The project shouldn't turn into a slow-season supplemental cash flow for consultants, he said.

As for the Alto Reservoir, he said catfish can be added to help clean it.

"You don't drain and scrape Alto Lake," he said. "It's an earthen dam with a clay bottom. It's very intricate how to treat the bottom of this type of lake.

When I read that, it scared the hell out of me. You can take out some silt," but to clean the bottom, the lake must be allowed to dry for one to two years to bring the necessary equipment in for the work.

"There is a way to do it, but it's not that simple," he said. "What you're seeing there is a breakdown in maintenance and it catches up with you."

"I think Debi Lee is a good village manager and will lead the village out of 12 years of mistakes, and there have been plenty of them," Potter said.

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HIRING

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agement and is considered one of the top managers in New Mexico, Van Vleck said.

Councilor Angel Shaw pointed out in emails to the person posing the questions the ability of the council to substitute years of experience for college study and assured her that councilors were aware of Lee's educational status. She was surprised to learn recently that the questioner apparently is not a village resident.

Councilor Michele Rebstock defended the woman's right to pose the questions and to raise issues about Lee's hiring. The councilor formally asked for copies of documentation from the village Human Resource Department connected to the background check, including a copy of Lee's International City/County Management Association certification; reference checks, job verification and criminal background check; the name of any Master's program in which Lee is enrolled and the percent of completion; and a copy of Lee's

Bachelor's degree.

Lee's resume did not list any college degree, but did contain an explanation of the types of courses she completed during her years of municipal government

employment.

In subsequent email communication, Rebstock was notified that she received a full packet, including personal information on Lee, when Lee

was interviewed along with other candidates for the job.

At this point, Rebstock "can have access to information that qualifies as public record identified in

the Inspection of Public Records Act," but not to any of personal information as excluded the Public Information Act. Rebstock countered with a request for the name of who conducted and

what type of background and reference check was utilized.

Lee has declined comment on the situation.

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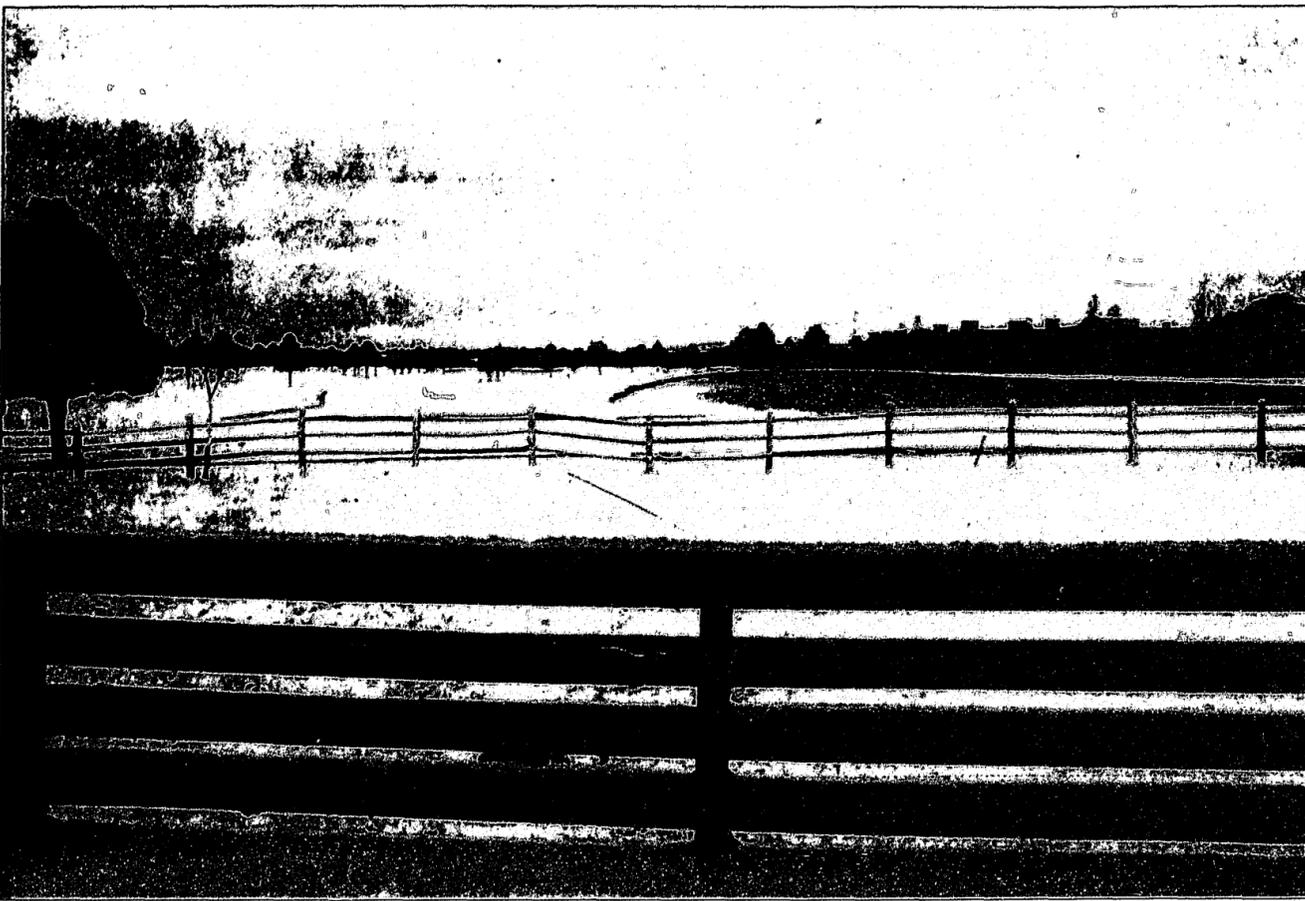
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WINTER'S PARTING SHOT

A freak May snowstorm hit Lincoln County overnight Sunday, dropping 2 inches of snow in Capitan and Alto (pictured), and lesser amounts in other communities. Sierra Blanca received still more snow long after the ski season shut down in early April. Temperatures this week are rebounding to seasonal norms.

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Power outage disconnects thousands; high winds blamed

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Thousands of Otero County Electric Cooperative members were without power for three hours Sunday because of a connection problem.

The outage covered a large part Lincoln County, said Terry Buttram, OCEC's senior manager of operations.

"It was from Hondo and San Patricio, Alto, Carrizozo, Capitan, Riverside, Arabela and a lot of places in between," said Buttram.

The problem, in a connection of OCEC's power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, was south of Ruidoso, along the high-voltage lines that parallel U.S. Highway 70.

"It took a while to patrol the line," said Buttram. "The line is up in the mountains, and there are roads to each structure. But it takes time. It makes you

sick to your stomach knowing so many people were out."

Buttram said the outage, which began at 10:06 a.m., covered much of Lincoln County from Carrizozo to points east, and extended to the north to the

boundary with Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative's territory.

Approximately 6,000 meters stopped spinning, said Clint Gardner, OCEC's manager of member services.

"This includes all types

of services, including stock pumps, residences, businesses, shops, etcetera," said Gardner.

High winds in previous days were believed to have caused the break, said Gardner.

Ruidoso and Ruidoso

Downs, which are served by PNM, were unaffected by the electric problem. Buttram said the transmission lines that deliver electricity from the south are double circuits, meaning one circuit feeds OCEC and the other one PNM's terri-

tory.

The connection break involved a 69 kilovolt line. "I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding," Buttram said.

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Paradise Canyon project delayed

Residents traveling Paradise Canyon Road Monday were disappointed not to be delayed by road construction.

That reaction may sound odd, but the heavily-used road connecting Sudderth to Country Club and Hull Road deteriorated significantly over the winter and locals want to see a smooth surface restored.

Ruidoso Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris explained Tuesday that a subcontractor for FNF New Mexico LLC, the contractor on the job, was demobilizing at another site when mechanical problems occurred with a major piece of machinery.

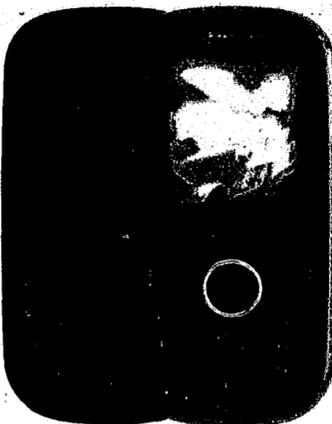
"They should be on-site next Monday and be finished by Friday," Morris said. "They want to get in there and out fast."

The contract on the project allows a maximum of 30 days for the work, he said.

-Dianne Stallings

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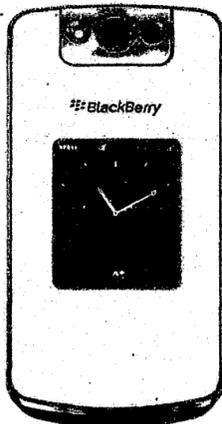
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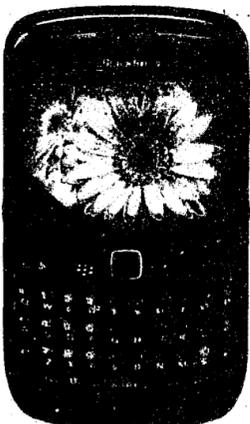
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Results

Baseball
Friday, April 30
 Capitan 13, Dora 2
 Capitan 26, Dora 6
Saturday, May 1
 Ruidoso 14, NMMI 6
 Ruidoso 11, NMMI 7
Monday, May 3
 Capitan 14, Mesilla 2
 Capitan 16, Mesilla 6

High School Softball
Friday, April 30
 Portales 15, Ruidoso 0
 Portales 21, Ruidoso 3
 Capitan 7, Lordsburg 0
 Capitan 7, Lordsburg 0

Sports On Tap

Track
Friday, May 7
 Ruidoso at state 3A-5A Track & Field Championships at UNM

Baseball
Friday, May 7
 Ruidoso at Socorro, one game at 4 p.m. for state playoffs

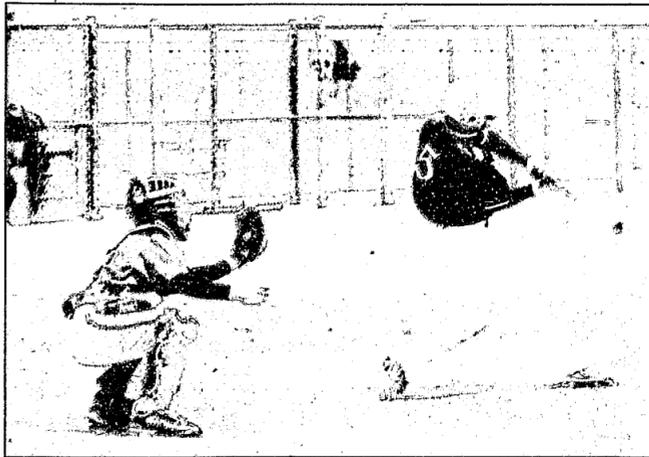
Tennis
Thursday, May 6
 RHS boys and girls tennis teams at state tournament, Albuquerque Academy, 8 a.m.

High School Softball
Friday, May 7
 Capitan at Mesilla Valley, DH, 3 & 5 p.m.

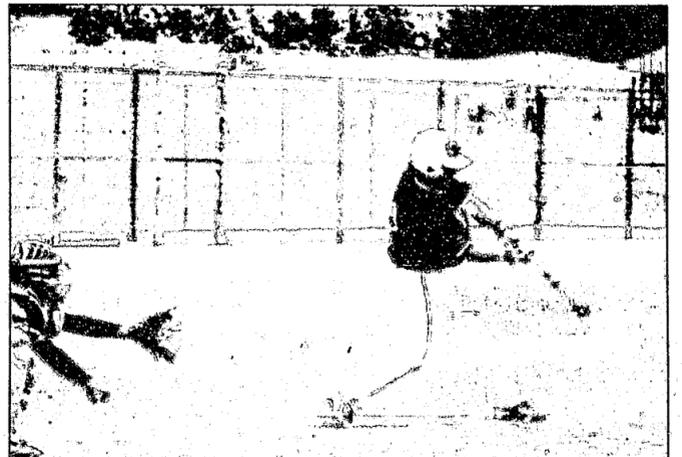
Little League
Wednesday, May 5
 Minors, Dodgers vs. Cubs, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Thursday, May 6
 Majors, Indians vs. White Sox, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
 Majors, Red Sox vs. Cubs, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Friday, May 7
 Minors, Marlins vs. Cubs, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
 Minors, Rays vs. Tigers, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Saturday, May 8
 Majors, Red Sox vs. White Sox, 2 p.m., Capitan
 Majors, Rockies vs. Indians, 5 p.m., Capitan
Monday, May 10
 Minors, D-Backs vs. Dodgers, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
 Minors, Cubs vs. Rays, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Tuesday, May 11
 Majors, White Sox vs. Rockies, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
 Majors, Indians vs. Cubs, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek

On Deck

Hershey's Track Meet
 The annual Hershey's Track Meet is being held at the Ruidoso High School track facility on May 15. Girls and boys ages 9-14 can participate in 9 different running and field events. Ribbons will be awarded and you will have a chance to qualify for the state meet in Roswell and an all-expense paid trip to Hershey, PA. Competitive events include 50, 100, 200 and 400-meter dash, 4x100-meter relay, 800-meter run, 1600-meter run, standing long jump and softball throw. There will also be "Fun Runs" for the younger kids. Call 257-5030 for more information or see our flyers around town.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS
 Kayle Frierson hit a home run over the left field fence in Ruidoso's second game.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS
 Jacob Vasquez connects for a hit in the first game Saturday against NMMI.

Warriors stampede NMMI Colts

MIKE CURRAN
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Saturday's doubleheader with the visiting NMMI colts wasn't the best of weather conditions but the Ruidoso Warriors found it to their liking, taking down the Institute hardballers twice, 14-6 and 11-7.

For the Warriors there were no home runs in the

first game but the hometown boys collected 12 hits, nine walks and one hit batsman.

Senior Tanner Perrin stepped on the mound for the Warriors and went three innings before Kayle Frierson came on for two innings of relief. J.B. Lewis finished up the last two innings.

NMMI broke out on top and led 2-1 by the end of the

first inning but Ruidoso came back to lead 8-5 at the end of three and never looked back. The Colts scored one insignificant run in their last at bats in the seventh.

Perrin recorded the win. In the second contest of the twin-bill Frierson was the starting pitcher and went three innings for RHS. Perrin relieved Frierson in the fourth and

went 2/3 of an inning with Julian Lopez mopping up. Senior Cole Davis came on in the fifth, finished the last three innings and shut the visitors down.

By the end of four the Ruidoso Warriors took the lead, 8-7, and never relinquished it. In the four-bagger department, Frierson blasted one over the left-field fence.

"We spaced out our runs

and played some good defense," RHS head coach Gilbert Alvarado said. "We also executed some offensive situations well when we had to."

The Warriors upped their season mark to 13-10 and are now 10-6 in district.

The RHS baseball team begins state play (one loss and out) at Socorro Friday at 4 p.m. to see who gets to go to Albuquerque.

Kentucky Derby memories from 2009

LAURA FLYNN
 For SureBet Racing News

Saturday's Kentucky Derby flooded my mind with memories of Derby day last year.

As a newbie to Churchill Downs, I was honestly overwhelmed. Never in my life have I ever experienced anything like it. And as you read this, maybe you will understand - just maybe.

First, as you negotiate the traffic at 8 a.m., the first thing you see is every yard, lawn and open space within a five-mile radius has turned into a parking lot. Happy, smiling faces everywhere lined our route as people walked, bicycled or drove.

My first reaction, as we weaved our way to the drop-off area in front of the majestic Churchill Downs was a jaw-dropping "WOW."

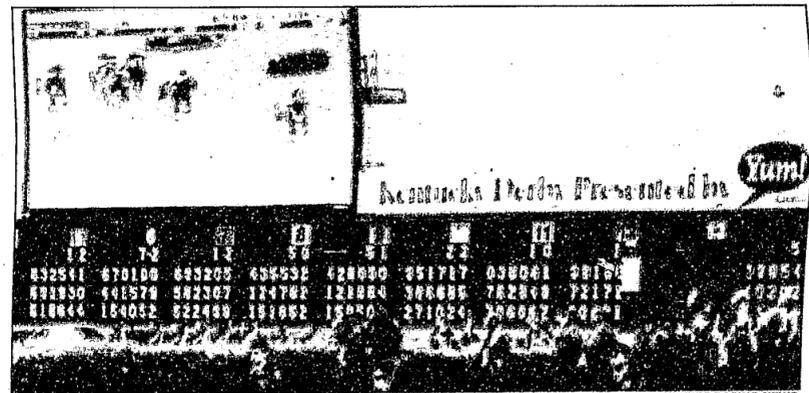
Thousands of people were already streaming

though the entrance gates and even though I had groused earlier about leaving so early for the track, I now understood why.

Looking at the already swelling crowd, I thought, was going to be a nightmare. Within minutes I realized the people at Churchill Downs were on the ball and absolutely knew how to handle a crowd like this.

Smiles and absolute courtesy greeted us every step of the way. And believe it or not, as the crowds continued to swell and the day moved on at a snail's pace, I never once witnessed or experienced anything but true "Southern Hospitality." My beautiful, expensive, hat goes off to them.

As one walks through Churchill Downs you can feel the emotion behind the traditions, the history of past glories, defeats, sorrow envelop you.



LAURA FLYNN/FOR SUREBET RACING NEWS
 "I raised my camera as high as I could, aimed at one of the big infield screens and clicked it," Laura Flynn said.

They say Churchill Downs is haunted - perhaps - but I didn't feel haunted, I felt elated, great joy and excitement, which I attribute to the unique ambiance of Churchill and the Kentucky Derby.

Everywhere I looked I saw colors and beauty beyond compare. Churchill itself is majestic; no other

word can describe it. The infield was alive with derby party goers, it was just one big riot of color, flags, banners and flowers of every description.

And the people in the paddock, grandstands and clubs were spectacular - everyone smiling, having fun and dressed to the hilt. I felt like I was in a movie -

really. Many books have been written on the traditions of the Kentucky Derby if you are interested but for the sake of space I will only touch on two; Mint Juleps - sip slowly ... and, yes, you will have chills running up your spine as 150,000-plus

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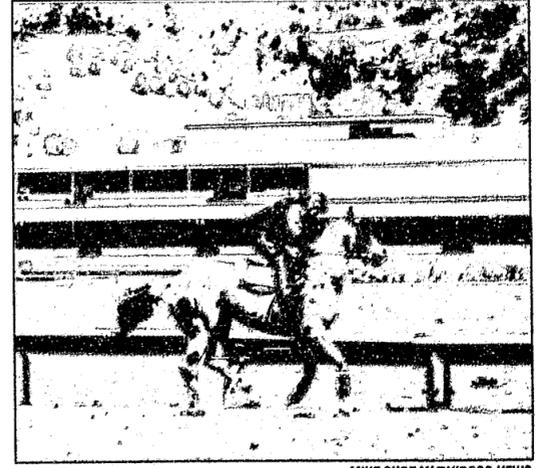
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 Blane Wood sits on his barn veranda hard at work.



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 Trainer Trey Wood "plays" in the barnyard while dad "works."



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 A horse and rider hit the track on Monday the first day of workouts.

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Hondo's Stephanie Gomez wins the 1,600M.



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'Zozo's Daniel Hernandez wins the 400-meter.



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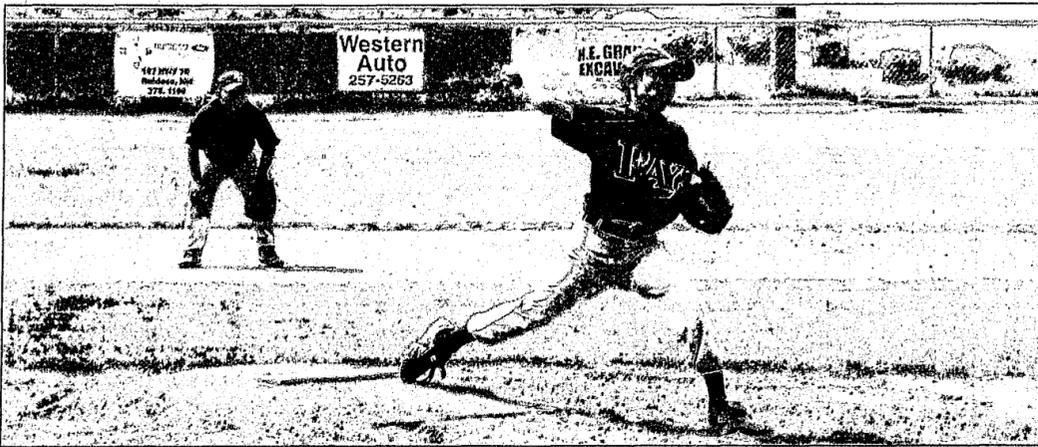
Corona's Taylor Huey in the long jump.



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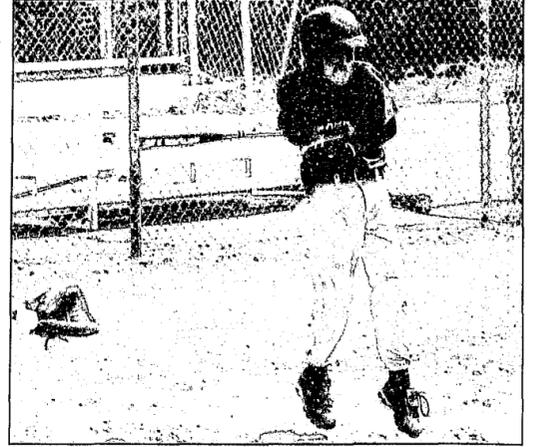
Jenna Schartz wins in the 400-meter.

RUIDOSO LITTLE LEAGUE MINORS BATTLE FOR UNDEFEATED



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Dominic Garcia of the Rays is on the mound. Both the Dodgers and the Rays were undefeated with the Rays winning 11-10 Saturday.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Tyler Davis of the Dodgers has a close call at the plate.

DERBY

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people, stand and sing "My Old Kentucky Home."

As the minutes ticked down to the Derby I made my way through the throng of humanity toward the paddock. After all, I was there to do a job, and my job was to photograph the 50-to-1 longshot, Mine That Bird.

Upon my arrival I thought no-way! Fear of failing my friends gripped me. Too many people, I'll never get close enough. Under normal circumstances, I would have had a paddock pass, but at the Derby you better be a contender's owner or a movie

star. Well I was neither, so I did the next best thing, I resorted to begging.

I want to be very clear here. "Southern Hospitality" saved my career.

As I excused my way to a couple on the fence next to the tunnel entrance to the paddock, I introduced myself and asked if I could step in front of them for a few shots of Mine That Bird.

They looked at the multitude of passes hanging around my neck and my camera and kindly consented.

As we waited, our conversation turned to the race and who was going to win. Of course by now I was on such a Derby high that all I could say was Mine

That Bird. "Who?" they asked, as they thumbed their program. "No way, he's 50-1." The more I talked, the more they stared at me, then a glance at the tote board, back to their program, then back at me shaking their heads.

Well, by the time the field started to file through the tunnel to the paddock we had quite a little group circled around talking about Mine That Bird, and my sanity.

I took my shots, thanked them and moved farther down the fence, closer toward the paddock, begging as I went for more shots and getting strange looks, but kindness prevailed.

Miles from my seat I decided to find the winner's

circle. Upon my arrival, a very nice attendant informed me that the winner's circle for the Derby was in the infield. More tradition: Once a year and only on Derby Day is the infield winner's circle opened and only for the winner of the Kentucky Derby.

Too late to change my course, I scanned the grandstands for televisions. None. No televisions hung from the rafters at Churchill Downs. Ok, no problem, there are two giant screens in the infield. I'm good.

More tradition: As the horses entered the gate everyone, man, woman and child stood on their chairs. What? Are you kidding me? I couldn't see a thing.

Despair rolled over me like a tidal wave. Then I heard a voice - I closed my eyes and pictured the race in my mind as the track announcer made his historical call. "It's the Eight! It's the Eight! It's the Eight!"

I raised my camera as high as I could, aimed at one of the big infield screens and clicked it.

Did I feel the mud coat my new \$100 high-heeled sandals? Did I stumble in the uneven grass sod of the infield winner's circle? Nope.

Were my first few shots after the race blurred, and did I have to make myself breathe, so I could steady my camera? Yep.

Hours passed before I saw the race replay on a small television in the

reception area of the Kentucky Derby museum. As I sat down to peel my now, dried, mud-caked, \$100, high-heeled sandals off my aching feet, I cried and cheered as Calvin Borel and Mine That Bird scored one of the biggest upsets in Kentucky Derby history.

As I walked in my stocking feet to our waiting car, I was greeted by a group of Derby-goers who I had met on the paddock fence.

They had stayed to thank me for the tip, because of their southern kindness to a "Derby Newbie" their pockets overflowed with Derby winnings.

Fast forward: 2010 Kentucky Derby, "Way to go Calvin."

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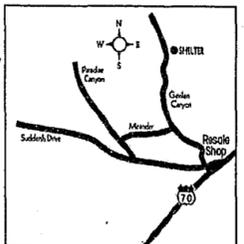
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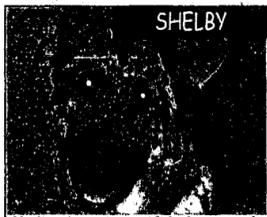
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SHELBY

Shelby is a beautiful 3 year old German Shepherd. She is very sweet, affectionate and attentive. Shelby knows several commands and is very gentle. She is good with other large dogs and children.

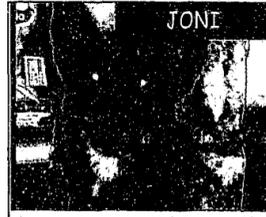
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SHANE

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JONI

Joni is very sweet Kelpie mix. She is about 1 year old and weighs 40 pounds. Joni walks well on a leash and loves attention.

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CHURCHILL

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COURTESY

Fifteen Carrizozo students were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society on April 29. Top photo, National Honor Society members present were: l-r, Standing: Kylie Gaines, Lauren Smith, Fernando Najera, Joel Ferguson, Jordan Hill, Alexa Borowski; Seated: Brittany Simmons, Victoria Ventura, Dakota Lovelace, Tessa Hendricks. Not pictured: Jenna Schartz and Marshal Wilson. Bottom photo: National Junior Honor Society members present were: Standing: Isaac Ogden, Miccah Hamilton, Johnathan Smith, Morgan Nava-Munoz, Kadee Sedillo, Zhane Vega, Lexi Zamora, Cirsten Barela, Arturo Najera; Seated: Emily Comstock, Dalton Vega, Lisa Ventura, Fantasia Dennis, Jace Hill, Christian Najer. Not pictured: Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Mason Huston, Jade Roper, Rylah Zamora, Shayna Zamora.

'Zozo students inducted to NHS

Two students from Carrizozo High School and 13 students from Carrizozo Middle School were inducted into membership of the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school on April 29.

National Honor Society members Tessa Hendricks, Alexa Borowski, Dakota

Lovelace, Joel Ferguson, Fernando Najera, and Kylie Gaines conducted the installation ceremony.

Members were selected by faculty for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

National Junior Honor Society inductees were Cirsten Barela, Emily Comstock, Miccah Hamilton, Christian Najer, Morgan Nava-Munoz, Isaac Ogden, Kadee Sedillo, Lexi Zamora, Fantasia Dennis, Lisa Ventura, Zhane Vega, Jace Hill, and Dalton Vega.

Inducted into the National Honor Society were Victoria Ventura and Brittany Simmons.

"National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary con-

tributions to the school and community," said Becca Ferguson, chapter advisor.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students.

Chapter exist in more than 60 percent of the nation's high schools and, since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership.

Millions of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to senior members since 1945 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Alexa Borowski, senior at Carrizozo High School, was recently awarded the NASSP/Herff Jones' Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship.

Rosalie is home

The Spinners are meeting May 16, as their normal meeting day falls on Mother's Day. Same meeting place at the La Placita.

Lois and David Coleman, Portland, Texas, and Patricia Pastrano and son, of Phoenix, visited Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap over the weekend. They came to check on me while I was in the hospital.

I had gone to the beauty shop for a perm and blacked out.

The beautician called 911 and they arrived very quickly. I don't remember much until I got to the hospital.

Ralph had done some errands and had just arrived at Sam's when they called him on the cell phone to tell him I was on the

way to the hospital. He got to the beauty shop at Penny's before the ambulance had left.

After a barrage of tests all week - cat scans, MRIs and ex-rays on my head and tests on my heart including an angiogram - I was able to come home on Saturday afternoon.

They still don't know why or what happened as I had no history of seizures or blackouts.

Anyway, it was good to get home. The family celebrated Mother's Day that night.

I'm still on the weak side after being tied down with tubes etc.,

until I came home.

Thanks for the messages. They brightened up my day.



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HIGH COUNTRY IN CARRIZOZO



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High Country Agency, Inc. opened for business in a Carrizozo branch office Monday, May 3. Certified Insurance Service Representative Debbie Hernandez will be manning the office for the agency day-to-day along with commercial specialists on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hernandez, a nine-year veteran with High Country, is known for her customer service skills. She said the community has already made her feel very welcome. High Country stands ready to fill a need to the community and surrounding area that has been without a local agent since this year. "We offer comparison pricing and can continue with the customers same company with no policy change, becoming a local agent-of-record," Hernandez said. High Country handles Allstate, Union Standard, Colorado Casualty, Safeco, Zurich, MetLife, Encompass, Symetra, Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Foremost, NM Health Insurance Alliance, NM Mutual, The Republic Group, Builder's Trust, Chubb, Fidelity, Progressive, Dairyland and Traveler's. Hernandez said they also offer free notary service. The office is located at 1216 E Ave, Office 1, and the phone number is 548-3064 or toll free at 800-876-4561. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Wednesday open at 9:30 a.m.), Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Hernandez says she will close for lunch from 1-2 p.m., leaving her available during the traditional lunch hour for customers that need assistance during their lunch break.

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7th Annual SMOKEY BEAR DAYS

Capitan, May 7-8

See Friday's Ruidoso News for more information.

Capitan FFA Chapter awards year-end accomplishments

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The Capitan FFA chapter leaders, members and advisor closed their 2009-10 year of work with the presentation of awards and a dinner shared with friends and family on April 28.

Chapter Advisor and Ag Instructor Todd Proctor introduced the chapter officers to 75 members and guests present.

Joseph Ogden, of Carlsbad and the state FFA vice-president and District 5 president was the guest speaker.

Awards were given as follows:

Proficiency awards
Ag sales and service – J'nae Wood; Sheep Production – Jenna Cleckler; Swine Production – Haley Montes; Equine science – Kirsten Wilson; Beef Production – Haley Montes; Wildlife Management – Strait Sedillo; Outdoor recreation – Royce Black; Specialty Animal – Kaleb Cleckler; Diversified Livestock – Jenna Cleckler.

Scholastic Achievement Awards

7th grade: (tie) Kalyn Hazen, Kadyn Traylor; 8th grade: Walker Bymoan; 9th grade: Kirsten Wilson; 10th Grade: J'nae Wood; 11th Grade: Garrett Lamay

12th grade: Haley Montes;

Leadership Award
Jenna Cleckler;

Discovery Degree
Tannor Preston, Georgia Lynn Eldridge, Josh Hernandez, Kymbra Espinosa, Jace Davis, Kalyn Hazen, Christian Sweat, Kadyn Traylor, Walker Bymoan, Teyna Montoya, Taylor Preston, Colton Lewis;

Greenhand Degree
Forrest Sweat, Wade Shearer, Lance Dale, Syrel Tilman, Royce Black, Kirsten Wilson;

Chapter degree
J'nae Wood, Rebecca Daniel, Dusty Reynolds;

Star Greenhand
Kirsten Wilson;

Star Chapter Farmer
Haley Montes;

Stacy Thorne Memorial

Walker Bymoan;

Honorary Membership

Pete Gnatkowski, Jarrett Perry, Hub Traylor;

Special Appreciation Awards

Brian and Pam Cleckler, Veronica Reeves, Danny Watkins, Shirley Wood, Stephanie Aldaz, Teresa Burns, Shirley Crawford, Terresa Woodard, Glenda Booher, Liz Montoya, Dawn Goodrum, Jackie Powell, Karyn Hazen, Chet Southard, Debbie Hernan-

dez, Mitch and Sharron Young, Julie Carter and Melissa Pino.

Haley Montes received the Capitan FFA Scholarship Award and a \$1,000 Scholarship Award from Ruidoso Ford.

Capitan FFA members received year-end awards at a banquet held April 28. Left to right, top photos: Kirsten Wilson receives the Star Greenhand Award; Chapter Advisor Todd Proctor gives Haley Montes the Capitan FFA Scholarship Award; Middle row: Jenna Cleckler received the FFA Leadership Award; Hub Traylor, Pete Gnatkowski and Jarrett Perry were given Honorary Capitan FFA Membership awards; Bottom row: J'nae Wood and Dusty Reynolds received Chapter Degrees; and the Capitan FFA officers gave Todd Proctor an appreciation gift at the close of the award ceremony.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

Gardening workshop

The NMSU Extension Service is hosting a free workshop Saturday, May 8, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo.

Gardening in Lincoln County will address healthy garden soils in mountainous New Mexico, insects in the garden, irrigation efficiency and backyard composting.

These topics and more will be discussed NMSU specialists.

For more information, contact Pete Gnatkowski at

the Extension Office, 648-2311

Dairy heifer clinic

Crystal and Jay Eldridge will hold a Dairy Heifer Clinic at 1 p.m., on Saturday, June 12, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Thomas Montes will be there to trim hooves.

Woman's Club meets

The Carrizozo Woman's Club has elected its new officers for 2010-12. The new president is Cherri

Goad, vice-president is Barbara Culbertson, secretary is Tona Macken and treasurer is Sue Stearns.

The new officers will be installed at the May meeting of the Woman's Club which will be held at The Dolan House Restaurant in Lincoln on Thursday, May 13, at 12:30 p.m.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club does not meet during the summer months and the club will resume their regular meetings in September. For more information call Tona Macken at 354-0760.

Grizzlies Garden

Grizzlies Garden is now open in the science lab of the Carrizozo Middle School. Buy locally – potted plants, perennials, bedding plants, gifts for Mother's Day, tomatoes and cucumbers, peppers and more.

Student horticulturalists will be available daily from 1:40 - 2:35 p.m., to assist in selecting plants.

The greenhouse can also be opened before or after school or by appointment. Thank you for support-

ing the local students.

Music in the Parks

Music in the Parks is sponsoring a concert at McDonald Park on Saturday, May 8, with a noon potluck or picnic and concert 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Sandia Brass, a quintet of graduate students from UNM will be the featured guests. Last year, Sandia Brass drew a large crowd and so enjoyed Carrizozo, they wanted to come back.

They play everything from classical to jazz to popular.

NRCS offers new funding for WHIP

The Natural Resources Conservation Service New Mexico is offering new funding opportunities to New Mexico tribal governments, farmers and ranchers through the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP).

Any new applications for WHIP funding must be received by NRCS offices throughout the state no later than close of business on Friday, May 7, 2010.

These applications will be considered for funding in Fiscal Year 2010.

WHIP offers opportunities to landowners to improve and protect wildlife habitat on private agricultural and Tribal lands.

Anyone interested in entering into a cost-share agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop wildlife habitat may file an application at any time.

The NRCS works with the landowner to develop a wildlife habitat development plan.

Projects in New Mexico have improved habitat on

private land for elk, turkey, bear, shorebirds, Lesser Prairie Chicken, desert bighorn sheep, and other species including the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatchers.

The projects have emphasized the development of water supplies for wildlife, establishment of permanent flood plains, and fencing cattle out of creeks and ponds.

For more information about the WHIP opportunity, visit the NRCS New Mexico website at www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip.html or contact the local NRCS District Conservationist Bob Moorhead 575-648-2941 ext.3, in Carrizozo.

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Friday May 7th Noon - 4 PM: Open Mike Karaoke Contest
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Saturday, May 8th

10 AM: Smokey Bear Days Parade
Family Fun all day with plenty kids activities at Smokey Bear Historical Park
Conservation Education Exhibits

9 AM - 3 PM: Chainsaw Carving Competition, Raffle & Auction!
LIVE Entertainment all Day...including new artist, Zay Santos
7 PM - 11 PM FREE Street Dance at Smokey Bear Historic Park
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Around Town On Saturday...

8AM - 2 PM: Plant & Garden Sale at the Capitan Public Library

For Information Contact:
Smokey Bear Historical Park
at 575.354.2748
Capitan Chamber of Commerce
at 575.354.2273
www.smokeybeardays.org

Sponsored by the Village of Capitan in cooperation with Smokey Bear's Homeowners Association, Capitan Chamber of Commerce, Capitan Women's Club, American Legion - Post 57 Capitan, City Bank of New Mexico, Smokey Bear Historical Park, the US Forest Service and the Capitan Lodgers Tax Committee.

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Jane Smith
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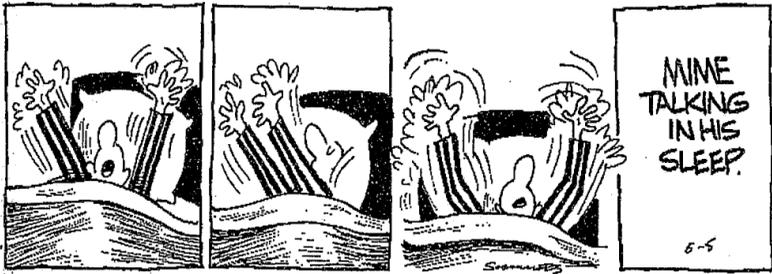
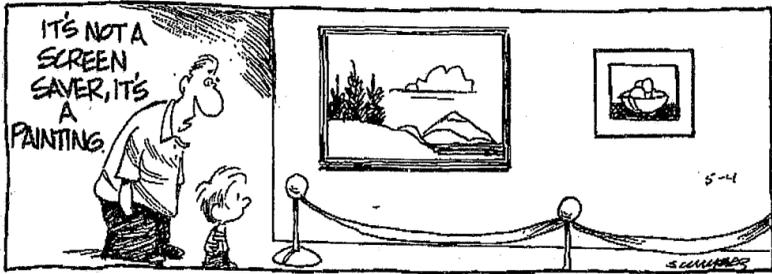
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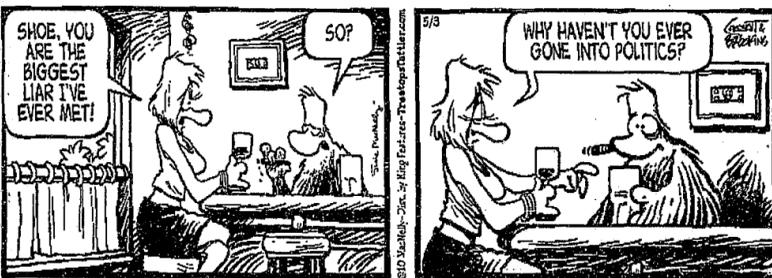
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

Plaintiff, vs. Defendant,

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

CV 2010-00041 Div. III

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER FORECLOSURE JUDGMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of the decree of foreclosure entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on April 13, 2010 in Civil Case Number CV 2010-00041, the undersigned will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Municipal Building at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, on May 27, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., all rights of the defendant to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 35, Block 9, HIGH RISE SUBDIVISION, Unit 201 Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereon filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on April 29, 1971 in Tuba No. 405 (hereinafter referred to as "the Property").

notice is further given that the court has decreed foreclosure of the claim of lien on the Property and that the amounts to be realized at said sale from the Property, with interest calculated to the date of sale, are as follows:

Amount of Plaintiff's Judgment.....\$3,381.00

Interest to date may 27, 2010.....\$39.71

Costs.....\$555.75

Attorney's Fee.....\$1,500.00

TOTAL: \$5,476.46

In addition thereto will be costs of publication of this Notice, and the Special Master's Fee fixed by the Court on the amount of \$250.00.

The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the Property is struck and to him, except that Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, Inc. may bid all or any part of its judgment, plus interest without paying cash.

Witness my hand this 15th day of April, 2010,

Jennifer Flores Special Master

#9039 2T (4)30 (5)15

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WYNE CLAY WITHERS, deceased.

NO. 2246 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MARGARET E. LIGHTFOOT has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Attorney for the Personal Representative, John D. Wheeler, at P.O. Box 1810, Alamogordo, New Mexico, 88310 and filed with the Lincoln County Clerk, Lincoln County, New Mexico, 88301.

DATED this 26th day of March, 2010.

JOHN D. WHEELER & ASSOCIATES, A Professional Corporation

BY JOHN D. WHEELER Attorney for Personal Representative

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#9040 2T (4)28 (5)5

The following unit at AA Storage, Inc. 2247 W. Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346 are sold due to non-payment not received within 15 days of the publication of this notice. The unit will be sold by auction.

Auction Date: Monday, May 24th

Auction Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Unit #D-5 STEVEN SCRUGGS, 116 Jobe Rd., Capitan, NM, 88316. Misc. furn.

Unit #D-2 & D-21 CLYDE VELTMAN, 50 Burks Rd., Tularosa, NM 88352, Misc. Road Truck Vendor Items

Unit #F-E, TWALA FRAZIER, PO Box 831, Ruidoso, NM 88345, Misc. Clothes

Unit #F-H, MISTY PETERSON, 106 E. Central, Ruidoso, NM 88345, Misc. Household Items.

#9042 2T (4)28 (5)5

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES W. RUSSELL, Deceased

NO. 4B-302 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of James W. Russell, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned representative of the estate, at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Dated: /s/ Nola E. Russell 189 E. Cree Rd Nogai, NM 88341 575-354-4036

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Hondo Valley Public Schools Board of Education

Notice of Regular Board Meetings

The Hondo Valley Public Schools Board of Education will hold a regularly scheduled board meeting on May 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Hondo Valley Public Schools. The meeting will include a public hearing on the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed operating budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Approval of the 2010-2011 operating budget will be an agenda item on the agenda which will be available no later than 1:00 pm, May 17, 2010 at the Superintendent's office.

Dated: April 29, 2010

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Carrizozo at the office of Engineers Inc., 106 E. Idaho, Suite F, Las Cruces, NM 88005 and shortly thereafter bids will be opened and read aloud. All bids must be on the total project segregated bids will not be accepted. The bids duly delivered and submitted will be opened and read aloud for the following: TOWN OF CARRIZOZO WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS NIMED SAP 896-1142-GF EII CAR902X

Pre-Bid Date: N/A

Bid Opening Date: May 13, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Engineers Inc. Conference Room 106 E. Idaho, Suite F Las Cruces, NM 88005

Sealed bids will be submitted to Town of Carrizozo, C/O Engineers Inc., 106 E. Idaho, Suite F, Las Cruces, NM 88005

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and shortly thereafter opened and read aloud.

Due to funding constraints, the project will need to be completed within 30 calendar days with the Notice-To-Proceed issued on May 17th and completion by June 24th, 2010.

Plans and Specifications for said work may be examined and/or also obtained at the office of Engineers Inc., 106 E. Idaho, Suite F, Las Cruces, NM 88005 (575) 324-2007. A deposit of \$60.00 per set of contract documents is required.

Any BIDDER or non-bidder wishing to receive the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within 10 calendar days after the bid opening and in good condition, will be required to pay the full amount less handling and applicable taxes.

Further details regarding this bid may be obtained by contacting Engineers Inc., 106 E. Idaho, Suite F, Las Cruces, NM 88005 (575) 324-2007. The Town of Carrizozo reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Until the final award by the Council of the Town of Carrizozo, the Council reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to waive technicalities, to re-advertise, to proceed either way when in the best interest of the town. Bids will be submitted and opened plainly marked with the date, time, bid name and number.

Town of Carrizozo By: Leann Wehbrecht Clerk/Treasurer

#9046 1T (5)5

LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Regent's Room on the ENMU-Portales Campus. Regents will act upon business so presented and may meet in the executive session. Agendas for the meetings are available at the President's Office located in the ENMU-Portales campus Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA Institution.

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General Help Wanted 230

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Super 8 Motel Needs Housekeepers/laundry Please apply in person.

General Help Wanted 230

Restaurants & Clubs 247

Restaurants/Clubs

Magic Forest is now interviewing for all positions for the summer season. Please come in person to pick up application. Tuesday-Friday, 9-10:30 am and 2-4 pm.

Restaurants/Clubs MICHELENA'S Cooks, Hostess servers & Bussers Needed. Apply within at 2703 Sudderth No phone calls please

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