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## Track vote looms

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The main draw on the Lincoln County Commission agenda Tuesday most certainly will be a public hearing at 2 p.m. for commissioners to consider scheduling a special election on a business retention gross receipts tax aimed at granting Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino some tax relief.

County Manager Tom Stewart laid out the options in a memorandum to commissioners for the meeting that begins at 8:30 a.m., in

### County Commission to decide fate of business retention bill Tuesday

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the commission chambers of the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

He listed the items that may need to be covered during the hearing as a potential motion by the prevailing side of Commissioners Eileen Sedillo, Don Williams and

Jackie Powell to reconsider a special election; that a potential agreement may be crafted for a special interest group to fund a special election; that a potential agreement with Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc. is being considered to guaran-

tee the track remains for five years, if the election goes forward; and that as part of the adoption of Ordinance 2010-01, consideration be given to Resolution 2010-4, calling for the special election with the appropriate question to voters.

County Attorney Alan Morel said Thursday he has not received any agreement pertaining to a business group offering to pay for a special election. He sent a proposed draft of an agreement that would bind the race track and casino to stay at Ruidoso Downs for five

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## Counterfeit note rewrites chapter of Billy the Kid

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For the first time in more than a century, one of the counterfeit bank notes proven to be in the sequence passed by Billy the Kid and his gang has found its way back to Lincoln County.

U.S. Marshal Historian Dave Turk of Washington, D.C., and retired Federal Criminal Investigator Steve Sederwall of Capitan began the hunt to find the sample of the counterfeit bank notes passed by the Kid. They knew that at least one would have been preserved after the trials were over that convicted the ring of the crime.

What they found was contrary to, and more than, what is currently recorded.

"History has it that the plates used to print the counterfeit were never found," Sederwall said. "That's not true. There were 22 plates on three different Eastern banks and the illegal bank notes passed in Lincoln County were from a New Bedford bank. This operation was not cowboys with a press in a barn here in Lincoln County. It was organized crime, fine-tuned, clever, very sophisticated and much bigger than recorded by historians."

"The counterfeit money originated in New York, reached into Chicago and then branched out into Texas, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico and Mexico," U.S. Marshal Historian Dave Turk explained. "The counterfeiters had a plan to buy stolen cattle and use fake bills of sale to launder the money."

#### The file

On March 30, 1881, Federal Judge Warren H. Bristol had William Wilson, a.k.a. Billy Wilson, before him in court on a complaint that charged Wilson with passing counterfeit currency in New Mexico.

Wilson was part of the Kid's gang, riding with Charlie Bowdre, Tom O'Folliard, Dave Rudabaugh and Tom Pickett.

The Wilson court file that included the eventual pardon for Wilson, was located by Turk in the National Archives in Denver. It contained the clues Sederwall and Turk needed to find what they were looking for – the counterfeit notes passed by the Kid that eventually got him arrested by Pat Garrett at Stinking Springs.

Per Secret Service protocol, when counterfeit money is found, it is kept in its entirety until convictions are in



Andrew Drummond, overlooked by history, broke the case.

place. Then, all but one or two of the bills are destroyed and the remaining samples are kept in a vault, not with the court files of the individual cases.

#### Finding the money

In January 2010, Sederwall called the Secret Service and spoke with Michael Sampson, of the public affairs office.

"I told him I was looking for evidence that they might have in their vault from a case in the 1880s," Sederwall said. "He politely laughed, but after telling him why I was looking, I gave him the dates the counterfeit that Wilson had passed had been recovered, the name of the bank, along with the serial numbers of both notes that we found documented in Wilson's indictments."

Sampson returned the call a day later with good news. "The notes were in a file with no paperwork," he said. Until now, no one had any idea what the notes were or why they were there.

Living in close proximity to where the notes were stored, Turk traveled to pick them up knowing that he was looking at history that had been buried in a vault for 130 years.

During the next two weeks

Sampson, Turk and Sederwall conferred frequently and began to work the case backwards, following the money. Sampson provided valuable information from the Secret Service files and the story began to unfold.

#### Dolan did it

History, as we know it, records Jimmy Dolan as the one who pointed the Secret Service to the counterfeit money being passed in Lincoln County in the 1880s. But an Aug. 8, 1880, letter from a Miss N.M. Ferguson of Chicago to the Secret Service actually fingered Dolan as one who was passing the bogus bills.

With her note, Ferguson included a letter she had received from J.C. Delaney, dated Aug. 5, 1880, and posted from Fort Stanton, N.M. A Secret Service report about the letters said, "The Delaney letter, if true in its statement, gives some light as to who are operating in the counterfeit hundreds in that region."

Two months later, Secret Service Operative Azariah Wild, already in Lincoln County to investigate the counterfeit claims, went to Tunstall's Store in Lincoln, where Dolan provided him with a counterfeit note

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## Rate hike dominates PNM forum

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A PNM public meeting promoted as a forum on the future mix of energy sources turned into a debate on the utility's requested rate increase.

The Wednesday evening meeting in Ruidoso was the seventh conducted by PNM in the past three weeks seeking public participation on shaping the company's Integrated Resources Planning (IRP).

"We're here on the IRP, but we will talk about rates," Ron Darnell, PNM regulatory policy vice president, told the crowd of about three-dozen after sizing up the sentiment. "Of everyone that's here, who wants to talk about rates?"

About half the attendees raised their hands.

Darnell suggested the IRP planning be discussed first and PNM's average 21 percent rate increase request, which was filed last month with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, be a later topic.

#### Rates questioned

But the discussion immediately turned to rates when Ruidoso resident Rick Albers questioned the differences in PNM rates in northern New Mexico versus in the south.

The utility acquired former Texas-New Mexico Power (TNMP) Company territory around Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Silver City, Deming and Lordsburg in 2005, which became known as PNM-South.

"People in the north have issues too," responded Darnell. "TNMP made decisions that probably weren't the best decisions. They didn't have any generation. They were buying everything off the market. So when the acquisition was proposed, the customers in the north, and the staff of the Public Regulation Commission (PRC) and the attorney

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Shelter dogs were brought for adoption, of which two found homes

## Going to the dogs

Benefiting the abandoned animals in Lincoln County, the Humane Society's major fundraiser, the Furr Ball, was a resounding success last Saturday night at the Alto Lakes Country Club. More than \$75,000 was raised, contributing 20 percent of the yearly expense to support the Humane Society's shelter operations.

Attendees were greeted by freshly groomed visiting dogs from the shelter (two were adopted) and beautiful decorations designed by Mary Jo Oxford of Homebodies. Live and silent auctions kept the attendees busy with bids and a raffle drawing for a designer quilt, made by Wendy Foist, was a highlight for the winner, Cynthia West.

The sold-out event was the 8th annual Furr Ball and continues a tradition of being "the social event of the year" held on the Saturday after the Fourth of July.



The 8th annual Furr Ball was a party



Quilt winner, Cynthia West.

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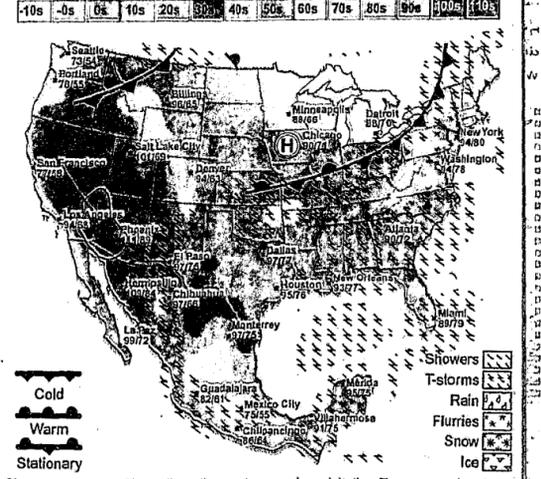
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RealFeel: 87° Humidity: 55%	RealFeel: 92° Humidity: 35%	RealFeel: 88° Humidity: 41%	RealFeel: 87° Humidity: 40%	RealFeel: 85° Humidity: 53%	RealFeel: 83° Humidity: 57%	RealFeel: 86° Humidity: 61%
81° 60°	86° 62°	80° 60°	85° 61°	82° 61°	70° 61°	70° 60°
Times of clouds and sun Wind: E 4-8 mph	Brilliant sunshine Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	Partly sunny and very warm Wind: SSW 7-14 mph	Partly sunny Wind: S 7-14 mph	An afternoon thunderstorm possible Wind: S 7-14 mph	Mostly cloudy with afternoon rain Wind: S 7-14 mph	A couple of afternoon thunderstorms Wind: S 4-8 mph

### National Forecast for July 16, 2010



### Regional Cities

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### Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:06 a.m./8:12 p.m.  
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 11:40 a.m./11:25 p.m.

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### Moon Phases

First Full Last New  
Jul 18 Jul 25 Aug 2 Aug 9

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### Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 118° in Death Valley, CA  
Low: 25° in Stanley, ID

Wednesday's World High/Low:  
High: 124° in Mitribah, Kuwait  
Low: -10° in Summit Station, Greenland

### Almanac

#### Ruidoso

Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 84°/64°  
Normal high ..... 80°  
Normal low ..... 49°  
Record high ..... 93° (1958)  
Record low ..... 38° (1985)

Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.37"  
Month to date ..... 1.93"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.50"  
Year to date ..... 7.12"  
Normal year to date ..... 8.92"

Pollen:  
Grass ..... Moderate  
Trees ..... Low  
Weeds ..... High  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Thistle

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

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#### Alamogordo

Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 102°/72°  
Normal high ..... 93°  
Normal low ..... 67°  
Record high ..... 107° (1958)  
Record low ..... 53° (1975)

Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.40"  
Month to date ..... 2.59"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.87"  
Year to date ..... 6.53"  
Normal year to date ..... 4.54"

Weather Trivia:  
Q: What is a swirling wind named for a demon?

National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	95/73/s	97/73/s	Albuquerque	94/70/t	97/69/pc
Anchorage	67/52/c	66/54/pc	Artesia	96/69/pc	96/70/s
Atlanta	90/72/t	88/73/t	Chama	88/48/t	88/48/t
Austin	98/73/s	97/73/s	Clayton	95/66/pc	100/65/s
Baltimore	95/74/s	92/70/t	Cloudcroft	79/51/pc	79/48/pc
Boston	86/75/pc	92/72/t	Farmington	101/64/s	101/61/pc
Chicago	90/71/s	91/71/s	Hobbs	97/67/s	97/65/s
Dallas	97/77/t	101/78/s	Los Alamos	88/58/t	91/57/t
Denver	94/63/s	98/65/pc	Portales	96/66/pc	98/67/s
Des Moines	92/69/s	93/73/pc	Raton	91/56/pc	95/56/pc
Detroit	88/70/pc	88/69/s	Red River	80/45/t	83/48/t
El Paso	97/75/pc	97/73/pc	Ruidoso	81/60/pc	86/62/s
Las Vegas	108/84/s	113/87/pc	Santa Fe	94/60/t	95/60/pc
Los Angeles	94/68/s	90/68/s	Silver City	91/65/t	94/67/t
Minneapolis	88/66/s	92/71/pc	Taos	91/54/t	91/51/t
New Orleans	93/77/pc	90/78/t			
New York City	94/60/pc	95/77/t			
Philadelphia	95/76/s	91/72/t			
Phoenix	111/89/pc	112/89/pc			
Reno	100/68/s	100/66/s			
San Francisco	77/58/pc	77/56/s			
San Diego	74/67/s	74/68/s			
Seattle	73/54/pc	73/55/pc			
Tucson	103/78/t	105/81/t			
Tulsa, OK	92/72/t	93/75/pc			
Wash., DC	94/78/s	92/75/t			
Wichita	92/73/pc	96/73/s			
Yuma	111/86/t	110/86/pc			



**Nest BBQ event**

Thriftway of Ruidoso hosted a charity BBQ to benefit the Nest, Lincoln County's shelter for victims of domestic violence. Over \$800 was raised at the event, held last Saturday in the store's parking lot.

Thriftway donated potato salad, coleslaw, chips,

sandwich buns, onions, peppers and serving items. Coca Cola contributed soft drinks and bottled water. Hereford Brand Beef and their staff brought in rib-eye steaks.

Miss Teen Ruidoso Juliann Lamb worked at the BBQ for her community service. Lamb's platform in the Miss Teen pageant was

domestic violence prevention.

The BBQ was staffed by Thriftway employees, Ruidoso radio personality Perry Champion of KBUY, a Hereford rancher from Mesilla, a representative of the national Certified Hereford Beef Association and Nest directors and seller supervisor.

Pictured are (front row) Thriftway employees Michelle Salazar and Richard Salazar, Mick Welch of the Certified Hereford Beef Association, HEAL Executive Director Coleen Widell, Perry Champion of KBUY; (back row) Thriftway employee Warren Hürtizen and store manager Duane Parnell.

**Outdoor show**

Check out the 2nd Annual Outdoors and Wildlife Bonanza from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday at Cedar Creek Campground off Mechem Drive.

Visitors may find themselves part of the filming for Family Travel Minute, a travel program geared for families, whose executive producer and host is scheduled to attend the bonanza.

The event is put together by the U.S. Forest Service with support from New Mexico Game and Fish, Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation and Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

Participants will have a chance to meet Smokey Bear, the Forest Service mascot for wildfire prevention, they will be shown how to create and search for animal tracks, children can compete in an archery shoot and everyone in a BB gun shoot. They can learn about the "Leave No Trace" way of camping and how to

act when approached by wildlife.

They will be briefed on the number of life zones in the area and on proper campfire etiquette and they can meet representatives from wildlife chapters in the state.

For more information, contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District at 575-257-4095.

**Pile burning**

Staff with the Lincoln National Forest, Sacramento Ranger District, will manage several pile burning projects over the next month.

The recent rains provided conditions that favor burning piles left from forest thinning projects.

They will begin with the Railsplitter Pile burn south of Weed this weekend from July 17-20, weather and resources permitting. The Sacramento Hot Shots and Sacramento District fire personnel will handle the project covering debris piles from a 400 acre forest thinning project.

When the burning

begins, signs will be posted along New Mexico Highway 244. Residents of Weed and the surrounding areas may see and smell smoke for the duration of this burn

Firefighter and community safety is always the number one priority. Motorists are urged to use caution and to slow down near the area, because of the additional movement of vehicles from the project.

Other projects scheduled to be implemented, weather and resources permitting, are:

- Sawmill Pile Burn, 5 miles south of Cloudcroft in the area of Upper Karr Canyon.
- Administrative sites around Cloudcroft, Apache Point, and Mayhill.

For more information, contact the Sacramento Ranger District Office at 575-682-2551 from 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**DMV hours**

The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division will continue to operate its offices at normal hours, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The decision reverses an earlier proposal to close drivers' license and vehicle registration offices at 3:30 p.m. to save overtime costs.

"MVD is rolling out a series of new initiatives, including allowing our customers to make on-line appointments and a new point-of-sale system," said Michael Sandoval, director

of the MVD. "In order to avoid impacting services and to provide adequate time to implement these new programs, we have decided to keep our normal

business hours." Sandoval said the agency will revisit the issue. There is a MVD office in Ruidoso, at 301 W. U.S. Highway 70.

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### OUR OPINION

## No special election for racetrack vote

Public's confidence in process at risk

On Tuesday in Carrizozo, the Lincoln County Commission will convene a public hearing and then vote whether to stage an election to raise county gross receipts taxes, with a percentage earmarked for Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino.

The racino operation has been campaigning for a GRT hike, pursuant to HB 203 passed by the 2010 New Mexico Legislature, after failing repeatedly to achieve tax parity with Indian casinos.

Tuesday's agenda item seems routine enough, but it isn't. It is offered in language that is easily manipulated.

If commissioners pass an ordinance granting an "election" or "ballot initiative," it must by necessity be a special election, as HB 203 requires it be held within 75 days of the ordinance.

This prohibits extending the track bill to the Nov. 2 general election.

We urge commissioners to vote "no" Tuesday, or table the matter until such time — perhaps a late-August special meeting — as to preclude the need for a special election.

Bill supporters are desperate for a quick referendum, which, if held before Sept. 30, would allow a potential tax hike to take effect next January, instead of July.

They also would have more leverage over the process and a better chance of succeeding.

Yet anything hasty, funded by special interests to the tune of \$25,000, raises the spectre of backroom politics. Is this to be bought and paid for — by the wealthy, for the wealthy, replete with lawyers, lobbyists and the well-connected?

Public servants, of course, are obligated to the people, to individuals and the unorganized masses. They are duty-bound to establish the fairest of all scenarios — an election, if

one is to be held at all, folded into the November ballot, ensuring the greatest opportunity for participation.

The electorate's confidence in the system is already shaken by the hospital mill levy do-over two years ago. If you recall — after much controversy, a levy hike proposal was defeated. So the hospital lobby arranged a special mail-in election that happened to elicit a different result.

There can be no skepticism about this outcome.

Two things we'd have preferred to see prior to any county commission vote on the track issue:

One is track license holder R.D. Hubbard opening his books. The other would be for Hubbard to plead his case before the citizens. In person.

Where is the poor rich man who wants our money?

There is talk that Hubbard is prepared to strike a pledge to remain at Ruidoso Downs for five years if his tax hike prevails. Should that promise arise at Tuesday's hearing as a wild card in this high-stakes game, we would view it as little more than a distraction and an expedient political cover for a "yes" vote.

Such a pledge — and the entire debate over Hubbard's threat to pack up his track — can play out later. If this goes to an election, an already-polarized community will weigh in with a mixture of fact and hysteria, reason and passion. We hopefully will become more educated as to the real issues somewhere between principle and pragmatism. There is time for all that.

Our concern now is that the process appears legitimate. Those wary of wheeling and dealing toward a quickie result should attend Tuesday, speak up and hope their representatives are listening.

## A Shell Game?



Doug McLeod 10  
Ruidoso News

### YOUR OPINION

## Track issue beginning to boil

To the editor:

LES OLSON'S recent letter to the *Ruidoso News* was shameful. Rather than debate the merits of the tax assistance to Ruidoso Downs, he chose to assail an entire group of worthy public officials.

It is my experience that when a person changes the subject of a discussion or misrepresents it the reasons are: 1) They don't know or care about the facts of the real issue; 2) They are not able to capably or intelligently discuss the case with others; 3) They have another agenda, issues aren't important. My suspicion is that numbers one and two are at work here.

Previously Olson has espoused his anti-gambling rhetoric and its congruity with Christianity. I, too, am Christian, but obviously I haven't gotten to the chapter on gambling. My god does teach the merits of fairness and tolerance.

To be fair, I am not a Ruidoso resident yet. I still live and vote in another Western state, but in preparation for our retirement, my wife and I have built our "dream house" in Lincoln County. Our home is done, so the overall health of the local economy is very important.

The only thing I found credible in Olson's letter was his suggestion that officials needed to "conduct the public's business." Few things are more important, especially in these times, than our communities' economic con-

dition. The track is a major economic player and well worth the attention and study it is receiving.

In today's competitive environment, tax assistance, whether national, state or local, is used frequently to attract or keep businesses. Some may call it government interference, but just like Social Security or Medicare, most everyone loves the benefits if it works and the output is more than the investment.

The issues facing officials and Ruidoso Downs are real and the need for consideration has not been created by this specific business. When the track first opened it competed fairly and on the same basis as other entertainment venues. Since then, the competitive landscape has changed and it competes at a disadvantage to venues which are not burdened by taxes or even the same laws. This isn't the track's or the owner's fault, but it is their burden. Tax benefits would go some way in leveling the situation, but would not solve the inequity.

The Downs' issues should be faced and debated. The questions I pose: 1) As a community are we better off with or without the track? 2) Should we as taxpayers support our economic self interest in this manner? 3) Exactly what should we expect if the track leaves or closes and how do we make up the employment it provides and taxes now being paid? 4) Do we lose tourism, and

what does that mean to our communities and downstream businesses? 5) What does losing the track say about us culturally and does it make us more or less attractive to new residents and businesses? 6) Will we miss the philanthropic support of some of our larger givers? 7) Without the track what happens to real estate values and personal investments in homes and ranches?

These are fair questions and reasonable people can conclude a reasonable and right answer. The issues should not be debated as a moral question, especially when gambling is already legal under "settled law."

To be transparent, I have known the Hubbards for years, and they are in fact why we chose to settle here. I know him as a friend and as a business partner, and I can attest without question his value and fairness in both positions, and his love for this area. He has options with his current untenable business situation, but I also know how much Ruidoso means to him and how committed to the area he is.

If you know Mr. Hubbard, you know he has his ways! Many might see the classic "A" personality, firmly opined and not afraid to share it. If this is all you know, then you don't know the real guy. The real one is smart, intuitive, a wonderful listener with the ability to change his position if convinced. He is loyal,

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## Leaving Mexico: A civilized encounter with the 'policia'

She said it in a voice that failed to catch my attention in time.

"There's a cop."

I was tooling north on Mexico Highway 15, headed back to the States, and was probably the slowest guy on the road for the past 200 kilometers. You don't see many patrol cars in the Mexican outback, so the speed limit doesn't apply.

But those little black-and-white jobs with the roof lights begin appearing on the edges of civilization, where the speed zones decompress rapidly, and I was coming up on Santa Ana.

"There's a cop." Oh, *shucks*, I say, something like that, as yellow and blue strobes dance across the rear window. We stop by the side of the highway and I get out.

"Buenos dias," I say, smiling. Just a dumb gringo here.

There are two of them, and

they don't speak English. I know enough to give them my driver's license. They study it for a minute and frown.

"Departamento!"

They're ordering me to the police station! I pretend not to understand.

"Departamento!"

I shuffle my feet, stare at the ground, look puzzled, buying time. Another minute passes.

"Cien," one says.

They want 100 of something.

"Cien pesos?" I ask, optimistically.

"Cien U.S.!"

Let's see, \$100 or the equivalent of \$8. Wrong answer. I fidget some, buying more time.

"No tengo," I lie. "Cincuenta (\$50)?"

"Si, cincuenta."

Luckily, I had left my wallet on the console, which made it handy for the toll plazas. "Un momento, por favor," I say and return to the car.

"They want 50 bucks," I whisper to the one who warned me about all this. Leaning through the driver's window, I fetch two pretty greenbacks — Hamiltons — and head back to the cops.

They motion me to their passenger side, away from the traffic. Away from eyes. I casually hand one the \$20 as if that were the deal all along.

"No teekit," he exclaims officiously, handing over my license. "Free to go."

So let's add it up. In the past week I got ripped off for \$15 at either a toll plaza or PEMEX station. I overpaid for tortillas and cheese on the roadside by, say, \$5. That's minus \$20.

I saved \$80 on a tidy little bribe, plus avoided the paperwork. I dislike paperwork, don't you? Bottom line: I went on vacation and made \$60. Is Mexico a great country, or what?

In the United States, we quibble whether the police violate civil rights if they request identification papers of someone they suspect is here illegally. In

Mexico, you play by the rules or you wish you had.

You bring your passport and your driver's license. You bring your car registration and proof of American insurance. You furnish them to the authorities, fill out and sign a bunch of papers and purchase a visa, if required.

If you're driving farther south than Empalme, you pay \$25 for an Only In Sonora pass, which you stick to your windshield. Upon returning, you show more documents and they scrape the pass off with a razor.

We're approaching the Nogales crossing. It's noon Friday and hot. We're in a long line on the Mexican side, stalled in the heat, then moving one car up. All you see are the Stars & Stripes waving over the border.

Peddlers walk the bridge, offering junk and trinkets no one is interested in. I feel an odd mixture of respect and annoyance. Some attempt to wash your windshield. It's not dirty. You turn on your wipers.

I learned that trick in Mexico. You creep along. An hour

passes. Boy, that country to the north sure is hard to get into.

It is a show of force. It is all a show. While terrorists slip through Customs, little old ladies remove their shoes in airports. As thousands of illegals stream through the border, fanning into the desert, thousands of motorists are inconvenienced at Nogales and Laredo and El Paso and Brownsville.

Of the four lanes, two are open. Lousy service.

"U.S. citizens?"

"Yes, sir."

"Where do you live?"

"Capitan, New Mexico."

"Is that near Columbus, or Albuquerque?"

I suspect he knows. "No, it's hours from either."

"Are you bringing anything back with you?"

"No, sir..."

Back in the Promised Land of wide avenues, we fill up and buy a much-needed cold one — Modelo, a Mexican beer. The language around us is both Spanish and English. Two nations, indivisible, for better and worse.



MARTY RACINE

ON SECOND THOUGHT

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fair and, most of all, generous to all of those around him.

He does not take advantage of anything or anyone and such is the case here. This is not about him, this is about how to keep the track alive and an important part of the community. He will continue to lose money even with tax relief. The question is, can he cut his losses to a level that he can continue to sustain? Frankly, it is a terrible business question, but speaks to the commitment to us and the area he loves.

I have faith that our officials and hopefully the voters will do the right thing. From a personal perspective it would cost each of us little and all of us would benefit far more than our investment. It is a terrific risk/reward equation.

The discussion needs to be about the relevant issues and facts, not about someone's moral ideology and most of all should be done maturely and without attacking others, especially those that are working everyday in our behalf.

M. Truitt  
Future resident

To the editor:

I HAVE RACED horses in Ruidoso Downs since 1947 and I am a Born Again Christian. I vote Republican sometimes and sometimes Democrat. I sure do want the racetrack and casino to stay in Ruidoso Downs.

In 1951, my wife and I bought a sandwich and coffee shop in the middle of Ruidoso and business was good until those "gamblers" took their horses and their money and went home after the race meet was over. We didn't live here year-round, so we closed the doors and sold out.

Now, I do agree that Ruidoso will survive when the racetrack closes, but I "bet" that we will miss it when it does. If someone really believes that the \$66,000 property tax is the only financial benefit that the race track is to Lincoln County, I think they are badly misinformed.

G.W. McClanahan  
Ruidoso

To the editor:

WE ARE NOT surprised that Sen. John Arthur Smith, chair of the all-important Senate Finance Committee, after tabling the parity bills for the last three years, finally put it on the county. If we wanted the racetrack to see a reduction in taxes, then we should pay for it. Good for him.

And, it really wasn't cool to irritate Sen. Smith by sending six or seven lobbyists for the track. He noted this and recommended that only one take the lead. So, Michele Rebstock was right not to waste \$10,000 of precious Village of Ruidoso funds.

We are totally opposed to any public funds going to subsidize private business: the film industry, the racetrack or any other new business. So-called "economic development" is not the role of government. It has never worked.

Have we learned nothing from the bank and auto bailouts? We have never bought a GM car, but now our taxes are going to support this business. Likewise, we will be asked to support a racino that we would not patronize on our own. Government should not be picking the winners and losers, at all levels. Stop wasting our hard-earned tax dollars and get back to what your role really is: public safety, critical services (roads, courts, elections, schools), a level legal playing field and an environment of fairness (and low taxes) that will draw private businesses.

Let the free-market system work.

The world will not end if the racino closes. There will be other opportunities that no one can imagine at this point. Our local economy will be much healthier for it, not to mention the lowering of the social ills related to gambling.

For an interesting article on how pyramiding and regressive

the Gross Receipts Tax is, if you can locate it, go to the *Albuquerque Journal*, Sunday, Jan. 31, "Raising GRT Bad Idea Now," by Richard L. Ankham, president and executive director, New Mexico Tax Research Institute.

Kathryn and Harvey Minter  
Alto

To the editor:

**To commissioners:**

I am writing to strongly discourage you from adopting a resolution calling for an election on the County Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax.

The citizens of Lincoln County have done nothing to create this mess and should not be obligated to pay taxes to resolve it.

Lincoln County citizens were not involved in writing the compacts with the Indians. R.D. Hubbard was in favor of Class III gaming for the Indians and actively pursued his "racino" license knowing the provisions in those compacts.

When he approached the Legislature about building the Hobbs racetrack, he was warned about losing Ruidoso revenue. Yet he opted to proceed.

Figures I've heard from reliable sources are that the Hobbs track was built for \$44 million and sold for \$240 million. I have absolutely no problem with Mr. Hubbard making money; however, the American Dream is corrupted when those with power and influence are allowed to supplement bad business decisions on the backs of their neighbors. That's where I draw the line.

I also think there could be a conflict of interest with the County Commission due to the fact that any overages will be distributed back to the county for promotion or administration of the county; as instructional or general purposes for a public post-secondary educational institution; as capital outlay to expand or relocate a public post-secondary educational institution in the county; or funding professional services contracts related to implementing an economic development plan adopted by the governing body that shall be updated annually during the period in which the tax is imposed.

From statements made by both Commissioners Parks and Williams, county finances are sound. Like any other government entity, the county needs to live within its budget and should not be given additional tax revenue at a time when citizens are taking pay cuts or unable to find employment.

Don't take the easy way out. Send this bill back where it belongs, to those involved with creating this mess.

Respectfully,  
Glynis Racine  
Capitan

To the editor:

**RE: THE BUSINESS Retention Tax:** It is clear that losing a major attraction and second-largest employer will take a major human toll.

**Tax not unique**

Alamogordo, Carlsbad and several other communities have passed economic development taxes of their own. Their tax is accumulated to fund incentives for companies to move to there and retain the ones they already have. Those economic developers will tell you that it is critically important to retain major economic assets, since recruiting new businesses is so difficult in rural areas. Our small tax increase will be used to retain a major economic asset.

**Separating out the emotion**

It is easy to cloud the GRT tax question with issues that are not remotely close to the real issues.

Issue 1: No new taxes. Taxes are how we fund the majority of the things that make our lives better. Yes there are places where taxes are out of control but this is not one of them. I cannot stress enough that we are a very small community with a very large attraction. Finding an attraction to replace the track will be nearly impossible in this economy.

Should we lose the track, the shock waves across our economy will cause a slow miserable demise for many small businesses and make us less attractive for new businesses. The loss of \$30 million in economy will have major implications for the taxes that fund basic services.

Issue 2: This is a "Hubbard thing." This is the "us versus them" position. It is easy to demonize the rich guy. But here are the facts: He has provided hundreds of jobs for years and millions in charity. If we allow the track to leave, it will be another city that takes our economy and jobs, not him. A "no" vote will not harm Mr. Hubbard. A no vote will harm you, your neighbors and friends.

Issue 3: They can't or won't move. They can and will, the profit motive is there. As an economic developer, I assure you that there are cities salivating in anticipation of stealing our track.

Issue 4: This is a bailout. If anyone is getting bailed out it is our employees, businesses and tax revenues. It's about jobs and economy not politics.

The objective of HB 203 is simply to allow the voters of Lincoln County to retain a major attraction and employer. The people who are most adamantly against this measure and the legislators who side with them are doing so for political reasons tempered by hatred for the current national situation and they believe that by voting "no" they are "sending a message." The only message being sent is "we care more about our political views than other people's jobs." In this matter, they are not changing anything in government; they are simply putting our people out of work for their beliefs. Beliefs do not feed families.

This is a historic vote and be assured that, in this economy and at this moment in time, there is not a single governing body that would take any measure that jeopardizes precious jobs. Not with millions of people out of work. Give us the ability to vote to save our jobs or businesses.

Show your support at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, at Lincoln County Commission chamber in Carrizozo. The first step is assuring that the County Commissioners allow the ballot initiative.

Richard Aguilar  
Executive Director  
Ruidoso Valley Economic  
Development Corporation

To the editor:

ON JUNE 22, the Lincoln County Commission voted not to hold a special election paid by the scheming promoters of HB 203.

Let's applaud Commissioners Sedillo, Powell and Williams for making the correct decision to say no. They should receive a Profiles-In-Courage award.

The right reasons for saying no, however, were two:

1. As citizens, we should never reward a cabal of politicians for sneaking in the back door of open government and circumventing the sovereign will of the electorate, which requires transparency, a chance to say no from the beginning rather than be stamped at the end of the legislative process. The Lincoln County electorate was kept in the dark as HB 203. And Tom Battin was leading the charge with Parks being dragged behind.

2. We should never sell elections to appease political pressure.

**Table the whole thing:**

The entire HB 203 scandalous and corrupt project should be tabled forever. Please consider the following facts and points:

1. We should never reward a political meddler and racino owner and interest group with an election, when the open government process, sovereignty, was subverted from the beginning. Tom Battin acted in Santa Fe without authority, or public approval, and included in the bill provisions, noted below, that only apply to Lincoln County and creates big government.

2. HB 203 is misleading, deceptive and irrational. It states

in Section 1, paragraph A, that the tax is for providing "...funds to retain local businesses in the county." Only one business is eligible - the racino. The indirect business development in other sections of the bill is farfetched and deceptive.

3. The Lincoln County Commission has the option of doing nothing regarding HB 203, hereafter called the "gambling subsidy tax." The option of taking no action presumes that there is a value system and criteria in place that are the basis for deciding to do nothing regarding the racino. The correct value system is that we live in a free capitalistic economy where business must succeed on its own and owners are accountable for their own success and failure, including mistakes. To tax citizens to pay private business owners' taxes is a form of socialism, most likely an illegal donation by means of a legislative trick (tax credit), a waste of taxpayers' money and a road to ruin of our society.

4. However, these gambling subsidy "tax credits" are available only after the gambling tax has been claimed by a gambling operator licensee (racetrack). So, the taxpayers will pay a gambling tax amount up to 50 percent of the racetrack owner's monthly gaming tax liability. To claim the maximum, the track owner would have to be liable for \$125,000 in gaming tax per month. He could then claim a \$65,500 tax credit. Multiplied by 12 months, that would reach \$750,000, or the maximum. Any amount over the tax credit claimed by the track owner, but less than \$750,000, would be distributed to the county to carry out Battin's grandiose Roman-like monument construction. Bottom line: the gambling tax will not guarantee the racino solvency, and, thus, this gambling tax money will have been squandered.

5. But worst of all: The racino owner has never offered one single verifiable number about his plight, forgetting it is none of our public business. Nor has CEO Hilling offered to the public one single suggestion of what the racino could do on its own to solve its financial woes, such as charging an entrance fee. One hundred thousand visitors to the racino visiting once and charged \$10 dollars would yield \$1 million in one year, and be \$250,000 more than the \$750,000 Hubbard wants in gambling taxes from the embattled Lincoln County taxpayer.

6. Tax increases: I thought we were Republicans and Conservatives and responsible Democrats, Libertarians, Independents and others. And we are going to add more taxes? Are we nuts?

7. Dirty Little Secrets of HB 203:

- a. Growing county government
- b. Promotion of administration of the county
- c. Instructional or general purposes for a public post-secondary educational institution in the county
- d. Capital outlay to expand or relocate a public post-secondary educational institution in the county
- e. Funding professional services contracts related to implementing an economic development plan adopted by the governing body that can be updated on an annual basis during the period during which the tax is imposed.

8. Consider the Lincoln County federal census data and just reflect on the number of citizens living at poverty level: 3,236

- Elderly, 65 and over: 4,329.
- Number of children 18 and under: 4,497
- Thus, 8,826 residents, or 42 percent of Lincoln County, are elderly, on Social Security and pensions, or are children. And of these 3,236 are in poverty. And we want to tax them? Are we getting crazier yet?
- 1,754 are renting households. Low-income and on tight incomes? More taxes?
- 8,367 housing units are vacant. Are these absentee home owners liable for any of these taxes? Most likely they have homes because of the beauty of

the area and not the racino.

• 6,457 housing units are owner occupied equals 16,013 permanent county residents.

• Each local resident would have to pay \$46 per year to make up \$750,000 that the racino can get, at the most. So each household of 2.48 people would be paying \$46 X 2.48 or \$114 per year in gambling taxes.

A \$10 entrance fee is better!

9. Myth of racino's contribution to the local economy: As a gambling operation, the racino does not buy anything locally to beat the gamblers out of their money. The slot machines are purchased outside of Lincoln County, which represents "leakage" of dollars from the economy. Local gamblers lose money, which is taken out of the local economy, a significant amount of which (owners' take) is transferred to the rich owners, who buy investment properties outside (leakage) of Lincoln County.

10. Gamblers' losses pay employees of the racino, so the gamblers' lost disposable income is transferred to the local employees, a "wash" or off-set. No gain to the local economy and cannot be calculated as a multiplier.

11. Racino CEO Hilling says 20 percent of the slot "take" is transferred, as required by law, to the racetrack as a subsidy. So the take is transferred to the racetrack, and cannot be calculated as an infusion of dollars from outside of the local economy. So, as Hilling says, the Inn of the Gods and "Billy" share the same local market, which is not growing.

Thus, local disposable income lost in the slots is just shuffled back and forth between the two gambling operations. And Hilling can't figure out how to get more gamblers, he says. It's a tough world, analogous to GM and Ford, same market universe, each with stagnant market shares.

12. People do not drive across the United States to play the slot machines in Ruidoso Downs. They can do that anywhere. The racetrack draws from Texas, less bleed-off to Zia Park in Hobbs.

13. Horse owners bring their horses to race. Perhaps they buy hay grown outside of Lincoln County and labors to groom and walk horses, minimum wage. Profit on the hay is money in, granted, but little multiplier. The profit might pay the local mortgage for a month or two. No multiplier, because money going out to mortgage companies is "leakage."

Stables are rented. OK. Some money in. Again the mortgage syndrome. Some horse owners stay in motels, but not all. OK, some money in to RV parks. And some locals are paid minimum wage to clean the motels; the rest is leakage to pay for the debt-service of the over-valued motels. Very little multiplier. Yes, the horse owners must eat. It is common knowledge local suppliers of eggs, pancake mix, sandwich fixin's, etc., is money in; but it doesn't go far as a multiplier; food shipped into Ruidoso creates leakage to outside suppliers. Chefs are employed and waitresses are paid tips and minimum wage.

Some local employment, but no big multiplier; their income goes to rent, utilities and kids' clothes. Backhoe owners do get paid to bury dead horses (money in), but again most goes to debt-service on the hoe. Racino owners' racetrack profit is money in (fees) from the horse owners and gamblers, but most goes to pay their local utility bills, and debt service - more leakage.

14. Hilling says the racetrack is not making any money. So, non-existent profit cannot be invested locally - no multiplier.

15. Let's not forget that someone built a big new shiny casino and racetrack in Hobbs. Who did that? And sold it for big bucks! Competing with Ruidoso Downs! Gee, does it take a Ph.D. to add this up?

16. Are you sick yet? Motion to table. Carried.

Les Olson  
Former County Manager



# County eyes future of Bonito Lake and environs

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Fifty percent of the water needs of the city of Alamogordo and Holloman Air Force Base come from Bonito Lake in Lincoln County.

The unusual arrangement evolved after the lake no longer was needed by the Southern Pacific Railroad in the late 1950s, and was sold to the city. Alamogordo officials subsequently also developed a recreational and camping complex around the lake, which is a popular fishing spot.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart told Lincoln County commissioners at their June meeting, he and Commissioners Dave Parks and Eileen Sedillo, Road Superintendent Albert Hernandez and Undersheriff Robert Sheperd attended a session set up by the U.S. Forest Service on requirements to facilitate the further development of the Bonito Lake area. The USFS operates several campgrounds in the area and the lake is surrounded by the Lincoln National Forest.

Commissioners have complained about the condition of Bonito Lake Road, noting that most of the road to the lake and the campgrounds beyond runs through federal forest or municipal land.

Stewart said representatives from Holloman, Alamogordo, Game and Fish and the Forest Service attended the June 2 session.

"The meeting focused on the Forest Service developing a plan to improve cooperation," Stewart reported.

"Game and Fish was interested in improving access to the lake for fishing, while the confusing maze of law enforcement jurisdictional issues were discussed, and Lincoln County requested assistance from all for maintenance of the roadways. We await a plan from the Forest Service for the benefit of all."

Stewart said when Sedillo asked about the percentage the lake contributed to the city and air force base's water supply, "I almost fell on the floor when they said 50 percent."

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said at one time city officials seemed willing to negotiate some use of the lake water by entities in Lincoln County, "but not if it's 50 percent."

In other reports to the commission, Stewart said:

- he attended a meeting June 3, with State Forestry officials Kim Kostelnick, Natasha Pippel and Eddie Tudor, and Rick DeLaco of South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development on automated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act employee and hourly jobs reporting and invoicing for the county's \$2 million in ARRA-funded projects. "The employee/contractor tracking requirements are intense," Stewart said. "Contractors will be required to provide hiring information and hourly reports, if they are to participate in receiving these federal dollars administered by the county."

The county contributed significant dollars toward the hiring of a rural community forester and some-

one hired by New York state is due to begin Sept. 2. He's familiar with ARRA reporting.

- said that Star Paving, under the supervision of Hernandez, repaved 0.48 of a mile of Palo Verde Slopes and repaved 3.49 miles in Alto Lakes subdivision, completing the last section June 19, for \$486,334. The county's cost is \$293,978, after the state reduced its funding for cooperative projects by 22 percent. The cost per mile was \$122,502.

- he attended a meeting June 11 at Fort Stanton State Monument with George Mendoza from Fort Bliss, State Monument Interim Director Rudy Acosta and Lincoln State Monument Director Dee Kessler. The session focused on the potential use of the fort for officer/noncommissioned officer professional development excursions.

Mendoza works out of

the Operations Division of the 1st Armored Division, which is to be totally stationed at Fort Bliss.

"We'll have to wait and see what develops, but an additional visit by Fort Bliss officials may occur in the near future," Stewart said.

- the county learned that state funding for senior citizen centers will be cut by another 2.6 percent. Ada Hendryx, who leads the county's Zia Senior Center Program, heard about the additional cut at a meeting of the Area Agency on Aging. "It comes on top of a 5 percent reduction already absorbed in the county budget," Stewart said. "The reduction will cause us to increase our general funding of the program by about \$9,500, increasing our projected general funding from \$163,403 to about \$172,903."

• said fence installation at the rear of the county detention center in Carrizozo was completed June 18.

All vehicles entering the compound must pass a sliding gate operated by guards in addition to a salyport-gated area for higher risk inmate transport. "This construction was the result of the last walk-away from our facility," Stewart said. "Now there is an additional barbed wire barrier to impede any escape attempt."

- reminded commissioners the county has seven employees who are considered "double dippers," not including two elected officials, who are exempt from

the new rules on retired employees continuing to work for government entities.

"These seven employees will be required to pay into the Public Employees Retirement Association fund for their 9.15 percent match of gross pay without any additional benefits, while they receive both salary and retired pay."

"Each employee in this situation is evaluating the effect on their pay and we may experience some resignation as a result."

Former County Clerk Tammie Maddox returned to the office as deputy clerk June 30, after sitting out the required 90 days.

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# VOTE

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years, if a tax is imposed, and that the owners would repay GRT received, if the track moved earlier. But what he received back was not the same draft, and, "It was signed by the wrong people, so it would not be binding," he said. "It was entirely different from the one I prepared."

With a few days to go before the commission meeting, those two issues remain up in the air.

"At the regular commission meeting June 22, commissioners decided to have a hearing for public input on the potential adoption of a business retention gross receipts tax ordinance to retain the racetrack in Ruidoso Downs," Stewart wrote in the memorandum. "Essentially, three options still are available for commissioners based on the public input at the hearing."

Option One is to do nothing. Under Option Two, commissioners would adopt the ordinance that would allow imposition of the tax Jan. 1, 2011, requiring a special election that would cost about \$25,000.

He explained that two requirements apply to both a special or general election. They are that within 75 days of the ordinance adoption, an election must be conducted and the county needs a minimum of 53

days to prepare the ballot. Adoption Tuesday would place the 75-day deadline on Oct. 3, a Sunday, and would require a special election sometime after Sept. 11 to allow for ballot printing time. Stewart wrote that the election could be no later than Sept. 30, to give the results to the State Tax and Revenue Department.

If a special election is preferred by commissioners, Sedillo, Williams or Powell must move to reconsider the question Tuesday. If a general election is preferred, consideration to adopt the ordinance should be tabled for a public hearing at a special commission meeting Aug. 24.

If voters approved the tax in the general election, it would be imposed July 1, 2011. To schedule the question for the Nov. 2 general election, commission must adopt the ordinance and the resolution at the August special meeting and the county clerk must have the ballot question prepared by Sept. 10. Results must be submitted to Tax and Revenue by March 31.

If the voters reject the tax, the county cannot propose it again for another year.

Stewart also pointed out that the ordinance would sunset in five years unless that provision is rescinded by the state Legislature. The maximum benefit the race track can collect is \$750,000 per year. The remaining money would go

## Battin remarks lead to cease and desist

A letter was sent by Lincoln County Attorney Alan Morel to John Billingsley, former head of the county Republican Party, asking him to "cease and desist" any remarks that County Commission Chairman Tom Battin is on the payroll of Ruidoso Race Track and Casino owner R.D. Hubbard.

Billingsley could not be reached for comment and Morel said Thursday he received no response to the letter.

According to Morel's letter mailed June 24, it was brought to Battin's attention that Billingsley commented in public about a Hubbard-Battin relationship at a Republican Party function.

"The purpose of this correspondence is to advise you that Mr. Battin is under no circumstances employed by Mr. Hubbard or any of his entities," Morel wrote. "As chairman of the Lincoln County Commission Mr. Battin is obviously concerned about the impression that this mis-statement of fact may carry, if allowed to go unchecked."

"If the statement was in fact not made by you, or somehow was misinterpreted, then there shouldn't be any further problem as it relates to this matter."

"If the statement was in fact made by you, Mr. Battin would respectfully request that you cease and desist from any further statements along these lines, as it clearly calls into question his credibility and ability to vote on matters involving Mr. Hubbard or any of his entities."

"When I asked (Billingsley) about the remarks, he said he thought I had to be or I wouldn't have made the trip to Santa Fe to testify (about legislation that would allow voters to decide on some tax relief for Hubbard's race track and casino)," Battin said when contacted last week. "He apologized. I don't hold any animosity. At least in my mind, it's resolved. I value my image and reputation. I felt like after I talked to John, everything was fine and I will not let it affect our relationship."

-Dianne Stallings

to the county to be used for a post-secondary education institution, economic development, or promotion or administration of the county.

A GRT of 1/16th of a cent currently would yield \$287,400 a year; a 1/8th of a cent, \$575,000 per year; 3/16th \$862,500; and 1/4th, \$1,150,000 a year, according to Stewart's figures. Imposition of the tax would increase the GRT rates in all municipalities, as well as unincorporated areas of the county. Ruidoso is tied for the second-highest GRT in New Mexico. If a full quarter of one percent addi-

tional GRT is imposed, it would be tied with the highest in the state, Taos Ski Valley, at 8.6875 percent.

The County Business Retention Act, the legislation that opened the possibility of the county scheduling an election to benefit the casino and race track at Ruidoso Downs, was signed into law in March by Gov. Bill Richardson.

The bill, which creates a gaming tax credit through a GRT collection, was co-sponsored by State Rep. Zach Cook (R-Ruidoso). It was the second attempt in the legislative session earli-

er this year to reduce the gaming tax for the racino owned by R.D. Hubbard. The first attempt, tied to a state tax break, failed and legislators bumped the financial decision down to the county level.

The act allows the credit to be sought by racetracks in New Mexico that have a net win, which is wagering minus winnings, of less than \$15 million. Currently, only Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino fits that requirement, according to a fiscal impact report prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee.

Officials with the race-

track have threatened to move to the Las Cruces area without "tax parity," with nearby tribal casinos, although some opponents argue that move may not be possible under current regulations.

The push for the legislation generated major lobbying efforts and support from ancillary businesses dependent on the track, but the issue of paying an additional tax for a private money-making enterprise has divided the county community and the county commission.

## Chamber sets track forum

A potential countywide vote on a gross receipts tax, aimed at keeping the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino in the area, will be discussed during a special membership meeting of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

During the chamber board's annual retreat, the panel unanimously agreed to call for the special membership meeting, which will occur at 5 p.m., Monday, at the Best Western Pine Springs Inn, 1420 E. U.S. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

State lawmakers approved legislation this year that allows Lincoln County to impose a Local Option County Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax, if voters concur. The maximum rate would be 1/4 of one percent in increments of 1/16 of one percent. Up to \$750,000 of the tax revenues would be used to offset some of the state gaming tax paid by the racetrack.

For several years officials with Ruidoso Downs Racing have called for better equality with the revenue sharing that is paid to the state from tribal casinos operations.

Track owner R.D. Hubbard had warned that, without tax parity, the racetrack would look at relocating.

The Chamber's membership meeting would discuss the economic implications losing the track and casino.

In a membership announcement, the Chamber encouraged all its members to attend the July 19 meeting.

"Since December, 2009 the RVCC has been dedicated to educating its members and the public about the myriad of issues and legislative initiatives related to the proposed relocation of the track, including commissioning a public survey and hiring a lobbyist. Citing the need to hear from members in the rapidly changing political environment since the end of the state legislative session, chamber board members stated that it was important to continue to provide a voice to its membership concerning these critical community issues. Chamber board members further noted that while they continue to support the public's right to vote on economic development legislation, that it was important to provide a forum for their members to express their ideas and viewpoints and that such action was an extension of its educational outreach."

The day after the chamber's special membership meeting the Lincoln County Commission will consider scheduling a special election to ask voters to decide the business retention gross receipts tax.

-Jim Kalvela

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# BILLS

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passed by Billy Wilson. It was the note that was eventually used to convict Wilson.

## Already 'on it'

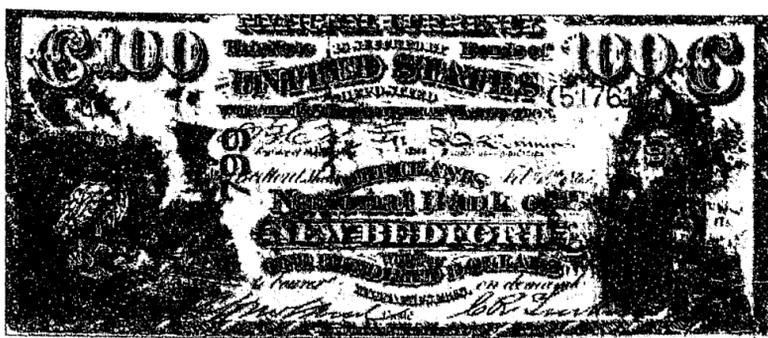
In 1878, two years before Dolan's bill surfaced in Lincoln, the Secret Service, Pinkerton Detectives and New York police were on the case of one of the best counterfeiters in America, William E. Brockway.

In pursuit of perfection in the reproductions, Brockway sent burglars to the mill where the silk-fibered paper was manufactured. They kicked down the door and stole the genuine currency paper.

The man who carved the plates for the government currency, Charles H. Smith, also reproduced them for the counterfeit operation. With forged signatures of the president and head cashier of the bank, the bills were of such good quality that even the banks they were drawn on accepted them as real.

By the time federal law enforcement agencies showed up in the West, they had already spent more than a year trailing the counterfeit operation from the East. They knew about the cattle theft operation run by the Kid and his gang used to launder some of the money.

According to the Billy Wilson court file, the counterfeit bank note seized from Dolan was from the Merchants National Bank of New Bedford, Mass., bearing serial number



The front view of a counterfeit bank note passed in Lincoln County by Billy the Kid and his gang. William Brockway, at right, printed it from the plate the Secret Service recovered the day before Thanksgiving in 1880. The plate had been engraved by Charles Smith, a government employee whose job was engraving Federal currency plates. The note was located by the United States Secret Service in their vault in Washington, D.C., January 2010.

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517607.

That was the clue Sederwall needed to track down the counterfeit bills passed by the Kid and his gang.

The bank note the investigators recovered was exactly the same as the one passed by Billy Wilson with one exception. Wilson's bill bore serial number 517607. The one Sederwall recovered bore serial number 517617. The second number from the right had been changed from a zero to a one.

## The missing plates

By Thanksgiving of 1880, the U.S. Secret Service had the counterfeit ring's mastermind William Brockway, Charles Smith the engraver, and James Doyle the distributor locked up.

With a deal in hand, Brockway then told the Secret Service that his plates were buried in Long Island. Following his instruction, the lawmen unearthed a 6-inch lead pipe flattened on each end

and soldered closed to make it water tight. When the pipe was forced open, they found 22 sets of steel and copper plates used to print counterfeit \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 notes. They also found a set of half-finished plates that would have been used to print \$1,000 notes.

In closing the case, the government also recovered \$350,000 in counterfeit \$100 bank notes and a large quantity of stolen fiber paper on which the counterfeit was printed.

Brockway provided answers to the Secret Service's questions, including how the bank notes were getting into New Mexico and Colorado. Simply put, they were buying cattle from a group of cattle thieves from White Oaks, N.M.: Billy the Kid and his gang.

The timeline built by Turk and Sederwall's investigation showed that the entire counterfeit ring had been arrested and was talking to the Secret Service a month before Sher-



iff-lect Pat Garrett threw his leg over the saddle to go after the Kid in December 1880.

Legend credits Garrett for breaking up the counterfeit ring in Lincoln County when he arrested the Kid at Stinking Springs. Secret Service records prove that the Kid's arrest was a very small part at the end of the massive counterfeiting operation.

However, the real hero of the day, the one actually responsible for it all coming to an end was the officer that broke case, the one that history has overlooked and forgotten. Ever hear of Andrew Drummond, chief of the New York office of the Secret Service?

## In the news

From the Jan 6, 1881,

edition of the *Long Port Journal*, in Long Port, Ind.: "In addition to their other crimes, the outlaws have put into circulation a large quantity of counterfeit money manufactured by William Brockway, the forger. The bills were obtained by one of the gang named Davis, who formerly operated in Chicago, and counterfeit \$100 bills in large numbers have been put in circulation among the stockmen and merchants in all that region. The information that enabled the Government officers to fix the handling of counterfeit money upon the Kid's gang came from a freighter named Smith. Soon afterward, while Smith was on his way from Las Vegas to Fort Sumner with a load of freight, he was waylaid and murdered by some of the gang."

Investigators located the workbench Garrett laid the Kid on after he shot him in July 1881 and the washstand struck by

Garrett's second shot that same night. They have the bed Garrett sat on just before the Kid entered Maxwell's bedroom as well as artifacts and documents never before seen, shedding new light on the story of the Kid.

History records that the Kid took the rifle that Brady was carrying the day he was killed in the street of Lincoln.

"Not true," said Sederwall. "We have an inventory of everything Sheriff Brady had on him the day he was killed — spurs, keys, ring, money, and guns. His rifle is still out there. If someone thinks they might have Brady's Winchester, they could call me and I'll give them the serial number and add some value to the rifle. I'm in the book."

A website, currently under construction, will have all Sederwall's case information available at [www.billythekidcase.com](http://www.billythekidcase.com).

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# Deer Park Valley owners debate need for paved roads

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Gathering comments from lot owners in the Deer Park Valley Special Assessment District, an overwhelming number favored moving ahead with the project. But a few owners of vacant lots opposed the action, complaining that paved roads will not sufficiently increase the value of the land to offset the \$14,717 per lot expense.

Kevin Powers of RBC Capital Markets said his company is ready to move forward with the financing piece of the project, assuming the district continue to move forward.

"I don't think at this time you've made any decisions on the length of repayment of the assessments or the amounts," he told Lincoln County commissioners at their June meeting. "We've run some estimates for internal purposes. There is no fix on the interest rates at this time. We would package and present it, to the New Mexico Finance Authority for financing, which we believe would result in the lowest cost to residents of the district."

Commissioner Jackie Powell asked how long a repayment period is being proposed and Powers said in his opinion, the most advantageous time frame would be 15.5 years.

"We looked at 10 years, 15 and 20 years," he said. "If you choose 10 years, we estimated the amount on the number for the entire district would be somewhere in neighborhood of \$2,000 a year. Fifteen years drops it to \$1,500 a year and if you do 20 years, it

goes to \$1,300. So the biggest bang for buck is going from 10 to 15 years. If you go more, you face (proving) the useful life of the improvement."

Duane Brown with the Modrall Sperling law firm, explained that the plan contains no "due on sale" requirement, which concerned some property owners in the district.

That means the assessment does not have to be paid off before a sale of a lot or house. The assessment stays with the land and the new owner, although sellers have the option of paying it as a sweetener for a prospective buyer.

"It's a decision you can tell us, whether to specify due on sale or allow it to be assumed by the purchaser," Brown said. "But we're hearing from property owners who are going to be assessed that they want flexibility."

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said the average length of ownership across the county is less than 10 years.

Commissioner Dave Parks said several in Deer Park Valley bought lots to secure membership in the Alto lakes Golf and Country Club, and now they want to sell.

Brown said once the protests are tabulated from the public hearing and written comments, they will be submitted from Wilson & Company Engineers and Architects based in Albuquerque.

Then commissioners will be asked to adopt Resolution Five to confirm the assessment roll with any modifications. "Next, we get into the actual

terms of the assessment ordinance and then the loan ordinance. They come to you at the same time," Brown said. "We'll be back more frequently with engineering wrapping up their work and moving to the money portion."

As the public hearing portion of the meeting proceeded, two people spoke against the project out of about 20 lot owners. A few others submitted letters in opposition.

"Most appreciate the benefit it will bring to the district," Battin observed. A certified appraiser estimated the per lot added value of engineered paved road with drainage improvements at between \$20,000 and \$24,500. Lot sizes vary from 0.91 of an acre to more than 3 acres.

Dan Aguirre with Wilson and Co., said bids to build the roads were opened May 12 and a contract was awarded to FNF Construction in Ruidoso. The company submitted the low bid of \$2,534,193, out of four offered. His breakdown lists \$7,194.74 for paving and \$7,522.62 for the area storm drain. When engineering and other costs were added and the total was divided by 238 lots within Deer Park, the \$14,601 assessment was the result, he said.

"The low bidder was about \$3,000 different from our estimate over last three months," he said. Testifying at the hearing, a four-year resident said he was tired of "getting beat up going down the road."

A real estate agent, he said the subdivision will be the next group of homes to be built in the Alto Lakes

area. The lots are reasonably priced and flat, and in excess of a half acre. Everything on the top of Alto Lakes is sold, he said. He asked about the payment process and Aguirre said an owner can pay the entire amount, none or a portion in the first 30 days and then opt to use the remaining 15 1/2 years to spread out the rest of the payment.

A woman who said she's been trying to sell her lot for three years without a bite, told commissioners, "The assessment is five times more than what it is worth from my computation. We're in a global bad economy. It's a lot of money, especially when retirement accounts have gone down. Real estate in Ruidoso has gone down. I like to be a positive person, but I see no hope in selling for the next couple of years."

She asked if she had any recourse, if the district is formed and assessment levied. County Attorney Alan Morel said there would be little recourse.

"You can contest the accuracy of the assessment, once it is approved," he said. "You would have to go to district court to dispute it."

Leroy Ortiz, who lives in Albuquerque and owns two lots in Deer Park and another on High Mesa Road, said he's been trying to sell all three to recoup the money he invested.

"The assessed value is much higher than my asking price and I can't sell them," he said. "The market is not good. Putting in roads will not offset the \$15,000 increase in the cost. Actually, I'll get less,

because people call and note there will be an assessment."

He warned the commission may be left with the financial obligation if lot owners walk away instead of paying.

"I'm a roofing contractor, have been doing that 30 years and I never have seen it this slow," Ortiz said. "People can't afford it. People will wonder if it's worth putting in another \$15,000, but if we don't make the payments, what's the use of making the country club payments and they will put liens (on the lots) too. No one will buy and you'll have a bunch of lots with liens. It's a bad time to do it. Wait a couple of years for the economy to get better. Asphalt is very high with (federal stimulus) projects driving up the cost. I think the price will come down on this. I think it will be a disaster to do it right now."

He's been asking \$12,000 just to recoup his money, Ortiz said. "If you go through with this, I might lose them. I understand the benefit to those who live there. Why not gravel and put on base course and wait until more people live there?"

Laurie Gibson said in 2 1/2 years she's gone through two sets of tires on her vehicle. That money could have gone toward paying her assessment, she said.

"I had my house listed an entire year and no one wanted to live out there and drive dirt roads," she said, adding, "I'm 100 percent in favor."

Another Saddleback resident said she also favored the project and that compa-

nable lot in Alto, but on paved roads occurred this year and at a healthy price. She was followed to the podium by a home owner who said it is a quality of life issue and with three children, he was confident the project would improve the neighborhood.

Darrel Gasaway, who lives on Big Horn Court, said he built five years ago and he's tired of coming off the hill to see two lanes of cars sharing one lane of road because a portion is impassable.

"Those against mostly are speculators, who don't live there," he contended.

Another full-time resident said the roads are "one step above cattle trails." Five new homes were built within a three-block radius of his house without good roads. "Imagine the expansion if the roads were good," he said, adding that many real estate agents won't even show property in Deer Park Valley because of the bad roads.

"Interest rates are at an all-time low," he pointed out. "You talk about waiting. You're kidding yourself, that the cost will be cheaper."

Realtor James Paxton, who owns a lot, said in taking about 15 prospective buyers to the subdivision, he heard repeatedly questions about what will be done with the roads and when.

"The best lots are taken on top in Alto and what's left are steep and costly to build on," he said. "Deer Park Valley lots almost all are level." Paved roads will increase the value of his lot and will help with sales as well as the quality of life for residents, he said.

# Treatment plant firm denied request for incremental payments

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A request by the company working on Ruidoso's \$36 million wastewater treatment plant for incremental reimbursement of

overhead costs incurred, because of a starting date delay, was rebuffed Tuesday by village councilors.

They decided to stick with a plan previously approved in January that the \$85,635 be paid to

RMCI Inc. all at one time at the end of the contract.

In a memorandum to the council, Michelle Salas, an engineer with Molzen Corbin & Associates, and project supervisor, wrote that completion of Phase

1A of the plant was delayed about 11 weeks, because of problems obtaining equipment for the disinfection unit. That prevented RMCI from demolishing the existing chlorine contact basin, which was located at the southeast corner of the main secondary treatment structure.

"RMCI was able to modify their construction to mitigate some of this delay," she wrote. The company requested a seven week time extension (49 days) and the cost of overhead for the additional days. The firm initially asked for \$104,371, exclusive of gross receipts taxes.

"This amount included labor costs for four employees, a superintendent, a

general foreman, a field engineer and a laborer," Salas wrote. "It also included equipment and other costs associated with overhead. In my review of the proposal, I approved only \$58,304. The main issue was inclusion of the field engineer and the labor rates associated with other employees."

The agreement left the field engineer in but reduced his hours by 25 percent, and labor rate escalation also was excluded. The revised cost was \$85,635.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris told councilors the pro-rated monthly amount would be about \$7,000.

"They're like the Eveready battery, they keep

coming with change orders," Councilor Jim Stoddard said, asking for a recommendation from Village Manager Debi Lee.

"I've managed a lot of capital projects," she said. "I'm not pleased with the number of change orders and I've never seen a company ask for overhead, because of a time delay. Usually, it's only to avoid paying liquidated damages. I recommend you stay with not paying until the end of the project."

Councilor Denise Dean said the money that would go to the payment is invested somewhere and the village would lose that interest. She offered a motion to approve the request as an affirmative motion that could be voted down, but it died for lack of a second.

Stoddard said no action was needed because the council already approved the payment at the end of the contract. Councilor Angel Shaw, noting the discomfort of the village clerk with no action on the issue, offered a motion to stick to the council's original intent, which passed 5-0.

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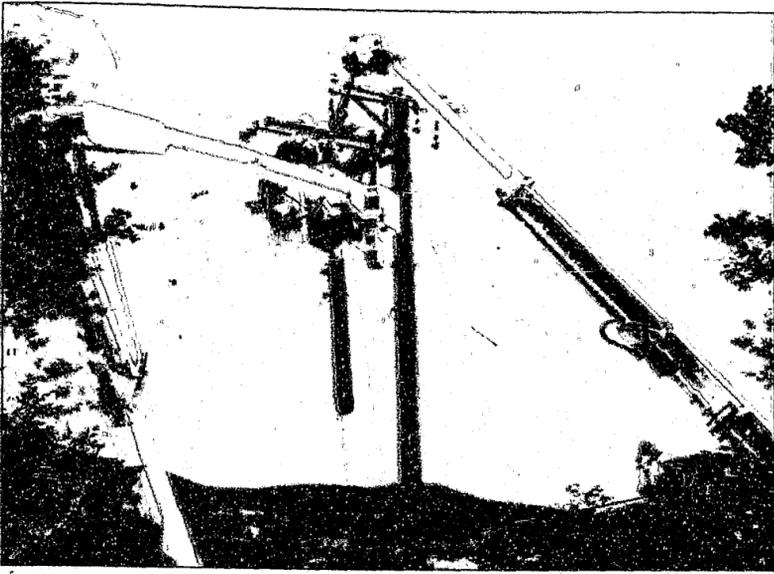
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Utility crews replace a power pole and reconfigure power lines after a semi snagged a cable-TV line on La Canada Drive. The pole split during the Wednesday morning episode.

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## Village exploring aspects of legal representation

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With a stranglehold on the budget, Ruidoso administration officials are trying out some new approaches to legal representation of the village.

Councilors hired a separate firm, Leonard & Gibson, to represent the village in municipal court cases. They also reserved the option of hiring an independent attorney to sit in on meetings of advisory boards and the village Planning and Zoning Commission, but indicated an attorney often is not needed at those sessions.

Tuesday, the council approved a new one-year contract to act as village attorney with the Bryant, Schneider-Cook Law Firm on a motion by Councilor Jim Stoddard.

To further track expenses, wording in the contract limits the number of hours each month, requires notice when the cut-off is being approached and task orders to verify and justify each assignment.

Under the terms, if the lead attorney Dan Bryant was used for all of the 80 hours allowed monthly at \$140 per hour, the village would pay \$11,200 or \$134,400 a year. The rate decreases to \$130 an hour

for partner Angie Schneider-Cook and \$70 per hour for legal assistant services, plus gross receipts taxes of 8.3475 percent.

"I know we had some changes back and forth," Councilor Angel Shaw said, adding part of the exchange was for her to see Bryant's task orders and where he stood on catching up with assignments.

"I really, really hope you stick to the rules like anyone else," she said, apparently, referring to some last-minute paperwork submitted for the meeting agenda item. The council has a rule against accepting information right before or during a meeting. Bryant said the changes were finished Friday morning.

Stoddard asked for Village manager Debi Lee's input and she replied that the contract meets all of the council's priorities and was ready for approval. Using another firm in municipal court beginning July 27, frees up Bryant's time for other things, she said. She noted that reimbursement to Bryant for facsimiles and copying was removed, because "it was getting pricey," and he agreed that if major copying was required, it could be performed on village's machines.

"This sets forth a task order system, so we know what we are dealing with and have a deadline for when it should be done," Lee said. "That's the biggest change."

Other terms in the contract by task order include:

- the village attorneys duties cover examining abstracts; preparing and/or reviewing certain contracts, ordinances and resolutions; advising elected officials and department heads; undertaking collections; and rendering legal opinions.

- the agreement does not include representation of the village before the Planning and Zoning Commission, in appeals from that board or from the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, or in land use or zoning matters pending in courts.

- for the purposes of budgeting, hours are not to exceed 80 per month without written prior approval and task order number. To control costs, the attorney will maintain detailed daily time reporting and notify the manager when 65 hours is reached or the sum of \$9,100 in a month.

- reimbursable expenses include mileage at 34 cents per mile for out of town travel, other actual expenses during travel

backed up by receipts, and the attorney's time in travel.

- the village manager is charged with monitoring legal services and maintaining control to ensure the cap is not exceeded.

- the attorney shall provide quarterly reports to the council.

- the attorney shall take actions to avoid future conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to, refusing to accept outside cases that ultimately may involve the village.

- a separate line item will be established for payment of litigation costs.

- the attorney shall not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed without prior written approval from the village.

- the attorney must maintain during the term of the agreement the minimum amount of \$1 million in professional liability insurance.

## Mayor to represent Downs

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong will be the city's voting delegate to the annual conference of the New Mexico Municipal League.

The 53rd Annual Conference of the municipal league will be held Sept. 1-3 in Taos.

During the conference's business meeting on Sept. 2, league directors will be elected, as well as votes taken on possible amendments to the group's by-laws and resolutions. If the mayor is unavailable, Mayor pro tem Dean Holman would fill in.

"It's customary that the mayor from the municipalities is nominated as the voting delegate," City Clerk Carol Virden told the council Monday evening. "You'll need a nomination for the mayor and an alternate."

A motion to make the mayor the delegate, and the mayor pro-tem the alternate, was offered by City Councilor Rene Olivo and approved by the full council.

Each member municipality in good standing at the conference will be entitled to one delegate vote.

- Jim Kalvelage

## Arts & Crafts Fair

The Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club, presents their 5th annual Arts & Crafts Fair & Silent Auction on July 17th, 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Clubhouse at 116 S. Evergreen. All proceeds go towards our various charities and scholarships. 257-2309

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# ENMU-Ruidoso board endorses lease agreement

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The language of a revised agreement to lease 139 acres for a potential expansion of ENMU-Ruidoso was endorsed by the branch community college board Wednesday. But additional approvals are still needed.

The one-year rent amount would be \$75,000.

The property, near the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, was donated to the state in 2008. Originally it was land owned by the late Jackie Spencer. The acreage had been proposed to become the Cedars Campus.

A similar one-year lease had been approved by the community college board and the Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents in April. But the New Mexico Board of Finance, in not signing on, said three revisions were necessary. Those adjustments clarify the effective date of the lease, a warranty about the environmental condition of the property, and a requirement that the New Mexico State Board of Finance must give their approval.

"The language was clarified in terms of the effective date," ENMU-Ruidoso President Clayton Alred told the board. "And that would be either the execution of this lease and its approval by the state Board of Finance or the acquisition of the property by (the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, whichever comes last. The wording was slightly differ-



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**ENMU-Ruidoso** Community College Board members (clockwise from the bottom) Lynn Willard (facing away), James Paxton, Michelle Perry, Susan Phillips and Tim Harkins endorse a revised lease for acreage that could someday become the home of the Cedars Campus. Also in the picture are: Martin Ahumada, the college's director of finance; Chad Smith, vice president of student learning; and Clayton Alred, college president. The group met Wednesday at Casa Blanca restaurant.

ent but that was changed.

A section called Environmental Warranty requires that no hazardous materials have been released on the property.

"I can tell you that there's recently been conducted a phase one Environmental Analysis and this is a copy of their report," said Alred. "The report is positive."

Three recommendations were a part of the report.

"One was to remove trash, and there is some trash, very limited, not anything that has any pol-

lutants. And then there's an active septic system on the property that should be maintained. And then the third recommendation was that should the fuel tank on the backup generator ever be filled, that there should be established procedures to make sure that there's no contamination as a result of that."

Doug Svetnicka, with the Department of Cultural Affairs, said the property has not yet been transferred to the department.

"There's a lot of horses before the cart. And there's

a lot of carts before the horse," Svetnicka said.

Department Secretary Stuart Ashman said next the ENMU Board of Regents must approve the lease and subsequently the State Board of Finance. He said that is expected in September.

The annual rent payment of \$75,000 is proposed to drop to \$1 after five years. The term of a longer-running lease would be 99 years. Later this year a long-term lease for the property is expected to be considered by the local col-

lege board, the ENMU regents, the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the 2011 session of the New Mexico Legislature.

"The lease payment, the \$75,000 for the first year, would come from reserves," Alred said. "And I'm a bit cautious, I'm a bit concerned about our reserves. That is due to the scrutiny reserves have been subjected to by the New Mexico Higher Education Department. They're very serious in terms of what reserves institutions hold. 'What are their plans?'

There could be some consideration of 'well, if you have this money in reserves, we will not fund this fully, some portion of the money that you would be paid.' And that's pure scrutiny on my part. And it is speculation on my part."

Alred said the school's reserves, however, are not large.

ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community Board Chair Lynn Willard said the lease was exactly the same as the agreement that had been approved on April 27 except for the several changes.

The board unanimously approved a resolution backing the proposed lease during a special meeting at Casa Blanca Restaurant.

The property was pledged to the state on Aug. 9, 2008, by the Jacqueline Spencer Theater Trust, with the condition that the property be used for the community branch college and open space. Open space was described as land reserved for parks, walking paths, wildlife habitat or other natural uses.

The property includes a partially constructed home that Spencer planned to move into before her death in 2003. Renovation of the structure is proposed for use as an instructional facility.

The donation was described as a three-way partnership between the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, and ENMU-Ruidoso.

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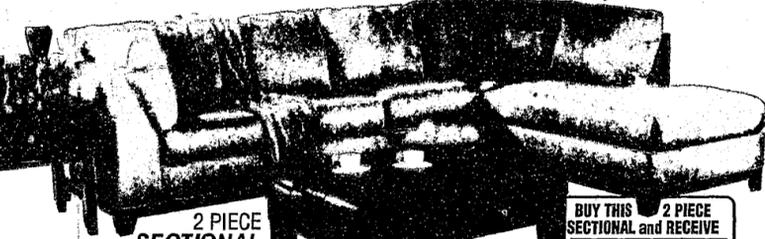
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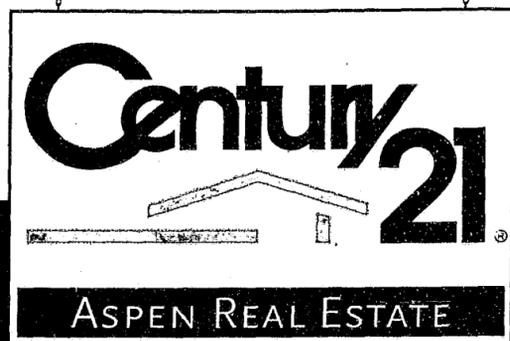
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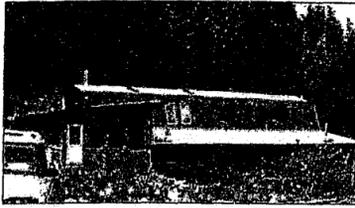
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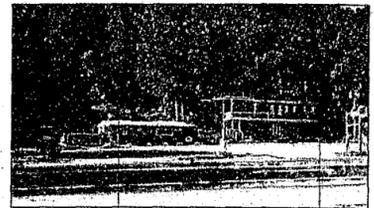
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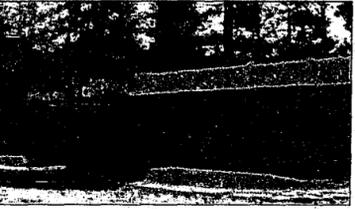
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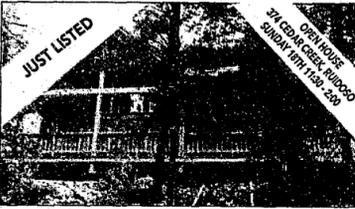
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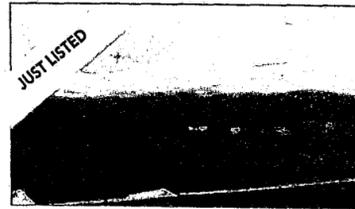
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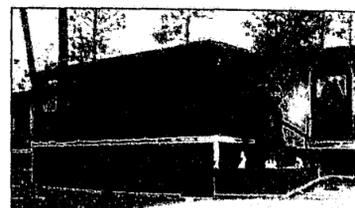
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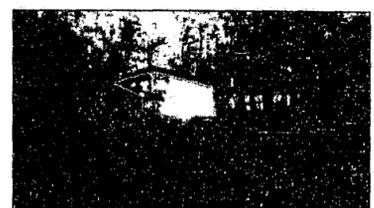
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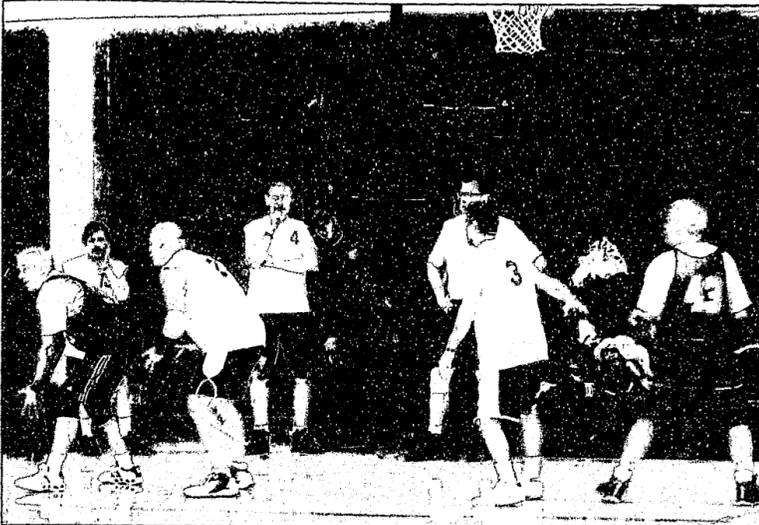
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Statewide Senior Olympic Games were founded in New Mexico 32 years ago.

New Mexico Senior Olympics was born in 1979 with several events and 150 athletes from the state.

## Senior Olympics founder recalls 32 years of games in NM

CHRIS MINNICK  
For the Ruidoso News

Las Cruces - In 1979 Ernesto Ramos was working for the federal government helping senior programs around New Mexico get funding for their programs. While the job was rewarding, Ramos knew that more could be done in the state to help seniors stay active and healthy.

Because of the vision and leadership of Ramos, in the summer of 1979 the New Mexico Senior Olympics were born with several events and 150 athletes from all around the state.

In the 32 years since the statewide games were founded, Ramos has attended every senior games which has grown to more than 1,200 athletes

and one of the most successful Senior Olympic Games in the nation.

"A lot of people don't realize that New Mexico was the first state in the nation to hold statewide games for seniors," Ramos said. "There were senior games taking place at a local level in many states, with the largest in Los Angeles, but we were the first to hold statewide

games."

The 2010 Senior Olympic Summer Games will take place from July 28 to August 1st in Las Cruces. True to form, Ramos will be in Las Cruces to watch seniors from around the state compete in 30 different sports. Ramos, who served on the National Senior Olympics Board from 1990 to 1998 and as

national president from 1995 to 1997, said the intense competition prepares New Mexico athletes to dominate the National Games.

"I love to attend the games because the level of competition is intense and it's a very exciting time," Ramos said. "People may think that the Senior Olympics is older people casually playing games,

but once you see how competitive the action is, you will become an instant fan.

We have some of the best senior athletes in the state and when our athletes go to the National Senior Games they go to win and bring home gold."

This year's Games are a qualifying year for the

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## They had dreams and songs to sing

Death makes memories of us all. I guess that's something ... considering the alternative.

Most of us have had someone close to us pass on, whether it's a parent, grandparent or relative.

It's always hard, even when you know it's coming. Harder still, is when the deceased is an adolescent or young adult with, seemingly, their whole lives before them.

It is then you realize that's all they will ever have ... and nothing more.

When my son was 14 I

enrolled him at New Mexico Military Institute.

My father was an alumnus of that school (JC, class of 1930) and turned out to be an exemplary individual throughout his

life so I believed it would be a good experience for my son, too.

As a freshman the boy made the varsity Colt baseball team and I was elated.

My father had played baseball on the same field so many years before and it was as if he were there watching his grandson playing the sport he

loved.

And, in spirit, he was. For,

on the day my son started the school year I had chartered a nearby plane, and flying at 2,000 feet, had scattered my father's and mother's ashes over the Institute.

It was comforting to know they were there to watch over their grandson.

In the spring, when baseball started, my son became one of the starting pitchers and when he wasn't on the mound he played third base.

There was another talented athlete on the Colt squad. His name was Josh and he was an exceptional catcher as well as a consistently good hitter.

When he wasn't catching, he pitched. He was a sophomore at the time, and although he and

my son were never close friends, they respected each other.

It was fun to watch both of them as a pitching/catching battery. They really complimented each other.

The younger lad had a wicked curve ball, and on rare occasions, when his "spinner" hit the dirt Josh always blocked it. Anything within his reach stayed there ... within his reach.

Offensively, it was a treat to watch them hit. My son batted third and Josh hit cleanup.

During that baseball season I became good friends with Josh's father and together we had some memorable moments. We always rooted for both kids.

There was never any jealousy between us and I came to know him as a good and decent man.

He and his wife lived in Albuquerque but that did not stop him from attending nearly every game.

At one doubleheader in Portales, while the sun baked the landscape at 100-degrees, he showed up with a case of Iron City Beer.

Somehow he tracked down my hometown beer at a distributorship in Albuquerque and surprised me with the present.

"But it's not cold," I whined. "No problem at all," he patiently replied. "Hop in my car."

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## Boxing club to hold Saturday fights

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The Rocks amateur boxing club, headquartered in the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs, will hold a fight tournament on Saturday, with six visiting fight clubs and 25 featured bouts.

On May 15, a majestic, red, white and blue amateur boxing ring (made by Monster Rings and Cages, from Albuquerque) was delivered and installed in the church gym.

The cost was \$6,500 which was covered by generous donations including the church itself.

The brightly colored, well-padded ring posts and flooring are impressive. The amateur inside-the-ropes dimensions are 18-by-18-feet.

Saturday's event is billed as the "Rumble in Ruidoso" and will mark the club's first tournament in their new ring.

Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12.

Doors open at 6 p.m.



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Members of the Rocks Boxing Club show their new ring.

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# Cree Uprising

The Cree Uprising Ladies Golf Tournament was held at Cree Meadows Country Club, July 6-7, with 112 ladies who participated in two-lady partnerships. Tuesday's play was a shamble and Wednesday's action was best ball. The team of Margot DeAlba and Lauren Zelt won Low Net Over the Field. Kay Doss and Sherri Chandler won Low Gross Over the Field.

### Championship Flight

- 1st Gross - Jean Griffith, Polly Perry ..... 134
- 2nd Gross - Karen Rainbolt, LaGena Weaver .143
- 3rd Gross - Janis Polson, Sandy Bynum .... 146
- 1st Net - Carol Wall, Marita Hynes ..... 118
- 2nd Net - Kim Lagasse, Linda Russell ..... 122
- 3rd Net - Marie Tucker, Maureen Zagone ... 125

### First Flight

- 1st Gross - Karen Wells, Raydene Drennan .. 146
- 2nd Gross - Judy Pupura, Vicki Pupura .... 154
- 3rd Gross - Cathy Wilson, Dana Olmstead .. 155
- 1st Net - Kathy Garber, Lisa Fraley ..... 124
- 2nd Net - Barbara Gossage, Kay Allen ..... 125
- 3rd Net - Barbara Hardy, Mary Shelton .... 126

### Second Flight

- 1st Gross - Linda Emerson, Lynne Blackman . 150
- 2nd Gross - Carol Bayless, Pam Skar ..... 154
- 3rd Gross - Jenny Lewellen, Karen Stepp ... 157
- 1st Net - Eve Bayless, Pam Skar ..... 119
- 2nd Net - Joni Markham, Phyllis Hanners .. 121
- 3rd Net - Gaye Miller, Jane Hoover ..... 125

### Third Flight

- 1st Gross - Anna Martinez, Marty DiSanto .. 159
- 2nd Gross - Earlene Neeley, Jerry Betty .... 165
- 3rd Gross - Sharron Carroll, Sue Bishop .... 170
- 1st Net - Judy Smith, Sennie Rhodes ..... 121
- 2nd Net - Alyce Castillo, Mary Shettel ..... 132
- 3rd Net - Cheryl Knobel, Wy Haragan ..... 132

### Fourth Flight

- 1st Gross - Karen Johns, Sylvia Ware ..... 165
- 2nd Gross - Gerry Krettek, Gert Krettek .... 178
- 3rd Gross - Linda McLaughlin, Margaret Pugh . 311
- 1st Net - Bobby Riddle, Kay Baker ..... 125
- 2nd Net - Castell Martell, Vicki Ballard .... 132
- 3rd Net - Jane Korzan, Kathy Price ..... 133



The team of Margot DeAlba (left) and Lauren Zelt won Low Net Over the Field at the Cree Uprising Tournament.



The team of Kay Doss (left) and Sherri Chandler won Low Gross Over the Field at Cree Meadows Country Club.



Doris Jones sank a hole-in-one on No. 11 in the Rally for the Cure Tournament at Alto Lakes Country Club.



Barbara Gossage won Low Net Over the Field with a 61 at the Founder's Day Tournament at Alto Lakes.

## DREAMS

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We journeyed to the closest convenience store and he entered the establishment. Moments later he re-appeared with a bag of

ice and two cups.

"We'll drink this beer Texas style," he said. "You'll like it."

To this day, I don't know if he was laying some Southwestern humor on me or if he was serious.

We filled the cups with ice and poured the "Iron"

over the frozen water cubes.

"Good, isn't it?" he asked.

"Not bad," I politely replied

In reality it turned a great brew into some sort of vile liquid. I never told him that. I liked him too

much. I always have.

Josh finished out the season with flair. He had become a feared hitter, respected pitcher and a very talented catcher among the teams he had faced. He was making a name for himself in baseball circles in the region.

His junior year he decided to attend public school in Albuquerque but returned to the Institute as a senior where he again exhibited his superior baseball skills. When he finished the year colleges recruited him with confidence.

He chose to go to a junior college in eastern Arizona, which has a reputation as a baseball stepping-stone to Division I universities. His future looked bright.

Last Thanksgiving I received the distressing news, in a roundabout way, Josh had died. He was 19 and his heart had simply stopped.

Hoping against hope, I wanted to believe the third-hand information about his death was just an ugly rumor.

A week later I worked up the courage to email his father whom I hadn't seen in two years.

It said, "My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you."

Another week passed, and nothing.

A few days later his father answered me with a simple, but poignant, "Thanks, Mike."

The worst was confirmed. The strapping, dark-haired, good-looking 6-foot athlete was gone.

It will never be known for sure what he could have accomplished in life or on a baseball field.

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## Alto Lakes ladies golf

The Alto Lakes Ladies Golf Association held a "Rally for the Cure" play day Wednesday, June 14.

The event, held at the Alto Lakes and Country Club, was won by Doris Jones for a Hole in One on hole No. 11. Also played the same day was a Founder's Day Tournament. That prize was awarded for Low Net over the Field. Barbara Gossage was the winner with a net score of 61.

### First Flight

- 1st Gross - Ella McGaughey ..... 77
- 2nd Gross - Carole Wall ..... 83
- 3rd Gross - Connie Martin ..... Not reported
- 1st Net - Kim Lagasse ..... 65
- 2nd Net - Linda Russell ..... 67
- 3rd Net - Bev Reynolds ..... 68

### Second Flight

- 1st Gross - Kathy Garber ..... 89
- 2nd Gross - Jeane Lacewell ..... 90
- 3rd Gross - Sharon Heaton ..... 92
- 1st Net - Eve Bayless ..... 66
- 2nd Net - Marjorie Hirsch ..... 68
- 3rd Net - Karen Thomas ..... 69

### Third Flight

- 1st Gross - Linda Palla ..... 93
- 2nd Gross - Sandy Carroll ..... 94
- 3rd Gross - Marty DiSanto ..... 96
- 1st Net - Jeannie McCoy ..... 66
- 2nd Net - Kathy Clary ..... 68
- 3rd Net - Doris Jones ..... 70

### Fourth Flight

- 1st Gross - Linda McLaughlin ..... 96
- 2nd Gross - Kathy Nelson ..... 102
- 3rd Gross - Kai Brown ..... 103
- 1st Net - Jane Hoover ..... 69
- 2nd Net - Margaret Pugh ..... 72
- 3rd Net - Bette Hanson ..... 75

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# All American Futurity winner returns in Zia Derby trials

TY WYANT  
Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

The return of All American Futurity winner Running Brook Gal, three trials to the Zia Derby and the continuation of the All American Future Wager provide a diverse selection at Ruidoso Downs on Friday.

Live racing starts with 1 p.m. first post time. Running Brook Gal competes in the 350-yard third race and the Zia Derby tri-

als comprise the fourth through the sixth races on the 10-race card.

A homebred owned by Chad and Albert Richard, Running Brook Gal makes her 2010 debut after being named the 2009 champion 2-year-old and 2-year-old filly. The Brookstone Bay filly gave trainer Paul Jones his third All American Futurity winner last year and then she went on to win the Grade 1, \$305,000 Southwest Juvenile Championship at

Zia Park.

Running Brook Gal also was the runner-up in the Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity and was the fastest-qualifier to the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity, each at Ruidoso Downs.

In last Labor Day's All American Futurity, Running Brook Gal disposed of her rivals halfway through the 440-yard dash and went on to win by an easy one-and-one-half lengths.

In Friday's third race,

Running Brook Gal will be preparing for the trials to Grade 1, \$1,500,000 (est.) All American Derby on August 20 at Ruidoso Downs.

The All American Derby projects to be the richest quarter horse derby of 2010.

Here Kittykittykitty and Corona Memory Crest, the top two finishers in the \$75,000 New Mexico Breeder Stakes, return to head the trials to the Zia Derby for New Mexico-bred

3-year olds.

Desiree Mooring's Corona Memory Crest was favored in the New Mexico Breeders Stakes after winning his four previous outs against maiden and conditioned allowance company.

The All American Future Wager is offered through Sunday. The bettor tries to select the Labor Day winner of the All American Futurity presented by Sentient Jet. Future bets traditionally rewarded the winner with a large payoff.

In the All American Future Wager there are 23 individual wagering interests (horses) and a field bet. The field is comprised of every other horse who enters the All American Futurity trials on August 19.

The field bet is the 2-1 morning-line favorite while American Runaway, the favorite for the \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity on July 25, is the 5-2 second choice. See [www.aafuturewager.com](http://www.aafuturewager.com).

## GAMES

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National Games that will be held in Houston, Texas in 2011.

The National Senior Olympics will also send a two to three person team to the New Mexico Games to recruit athletes to attend the National Games in Houston.

The Summer Games

are open to all New Mexico residents age 50 and older who qualified at local sanctioned games this past spring.

The Senior Olympics Summer Games offers 30 individual sports to choose from, so you are sure to find something to fit your training style.

Competition includes Air Gun, Archery, Badminton, Basketball Free-Throw, Basketball 3 Point Shot, Bowling, Cycling,

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For most competitions athletes are divided into

five year age categories: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64 and 65 and older.

In addition to the competition, athletes will have the chance to catch up with friends and share in the camaraderie by attending the Opening Ceremony, Athlete Social, and the Dinner Banquet/Final Ball Dance.

"In addition to the sports I love the camaraderie the games have created in New Mexico,"

Ramos said.

"I am very proud of what we have accomplished over the last 32 years and a lot of credit goes to the board of directors, sponsors, volunteers, fans and of course our athletes for making the New Mexico games one of the best events in the country."

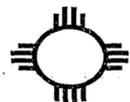
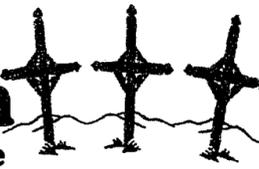
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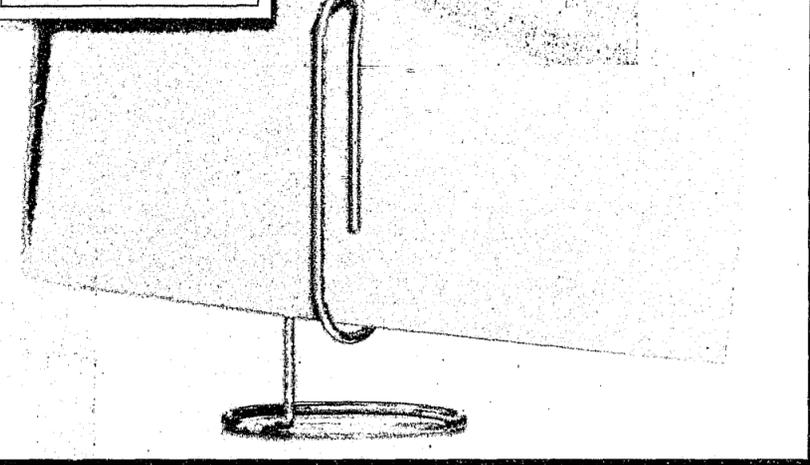
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**PENTECOSTAL**

**Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly**

Retired Pastor and author Harry A. Peyton

**Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church of Ruidoso**

613 Sudderth Dr. Unit D. Pastor, Art Dunn, Youth Pastor, Nathaniel Dunn. Free home Bible studies.

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**First Presbyterian Church**

101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Tony Chambliss - Pastor.

**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church**

Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP.

**Corona United Presbyterian Church**

Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP.

**Nogal Presbyterian**

Church Reverend Bill Sebring.

**REFORMED CHURCH**

Mescalero Reformed Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

**Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist**

207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Bill Kasper 575-437-0237; 1st Elder Manuel Moya 575-937-4487.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**

Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Call 336-2170 or 354-0602 for location.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

**American Missionary Fellowship**

Rick Smith, 682-2999. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org

**Calvary Chapel**

127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall.

**Casa de Oracion**

Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075. Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon. \*All Services are Bilingual\* ~ Translators Available ~

**Centro Familiar Destino**

304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 257-0447. Services are bilingual.

**Christ Church in the Downs**

Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors.

**Church Out of Church**

Meeting at the Flying J Ranch, 1028 Hwy. 48, Alto. Pastors: Tim & Julie Gilliland. Mailing Address: 1009 Mechem#11 Ruidoso 88345. Phone 575-258-1388. Please check the website for additional information: www.churchoutofchurch.com. Keepin' it simple... Keepin' it real!

**Cornerstone Church**

Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors.

**Cowboy Church**

Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

**Foot of the Cross Christian Ministries**

2812 Sudderth (Pine Tree Shopping Center) Pastor, Phil Appel. For more info please call 937-8677 or visit our website at www.thefootofthecross.org

**Grace Harvest Church**

1108 Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213. Iglesia Bautista "Vida Eterna" Pastor Rev. Ramon Robledo. 207 East Circle, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, 361 E. Hwy. 70, (505) 378-8108. Email: revrobledo@lycos.com

**J Bar J Church**

40 Hwy 70W, 575-257-6899 Pastor

**Charles W. Clary, E-mail: jbarjcountrychurch@ruidoso.net**

**Miracle Life Ministry Center**

Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com

**Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)**

Alto North, 336-7075. Jeamsie Price, Pastor.

**Racetrack Chapel**

Horseman's Entrance, Hwy 70, 505-378-7264. Chaplain Darrell Winter.

**NON-SECTARIAN Spiritual Awareness Study Group**

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## CAPITAN & LINCOLN CHURCHES

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**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**

(south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Mel Gnatkowski, pastor 808-0607

**Mountain Baptist Church**

Independent-Fundamental KJV. 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019

**CATHOLIC**

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

Capitan, 354-9102.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Episcopal Chapel of San Juan**

in Lincoln

**FOURSQUARE**

Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor.

**METHODIST**

**Capitan United Methodist Church**

Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.

**NAZARENE**

**Angus Church of the Nazarene**

Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

**Christ Community Fellowship**

Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor.

**QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP**

- Quaker Unprogrammed meeting at the Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-653-4951

## CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**

Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirtieth.

**BAPTIST**

**First Baptist Church**

Hayden Smith, Pastor.

**CATHOLIC**

**Santa Rita Catholic Church**

648-2853. Father Franklin Eichhorst.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel**

Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Carrizozo, 6th & E Street.

**METHODIST**

**United Methodist Church Parish**

Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

**The Word of Life Church**

Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church.

**MESCALERO**

**Carrizo Christian Fellowship**

Leonard Kanese-wah III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods Mescalero. 464-4656

# RELIGION

## 71st Nogal Mesa Ranchman's Camp Meeting opens

CAROL WILSON  
For the Ruidoso News

As the western horizon darkens to blues and purples, voices are raised in song until the air pulses with the music and words of "Amazing Grace." Thus, with a song and a prayer, evening services begin at Nogal Mesa Ranchman's Camp meeting.

It has been this way for 71 years, as rural folk and their urban friends and neighbors meet together on Nogal Mesa to worship and sing and meet with their Lord.

The first meal will be served on Wednesday evening, July 21, followed by the first worship service.

Thursday through Sunday the schedule is filled with four worship services a day, children and youth activities, and prayer meetings concluding with the evening worship service.

The concept of bringing the church to the cowboy was birthed more than a century ago in the Big Bend area of Texas. The Bloys Camp Meeting was held each summer since 1890 in the Davis Mountains.

Joe Evans became friends with Presbyterian missionary Ralph Hall, a circuit riding preacher. With his saddle and pack horse, Hall traveled the Southwest to spread the good news of Jesus. When Hall arrived at an isolated ranch, he joined in the work of the day, whether it was rounding up cattle, branding, fence building, or bronc busting. When the work was done, Hall would preach.

Evans persuaded Hall that New Mexico needed the same type of summer family camp, where far-flung neighbors could con-

gregate for fellowship and worship of their creator.

When the cowboys and the missionary met on the rim of Nogal Mesa, they felt they had found the perfect site for their new Camp Meeting.

The Mesa has become a holy spot for many people in the ensuing years. First, ranch families came in wagons and horseback to hear the preaching and teaching. Today, cars and pickups pulling camp trailers wend their way to Nogal Mesa. Others who can't come to camp make it a point to come for the evening meal and services.

Today, more than 50 families make up a local committee which carries on the work begun in the middle the last century. They aren't all cowboys any more, but all are dedicated to God's service and the preaching of His word.

Over the years, the committee has built a tabernacle perched on the rim of the Mesa overlooking the Tularosa Basin. There is also a cook shack where three meals a day are cooked over open fires in huge, cast-iron kettles. A large bell tolls seven times a day to summon campers for services or meals, signaling either food for the body or the spirit, depending on the time. No camping fees or meal fees are collected, as the Camp Meeting is run entirely on free-will donations.

Tabernacle services will be led by Charles Clary, of Ruidoso, and Mike Skidmore, of Truth or Consequences.

Children 4-6 years of age will meet in the pink trailer and grades one through six meet at the striped tent at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

The youth will have their own services at 9 a.m.



COURTESY

A Nogal Mesa dirt road leads to the Nogal Mesa Ranchman's Camp Meeting, an interdenominational Christian camping experience for all ages. Some pitch a tent and attend all 17 worship services and 13 meals. Others are happy to carve the time into their schedules for one meal and one service. Whether you can attend one service or all of them, it is worth your time to come.

and 2 p.m. each day. A hayride and watermelon bust is planned for Friday and Saturday, as well as volleyball games and a special youth service on Saturday night. All area youth and youth groups are encouraged to attend and participate.

The first bell of Camp Meeting will be rung at 6 p.m., Wednesday, for supper. At 7 p.m., choir practice starts, followed by evening worship at 7:30.

Thursday through Saturday, the breakfast bell will ring at 6 a.m. Bible study starts at 9 a.m. This is also the first youth event of the day.

At 11 a.m., children will meet and adults meet in the tabernacle for worship. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m.

Youth gather under their tent at 2 p.m. while their elders wait until 3 p.m. for the next service under the tabernacle. Children meet again at 5 p.m., while the women meet in the tabernacle and the men meet at the prayer

tree for prayer time.

Supper is served at 6 p.m. and the evening service is scheduled for 7:30. Sunday's schedule is different only because Sunday School takes the place of the morning Bible study.

After the evening service on Wednesday, everyone gathers at the dining hall for cake and ice cream. Ice cream is provided, but the cakes and cookies are made and brought by locals and campers.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, weather permitting, a bonfire will follow evening services. Stories are told, songs sung, and memories made before flames.

The Nogal Mesa Ranchman's Camp Grounds can be reached by turning off of Highway 380 at a sign 15 miles east of Carrizozo and five miles west of Capitan, or by turning at the sign on Highway 37 on Nogal Mesa.

Ranchman's Camp Meeting is inter-denominational, meaning that people of all Christian faiths come



together to worship. All are invited to join in this year's encampment on the mesa. For further information,

contact Buckley or Carol Zumwalt at 575-420-7606 or Rex or Carol Wilson at 575-648-2428.

## There is no book like the Bible

In the course of life, we are all exposed to many books. The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 12:12, "Of making many books, there is no end, and much study wears the body."

Really, there is one book that is above all books. The Bible is not a book on electrical engineering, or economics, or mathematics or biology. It is not a fiction, or an historical or romantic novel, or a philosophy, or a study of psychology or a tome on ethics.

And yet, it is all this and more. It is God's love letter to mankind. Some folks question its authenticity.

Some people do not like the gory details of man's dealings with man. Others do not like the way God deals with mankind.

Many do not like God's laws, guidelines, commandments, restrictions and directions.

There are so many points where any and every individual can disagree and take issue with the Bible.

But, its 66 books were written over almost two millennia. It was written by some 40 writers who

were inspired by the Holy Spirit of God.

The author is the Holy Spirit and the writers wrote what He led them to record.

There is more authentication of the Holy Scriptures that any book on the face of the earth. There is no book that has been put through the scrutiny and

investigation that the Bible has been through.

The Bible has poignant love stories, descriptive histories, moral and ethical guidelines, eternal truths, and, most of all, God's revelation



CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR

of His love, mercy, and grace for mankind.

It is the most important book ever presented to mankind. It is the best seller of all time. It is a shame that it is not the best read of all time.

But, I hearken back to what Solomon wrote in the passage from Ecclesiastes. We can read the Bible. We can study it.

But, if we do not practice the truths contained in it, it will become a wearisome read for us. We should study the Bible to learn, comprehend, and put into practice its truths.

The Bible will never go out of date or become of no value to mankind. It is necessary for truth, knowledge, and wisdom. No one is well educated and equipped to live life to the fullest without the Bible.

To read God's word and apply it gives us help for today and hope for tomorrow.



**Jose Manuel Molina**

Entered into eternal life on June 19, 2010 on his way to Lubbock, TX. His positive attitude and looking forward each day to serve others as he served his Lord was a trademark throughout his life. He loved life and was an inspiration to many very close to everyone around him. Language was not a barrier when it came to telling people about the mighty Lord that he served and trusted. His testimony spoke more than words.

He was born on March 19, 1966 and raised in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. He married the love of his life, Nelly Molina. They spend almost 21 years together living one adventure after another. They moved to Ruidoso in 2003. Besides being a very important part of his church, Destiny Family Center, family and friends was his most important priority. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loved mother and survived by his beloved wife, Nelly Molina, and their children: Yuriana and Ryan Muldowney, Irismar Molina, Elizabeth Molina and Jose Gabriel Molina. A granddaughter, Natalie Brooke Muldowney; His father, Manuel Molina Andada; Brothers: Samuel, Evaristo, Victor, David, Daniel and Pedro; Sisters: Virginia, Maria Dolores, Patricia, Luz Estela and Yolanda; cousins, nieces and nephews.

We want to take this opportunity to thank God for this generous community. For everyone who has come forward with prayers, words of love, encouragement and financial support for the family. Being that this was a very unexpected loss due to the shortness of his illness, his wife and children are in need of continuous support. For this reason we have opened a benefit fund for those who would like to contribute at Wells Fargo Bank, Account #6402630591 under The Jose Manuel Molina Benefit Fund. Thank you again for your generosity.

**Elena Herrera**

"she will be deeply missed"

Prayer Vigil for Elena Herrera, 70, of Ruidoso, Mojo will be Saturday, July 17, at 10:00 AM in St. Jude's Catholic Church at San Patricio with the funeral mass to follow at 11:00 AM with burial at St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery with the Rev. Alfred Galvan officiating.



Elena died Monday, July 12, 2010 in Albuquerque. She was born September 10, 1939 at San Patricio, New Mexico to Manuel and Elisa Herrera who both precede her in death. She is also preceded in death by her son, Larry "Patriot" Herrera; brothers and sisters, Ben Herrera, Benito Herrera, Luis Herrera and Flora Sanchez. She is survived by two sons, Ramon Herrera and his wife, Phyllis and Fito Herrera; three daughters, Leecha Herrera-LaMay and her husband Deke, Betty Herrera and Geraldine Herrera and her husband Gilbert, also numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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

# LINCOLN COUNTY

## The pocket watch

Lay deep in the dust, unseen and missing to the world. As the winds of time put layer upon layer of corral dirt over me, I slipped into history without notice.

Quietly, I remained in my unintended grave, enduring the seasons that came and then left – the long deep winters of driving frost permeating the soils, the warming sun of spring that brought soft living-giving rains and the gentle warmth of summer that delivered the sustaining harvests.

I saw both ends of a family generation make their living off the land near where I rested. As the older ones faded from the horizon, they made way for the young as they too changed, grew, and moved on in one fashion or another.

The circle of life, fueled by a never-ending source of time, continued.

This silent, stationary journey began when I fell from the pocket of a young cowboy easing into his teen years.

The buck deer engraved on my gold cover was the reason his grandmother selected me as a gift for him. He was so proud, feeling rich and elevated in status to own such a fine item – a pocket watch.

He braided a leather fob for me and would often sit and just stare at this treasure of his, flipping the cover open, closing it again. There he scratched his name, laying an eternal claim to me with the “brand” given to him by his parents. It simply read, “Blayke”.

For the first couple years, we were inseparable. Then one day in the course of some of the usual cattle work that happened regularly in the family’s old pole corrals, fate parted us.

The punchy young cowboy was riding a newly acquired bronc his dad had brought home from the sale barn.

While a little on the spooky side, the short-coupled sorrel, sporting one white sock on a hind leg, a snip of white on his nose and pig eyes that indicated some

stubbornness, was the perfect horse for sorting in a corral.

Afternoon rain showers made the ground slick, and in the instant of a quick move by the sorrel to turn back a calf, all four hooves were simultaneously in the air. In a blur of motion, the horse fell hard to the ground, landing with thud on the corral floor.

The cowboy’s quick instincts flashed a signal to his brain and he was able to kick loose from his saddle at the onset of the wreck. He hit the ground with a rush of air leaving his lungs, only to return in short gasps as he pulled himself to his feet.

It wasn’t until a day later that he realized his gold pocket watch was missing. He returned to the corrals, kicked around in the area of the fall but he never saw me lying in the dirt where momentum had flung me.

A sadness for the loss registered in his heart and as years continued to tick away in the life of the cowboy, that day was moved to share the memories that recorded a sweeter time in his life.

Recently and some 25 years later, I was unearthed by another generation of that family who was cleaning the corrals. My face is still intact and my cover still has the name of the boy that scratched his mark there.

When he was told that I’d resurfaced, basically unscathed by the experience and the years, the cowboy retrieved the memories of that day and period in his life.

In recall, they erupted in Technicolor and were accompanied by emotions now felt deeper by a wiser adult that had seen a lot of country, done a lot of living.

I’ll be glad when he has me back in his pocket. We have a lot of catching up to do. Time doesn’t stand still, but timepieces can.

*Real-life details provided by Blayke Cardenas. Julie can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.*



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy  
BY JULIE CARTER



COURTESY NEW MEXICO WOOL GROWERS

NM Wool Growers honored Pete and Sarah Gnatkowski, top photo, with the title of Sheepman of the Year. Above, l-r, are Joan Kincaid, NMWGI; Pete Gnatkowski, Laurie Mann, Peg Clarke, John Gnatkowski, Sarah Gnatkowski; Todd, Callie and Samantha Gibson; Mel and Cheryl Gnatkowski, Wool Grower’s President Jim Cooper.

## Gnatkowskis honored by New Mexico Wool Growers

Pete and Sarah Gnatkowski, of Ancho, received the 2010 Sheepman of the Year award from the New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc. (NMWGI) at the association’s annual meeting held June 28-29 in Ruidoso.

“Pete and Sarah have spent years working on behalf of agriculture, helping to protect and sustain our industry and way of life,” said NMWGI President Jim Cooper, of Arabela.

“We truly appreciate their hard work and dedication.”

The Gnatkowski family started raising medium wool, white-faced sheep in

central New Mexico more than 60 years ago.

Pete served as NMWGI president from 1992-94, and has been active in numerous committees. He is the New Mexico State Fair Wool Show Superintendent.

He is also the Lincoln County Extension Agent, and has coached numerous wool judging teams including this year’s Carrizozo FFA Wool team that won the state title.

Sarah is an active member of the New Mexico Wool Growers Auxiliary. She is a member of the Canyon CowBelles and serves on the board of the New

Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo.

Pete and Sarah have continued the tradition started by his parents, who helped establish the Sheep to Shawl booth at the New Mexico State Fair. This exhibit educates thousands of fairgoers each year about the sheep and wool industries.

“Sheep to Shawl is a great opportunity each year to reach the public and teach them about our industry and products,” Cooper said.

“The Gnatkowskis have been a big part of this effort and its success for many years.”

## Capitan Clinic construction could start in September

DIANNE STALLINGS  
dstallings@ruidosonews.com

Construction work could begin on the new Capitan Health Clinic in September, after Lincoln County’s annual fair wraps up.

At their meeting last month, county commissioners heard from Greg Holman of ASA Architects about the design of the clinic to be built near the fairgrounds.

The county received a Community Development Block \$500,000 grant agreement on June 14. It was signed by the commission chairman and returned to the State Department of Finance and Administration.

The next steps include completing environmental and state Historical Preservation reviews, completion of plans and bid documents, approval of those documents by the Local Government Division, then going out for bid for a construction contract, said County Manager Tom Stewart.

The building will include three examination rooms, a treatment room and laboratory, along with a lobby area, break room, restrooms and storage spaces.

Outside, the stucco building will be buffered from private property and have easy access. Commissioner Jackie Powell asked if a two story design might be better in anticipation of future expansion, but Holman said not in this case, when plenty of land is available.

In other business, commissioners:

- acknowledged the state Department of Finance and Administration’s approval of the county’s preliminary budget.
- approved a 6 percent pay increase for members of the deputy sheriff’s bargaining unit, effective for their July 14 paychecks. The unit accepted the same percentage of pay increase as other county employees. Classifications and pay ranges did not change.
- reappointed David

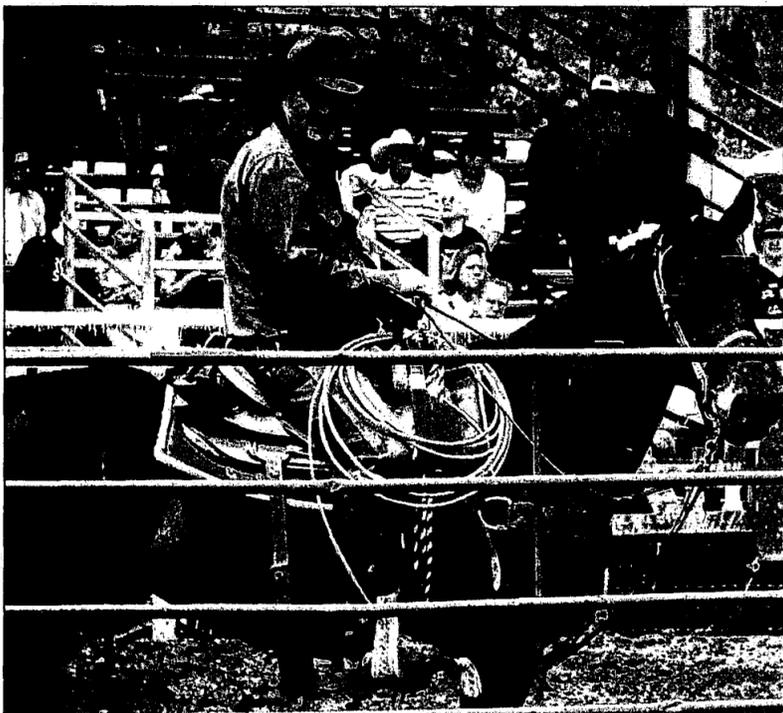
Vigil to the county’s Lodgers Tax Committee.

- reappointed Fred Hanson, Tom Mann and Richard Hawthorne to the county Planning Commission.
- reappointed Sal Beltran and Billy Seelbach to the Road Review Advisory Committee.
- approved from county lodgers tax requests of \$1,748 by Warren Mal-kerson to advertise the Carrizozo Art Tour; \$1,500 by the Capitan Chamber of Commerce for advertising; and \$2,400 by Sue Lambert for a one-third of a page advertisement placed three times in *True West Magazine*.
- approved an application for a beer and wine license for the Ellis Store and Country Inn in the historic settlement of Lincoln.

Owner David Vigil explained to commissioners, “We’ve had a beer and wine restaurant license for 16 years. Six years ago we

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## SADDLE UP FOR THE BENEFIT



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

The 3rd Annual Benefit Ranch Rodeo, Pie and Prize Auction and Dance is Saturday, July 17, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, in Capitan. The Ranch Rodeo starts at 6 p.m., the dance at 8 p.m., with the auction to be held during the dance. Admissions is \$5 per person to each event. Proceeds to the Lincoln County Cowboy Crisis Fund. The Benefit is sponsored by the Lincoln County Fair Association, the Lincoln Sheriff’s Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Posse. There will be concessions on site by the Lincoln County 4-H. Above, Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Shepperd serves as a judge for the Youth Ranch Rodeo held July 2. Shepperd was the recipient of the funds raised at the first Benefit Ranch Rodeo after he was seriously wounded in the line of duty. Because of the success of that event, the promoters decided to continue it benefit others in crisis and in need of help.

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**COUNTY BRIEFS**

**Free movie night**

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce and Oso Art will again sponsor a free movie night Saturday, July 17, beginning at dusk behind Oso Art.

Bring the family for a night of fun under the stars. This weeks feature film is the classic *Casa Blanca*.

Prior to the main movie, there will be a special presentation for *Your 15 Minutes of Fame*, a movie selection of a local artist vying for the Golden Bear award in our very first Film Festival contest.

Free popcorn and drinks. Come early for the best seats in the house.

**Pancake breakfast**

Carrizozo Sunday Pancake Breakfast, July 18, 7 a.m. to Noon. Pancakes, baked French toast, sausage, bacon, orange juice and coffee, \$5/person. Carrizozo Woman's Club, 11th and D Avenue.

This is a fundraiser for Honor Flight to send WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., all expenses paid, to visit the WWII Memorial.

For more information, call Fran Mack at 648-5203.

Donations are welcome. Make checks payable to Honor Flight So. N.M. and mail to Fran Mack, P.O. box 926, Carrizozo, NM, 88301.

**Free golf Fridays**

Golf for free for all the Fridays in July at the Valle Del Sol Golf Course in Carrizozo, from 8 a.m. until dark.

A \$5 donation per person is requested for local charity.

Players must call ahead and make a tee-time with a maximum of two tee-times per person and four people per group.

Players must have proper attire and be 16-years of age to drive a cart.

Call 575-648-2770 to get a tee-time and enjoy free golf for a day.

**Farmers Market**

The Capitan Farmers

Market is open 9-11 a.m., every Saturday until the growing season is over.

The Capitan Farmers' Market is located in the parking lot of the Windy City - Dog in a Garden restaurant in the Capitan Country Emporium building at 115 Smokey Bear Blvd., which is across from the Smokey Bear Historical

Park. The market is open to both large and small producers of agricultural items in Lincoln County.

**Street Dance**

The Twelfth Street Dance and Festival is Saturday, July 24, 5-9 p.m. in Carrizozo.

The fun starts at 5 with

Lanny Maddox on Indian Flutes playing in the Gallery 408 Sculpture Garden, and vendors and food. Dancing to Susan Kolb's Global Chillin' Band starts at 6.

This is a summer event for the whole family. Great food, arts, activities.

There will be vendors with jewelry and all kinds

of fun items to buy. Sponsored by Music in the Parks.

**Pet raffle**

Tickets are still available for pet raffle hosted by Miracle's Paws for Pets. Tickets are \$20 and give weekly chances to win money in 20 drawings

between Aug. 7 and Dec. 18. Your ticket stays in the pot for the duration. Every Saturday during that period they will be drawing a ticket for either \$40, \$60 or \$80 except the last two drawings will be worth \$100 each.

Contact Suzi Wolfe at 430-4248 or Barbara Culler 648-2037.

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"For the next five years, the state renewed our license without any question, but last year, all of sudden they called and said, 'You changed organization. You have to apply for a new license with a different board of directors.'"

"I told them we hand carried everything to them when we changed."

That made no difference, he said.

"So we started the whole process again and paid an additional \$250 application fee," he said. Fortunately, the state didn't require a community-signed petition, but it did charge a \$1,150 license fee, later waived by the director, Vigil said.

"So now we're at this hearing to approve something we've had 16 years," he said. "There has been no change in the business. We have beer and wine for the convenience of dinner and wedding guests."

The motion by Commissioner Jackie Powell to approve passed unanimously.

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## RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

July 2

10:57 a.m. — A shoplifting case was reported at the New Shop, 2500 Sudderth Dr. A store worker said a man and a woman came into the shop and had several pieces of merchandise with them. The employee had to go into a back room and when she returned to the floor of the store the couple was gone. The five items missing had a value of about \$25. Police were unable to locate the two people.

July 3

12:28 p.m. — A felony larceny at the Chartreuse Moose, 524 Sudderth Dr. involved a missing bank bag. A man and a woman had been observed in the store by an employee who was outside at the time. Asked how they got inside, the couple said they came through the back door. The bank bag contained an estimated \$1,000 in cash and checks.

12:42 p.m. — An officer was sent to a location on the 200 block of Sudderth Drive after a woman said she had received threatening phone calls from her former landlord. She said she had informed the landlord about three weeks earlier that she would be mov-

ing out around July 1. She removed her belonging on July 1. The landlord told the officer that he never received notice of the move, there was minor damage to the rental property, and the house was a mess. The officer told the landlord his issues are a civil matter for the court. He was also told not to contact the woman again.

July 4

5:55 p.m. — A black onyx ring, valued at \$145, was reportedly taken from the Midtown Emporium, 2415 Sudderth Dr. A clerk said a man and a woman came into the store while she was dealing with another customer. The ring had been outside of a display case. When it was realized the couple had left the clerk also saw that the ring was missing. Police were unable to locate the couple.

July 8

3:08 p.m. — An officer was dispatched to a home on Swallow Drive for a burglary report. The residents called police after returning from a nine-month vacation to find items missing. While the door was locked gone were a washer, dryer, wood stove, recliner, rugs and other items.

July 9

9:30 a.m. — A report of a domestic in progress sent officers to a residence in the 200 block of Yellow Pine Road. A man who had been leaving the property told police there had been an argument and he had been slapped and hit with an object that had been thrown by his girlfriend. Susan L. Miles, 45, was charged with battery against a household member. Jeff Anderson, 44, was cited for criminal damage to property, after he admitted he used a hammer to strike the passenger door of Miles' truck.

4:19 p.m. — A breaking and entering, as well as criminal damage to property, was reported at a home in the 400 block of 1st Street. The owners of the vacation home found the front door badly damaged. A crowbar was found in the front yard. Nothing from the residence was believed to be missing, though the medicine cabinet had been disturbed.

8:20 p.m. — An officer was asked to conduct a welfare check for a live-alone woman in the 300 block of Walnut Drive. The 65-year old woman had died.

July 10

11:32 a.m. — A Jeep

owner went to the police station to report criminal damage to his vehicle and harassment. While watching a movie at Sierra Cinema the night before, someone had spray painted a derogatory term on the back plastic window of the Jeep. The incident happened between 9 p.m. and 10:40 p.m. Replacement could cost \$1,100.

No time provided — A previous report of a breaking and entering and burglary had the victim report additional items missing from his property in the 100 block of Dufo Street. The items included a camel water pack, bicycle gloves and a bicycle air pump.

9 p.m. — A vehicle fire on U.S. Highway 70 was quickly extinguished by the Ruidoso Fire Department.

A pickup truck hauling a trailer of hay had the truck's brakes apparently overheat, starting the fire just before 9 p.m. on the highway in front of the Motel 6.

The truck had been traveling eastbound. Officials said no one was injured in the incident and damage was fairly minor. New Mexico State Police also responded to the vehicle fire.

## Ruidoso Downs looks at updating police operating procedures

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An update of the operating procedures for the Ruidoso Downs Police Department could be considered by city councilors in the coming weeks.

The 67 pages of proposed standards include a code of ethics for department personnel, and information on subjects such as limits of authority, constitutional requirements, search and seizure, arrests, alternatives to arrests, immunity from arrest, use of force, and weapons.

A mission statement, goals and objectives statement, the structure of the department, command protocol, and an organizational flow chart are also included.

"It's updated from previous administrations to get us in line with the program of the state," said Police Chief Alfred Ortiz. "It's what New Mexico wants, to mirror their recommendations."

The standard operating procedure changes had been scheduled to go before the city council in late June but the proposal was pulled by Mayor Tom Armstrong. He felt more review was needed.

In the Mission Statement, seven values are described as excellence, fairness, integrity, leadership, personal responsibility, service ori-

entation and teamwork.

The goals and objectives state the department is to provide for the community's public safety requirements and the protection of citizens; civil rights with properly qualified and properly equipped police personnel. The goals and objectives would be reviewed by the chief or his designee annually, and possibly updated.

The policy would spell out the procedures for the possible use of force, including situations where a baton, pepper spray, Tasers, beanbags or deadly force would be authorized.

A standardized department-issued handgun and shotgun are identified.

How the department reacts with other law enforcement agencies, in cases such as the investigation of a major crime or the search for a fugitive, is outlined.

Mirroring the state's operating model will make sense, said Ortiz.

"If I'm a 15-year officer and I say now I want to go to work for the Ruidoso Police Department, the procedures are the same. With this we can now say Ruidoso Downs is the same as Ruidoso."

Ortiz said the city council could consider the updated policies at their July 26 meeting.

## RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

July 8

8:22 p.m. — An officer was flagged down in the parking lot of the Billy the Kid Casino after going there to check on a 9-1-1 hang up call in the area.

A couple was having a verbal altercation in the parking lot. After the unidentified woman pro-

vided two different names and three dates of birth it was determined she was working illegally at the track on falsified documentation.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency was called for them to determine her identity. The woman was charged

with concealing her identity.

July 9

12:30 a.m. — Police arrested a man on a warrant from New Mexico State Police out of Alamogordo. Jose A. Galvan-Garcia, 24, was taken into custody.

4 p.m. — An Adult

Probation Office official requested an officer to come to an abandoned building for a probationer who was probably not supposed to be at the location. Ramona Chino, 36, was taken into custody on a warrant from district court, a probation hold and other charges.

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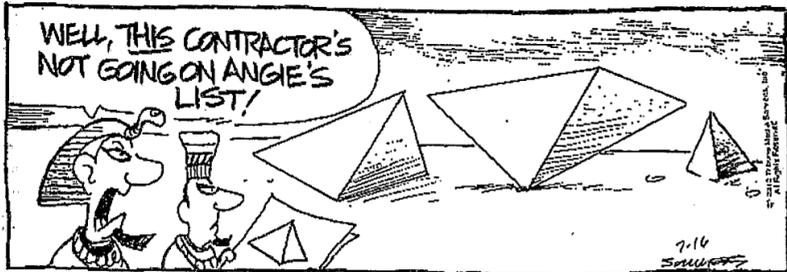
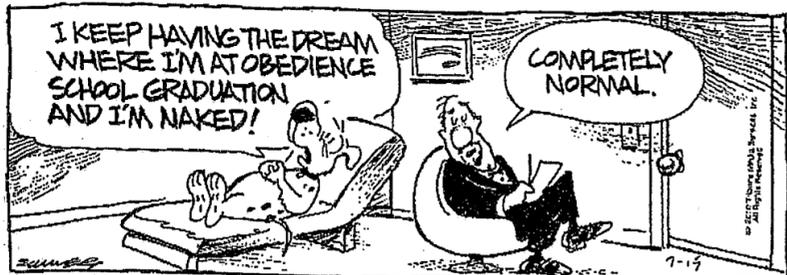


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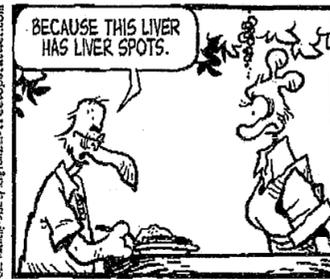
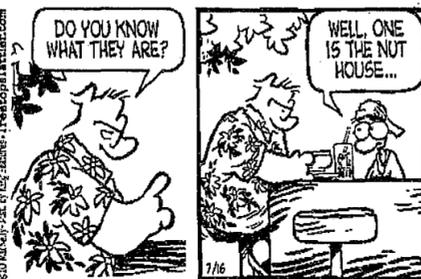
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**"GEEK SQUAD"**  
By PAMELA AMICK KLAUITTER

**ACROSS**  
1 Addition, e.g.  
5 Five-sided home?  
10 Sandy color  
14 \_\_\_\_\_ pants  
19 Princess Fiona, e.g.  
20 Ben-Hur portrayer  
Novarro (1925)  
21 Place for a speaker  
22 Letter after eta  
23 Welsh pop sensation  
26 Like some canals  
27 Capital near the Gulf of Tonkin  
28 Davis who voiced Yarn "Dinosaur"  
29 Datsun starter?  
30 Cruising  
31 Gives, as homework  
32 Access site, briefly  
33 Matter of interest?  
37 Cookie tidbit  
42 Place to pick up chicks  
46 Price limit  
49 Pageant prop  
50 \_\_\_\_\_ conditional statements  
51 Stock market stat.  
52 Off the mark  
54 1860s Jefferson contemporary  
57 ERA component  
59 Function  
60 "The Awakening" author (1899)  
63 Gives a thumbs-up  
64 Curling tool  
65 Liam Neeson's land  
66 Downs a sub?  
68 blocker  
69 Leader leader?  
70 Times to remember  
72 Clay pigeon hurler  
76 Powder mineral  
78 Choir production  
81 1974 Lucille Ball role  
82 Yacht spots  
85 Knifehand strike  
88 Some 75-Down  
89 Cochise, for one  
91 Ice cream soda ingredient  
92 Broad-ended cravat  
93 Sensitive spots  
94 Pertaining to birth

130 Bank caper  
131 Michaelmas mo.  
132 Workout consequences  
133 Signs of success, for short

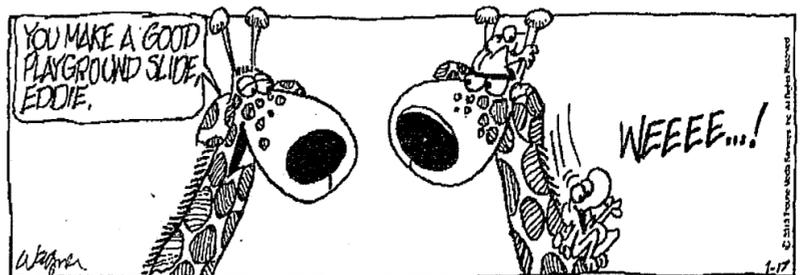
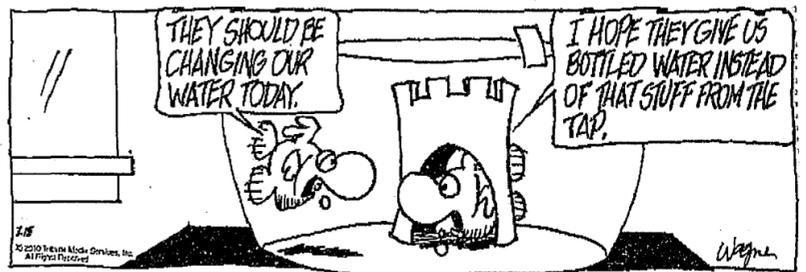
15 Holiday song that begins "The sun is shining, the grass is green"  
16 Slippery swimmers  
17 Precisely, with "to"  
18 "There!"  
24 Wrigley Field's lack until 1988  
25 It can drive people to the mountains  
32 "There's \_\_\_ in 'team'"  
34 Madness may involve one  
36 Cathedral section  
38 Spouts off  
39 Slickers  
40 Male spherical opening?  
41 Spherical opening?  
43 Porker's plaint  
44 Arced molding  
45 Ones who get a third degree  
46 Antilles native  
47 Puccini's love  
48 Tube test?

53 Legislative meeting area  
55 HDTV brand  
56 Philip \_\_\_  
57 Asian-American actor known for war movie roles  
58 Flying level: Abbr.  
60 Veto  
61 Hard as \_\_\_  
62 "Awesome!"  
67 Quickly, in memos  
70 "Eh, blah, blah," briefly  
71 Enthusiastic  
73 Dressing choice  
74 Sandbox rebot  
75 Exterminator's targets  
77 Eýjafljókkull output  
78 Coloratura legend  
79 Bar passer: Abbr.  
80 Pince-\_\_\_  
82 Moan and groan  
83 Down Under gem  
84 Flower holder  
86 Piedmont wine rams

87 Paper purchasa  
90 SASE, for one  
92 Gabriel et al., in 86-Down  
95 Refers casually (to)  
97 Dash  
98 Washington is on it  
102 Overflow  
103 "Movie Macabre" host  
104 Orders from on high  
106 It's a plus  
109 California cager  
110 January, lo Jorge  
111 Patron saint of France  
112 Obi, e.g.  
113 Past curfew  
114 Madame's mine  
116 Rite heap  
117 Salon sound  
119 Meteor ending  
120 Support worker hiding in the eight longest puzzle answers  
124 Make it happen  
125 Bucks and rams

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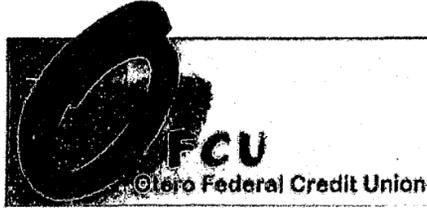
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## THIS WEEKEND

## Wild West history

BY KAREN HOLLIDAY TANNER  
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

The Wild West History Association Round-up will take place at Inn of the Mountain Gods, July 19 - 22.

This event features an outstanding lineup of authors and historians who are recognized experts on Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War.

The Roundup is open to the public Tuesday afternoon July 20, beginning at 1:30 p.m., after the awards luncheon and during the afternoon and evening, including the "Evening with Fred Nolan" and the panel "Who Killed Pat Garrett?"

We are very excited to announce that five members of the Tunstall family will be coming from England for their first visit to Lincoln County. They will arrive Thursday afternoon and attend the Thursday evening Banquet.

Schedule of events includes:

Monday, July 19, 6 - 9 p.m. Reception at Inn of the Mountain Gods with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Jim Dunham will perform impromptu upon request.

Tuesday, July 20  
Frederick Nolan, Lincoln County: The Violent Paradise

Chuck Usmar - The

Lords of Lincoln County:

Murphy & Dolan

Michael Wallis - The Santa Fe Ring

Kathleen Chamberlain

- Desperately Seeking Susan (McSween)

Paul Cool - The Nine Lives of John Kinney: King of New Mexico Rustlers

Elise Gomer - Dick

Brewer & the Regulators

Herb Marsh - The

Capture & Death of the Kid

Mark Gardner - Pat

Garrett: The Misunder-

stood Lawman

An Evening with

Frederick W. Nolan

Shootout: Who Killed

Pat Garrett?

Wednesday, July 21

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of Lincoln  
Drew Gomer - The Escape of Billy the Kid  
Lynda Sanchez - Bugles, Bullets, & Brew: Overview of Fort Stanton  
Tour of Fort Stanton  
The Flying J Western Village Chuckwagon Style Dinner and Entertainment  
Thursday, July 22  
Mark Dworkin - The Saga of Walter Noble Burns

Paula Mitchell Marks - High Noon & the Cartoon: Exploring Western Myth Through the Comics  
Bill O'Neal - The Johnson - Simms Feud: Romeo & Juliet West Texas Style  
Rod Cook - William Robinson alias Ben Wheeler: Lawman to Outlaw - twice.  
Jeff Guinn - What to Leave Out?: The Challenge of Writing for the General

Public, not other historians interested parties should mail their check to Karen Holliday Tanner, Wild West History Association, P. O. Box 608, Fallbrook, CA 92088.

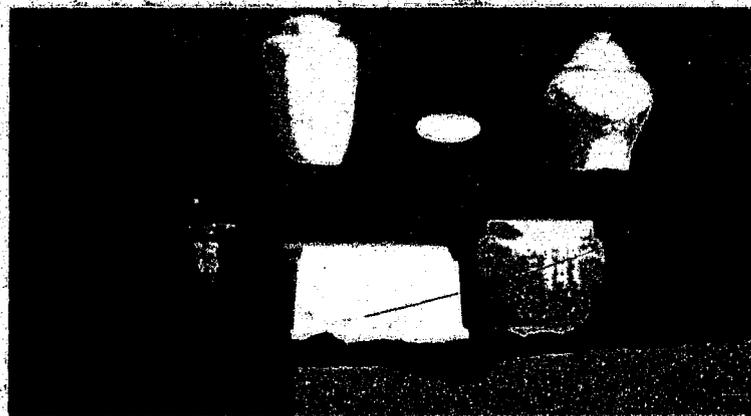
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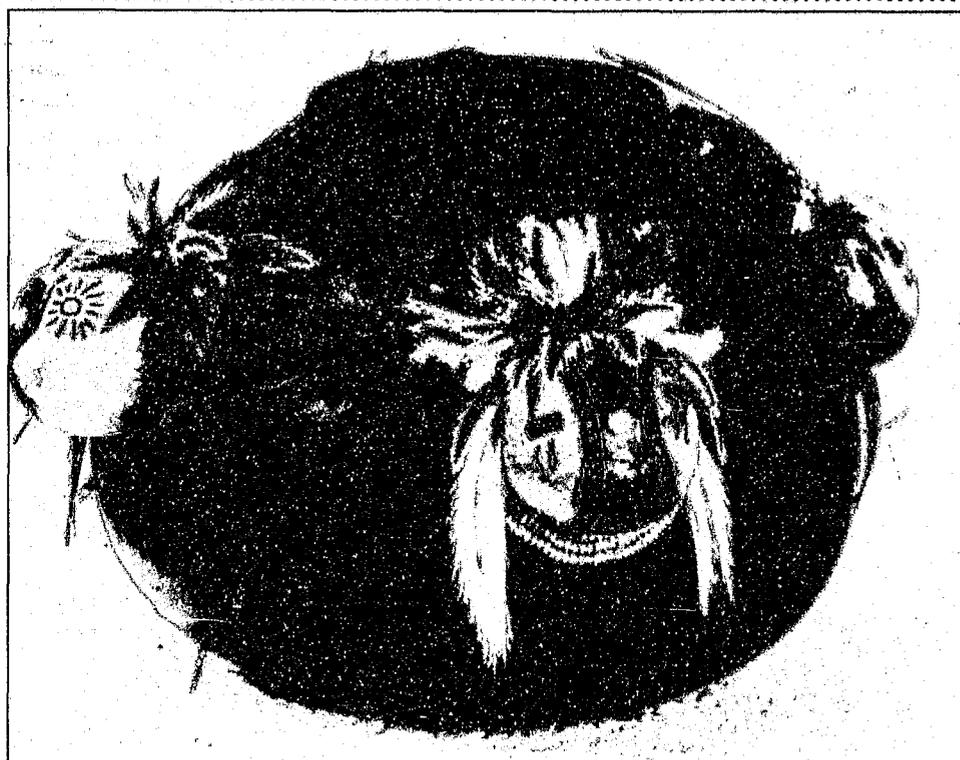
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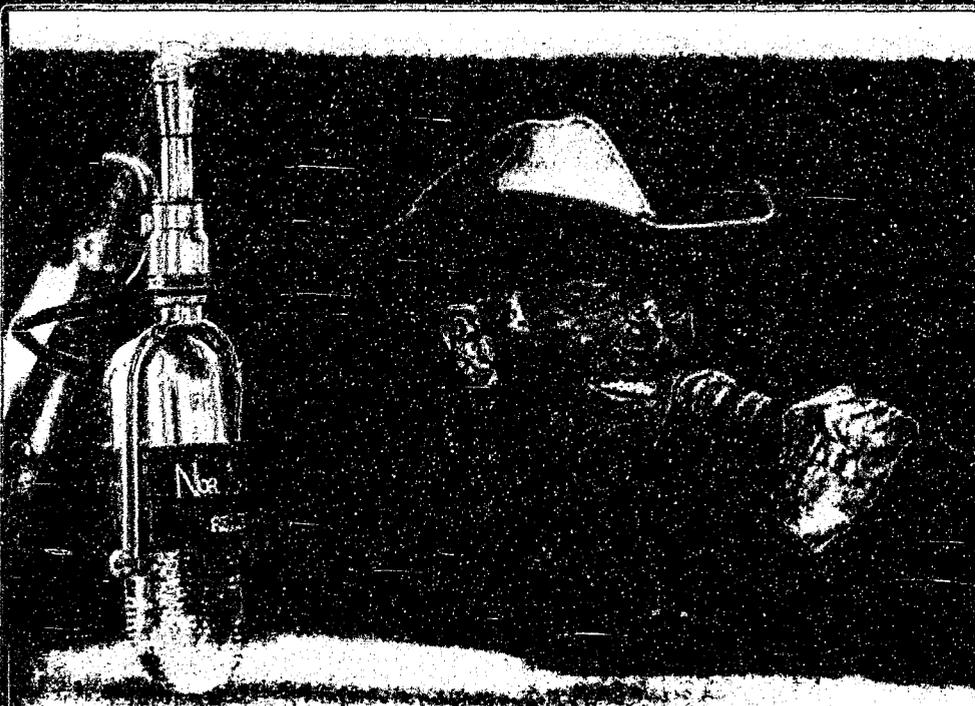
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**Mark Lee Gardner**  
**July 17:** (Fort Stanton State Monument) Dinner, tour, book signing and musical performance by Mark Lee Gardner, author of *To Hell on a Fast Horse: Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and the Epic Chase to Justice in the Old West*. \$50 per person, proceeds benefit the Lincoln and Fort Stanton State Monuments. 575-653-4082

**Arts & Crafts Fair and Silent Auction**  
**July 17:** (Ruidoso) 5th annual event sponsored by the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club; 116 S. Evergreen; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. All proceeds go towards local charities. For information, call 575-257-2309 or 575-258-2842.

**Enchilada Dinner**  
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**Sunday Under the Stars**  
**July 18:** (Mescalero) IMG, film *Jurassic Park*. For information, call 464-7777

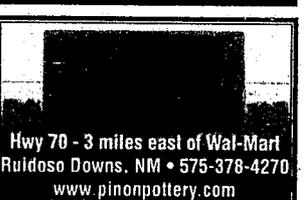
**Wild West History Association Roundup**  
**July 19 - 22:** (Mescalero) Open to the public on July 20 after 1:30 p.m. For information, call 653-5056.

**39th Annual Ruidoso Art Festival**  
**July 23 - 25:** (Ruidoso) Juried art show at Ruidoso Convention Center; Fri., 12 - 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For information, call 877-RUIDOSO, or go online to ruidosonow.com/artfestival.

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**Ray Chen**  
**July 31:** (Ruidoso) Third performance of Chamber Music Festival at Spencer Theatre. Pre-concert talk at 1 p.m.; performance at 2 p.m., \$49 & \$25 (18 and under). For more information and tickets, go online to spencetheatre.com, or call 575-336-4800.

**Mariangela Vacatello**  
**July 31:** (Ruidoso) First performance of Chamber Music Festival at Spencer Theatre. Crystal Lobby buffet 5 p.m., \$30; pre-concert talk 7 p.m.; performance 8 p.m., \$49 & \$25 (18 & under). For info, go online to spencetheatre.com or call 575-336-4800.

**Alto Artists Studio Tour**  
**August 5 - 8:** (Alto) Preview party at Spencer Theatre, Aug. 5, 5 - 7 p.m.; tour Aug. 7 & 8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call 575-336-2449.

**Fort Stanton Live**  
**August 6 - 8:** (Fort Stanton) Adults \$5, children under 16 free. For more information, call 575-336-4015.

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**Rodney Carrington**  
**August 26 - 27:** (Mescalero) Hilarious comedian with eight albums. Actor/writer in ABC sitcom "Rodney." 8 p.m. Inn of the Mountain Gods. For tickets, go online to ticketmaster.com, or call 888-220-7363.

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 Ray Chen  
 Mariangela Vacatello  
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**The Turtles**  
 August 7  
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**Roy Clark**  
 August 14  
 Country music icon and star of "Hee Haw"  
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 \$69 & \$66 - 8 p.m.

**Lobsterfest**  
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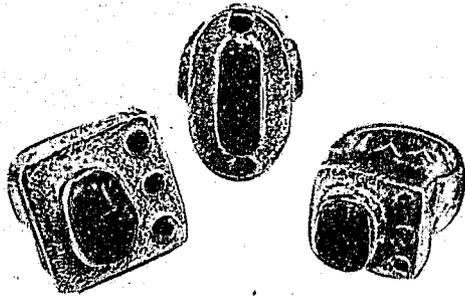
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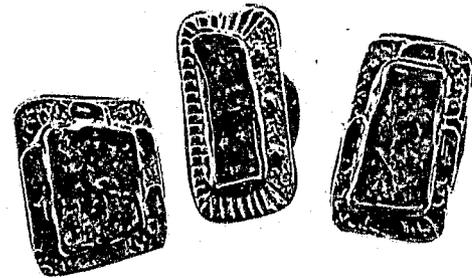
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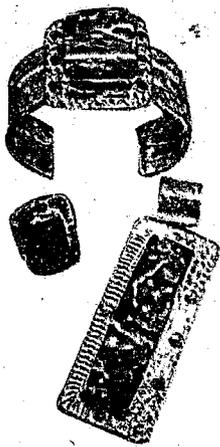
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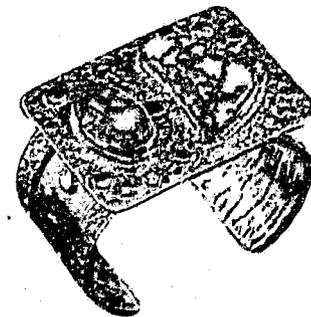
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## ART MATTERS

## Gourd show

# Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts opens unique juried art exhibit

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Gourds do amazing things to people, and people do amazing things with gourds. The gourd has been used by man since pre-historic time for food, utensils, toys, musical instruments and games. Also, many Indian tribes used gourds for ceremonial purposes.

The public is invited to view unique gourd art at the first-ever state-wide gourd art show, opening today, Friday, July 16, at the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, 1712 Sudderth Drive. The show will be open Sunday – Friday, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. through Aug. 15. Admission is free.

There is a public reception tonight July 16, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. to kick off the opening of the exhibit. Many of the artists will be on-hand to meet and greet the public. They will glad-

ly discuss how their art from the vine came to be what it is today.

"The Creative Gourd" art show will feature gourd art from 17 New Mexico artists and is guaranteed to be a "gourdalicious feast for the eyes." The 42 pieces of artwork will include figures, masks, vessels, gourd "critters," abstract sculptures, an outhouse (yes, that is correct, an outhouse), gourd spirit dolls and much more. All of the gourds on display will be for sale following the judging.

The show will feature the following gourd artists:

- Jerry Maloy, El Gourd Masks, Ruidoso – large and unusual masks;
- Kay Jenness, LaLuz – juniper wood with several wild buffalo gourds;
- Ronda Gryniuk, Las Cruces – gourd masks, bowls and wreath;
- Pierre Nichols, Silver City – Smokey Bear Mask and large Mimbres design pottery gourds;
- Latana Bernier, Los

Artesanos Studio, Las Cruces – carved gourds with horse figures;

- Jean Jones, Winter Song Arts, Sandia Park – gourd bowls, miniature crown dancer, Mariachi;
- Harold Sampson, Rio Rancho – large canteen and kettle gourds; stitched with Irish linen thread, painted with various paints and embellished with turquoise;
- Jan Kennedy, Simply Gourdacious Studio, Ruidoso – gourd bowls with gold leafing, carving and other embellishments;
- Robert Espinoza, Capitán – carved and painted large gourd vessels;
- Jennie Powell, Ruidoso – abstract sculptures and gourd vessels;
- Jamie Slack, Jamie's Ink, Ruidoso – whimsical characters and the outhouse;
- Betty Day, Ruidoso Downs – gourd critters, large masks, and gourd vessels;
- Birgit Sawinski, Alto



*The Creative Gourd art show features pieces created from gourds, as well as other art mediums that feature the gourd as subject matter.*

– gourd chickens;

- Kitty Riordan, Albuquerque – gourd masks.

In addition to the gourd artists the show will feature artists of other mediums who have used the gourd as their subject matter. Those featured in this category include:

- Kathleen Cotton, Ruidoso – oil on canvas with palette knife;
- Suzy Komora, Ruidoso – fabric art wall hangings and gourd art;
- Pat Speight, Ruidoso – semi-abstract and symbolic compositions in watercolor.

This art show is also a competition with prize money awarded. In the gourd art category the first place winner will receive \$300, second place winner will receive \$200, third place winner will receive \$100, and there is also an Honorable Mention ribbon. In the gourd subject matter category the winner will receive prize money of \$100, plus an Honorable Mention ribbon.

For more information, call Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts at 575-257-7272.

## Art Matters

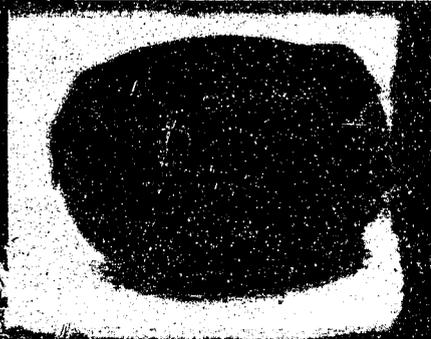
"Art Matters" is submitted by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts or their members.

This weekly series showcases RRCA member artists and their work

in a variety of mediums.

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# ART MATTERS



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# Art workshop

## Highly recognized artist to offer workshop in Ruidoso

Famed Santa Fe artist, John Farnsworth, will conduct a week-long painting class through Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso Community Education. The class begins on Monday, July 19, and runs through Friday, July 23.

Farnsworth is known for his large watercolor and oil paintings of horses, bulls and landscapes. His workshops concentrate on color mixing using a limited palette to create vibrant and translucent color. Last year, he closed his Canyon Road gallery to travel and to teach. He recently finished an installation at the Premiere Gallery Collection at La Posada Resort and Spa.

The fee for the class is \$550. Space is limited, and persons may register by calling 575-257-3012.



"Tulip" (above) is a 9" x 12" watercolor.



"History, Mystery, Leisure, Pleasure" (above) is an oil on canvas, 40" x 50".

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Those who attend can walk the park's trail loop, or just sit, relax and listen to a variety of music, including rhythm and blues, rock 'n' roll, jazz, contemporary Christian and country. Everyone is invited to bring a blanket or lawn chairs, kites and Frisbees and enjoy an atmosphere of beauty and blessings. A rock-climbing wall is available, as well as Hoot Gibson and his famous Longhorn steer.

July, August and September feature musicians from Ruidoso and throughout New Mexico. Saturday nights will find Jamie Estes on bass/vocals, Julie Gilliland on keys/vocals, Pete Davis on guitar/vocals and Tradd Tidwell on guitar/vocals. Visiting from El Paso are musicians John Brock on drums and Frank Zona on saxophones. Roswell's Bud Hewett plays organ and keyboards.

John Brock was born in Germany and has been playing music with the likes of Joey Carmon, Crossbow, Tommy Martin, Jay Castleberry and others for 42 years. He lived in Ruidoso for seven years, but has resided in El

Paso since 1970.

Frank Zona grew up in New York studying saxophone and clarinet with New York Jazz legend Joe Manzone and later with Dr. Ralph Athey, woodwind professor at the University of Illinois.

Zona fronts a smooth and contemporary jazz group called Frank Zona and Urban Edge, which performs at top venues in the El Paso and southern New Mexico.

Recently he shared the stage with jazz icons Dave Koz, Candy Dulfer, Najee and Richard Elliot and has opened for The Grass Roots, James Brown and The Fabulous Thunderbirds.

Musician Bud Hewett attended ENMU on a trumpet scholarship in 1972 and started playing keyboard and trumpet professionally in 1975 with "Mesquite," a Southern rock band based out of Denver, Colo. He has performed with Gary Morris and Leanne Rhymes, was a studio musician at Charlie Pride's studio in Dallas, and



formed a studio band that opened for Vince Gill, Ronnie Milsap, and Sweethearts of the Rodeo.

Hewett returned home to raise his kids and currently plays at Grace Community Church in Roswell.

Bass player Jamie Estes moved to Ruidoso from Austin, Texas, where he lived with his wife Shirley for 33 years. He played bass for a non-denominational church

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for 25 years. Music has been a huge part of his life. He started as a guitarist, then in a high school band he played alto and baritone and later learned the

Born in Louisiana, Estes has a strong African-American influence in his musical style and preference. He played in a Christian band that traveled throughout the U.S. with an outreach ministry. Estes plays Church Out of Church and other local musicians.

Julie Gilliland grew up in a musical family and started playing piano at the age of 7. She played and sang through high school

and college.

Moving to Ruidoso in 1992, she led worship for 10 years at First Baptist Church and currently leads worship for Church Out of Church, and has performed with the band Roadmap since it formed.

Pete Davis, aka DJ Pete, was born and raised in Chicago. His mother started him on percussion as a child when she would bring back instruments from trips to Jamaica. He received a drum set for Christmas, then a guitar, then an organ, carving out his career as a musician. He sang in his church choir, along with playing drums and guitar. In high school he was a drum ma-

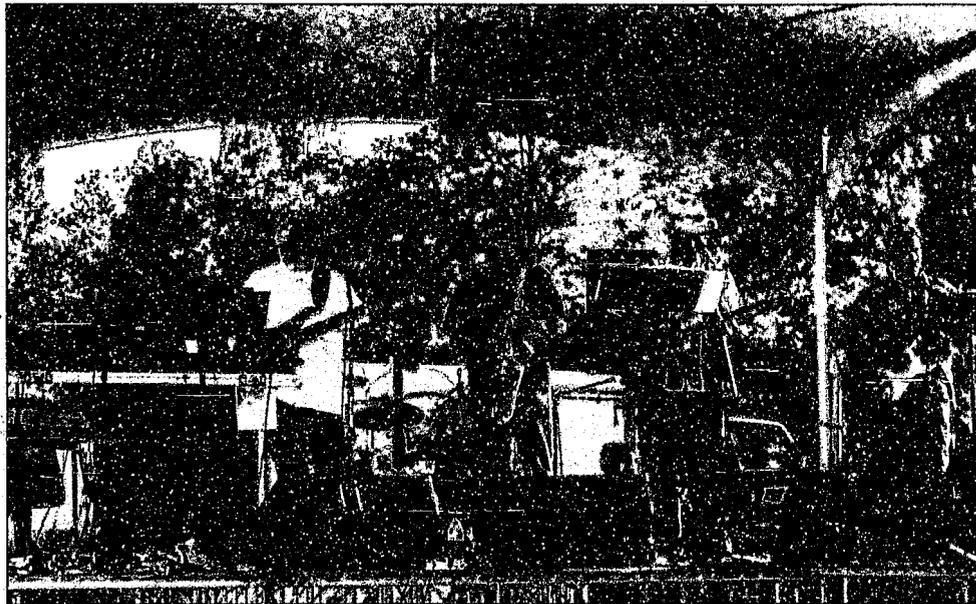
jour and played sousaphone. A stint in the armed forces provided great experiences playing for people around the world.

After coming to New Mexico he became a DJ and Karaoke jock, also performing with local bands. Davis has resided here for 14 years.

Tradd Tidwell comes from a family of talented stringed instrument musicians. His father, Tony Tidwell, started teaching him the guitar at age 5 and within a couple of years he was playing a few tunes. He progressed to becoming a multiple-string player, including guitar, banjo, mandolin, dobro and violin. Tidwell's grandfather was a great mandolin player, and his entire family supported his musical efforts. He teaches guitar and is a talented instrument repairman.

In addition to this weekend, concert events are slated for Aug. 14-15 and Sept. 18-19. The event is sponsored in part by Church Out of Church and KEDU radio.

Jessie Hanson, Editor



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SPECIAL EVENT FILM

# Money in movies

## Film Lincoln County New Mexico to host film industry symposium

BY JESSIE HANSON  
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

Film Lincoln County New Mexico is a newly formed county-wide film commission, which has been developed to promote film making throughout the area. It's mission statement is to "promote Lincoln County as a film location, and to foster the art and education of film making in Lincoln County."

On Aug. 26, the group will host a film industry symposium at the Spencer Theater. The event will include speakers from the New Mexico State Film Office, the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, New Mexico Women in Film, Crew New Mexico and others.

The purpose of this symposium is to inform county officials with regard to the current condition of film making in the state and how it affects Lincoln County. It is also an opportunity for those persons

within the film industry to gain knowledge of what Lincoln County has to offer them.

Speakers from the New Mexico State Film Office will be presenting facts on the state's tax incentives that are offered to the film industry and how they are of benefit to the state.

Film Lincoln County New Mexico was formed in March of this year, and has a representative from each of the municipalities, along with one from the county itself. Members include Annmarie LaMay from Capitan; acting chairman Dirk Norris of Carrizozo; Denise Williams of Corona; Debbie Jo Almaguer of Ruidoso; and Curt Temple of Lincoln County Planning Department.

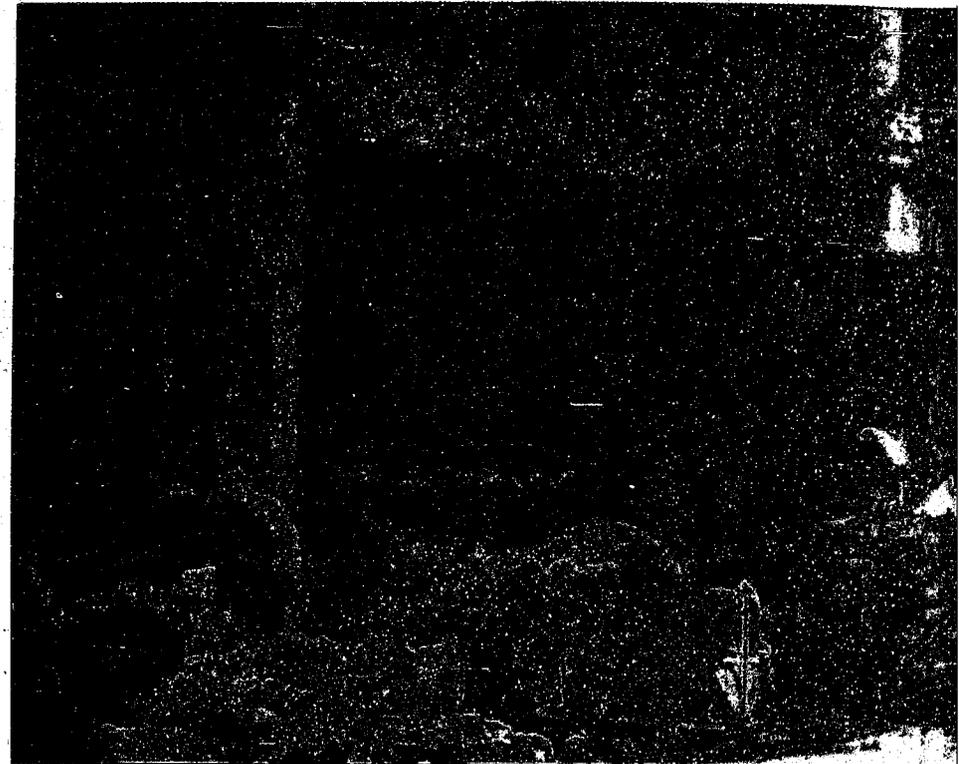
Currently Film Lincoln County New Mexico is in the application process to become a member of the Association of Film Commissioners International (AFCI), an international film liaison organization.

The Film Lincoln County New Mexico Web site is

filmcnm.org, providing information to film makers about Lincoln County. The site includes a photo data base for locations and a directory for film workers. Anyone living in Lincoln County, or anyone whose business is located in Lincoln County and is related to the film industry may register for free. This directory will help film makers to identify local resources to retain when filming in Lincoln County.

"This should be a very informative event for everyone, and we are very pleased to be able to hold this symposium at the beautiful Spencer Theater. We are grateful to the board of directors of the Spencer Theater who have shown their support of this symposium," said Dirk Norris, chairman of Film Lincoln County New Mexico.

For more information on the symposium, call the Spencer Theater at 575-336-4800. The event is open and free to everyone.



Carrizozo realized economic benefit when production of the hit movie *The Book of Eli* came to town. Photo courtesy Bonnie Soley.

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Cast of the Lincoln County Community Theater production includes (back row) Pam Witte, Kenny Matthews; (middle row, left-to-right) Sharon Lurix, Laura Eisenber, Lori Lamphere-Stewart, Stefan Seigmann; (front row) Lyn Kidder. Photo courtesy of Frederic Moras.

SUBMITTED BY LYN KIDDER  
FOR ¡VAMOS!

The comedy *A Bad Year For Tomatoes* will be performed July 16 - 17 and 22 - 24 at The Warehouse, 200 Church Rd. (located behind the Cornerstone Bakery on Sudderth Dr.).

In this comic farce, famous television character actress Myra Marlowe decides to spend a year in a small town, writing her memoirs and raising tomatoes.

It's a bad year for tomatoes, and also for Myra, whose eccentric neighbors and their problems take up

all her time.

She invents a "crazy sister" to scare them away, but the plan causes still more problems.

The cast includes Lori Lamphere-Stewart, Sharon Lurix, Laura Eisenberg, Kenny Matthews, Larry Kingsley, Stefan Seigmann and Lyn Kidder.

Josie Parsons makes her directing debut with this Lincoln County Community Theater production.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for students and seniors, and are available at the door. Performances are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 575-257-7272.

# Sweet Tokay

BY NEAL JONES  
FOR ¡VAMONOS!

Summertime is the perfect time to sample sweet wine. The range of sweet wines is immense, from the light and delicate German sweets to fortified Sherries; the warm weather invites a good sweet wine.

In this article, I want to talk about the real tokay. The original tokay should not be confused with American tokay wines, which are typically made with muscat grapes. Nor should we confuse the tokay of Alsace, which uses the pinot gris grape. The original tokay is

Hungarian. It is one of the oldest wine varieties in the world. The Hungarian tokays are blended wines. The appellation control for tokay pre-dates the French Bordeaux by 120 years. Hungarian vineyard classification began in 1730 with three areas of classification based on soils, sun

exposure, and the amount of noble rot (*botrytis cinerea*) a naturally occurring mold that aids in the development of natural sugar in the ripening grape.

The true tokay wines are from the Tokaj-Hegyalja region of Hungary into Slovakia. The vineyards are along the plateau beneath the Carpathian Mountains at elevations ranging around 1,500 feet. The area allows for an extra long ripening period with the hot weather lasting well into autumn. This time in the heat allows for the grape skin to become thin. Much of the juice inside evaporates before harvest and concentrates the sugars of the grape while still on the vine.

There are six grape varieties officially approved for Tokaji wine production, including Furmint, Harslevelu, Yellow Muscat, Zeta, Koverszolo and Kabar. The most important grape is the Furmint grape in tokay wine. It accounts for 60 percent of the wine produced. The Harslevelu grape makes up about 30 percent of tokay. The remaining four varieties are blended in much smaller quantities.

The most famous tokay is the Aszu. A topaz-colored wine, very sweet and rather thick, Aszu is usually 14 percent in alcohol or higher. Aszu wine will be rated on sweetness by the puttonyos number on the label; the range for Aszu puttonyos is between three and six – the higher the



sweeter the wine.

Eszencia, also called nectar, is the wine of legends. This tokay has the nickname "Wine of Kings, King of Wines." It was celebrated by Louis XIV, Peter the Great, King Gustav III, Pope Pius IV (who at the Council of Trient in 1562 proclaimed *Summum pontificem talia vina decent*, meaning this is the type of wine that should be on the papal table).

Eszencia can be stored for many years. A Polish presidential wedding party in 1933 had 250-year-old Eszencia for the guests. This wine is so sweet, it deserves a very small glass, and drunk in small quantities. The fermentation takes four years to complete. The sugar concentration of Eszencia is as much as 900 grams per liter. The intensi-

ty of this wine, and the enormous sugar content can technically be called a liquor. It is made solely from the juice exuded from grapes waiting to be crushed for Aszu.

There are a few other Hungarian tokays made – the Masolas, the Foditas and some late harvest, or Kesoi Szuretelesu wines, which are rare in the U.S. You can find Aszu and Eszencia in good wine shops across the States. They will be in clear glass, a deep straw color and some in 500ml-sized bottles. You need to look for the Tokaji appellation on the label, then find the puttonyos number for your taste in sweetness. The Eszencia is beyond puttonyos classification six, if you are ready. Once you sip a true tokay, all other sweet wines will be judged by that taste. Zivjeli!



Neal Jones is a former sommelier and wine judge. He is an independent wine consultant with Wine Shop at Home offering in-home wine tastings for select Napa boutique wineries. You can email him at [coyotecliffs@yahoo.com](mailto:coyotecliffs@yahoo.com), or go online to [wineshopathome.com/nealjones](http://wineshopathome.com/nealjones).

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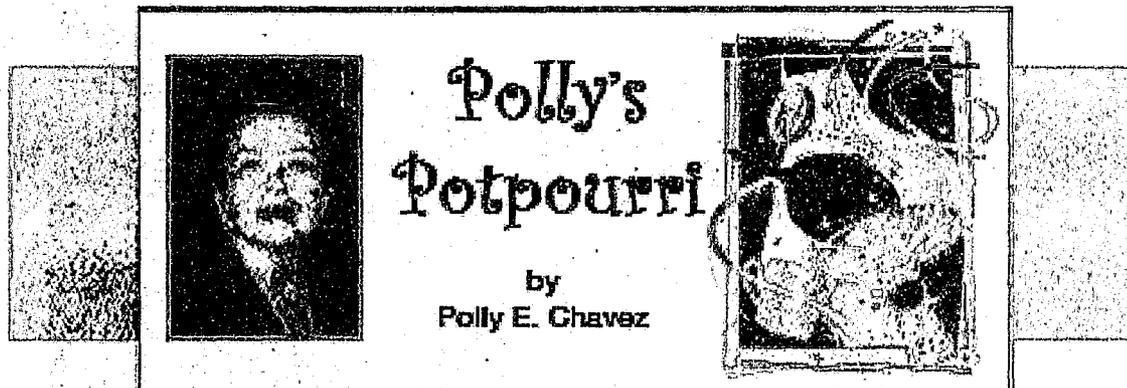
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# Chile con papas



One of New Mexico's treasures most-universally appreciated is the chile crop. In 1996, the New Mexico State Legislature passed a House Joint Memorial declaring "Red or Green?" as the official state question. This refers to the question always asked whether one prefers red or green chile when ordering New Mexican cuisine. This measure was passed to signify the importance that the chile industry has on the economy of the state. With the adoption of this state question, New Mexico is acknowledging the financial gain and national recognition that chile generates for the state.

Soon, the aroma of roasting green chile will fill the air in Lincoln and Otero Counties. There are not many people who roast their own chile. This is now done by roasters at the chile stands or outside the grocery stores. Plastic bags for freezing chile are hard to find in grocery

stores because chile lovers have bought out the shelves to pack their chile stash in their freezer.

Green chile is used in a great variety of dishes, from chile stew to salsa and more. I use potatoes in many of my chile dishes. For a tasty meal there is nothing I enjoy more than a pan of plain fried potatoes and a bowl of roasted, peeled green chile. These two simple ingredients are spooned onto a homemade flour tortilla, folded over once to make a taco.

This week's recipe will show how chile and potatoes become a side dish.

If you have misplaced my recipe for making six flour tortillas here are the ingredients: 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 3 tablespoons shortening and about three-fourths cup of warm water. Let the dough set 20 minutes, covered. Roll each ball of dough into a 7 1/2 inch circle. Cook on a cast iron griddle.



1 cup green chile  
4 medium size potatoes (papas)  
3 tablespoons bacon grease  
2 tablespoons onion  
2 cups water  
Salt  
Garlic

Roast, peel and chop enough chile to make a cupful. Set aside. Peel and cube the potatoes.

Fry in baking grease, stirring occasionally until the potatoes are soft and slightly crisp.

Mix in the chopped chile, onion and minced garlic. Add water and cook on medium heat stirring occasional until the chile and potatoes have thickened.

Serve as a side dish.  
Chile con papas can accompany beans and rice.

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## Alamogordo

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**Cloudcroft Deli** • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Daily, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Carry-out only.

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**Dave's Café** • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat; 10a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers

**Front Porch Eatery Café** • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9p.m.

**High Country Lounge & Grill** • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

**High Rolls General Store Deli** • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

**Jamocho Bean Coffee House Café** • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Coffees, salads & sandwiches.

**Java The Hut** • 506 Francis St. • Tularosa • 585-2003.

**Josey's Sweets** • 603 St. Francis Dr. • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8p.m.

**Mayhill Café** • Mayhill • 687-3066

**Mayhill Mercantile** • Mayhill • 687-3425.

**Mountain Top Mercantile Deli** • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 • Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Carry-out only.

**Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRM)**, 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

**Nature's Pantry** • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Deli/bar open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Organic.

**Nut House** • 32 Ivy Ln. • La Luz • 437-6889.

**Olive Branch Coffee & Deli** • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. •

**Plateau Espresso** • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. •

**Sweet Shop** • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

**Weed Café** • Weed • 687-3611.

**Western Bar & Café** • 304 Burro St. • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

### Casual Dining



**Al-O-Mar** • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129

**Applebee's Bar & Grill** • 1355 White Sands Blvd. • casual dining, friendly staff, full bar, carside to go • Open Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat until midnight. • 434-2616.

**Aspen Restaurant** • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Big Daddy's Diner** • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Chili's Grill & Bar** • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

**Denny's** • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

**Gallo's Red Rooster Café** • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**La Rosa Steakhouse** • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open daily: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. •

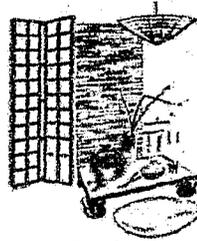
**Lazy D Restaurant** • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

**Mom's Home Cooking** • 604 First St., Alamogordo • 439-0288.

**Mustard's Last Stand** • 1920 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

**Palm Side** • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

### Chinese / Asian



**Bamboo Garden Restaurant** • 2617F N. White Sands • 437-5552

**Chinese Express** • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880.

**Golden Palace** • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136.

**Jimmy's Quality Food** • 1115 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7423.

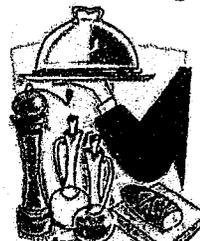
**Rocket National Buffet** • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

**Taiwan Kitchen** • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337.

**The Spicy Thai** • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

**The Wok Inn** • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out/ dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

### Fine Dining



**Loretta's** • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Mon - Fri, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.; Mon - Sat, 5 - 9 p.m. • 575-437-1924

**Memories Restaurant** • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077.

**Pepper's Grill** • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

**Rebecca's at The Lodge** • Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., dinner 5:30-10 p.m. • 800-395-6343, 575-682-2566

**Stella Vita Restaurant** • 902 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. • 575-434-4444.

### Mexican



**Alfredo's** • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

**Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant** • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496.

**Eddie's Burrito Express** • 750 E. First St., Alamogordo • 437-0266.

**El Camino Restaurant** • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

**Juan's Cactus Café** • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

**La Hacienda** • 800 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.

**Margo's Mexican Food** • 504 E. First Street, Alamogordo • 434-0689.

**Maria's Mexican Food** • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

**Maximino's** • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

**Si Señor Restaurant** • 1480 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7879.

**Tia Lupe's Authentic Mexican Restaurant** • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0820 • Daily; 10 am-8 pm.

### Pizza/Italian



**Cigi's Pizza** • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-5811.

**Pizza Hut** • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

**Pizza Mill & Sub Factory** • 1315 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-1313.

**Pizza Patio** • 2203 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-9633.

## Ruidoso/Lincoln

### Bar-B-Que



**Apache Tee** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG Pro Shop • 464-7695

**Can't Stop Smokin'** • 418 Mechem • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork. • Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 630-0000

**Circle J Barbecue** • 1825 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:00 p.m. • 257-4105.

**Tom's Barbeque** • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burgers. • Dine in/carry out • Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 937-1515

### Cafés



**Alto Café** • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • Home-style meals. • Mon - Sat; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 336-1980

**Café Rendezvous** • 522 Sudderth Dr • French casual • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 575-937-9419.

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**Cafe Z** • 103 Lincoln, Capitán • Southwestern • Thu-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • 354-0977

**Calamity Jane's** • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • Mon-Thu 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Fri 7 a.m.-p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-p.m., Sun 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • 4-8309

**Cornerstone Bakery Café** • 29 Sudderth • 8 a.m.-11 p.m. & 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. daily • 257-1842

**Teamcatcher Café** • 2629 Sudderth • Tue-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri-Sun 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • Live music • Sat • 802-2222

**Hummingbird Tearoom** • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • Soup & sandwiches • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • 257-5100

**Miss The Skyy Café** • 2111 Sudderth • Carry-out only; all menu items \$6.50 • Sandwiches, soups, salads and homemade bread •

**River's Edge** • 2404 Sudderth • Mon-Sat, 10:30-5; Sun, 11:00-3 • Custom-made sandwich wraps, freshly made desserts. • 630-5394

**Roy's Ice Cream Parlour** • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • Ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits • Tue-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (closed 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.) • 648-2921

**Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House** • 2825 Sudderth • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. • 257-2273

**The Village Buttery** • 2107 Sudderth • Soups, sandwiches, salads; pies and cookies; patio • Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • 257-9251

**The Wild Herb Market** • 1715 Sudderth • Deli, organic and natural foods • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • 257-0138

**Zocca Coffee & Tea** • 1129 Mechem Dr. • Sun, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon-Thu, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; 258-1445.

## Casual Dining



**All American Diner** • 390 Sudderth Dr. • Mexican and American specialties • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-8625.

**Big Game Bar & Grill** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880.

**Billy's Sports Bar & Grill** • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino • 378-4431.

**Cattle Baron** • 657 Sudderth • Steak, seafood, lounge • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • 257-9355

**Cree Meadows Restaurant & Bar** • 301 Country Club • Breakfast all day. Friday night catfish buffet • Daily, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. • 257-2733

**Denny's** • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Open 24/7 • 378-1389

**Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers** • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 • Carrizozo • Tue-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Patio seating. • 648-4200

**Farley's Food Fun & Pub** • 1200 Mechem • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. • 7 days, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • 258-5676

**Four Winds Restaurant** • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods. • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 648-2964

**Gathering of Nations Buffet** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IIMG • 464-7872

**Global Grill** • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • entrees under \$10 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 630-1037.

**Good to Go** • 1206 Mechem • Gourmet bakery, deli, catering, take-out • Mon-Fri, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • 258-1294

**Hall of Flame** • 2500 Sudderth • Burgers, salads • Sun & Mon 11am - 2pm; Tues-Thu 11am-8pm; Fri & Sat 11am-3pm • 257-9987

**Horsemen's Grill** • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun.brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447.

**K-BOB's** • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • Mon-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 378-0025.

**Landlocked** • 441 Mechem 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11a-9p

**Lincoln County Grill** • 2717 Sudderth • Daily; 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-7669

**Log Cabin** • 1074 Mechem • Wed-Mon; 7 a.m.-1:45 p.m. • 258-5029.

**Lucy & Ethel's** • 1009 Mechem • Gourmet deli & daily soup • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221.

**Outpost Bar & Grill** • 415 Central, Carrizozo • Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun 12n - 8 p.m. • 648-9994.

**Picnics Deli** • 127 Rio St. • Deli, dine-in, take-out, in-town delivery. • Mon - Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-2200

**Schlotzsky's Deli** • 2812 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri, Sat 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 257-7811

**7 Mares Seafood** • 340 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8534

**Shrimpy's Shrimp & Wing Shack** • 2501 Sudderth • Shrimp, fish & chips. • Thu-Mon, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Dine in or carry out • 257-8881.

**Smokey B's Grill** • 2584 Hwy. 70, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. • 464-7928.

**Smokey Bear Restaurant** • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • Daily; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

**The Dolan House** • 826 Calle la Placita, Lincoln • Fri - Tues; 9:30 a.m. - 3:30; Fri. 5 - 8 p.m. • Reservations Required 575-653-4670

**The Quarters** • 2535 Sudderth • Steaks, burgers, barbecue. • Mon - Sat 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.; Sun noon - 12a.m. • 257-9535.

**Windy City** • 115 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • Specialty sandwiches, burgers, BBQ, bratwurst, homemade fries, homemade cheesecake. • Tue - Fri 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-1395

## Fine Dining



**Ellis Store Country Inn** • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • By reservation only. • 800-653-6460

**La Fondue** • 2800 Sudderth Dr (below Elena's) • Steak, seafood, fondue, tempura. • Tues - Sun, 4 - 11 p.m.

**Laughing Sheep Farm** • 1 mi west of Lincoln at MM96 • Locally grown produce & meats. • Lunch, Sat & Sun, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Dinner, Sat 5 - 8:30 p.m. • 653-4041

**Texas Club Bar & Grill** • 212 Metz Dr. • Steak & seafood • 258-3325.

**Tinnie Silver Dollar** • 28 mi east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and saloon; Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Daily dinner 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun champagne brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425.

**Wendell's** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • Steaks, seafood, desserts • Daily, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. • 464-7842

**Willmon's Prime Grille** • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • Prime steaks, seafood, wines • Reservations accepted; Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. • 257-2954

## Mexican



**Casa Blanca** • 501 Mechem • Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m. • New Mexican cuisine; lounge. • 257-2495

**Chef Lupe's** • 1101 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-12 a.m. • 257-4687

**Comal** • 2117 Sudderth • Daily, 11a - 8 p • 258-1397

**Chileo's** • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • Sun-Thu, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 7a.m-9 p.m. • 378-4033

**Disco Taco** • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Mexican food. • Daily, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 378-4224

**El Camino Nuevo** • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

**Elena's Place** • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11a.m. - 2p.m. • 630-8022

**El Paisano** • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • Tue - Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 354-2206

**El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant** • 721 Mechem • Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • 257-0279

**Jorge's Café** • 2064 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Daily, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 378-9804.

**La Sierra** • 100 Lake Shore • Authentic Mexican and seafood specialties • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 336-4673.

**Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant** • 2408 Sudderth • Mexican & American cuisine • Thurs - Sun, music; Sat. Ladies Nite • Sun-Sat, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; 257-8754.

**Peña's Place** • 2963 Sudderth • Thu-Mon, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sun 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 257-4135

**Old Road Restaurant** • 692 Old Road, Mescalero • Tue-Sun, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. • 464-4674

**Olé Tacos** • 319 Sudderth • Sun - Th 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-1:30 a.m. • 257-5040

## Pizza / Italian



**Café Rio** • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • Mon - Sat, 11:20 a.m. - 7:50 p.m.; Sun 12n - 7:50 p.m. • 257-7746

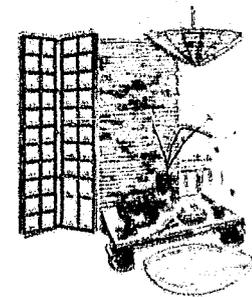
**Domino's Pizza** • 1717 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 - 12 midnight • 257-8888

**Michelena's** • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-5753

**Pizza Hut** • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033

**Santino's Italian Restaurant** • 2823 Sudderth • Lounge 4:30-9 p.m., restaurant 5-9 p.m. • 257-7540.

## Chinese/Asian



**The Great Wall of China** • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • Sushi Bar • Tue-Sun 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-2522.

**Yee's** • 633 Sudderth • eat in or take out • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-5888

## Dinner Theatre



**Flying J Ranch** • Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show • Hwy 48, Alto • Gates open 5:30 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m. \$24 13+; \$14 ages 4-12, incl. tax & gratuity. 888-458-3595, 575-336-4330

**Mountain Annie's** • 2710 Sudderth, Midtown • Live show & music. No cover • Dinner & Bar • Fri & Sat, 7 p.m., open 2 p.m. • 257-7982.

# Fun with Billy and Pat in Las Vegas, part 1

Following the climactic battle of the Lincoln County War, which ended on July 19, 1878, most of the men who called themselves "Regulators" escaped the deathtrap that the home of Alexander McSween had become. Unfortunately for McSween, he, along with several others, were not with them. McSween lay dead in his own backyard, amidst a virtual pile of bodies — those who were present that night always called it "The Big Killing."

Harvey Morris, a law student who had come West for his health (talk about bad decisions), lay a few yards off. McSween, Murphy-man Bob Beckwith, and two others lay in that pile, and by morning, McSween's own chickens were pecking his eyes out. My apologies to the squeamish.

## Destinies

The other Regulators, although they were defeated, probably did not feel that was the case. Many of them were ready, willing and able to continue the hostilities. But many others were tired of the constant violence that had wracked the county since the murder of John Tunstall in February, and they were ready to seek more peaceful pursuits.

Billy the Kid had tried to convince the Coe cousins, George and Frank, to stay with him in Lincoln County where he said he intended to "steal myself a living." But the Coes, like



many others, had already made up their minds to leave the county and start anew elsewhere, although they would both ultimately return and become successful ranchers whose prominent families still reside here.

So, the Kid turned desperado. Despite what Hollywood has told us, he never robbed banks or trains. The Kid was nothing more than a stock thief, which was where the only money remaining in the county could still be found.

Ultimately, the big ranchers became ever so weary of the depredations of the Kid and his gang, and in 1880, tall, lanky Pat Garrett ran for sheriff on a law and order ticket, was elected, and his first order of business was to get the Kid. While the Kid was blamed for virtually every missing cow and horse in about a 500-mile radius, the fact is that after Billy's death, nothing really changed.

## Ambushes

Pat lay in ambush at Fort Sumner in late December of 1880 and killed one of the Kid's gang, Tom

Folliard, when the unsuspecting outlaws rode into town on the proverbial "dark and stormy night." A few days later, Pat's posse surrounded a small rock house at a place called Stinking Springs and it was there that another gang member, former Regulator Charlie Bowdre, fell mortally wounded. The Kid and the others had no choice but to surrender to the Garrett posse. They saw no point in being starved out, which the posse was willing and able to do.

It was the day after Christmas, 1880, when the posse and their prisoners lumbered into Las Vegas in a mule-drawn wagon. In the wagon was the Kid, Billie Wilson, Tom Pickett and "Dirty Dave" Rudabaugh, the latter two having been, at one time or another, Las Vegas policemen.

By 1880, the Kid was famous in New Mexico (it was not until the following year that his fame would expand when he made *The New York Times*). He was not yet known as Billy the Kid, though. Most people still referred to him as either "Kid Antrim" (his stepfather's name) or just "the Kid."

Billy, jovial as ever, despite his circumstances, spotted an acquaintance, Dr. John Sutfin, owner of the Grandview Hotel, and called out, "Hello Doc. Thought I would just drop in and see how you fellows in Las Vegas are behavin' yourselves."

A growing crowd of onlookers followed the wagon all the way down to the old stone jail on Valencia Street, where both guards and prisoners disappeared inside. The prisoners were ragged, to say the least, and Las Vegas mail contractor Michael Cosgrove pushed through the crowd with new suits for them. He said he wanted "to see the boys go away in style."

While both of Las Vegas' newspapers managed to get reporters in to speak with the prisoners, it was undoubtedly the reporter for the *Gazette* who got the best story — and easily the best description of the young man who would (arguably, I suppose) become America's most legendary outlaw.

## Jails and jokes

The Kid complained about the conditions of the jail, saying that the Las Vegas jail was "a terrible place to put a fellow in." He also inquired as to the conditions of the Santa Fe jail, scheduled to be his next stop. When the Kid was told that the Santa Fe jail was no better, he shrugged it off. "You appear to take it easy," said the reporter. The Kid's response was typical. "Yes. What's the use of looking on the gloomy side of everything? The laugh's on me this time."

Billy was fascinated by all the attention and the size of the crowd outside. In the words of author Mark Gardner, "Being a celebrity suited him just

fine." Apparently, it had not yet occurred to him that the same crowd could become a lynch mob. As he looked at the crowd outside, the Kid commented to the reporter that, "Well, perhaps some of them will think me half man now; everyone seems to think I was some kind of animal."

The reporter continued the thought in his newspaper: "He did look human indeed, but there was nothing very mannish about him in appearance, for he looked and acted a mere boy. He is about five feet eight or nine inches tall, slightly built and lithe, weighing about 140; a frank open countenance, looking like a school boy, with the traditional silky fuzz on his upper lip; clear blue eyes, with a roguish snap about them; light hair and complexion. He is, in all, quite a handsome looking fellow, the only imperfection being two prominent teeth slightly protruding like squirrel's teeth, and he has agreeable and winning ways."

When one looks at the only known, verified photo of him, it is difficult to think of the Kid as anything approaching "handsome," but keep in mind the photographs of yourself that you don't like. Imagine being remembered by your driver's license photo?

In any case, there seems to have been one variable that the friendly outlaw had not counted on — the feeling of the local

populace toward the men who were chained with him. Most notably, Dave Rudabaugh. Just eight months earlier, "Dirty Dave" had shot and killed popular jailer Lino Valdez, while Dave was attempting to free his friend, J.J. Webb.

Next: The railroad station and the lynch mob

**SOURCES: A**  
*Documentary History of the Lincoln County War* and *The West of Billy the Kid*, both by Frederick Nolan; *To Hell On a Fast Horse* by Mark Gardner and *History of the Lincoln County War* by Maurice Fulton.

Readers please note that the Wild West History Association Roundup at Inn of the Mountain Gods is open to the public Tuesday, July 20, 1:30 p.m. into the evening. Highlights are "An Evening with Frederick Nolan" and a panel discussion on "Who Killed Pat Garrett" with historians Leon Metz, Mark Gardner, Ellis Lindsay and myself. If you are a Western History enthusiast, you won't want to miss it.

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Our western sky during the evening hours presents some interesting scenes for sky-watchers over the next few weeks, as four of our solar system's bright planets can be viewed in that part of the sky. The fifth bright planet, Jupiter, rises in the east around midnight and can be viewed throughout the morning hours.) Up through the end of this month the highest (above the western horizon) of the four evening-sky planets is Saturn, which of course is most renowned for its system of rings. Those rings were edge-on to us a little less than a year ago, but are now beginning to "open up," and will continue doing so for the next several years.

When the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei began examining Saturn with his primitive telescope four centuries ago he noticed that it seemed to be accompanied by a smaller "companion" on either side. It wasn't until four decades later that the Dutch astronomer Christiaan Huygens, examining Saturn with a better telescope, determined that these "companions" were in fact the ring system we know so well today. Huygens also discovered a moon orbiting around Saturn, which was later

named Titan. Since that time over 60 additional moons have been found, many of these being small and distant outer satellites that have been detected within the fairly recent past, or else small moons orbiting in and around the ring system that have been detected by the *Cassini* spacecraft that has been orbiting around Saturn since mid-2004.

Titan has remained an enigmatic object ever since its discovery. For a planetary moon, it's huge: 3,200 miles in diameter – almost 200 miles larger in diameter than Mercury – and it is the second-largest moon in the entire solar system (Jupiter's moon Ganymede being slightly larger). Even early in the 20th Century it was suspected of having an atmosphere, and this was confirmed in 1944 by the American astronomer Gerard Kuiper who took a spectrum of it and detected significant amounts of the gas methane. Today we know that the primary constituent of Titan's atmosphere is nitrogen – the same being true, of course, for Earth's atmosphere – and that the atmospheric pressure on Titan's surface is almost 1 1/2 times the pressure at Earth's surface.

The sun's ultraviolet light interacts with the methane and other gases in Titan's atmosphere and

creates an active chemistry that produces numerous hydrocarbon compounds that exist in the form of a natural "smog." As a result, Titan's surface is generally hidden from direct view, and when the twin *Voyager* spacecraft passed through the Saturn system in the early 1980s all they really could see was a smog-enshrouded world. Until the fairly recent past, in fact, Titan has remained one of the most mysterious worlds in the entire solar system.

We finally began to peel back Titan's mysterious veil in early 2005 when the European Space Agency's *Huygens* spacecraft, which had arrived in the Saturn system piggy-backed aboard *Cassini*, descended through Titan's atmosphere and soft-landed upon the surface. *Huygens'* cameras and instruments revealed a world with mountains, valleys, shorelines, and apparent bodies of liquid, and upon landing revealed a solid surface covered with rocks. Those rocks are in fact solid ice, since Titan's surface temperature is some -290 degrees Fahrenheit.

Meanwhile, *Cassini* has made several passes by Titan during the years since, and has been able to examine it with radar, infrared, and other instruments that have allowed us to see significant amounts of surface detail. It turns out that Titan has a surface topography rather similar to Earth's, complete with numerous lakes, and also has a weather and climate sys-

tem that is similar to Earth's, including a weather pattern that rather closely resembles the monsoon that our own part of Earth is currently experiencing. With the one significant exception of the temperature difference, which means that the lakes we see are composed of liquid methane and ethane as opposed to water, Titan in many respects can be considered the most Earth-like world in the solar system.

Recent studies based upon data taken by *Cassini* are suggesting that even more interesting things may be taking place at Titan. One study, carried out by Darrell Strobel at Johns Hopkins University, shows that, while large amounts of hydrogen are being created in Titan's upper atmosphere and are cascading downward, almost none of it is reaching the surface. Another study, conducted by Chris McKay at NASA's Ames Research Center, has found that the chemical acetylene, which should be produced in the chemical reactions going on in Titan's atmosphere, is also absent at the surface.

While various explanations exist for these particular findings, one of the most provocative is that there could be hydrogen-consuming life forms (almost certainly in the form of microbes) on Titan's surface. Because of the complex organic chemistry that is going on at Titan it has long been suspected as a possible environment for life, but the recent studies are the first pieces of evi-

dence that such life might actually exist. Because of the extreme (by our standards) surface temperatures, any such life would not be water-based like us but would be based on some liquid like methane.

For now, this possibility of Titan life must remain within the realm of speculation, although continued studies by *Cassini's* instruments should help us in refining this. If it does eventually turn out that life has arisen, and exists, on this remarkable world in our solar system, then perhaps life is a pretty commonplace phenomenon in our universe after all.

Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft. He is raising funds for the Earthrise Project, described at [www.earthriseinstitute.org](http://www.earthriseinstitute.org). He is also involved in various space-related research and educational activities throughout New Mexico and elsewhere.

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## COMMUNITY LISTINGS

### Lincoln County

#### Clubs/Associations

**Alto Women's Association:** 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

**Angus Wood Carvers:** 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

**Art Connection:** Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

**Carrizozo Women's Club:** Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

**Christian Motorcyclists Assoc:** Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8; online at [www.CMAUSA.org](http://www.CMAUSA.org); 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

**Duplicate Bridge Club:** 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

**Fort Stanton Museum:** Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

**Insighters Book Club:** 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

**Lincoln County Bird Club:** Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

**Lincoln County Garden Club:** Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

**Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter:** 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

**Mountaintop Turners:** Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

**Party Bridge Group:** 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

**Photographic Society of Lincoln County:** 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth; 258-4003.

**Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club:** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

**Ruidoso Area Singles:** Meet new friends for social activities - dining, out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

**Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion**

**Group:** First Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

**Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club:** Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

**Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73:** Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

**Ruidoso Mommies Group:** Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

**Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

#### Education

**ESL classes:** English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

**First Friday Adult Lecture Series:** Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

**GED classes:** Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem..

**La Junta F.C.E.:** 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

#### Help & Healing

**A Course in Miracles Study Group:** Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center; 336-7777.

**AI-Anon:** Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

**AI-Anon:** Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. daily; 8 p.m. Fri, Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

**Bereavement or Grief Support:** For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

**Co-Dependents Anonymous:** 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

**Gamblers Anonymous:** Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

**H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life):** Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

**Meditation Practice:** First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous:** Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

**Open Circle:** Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Parenting Classes:** Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

**Parents of Addicted Children:** New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

**Prepared Childbirth Classes:** Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

**Science of Mind Study Group:** Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Sex Addicts Anonymous:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

**Shamanic Journeys:** Third Wednesday of each month; 7 p.m. at high Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Stretch & Tone Class:** For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

**Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group:** Thursdays at 6-6:30 p.m. at Angus Church; no dues or food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

**Wisdom Circle:** Each second and fourth Wednesday; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Working Disabled Health Insurance:** State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

#### Political

**Democratic Party of Lincoln County:** Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

**Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area:** third Saturday at K-BOB's at 12:00 noon. For more information call 808-1133 or 257-6078

**Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County:** Regular meetings. For information, call 653-4379.

**Republican Party of Lincoln County:** Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

#### Service Organizations

**Altusa Club:** 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; noon every third Tuesday for lunch. Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Info: Jill, 336-1339.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52:** 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59:** 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

**B.P.O. Elks No. 2086:** 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

**B.P.O. Does:** Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

**Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program:** 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, [www.fbcruaidoso.com](http://www.fbcruaidoso.com).

**Friends of Capitan Library:** Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

**Humane Society of Lincoln County:** Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

**Kiwanis:** Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

**Laughing Eyes Kennels:** Nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Call 575-354-4342, or [www.lekennels.org](http://www.lekennels.org).

**Lincoln County Community Health Council:** 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

**Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary:** 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse:** Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

**OES Ruidoso Chapter 65:** Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

**Optimist Club (Friends of Youth):** Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

**PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR:** Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

**Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club:** 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

**Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary:** 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

**Ruidoso Evening Lions:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

**Ruidoso Shrine Club:** 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

**Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club:** Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

**Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution:** Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

**Zia Girl Scout Council:** 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

**White Mountain Search & Rescue:** 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email [whitemountainsar@gmail.com](mailto:whitemountainsar@gmail.com), visit [www.whitemountainsar.org](http://www.whitemountainsar.org) or phone 866-596-8382.

#### Veterans

**American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79:** 11 a.m. every third Saturday,

101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

**American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57:** First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

**VFW Post 12071** meets the third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans are invited to attend.

**VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary** meets third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join.

### Otero County

#### Clubs & Associations

**Alamo Squares:** Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

**Alamogordo Astronomy Club:** Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

**Alamogordo Mustang Club:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

**Barbershop Harmony Society:** The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

**Boy Scouts:** Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

**Chaparral Kennel Club:** 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

**The Christian Self-Employed Business Club:** Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

**Crochet Guild of America:** The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

**Desert Basin Toastmasters:** Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit [desertbasin.tretoasthost.com](http://desertbasin.tretoasthost.com) or phone 921-4767.

**Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club:** Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

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**Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

**Enchanted Quilters Guild:** Meets 7 - 9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

**Experimental Aircraft Association:** Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

**Girl Scouts:** Open to girls ages 5-17, Nancy, 437-2921.

**Golden Gears Car Club:** Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

**Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo:** Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

**The New Horizon Band:** Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

**Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation:** Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

**Otero County Association of Educational Retirees:** Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

**Singles of Otero County:** Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

**Solar Energy Association:** Meets 6 p.m., every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

**Tularosa Basin Rockhounds:** Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

**White Sands Dart Association:** Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

**Education**

**ESL:** English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook; Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

**H.E.L.P. Head Start:** Accepting applications for pre-school children with

or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

**Integrated Instructional Services Department:** Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

**Lacy Simms:** Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

**Help & Healing**

**Al-Anon:** New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

**Alamogordo City Disability Council:** Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

**American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center:** Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 2689 N. Scenic Dr.; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. All services are free. 575-437-6176, 443-0303, 437-0690.

**Blood Pressure Screening:** 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

**Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet:** Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

**Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group:** Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email painted-ladies64@yahoo.com.

**Child Health Care:** No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

**Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

**HIBAC:** Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

**Humane Society of Otero County:** Meets 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Margo's Mexican Restaurant. 437-0157.

**Low Income Housing:** Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

**New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous:** Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

**Salvation Army Social Services:** Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

**Salvation Army Thrift Store:** Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

**Search and Rescue:** Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

**St. John's Community Kitchen:** Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

**ZTrans:** Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamosa, Tularosa and Mesalero. 439-4971.

**Zia Thrift Store:** Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday. Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

**Zia Transportation Services:** Offered for work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact an Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

**Ongoing Activities**

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Wed., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. 575-437-1302.

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

**Coffee Club:** 7:30 - 9 a.m. third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast provided. 443-1900.

**Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort:** Every other Sunday at various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players. 937-2006.

**Meditation Group:** Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075.

**Seniors Ping Pong:** 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

**Yoga for Seniors:** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559

**Political**

**Democratic Party of Otero County:** Meets first Tuesday at a local restaurant at 5:30 p.m., with 6 p.m. meeting start. Call 437-8590 for location.

**Mountain Democrats:** Meet second Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

**Republican Party of Otero County:** Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinning, 443-1195.

**Tularosa Democrats:** Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granada, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

**Service Organizations**

**Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club:** Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

**Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis:** Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

**Alamogordo Public Library Foundation:** Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

**Altrusa International:** 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Waful, 491-0713 or Marty Poitra, 921-1144.

**Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority:** Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

**Daughters of the American Revolution:** Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

**Downtown Lions Club:** Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

**Flickinger Guild:** Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts. Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

**Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo:** Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

**Order of the Eastern Star:** Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

**Special Olympics NM - Otero:** Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

**Veterans / Military**

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257:** Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

**American Legion Post 108:** Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed\_wishbone@hotmail.com.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108:** Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active/former military personnel. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

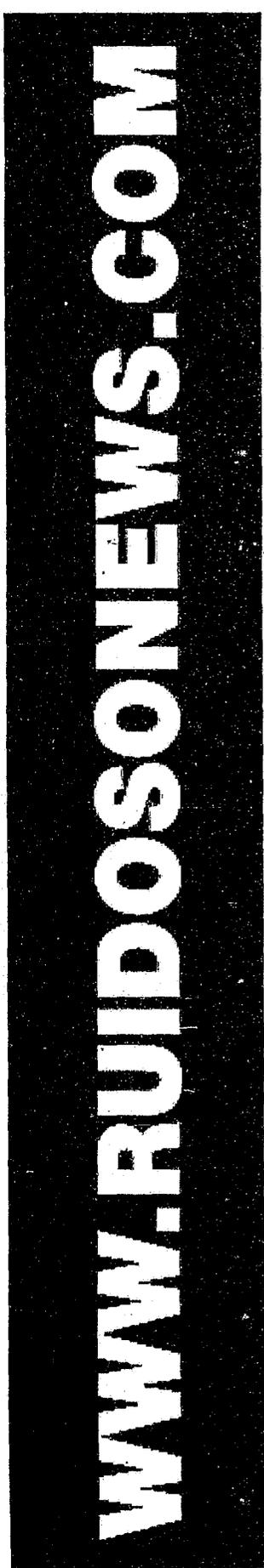
**Disabled American Veterans, Chap. 14:** Meet first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

**New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8:** Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

**Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108:** Meets 3rd Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to sons, grandsons of active/former military personnel. Info: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810, or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

**United States Submarine Veterans:** Feb. 6, 12 p.m., at White Sands Missile Range. All former submariners welcome. www.ussvi.org/BaseShow. Call Shane Foraker 575 437-0665.

**VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.



## HUBBARD MUSEUM • WORKSHOP

## Simply silk

BY JAY SMITH, HUBBARD MUSEUM  
FOR ¡VAMOS!

The Hubbard Museum is pleased to present a special workshop titled "Simply Silk: Silk Painting Workshop" on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., in the Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center.

New Mexico artist Sandy Hopper will be teaching the workshop with the Hubbard Museum as host for the event.

There is a fee of \$165 per person to participate in the workshop. For more information or to register, contact Jeannine Isom, Curator of Education at the Hubbard Museum by calling 575-378-4142.

Sandy Hopper's unique wearable silks and framed fine art flow with energy

and glowing color. Each piece is as unique as the surroundings that inspired it. The Southwest has always been home to Hopper, having grown up in El Paso, Texas, and now living near Elephant Butte Lake, N.M.

She is a skilled, self-taught, multi-media artist whose creative energy is boundless. All of Sandy's creations are hand painted, using calligraphy and water color brushes. Many of the techniques used in creating a watercolor painting are incorporated in painting on silk.

Her home studio is Grasshopper Silk, a New Mexico Fiber Arts Trails site (#55), located at 509 Bass Road, Hot Springs Landing, Elephant Butte Lake, N.M. It is open to

the public on Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 575-740-4958 or email [ant@grasshoppersilk.com](mailto:ant@grasshoppersilk.com) to arrange for a special appointment.

"My creations are expressions of my intimate relationship with the spiritual and cultural diversity of the Southwest," commented Hopper. "Silk is a natural medium; the luminosity and texture of the fiber gives exceptional dimension to the finished work. Painted silk elicits a joyful reaction as it suffuses one with a feeling of euphoria. It is a pure and simple love of color that enticed me to paint on silk; and vibrant, glowing color that has made it my passion. I love to experiment and explore the art of painting on silk so each



"Hero Scarf" is one of artist, Sandy Hopper's, many unique creations.

piece is one-of-a-kind and unique to that moment."

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Highway 70 West, and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding Thanks-

giving and Christmas days. Admission to the museum is \$6 for adults; reduced admission is available for senior citizens and youth.

For more information, go online to [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org), or call

575-378-4142.

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## HUBBARD MUSEUM ▶ CINEMA

## Summer videos

The Hubbard Museum offers Smithsonian Institute video presentations throughout late summer



The Hubbard Museum of the American West continues its educational video program with the announcement of several new upcoming films.

Produced by project partner the Smithsonian Institution, the videos are shown Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and weekdays at 2 p.m., at the Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center located at the museum.

The Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center is a multi-purpose facility dedicated to education and community service. The facility includes video-conferencing capacity with four screens, adjacent

kitchen facilities and seating for 110 people theater style or 64 for banquets.

The following videos are scheduled:

July 3 - 16 – *Bombs, Bullets and Fraud*

"You probably wouldn't consider the U.S. Postal Service a dangerous place to work. But millions of packages pass through every day and not just cards and letters to loved ones. Some of the packages contents are downright bizarre, and occasionally deadly. From snail mail to e-mail, learn what people send through the mail and modern forensics used to find perpetrators.

The oldest, yet least

known federal law enforcement agency (founded in 1772), the Postal Inspectors Unit is the "father of modern crime investigation," from helping capture train robbers in 1923 and the Unabomber in 1995 to more recently investigating anthrax hoaxes and shutting down Ponzi schemes. Agents literally put their lives on the line, carrying badges and high-powered guns, to deal with serial killers, bootleggers and con artists."

July 17 - 30 – *Day of the Kamikaze*

Award winning video that documents the origins of kamikaze battle and shares true, eyewitness ac-

counts of the biggest and bloodiest suicide attack in history over two days in 1945 when the Japanese launched "Operation Heaven" against the Allied Fleet in the Pacific.

July 31-Aug 13 – *Light at the Edge of the World*

Celebrated anthropologist Wade Davis searches for four disappearing cultures in Peru, Polynesia, the Himalayas and the Arctic. He warns that, since the 1950s, half of the 5,000 languages spoken in the world have not been taught to the next generation.

Davis warns that, "Within a single generation, we may lose half of

society's intellectual, social and spiritual legacy."

Aug. 14 - 27 – *Sky View*

Soar over Europe and experience history and the countryside from an eagle's perspective told in four episodes: *The Heart of Italy, The Emerald Isle, The French Riviera and Southern Britain.*

Aug. 28 - Sept. 10  
*America's Greatest Monuments*

"Enjoy the amazing stories of our capitol's greatest

shrines, from the war memorials to the monuments honoring America's founding fathers to Arlington's eternal flame."

For more information on these films or the Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center, contact the Hubbard Museum of the American West at 575-378-4142, or go online to [hubbardmuseum.org](http://hubbardmuseum.org).

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# Land of the Midnight Sun, part 4

## To the North Pole – almost

Welcome back to the High Arctic. In our quest to go as far north as a tourist can go we're sailing the cold Arctic waters of Norway's Svalbard Archipelago, deep inside the Arctic Circle. Daylight lasts 24 hours in the Arctic summer, ample time to explore glaciers, icebergs and tundra of this forbidding but intriguing landscape.

Jamie, Rolf and Bo, our expedition staff, lead us to discover little-known facts about the Arctic. Our little icebreaker bumps brash ice as we push ever farther north.

### Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, et al.

One day the sun came out for a few warm hours. (Note: Land of the Midnight Sun does not mean "sun" because it rains, fogs or drizzles 24 hours a day. But it never, and I mean never, gets dark here. You can read a newspaper without a light 24/7.)

Jamie offered a three-hour hike through the tundra. "We won't stop for pictures unless it's something special." Fifteen feet later, there was.

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and five more reindeer scampered into view about 100 yards away. Photographers immediately spread out, walking toward the right tiny reindeer for the best angle. Of course, the reindeer moved away.



### Follow Me!

by Yvonne Lanelli

Adventure Writer & Photographer  
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"When you separate yourselves from the group, you look like a predator pack, so naturally the reindeer move away," advised Jamie. "Act like a grazing herd. Everyone stick close together and walk slowly parallel to them."

We re-grouped; the reindeer relaxed. Long-lensed photographers snapped photo after photo; I gave up after my 3x "telephoto" revealed only gray specks. (These compare to my two polar bear pix – white specks).

### Perhaps more than you want to know

Naturalists will inspect everything. So far we've examined tiny tundra flowers, tiny snails, even driftwood and discarded antlers. So when Jamie waves us over enthusiastically, we run to see what he has found.

"Look – scat." Scat is the biologically correct term for poop. Did you know that reindeer poop resembles mule deer poop? No surprise there. That polar bear poop resembles cow dung? Surprise.

"Polar bears eat seals, which are mostly fat and so they excrete a viscous sludge, similar to a cow that digests its food in multiple stomachs," says Rolf as he examines a pile with enthusiasm matched only by Martin's discourse on goose poop in Part Three of this series.

### Anyone for a swim?

The sun's out, the temp's a balmy 50 degrees, so after five sweaty miles, why not? Because this is a Norwegian fjord, not the Caribbean, that's why.

Sub-freezing water notwithstanding, however, eager passengers, clad only in swimsuits, leap joyfully into the waves, splashing happily and waving for the rest of us to follow (swim) suit. No way.

"In case of cardiac arrest, here's the portable defibrillator," whispers the ship doctor, gesturing to the unit tucked discreetly nearby. Perhaps these hardy passengers are accustomed to plunging into sub-freezing water because no one needs the defibrillator. Some, however, could have used liposuction.



Islands in Norway's high north Svalbard Archipelago retain snow-in mountain crevices and ice floating in seawater even in mid-summer. Photo by Yvonne Lanelli.

### E.V. at the North Pole (almost)

Sjuonoya, Waldenoye, at 80° 40' latitude. The farthest islands in northern Svalbard. As far north as any tourist can go.

We sail east above the northern coast of the island of Nordaustland. Blue-white ice three feet thick glides by our port side, slate-gray sea on our starboard, unrelenting gray sky above.

"Look, the North Pole," teases Jamie, as we stare north across pack ice that extends uninterrupted to the North Pole and doesn't end until Canada.

Rolf reports, "Sea water is minus 1 degree Celsius." A bit below freezing.

"The fog has lifted enough we can explore in the Zodiacs. Dress warmly," announces Captain Sten. Twenty minutes later,

four Zodiacs prowl gaps in the pack ice. We snap photos of one another, of the ice that grinds ominously against our rubber hull, of our ship that from a certain angle looks trapped in pack ice.

FYI, pack ice is frozen sea water (sea water freezes at minus 1.7 degrees C). It takes three years for pack ice to drift around the Pole. When it reaches Greenland, it begins breaking off and floating south. (Remember the berg that hit the Titanic?) Until about 10 years ago, pack ice extended much farther south, preventing ships from circumnavigating Svalbard.

Yes, non-believers, climate change affects the Polar ice cap. But I digress.

A cold breeze stings my cheeks, recalling the ordeals endured by early Polar explorers. I snug up my down parka and antici-

pate my hot lunch aboard ship. It's impossible to imagine how early Polar explorers survived months and even years here.

Back aboard ship, Captain Sten announces that the *Quest* has never sailed this far north before, a record of sorts. And we pax have set records as well. Few people in the world have ever traveled this far north, in the only place in the world where a tourist can achieve it.

And I have achieved yet another personal best. I am now officially bi-polar, or at least, bi-circular, having crossed both the Antarctic and Arctic Circles. I have also traveled farther north than the equivalent south. And because you followed me, so did you.

Next time: *The best-laid plans – now to get home.*