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Transit strategy offered

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A strategy to keep Lincoln County Transit (LCT) running beyond late 2011 will be offered to Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong by the transit operation's manager.

Transit manager Patti DeSoto provided a taste of the plans when she asked Ruidoso Downs city councilors Monday to approve a second full-time transit driver.

"Are you factoring in the situation that seems to be evolving as

Service has a year to fill funding gap created by county's drop in support

far as the county?" Councilor Dean Holman asked.

Financial support from Lincoln County will continue into 2011, responded DeSoto.

"I do plan on strategy that I will present to the mayor to fill that gap and see what he wants to do. That might be advertising on the busses, it might be raising the prices, approaching local businesses for

support, things like that. I need to talk to the mayor to see how he wants to handle it," said DeSoto.

Earlier this month the Lincoln County Commission unanimously turned down their support of LCT filing an application for grant funding for fiscal year 2011-2012. The grant would require an \$80,000 local match. Over the past couple of years the local match had been

divided evenly among Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and the county.

"I have a year to fill that gap," said DeSoto.

The second full-time driver was described as a necessity by DeSoto.

"I have had problems with keeping employees on due to the fact that they are making \$7.74 per hour for on-call (part-time) drivers. I see a lot of turnover."

DeSoto said the turnover resulted in increased costs for training, drug and alcohol testing, and over-

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A LAST-MINUTE REPRIEVE FOR THE SPICE GIRLS



COURTESY SUNNY ARIS

Two stray mothers, Cinnamon and Spice, are safe in a holding pen following their rescue from a certain-death situation in Mescalero. Also safe are their 17 puppies. See the story on page 8A.

Election certified

Cost of mail-in tax vote now at \$33,700

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With no protests pending and acting as the election canvassing board, Lincoln County commissioners Friday certified the results of a special mail-in election Sept. 21, imposing a business retention gross receipt tax countywide on Jan. 1, for five years.

County Manager Tom Stewart said he sent a letter to the Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development, the political action group that pledged to cover the expense of a special election, informing its representatives that the estimated expense is \$33,709.21. They acknowledged and told him they

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Morales resigns from RN

General Manager Lisa Morales has resigned her position at the Ruidoso News, effective immediately.

Morales, a Ruidoso resident, joined the News in October 2009. She has also worked in advertising for the Carlsbad Current Argus and the Alamogordo Daily News.

There is no announcement on her replacement.

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- Marty Racine

Committee to sort out vendor rules

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"Everyone is against itinerant vendors," said Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn.

But they differ on how to handle individual vendors operating under special events in Midtown or sanctioned events at the Ruidoso Convention Center. He decided to form a committee to work with village staff and the council to clear up language in the business registration ordinance and work out an acceptable approach.

Councilor Jim Stoddard will serve on the committee, Alborn said.

"Then the council can take the suggestions," Alborn said. Many already are contained in letters sent in by 11 business owners or event organizers in advance of a village council

Bryant: "There's not a lawyer on the planet that would tell you to ignore the law."

workshop last Thursday.

Until then, for events such as Oktoberfest at the convention center, registration for each seller will be required through event organizers with tax identification numbers, but no individual vendor fees will be charge. The tax number will help state officials track if appropriate gross receipts taxes are paid to the village, officials contend.

"It's the same thing we did for the gun show," Alborn said.

"We didn't require registration fees," but a list should be compiled by event promoters for the vil-



lage and for the state Tax and Revenue Department of vendors, said Councilor Denise Dean.

"The tax identification is all we are looking for," said Village Manager Debi Lee.

At that point, Village Clerk Irma Devine shifted nervously in her seat and asked councilors for clarification.

"You do not want my

office to enforce a village ordinance at the Ruidoso Convention Center?" she queried. "That puts me in a very liable position."

"We want consistency, so until we work out (a better approach), we're suspending (the fee requirement), because we haven't been enforcing it," Dean said.

"There's not a lawyer on the planet that would tell you to ignore the law," Village Attorney Dan Bryant said. "We've demonstrated clearly there has been highly intermittent registration of vendors at RCC. The council is taking another look and (enforcement could be suspended) until they devise a clear set of consistent regulations. I'm not sure our practice justified the interpretation

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A reader submitted this marvelous shot of the sunrise taken on the Autumnal Equinox last week, signifying the first day of fall.

AspenFest

AspenFest, Ruidoso's annual fall celebration, is Oct. 2 and 3, and a time for traditions, friendships and community.

AspenFest weekend kicks off with a parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2 through Midtown Ruidoso. The crisp cool autumn days, the magic of Ruidoso, and the musical jazz sounds of some incredible artists give us this year's theme: "Jazzin' It Up In Ruidoso."

and crafts fairs, a car show and chili cookoff.

"Jazz, Blues, Rock and Country are at the heart of Ruidoso. We love music here and this fall we will enjoy a cool weekend of hot jazz!" said Kathy Alexander, Special Events Coordinator.

Chamber Board President, Glenda Duncan adds, "Our community truly pulls together for a great celebration, and The Chamber is so honored to organize the event and appreciate what Ruidoso has to offer."

the entire community.

The parade will bring road closures Saturday beginning at approximately 9:20 a.m. with the closure of Mechem Drive at Lower Terrace for all traffic except for parade participants.

Westbound Sudderth Drive will be closed at 9:30 a.m. at Paradise Canyon Road. All roads intersecting the parade route will be closed at approximately 9:45 a.m.

"We know that closing roads can be a slight inconvenience for parade goers," said Chamber Executive Director Sandi Aguilar. "We encourage everyone to allow plenty of time for parking to allow the police and fire department staffs to safely prepare the parade route for an enjoyable morning."

The weekend is full of activities including an arts

and crafts show hosted by the Ruidoso Gymnastics Club on Saturday and Sunday at Wingfield Park from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day.

River Rendezvous also plans an outdoor fair at their location on Sudderth. The New Mexico Open Chili Cook-off will be at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack & Casino on Saturday, with a Ruidoso Chili Society Pod Cookoff at noon on Sunday.

The Rod Run to Ruidoso Car Show will also be at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and is free to the public.

Spencer Theater will be showcasing Rossano Sportello Solo Pianist and the Rebecca Kilgore Quartet on Saturday, plus a gumbo dinner, all starting at 5 p.m. Go to www.RuidosoNow.com for a complete listing of events.

Recycling list

Approved materials on the Do Recycle List that will be accepted in blue or green recycling containers within Lincoln County including Ruidoso now includes:

- Flattened, clean, empty corrugated cardboard boxes with no plastic wrapping or Styrofoam inside.
• Flattened, clean paperboard such as pizza boxes, cereal boxes, soda and beer boxes, tissue boxes, laundry soap boxes, dry goods boxes. No plastic or waxed paper liners inside.
• Clean, empty plastic containers - grades 1-6 (look on the bottom) such as soda bottles, milk bottles, water bottles, coffee grounds containers, laundry and personal hygiene containers. Any clean plastic container with a 'neck'. If necessary, lightly rinse the container to clean it. Place in sealed bags to recycle.
• Bundled newspaper (bag or tie with cord or string)
• Bundled Office and computer paper (bag or tie with cord or string)
• Clean, empty brown paper bags
• Bundled magazines and catalogs, slick newspaper inserts, (bag or tie with cord or string)
• Phone books (bag or tie with cord or string if more than one)
• Clean, empty steel or

tin cans from canned fruits and vegetables. Rinse and bag.

• Empty aluminum cans, clean aluminum foil and pie tins placed in bags

Other recycling opportunities at the Solid Waste Yard, 222 2nd street in Ruidoso Downs include:

- Carpet padding - take to Authority yard for free drop off.
• Engine Oil - take to the Authority yard.
• Paint - take to Authority yard for free drop-off.
• Scrap Metal of all kinds - take to Authority yard

Banned Materials that are on the Do Not Recycle List in either the blue dumpsters or large green drop off containers throughout Lincoln County including Ruidoso include:

- Broken Plastic Furniture or discard wood/cloth covered furniture
• Carpet
• Clothing (take to thrift stores)
• Dead animals
• Electronic equipment (take to twice a year free e-waste recycling events at Sierra Mall)
• Food items of any kind. Fast food containers with food residue.
• Gasoline
• Hazardous household liquid waste such as Chlorox, toilet bowl cleaners, ammonia, etc.
• Grocery or discount store plastic sacks
• Hard plastic (except for clean 5 gallon buckets) and garden hoses
• Junk mail
• Metal coat hangers, fencing material, or barbed wire
• Glass jars and bottles
• Lumber and other construction waste**
• Plastic wrapping or bubble wrap
• Plastic containers with oil, grease, butter, yogurt or margarine residue
• Sacks of garbage
• Sacked pine needles or other yard waste (call your municipal office or the Authority office for proper disposal)
• Small consumer appliances
• Styrofoam of any kind

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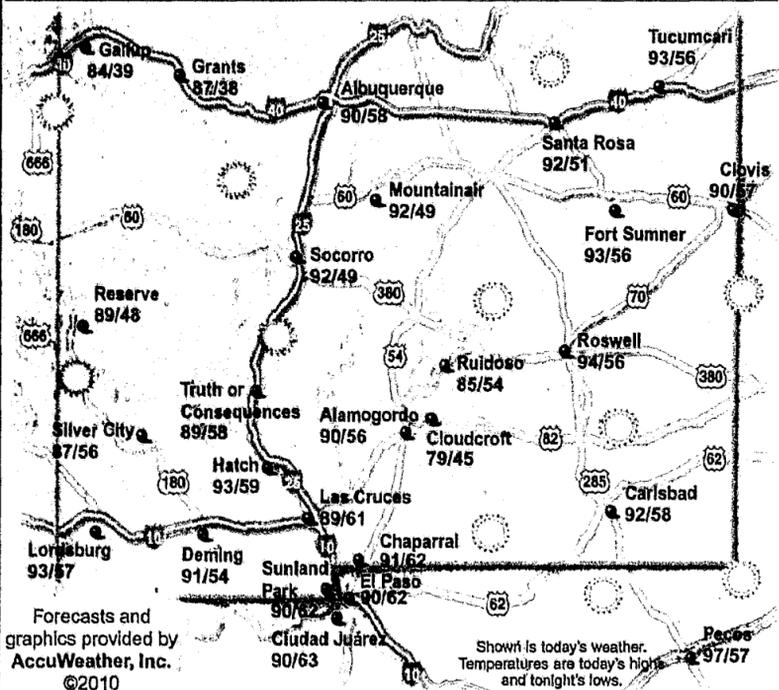
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

Table with 7 columns: TODAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY. Each column contains RealFeel, Humidity, and Wind information.

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

Regional Cities



Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:56 a.m./6:50 p.m. Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 10:58 p.m./12:51 p.m.

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 113° in Los Angeles, CA Low: 22° in Embarrass, MN

Almanac

Ruidoso

Statistics through Monday
Temperature: High/Low 78°/48° Normal high 72° Normal low 40° Record high 85° (1977) Record low 24° (1968)
Precipitation: Monday 0.00" Month to date 0.55" Normal month to date 2.47" Year to date 13.28" Normal year to date 18.00"

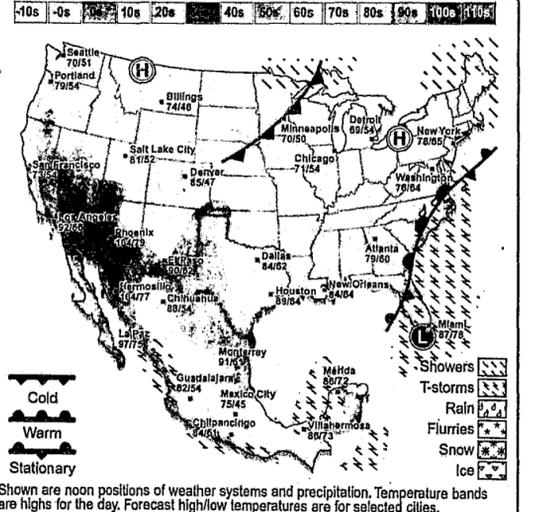
Alamogordo

Statistics through Monday
Temperature: High/Low 83°/54° Normal high 82° Normal low 55° Record high 97° (1977) Record low 47° (1989)
Precipitation: Monday 0.00" Month to date 1.04" Normal month to date 1.70" Year to date 10.52" Normal year to date 9.87"

Weather Trivia

Q: How much direct sunlight does the north pole get during autumn?

National Forecast for Sept. 29, 2010



National Cities

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Thu. Hi/Lo/W. Lists cities like Abilene, Anchorage, Atlanta, Austin, etc.

Regional Cities

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Mexican Cities

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Thu. Hi/Lo/W. Lists cities like Acapulco, Cancun, Chihuahua, Ciudad Juárez, etc.



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

We could take these scenes for granted, but a bull elk always gets our attention.

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or shape

- Tires, rubber swimming pools and other rubber items
- Wine or cooking oil boxes with plastic liners.

Any of the above items marked with an **may be discarded or recycled by taking them directly to at the Solid Waste Authority yard, 222 2nd St., Ruidoso Downs.

If you have a question about what can be recycled, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org.

Education forum

Ruidoso Counseling & Mediation Services is hosting a free community education forum on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Counselors will present on topics such as Spiritual/Emotional Roots of Disease; and Substances: from Use to Abuse.

The forum will be held at the Gateway Church Fellowship Hall, 415 Suderth Dr. Everyone is welcome. Light snacks will be provided. Call to register by Oct. 1: 258-8605. Please leave your name and phone number.

Prescribed burn

The Sacramento Ranger

District will implement the Martinez Prescribed Burn beginning as early as Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, and will continue through the end of the month, weather conditions permitting.

The Martinez Burn will consist of approximately 629 acres and is one of the Sacramento Ranger District's components of their hazardous fuels reduction program. Fire management official's plans are to treat small acres of land at a time.

The burn area is located approximately two miles south of the community of High Rolls. District fire crews have been prepping the burn area, and are also closely monitoring weather forecasts and fuels conditions to ensure that objectives will be accomplished and to minimize the impacts of smoke to populated areas.

Residents of High Rolls, Cloudcroft, Alamogordo, and La Luz may see and smell smoke for the duration of the burn. Smoke is expected to be highly visible along U.S. 82 from Alamogordo to Cloudcroft, as well as Westside Road (Forest Road 90) and the Sunspot Highway (NM State Highway 63/65) during the duration of the burn.

Signs will be posted alerting drivers.

For additional information, contact the Sacra-

mento Ranger District Office at 575-682-2551 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The address is P.O. Box 288, 4 Lost Lodge Rd., Cloudcroft, NM, 88310.

For updates on Lincoln National Forest prescribed fires or information, follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/lincolnsmokey.

Solar tour

October is National Energy Awareness Month by presidential proclamation since 1991. More than 150,000 Americans are expected to visit 5,000 buildings in 3,000 communities during the Oct. 2 National Solar Tour to see how their neighbors are reducing their monthly utility bills in tough economic times.

It's a perfect opportunity to meet local folks for the second year already using solar in Lincoln County on the local tour will be held on Saturday Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be self-guided throughout Lincoln County including the communities of Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso, the Alto area, Capitan, Nogal, and outlying rural areas. Three large scale PV solar projects are underway but will not be completed in time for the Oct. 2 tour at the Corona Schools, the Carrizozo Schools and Ruidoso Middle School.

The free tour features a growing number of Lincoln County homes and businesses with a variety of solar, sustainability techniques and technology applications. This family-friendly tour provides an informal way to meet people who are using a range of approaches to make living in Lincoln County more practical, affordable and environmentally friendly.

Again this year are participating homeowners who have used some of the latest technologies such as polycrystalline photovoltaic panels, micro inverters, rain/water capture and re-use systems, and a variety of green and sustainable strategies and products.

You can also talk with people who have made "going sustainable, green and solar" more affordable by taking advantage of the latest financing methods, utility rebates, and substantial tax credits. Some systems can now be easily expanded as funds become available over time. The American Solar Energy Society recently noted that solar panel costs have decreased by close to 40 percent in the last year due to state and federal incentives and fierce competition in the market place. Continuing panel price declines are expected. New Mexico continues to support this trend through helpful laws, special sales tax treatment, and a tax credit in addition to the federal credit.

The self-guided tour is free. In keeping with the "sustainable" theme, a downloadable Guide Map will be posted a week prior to the tour on the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce website, www.ruidosonow.com. Maps will also be available at the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce. The map will provide general directions for each participating home or business.

For more information, contact Daniel Ray at 575-491-6014 or Jim Miller, 575-937-2873.

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Wing have announced the

free tour features a flying schedule through Oct. 3.

Sonic booms could occur Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At this time no flights are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 30, Friday, Oct.

1, or Sunday, Oct. 3.

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

For additional information, visit the Holloman Web site at www.holloman.af.mil.

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OUR OPINION

What were they thinking?

Commissioners' actions curious at best

If perception is reality, that's especially true regarding the state's Open Meetings Act, where just a hint or question of impropriety is enough to erode the public trust.

When three Lincoln County Commissioners gathered at a victory party at the racetrack last week after passage of the Business Retention Tax to benefit said track, they were in jeopardy of forming a rolling quorum.

There was nothing illegal about the gathering if they did not discuss county business; a witness would have to offer proof that they did. But it was "inadvisable," according to the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government.

Here's our question to the trio: What were you thinking?

"It occurred to me after people started taking pictures that (sitting at the same table might not be a good idea)," Commissioner Dave Parks

said of photos that turned up in the *Ruidoso News*.

Mr. Parks, if it's not a good idea to be seen, it's not a good idea.

"I wasn't that concerned," said Commissioner Don Williams.

Mr. Williams, you took a municipal course in which you were instructed on the topic.

Remember, these men plus Commissioner Tom Battin cast the deciding votes in favor of the mail-out election sought by the track owner. Not only did their appearance smack of a quorum but partisanship on behalf of special interests.

Their collective attitude makes some wonder whether they just don't care anymore; Parks and Williams lost their primaries this summer, and Battin is a lame duck who will be termed out in 2012.

This commission needs a membership that regards its public perception. It needs new blood, in a hurry.

Visions can be expensive

In 1920 two ranchers completed a dam on the Cimarron River and created Eagle Nest Lake, jewel of the Moreno Valley. By 1990, the Lake's private owners, the Davis family, wanted to sell. They had generously allowed public use of the lake, but they were ready to shed the responsibility.

Of course, they had no shortage of offers - every resort and condo developer in the region beat a path to their door - but they preferred to sell it to the state to ensure the public's continued access.

It seemed like a good deal for everyone, but it was caught in wrangling between former Gov. Gary Johnson and the Legislature. Johnson, who otherwise condemned pork spending, supported the lake's purchase - probably the result of his time as a ski patrolman in nearby Angel Fire. Future State Land Commissioner Patrick Lyons, then a Republican state senator, warned that the state could lose the opportunity to buy the lake.

But Senate Majority Leader Manny Aragon, thumbing his nose at Johnson and Lyons, said it was "the most ludicrous investment of limited resources that one could think of in 2002." He subsequently rerouted the money to other water projects.

In 2003 newly elected Gov. Bill Richardson visited Eagle Nest and promised local people a state park and delivered. A year later, he said, "Well, \$25 million later, we're here, but it's worth it for the people of New Mexico." Hunting and fishing license fees rose in 2005 to help restore cash reserves at the state Game and Fish Department, which helped finance the purchase.

Public land acquisitions have never come easily, even during better times.

When the governor recently

proposed buying a 12,000-acre ranch and creating a wild horse sanctuary, it wasn't unprecedented. His comments were similar to those he made in adding Eagle Nest Lake to his to-do list: He talked about opportunity, legacy, tourism and jobs.

The Eagle Nest Lake deal was a short six years ago, but it's separated from the proposed horse sanctuary by an economic chasm. Spending \$2.9 million in federal stimulus money for the park might be a worthy goal.

Just not now. "The state is simply not in the financial position to invest in recreational opportunities," wrote Sen. John Arthur Smith, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Smith cited shortfalls in programs from Medicaid to the disabled. Balancing the budget, a constitutional mandate, will mean a variety of cuts, deep and painful. "In these times, we must focus on protecting our children and the most vulnerable New Mexicans," Smith concluded.

As for jobs, the Chairman of Reality Checks pointed out that the state can barely afford to operate its existing parks, much less hire additional staff to operate a new horse park. How nice that somebody in the Legislature sees the error in continuing to build things the state can't afford to staff or maintain.

(A skeptic might also ask why tourists would come see 25 to 30 horses - the ranch's carrying capacity, according to a resource expert at the Bureau of Land Management.)

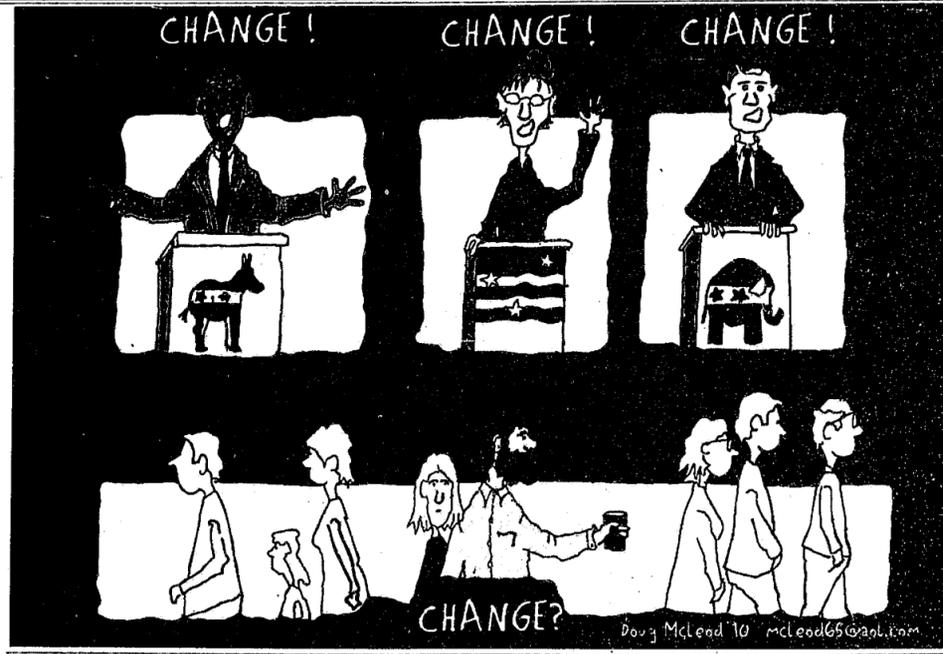
The controversy is a sign of the times. We want our leaders to have vision, to seize opportunities, but in triage budget making, vision can be too expensive.

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SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE



YOUR OPINION

A Homecoming to remember

To the editor:

AS THE SENIOR Class President for Ruidoso High School, and on behalf of our entire student body, I want to publicly thank all the residents and businesses in Ruidoso and the surrounding communities for making our 2010 Ruidoso High School Homecoming Week such a tremendous success.

When the community works together in such strength, to support our academic and athletic programs, we all benefit. Furthermore, when the community gels, the students gel also. In this respect, we as students and future leaders are reminded of the fact that we will be most effective in accomplishing our common goals, as one cohesive unit.

An example of this community support, the Village of Ruidoso government worked effectively with the Ruidoso School District and private businesses from throughout the area to provide the students with a homecoming bon fire, a tradition that was long ago abandoned within the Village of Ruidoso. This bon fire meant a great deal to our student body

and for a couple of hours last Thursday night, we were all able to put life's stresses behind us and come together as a community to celebrate life, our many friendships and our community spirit. I believe that this event also propelled our boys to a winning game on Friday night against the Hatch Bears.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Manny and Casey Guardiola of Guardiola Construction. These wonderful people took the initiative, as our sponsors, to reintroduce this great tradition back into the community. By doing so, they also provided us our inspiration for the entire week. In addition, many other organizations and businesses then graciously came forward to help host the bon fire. A big "Warrior shout out" goes to the following:

Dr. Bea Harris and the Ruidoso School Administration; The Agency; Bonnell Sand and Gravel; Foxworth Galbraith; Mel Jensen Contracting; Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom and Village Manager Debi Lee; Ruidoso Fire Department; Ruidoso Police Department; Ruidoso Parks and

Recreation; RHS Art Class; Ms. Yelena Temple and the RHS Student Council; Mark Williams; Ruidoso High School Band and Cheerleaders; all contributing Ruidoso High School Teachers and Staff DJ Coach Dave Proctor (nice music coach!).

In closing, let me say that it is my grandest expectation that all the alumni and ex's from Ruidoso High School had a wonderful return to the Village to celebrate our home coming traditions. The stadium was absolutely packed and it was great to see everyone having such a great time. I know that our Ruidoso High School Football Team, through their tremendous win, made us all proud to be Ruidoso Warriors. It was simply a wonderful week for both the school and our community.

Furthermore, I hope that the homecoming bonfire is once again a proud tradition that the students can look forward to each and every year. I know that my life has been made richer by this experience. Thank you, Ruidoso!

Frankie Gavin
Ruidoso High School Class of 2011

Scholarship golf tournament tees it up

To the editor:

ENMU-RUIDOSO has partnered with area Service Clubs to co-host the annual Lincoln County Student Scholarship Golf Tournament. The event will take place this Sunday, Oct. 3, at The Links.

I invite you to participate in helping regional high school and

ENMU-Ruidoso students pursue their higher education goals. Teams are still forming but if you are unable to play you may sponsor a team, hole or simply donate to the event.

All proceeds will be used for scholarship awards. It is an honor to be working with the numerous service club members

who have volunteered their time and energy for the benefit of Lincoln County students.

Please call Coda Omness at 257-3012 to learn more about how you can help.

Michael Elrod
Retired
ENMU-Ruidoso President
Ruidoso

Getting treated as rock stars

To the editor:

ON SEPT. 24, Mayor Ray and Sue Albom, Charles Meeks, Debbie Jo Almager and I spent the day at Ft. Bliss to learn from the Commanders exactly what kinds of activities the troops would like offered that would make them consider Lincoln County their "home away from home."

We began by lunching with the troops of the 11th Brigade, the Commander, and the Post Command Sergeant Major. Each of us had a soldier assigned to us for conversation and to make certain our every need was met. Colonel Smith sat beside me and proved to be a very interesting seatmate. I asked if he thought an adventure hike competition in Lincoln National Forest between the troops and the civilians would be something of interest to the soldiers. His reply was that he would be the first to sign up for such a competition. An armed MP stood within three feet of the table the entire time we were dining. I gave both Colonel Smith

and CSM Davenport a MAW coin, and each of us were presented with a black Team Bliss T-shirt and a Team Bliss cap.

After lunch we visited Army Community Service (ACS) and learned of an array of services that are available to active duty troops. We visited with the Commander of the Wounded Warriors in Transition. Being involved in the Wounded Warrior Project, I expressed an interest in that organization's mission statement. We visited with Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) and was presented with a cash donation to cover the cost of lodging a soldier and his family at MAW Heroes Weekend.

We visited with the Chief of Staff, Colonel Randall Lane, and ended the day in the auditorium in a briefing of 274 soldiers who five days earlier were in Iraq. CSM Davenport was briefing the troops on reintegration into civilian life. Mayor Albom said a few words to the troops. I told them about MAW Heroes Weekend, and Charles Meeks and I had the

privilege of selecting a soldier and presenting him with a coin. CSM Davenport explained to the soldiers, "They treat us like Rock Stars in Ruidoso."

What a great day on Ft. Bliss! On the drive back up the mountain, we agreed that our only regret was that every resident of Lincoln County could not have been there to experience that tour. We were treated like royalty.

The troops are coming for MAW Heroes Weekend, Oct. 15 and 16. Lodgers are offering complimentary rooms, individuals are offering their guest houses, apartments and spare bedrooms. Others are donating cash to sponsor a soldier's weekend in Lincoln County.

Let's not leave even one soldier behind. Your generosity is what makes the troops say "They treat us like rock stars in Ruidoso."

Millie Woods
President
Military Appreciation
Weekend (MAW)



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Lincoln County Transit recently received a free 11-passenger van following the demise of Angel Fire Transit. The vehicle is the sixth for Lincoln County Transit. Showing off the 2009 Ford that has 4,000 miles on it is transit manager Patti DeSoto.

OFFER

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time that is required when employees leave.

"I think if we had one more full-time position it would stop the turnover."

The additional full-timer would allow for a reduction in the part-time on-call

positions to five.

Lincoln County Transit has six on-call drivers because of a vacancy. And another recently tendered a resignation, said Ruidoso Downs City Clerk Carol Virden.

"So you'll have five on-call part-time drivers, and if the council approves that one-full time position then you'll have two full-time

drivers," said Virden.

But DeSoto said she would actually be down three employees.

"The full-time drivers, they receive city benefits and all the rights of city employees?" Holman questioned.

DeSoto said that was correct. "The DOT (Department of Transportation) approved 90 percent of the

budget that we put in for. "There is enough funding there to support this position."

DeSoto said there was no other viable alternative.

The current full-time driver earns \$9.27 per hour.

The additional full-time employee was approved by a 3-1 council vote, with Holman dissenting.

Most riders from Ruidoso

The overwhelming majority of public transportation riders in Lincoln County start their trip from Ruidoso.

Since Lincoln County Transit (LCT) began operations in December 2008, more than two of every three passengers who have boarded the small buses were from the village.

Ruidoso Downs has accounted for about one-in-four riders. Fares from outside of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs accounted for four percent of riders. Passengers who boarded in Mes-calero were just less than four percent of riders.

The figures, provided by LCT, represent ridership through August 2010.

Last month, more than three out of four passengers were from Ruidoso, though the August numbers are skewed because hundreds of rides were provided to members of the University of New Mexico Lobos football team.

The Lobos, who trained in Ruidoso from Aug. 10-21, received a 10 percent discount, said LCT manager Patricia DeSoto. She said the team delivered a check for \$750.

While ridership started its first month at the end of 2008 nearly split evenly

between Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, the disparity in favor of Ruidoso began the second month. Typically the fares have been split 2-1 or better with Ruidoso boarded riders.

DeSoto explained that a trip is attributed to the location where the fare begins. With many riders coming to Ruidoso, the return trip is chalked up as originating in Ruidoso despite the bus ride possibly going home to Ruidoso Downs, Alto or Mes-calero.

County pulls support

Earlier this month the Lincoln County Commission rejected future support for the public transportation program. Commissioners noted the county beyond the Ruidoso area had been seeing little of the service and that public transportation was largely a Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs operation. Commissioner Jackie Powell criticized the Lobos shuttle.

During August, LCT averaged 3.67 passengers per service hour. The busses operated at total of 845.5 hours. The average number of miles per passenger was 4.3. More than 14,000 miles were recorded during the month.

- Jim Kalvelage

RULES

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that a fee needs to be paid by each."

He's comfortable the village's concern is covered by requiring event sponsors to add the tax ID information to the vendor list, Bryant said.

Laura Doth with Special Events Resource Group said she has no problem preparing a vendor list ahead, but that at the last minute, people could drop off and others could take their place. Councilors agreed a list could be modified after an event.

Ron Andrews, a former village councilor and promoter of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, said state tax agents hand out blank tax identification forms at events, but don't assign numbers until they get back to the office in Roswell, because the numbers are set by the state.

"No system is perfect," Bryant said. "I think we have designed a workable (temporary) solution and should go with it."

Lee pointed out that state law says a municipality shall charge up to \$35 for a business registration and allowed inspections. Village ordinance restricts outdoor sidewalk sales to merchandise already handled in a parent store within a set distance from the outdoor sales.

Itinerant vendors operating independently in the C3 Midtown zone are required to obtain a conditional use permit from the Planning and Zoning Department for a specific period of time and must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mobile vendors also need a conditional use permit and must be on private property, meet parking and restroom access requirements.

Midtown on Sudderth Drive is considered the historic and more tourist-oriented core of shopping in the village.

Bryant said, "Constitutionally, the council can't ban all itinerant vendors,



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Councilors and staff attend a workshop last week, where it was determined to establish a committee on village vendor regulations.

but the council can regulate their activities and charge substantial fees." A \$300 fee for a temporary license is one way to discourage that type of activity, he said.

One of the major points cleared up during the workshop was sparked by a statement from Bruce Timson, general manager of Crown Point, who cited his 35 years of experience in the hotel and resort business and service on the convention center task force. Before he was told by Lee that the village does not require business registrations for exhibitors at conventions, Timson said, "Every person on the task force strongly recommended that the village should not require the \$35 business license for exhibitors, and suggested...that the convention center be exempted from any village ordinance concerning business registration fees."

An economic impact report on the convention center showed that the 11 sanctioned events produced an estimated total spending in the community of \$5,227,497 and gross receipts tax of \$408,000. The meetings and conventions produced an additional \$3,553,352 and GRT of \$277,606, he said, emphasizing that conventions should be the thrust for the future.

"Conventions bring in big dollars and are tremendously valuable," he said. "That's why they are building new convention centers in Santa Fe and Las Cruces."

"And that's why we put \$1.3 million into renovations at our convention center," Councilor Angel Shaw said.

"If the village were to make each exhibitor purchase a \$35 business license, it would put the Ruidoso Convention Center at an extreme competitive disadvantage with other communities with convention centers, who are competing for the same convention business," Timson said. "In very short order, those competing communities will let it be known that Ruidoso is setting up barriers by charging what will be perceived as a \$35 nuisance tax."

He was relieved to find out individual registrations and fees were not required for convention exhibitors versus vendors who sell at major retail shows.

Former village manager Frank Potter, now owner of Imports Etc. in Midtown, reviewed a bit of the village's business history and MainStreet program, and told councilors it took 15 years "to mess up a good existing ordinance and make it as complicated as it could get."

Outdoor events were limited per promoter to two a year, three consecutive days at a time, he said. Merchandise was restricted to that sold in the sponsoring store and only in front of the entrance.

Doth said her group handles the Gun and Collectible Show and Oktoberfest. "Special events are the backbone of Ruidoso and add tremendously to our

economy," she said. They usually are run by nonprofit organizations such as her group, which gave out scholarships and \$160,000 back to the community.

"Vendors at special events are vastly different than itinerant vendors," she said. "We (sponsors) buy insurance and do other things for the vendors' benefit. They are very aware they have to pay GRT."

The State Taxation and Revenue Department sends her packets to hand out to her vendors, she said. She opposed a \$35 business license fee for vendors at the convention center, saying it would substantially hurt events.

She asked councilors to review restricted dates at the convention center marked in yellow in their packets. That marking doesn't necessarily mean something is booked, but could mean anything with a retail component can't be booked on those days, because of competition with midtown stores.

"We've made it very difficult to promote and use the convention center," she said. Economic research has shown that instead of hurting local stores, the opposite occurs. Such events promote shopping when visitors leave the center and look for more to see at the local stores, she said.

Attorney Alan Morel, representing some promoters, recommended language be stricken that all vendors must be licensed, if they already are covered under a special event and that \$35 would be excessive

for on event when he as a business person pays \$35 for a full year's license.

Commissioner Gloria Sayers suggested the compromise of having vendors fill out a business license application with a tax ID number for tracking GRT, but not charging a fee.

Sayers asked councilors and staff to consider a charge to event organizers to cover the added burden of collecting extra trash connected to an event.

"The Solid Waste Department is not being compensated in any way to collect it," she said.

Other issues were raised to be tackled by the committee appointed by Alborn. Observations submitted in writing to the council included:

- Jennie Dorgan, Midtown business owner, who stated that special events should be limited to Wingfield Special Events Park and the Convention Center and connected areas. The host should be responsible for applying for and holding a GRT number, collecting the tax daily from each vendor and for sending that tax into the state under his number from Lincoln County.

She noted the annual antiques show at the convention center is run in that manner and eliminates the need for the individual vendor to obtain a business license. The ven-

dors already are paying often expensive booth fees to the organizer, she wrote.

"From a VOR standpoint, I would think it more fiscally responsible to collect that GRT than to bring in the \$35 business license fee," she wrote. She also covered some other existing and proposed rules.

- Ron Andrews with the motorcycle rallies contended that since events leasing the convention center were considered to be licensed under Section 3-38-1, Section 3-38-3, requiring an additional business registration "for up to \$35" did not apply.

Supporting evidence he said included leases from 1992 until at least 1998 contained the phrase, "individual exhibitors in the trade show are covered under the special events license." At some point, the phrase "was magically removed" from the lease language, but until this year, no additional fees or licenses were required, he wrote.

As for itinerant vendors, Andrews said if properly enforced, the current itinerant mobile vendors ordinance is adequate. Code enforcement has the authority to stop T-shirt sales at several sites within the village under a section governing sidewalk sales and other sections under land use could have been cited to shut down a trailer offering custom motorcycle work.

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EDUCATION

District Master Plan draft prioritizes 11 projects

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A draft Facilities Master Plan for the Ruidoso Municipal School District would prioritize 11 projects totaling \$14 million between 2010 and 2015.

An additional \$28.2 million in concerns could be considered for the 2015-20 master plan.

The recommendations were advanced earlier this year by a committee who had met five times earlier this year.

Marilyn Strube, an educational planner with Greer Stafford SJCF, presented the draft to the Ruidoso school district board on Sept. 14.

"The main part that I think you'll be most interested in is your capital plan," said Strube. "That takes all the priorities that are listed on the last three pages of the recommendations."

The education board was asked to look over the documentation and advance any issues or possible changes.

"We want to get this as perfect as we can. And then at your next board meeting I would ask you to adopt the Facilities Master Plan," said Strube.

The 2010-15 draft priorities list begin with drainage at Ruidoso High School, with an estimated \$1.5 million price tag. District technology was placed second, at \$1.2 million.

Completion of the new middle school was third. The \$3 million dollar finishes would deal with landscaping, fields and another road into and out of the campus.

Fourth was an estimated \$1 million project to plan and a design pre-K through second grades and third through fifth grade school

configurations.

Last year the district reconfigured the middle school to include sixth graders with the seventh and eighth grade classes.

The fifth recommended priority was a \$1 million Sierra Vista Primary School roof replacement and exterior repairs.

A \$3 million high school science wing renovation, a \$700,000 Horton Complex roof replacement, a \$500,000 White Mountain campus playground upgrade, a \$900,000 demolition of some buildings at the Horton Complex and creation of a new entry, and \$1 million in deferred maintenance projects completed the 11 priorities.

"We had very good comments," school board president Susan Lutterman said of the Facilities Master Plan process.

Strube agreed.

"You got a lot of good information from the community and the members on the team," Strube said. "I think they took the issues and concerns out to some of the community and didn't just write their ideas but they did try to represent what they felt what the community wanted to see in this plan. There were some hard issues and tough decisions to be made."

Strube said when an updated Facilities Master Plan is adopted it will be a guide, but the district is not bound to follow the plan. But she noted many of the projects from the 1995 to 2000 plan were accomplished.

The recommended reconfiguration of some of the schools would have approximately 600 students in the preschool, kindergarten, first and second grades.

Putting grades three, four and five together

would make a school of about 550 pupils. The sixth through eighth grade middle school would have a projected 500 students.

The Blue Ribbon Committee said the grade configuration would address the best interest of the students through: a cohesive early childhood educational environment; less school campus transitions for younger students; consistent mission, philosophy and teaching practices; increased teacher collaboration and student development; increased parental involvement; and similar size school campuses.

The Blue Ribbon Committee recommended that the school board actively enlist ongoing assistance of the panel, and develop strategies to inform the community about upcoming capital projects and general obligation bond issues.

Looking toward future compilation of a 2015 through 2020 Facilities Master Plan, the Blue Ribbon Committee lead the potential priorities with a remodeling of the White Mountain property to accommodate the preschool, kindergarten and elementary grades.

The estimated cost was \$15 million. Other items on the list were corrective storm drainage at the Sierra Vista Primary and White Mountain Elementary sites, district technology, a Ruidoso High School Performing Arts Center addition and upgrade, high school exterior work, a field house, lighting and storage facility at the White Mountain site, and an upgrade to the Gavilan softball field.

The Facilities Master Plan is required by the state for districts to seek funding assistance for school facilities.

Noon Lions honor teacher and student for September

The first student of the school year chosen by Ruidoso High School is junior Amy Cluff.

The daughter of Scott and Carol Cluff was born in Ruidoso as the youngest of five children. She is enjoying now being the only one at home. She has attended school in Ruidoso every year starting with the Nob Hill Kindergarten.

Some of her academic achievements include winning the Top Science Award in 7th grade, being on the winning team for Knowledge Bowl and nominated for People to People International Exchange, National Young Leaders Conference, and National Society of High School Scholars.

Her enrichment activities at school include colorguard, choir and SADD. Amy has enjoyed participating in the Cinco de Mayo Hispanic dancing group, volunteering at the public library, and being active in her church youth group and service projects.

Amy's goals after high school graduation are to attend either Texas Tech or BYU and pursue a degree in accounting.

She said, "My older siblings have set great examples for me, but I also like to try to achieve new goals that are unique to me."

The Lions Club members who were fortunate enough to meet Amy felt confident that she will be a



Ruidoso Noon Lions honored Marilyn Orr, left, and Amy Cluff, center, as September's teacher and student of the month.

source of pride for her school and community.

Teacher honored

Marilyn Orr was chosen as the September Educator of the Month.

Orr was born and raised in Monahans, Texas, and attended Baylor University where she majored first in music and later received a degree in history.

She attended the St. John's College in Santa Fe where she received a Master's degree.

Her first year of teaching was at Marfa, Texas, where she taught English, directed plays and organized the Christmas Choir.

After her marriage to John Rutherford she moved to Odessa, Texas, where she taught World History at Bowie Junior High, piloted a Special Ed inclusion program and

served as Department Chairperson. She also worked as an adjunct teacher at UTPB teaching philosophy.

Orr came to Ruidoso in 2001 and during the past nine years, she has taught Drama, English and World History.

She sponsors the Knowledge Bowl Team, helped coordinate the Junior Talent Show, and plays piano for band and choir students in solo and ensemble competitions.

Her newest and most challenging position is working as the Academic Coordinator for Intervention and Enrichment.

In this position, she works with teachers and counselors to target struggling students and help find a way to offer them more time and support for their success.

TEEN SPOTLITE

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

Wade Sultemeier is the next teen in the Spotlight. Wade is the son of Allen and Kristin Sultemeier and is currently in his senior year at Carrizozo High School. Sultemeier is involved in a variety of activities at his school and in his community.

At Carrizozo High School, Sultemeier is active in sports and has participated on the football, basketball and track teams. In addition to playing sports, Sultemeier is also active in the Carrizozo FFA Chapter and serves as the reporter.

Sultemeier is a dedicated student evidenced by being on the Honor Roll and his participation on the Carrizozo Knowledge Bowl Team.

Sultemeier is also involved in the community. He is president of the Capitan 4-H Club, treasurer of the Lincoln County 4-H Council, and is active showing goats, dairy heifers and sheep.

Also, Sultemeier is in Junior Rotary, his church youth group, and participates in 4-H community service projects. In addition to his volunteer work in the community, Sultemeier finds time to work in the lawn care business.

Sultemeier lists his parents as the greatest influences in his life. He credits his parents for teaching him to "Get up when life knocks you down and to always dream big."



WADE SULTEMEIER

Sultemeier feels his parents also helped him to develop his current work ethic. He is busy planning for the future. His plans include attending college and pursuing a Bachelor's degree in secondary education. Presently, he is interested in becoming a history teacher and coach. Lincoln County is lucky to count Sultemeier as one of their own.

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Ruidoso School enrollment down

Enrollment in the Ruidoso Municipal School District on Sept. 14, the 20th day, was 2,214 students, down 2.4 percent.

On the 20th day of the 2009-10 school year the enrollment was 2,269.

"We're starting the year about 55 students down," said schools superintendent Etta Bea Harris.

She noted there have been a few students added since the school year began last month.

"We always grow after Labor Day. Many schools

in the United States don't begin until after Labor Day. So parents assume that all schools don't begin until after Labor Day."

Harris said many years ago New Mexico had a post Labor Day start of the school year.

Harris said the August start of the school year in New Mexico allows for the semester to change at the Christmas - New Year vacation.

The Nob Hill Early Childhood Center had a drop of 25 students, this

year compared to a year ago.

There was an enrollment of 179 on the 20th day of this school year in the kindergarten and pre-K school.

Ruidoso High School also has fewer pupils compared with a year ago. There are 638 students, a decline of 43 from a year ago. Ruidoso Middle School had an increase, from 488 to 511, year-over-year.

White Mountain Elementary and Sierra Vista Primary were nearly unchanged from the 20th day of the 2009-10 school year.

- Jim Kalvelage

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VOTE

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will pay the additional cost above the initial \$25,000 submitted once they receive an invoice, he said.

Delaying the vote to the general election would have moved the effective date of the tax aimed at offsetting a portion of the state tax bill for Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino to July 1, 2011.

Reporting to commissioners on the numbers, County Clerk Rhonda Burrows said on Sept. 1, ballots were mailed to each of the county's 13,095 registered voters. At 7 p.m., Sept. 21, the polls closed and a 14-member precinct board tallied the result and verified ballots returned as undeliverable, she said.

The tabulator showed 3,565 in favor of the tax and 3,178 against; the hand tallied resulted in 154 in favor and 121 against for a combined total of 3,719 voting yes and 3,299 voting no. An additional 110 ballots were rejected, primarily because the voter failed to sign the appropriate envelope, Burrows said.

Her office received many calls from voters asking why they didn't receive ballots. "The number one reason was they had not updated their addresses," Burrows said. "By law, we must send the ballots to the address of record and we can't change it. Only the voter can. We assisted them with that by mail and in person. There were over 300 charges in voter registration."

But compared to other mail-in elections throughout New Mexico, which experience about a 30 percent of ballots returned as not being able to be delivered, the county's 13 percent looked pretty good, she said.

That reflects years of effort by former county clerk Tammie Maddox, now chief deputy clerk, who with her staff mounted an extra effort to clean up voter rolls and kept the rate down, Burrows said.

As for the nearly 55 percent participation rate, that compares to the 2006 general election, in which the governor was elected, of 53 percent; is better than the 45 percent turnout in 2008 for another all-mail election on a special property tax to benefit the county hospital, and trailed a 75 percent turnout for the 2008 general election. Some people only vote in

presidential-year elections, Maddox said.

Being able to scan in envelopes as they were returned helped with tracking, Burrows said.

"In a few incidents, we had a correct address and a ballot still was not received," she said. "We provided a ballot and they could vote, but we ensured people didn't receive or vote more than one ballot."

Monday, the 14-member precinct board began verifying the numbers of returned ballots. Occasionally, a husband and wife switched envelopes, but there are rules to cover that scenario, Burrows said.

"Only after that was finished, did they open envelopes, separating the outer from the inner, so no one would know how anyone voted when the ballots were removed from the inner envelopes and were actually counted. Thank god, we had an automatic opener," she said.

"It's amazing how many people don't know how fair and the precautions taken to prevent cheating," Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said. "One person opens one envelope and another the next. They think one opens everything and reads the name and knows if they voted yes or no."

Not a new process

Burrows said she received questions about the process repeatedly.

"This is not a separate new process for Lincoln County," she said. "It's the same as voting absentee by mail for any election. The process has been in place for many years and been vetted by many people. The three envelopes are all based on procedures to establish custody of the ballot and secrecy of the voting."

Some people didn't use the inner unmarked envelope and that's called "a naked ballot," the county clerk said. "Even then, the ballot is separate from the outer envelope, the only thing with a name on it."

The 14 board members worked together, but also watched each other, she said.

"Citizens count, not the clerk's staff," Burrows said. "The best way to learn that process is to come and work it. We called on precinct board workers from around the county this time. A lot never worked an absentee board before. They said if people worked it, they would feel good about the process."

Jim Miller, former

Hard work lauded

In reviewing the Sept. 21 mail-in election to impose a business retention tax, Lincoln County Clerk Rhonda Burrows told county commissioners, "Anybody who has worked elections of any type knows the tremendous amount of work."

The precinct board members worked two straight days tirelessly to tally the votes, she said. It was a learning experience for many and they gave meticulous attention to detail, a true example of public service, she said.

Besides her staff and the board, she thanked Chris Zamora at the Carrizozo Post Office, filling in for the post master, who was ill. He handled the initial mailing and returns and "assisted us in a number of ways." Sheriff Ricky Virden provided security and a secure and safe environment. County Assessor Paul Baca is her go-to guy for elections and has assisted so much over the years, she considers him part of her election staff, Burrows said.

"You can't believe the number of phone calls, inquiries and problems. (The staff) dealt with hundreds of phone calls," she said. "They were unfailingly professional and polite when often the citizens were not the same to them, and at the same time, did their regular duties."

During the same period, a special election also was being run for the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District, she noted.

"(Elections Clerk) Yvonne Bartz balanced all of those," the county clerk said. "I think she is a champion juggler. Tammie (Maddox, former county clerk and now chief deputy clerk) was awesome. We were so lucky to have her years of experience and advice. She went through the previous mail-in election and helped me so much."

-Dianne Stallings

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso president, acted as presiding judge and was "very meticulous," she said.

Commissioner Don Williams asked which type of election is more work for the county clerk, mail-in or voting at polls.

Burrows said, "It's a toss-up. In a general election like November, there's a lot of work assembling boards for every precinct and supplies and workers for each polling place. However, my same staff

that works their regular year-round duties perform the majority of work for a mail-in election. The stress of dealing with that is much higher for this staff and they absorbed all that."

One thing county clerks around the state like about mail-in elections is that they clean up voter rolls and saves money in future, because the number of ballots mailed to invalid addresses or deceased voters is reduced, lowering costs.

A mail-in election "is a

lot of work on fewer people," she said.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked about the most common reason for a ballot to be rejected and Burrows replied failure to sign the outer envelope.

Another is tied to first-time registrants by mail, who are required to provide specified forms of identification when they vote.

"We had 235 individuals identified early on as ID-required voters," Burrows said. "For these, we separated them out and put in a special sticker saying that as first time registrants by mail, to vote, they needed to return ID with their ballots and a number did not fulfill that requirement."

When an inaccurate address was the issue, her office furnished a new voter registration that could be returned by mail or submitted directly to her office in Carrizozo, she said.

Sedillo said she was disappointed and had hoped the margin would be larger

whether voters passed or rejected the tax. Just 420 votes leaves the issue up in the air as far as overall support, she said.

"That's why we say every vote counts," Burrows said.

On a motion by Williams, commissioners certified the results of the vote canvass and approved letters to the New Mexico Tax and Revenue Department verifying voter approval of the ordinance to levy the 3/16th of a cent gross receipts tax on goods and services.

Maddox told commissioners they were lucky Burrows followed her in office and conducted the election. "She's so intelligent and understands the process so well, it was easy to assist her in conducting this election," Maddox said. "The county is fortunate to have someone of her caliber as clerk. It's a huge stress for four weeks and it hasn't stopped, because we're going into the general election."

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An animal rescuer takes a chance...

...and saves 19 dogs destined for death on the reservation

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What would you do if the phone rang with a message about two homeless, starving pregnant dogs, a mother and daughter, who were hours away from being shot?

Sunny Aris with Kitty City No-Kill Cat Adoption Center and P.A.W. Partnership for Animal Welfare, responded as friends and associates would expect: She went to their rescue.

"I took a chance, took them in, and in two weeks, their 17 gorgeous, healthy puppies will be ready for loving, responsible homes," she said. "This will break the chain of the years of abuse and suffering their moms endured, and bring a whole new healing and 'It can be done,' to everyone who knows this story.

"You can be a part of this story, simply by passing the Facebook link or 'story' on to all the animal lovers you know, wherever they are, and asking them to link to the puppies' Facebook page. Those can also be linked to Twitter pages. Let's show that we will not allow this when we see it, that we will do what we can, even if only by using social networking, to end abuse for loving animals everywhere. Maybe you cannot adopt, but if you are reading this, you can help by just by passing it on."

Nancy Berg assessed the mothers for acceptable adoption after a "good Samaritan," whose dog



Cinnamon and Spice, mother and daughter, (right) were homeless, starving, pregnant- and about to be shot on the Mescalero reservation. Now safe and well-nourished in foster care, these loving, beautiful dogs are raising 17 fat, healthy puppies together. Applications for adoption of all 19 dogs are available now- puppies can be taken home when weaned, mid-October. All adoptions subject to home inspections and approval of applications. Adoption fees will include vaccinations and spay/neuter deposits. Claim your 'miracle' puppy today!

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A flyer created and distributed by animal rescuer Sunny Aris shows the abandoned puppies, now named after healing herbs, with the hope that their story will heal the cycle of abandonment and death such animals suffer.

was regularly visited by the homeless dogs, called for assistance, asking that they be taken away before being shot.

With the help of an environmental specialist on the reservation, a 24-hour reprieve and two hours of effort trying to put the terrified homeless dogs into the vehicle, and they were off to the veterinarian for assessment, Aris said. Although report-

ed as vicious, both Cinnamon and Spice turned out to be loving, sweet dogs and have welcomed all visitors, she said.

Cinnamon gave birth in the early hours of Aug. 25, delivering 11 babies, with nine survivors. Spice had nine babies on Aug. 27, many looking like little cows. "Luckily so, as I had to keep proving to Cinnamon that these were

not her babies, Aris said. "Let's see if two starving, pregnant, homeless mommies about to be shot on the Mescalero Reservation can be fostered, give birth to 20 puppies, and have all 17 healthy survivors and their wonderful mommies find amazing homes," she said. "Please help me prove that animal welfare is something New Mexicans care about. Let's change the story of these

beautiful puppies and their mommies from a tragedy to a triumph. "I named these pups after healing herbs and spices for a reason. I hope that their story helps to heal the cycle of abuse for these animals. They're like little missionaries, because their story will hopefully raise a tiny bit of awareness." Applications for adoption of all 19 dogs are

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Highway 48 to become a safety corridor

Because of a high traffic crash rate, New Mexico Highway 48, from the municipal limits between Ruidoso and Capitan, will become a safety corridor.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation will initiate the intended safety measure beginning the week of Oct. 4.

The department said the designation is a proactive step to enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians.

A safety corridor is established with a goal of reducing traffic crashes and fatalities on certain stretches of a highway that has a high crash rate. There were a total of 303 accidents on N.M. 48 during the last three years, according to the NMDOT.

"In the past the area around the entrance to Alto Lakes has had a lot of acci-

dents," said NMDOT District Two engineering support manager Bob Kurtz.

"And an issue had been with the intersection of (highways) 48 and 37, where drivers would not stop. We've put in additional signs. Accidents in the Hondo Valley are down significantly so we decided to move the safety corridor to 48."

Kurtz said the department likes to keep the number of safety corridors to two for each of the six districts.

"If you overdo tools such as a safety corridor it will lose its effectiveness."

The safety corridor designation also attracts grant funding from the Transportation Safety Bureau to pay overtime for additional police presence.

Speeding fines in safety corridors are doubled. Seatbelt use will also be closed monitored with a general emphasis on safe-driving habits, the department said.

U.S. Highway 70 in the Ruidoso and Hondo valleys was established as New Mexico's second safety corridor in 2003, during the project to make the highway a four-lane roadway. The NMDOT's District Two Traffic Safety Section took action to remove U.S. Highway 70 as a safety corridor and move the designation to N.M. 48, from mile marker nine to mile marker 19.

Signs will be erected along the highway between Alto and Capitan to alert motorists of the new safety corridor.

- Jim Kalvelage

Drilling possible in Cibola NF

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Red Basin LLC may begin exploratory drilling next month in parts of the Cibola National Forest in Lincoln County.

The company will spend two days at each of three sites within a 5-acre area and within one mile of each other in the Mountainair Ranger District searching for rare earth metals.

County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners at their special meeting Friday that he was assured by District Ranger Karen Lessard the operation is bonded to cover restoration to preexploratory conditions.

The work will be conducted with a portable water tank that will be moved between the three locations, he said. She also told him that minimal impact access paths were coordinated with the U.S. Forest Service and her staff will supervise activities.

Stewart said he wrote Lessard that he also plans to check the operations that fall within the national forest in Lincoln County.

Lessard notified the county July 19 that the USFS proposed to approve a Plan of Operations submitted by Red Basin LLC in search of rare earth metals within the Gallinas Division of the Mountainair Ranger District.

Three proposed permit application packages were submitted under the name of The Outlaw. The first will consist of two drill pads, each 50 feet-by-70 feet, and four drill holes to 500 feet deep on each of the

drill pads. The second proposed one drill pad, 60 feet-by-80 feet, with four drill holes up to 400 feet deep. The third proposed two drill pads, each 60 feet by 80 feet with four drill holes up to 500 feet deep on each.

In other business, the county received 69 Indigent Health Care claims for reimbursement this month and the coordinator recommended approval of 60 for \$34,865.55. That brings the year's total to \$82,646.15.

"Last year, the average Indigent Health Care monthly payment was \$26,234.85," Stewart said. "Last year we spent a total of \$314,818.20 of the budget for claims. The average month this year paid is \$27,548.72. At this early spot in the fiscal year, we are projected to spend \$330,584.60 of the \$517,088 budgeted."

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo noticed that the last three months were all higher than the corresponding months last year. "I think they are going to get higher and higher and never go down," Sedillo said, because of the federal changes in the handling of health care nationally.

The charts showed about \$26,000 was paid for claims in July 2010, \$21,000 in August and nearly \$35,000 in September compared to about \$38,000 in July 2009, \$10,000 in August and less than \$20,000 in September of that year.

"I know it's just two of you working in the office, are you able to do OK with the increase?" Sedillo asked IHC Claims Coordinator Scott Annala.

"At this time," Annala replied. The IHC program is fueled by revenue from a special gross receipts tax and reimburses independent health care providers for uncompensated care for clients who qualify under income guidelines. It is aimed at workers who may not have insurance coverage or have inadequate insurance coverage.

Under the Sole Community Provider program that reimburses the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso for uncompensated health care, 77 of 83 processed claims were recommended for approval for a total of \$97,568.58. The total dispersed under the program for the fiscal year to date is \$297,241.48.

Help may become available for floodplain challenges

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With proposed Federal Emergency Management Agency changes to floodplain maps in Lincoln County, some property owners are challenging their new inclusion in flood potential areas. Now there could be a way for those property owners to recoup the cost of hiring an engineer or surveyor to appeal being added to the flood zone.

The Fairness in Flood Mapping Act (HR 5722) has been referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Introduced by Rep. Steve Driehaus (D-Ohio), the measure would authorize the administrator of

FEMA to reimburse property owners, lessees and communities for the engineering and surveying expenses they incurred in order to file for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) if they ultimately are successful in petitioning the exclusion of their property from a flood zone. Under current law, FEMA is authorized to reimburse for engineering and surveying expenses incurred before enactment of a new flood map. But there is no process for individuals to obtain reimbursements for petitions following the adoption of a flood map.

"If a homeowner or community can demonstrate that FEMA incorrectly added properties to the flood zone then FEMA

should bear the cost associated with resolving that error," said Driehaus.

The potential reimbursements would be retroactive to 2003 when the current map modernization effort began.

Lincoln County Planning Director Curt Temple, the county's certified floodplain manager, said some LOMAs have already approved by FEMA.

"The appeal needs scientific data to back you up," said Temple. "You can't just say I've never seen the water up that high."

A 90-day protest period, to contest preliminary maps for Lincoln County that have errors such as a building incorrectly located or a road in the wrong place, will expire on Oct. 7.

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Barbara Gomez is Director of Marketing & Community Relations - you can see her friendly smile all around town.

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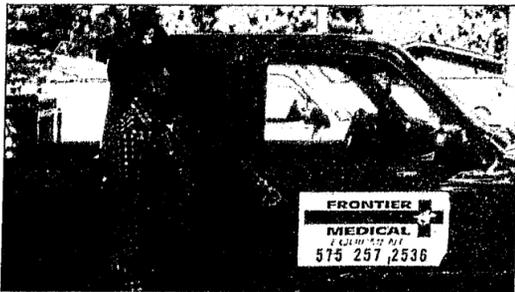
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The Capitan Tiger golf team will hold a four-person scramble benefit tournament Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Links at Sierra Blanca at 1 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person which covers greens fees, cart and range. Please pay at the golf course. Credit cards are accepted. Prizes will be awarded for place finishes, long drive and closest to the pin. Contact Royce Brown with player names at 354-8589 (work), 336-9955 (home), or 937-4686 (cell) by Saturday, Oct. 9.

After-School Program

Parks and Recreation is now taking applications for the After-School Wilderness program in the Village of Ruidoso. There will be archery, hiking, nature education and crafts, horseback riding, boating on Grindstone Lake, golf and exploring new places. Boys and girls in grades 1st through 5th, are encouraged to sign up now for the activities starting on Monday, Sept. 27 at 3:15 p.m. Transportation is provided in Ruidoso's new van. Your child will be picked up at their school and transported to the day's activity, then picked up by a parent at 5:30 p.m. at the office of Parks and Recreation. Cost is \$50 per week and \$40 for the second child. First time sign-ups get \$10 off per week. Volunteers needed. Call Brady Park, Recreation Coordinator for details. Applications are available at 801 Resort Drive or on-line at www.ruidoso-nm.gov under Parks & Recreation. Call 257-5030 for more information.



ALEXANDER MAZON/RUIDOSO NEWS
Ryan Williams makes a stop on a Hatch player in Ruidoso's 19-6 victory over the Bears Friday.



ALEXANDER MAZON/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS
Homecoming Queen Francesca Gavin, center, and King Brandon Flack enjoy the moment during half-time Friday.

Football recap: Warriors, Tigers, Grizzlies win; Chiefs, Eagles fall

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The weekend's local gridiron games produced three wins and two losses. Ruidoso outlasted the Hatch Bears at Horton field, 19-6, Capitan hammered Mescalero at home, 60-6, and Carrizozo bludgeoned Bataan Military Academy, 48-0.

Hondo was surprised at Chavez Field by the Clovis Christian Eagles, 48-0.

Ruidoso

Almost the entire first quarter of the Bears-

Warriors contest was marked with no scoring threats, until the visitors crossed into the end zone with 22.4 seconds left in the period on a 20-yard pass play to take a 6-0 advantage. But that was to be the last score the RHS defense would allow.

With less than five minutes left in the half, Warrior quarterback, Jesse Scarafiotti connected with Armando Baca who was pushed out of bounds on the Bears' 7-yard line.

Brendan Flack then rambled into six-point territory on a run around his

left side.

An unsuccessful PAT knotted the score at six with 4:59 left in the second quarter and both teams went to the locker rooms deadlocked.

With 7:10 on the scoreboard clock in the third quarter, a Scarafiotti to Flack 10-yard pass play put the hometown boys up 12-6.

At the 2:39 mark of the same period, Flack again found paydirt on a 61-yard touchdown gallop. The extra point kick split the uprights and the Warriors maintained that advantage

to the closing gun to take a 13-point homecoming win.

"Our defense won the day," Ruidoso head coach Kief Johnson exclaimed. "Dylan Volguardson, Baca and Scarafiotti made some great defensive plays for the team."

"Interior defensive linemen like Tanner Chavez and Mathew Carr plugged the holes and our ends - Daniel Salazar and Clayton Blaylock - chased down the Hatch running backs in their own backfield.

"Secondary defensive players like Flack, Forrest

Sanchez, Tyler Coleman and Ismail Cook were instrumental in thwarting the Hatch running and passing game.

"The coaches challenged the kids to be ready for the Bears and they responded well. The boys looked like a combination of Chihuahua/Pit Bulls at Horton Friday evening."

Hatch was big up front, including 6-foot 4-inch, 285-pound Chance Carson, but the Warriors slowed him down and wore him out.

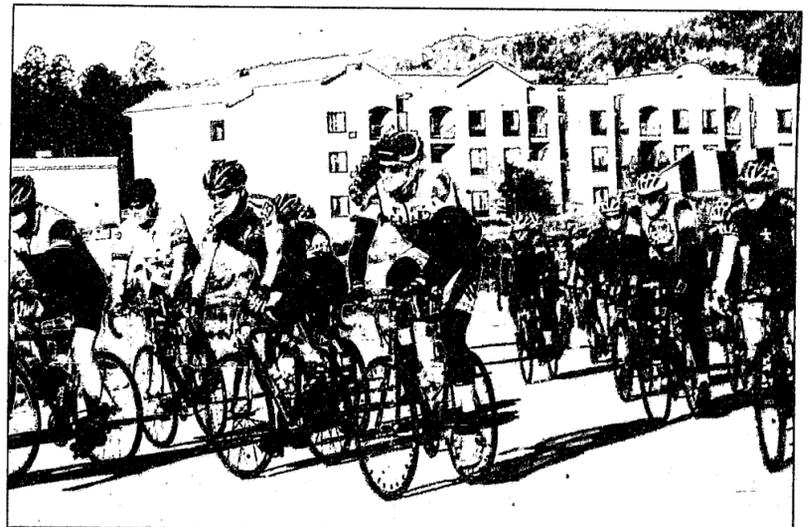
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Official timekeepers Jennifer LaCombe, left, and Dana Tayner, of Ruidoso, score the finishing times.



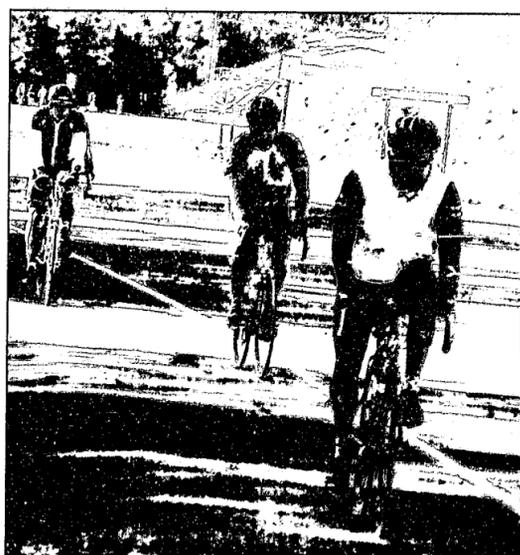
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The Tour de Ruidoso had almost 200 riders signed up. They began at the White Mountain Sports Complex on Hull Road at 8:10 a.m. Saturday. Bret Carter covered the 100-k (62 miles) course in a record 2:55.



COURTESY

Caleb Hightower, left, with his father Jason, was awarded best young champion rider in this year's Tour de Ruidoso.



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The first riders in the Tour de Ruidoso ride uphill in Alto as they head toward Angels Hill.



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Angelica Guerra and Mike Smith, both of El Paso, were the only tandem riders in the race. They love bicycle racing so much they ride in El Paso, through the Organ Mtns, up into Colorado and in New Mexico.

CAPITAN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



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Jamie Fields dumps one over to help Capitan win the consolation championship against Cloudcroft. Kirsti Davis was voted All Tourney player for the Lady Tigers.



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Carrizozo's Jordan Hill spikes one over to help defeat Mescalero 25-13 in the first set. Kristi Gensler was Zozo's All Tourney player.



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Mescalero's Cayleigh Palmer goes up for a spike. Mescalero took eighth place. Corrie Randall was voted All Tourney player.

Killed jockey Mark Villa had solid career in racing

FELIX CHAVEZ
El Paso Times

Jockey Mark Villa was remembered by friends and colleagues in the horse racing business as a solid person and a good rider.

Villa was killed at Zia Park in Hobbs, N.M., on Saturday when his horse fell and he was struck by another horse. Villa suffered fatal injuries when his horse, Separate Money, fell after the finish line of

the seventh race. Villa tried to stand up after the initial fall and was then struck by the other horse.

He was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at a hospital. It was the first jockey death at the track since it began races in 2005.

"Mark was a good sportsman and he had a lot of class," trainer Carlos Sedillo said. "He won a lot of races for me and every

time I needed him, he was always there. Villa, who was a regular at tracks around the state including Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, won 1,076 races from 8,897 thoroughbred mounts beginning in 1983.

He rode both quarter horses and thoroughbreds in his career. Overall, he won 1,726 races in his career.

Villa was the second-leading thoroughbred rider

at Ruidoso Downs this past summer, he won the 2007 Sunland Park Handicap aboard Don't Strike Out and also participated in three All American Futurities aboard Anaca-cho in 2003, Why So Easy in 2005 and Winners Cartel in 2009.

"The industry has lost a good one," trainer Henry Dominguez said. "He was just a good all-around guy. From a riding standpoint, he was very good on a

speed horse and he could pace horses well. This is tough on everyone, we'll miss him sorely."

Veteran jockey Chris Zamora and his wife and trainer Jamie Zamora knew Villa for many years.

Villa is survived by his wife Krystal and twins Olivia and Garrett, 6.

"Mark was a great competitor and will be missed in the jockeys room," Chris Zamora said. "But most importantly, he was a good

family man and he loved his kids and his wife."

A fund has been established to aid the family of Villa. The fund is being coordinated through the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack chaplaincy. Checks should be made out to the "Race Track Chapel" and sent to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track Chapel, P.O. Box 449, Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88346. Please specify "Mark Villa family" in the memo line on the check.

Five schools prepare to make presentation to WAC

JASON GROVES
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — Texas State, the University of Texas-San Antonio, Mon-

tana, Seattle and Denver will pitch themselves to a Western Athletic Conference membership committee today in Dallas.

Athletic directors from

each Division I-A program are in Dallas this week for the annual fall meetings.

New Mexico State Athletics Director McKinley Boston said each

school has 45 minutes to make a presentation to the six remaining Western Athletic Conference athletic directors as well as WAC Commissioner Karl Benson.

With Boise State leaving the conference after this year and Fresno State and Nevada intending to do the same (both schools were named by the WAC in a lawsuit earlier this month for not committing to the conference for the 2011-12 season), today's meetings are timely.

"If both of them end up leaving before then, there is a greater sense of urgency," Boston said.

Among the items schools are expected to discuss are budgets, current rosters, the institution in general, sponsorship, institutional commitment and how their individual markets would be attractive to the WAC.

Texas State, UT-San

Antonio and Montana will make presentations as potential football-playing members.

Benson said he hopes to have a minimum of eight football-playing schools prior to the 2012 season. Texas State currently plays in the Southland, Montana has two Division I-AA (FCS) national championships and UT-San Antonio begins its football program in 2011.

"All three of them have strengths as far as I'm concerned," Boston said. "It wouldn't take long for them to catch up. They are all great from the travel perspective. We have tons of alums in Texas as we put more into fundraising in the future. I like Montana's footprint in terms of its location in the west. It has a football brand, even though it's at the 1-AA level, but it wouldn't take long for people to adjust to it."

Seattle and Denver

would make presentation in terms of adding basketball playing schools to the conference. Denver is a Sun Belt team and Seattle is an independent.

"We look at basketball differently," Boston said. "Even when we were a nine-team league, we wanted 10 in terms of basketball. When you have split weekends, you have true travel partners. It helps with home attendance when you don't have those split weekends."

"I think the outcome will be that we continue to look at the landscape and potential landscape and be in position to make good decisions."

Boston said it's likely the WAC will ratify the new WAC basketball tournament format, which would send it to the board for final approval. The new format rewards the top two teams with a first-round bye.



Antonita (Toni) Padilla Otero

Antonita (Toni) Padilla Otero was at home with her family when she peacefully went to be with her Lord & Savior on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 1:14 am. She was diagnosed with cancer August 2009. Antonia was the beloved wife of Herminio (Herman) Otero since September 19, 1942. They met in grade school when it was located at the current rodeo grounds on 5th Street in Capitan. Herman & Toni were soon to celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary. Their home is located at 521 Hwy 380 in Capitan.

Antonita, 84, was born September 21, 1925 in her parents' adobe casa on Padilla Ranch with Tonita Chavez, midwife, assisting. Antonia was the daughter of Juan Zamora Padilla and Manuelita Carabajal Padilla. Her grandparents, Eduvijen and

Antonita Padilla were the original owners/homesteaders of Padilla Ranch (aka: Padilla Spring Ranch) located in the southern foothills of the Capitan Mountains.

Herman & Toni raised four daughters in Capitan. (Gloria) Esther Otero, owner of El Paisano Restaurant; Barbara Ann Otero Sanchez, retired cosmetologist, and her husband Raymond S. Sanchez, retired from Village of Ruidoso; Patricia (Patty) Jean Otero Kearns and her husband, Kimble Lee Kearns, both Brokers/owners of Lincoln County Realty; and Kateri Marie Otero (a sweet blessing who lived to age 8).

In addition to being survived by her husband & her three daughters, Antonia is survived by 7 grandchildren & their spouses: Michelle & Phil Bob Borman; Michael & Tabatha Flanagan; Wayne Eric Flanagan, Ronnie Sanchez, Kateri & Norvel Carpenter; Ryan Wooddell, and Heather & Bill Barclay and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to Antonia's daughter, Kateri, and her parents; she was preceded in death by all of her siblings Eloy Padilla, Orlando Padilla, Ray Padilla, Joe Angel Padilla, and Lucille Baca.

On January 15, 1943, about four months after their wedding, Herman was drafted into the Air Force during WWII and was shipped off to Ft. Bliss, TX. Not being able to handle being separated from his precious bride, he smuggled her on a troop train when he was stationed in Mojave Desert Air Base (aka: Edwards Air Base). They shared an adventure with military life for three years. Herman always made sure he had his lovely wife with him & found places for her to live with families near the bases if she couldn't be on base. When stationed in the Mojave Desert, it took 6 months before the military family housing project was complete. A nearby family allowed them to build a shack & some furniture out of scraps in their back yard where Herman & Toni happily lived until the housing project was finished. Antonia found work at snack bars or shops on base.

After his military tour was complete, February 18, 1946, they returned to Capitan and had their first daughter on December 15, 1946. Herman supported his family by furnishing Capitan residents with their first water delivery and hauling away trash before the Village of Capitan was incorporated. Herman & his father Jose Otero also began a firewood business that Herman & Toni continue to this date as El Paisano Wood Yard & Saw Shop. Her mother, Manuelita, were also entrepreneurs who originally opened Capitan's own El Paisano Restaurant in 1959, which is still in existence and owned & operated within the family.

In 1961, Herman & Toni had their daughter, Kateri, who was challenged with cancer, blindness, cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, & couldn't walk. Their precious daughter passed in 1969. This special little lady brought so many blessings, joys & richness to the lives of Herman & Toni. It was during this time, with a yearning to help others with handicapped children; Antonia was appointed chairman of March of Dimes for this area of New Mexico. Kateri Otero was a March of Dimes poster child.

Antonita was involved in many village & state government organizations & functions. She spent lots of her time with church & school activities with her family. She held the office of president of Capitan PTA, worked as nurse's aide at Fort Stanton's Tuberculosis Hospital, and worked in the school cafeteria. She had been a member of the Catholic Church and taught catechism for many years.

Herman & Antonia have been members of Christ Community Church in Capitan since 1985. Her prayer life and commitment to a Christian life were her cornerstones. She inspired her family with her love & devotion and leaves a legacy of goodness, faith, compassion & hope to her family & all who know her. Toni was & is a light of faith and love for God. This beautiful lady showed her love in many ways, Antonia was a devoted wife and Mother who is appreciated, loved and cherished beyond words. Thinking about her fills our hearts with joy.

There was a "Celebration of Her Life" in the Traylor Gym at Capitan High School on Sunday, September 26, 2010, at 2:30 pm. Her burial took place at the Capitan Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com or the family can be reached at 575-354-2442 or 575-808-0607. Mailing address is P. O. Box 215, Capitan, NM 88316. Physical address is 521 Hwy 380, Capitan, NM, or email address: pjk@bajabb.com

The family extends sincere appreciation to Pastor Ed Vinson (Seeds of Faith Church), Pastor Beverly Sills (Seeds of Faith Church), Pastor Walt Beall (Ranchman's River of Life Church), and each of their congregations; and all friends and family who sent cards, food, flowers, prepared & delivered meals, and all who have conveyed, spiritual support, love, and concern. God Bless all of you.

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RECAP

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Offensively, Flack had 11 rushes for 81 yards, including the 61-yard TD run score and another TD pass play for 24 yards.

Quarterback Scarafioti had 10 runs for 110 yards and was five-for-12 in the passing department for 90 yards. Sanchez had three receptions for 44 yards and Chavez caught one for 28 yards. The Warriors notched 319 total yards on offense.

"We made some big plays Friday but I'm a little disappointed we didn't get the ball in the end zone a few more times," Johnson said.

"Penalties and turnovers hurt us to some degree in that department. We will continue to work on 'ball security' and discipline this week in practice.

"I must say how happy I am with our coaching staff. People like Patrick Hodges, an RHS graduate, gets the players fired up and motivated along with Cody Patterson who calls defense. All of them are great."

Friday, the Warriors will take the first of two long road trips when they journey to Las Vegas-Robertson to battle the Cardinals.

The following week RHS will make the trek to Lordsburg.

The Cardinals are No. 2-ranked and boast a 4-1 overall mark.

Their only loss came on Sept. 3, against Lovington, 28-6. Their four wins came at the expense of Capital, St. Mike's, Española and Portales.

The Warrior/Cardinal match-up could be a test for Robertson.

Last Saturday, the Ruidoso JV played Clovis here and lost a tough contest, 20-16.

The JV crew kept themselves in a position to win the contest until the final gun.

Thursday, the Ruidoso eighth-graders won a cliffhanger OT battle with Mountainair in Roswell, 14-8. Parker Johnson



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan's Logan Eshom looks for yardage in the Tigers 60-6 win Friday over the Mescalero Apache Chiefs.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo's Cole Hubbard gets close to paydirt in the Grizzlies 48-0 win Saturday.

scored both touchdowns. **Capitan/Mescalero**

First year head coach Johnny Carson seems to have his Tigers clicking on all 22 cylinders as they took down the visiting Mescalero Apache Chiefs, 60-6, and evened their overall mark at 2-2.

By all accounts, the 2010 version of the Chiefs is a better team than years past. They have size and a new, qualified head coach but they were no match for the ravenous Tigers.

Friday's game was a big thing for us," Carson said. "We executed in all phases and played well on both sides of the ball."

Reuben Mendoza rushed seven times for 149 yards and scored two TDs. Quarterback Rudy Chavez had nine carries for 176 yards and two touchdowns. Tory Padilla caught two passes for 52 yards with one touchdown. He also an interception for a 67-yard TD score.

Tyler Neill snagged four aerials for 51 yards and Logan Eshom hauled in three passes for 47 yards. He also, pulled in an interception. Overall, the Tigers ran 36 plays which produced 501 yards and seven touchdowns.

"Our defense has improved tremendously," Carson said. "We had an open week the Friday

before, which worked to our advantage."

Middle linebacker, Brandon Herd, had 16 tackles and the defense recorded a touchdown.

The Tigers will host the 1-4, 2A NMMI Colts Friday at 7 p.m. for homecoming weekend.

Last Thursday the Colts scored their first victory of the season when they defeated the Roswell JV, 35-20.

"NMMI may only have one victory but they have a big quarterback and running back," Carson said.

"They run a lot and run well. We'll have to be careful. In the Hagerman game (Sept. 17) they led at half-time 14-0 and wound up losing 21-14."

Carrizozo

Some teams know it ... and some don't. It's sometimes easier to get into Carrizozo than to get out. Bataan Military Academy found that out Saturday and took a 48-0 pounding.

Reportedly, some Grizzlies were missing in action before the game but holes were filled, adjustments were made.

By halftime, Carrizozo led 35-0. Marshall Ventura, Mark Vigil and Cole Hubbard ran the ball well. Nicolas Chavez scored the first TD of the game as well as a second one later on.

The win Saturday evened their season record to 2-2.

Friday, the Grizzlies entertain the 0-5 Magdalena Steers at 7 p.m. This is the first season in 11-Man football for the Steers after moving up from the 8-Man division.

The Grizzlies should be OK here ... if they don't look ahead to the Loving game, Oct. 8 ... and if they "lace 'em up" and "strap it on" one game at a time ... and ...

Hondo

At some point in time, all good things come to an end. The Eagles have found that out this season. Friday they got blasted by visiting Clovis, 48-0. Until then, they had the 6-Man record in the state for not being "zeroed."

The last time that happened to Hondo was Sept. 17, 2004. Arch-rival Lake Arthur now has that distinction (Sept. 10, 2005).

And before the Sept. 10, Roy loss (51-6), Hondo had not been "mercied" in a game ... in, well ... a long time.

"Friday, we saw a very good football team," Hondo head coach Brandon Devine said. "We have a young team, and as is sometimes the case, they can get timid at times. This was one of those times.

The Clovis loss gives

Hondo a 2-2, 1-0 record to date.

"We have to grow up and learn to get after it from the get-go," Devine said.

"This Friday's district home game with 1-3 Dora could be the tipping point.

"We've faced some good teams out of the North and

we're in it now to secure a good district record. Someone, either Dora or us, is going to have to decide who wants it more.

"Another question which dares to be asked ... were we lucky in our season opener victory (66-39) at San Jon, or was that our real team?"

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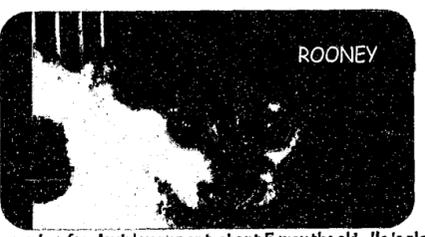
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SISSY

Sissy is a beautiful adult Weimaraner mix. She has a tiny strip of white on her chest and the rest of her body is jet black. Sissy loves playing with other dogs and going for long walks. She was found abandoned at the shelter after hours with her 6 tiny puppies and another dog. Why would anyone abandon such a wonderful dog? Now is your chance to give Sissy a second chance!

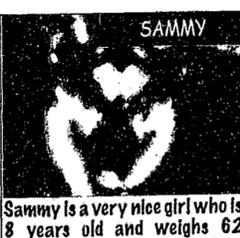
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ROONEY

Rooney is a fun-lovin' young cat, about 5 months old. He is playful with the other kittens in the shelter, and often puts on quite a show in his kennel for the visitors to the shelter. He likes to hide under the newspaper in his kennel, playing his version of "hide-and-seek". Rooney is also sweet natured and loves attention from all the staff and volunteers. Hopefully he will soon have a real family of his own.

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SAMMY

Sammy is a very nice girl who is 8 years old and weighs 62 pounds. She is housebroken, good with kids, cats and some dogs. She would love to find her new forever home.

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SUGAR

Sugar is a beautiful Pointer mix, about 1 year old. She gets along great with other dogs and is very affectionate with people. Sugar would love a home where she will get plenty of attention and exercise. She weighs about 35 pounds.

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MAX

Max is a happy-go-lucky Mini Pin about 3 years old. He gets along well with other dogs and loves people. Max walks well on a leash, is neutered and current on vaccinations.

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HUTTON

Hutton is a handsome Collie mix, about 2-3 years old. He has a beautiful chocolate colored coat. Hutton came into the shelter with very matted fur and has since been cleaned up. He weighs a little over 50 pounds.

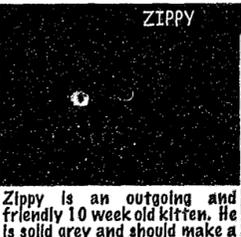
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ZAPPA

Zappa is an adorable kitten, about 10 weeks old. He is affectionate and super playful. Zappa also has beautiful grey tabby markings.

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ZIPPY

Zippy is an outgoing and friendly 10 week old kitten. He is solid grey and should make a great family pet.

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EVA

Eva is a sweet Heeler mix, about 2 years old. She gets along well with other dogs and is excellent to walk on a leash. Eva weighs about 40 pounds.

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Maynard is about 1-2 years old and extremely affectionate. He is solid black and has piercing yellow eyes. Maynard loves attention and people and also gets along with other cats.

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Leora goes home

We were so sorry to hear Leora Zumwalt had passed away. She and her family were the first ones we met at Nogal when we bought our first home.

We had gone to the church supper and they were so gracious. Leora and Mert were the foundation of the Nogal Presbyterian church of Nogal.

She was over 100 years old and had lived such a full life. Our sympathies to all the family.

Kathleen Hellman is now at the Villa del Rey in Roswell where she can get the medical attention and therapy for her leg.

Fall is here. The country is getting all its beautiful fall colors.

But the stores are already getting their Christmas items on sale. Hobby Lobby has one whole wall of just Christ-

mas. Lincoln, Ruidoso and Lincoln County had its usual throng of motorcycles during the recent Golden Aspencade rally in Ruidoso.

This past weekend was the Aspencade. The country should have been at it best show of all colors and weather.

Ruidoso Downs can be assured of the having the race track for another five years. The gross receipt tax increase was passed by the Lincoln County voters to help the track financially.

My brother, Lawrence Chaulk, DVM from Booneville Calif., has been visiting us the past few days. We have been seeing a lot of the Las Cruces countryside as he hadn't visited Las Cruces for such a long time.

He was lost in Las Cruces as it had grown so much.



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALIE DUNLAP

CAPITAN WARMS UP TO HOMECOMING



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan Schools are celebrating Homecoming Week. The traditional bonfire was Monday night, a powderpuff football game on Tuesday and Homecoming Parade will be at 2 p.m., Thursday. The Tailgate Party is 3-5:30 on Friday in the high school parking lot. The football game is at 7 p.m. against NMMI. Saturday is the Homecoming Dinner in the cafeteria, 6-8 p.m. and the dance is 8-12 p.m. Above are photos taken at last Friday's football game against Mesalero. The Capitan High School Band entertained during halftime with a musical marching performance. The fun and excitement of high school football was caught up with the cheerleaders, even the small ones with a dream to be a cheerleader (top center, Ryleigh Lamb) and the youngsters serving as water boys to the teams (above left, Bo Perry). Above center, the Radical Rednecks, Justin King and Kent McInnes, are again bringing play-by-play commentary to the area on FM radio 93.5 KWES. Join the Orange and Black for another round of excitement and great memories during Capitan Homecoming festivities.

Bike Rally coming up

The annual Carrizozo Street Fair motorcycle rally will be a Poker Hand event starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Registration will be at McDonald Park (12th Street side) before bikers take off on their route and will end at the same location.

The entrance fee is \$20, and participants will draw a set of cards.

After they see what cards they get, they will have an option to buy up to five additional cards for \$5 each.

When the ride is over,

riders can keep their best five cards and see who won the hand. Prizes will be available.

The trail promises to be interesting and challenging, and all proceeds will go toward providing more scholarships this coming year.

This past year, five scholarships were awarded for a total of \$4,250 to Carrizozo residents Kaitlyn Vega, Judy Nash, Ashley Ventura, Dakota Lovelace and Ryan Guevara.

More information about this event will be available soon.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Plan early

The Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair invites individuals and groups to make plans to participate in next year's parade. If you're interested, call Laura Rose at 575-648-2855 to let her know to remind you to sign up.

The Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair is always held on Labor Day, the first Monday in September and starts at 10 a.m. All proceeds from the day's events go to scholarship funds.

Think pink

The Carrizozo High School Student Council is selling two T-Shirts: "Catch the Cure" for football and "Volley for the Cure" for volleyball. The T-shirts cost \$12 with \$1 being donated to the NFL Catch the Cure and NMAA Dig Pink foundation. Sizes available are S, M, L, XL,

and XXL. Varsity volleyball players will be wearing their T-Shirts at the volleyball game on Tuesday, Oct. 5 vs. Hondo.

For each adult and student admission sold, \$1 will be donated to NMAA Dig Pink. Thursday has been designated as "Wear Pink Day" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Join the school and wear pink.

Contact the school if interested in purchasing a shirt at 648-2347. Quantities are limited.

First Friday

The Capitan Public Library hosts First Friday at 7 p.m., Oct. 1. Meet Carol Keys Haussler, Wanda Wakkinen, Sandra Riordan and Shirley Foster as they give readings from their book, *Sharing Moments over Tea: The Journeys of Four Women*.

For more information, call the library at 354-3035.

'Zozo man wanted for assault on police

JULIE CARTER
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The photo and description of a fugitive described as "dangerous" was posted around Carrizozo after a felony warrant for the arrest of John S. Ortiz was issued last week.

Ortiz, 39, is wanted for two counts of aggravated assault on a police officer and criminal damage to property after an incident in the late hours of Sept. 21 and into the morning of Sept. 22.

Carrizozo Police Officer Gary Lindsey was dispatched to an address in the 300 block of D Avenue about 11 p.m., Sept. 21, where someone had reportedly broken into a yard.

A second call followed shortly reporting windows being broken out on a residence in the area of D Avenue and Drexel. Ortiz was identified as the perpetrator.

Officer Lindsey was advised that the subject had fled the scene in a blue Ford Escort, which, according to the criminal complaint document, was located

parked at a residence in the same area.

Officer Lindsey reported that as he approached the area, he saw a male subject walking away from the residence and toward him, carrying two large broken pieces of window pane.

The man, identified by Lindsey as John S. Ortiz, began yelling at the officer telling him to leave.

Ortiz was told to put down the glass but instead he charged the officer. In the dark, the officer was unable to determine if Ortiz was armed with any other weapon.

Officer Lindsey put his vehicle in reverse and backed away, aware of Ortiz's past history of assault on police officers.

Ortiz then jumped in his car and sped away. During the pursuit, Ortiz pulled into a driveway, eluding Lindsey, but then pulled out and made an alleged attempt to strike the police

vehicle with his own, before driving away at a high rate of speed.

Again Ortiz parked the vehicle in a driveway, backed out and allegedly made another attempt to hit the police vehicle head on.

Another pursuit through the streets ensued while backup from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and New Mexico State Police were on their way.

Lindsey briefly lost sight of the Ortiz vehicle but then located it high-centered on a railroad track near the Union Pacific Railroad office.

With backup from Carrizozo Chief Rachel Weiser, Lindsey approached the car only to find it empty and the driver gone into the night. A saturation search by officers from Carrizozo and assisting agencies failed to locate Ortiz. The search was called off at 4 a.m.

At 6 a.m., Sept. 22, dis-

patch sent the officers to the home of Ortiz's mother who requested that the defendant leave her residence.

Because the search the night before had been called off, now officers were required by law to have an arrest warrant to take Ortiz into custody.

Ortiz was advised that an arrest warrant would be obtained for the damage he'd done to the property and for his attempted assault.

Ortiz allegedly acknowledged the warning and gave officers his cell phone number to contact him when the warrant was in place. Attempts to do so have gone unanswered.

Now, a week later, Ortiz remains a fugitive. He is a Hispanic male described as 5-feet 6-inches tall, 235 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

Carrizozo Police Chief Weiser said he is to be considered dangerous and if seen, do not approach or contact him but call the Carrizozo Police at 648-2351 or the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 648-2341.



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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Sept. 12

9:15 p.m. - Officers were sent to a residence in the 100 block of Rio Arriba Road on a report of a possible domestic incident.

Police determined no crime had occurred. The woman left the residence for the night and said she would return later for her personal items.

Sept. 15

9:18 p.m. - A Ruidoso police officer and a deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office observed a girl throwing rocks at a window of the old Ruidoso Middle School.

A window that was broken had an estimated \$600 replacement cost. Haze was arrested for criminal damage to property and referred to juvenile authorities.

Sept. 18

1:45 a.m. - An officer was dispatched to the parking lot on Wingfield Street on a report of a theft from a motorcycle. A saddlebag had been opened and a woman's purse taken.

8:50 p.m. - A man reported to police that a tour pack had been stolen from his motorcycle sometime between 3 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Sept. 20

7 p.m. - A traffic stop in the 900 block of Carrizo Canyon Road resulted in an arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Sept. 22

7:16 a.m. - Police were called to the 200 block of Grant Drive for a welfare check of two people sleeping in a vehicle that was parked in the roadway.

There was no record for Michael Vega with that date of birth, but a Christopher Vega was born on the provided date.

When questioned if he was Christopher, Vega said "no", and bolted from the location. An attempt to use a Taser on the fleeing man was unsuccessful, but a chase brought him to the ground.

In addition to an arrest for the warrants, Christopher Vega was charged with obstructing police and concealing his identity.

5:02 p.m. - Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Grindstone Canyon Road on a call of a domestic incident.

that he had battered his girlfriend and needed to be arrested.

When police arrived they found the couple arguing, but the woman said she had not been pushed. While inside the house looking for signs of a confrontation an officer found a glass pipe and a plastic bag with a green leafy material.

Lopez said the items were his. He was issued citations for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

7:42 p.m. - Officers responded to the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road on a report of a fight in progress.

Two teens, Jessie Roman, 17, of Ruidoso

Downs, and Harley McQuary, 17, of Ruidoso, were referred to the Juvenile Probation Office for being minors that had consumed alcohol.

Sept. 23

1:42 p.m. - A larceny was reported at an under construction residence on Embdy Road. The reporting party said someone had entered the locked building and took an airless painter and an air compressor.

11:37 p.m. - Police were sent to a location in the 500 block of 2nd Street for a reported domestic incident. A father and son had gotten into a squabble.

gotten into his face. The father said he took his son to the ground. Police determined the incident to have been a parental issue not a domestic battery.

Sept. 24

5:57 a.m. - A larceny was reported by a resident in the 200 block of Coconino Lane. The homeowner said a friend who had been staying at his home might have stolen some personal belonging.

3:53 p.m. - A Ruidoso man went to the police station to report fraud. His bank contacted him about fraudulent charges on his account.

Someone had used his debit card to purchase items from a department store in California. The amount of the unauthorized purchases was

\$706.08.

8:26 p.m. - A Texas man went to the police station to report is wallet was missing.

It was uncertain if the

wallet had been lost or stolen. It included a driver's license, Social Security card, check book, a debit card, and \$400 in cash.

Obituary for Mario Zerboni, 57, who passed away suddenly in El Paso, Texas on September 15, 2010. He was born in Mexico City July 25, 1953, immigrated to the United States where he proudly became a citizen in 1992.

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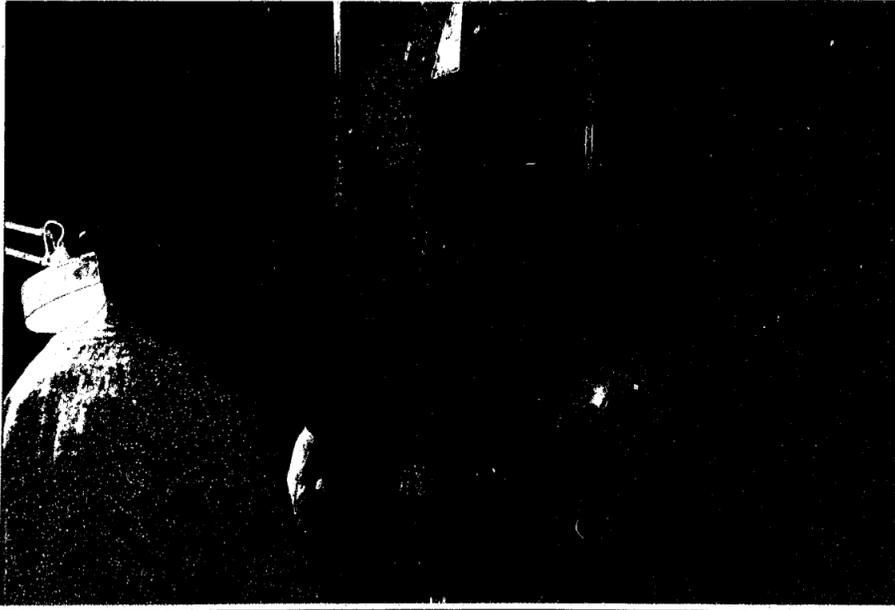
Hundreds of People Cash In at the Roswell Roadshow Yesterday!

By Jason Delong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Gold and Silver pour into yesterdays Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.

Yesterday at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, hundreds lined up to cash antiques, collectibles, gold and jewelry in at the Roadshow. The free event is in Roswell all week buying gold, silver antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday

"It is unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces and in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$712.37."



Above • A couple waits with anticipation while Roadshow expert examines their antiques and gold items. The Roadshow is at the La Quinta Inn & Suites this week.

is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold or silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets, and handful of

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the La Quinta Inn & Suites through Saturday in Roswell."

silver dollars... his check was for over \$650.00. I would say that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over \$1250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment, "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German sword I brought back from World War II and some old coins and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have they might be interested in."

The Roadshow continues today starting at 9am. The event is free and no appointment is needed.

said "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces and in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$712.37. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentlemen brought an old Fender guitar his father bought years ago. "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow expert that assisted him, made a few phone calls and a Veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for \$5700.00. The seller continued, "I got another \$150.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring, it's not everyday someone brings six

thousand dollars to town with your name on it."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them. Old toys, trains, swords, guitars,

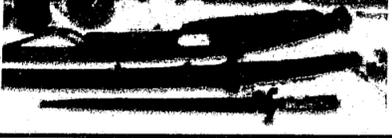
pocket watches or just about anything old is valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items they are looking for."

This week's Roadshow is the place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can

bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow experts find items their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase those items. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow

Collectors desire vintage military items, items from both U.S. and foreign origins from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Spanish-American War, Revolutionary War and Calvary times have great value. Items such as swords, daggers, medals, hardware bayonets, etc.



All sports memorabilia is in high demand including: Pre 1970's baseball cards; autographed baseballs, footballs & basketballs; jerseys; signed photos; etc...



Roadshow Coin and gold expert Paul Dichraff examines a large presentation of coins, gold and collectibles.



Here is how it works:

- Gather items of interest from your attic, garage, basement, etc There is no limit to the amount of items you can bring
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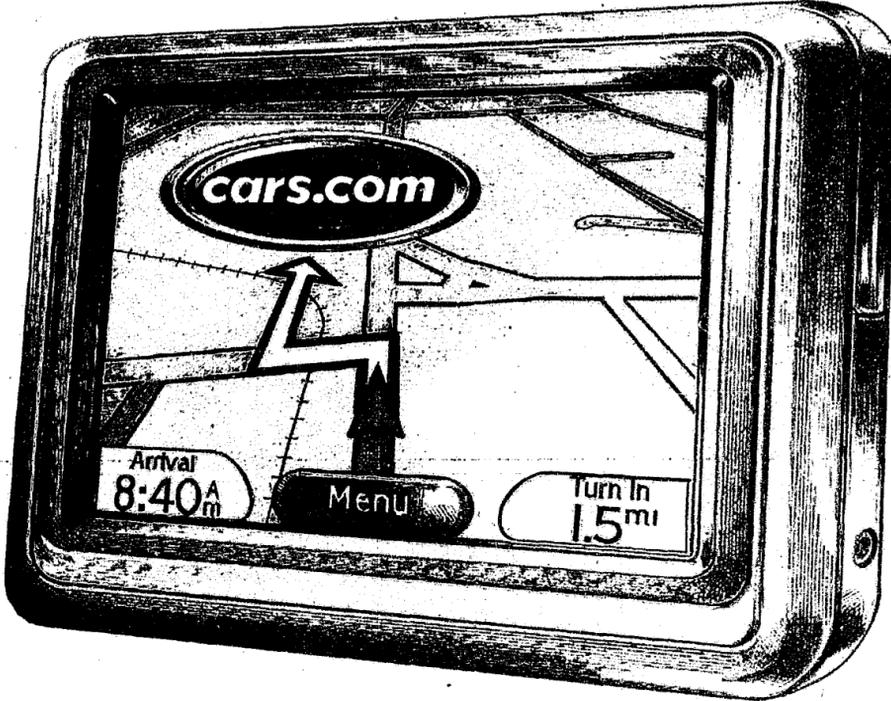
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