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Candidates take a written exam

1. If you are an incumbent, what two or three things do you consider your accomplishments in the Ruidoso School District? Why? If you are a challenger, what two or three things do you believe need to happen?

Susan Lutterman: First of



all, one board member can not accomplish anything without the rest of the TEAM. That TEAM consists of five board members and the Superintendent. Our current board has hired a Superintendent who specializes in curriculum and believes in fixing problems not band-aiding them. Since the Superintendent is the only employee the board hires and fires, I am very pleased to have been a part of the TEAM that hired Dr. Harris. I am an advocate for the students and staff of the Ruidoso Schools and I am very proud to have been allowed the opportunity to give back to my school as a volunteer for the last 20 years.

I believe if elected I will continue to bring knowledge and experience to a young board. It was a pleasure watching my three children go through the Ruidoso Municipal schools as it is to watch my grandson enjoy his school experience at White Mountain Elementary.

Marc Beatty: I am relatively



new to the board having been appointed in May 2010. Over the past eight months, it has been very important to me to obtain a good understanding of policies, procedures, what the school board does, what an effective board member is and how to be just that. It was very important to me when I started to learn the process and the facts before interjecting myself.

That being said, I have made the necessary commitment to learn what it means to be an effective board member. I have made a great accomplishment in

On Feb. 1, residents of the Ruidoso Municipal School District will vote to choose four education board members among nine candidates. Here are the choices:

- Position one: incumbent Susan Lutterman; challenger Cecil Davis
- Position two: incumbent Marc Beatty; challenger Curt Temple
- Position three: incumbent Rhonda Vincent; challenger Nick Herrera
- Position four: incumbent Frank Sayner; challengers Devin Marshall and Fred Romero

Jim Kalvelage of the *Ruidoso News* emailed the candidates four questions. All but one responded. A response provided by Cecil Davis to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at a Jan. 18 candidates meet-and-greet is published at the end of this article.

learning as much as I have over a relatively short period of time. I have said that the stage is set for a far more active participation on my part. One area that I do want to focus on as I move forward is accountability. This includes everybody from our board to our administrators and our teachers. We place so much trust in these positions and they must be held accountable.

The futures of our children are in their hands and I expect only the best from them. While I may not have been a board member long enough to list two or three personal accomplishments, I know that mine are coming and I know that I will be a part of the solution. We have a tough future looming with budget cuts that are certain to happen. I want to work with my fellow board members, the community and the district to face these issues head on.

It has to be a group effort. I want to be involved as we address the issues such as bullying that our schools face today. I want to do all of this with my head held high knowing that I was a part of the solution and that I did everything that I could for the betterment of our children.

Curt Temple: Regain the



public trust in the Ruidoso School Board. This can be accomplished by establishing the expectation of open, respectful dialogue between the board and all members of our community at public board meetings. The Ruidoso School District can no longer do it alone. Our community wants to see our children succeed, and the district

needs to ask for help from the community.

Institute sound fiscal management policies. I would begin by implementing fiscal review of procedures, departments, and programs for value, accountability, and best practices that balance the interests of taxpayers, parents and staff to provide the best education to our students.

Reduce the achievement gap. Hold the Superintendent accountable for the district's vision of academic excellence for all students. Link the lowering of the achievement gap for all student populations to the performance/salary review of the Superintendent. Each student must be prepared for college, the workforce, and a global economy, because public education is the cornerstone of our democracy.

Rhonda Vincent: In serving



my district for the last four years I have been a part of several accomplishments. It is hard to boast on yourself but a top accomplishment for me was the desire to understand education and all the aspects that encompass it. I went back to college and earned my teaching degree. I believe I represent and bring meaningful insight of a teacher, student, and parent's point of view to the board. I also received Leadership recognition and achievement awards through the New Mexico School Boards Association for dedication and leadership. I am also very proud of our new middle school and the "go green" engineering design of geothermal heating and solar

panel electricity which promotes the environment and saves the district dollars.

Nick Herrera: Review the

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administration structure and look at holding the teachers and administration accountable for students' performance. I would review the administration costs and structure. I would also cut out any duplicated positions.

Frank Sayner: Over the last



12 years the accomplishments of the Board have been many. The Board is a team of five individuals dedicated to making our school district better for our students. Completing the team is the Superintendent of Schools. During this period the team has built new schools as well as expanded and updated existing structures. Completing the long range strategic Facilities Master plan is high on my list of Board achievements. Another has been strengthening the close relationship with ENMU-Ruidoso allowing RHS to made available dual-credit and AP classes for many of our juniors and seniors. Current budget cuts have limited our ability to provide some AP classes. Improvement is the overall continuous goal. I am well aware of some of our setbacks but I know the Board has never been slow to make adjustments and move forward for the betterment of our students.

Devin Marshall: I believe there is an amazing amount of work that could be done in our school district to effect positive change in spending, academic



improvement and general stewardship of our real estate assets. I am willing to brainstorm with the superintendent as well as other board members, school administrators, educators and informed community members to create task forces to help research areas such as: liquidation of unused curriculum, assessment of repairs vs replacement of buildings, polls to the educators concerning better use of technological funds that would be better suited to meet each schools needs. I believe that as board members, we need to be willing to roll up our sleeves and pitch in with our strengths to meet more of the districts challenges.

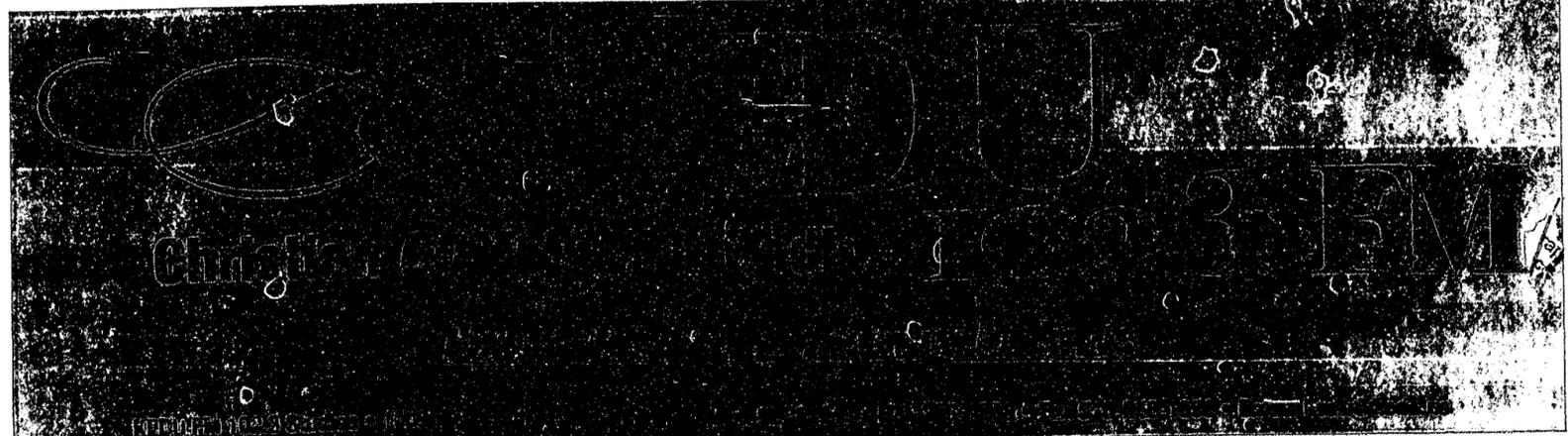
Fred Romero: I would like to



encourage team solutions to address the issues facing the district (i.e., budget, drop out). I believe that to meet the budget challenges faced by our district, we should establish school teams to come up with ideas on how to streamline, collaborate and consolidate services.

I would like to uphold the NM Public Education Department's Educational Plan for Student Success (EPSS) requirement for parent involvement from K-12 by continuing to educate parents on the importance of their involvement, providing educational opportunities for families at the schools, and letting parents know how their involvement impacts student education and graduation rates. I would support continuous Professional Development for all staff by using local resources and expertise from our school and community. I would like to see self-audits of each school site similar to the one Ruidoso High School has started this year. After completion of individual school self-audits, I would encourage collaboration as

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Lincoln County Community Theater will take their comedy, *A Bad Year For Tomatoes*, to the state convention of the American Association of Community Theatre, March 11 to 13 in Artesia.

They will compete with five other community theater groups from around the state.

"This is the first time that LCCT has participated in this kind of competition," board member Sharon Lurix said.

"This play was so popular last summer that we thought it was a good

opportunity. Even though we've already performed it, with three new cast members, it like a whole new show."

In this comic farce, famous TV character actress Myra Marlowe decides to spend a year in a small town, writing her memoirs and raising tomatoes. It's a bad year for tomatoes and also for Myra, whose eccentric neighbors and their problems take up all her time.

She invents a "crazy sis-

ter" to scare them away, but the plan causes still more problems.

Larry Kingsley plays the role of Tom Lamont, Myra Marlowe's agent. Mike Keyton plays the role of the sheriff of Beaver Haven, and Jason Johnson plays Piney, the backwoods entrepreneur who sells wood and "traps skunk."

Returning cast members are Laura Eisenberg as Myra Marlowe, Sharon Lurix and Lori Lamphere-Stewart as the Hospitality

Ladies Cora Gump and Reba Harper, and Lyn Kidder as self-styled small-town witch Willa Mae Wilcox. Pamela Cromwell is directing the new production.

In addition to rehearsing with new cast members and a new director, the set is being rebuilt to accommodate the requirements of the competition.

"Everything has to start in a 100 square-foot area," Lurix explained. "It then has to be moved onstage

and put up in ten minutes. After the performance, it has to be taken down, again within ten minutes, and moved to its original place."

Fundraising performances will be Feb. 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. at The Community Youth Warehouse, 200 Church Rd., Ruidoso (behind the Cornerstone Bakery).

An additional performance will be in Carrizozo on March 5 at 6:30 p.m., at Carrizozo Thrift (Hwy 380). Tickets are \$10.

For information, call 336-1530.

and on possible action on appeal of leak credit finding.

Girl Scout cookies

The Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest will sell the cookies through March 13. The selection includes favorites like Thin Mints, Shortbread, Carmel delights, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Thanks-A-Lot, and Lemonades. New this year is Shout Outs!, a Belgian-style caramelized cookie.

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest includes an estimated 3,000 girls in 33 southern New Mexico and West Texas counties, including Lincoln and Otero counties.

If you do not know a Girl Scout, call the council at 575-622-7801 to have a local troop get in touch with you. A cookie booth locator will be available in February at www.gsdsw.org.

Yard closed

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) yard at 201 2nd St. in Ruidoso Downs will be closed Thursday afternoon, Jan. 27, for final employee training prior to the opening to the public of the new Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center, 26590 Highway 70 across from Dubs and Suds, at 8 a.m. on Wednesday Feb. 2.

The yard and office will close for material disposal or recycling at 2 p.m., Thursday.

The New Mexico Environment Department has recently issued an operating permit for the new facility east of Ruidoso Downs. OSHA is expected to issue its final approval the first of next week.

The site and facility has been in development since 2003 and is expected to serve waste disposal and recycling needs of Lincoln County until 2050.

Practice runs for waste disposal of all types and amounts and local emergency service agency including fire protection

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Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board

will conduct its regular monthly meeting at 9 a.m., Thursday in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD

Office, 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto.

The agenda will cover Expenditures: Purchases/-

Payroll/Accounts Payable; the District Manager's report; a water system, wastewater system and solid waste update; customer issues; personnel update; projects report; Office Manager's report; financial reports; possible action on annual Open Meetings Resolution; ap-

proval of a holiday schedule for Solid Waste Collection Center; a presentation of Fiscal Year 2010 Audit Report; possible action on Ordinance 2011-01; possible action on Water Treatment Phase I change orders; possible action on Phase I Distribution, on PRV and tank upgrades

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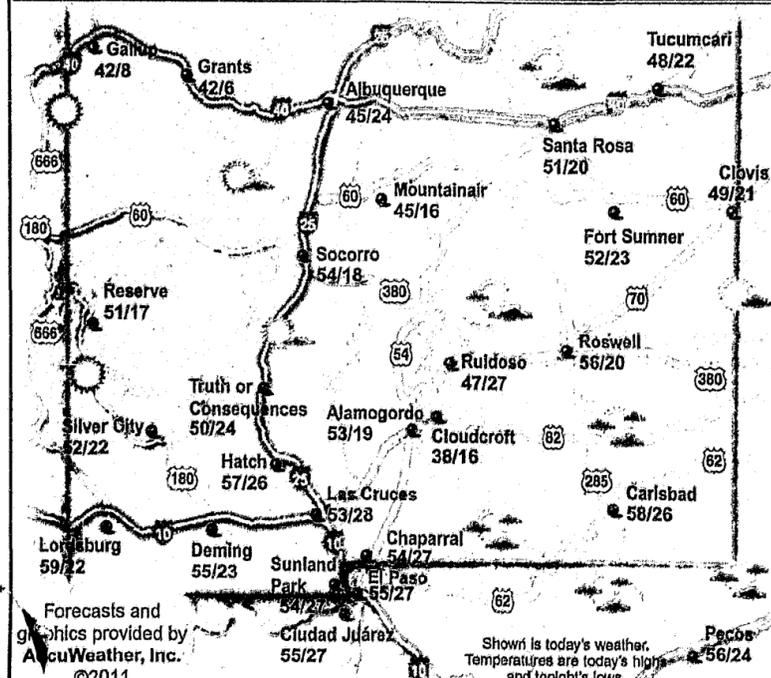
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 48°	RealFeel 57°	RealFeel 58°	RealFeel 48°	RealFeel 52°	RealFeel 44°	RealFeel 55°
Humidity 47° 27° 43%	Humidity 52° 30° 26%	Humidity 55° 31° 23%	Humidity 53° 33° 28%	Humidity 53° 29° 33%	Humidity 49° 32° 46%	Humidity 46° 21° 42%
Partly sunny Wind: NE 6-12 mph	Bright sunshine Wind: NW 6-12 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: WSW 4-8 mph	Partly sunny Wind: W 8-16 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	Partial sunshine Wind: S 8-16 mph	Sunny to partly cloudy Wind: N 4-8 mph

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

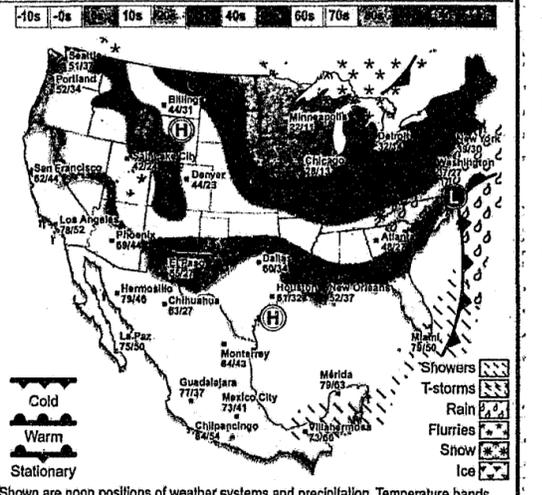
Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
 Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
 High/Low 41°/21°
 Normal high 50°
 Normal low 20°
 Record high 67° (1970)
 Record low -2° (1973)
Precipitation:
 Monday 0.00"
 Month to date Trace
 Normal month to date 1.04"
 Year to date Trace
 Normal year to date 1.04"
Pollen:
 Grass Absent
 Trees Low
 Weeds Absent
 Mold Low
 Predominant Juniper
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic
Alamogordo
 Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
 High/Low 56°/21°
 Normal high 56°
 Normal low 30°
 Record high 75° (1999)
 Record low 13° (1963)
Precipitation:
 Monday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.00"
 Normal month to date 0.63"
 Year to date 0.00"
 Normal year to date 0.63"
Weather Trivia:
 Q: Can you ice skate at -40F?
 A: No. At extremely low temperatures, ice is not slippery.

National Forecast for Jan. 26, 2011



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

National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Abilene	57/27/s	62/33/s
Anchorage	28/18/sn	26/17/sn
Atlanta	49/27/r	48/31/p
Austin	60/27/s	63/30/s
Baltimore	38/30/sn	38/20/p
Boston	36/27/sn	33/17/sn
Chicago	28/13/c	27/22/sf
Dallas	60/34/s	58/37/s
Denver	44/23/p	55/27/s
Des Moines	24/11/c	34/23/p
Detroit	32/14/c	28/20/sf
El Paso	55/27/p	55/24/s
Las Vegas	82/40/s	83/40/s
Los Angeles	78/52/s	78/50/s
Minneapolis	22/11/c	32/23/sf
New Orleans	52/37/s	55/40/s
New York City	39/30/sn	38/19/p
Philadelphia	39/28/r	38/21/p
Phoenix	59/44/s	71/45/s
Reno	54/23/s	55/23/s
San Francisco	62/44/s	63/44/s
San Diego	74/50/s	73/50/s
Seattle	51/37/p	47/38/c
Tucson	67/38/s	67/39/s
Tulsa, OK	48/22/p	52/30/s
Wash., DC	37/27/en	37/25/p
Wichita	38/19/p	51/28/s
Yuma	74/48/s	74/47/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Albuquerque	45/24/s	57/24/s
Artesia	56/27/p	59/24/s
Chama	40/9/sf	43/2/s
Clayton	43/24/s	61/26/s
Cloudcroft	38/18/p	44/7/s
Farmington	41/17/s	43/19/s
Hobbs	57/23/s	58/23/s
Los Alamos	39/17/p	45/12/s
Portales	51/23/s	58/25/s
Raton	43/12/p	60/15/s
Red River	33/1/p	42/5/s
Ruidoso	47/27/p	52/30/s
Santa Fe	44/18/p	47/20/s
Silver City	52/22/s	53/21/s
Taos	39/4/p	48/8/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	88/66/s	90/68/s
Cancun	79/61/sh	75/59/s
Chihuahua	83/27/s	89/30/p
Ciudad Juárez	55/27/p	55/25/s
León	78/37/p	79/43/p
México, DF	73/41/p	75/41/p
Monterrey	84/43/s	81/45/p
Morelia	76/42/p	76/46/p
Oaxaca	79/50/p	81/50/p
Pto. Peñasco	73/46/s	74/46/s
Tijuana	77/48/s	75/48/s

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:02 a.m./5:29 p.m.

Moon Phases

Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 12:25 a.m./11:11 a.m.

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 82° in Fillmore, CA
 Low: -37° in Saranac Lake, NY

Monday's World High/Low:
 High: 115° in Warburton, Australia
 Low: -57° in Oymyakon, Russia





LCCHC meets

The Lincoln County Community Health Council (LCCHC) will host their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 8 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church at 220 Junction Rd. on Feb. 1 and invite the public to attend.

The LCCHC works to address emerging social and health issues that affect Lincoln County and Mescalero residents by uti-

lizing the skills and resources of residents and organizations that have a passion for creating a healthier community.

Immediately following this meeting (around 9:15 a.m.) will be a new member orientation at Corner Stone Bakery to discuss the details of the LCCHC as well as opportunities to work on issues such as youth substance abuse, access to care including senior issues, affordable

housing and disaster preparedness and family stabilization.

Interested parties can contact the LCCHC at 575-973-1829.

Above: Area youth participated in the LCCHC-sponsored Light the Fire Youth Summit volunteer as Peer Educators at the Maze of Life Teen Fair, another LCCHC event that promotes educating area 8th graders on making positive choices.

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and law enforcement have taken place at the new facility in preparation for opening.

Maps locating the new facility will be available at various locations throughout the region including local post offices and at the Greentree SWA website, www.greentreeswa.org. More specific site maps identifying where to check in and areas for specific materials will also be available.

Guided individual and small group tours of the new facility are also available by contacting the solid waste office.

For more information contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 575-378-4697, toll free at 877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. General waste disposal and recycling information is available on the Authority's website.

Tax e-filing

The Internal Revenue Service opened its electronic filing on Jan. 14 with a reminder to taxpayers that e-file remains the best way to get fast refunds and ensure accurate tax returns, particularly following several tax law changes in December.

For people seeking free electronic options to do their own taxes, IRS Free File offers something for almost everyone through two formats: brand-name software to e-file or online fillable forms.

People must access Free File through the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov and click on Free File or Free File Home - Your Link to Free Federal Online Filing. People can read more about Free File at www.freefile-

irs.gov.

At the Ruidoso Public Library are a dozen public computers where you can use the IRS Free File. If you wish to keep paper records, the library does charge for printing a paper copy (15¢ per page).

The library also offers free Wi-Fi allowing you to use your own laptops to access the IRS website.

LCMC Board meets

The next meeting of the LCMC Community Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. in the LCMC hospital conference room.

DWI Council

The Regular Meeting of the DWI Planning Council is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sheriff's Substation (next to the Library), Kansas City Rd.

The purpose of the meeting is:

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of New Members and Guests
3. Report on Prevention Implementation by Secretary
4. Report by other members on Prevention activities
5. Report by Chairman
6. New requests

Donations given

This month, the local Unitarian-Universalist fellowship voted to donate funds to several local and national groups.

This is the second year that the group awarded 60 percent of their entire funds to worthy groups.

A total of \$750 was allocated between Laughing Eyes Kennel in Nogal (trains dogs to be assist the

handicapped), Peace Village in Alto (a camp to teach children peaceful interaction), NMOATH in Ruidoso (to stop trafficking of humans), Eighth Grade Leadership for Lincoln County (teaches students to be leaders in the community), and an ENMU scholarship for a needy student.

A total of \$300 was donated to KIVA, a microfinance company; and \$150 went to Heifer International, which provides animals so families can improve their conditions.

The remaining funds were given to the UUSC, the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee, for help around the world, and two other UU service organizations.

Suggestions for 2012 donations to worthy organizations can be phoned to the local Unitarian-Universalist treasurer, Dick Martin, at 336-2170.

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Wing have announced the flying schedule for the week of Jan. 24 - 30.

Sonic booms could occur Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; and Friday, Jan. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

At this time no flights are scheduled for Saturday Jan. 29 or Sunday, Jan. 30.

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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.

Museum schedule

Officials of the Hubbard Museum of the American West have announced the 2011 exhibit schedule for New Mexico's first Smithsonian Institution affiliate museum. The first of five exhibits will open late next week.

• Feb. 5 to May 29 - "New Deal Art from New Mexico." During the Depression of the 1930s, the federal government provided funds to assist artists throughout the United States to continue their work through the Great Depression. Images of 40 New Deal paintings and sculptures by New Mexico artists will be on display in the museum's Greentree Room.

• March 1 to June 12 - "Lost and Found in Collections." The museum's permanent collection includes over 10,000 artifacts, much of which has never been on display in Lincoln County. Items hidden in the Hubbard's collections for decades will be on display.

• June 18 to Nov. 13 - "Allen True's West." The Hubbard Museum is one of eight museums around the country to display the traveling exhibit of 42 original paintings by Allen True, an early 20th century western painter and muralist who produced illustrations for magazines such as the *Saturday Evening Post* and *Colliers Weekly*, as well as massive murals for the state capitol buildings of Wyoming, Missouri and Colorado.

The exhibit was developed by the Denver Art Museum, Colorado Historical Society, the Western History Department of Genealogy and the Denver Public Library.

• July 1 to Sept. 25 - "Arte en la Charrerria: The Artisanship of Mexican Equestrian Culture." This is a traveling exhibit on the Mexican "charro," the forerunner of the American cowboy. The exhibit includes charro leather work, saddles, costumes and textiles, as well as iron and silver work. The charro culture can be traced to the introduction of horses and cattle into the New World by Spanish settlers almost

500 years ago.

• Oct. 15 to Jan. 29, 2012 - "Annual Fall American Photography Competition and Exhibition." Now into its 20th year, and with more than 100 photographs on display, the annual Fall American brings together work by photographers from around the country.

For more information, call the Hubbard Museum of the American West at 575-378-4142. At 841 Highway 70 West in Ruidoso Downs, the museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Democrats meet

The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will hold their next monthly meeting on Feb. 3.

Guests include Al Santos, LCMC, who will speak on the topic of the hospital expansion; and Leticia

Montoya, candidate for the DPNM state party chair.

Dinner off the menu and social time begins at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be in Pizza Hut's back room at 1201 Mechem Dr.

On the agenda will be the DPLC County Convention, which is scheduled to be held on March 19.

For additional information, call County Chair Maria A Quintana, 937-8394, or Secretary Marilyn Kamp, 258-1029.

GOP meeting

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center.

Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call 575-430-7258.

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Along with their parents, Ira bBazy Tucker and Jordan Francis Courts announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Jordan was a 2009 honor graduate of Ruidoso High School. She attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM where she was studying veterinarian medicine. Jordan is currently employed with Paducah Lumber Company in Paducah, Texas. Blazye is a lifelong resident of Paducah, Texas and a 2009 graduate of Paducah High School. He is also employed with Paducah Lumber Company. The couple will be married February 5, 2011 at the Paducah Country Club. A spring honeymoon is planned in Hawaii.

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OUR OPINION

ENMU-Ruidoso adds classroom space

A win-win situation with the school district

The future of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso remains to be chronicled, but the branch campus took an important step recently by adding classroom space at the former White Mountain Intermediate School.

ENMU-Ruidoso, of course, is looking long term to construct its "Cedars Campus" on land held by the Spencer Trust on the Airport Highway. But a complex three-party deal also involving the state's Department of Cultural Affairs appears far from finalized.

Until there is movement on

that front, one way or the other, the local community college is increasing both its space and visibility by expanding to White Mountain.

It's a win-win deal. At a time when branch campuses are under review, ENMU-Ruidoso shows the New Mexico Higher Education Department, which had to approve the arrangement, that it's a growing entity. The Ruidoso School District gets occupancy of a building slated for the wrecking ball sometime this decade.

No rent passes hands, and the college will pay utilities.

We salute the collaboration.

A big look at small business

If opening day of the Legislature is any indication, business – especially small business – sure has a lot of friends. But some of those friendships are fleeting.

This was evident in an unlikely context. Former Gov. Gary Johnson spoke to a spirited Tea Party rally outside the Roundhouse. They cheered enthusiastically as Johnson talked about cutting government by 43 percent, balancing the federal budget, and reducing taxes.

But as he talked, the crowd cooled. There was a puzzled silence as he described the border fence and use of National Guard

troops as "a lot of money spent with little benefit." It should be easy to get work visas, he said.

Tea partiers had cheered his comments on the free market and his call for eliminating corporate income taxes, but they stop short of the business position on immigration reform held by Johnson and the Association of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico, whose members are also chafing at conservatives' threats to penalize employers for hiring illegals.

Then there was former Rep. Janice Arnold Jones, who spoke before Johnson. She has been a well informed, pro-business moderate, but those attributes didn't serve her well in the Republican gubernatorial primary. So here she was pandering to the tea partiers with half truths and cheap shots at the Rail Runner and the Spaceport.

If she and her audience bothered to check this out, they would find that the central New Mexico business community supports the train, and the southern New Mexico business and education communities have been solidly behind the Spaceport for at least 15 years.

The tea partiers are all for the private sector until its needs conflict with their beliefs. This will be a problem for the governor, who casts herself as a conservative but also wants to be seen as business friendly. Which way will she tilt?

In her state-of-the-state speech, the governor outlined

some interesting business-related proposals. The best of the bunch is using the unemployment fund to subsidize wages of unemployed workers hired by small businesses for the first six months. Another good idea is for the state Economic Development Department to open an

Office of Business Advocacy to help small business "break through regulatory roadblocks." She was smart to name the well regarded Jon Barela as Economic Development Secretary.

Many a business cheered her attack on red tape. Each agency "creates its own maze of red tape" with different permitting

processes, she said, so she proposes the Red Tape Reduction Act. She has already created a small business task force to review regulations.

This governor wants to send the message that "New Mexico is open for business." It was a good line for her predecessor, so it deserves to be recycled.

She had a few false notes, however. The governor appeared to take credit for Union Pacific Railroad's plan to move its hub from El Paso to Santa Teresa. Wrong. The railroad announced this move several years ago, postponed the project because of the recession, and recently decided to move ahead.

Like Johnson, she thinks taxes are big factors in company relocations. Wrong again. A company looking over your town has a list in hand that's usually topped by workforce, transportation, incentives, and, if they're in a hurry to start up, available buildings. Because it's a rare operation that doesn't inconvenience a community somehow – traffic, noise – they want to be wanted. Taxes are further down the priority list.

Somebody (please!) tell the new governor to stop saying government doesn't create jobs. How can she not notice the 30,000 troops and 58,000 family members pouring into El Paso and Las Cruces as Fort Bliss expands? Want to speed job creation? Listen to employers' concerns, not just the parts that fit your ideology.

The downside of feeding deer...



Doug McLeod
Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

GO Bond merits unqualified support

To the editor:

THE COMMUNITY of Ruidoso, whether in hard times such as they are now or in days more prosperous, has never failed to respond to the needs of the school district and its students. Not once has a bond issue failed in our great community.

As members of your Board of Education, we are asking you once again to come through for our kids. On Feb. 1, school district voters are being asked to approve \$14 million of General Obligation Bonds (GO Bonds) that will fund urgent capital needs in our district.

We believe that every issue deserves deep consideration by voters, and there are important facts about the GO Bond that we want you to know up front.

First, passage of this bond issue will result in no new taxes. The bonds will be issued in such amounts and at such times over the next four years as to maintain a stable tax rate. These bonds are simply a continuation of bonds that have already been retired. It is our pledge to you that the district will continue to maintain a stable tax rate.

The priority projects the bonding will finance do not reflect all the school district's capital needs. They comprise a list of our more urgent needs, projects that are considered essential to the educational process.

The list of projects was determined by the Blue Ribbon Committee, a group of volunteers from within the community of

Ruidoso who have worked for more than a year studying and prioritizing the needs of this district.

These projects are explained in a simple, easy-to-read pamphlet called Yes! for Excellence which can be found on our website at www.RuidosoSchools.org. As your elected school board members, we are asking you vote on Feb. 1 and say "Yes! for Excellence!" and say "Yes! For Our Kids!"

The RMSD School Board
Susan Lutterman
Frank Saylor
Rhonda Vincent
Kerry Gladden Eastep
Marc Beatty

Those characteristics are especially critical during times that are challenging on the economic and societal front. RMSD is an organization that proactively addresses the difficult challenges, issues and barriers that arise in the day-to-day interactions of close to 2,500 students and 200 staff.

While we, as individuals, may not agree with, or understand, the reason behind every decision made by the organization, a "Yes" vote on the GO Bond is one decision that merits our unqualified support.

Sandy Gladden
Education Consultant
Ruidoso Downs

To the editor:

ON FEB. 1, 2011, voters have the opportunity to demonstrate their continued commitment to our students, public education, and our local community. By voting "Yes" on the Ruidoso Schools' General Obligation Bond (GO Bond), voters will not only demonstrate their commitment to educating students, they will reaffirm the long term investment in our community's infrastructure.

The GO Bond priorities are not "frills." They are imperative construction and maintenance needs.

The Ruidoso Municipal School District (RMSD) is an institution with a history of public trust, sound fiscal management practices, and administrative and instructional accountability.

To the editor:

ROBERTA AND I have eight grandchildren. None attend Ruidoso schools. Furthermore, we can think of no scenario where future family generations will attend Ruidoso schools.

So why on Earth would we vote for the school bond issue on Feb. 1? Two reasons.

First, Ruidoso is our town and the schools are important to the overall welfare of this community. Second, our grandchildren, wherever they are going to school, will be dependent on bond issues to support their education.

We hope grandparents there who might not have kids in those schools will adopt the position, "well, they are someone's grandkids."

Roberta and Ned Cantwell
Ruidoso

NM Democrats respond to State of the State

We appreciate the issues that Gov. Martinez highlighted in her first State of the State address.

Many of these issues are near and dear to us and our constituents as well. The new challenge before the governor and the legislature is finding a way to meet the needs of our state that is fair to all its citizens.

We agree with Gov. Martinez's call for action on government efficiency, transparency, and creating jobs. We also agree that more must be done to ensure that every child leaves the third grade able to read.

And we hope the governor acknowledges the hard work we have done in the past few years. We have provided a solid foundation with significant improvements to the educational system and with legislation that fosters economic growth. We hope she will work with us to build on this foundation so that we can continue to move New Mexico forward.

In the past few years we've made sure that our most vulner-

able citizens are taken care of during these challenging financial times while increasing teacher pay and maintaining classroom budgets so New Mexico's children do not falter. Times remain challenging and people still need help.

And programs that work need to be considered for preservation because they help people.

We will continue to support small businesses and job growth. We passed the Small Business Regulatory Reform Act in 2005. We recognize that small businesses are the economic engine of many of our communities across New Mexico.

We will continue to promote the value of a child's education. We believe public education is not only a right, it's a promise to our children and grandchildren.

We must not forget the value of our community colleges and branch campuses. We understand how important these institutions are to New Mexico. They provide high-wage jobs in our communities and they provide the opportunity for our citizens

to receive training to increase job skills that they might not otherwise have access to.

Finally, we will continue to support responsible development of our state's natural resources. Job creation and the protection of the natural resources can work hand-in-hand.

There are, and will be, legitimate differences. And when those differences emerge, we will not be afraid to stand up for our constituents. And we know, that we too, have to find a common ground in order to keep New Mexico moving forward.

We pledge to work with the new governor to get things done, achieve these goals and keep our state growing.

We wish the new administration well. And we look forward to working with the executive branch to meet the needs of our state during these challenging times. We hope to provide New Mexicans with a balanced budget that supports education, promotes job growth, and preserves programs that serve our most vulnerable citizens.

BOARD

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district team leaders to develop and implement instructional strategies/supports for the district.

I would also like to see more use of technology in our schools, such as Cyber field trips, ITV, Online classes, using software applications to help teachers and students become more efficient with learning. I believe the school district could implement more use of technology by building capacity within personnel and students.

2 *The state budget for 2011-2012 is expected to be lean and education cuts are likely. Gov. Susana Martinez said districts must trim administrative costs and keep money in the classrooms. Do you feel administrative spending in the Ruidoso district is too high, just right, or too low? Why? And where could possible reduced school funding from the state be trimmed from the Ruidoso schools budget?*

Lutterman: The Ruidoso Schools have never been administrator-heavy in my opinion. It is very important to have a Principal at every school site for staff support, guidance and direction. We have an Associate Superintendent who is also the Principal of Sierra Vista Primary. We have an Assistant Principal at Ruidoso High School but that is very important having 600 students in one building.

Saying that, we just received a grant to help pay for an Assistant Principal at Ruidoso Middle School which has around the same number of students as the High School. Assistant Principals help in discipline issues so that Principals can engage with staff and students in a more proactive manner. We try to continually look for ways to be creative in support of students. It has been said that administrators and counselors need to be cut from the school budget because they do not have any influence on classroom performance.

As a board member I believe that great Principals and knowledgeable Counselors have great impact on the students in the classroom. Our Superintendent and Business Manager have done a wonderful job protecting staff and student driven programs to date. We've been creative with the budget and have only eliminated positions by attrition. I have the greatest confidence that we will continue our quest to do what is best for students and as we get closer to budget time the decisions will be student-driven.

Beatty: We as a district are already bracing for the cuts that are certain to come. Over the past few years, our board has done a great job in dealing with past cuts without layoffs and without eliminating programs. I anticipate continuing this trend. I certainly agree with Gov. Martinez's statement of keeping the money in the classroom. The classroom is where the kids are and we have to keep the focus on the kids. We have to continue to give the classrooms, the teachers and the students everything that we possibly can to ensure a quality education. From my experience so far, I do not feel that our district's administrative spending has been unreasonable. An administrative position is a demanding one and I, personally, expect the best from our administrators.

We, as a district, are actually operating very lean at the administrative positions right now. Patty White is filling two roles as the Associate Superintendent and the principal at Sierra Vista Primary. Most schools across the state have a principal and vice principal. We have this arrangement only in the high school and recently in the middle school. We just added a vice principal to the middle school to assist with some of the discipline issues we are facing. This position was promoted from within and did not create a new position on the payroll.

I can also tell you that all facets of the district budget

including administration will be scrutinized as we plan for the upcoming school year. This budget process will be a challenging one and I am eager to be a part of it. We have already begun searching for ways to cut the budget for next year. I guarantee that the entire budget and every aspect of the district will be looked at to determine where we can make cuts. The decisions will be tough, but I can guarantee that as long as I am involved, our children will be at the heart of every decision.

Temple: Without going through the existing budget line by line, it would be difficult to determine the level of administrative spending. If elected, I will closely examine administrative costs, compare them to similar districts around the state, and suggest adjustments as necessary. When faced with any type of funding cuts, I would first look at the facilities costs for cutbacks. I do not believe in taking away money from the classrooms, it would be a last resort to remove money from the classrooms.

Vincent: As a voice in our community and as a board member I would be happy to share the hierarchy of our administration to anyone and show their effectiveness within the district. I do not feel we are top heavy in our district concerning administration. Many discussions are happening across our district and state in finding ways to deal with the budget cuts that are possibly pending or imminent. It is simply team work amongst parents, teachers, administrators, the Superintendent, and the board to address these issues.

Herrera: Yes, I believe that the administration costs are too high but without reviewing the school budget I would not want to speculate on any proposed cuts.

Sayner: We are optimistic Governor Martinez will be successful with the Legislature in her promise not to cut funds from the public school classroom. At this time I am not sure where we will make administrative budget cuts if required. This school year the Board and Superintendent combined the duties of the Assoc. Superintendent & Sierra Vista Principal into one thus eliminating one administrative position. Based on the administrative salaries of other AAA schools in New Mexico our pay structure is at the low end. As with the teachers there have been no administrative pay raises the last three years and I certainly would not like to delete any of our current positions.

Marshall: Budget cuts are inevitable and must be made if we hope to recover from this lean time in our economy. Families in America are all facing these challenges because times are hard. Times like these call for team work and creative manipulation of money and assets. Many people in our community are selling real estate or leasing it out to make ends meet. Our district has real estate holdings and buildings that are not being used to their full capacity.

I would like to see what kind of assets we have that can be liquidated. I would like to look into creative ways that we could add money to our budget through selling or leasing these assets. I have been a real estate professional in NM for 27 years and owned my own company for 14 of those years. My sales and leasing experience will be a very valuable addition to the school board.

Romero: My knowledge of administrative costs within the Ruidoso School District is that Administrators are on an Administrative Salary Schedule based on education and experience for each individual. If I were elected as board member I would like to visit these cost more thoroughly and do a comparable salary study with other school districts our size that are within our state. I would suggest establishing school teams to come up with ideas on how costs could be trimmed, sharing or consolidation of jobs, and looking at ways to manage savings and cut waste. I believe in organizing teams within our district to deal with reduced funding.

A bottom-to-top approach would give everyone a voice; in addition, it would give ownership to all personnel.

3 *Discipline and bullying issues are being talked about in the Ruidoso district. How would you like those issues addressed?*

Lutterman: Now and Proactively. The School District is approaching these issues K-12. The administrative team and staff will have training and support as we tackle discipline and bullying issues now and probably forever.

Beatty: I want them addressed very aggressively. Research shows that the most successful way to combat discipline and bullying problems are to target the children at a young age. We have to teach our younger students about the issues. We cannot simply ignore them until the students reach the mid and high school levels. By these grades, it is generally too late. The district is already in the process of implementing several new programs to deal with discipline and bullying. Each of these programs is systemic in that they reach all of the grades. Again, I believe that the solution lies in educating our younger kids and these programs do just that.

Temple: My long answer could fill up several pages of the *Ruidoso News*. For a shorter answer I would start with the following steps: 1) Create a bullying prevention committee of staff. 2) Train all staff in prevention measures. 3) Maintain strong staff-student connections. 4) Use frequent descriptive praise for positive behavior. 5) Use a school-wide set of escalating consequences for aggression. 6) Support peer and staff bystanders. 7) Involve parents.

Vincent: In my view discipline begins at home. I was raised by a father and mother who used their hands to provide for me, caught me when I fell, wiped my tears when I cried, put me back on track when I needed it most, and spanked my backside when I deserved it. I love my mom and dad more and more for the morals, values and respect they instilled in me. That was taught to me at home. I remember if I got in trouble at school the consequences at home were much worse. Being parents of two children, my husband and I are following in the same footsteps as our parents. As for the bullying issues I believe Ruidoso Municipal School District has been proactive and is addressing any new concerns as they arise. I believe educating our students and the public is essential in systematically addressing bullying.

Herrera: I think discipline and bullying are very important issues that need to be addressed. Maybe we could look to the past to see how discipline and bullying was dealt with. I believe kids today are the same as the kids from the past and the problem lies with the administrative policies not the children.

Sayner: Over the last several years the Board and several of our Superintendents have instituted training and education related to bullying for our teachers and staff. At the beginning of this school year newer programs & concepts relating to recognizing and eliminating bullying have begun. As parents become more aware of the problem we would like to see them become a large part of the solution. Dr. Harris moved Cody Patterson to RMS several weeks ago as Assistant Principal to assist with identification and intervention.

Eliminating bullying is a constant and on going effort that is taken seriously throughout of school district.

Marshall: I believe our school system is addressing the issue of bullying. I have had several discussions with Mr. Heaton at the Ruidoso Middle School about this concerning my two boys who have been the recipients of bullying. He and his staff responded quickly and effectively with all students involved and took corrective action to remove the bullies from the school for a set period of time. I see improvement happen-

ing at RMS and also have heard that our new RHS principal has taken a more rigid stand on discipline as well. Finally, I believe that teaching parents and students that bullying is not appropriate or acceptable is a must. When adults finally stop modeling bullying, the students may follow suit.

Romero: I would like to address them immediately. The school district has begun to address this issue at the Middle School level as well prioritizing district-wide plans to address positive and safe social climates. I would encourage continued focus in this area that includes a long-range district wide plan of implementation and ongoing support. I would encourage continued monitoring of school safety through the district leadership team so that approaches and supports can be modified or reinforced to ensure safety for students, staff and families.

4 *Do you agree with the Ruidoso district's Facilities Master Plan? If so why? If you believe adjustments are needed, what would those be and why?*

Lutterman: It took over one year to complete the Master Facilities Plan and I was very pleased with the committee's accomplishments. Through this process the committee brought recommendations to the board on the GO Bond and priorities for the \$14 million for district improvement. The board was among the committee members but it was driven by a chairman and over 20 members of the community that spent countless hours visiting schools and agonizing over wants and needs of the district. I was very proud to be a part of the tireless, energetic and caring Blue Ribbon Committee. Please Vote Yes for Students!

Beatty: I do. The Master Plan is the culmination of a long effort from the Blue Ribbon Committee. The Blue Ribbon Committee was formed over a year ago and includes members from all over the community - teachers, parents, grandparents, administrators, the board, business owners, retirees, you name it. It is a very diverse group that made a significant commitment to be involved.

The Master Plan represents a group effort from our community. It is not the work of a small group sitting behind closed doors. I was absolutely impressed with the number of people who wanted to be involved and how well they worked together.

The Master Plan is the direction that the community chose for the district. In a small town such as ours, the school should be the hub of the community. The entire town should be involved and the Master Plan is the result of just that.

Temple: I have not seen the Master Plan, as it has not been placed on the district's web site for public review. At this time I cannot give an informed answer to the question.

Vincent: Every school district must have a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) in order to receive funding from the Public Schools Facilities Authority (PSFA). A Blue Ribbon Committee that consists of community members who are altruistic, who believe in public education, and who considers the common good for all students is established and organized.

This committee looks at each facility and gathers data from each site committee then determines priorities for the district. This information is then presented to the board with recommendations for our approval which is then turned over to PSFA for approval for the next five years. Any project that is listed on the FMP can be funded up to 30 percent in our district. The district reviews and updates the FMP annually and then is revisited by the Blue Ribbon Committee before the 5 years has expired. I do agree with our FMP that our district has in place and appreciate all the dedicated committee members who have spent many hours focusing and prioritizing the needs of our district. Thank you, Blue Ribbon Committee!

Herrera: I have not reviewed

the district's facilities master plan but I believe in these hard economic times we need to review it and make sure there is no wasteful spending. The most important thing is the students' education.

Sayner: At this time I am well pleased with the Facilities Master Plan. Remember the Plan was developed over a number of years based upon the involvement and the contribution of parents, teachers, administrators, board member and a large number of our general public. This is a community plan, not one originated and determined solely by the Board. As with any strategic plan it has been designed to be constantly monitored and changed as needed.

Marshall: I have not had the privilege of reviewing the Facilities Master Plan. I searched for it online and didn't find it in the school documents. I have asked numerous questions of school board members and past members about the Master Plan and have yet to get a very clear picture. I am heading to the Central Office this week to review it.

Romero: Yes, I agree with the projects identified in the Ruidoso School District's Facility Master Plan. The Blue Ribbon Committee, appointed by the school board and school district personnel, has diligently developed the Facility Master Plan for 2010-2015. The plan identifies priority renovations and project upgrades that are essential for ensuring that our school buildings and grounds are safe, structurally sound, and are adequate for our students now and in the future. The GO bond, if passed, will fund these project, as well as provisions for technology. The technology funds will be used to support initiatives towards 21st Century Technology learning objectives for students over a four year time period. We have a responsibility to our students to ensure they have access to opportunities that will prepare them to be competitive in the greater society.

I do not see adjustments to the master plan at this times, but if elected would like to the opportunity to look at the plans in depth.

Cecil Davis provided the following to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce: "I am married to my lovely wife Mary and together we have an eighth grade daughter Sierra.

"We have lived in Ruidoso more than 19 years. I had restaurants in Texas and wanted to bring one to Ruidoso. During the years of running the diner, the kids kept coming in and telling me to get out of the kitchen and onto the field. So about nine years ago I did. I now officiate softball, baseball, football and basketball throughout Lincoln County.

"In everything I do, God comes first. We all must learn the fundamentals of working together and that includes God. Whether playing or working, we must just enjoy it all. God put me here for a purpose and I have felt it is for the children. Being one of seven children, I put my mother through the wringer. She taught me the importance of God and my teenage rebellion taught me that God can be in church and community and sports.

"The children seem to only focus on winning these days. But I am here to teach them that they are always winners. They don't seem to have a clue and need all of us helping them along the way.

"I am currently working with Can't Stop Smokin' and the Post Office, and am president of the Community Warehouse board. I am involved with the kids and the community and want answers. To get these answers I know I have to jump right into the heart of it and see if I can make a difference."

A candidates forum, sponsored by the Ruidoso Education Association, will begin Thursday at 6 p.m., at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Art Center, on the high school campus.

The polls on Feb. 1, at the Ruidoso Convention Center, will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

EDUCATION

Espinoza bill holds back nonproficient third graders

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A New Mexico House member whose district includes parts of Chaves, Lincoln and Otero Counties wants to stop advancing academically nonproficient students from grade three to grade four.

State Rep. Nora Espinoza (R-Roswell) introduced legislation on Jan. 19 that would restrict the grade promotion for students who are not making the score in reading.

Currently a parent can refuse to allow their child be retained by signing a waiver. In addition to showing the parent's desire to promote the student to the next grade level, the waiver mandates that an academic improvement plan be assembled by district officials.

Espinoza's bill would require schools to notify

parents at the end of the third-grade year that the student will be retained and a parental waiver is not allowed.

A school district student assistance team would immediately develop an academic improvement plan that outlines timelines and monitoring activities to ensure progress toward overcoming the student's academic deficiencies.

Advancing to the fourth grade is possible if the student meets proficiency before the start of the coming school year.

That could mean summer school or other remediation programs.

Under Espinoza's proposal, a student could only be held back up to two times in grade three.

The bill has been referred to the House Consumer and Public Affairs and the House Education committees.

NOB HILL BUZZY BEES



COURTESY

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center Head Start Buzzy Bees for December are: Back Row: Lusiah Tafoya, Isabella Garza, Christian Nava, Antonio Venegas, Seciliah Ferguson, Javez Lara Mata. Front Row: Tristan Porter, Paulette Loya, Bryan Calzada, Isabelle Kring, Tyler Shatswell, Horey Hidalgo, Alexis Coleman.

MAKING THE GRADE



COURTESY

Fifteen students made the grade, qualifying for the honor roll at Sierra Blanca Christian Academy. Front row, l-r: Slade Harvey, Christina Vargas and Jennah Salcido. Second row: Joseph Salcido, Asher Rafkin, John Paul Mladek and Maegan Stanovich. Third row: Malachi Martin, David Marshall and Caleb McNamara. Back row: Natalia Espinosa, Noa Martin and Jason Christian. Not pictured: Adrian and Marina Flores.



COURTESY

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center Kindergarten December Buzzy Bees are: Back Row: Bianca Trujillo, Kaiden Enjady, Shenae Chino, Jaxon Erickson, Kaya Turbeville, Gavon Hall, Reese Pearson, Gulliana McAlister and Sonia Bravo. Middle Row: Jesus Porras, Ruby Quirate, Paul J. Samora, Connor Holland, Lea Montes, Joseph Clark, Brooklyn Northrip. Front Row: Silvia Loera-Rodriguez, Fernando Pelcastre, Laurel Lee and Katharyn Davis.

WHITE MOUNTAIN POSTER WINNERS



COURTESY PHOTO

An art reception at the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts featured 50 posters from the Protecting You - Protecting Me program at the White Mountain Elementary School. The winning posters were: First place, Elyanna Greer; second place, Payton Barnett; third place, Alyssa Comenero. The art will remain on display in the council's headquarters at 1712 Sudderth Drive through January.

BRIEF

Goal class

Dana Dildine-Lopez, ENMU-Ruidoso instructor, will be teaching a one evening class for Community Education aimed at identifying, analyzing, and fulfilling personal goals.

The class is on Thursday, Jan. 27 at ENMU-Ruidoso from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$55 or \$45 for seniors.

For more information or to register, call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

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Ledger becomes a symbol for retrieval of lost records

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A ledger detailing civil and criminal legal cases in Lincoln County recorded by justices of the peace based in White Oaks is home again.

County Clerk Rhonda Burrows said her department is mounting a serious effort to retrieve lost records to bring them back

to the county, preserve them for safekeeping and duplicate them for public access and research.

The discovery of the ledger has become a symbol for those efforts and she hopes to bring others on-board with the goal.

"In June 2010, Roberta Haldane, a published author, was doing research for a book on White Oaks," Burrows said. "In talking to

the Robert Leslie family for her research, she came across the White Oaks ledger. It's a beautiful book entitled "Justice Docket Lincoln County, New Mexico, and it's a record of civil and criminal proceedings that came before the justices of peace in White Oaks from about 1879 to 1885."

"It's in wonderful shape, a fabulous find and beautiful historical document," Burrows said. "The Robert Leslie family donated it back to Lincoln County. They recognized it had been the county's property at one time."

Burrows said over a century, many documents and ledger books owned by the county disappeared and transferred into private hands by different routes.

One route in particular probably was the most colorful.

When the county courthouse was moved from the settlement of Lincoln to the county seat of Carrizozo in June 1911, the action nearly caused a second Lincoln County War.

The Carrizozo Outlook newspaper reported on June 23, 1911, that as officials tried to remove county

records; they "were confronted by a mob of Lincoln citizens, who now hold the county records."

When a Sheriff Stephens was unable to control the "lawless mob," a territorial policeman arrived and apparently, quickly assessed that he couldn't control the situation alone and wired for backup.

"District Attorney Llewellyn phones that he will arrive today after conferring with Judge Wright," the reporter wrote. "Territorial officials are expected to have the situation in hand by Saturday evening (four days later)."

When the court ruling on transfer of the documents was driven to Lincoln, "a mob of over 40 people were at the courthouse." Officials attempted to get the records, but the county clerk and the county treasurer claimed, "the people of Lincoln had control of the records and refused to allow them to be taken to Carrizozo."

The official detail assigned to retrieve the records returned to Carrizozo empty-handed.

A telegram was sent to the governor warning of

potential violence and saying the sheriff could not control the mob, which by that time was estimated at 75-strong.

Burrows said reading about that episode, it's no surprise some people hid records and never returned them. Others were "borrowed" or stolen over the decades.

"Return of this ledger is beneficial both from the historical standpoint and because it really belongs to the county. The Robert Leslie family was kind enough to donate it back to the county," Burrows said.

"I want to encourage others who have old records of anything to return them to us. We will preserve the records and make (copies or protected originals) available for research. You'd be surprised how many authors contact us looking for records connected to Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War, and genealogy is a big thing right now. The records can assist them in tracing family histories."

Unfortunately, Burrows said she's received reports of historical documents from the county being for sale on various Internet

websites.

"They are the property of Lincoln County and should be in the county's possession," she said. "They are the property of the citizens of Lincoln County and we hope to recover those documents."

Burrows credited former county clerk Martha Proctor, now a magistrate judge in Carrizozo, will initiating the program to preserve and store historical records, and create reproductions for researchers and public access.

"Karen Mills is our historic records clerk, and she's working to archive all the documents we have," Burrows said.

"They're protected by archival sleeves to prevent further deterioration. We're hoping for a climate controlled safe room in the future."

The ultimate goal would be to digitized the records and some have been done, she said, with the originals now secured in a safe.

"We have some fabulous history here," she said.

Burrows can be contacted at 575-648-2394, ext. 130, for more information about bringing county records home.



COURTESY

Chief Deputy Tammie Maddox and County Clerk Rhonda Burrows are shown here with the ledger.

SSgt. Frankie Vasquez Jr. honored at 'All American' Bowl

DONA FAIR
For the Ruidoso News

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - When the son of a Ruidoso man checks his uniform in the mirror every day, he sees an Army soldier. But when the record crowd of 37,893 fans saw him enter the Alamodome for the Army sponsored "All-American" Bowl high school all-star football game, they saw more than a soldier; they saw a hero.

Army Staff Sgt. Frankie Vasquez Jr., son of Frank Vasquez, of Ruidoso, was one of 90 Army active duty, Reserve, or National Guard soldier heroes that were honored during the pre-game activities. Each of the soldiers earned a Silver

Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, or Army Commendation medal for their efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation New Dawn.

Shortly before the kickoff of the nationally televised game, each of the soldier heroes were matched to an All-American high school athlete, who represented the East and West squad on the field.

During the past year, the soldier heroes have participated in various military deployments, and because of their dedication, leadership, and teamwork skills, received various medals for their distinguished service to our country.

"I received a Purple

Heart for sustaining a head injury in 2002 when our Stryker came into contact with a roadside improvised explosive device in Mosul, Iraq," said Vasquez, a 2000 graduate of Frontier High School, Whittier, Calif.

San Antonio opened its arms to Vasquez and his fellow soldier heroes in what has become one of the largest events of its kind in high school sports. Throughout the week, the soldiers and players were able to learn about each other and develop camaraderie by attending various events which included a Player-Hero challenge, barbeque, and formal dinner.

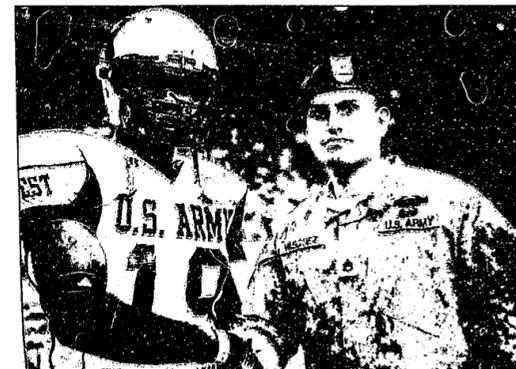
"It's been a great experience," said Vasquez. "I'd have never gotten the

opportunity to do things like this without this program."

Representing the Army in this way only brings home the importance for young people to serve in the military today.

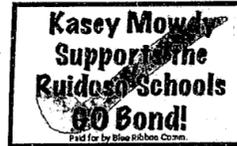
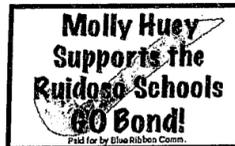
"The military is a great job," said Vasquez. "We can always use new soldiers and serving is just a great experience."

Vasquez, who is an indirect fire infantryman with the 2-3 Infantry, Fort Lewis, Wash., and his fellow soldier heroes, will continue to do the job of "heroes" without the pageantry and fanfare of a nationally-televised game. For them it's a simple matter of loving what they do and the country they serve.



COURTESY TSgt. SEAN WORRELL, USAF

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Frankie Vasquez Jr. is one of 90 soldier heroes honored at the 2011 Army-sponsored "All-American" Bowl.



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PUBLIC INVITED TO PROPOSE FOREST PROJECTS FOR FUNDING

ALAMOGORDO, ALBUQUERQUE, AND SILVER CITY, NM; January 10, 2011... The Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is issuing a call for proposals for special projects on Federal lands (<http://www.fs.fed.us/srs/Title-II.shtml>) under the 2008 Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Secure Rural Schools or Act). Proposals are due February 25, 2011 for timely review and discussion. The RAC will begin reviewing projects for possible funding recommendation during their meeting in April 2011.

The funding (approximately \$1.7 million) is limited to Catron (\$667,674), Grant (\$163,676), Lincoln (\$82,043), Otero (\$257,919), Sierra (\$178,355), and Socorro (\$332,943) Counties. Projects must be located on, or benefit, the Cibola, Gila, or Lincoln National Forests. Funding would be available no earlier than summer or fall of 2011. Proposals and Title II monies will be recommended by the RAC to the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Al Koss, based on each affected County's available Title II monies.

All applicants must contact the affected National Forest District Ranger (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/contact/forestoffices.shtml>) prior to submitting a proposal(s) for their input and to obtain and discuss the list of required items for a complete proposal package. You can find the required items document at the Southern New Mexico RAC website https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/RAC/Southern+New+Mexico?OpenDocument.

The Secure Rural Schools legislation encourages cooperative agreements with willing Federal agencies, State and local governments, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners for protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, and other resource objectives consistent with the purposes of the Act that benefit resources on national forest system lands. The types of proposals eligible for funding may include:

- Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
- Soil productivity improvement;
- Improvements in forest ecosystem health;
- Watershed restoration and maintenance;
- The restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
- The control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
- The re-establishment of native species.

People should submit proposals one of two ways: 1) On-line at https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf and then connect to the Southern New Mexico RAC (click on "Propose a Title II Project" and select the link to the on-line form at the bottom of the text); or 2) Download the Rich Text Format document at the website as cited in #1, fill it out, and either mail it directly to the Coordinator or go to R3SouthernNewMexicoRAC@fs.fed.us and attach it to an email.

Proposals sent hardcopy are to be mailed to Patti Turpin/RAC Coordinator at the Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's Office, 3463 Las Palomas Rd, Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310 after they have received input from the affected District Ranger and include the items required by the RAC.

The public is welcome to attend all RAC meetings which are announced through the Federal Register and news releases in the local newspapers of record. For more information on the RAC or to learn more about proposing projects please contact RAC DFO, Al Koss, at 575-536-2250 or RAC Coordinator, Patti Turpin at 575-434-7230.

Resident suggests stronger citizen involvement

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It could be as simple as posting contact information about various chairmen on the county's home page

Although Lincoln County commissioners took no action, they thanked a Nogal resident for his input on how to increase citizens' involvement in county issues and volunteer boards.

County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners at their meeting last week that Bob Moeller wrote several memorandums about how to effectively gain citizens' involvement in the county Planning Commission and the County Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

While Moeller offered "a few nuggets worthy of some consideration," Stewart said commissioners will have to advise him, if they want him to adjust the manager's priorities and methods of managing "an overwhelming number of

tasks and responsibilities with minimal resources."

Currently, the potential contributions from the two boards are being overlooked, Moeller contended and his suggestions are aimed at empowering citizens.

The boards could function as effective extensions of staff to scope and advise the county manager and commissioners on sometimes contentious issues arising in the area of natural resources, land use and development planning and regulations for county growth management, he wrote in a Nov. 5 memorandum.

The boards now are nearly invisible because of lack of public awareness and scarcity of meetings, he wrote. Public comment on

agenda issues "is strongly discouraged," at the Planning Commission meetings, Moeller wrote.

"Accordingly, the Planning Commission is not effective in either grasping, addressing and scoping issues on behalf of the (county manager and county commission), nor is this body seen by the electorate as relevant to their concerns," he wrote.

When seeking new appointments to the two boards, commissioners should look for people with qualifications and experience related to the board's mission, and should take care to select chairmen who have leadership qualities and who are not intimidated or disdainful of public input.

He recommended en-

couraging the two boards to actively scope and advise on a wide range of land use and natural resource issues, and to act independently to determine information on issues that need to be brought to the commission's attention.

Public attendance should be encouraged and contact information about the chairmen should be published and posted on the county webpage.

In a Jan. 6 memo, Moeller dealt with each board specifically, recommending that the Planning Director meet with new members before the first scheduled session to brief them on the scope and limits of their duties, to hand out a job description. Information about the planning board should be

posted on the website and a press release prepared for local newspapers to recruit volunteers.

The county attorney should be placed on each board's meeting agenda periodically to give the chairman and members an orientation on the Open Meetings Act, ex parte communications and local land use ordinances, issues and interpretations, Moeller suggested.

He pushed for meeting agendas to be published sufficiently in advance to appear in the newspapers.

The planning commission chairman should present in person a written report to county commissioners and the county manager on the highlights and recent proceeding and recommendations of the

planning commission. Photographs and contact information for each planning commission should be placed on the county website, he wrote.

Commissioners and the county manager should provide regular feedback, guidance and assignments, to the planning commission, and LANRAC regarding the comprehensive plan, land use and development regulation issues about which citizens input, deliberations and recommendation to the county commission would be desirable, useful and beneficial.

LANRAC should be considered a planning client of the county planning director and routinely given assignments by county commission, Moeller wrote. The planning director should coordinate the work of the two boards, allowing LANRAC to scope impacts on private and public land.

County again brushes off notion of property tax rebate

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Every year, Lincoln County commissioners are asked to approve an ordinance setting up a property tax rebate for low income taxpayers. And every year, the idea is rejected.

The big sticking point seems to be that if the rebate is approved, the rest of the property taxpayers in the county must make up the difference to the state.

"This is an extremely complex issue and if adopted, the county would have to make the state whole in

any money rebated to the low-income taxpayers," County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners at their meeting earlier this month.

"I have learned that Los Alamos County has approved such an ordinance Sept. 14, 2010," he

said. "According to the Property Tax Division, one county experimented with the ordinance and that was Sandoval County, and they abandoned the program when it was determined that the program dramatically and unpredictably cut the revenues of the county."

Stewart said he will monitor Los Alamos County's first year of experience with the new ordinance. He already spoke with that county's manager about updating him. The

rebate in Los Alamos ranges from 35 percent of a person's property tax liability if earning \$22,000 to \$24,000 annually, up to 75 percent of a property tax liability, if earning from zero to \$8,000 a year.

For now, Stewart recommended against approval.

County Assessor Paul Baca reminded commissioners the ordinance does not refer to a tax exemption. It provides for an actual rebate of property taxes. A low income property tax exemption already is available for property owners with low income, who are older than 65 or disabled, he said.

"This is a different issue. It is a rebate on property tax," Baca said.

During the public hearing, Capitan resident Duane Williams stated his opposition, noting the other options available to a property owner and the additional burden to the remainder of the residential tax base.

When the public hearing was closed, County Attorney Alan Morel said if commissioners wanted to move

ahead, a motion should be approved instructing him to prepare the ordinance for a hearing and a vote. No action was required if commissioners were not interested in an ordinance.

Commissioners moved on to the next item without offering a motion.

About that tree

Before leaving the podium, Baca told the commission that the tree in the county courthouse courtyard that Stewart intends to cut down and replace with something more manageable, was planted sometime in the 1980s by former facilities supervisor Marty Ortiz, who now lives in Indiana.

"They laughed at him for planting such a scrawny little tree, and look at it now," Baca said.

Commissioner Tom Battin said he thought the tree is a sycamore.

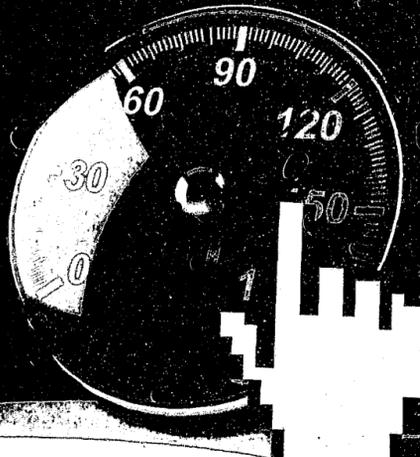
Stewart said he's thinking about replacing it with an evergreen, something that does not shed leaves, will not spread over the roof and can be decorated at Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rigsby of Ruidoso are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kelly Janae, to Brandon Lee Johnson, son of Mr. Mike Johnson of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Ms. Denise Johnson of Denver, Colorado. The ceremony was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso on October 23rd, 2010 with Rev. Tony Chambless officiating. Scripture was read by Mr. Les Carter. The groom's grandfather, Mr. Johnny Johnson offered a prayer in his native Seminole language.

Attendants for the bride were Allison Rigsby, Alden Rice, Kristen Johnson Serna, and Rachael Smith. The groom's attendants were Geoffrey Johnson, Mason Wilkins, John Kafer and Jacob Rigsby. Matthew Rigsby served as candle lighter and assisted as an usher. Following the ceremony guests were invited to a reception at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club.

The bride is a graduate of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas and the groom graduated from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The couple currently resides in Austin, Texas. The bride is employed at Sol Marketing Concepts and the groom is the Sales Manager for Granite Security Systems. They plan a wedding trip to the Dominican Republic in the summer of 2011.

County resolution addresses eligibility in CDBG program

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To continue participation in the federal Community Development Block Grant program, Lincoln County commissioners are required annually to approve four plans dealing with fair housing, citizens participation, anti-displacement and project hiring procedures.

They complied at their meeting earlier this month by adopting one resolution covering all four, after an explanation of each plan by County Manager Tom Stewart. Adoption is required if commissioners want to continue to seek funding, up to \$500,000 at a time, for projects such as the Capital rural health care clinic, he said.

"Since we have already completed the meetings to adopt the project, we have complied with all (the citizen input requirements), except the handling of complaints, because we had none," he said.

As for fair housing rules, the county previously ad-

opted a fair housing ordinance in 2008, he said. The plan specified for adoption under the resolution contains no significant modifications, he said.

The plan against displacement and helping with relocation also has no impact because the county has no inclination to become involved with a project that would destroy low-to-moderate-income housing, the manager told commissioners.

He elaborated on the Section 3 Plan that deals with requirements for selecting contractors and for hiring that give preference to small local businesses and people most in need of a job based on income. It also requires contractors to prepare a written Section 3 plan as part of their bids on all jobs exceeding \$100,000.

Other requirements enumerated in the plan, because the money for projects is coming from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, include:

- to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for

training and employment be given lower income residents of the project areas, and contracts for work in connection with the project.

- the contractor will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising the group or representative of his commitments under the Section 3 clause, and shall post the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or training.

- a contractor will not let any subcontract unless the subcontractor has first provided evidence of compliance with the requirements of the regulations

- compliance with the provisions of Section 3 shall be a condition of the federal financial assistance provided to the project.

Stewart said he carries the title of Section 3 Compliance Officer. While a person already is designated in the office to handle compliance with the section

on projects, he also would like to appoint Michele Caskey, the county fixed asset manager, to meet with contractors in the field to ensure their compliance.

"She volunteered to expand her knowledge of Section 3," he said.

"The county appears to be complying with most other parts of the plan," he said. "I'm to inquire of applicants about their income level." As he understands the rule, if there are two candidates with everything else equal, he is supposed to hire the candidate who is most in need.

He will check out that regulation, Stewart said, but in the meantime he recommended adoption of the resolution approving all four plans.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo asked if the new assignment would interfere with Caskey's job tracking fixed assets and the county inventory, or would step on the assignment of Orlando Samora, the county purchasing agent. But Stewart said Samora handles his end in

the office and Caskey would be in the field, and they should not intersect.

The county tries to use local vendors, while securing the best price quote, he said. That assignment already is covered by current purchasing personnel. Caskey would go out to contractors and make sure they are adhering to federal hiring practices onsite.

The manager said he thought the inventory and fixed asset situation is "under control," and it's time for Caskey to "expand her horizons." He anticipated no job title change.

"I'm trying to do (compliance tracking) in-house the best I can," Stewart said. "The requirements keep coming and if you want the \$500,000, (the requirements must be met)."

Commissioner Kathryn Minter pointed out that if someone is looking for a job, they may be unem-

ployed, have no income and automatically be the most in need. Stewart said that's true, but there may be other income sources.

Minter also suggested an additional title to indicate the importance of compliance. Stewart said the assignment is only for one year, but he agreed the title of asset manager doesn't cover the additional work.

County representation on JUB turns 'political'

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Seating a Lincoln County representative on the board that oversees the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs wastewater treatment plant may become a topic in the coming months.

During the Jan. 20 meeting of the plant's Joint Use Board, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn raised an issue with the process for naming a county member on the five-member board, which has two Ruidoso members and two Ruidoso Downs members.

On Jan. 3 the Lincoln County Commission nominated newly elected Commissioner Mark Doth of Ruidoso to the JUB. But a week later the Ruidoso Downs City Council rejected Doth's nomination. City Councillor Dean Holman called the situation delicate.

"My concern primarily is, and it has been for a long time, that the representative from the county quite often is a tie-breaker. My preference is that individual on the Joint Use Board representing the county not be a resident also of the Village of Ruidoso and that

they also not be a resident of the City of Ruidoso Downs."

Holman said politics were a factor.

"You can see what's coming down the road. People are already jockeying, hoping that we will select this person or that person, or reject this person or that person."

City Councillor Gary Williams noted Doth was a new member of the Lincoln County Commission.

"The Joint Use Board, to me, is a very important board of individuals who make decisions that are vital when it comes to the wastewater treatment plant. I believe that a little more experienced representative from the county would be more to the liking to the committee as a whole."

Stating at the more recent JUB meeting that he was only speaking for himself, Alborn said he concurred with the Ruidoso Downs City Council's deci-

sion to nix the Lincoln County Commission's initial nomination of Doth. The commission later named Commissioner Jackie Powell. The commissioners had been told that Alborn and Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong had spoken to Commissioner Tom Battin about serving on the JUB.

"I was disappointed that they (county commission) did not contact you about what our desire was for the open position on the board," Alborn told Armstrong at the JUB meeting. "Mr. Stewart (Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart) called me. The chairman had suggested he call me and ask about the different things, and I gave him my personal opinion, not our council's opinion. And I think you should have been called as well. And I'm disappointed they didn't do that. Of course, what I said to him didn't make a difference anyway. At least we had the option when they called and asked me, but I

think they should have called and asked you as well," Alborn said of the mayors' reasons for desiring Battin.

Alborn then questioned the need for a county member on the JUB.

"My feeling is if they're going to have a place at the table they need to step up financially if they're going to have a person on the JUB."

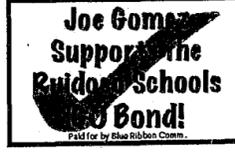
Armstrong responded that a change may be desirable, but not right now.

"I'm not ready to make any changes until we get this wastewater treatment plant built. That's my main thing - that we stay on track."

Alborn reiterated the county needs to have "money in the game."

Armstrong said one Lincoln County member on the JUB will not stop progress at the nearly completed new treatment plant.

"I think we're far enough along that it shouldn't."

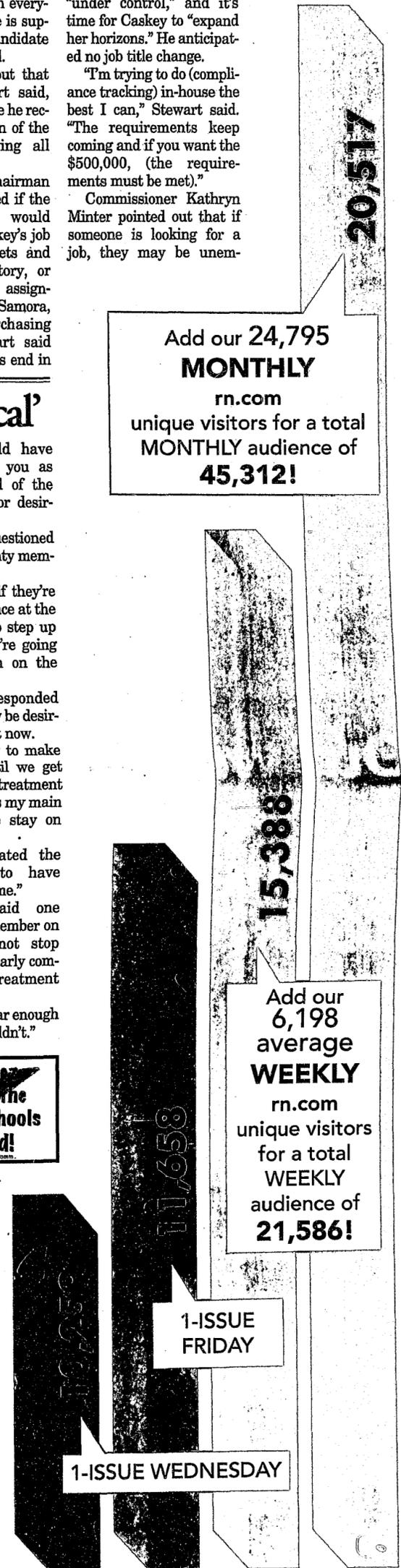


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Flames from the Raven Ridge Pile burn are visible from Cedar Lane, behind Sierra Mall, Monday morning as the National Forest Service conducts a prescribed burn in the Cedar Creek area of Ruidoso. The Lincoln National Forest Smokey Bear Ranger District announced Monday morning that they would be burning slash piles through Saturday.

Prosecutor from NM named

A federal prosecutor who specializes in violent crimes in New Mexico's Indian Country has been appointed to a new national violence against women task force.

U. S. Attorney General Eric Holder Friday named Glynette Carson-McNabb to the Violence Against Women Federal and Tribal Prosecution Task Force.

U. S. Attorney for New Mexico Kenneth Gonzales applauded the decision.

"Glynette Carson-McNabb brings tremendous hands-on experience and expertise in prosecuting Indian Country offenses, especially those involving women and children, to the Violence Against Women Federal and Tribal Prosecution Task Force. Given her unwavering commitment to safeguarding our Native communities and her can-do, roll-up-your-sleeves work ethic, I have no doubt that she will be a tremendous asset to the prosecution task force and that she will provide to the attorney general the same sage advice that she provides to me in her capacity as the supervisor of my office's Indian County Crimes Section."

The 13-member task force, which is chaired by the United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, includes six assistant U. S. attorneys and six representatives from tribal governments.

Carson-McNabb has been an assistant federal attorney for 10 years. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, she was an assistant district attorney in New Mexico's 13th Judicial District.

The new task force is to facilitate dialog and coordinate efforts on the prosecution of violence against women crimes in Native American communities.

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Season total: 27 inches

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Snow surface: Packed powder

Weather for Wednesday: Sunny

along with a few clouds. High 43F.

Winds NNE at 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday evening, clear skies.

Low 26F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.

Weather for Thursday: Abundant

sunshine. Highs in the mid 40s

and lows in the low 30s.

Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy

Street, Ramp, Lower Deep Freeze,

Capitan Heavy, Top Notch, Lower

Moonshine, Smokey Bear, Snow

Park, Chino and Moonshine Gulch

Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2 (open to

Midway), No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5.

Gondola open, weather permitting

Results

Boys Basketball

Saturday, Jan. 22

NMMI JV 38, Capitan JV 25

NMMI 42, Capitan 27

Magdalena 69, Carrizozo 63

Roswell 75, Ruidoso 54

Quemado 55, Hondo 44

Friday, Jan. 21

Ruidoso 62, West Las Vegas 61

Thursday, Jan. 20

Carrizozo 63, Corona 16

Foothill 47, Mescalero 44

Girls Basketball

Saturday, Jan. 22

Ruidoso 54, Artesia 41

Hondo 54, Quemado 34

Friday, Jan. 21

Chaparral 50, Ruidoso 41

Thursday, Jan. 20

Carrizozo 57, Corona 15

Tularosa 66, Mescalero 22

Sports On Tap

Basketball

Girls

Thursday, Jan. 27

Corona at Hondo, 5 p.m.

Mescalero at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.

Dexter at Capitan, 4 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28

RHS at Lovington, 5:30 p.m.

Reserve at Corona, 5 p.m.

Carrizozo Jr. High games have

been canceled

Saturday, Jan. 29

Carrizozo JV & Varsity at Hondo,

3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 31

Corona at Mountainair, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

RHS at Robertson, 6:30 p.m.

Corona at Vaughn, 5 p.m.

Lake Arthur at Hondo, 5 p.m.

Capitan at Mescalero, 4 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28

RHS at Lovington, 5:30 p.m.

Reserve at Corona, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

NMMI at RHS, 3:30 p.m.

Carrizozo at Hondo, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Roswell at RHS, 5:30 p.m.

Capitan at Mescalero, 4 p.m.

Carrizozo at Cloudcroft, 4 p.m.

Corona at Vaughn, 5 p.m.

Lake Arthur at Hondo, 5 p.m.

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Little League Baseball

Ruidoso Little League Baseball

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upcoming season. For information

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Sierra Blanca Invitational

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The annual Sierra Blanca Invitational wrestling tournament, hosted by Ruidoso High School, once again saw continuous floor action Friday and Saturday as eight teams – Wingate (1A-3A), Tucumcari (1A-3A), Goddard (4A), Roswell (4A) and 5A schools, Hobbs, Carlsbad, Mayfield and Las Cruces – came to the village to compete in the two-day event.

Wrestling competition commenced at 1 p.m. the first day and lasted until 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's matchups began at 9:30 a.m. and concluded around 2 p.m. Some of the schools brought varsity and JV athletes while others chose to only bring their varsity wrestlers.

Last year's tournament was snowed out and wrestling fans were eager for the Invitational to get back on track.

This year's version of the Warrior wrestling team is young and inexperienced but senior Oscar Magaña acquitted himself well in the 152-pound weight class by tak-



Members of the Ruidoso wrestling team are, l-r, front, Ty Marshall, Michael Carpenter and Kaylen Chavez. Middle row, Brennan Moorhead, Cannon Irons, Mayra Valenzuela, Robert Frizzel and Mathew Storey. Back row, Oscar Magana, Armando Baca, Sam Freed, Chance Irons and Tanner DeSoto.

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Lady Warriors trim Artesia Bulldogs

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Friday, the Lady Warriors lost at Chaparral, 50-41, but came back Saturday afternoon at home to beat Artesia, 54-41.

In the two previous games they played they also split a pair in the same fashion, losing a tough one at Tularosa on Jan. 14, 55-53, before coming back four days later to trounce Mesilla Valley, 62-50.

Even with the two recent losses RHS is at 13-6 overall as of this writing.

Earlier in the year (Dec. 12), the Lady Bulldogs defeated Ruidoso, 54-47, in

Artesia.

Saturday RHS was dominant in all four quarter outscoring the visitors in every quarter 9-7, 12-11, 16-11 and 17-12.

Lyndsey Saenz led in double digits with 17, Marjanel Vigil collected 14 and Sydney Gonzales pushed in 12.

Head coach Julie Montoya was more than satisfied with the way her girls played against the Lady bulldogs.

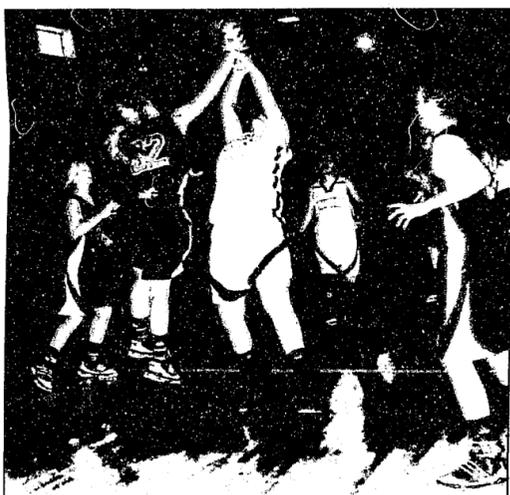
"This game felt good," Montoya said. "In the three previous games we played I felt we were inconsistent, losing to Tularosa, beating Mesilla by 12 and then losing to Chaparral.

"The Lady Warriors played great team ball today. And everybody coming off the bench did their job.

"When I walked in the dressing room after the game I told all of them, 'Now that's the way you play basketball!'"

Tuesday, the Lady Warriors will have played West Las Vegas at home and Friday the RHS girls will travel to D4-3A Lovington for their first district match-up.

The Lady Wildcats won their first 10 games in a row before losing at home to Artesia, 53-46, on Jan. 4. As of this writing they are 11-4 overall.



Abrianna Herrera goes for a rebound against Artesia.

Warriors shave Dons; bitten by Coyotes

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Friday's three-and-a-half hour trip to West Las Vegas proved fruitful as the Ruidoso Warriors nipped the Dons, 62-61 (in actuality the true score was 63-61

but the scorekeeper inadvertently put one point up instead of two for a layup). Saturday's journey to Roswell was more disappointing as the RHS hardwood crew came up short, 75-54. The trip to Coyoteland marked their

third away game in a row, proving that consecutive travel games in basketball can sometimes be hazardous.

West Las Vegas took the lead at the close of the first quarter, 16-13, and both teams went to the locker

rooms at the half with the hometown crew up 32-29.

Credit for the ultimate Warrior win would have to go to the Ruidoso defense as the Dons were only able to put up eight points in the third period. RHS scored 13 and gave them a first-time

lead of 42-40 going into the last quarter. Both teams matched one another in scoring output in the last eight minutes of play with 21 each, giving the Warriors a one- or two-

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Jets' Ryan fast and loose with 'I' and 'We'

In a recent column I lambasted NY Jets' coach, Rex Ryan's over-reliance on his technocracy on the sidelines to win games. I also refuted the comparison of Ryan or for that matter, Quarterback Mark Sanchez to Joe "Willie" Namath. Sadly, Ryan's bloviating ended when his off field technician, Brian



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Schottenheimer, the offensive coordinator figuratively dropped the ball. He took his time with his play-calling when the Jets started at their own 19 with 50 seconds left in the third quarter. Sanchez spent the game with headphones that did not work. He repeatedly had to run to the sidelines to consult with Schottenheimer. In the

end a confused and crestfallen Sanchez was pointing down to the helmet which he said had went "haywire." In reality the Jets let the game get away from them during the first half when the Steelers got ahead of them 24-3. Sanchez's fumble turned out to be the key scoring play for the Steelers. The failure to stop Rashard Mendenhall's running game and Schottenheimer's questionable decision making in key situations all contributed

to the Jets demise. Even though the Jets miraculously came back in the 4th quarter to make it 24-19 it was a case of too little too late. I noticed that during the post game interview Ryan said "We lost the game." This contrasted with his bombastic rhetoric following the win over the Indianapolis Colts where he said "I beat Indianapolis." It seems that he does not share the wealth but Ryan shares the blame.

Mark Sanchez is a spectacular athlete and he will likely make it to the Super Bowl at some stage of his career, but let's get something straight. He will never be a Joe Namath and it's not his fault. Namath was a dinosaur compared to the modern technocratic era in football. Without his headphones Sanchez was flustered. In Namath's day he was the leader calling the shots. With the clock ticking away it was Namath who came through.

Utah State, San Jose State not going to Mountain West

SUN-NEWS REPORT
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — For now, the Western Athletic Conference is staying as is.

Recent speculation that Utah State and San Jose State would be moving on to the Mountain West

Conference was put to a halt on Tuesday, when the league said it would remain as a 10-team entity.

Such news is good news for New Mexico State and the WAC, which has already lost Boise State, Fresno State, Nevada and Hawaii to the MWC.

Having two more schools depart would have been devastating for a league that has already undergone drastic change. "I'm breathing a sigh of relief right now," NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston said.

The Mountain made an announcement Tuesday

afternoon that it wouldn't expand any further.

"Over the past two days, the Board of Directors has engaged in a very thorough discussion of several key topics pertinent to the future of the Mountain West Conference," the league said in a statement.

"This has included, but not been limited to, issues related to television, the Bowl Championship Series and members. The Board feels strongly the membership configuration already established going forward creates outstanding prospects for future success.

In addition, we are continuing with our strategic initiatives related to our television partnerships and the MWC's efforts to effect change in the BCS structure.

The Board is excited about what is undoubtedly a bright future for the conference."

WRESTLE

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ing third place as did junior, heavyweight Mikeal Montoya who also took a third place.

Both had to wrestle six matches each because they lost once in the earlier rounds, but still, both worked their way up through the consolation brackets to capture a third spot.

First-year head coach David Shriver carries a roster of 19 wrestlers, which includes varsity and JV grapplers.

Out of a total of 14 potential weight classes the Warriors are only missing competitors in three of those spots.

"Our wrestlers are young and inexperienced but all work extremely hard," Shriver said. "We only have two seniors and several juniors on the squad but some of the juniors are first-year participants."

Nonetheless, Shriver likes what he sees.

"Our boys are committed and understand what it takes to be a wrestler - discipline, responsibility and attitude," he explained.

"The Sierra Blanca Invitational event falls in a tough part of the wrestling season.

"Most of the schools have been competing for a month-and-a-half now and injuries can take their toll.

"That's why some only brought their varsity athletes and had some holes in their weight classes. This

tournament brought some good wrestling competition to Ruidoso. We like to wrestle against good opponents - that's the way you improve and get better."

The Warriors will go to Mayfield Saturday and Deming the following Friday. District competition will start thereafter.

"I'm hopeful we'll have a number of our boys qualify for state at districts," Shriver said. The boys on the Warriors' squad are a dedicated group of athletes.

"I would like to sincerely thank the RHS wrestling parents who ran the concession stand and hospitality room. They more than ran it, they organized it, too.

"That left me free to concentrate on coaching, wrestling and the tournament."



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Oscar Magaña, left, and Mikeal Montoya both took a third place in the Sierra Blanca Invitational.

BOYS

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point win depending on whose scorebook you looked at.

The icing on the cake was, all three Warrior teams who went to West Las Vegas - the C team, JV and varsity - won.

"It was a good trip, especially the journey home," Ruidoso head coach Dennis Davis said. "We're making progress even though we're still making some mistakes. Earlier in the season we would have possibly made errors that would have cost us the game. That didn't happen in West Las Vegas."

Terrence Shields came through with another consistent game, scoring a hat trick in the three-point department and ultimately putting up 26 points. Ismail Cook was right behind Shields with 20.

That game briefly put the Warriors one game over the .500-mark at 9-8.

The Saturday evening contest in Roswell was a "Coyote of a different color."

Roswell led in all four quarters - 29-15, 44-26, 60-41 and closed out the game with a 21-point win.

In double digits for the Warriors, Shields put in 23 points and Cook pumped in 16.

"Early on the game was close with Roswell only up

9-8," Davis said. "We committed some turnovers and had some missed opportunities, which the Coyotes promptly capitalized on. At one point, Roswell ran off 12 unanswered points."

Next up, the Warriors will face off against Lovington for their fourth away game in a row. This will be the first district D4-3A match-up for the Warriors. As of this writing the Wildcats are 5-7 overall and 2-3 at home. On Jan. 8, they lost at Roswell, 67-54.

This is the longest rest RHS has had since Christmas. Hopefully, the six days off will be a shot in the arm for the Warriors.

Saturday, the Warriors will entertain the NMMI Colts at 6:30 p.m.



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Terrence Shields, shown here against Hot Springs (Jan. 15), was high scorer for Ruidoso in last weekend's games.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Jan. 14
11:31 a.m. — Officer Carolee Jones responded to a report of a suspicious package on a porch in the 200 block of North Parnell.

Jones reports that the homeowner had found a partially burned red bandana on the porch.

Jones reports that she referred the incident to Juvenile Probation and Parole because it appeared to be gang related.

Jones reported that the "North Side" gang wears red bandanas for identification and the "South Side" gang wears blue bandanas.

Jan. 15
6:53 a.m. — Officer Carolee Jones responded to a report of criminal damage to property in the 100 block of North Central.

Jones reported that a window of a vehicle had been busted out and there were pry marks on the vehicle around the busted window and around the back window.

Crime Scene Investigator William Dunlap investigated the vehicle looking for fingerprints.

1:20 p.m. — Officer Carolee Jones responded to a report of criminal damage to property in the 200 block of Hill Top Lane.

Jones reports the resident found a rock on his roof and damage to his car. He reported that the suspect fled on foot and dropped a backpack and lost a shoe as he fled.

Officers Jones, Joseph Bailey and Christopher Rupp searched for the suspect but were unable to locate him. Jones reported that she did recover the shoe and backpack he allegedly dropped as he fled.

Inside the backpack Jones allegedly found an identification card, Medicaid card, family pictures, pay stubs, a small bottle of alcohol and some gang letters and drawings.

Jan. 18
12:01 a.m. — Officer Martin Valenzuela reported spotting two juvenile males walking on Turkey Canyon and reportedly recognizing one of them as a wanted subject.

Valenzuela reportedly

approached the men and asked for identification. Angelo Montoya allegedly refused to give Valenzuela his date of birth.

Valenzuela reported that he searched Montoya and found his identification card and confirmed that there was a warrant for Montoya's arrest.

Valenzuela reported he also found a pair of brass knuckles, a folding knife and multiple lighters on Montoya.

Ruidoso Police Officer Larry Smith and a New Mexico State Police officer arrived to assist Valenzuela. Valenzuela cited the second man, identified as Jerome Gonzales for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Valenzuela reports that he contacted the juvenile detention centers in Roswell and Deming to try to find a place to take Montoya.

Both facilities were full, so Valenzuela contacted Santa Fe and CSI William Dunlap transported Montoya there later in the morning.

Warrant sweep nets 93

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U.S. Marshall's and local police officers teamed up for a three-day warrant sweep in Lincoln and Otero Counties and arrested 93 wanted people.

In Lincoln County, the U.S. Marshall's Southwest Fugitive Task force teamed with the FBI, New Mexico State Police, Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies, Ruidoso Police officers and Adult Probation and Parole officers to arrest 33 people between Jan. 18 and Jan. 20. The officers fanned out across the county to search for wanted individ-

uals at home, at work and at the homes of known associates.

The arrests ranged from felonies to petty misdemeanors and their bonds totaled more than \$50,000.

Ruidoso Police spokesman David Gallegos said the arrest led to additional charges, such as possession of marijuana and possession of methamphetamines.

"Citizens are urged to clear up any outstanding warrants they may have because future warrant round-ups are being planned," Gallegos said in a press release Monday. Gallegos reported that all the arrests were made without incident.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Jan. 9
11:58 a.m. — Officer Josh Snodgrass and Corporal Mike Weaver responded to a report of a possible domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Barcus Road.

Snodgrass reports that the couple was arguing over attending a church function and there was no physical contact.

They were separated for the night.

Jan. 17
11:59 p.m. — Corporal Aaron Frost reported that while patrolling the area of Horton Education Complex when he saw a Jeep Wrangler speed up on Horton Circle onto the private road behind Mario's Market and Canyon Cycle.

Frost reported that he activated his emergency lights, began to pursue the car and then saw another car accelerating up the same road.

Frost reportedly rolled down his window and yelled at the driver of this

second car, whom he recognized as Eric Saenz, 17, of Ruidoso Downs, to stop. Saenz reportedly acknowledged the command and stopped.

Frost reported the Jeep turned its lights off, turned on Sutton, then failed to stop at the intersection and turned left on El Paso. As the Jeep went through the Southwest Fitness gravel parking lot it threw up a lot of dust, so Frost reported stopping to insure it had not wrecked.

By the time he reached Highway 70 and El Paso, Frost reports the Jeep had disappeared. Returning to Horton, Frost reported Saenz was now gone too.

Frost reportedly contacted Saenz grandfather, who brought him to the Ruidoso Police Department the following day.

Saenz reportedly admitted being the driver of the car the previous night and allegedly said he left because he got scared,

knowing his driver's license was either expired or suspended.

Frost cited Saenz into Juvenile Probation and Parole for eluding an officer, reckless driving and driving without a license.

Frost also reportedly found out more information about the Jeep that had eluded him and located the owner. The owner of the Jeep reportedly informed Frost that Trevor Hoyle, 16, of Ruidoso was driving the Jeep.

Frost reportedly contacted Hoyle, who allegedly said he was driving the Jeep and eluded Frost because he does not have a driver's license.

Frost cited Hoyle in to JPPO for eluding an officer, reckless driving and driving without a license.

Frost reports Hoyle appeared to be honest in his responses and willing to accept responsibility.

Frost released Hoyle to his mother.

RUIDOSO MAGISTRATE BRIEFS

No smoking

Troy Warren appeared in court Dec. 13, 2010, waived the right to legal representation and pleaded guilty to a charge of bringing tobacco into a detention center.

Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Warren to a suspended 182 day jail term, 182 days of unsupervised probation and ordered him

to pay \$73 in court costs

Assault & battery

Dustin Bolden appeared in court Dec. 13, 2010, waived the right to legal representation and pleaded no contest to charges of battery and assault.

For the battery charge, Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Bolden to a suspended 182-day jail term,

182 days of supervised probation and suspended \$400 of a \$500 fine.

On the assault charge, LaMay suspended a 182-day jail term, placed Bolden on 182 days of supervised probation, concurrent with the probation for battery.

The judge suspended \$400 of a \$500 fine and ordered Bolden to pay \$126 in court costs.

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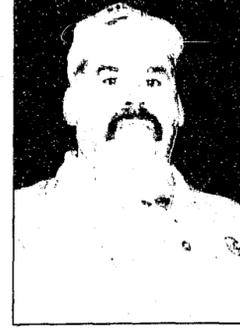
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Carrizozo School Board Question and Answer forum

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The Feb. 1 School Board Election will determine who sits in the three available positions on the Carrizozo Municipal School District Board of Education.

All three positions are four-year terms and candidates are as follows with incumbents' names listed first:

Position 1: Steven Harkey and D'rese Arteche;

Position 2: Henrietta Sissy Griego, BillyJo Guevara and Rosemarie L. Kratochvil;

Position 5: James T. Guevara, J.P. Ventura and Patsy Vallejos.

Candidates vying for the available positions were given a questionnaire from the *Ruidoso News*. Their answers are printed verbatim except when editing for space was required.

Patsy Vallejos and BillyJo Guevara opted to not participate in the forum.

1. What is your experience working with a Public School Board of Education and do you currently attend Board meetings on a regular basis to keep abreast of happenings in the District?

Steve Harkey: I am currently on the Carrizozo School Board and have been the board president for the past 14 years. I have missed only one meeting in 14 years.

D'rese Arteche: No experience. Attend periodically.

Sissy Griego: I have been a school board member for four years. In that time, I have only missed one regular meeting due to illness.

I have also attended several law conferences in Santa Fe as well as meetings in neighboring districts.

I have my certificate for successfully completing cumulative 36 hours of training for Level II of the Leadership Development Program set by the Board of Directors of the New Mexico School Board Association.

I have also participated in school activities such as heading the school conces-

sion stand for two years and various volunteer activities including preparation for graduation ceremonies and celebration activities.

Rose Kratochvil: Only the inner circle of board friends and co-workers are able to "work with" the school board.

Community input has been discouraged and ignored for so many years that most people gave up trying to help or even be heard, a long time ago.

I have brought several issues of public concern before the board in the past 14 years including abusive, unlawful and sometimes dangerous staff conduct involving students, and along with many other concerned citizens/parents, was ignored.

I have been to the past two board meetings with information and questions pertaining to ZoZo students low or failing math and reading AYP scores along with alarmingly high first year college and high school drop out rates.

Prior to the most recent meetings, my board meeting attendance was sporadic at best until 2008 when my youngest graduated.

The results of attending the meetings, both then and now was the a-typical indifference that has become normal for this school district.

James Guevara: I am presently on the Carrizozo School Board and have been since April of 2007. I do attend the school board meetings as well as the District and Regional school board conferences.

J.P. Ventura: I have a long standing relationship with most of the school board members.

I do not attend school board meetings on a regular basis, but I do actively participate in many school functions.

For several years, I have volunteered my time to coaching football, basketball and track. I have also worked for hire on the school districts on many projects as well as service work.

I have run a successful small business in the community for many years now which allows me to "be more in touch" with the community and by coaching many of the young

adults in this community in the past and having coached their children, I have stayed in touch with the many of the concerns of the parents in this community.

2. Why are you running for the Board and if an incumbent or if you have served before, what do you believe to have been the greatest accomplishments during your term(s) of office?

Harkey: I am an incumbent and running for the board again because I believe we have made great strides in providing a great education for our students.

Our teachers work very hard to ensure each child receives the education they deserve.

We were one of only 17 school districts to make AYP in No Child Left Behind this year. One of our greatest accomplishments have been upgrading our facilities, which to provide a safe learning environment for our students.

Arteche: I have concerns that the school is keeping things in the dark and not letting the parents and the community know what really is going on behind the scenes.

Griego: During my four years of service there has been success in many areas. Academics and the physical structure of the campus have improved.

In academics, we have been awarded grants for after school tutoring, 25 extra days for K-3 and laptops for students.

We were awarded a grant for renewable energy, utilizing solar panels that will save on utility costs.

Kratochvil: While investigating and attempting to correct a series of unrelated but very wrong incidences at our school, I discovered a well kept but dirty secret that is hurting the education of every single student in this and other small district schools.

The big secret is that state law requires the schools to meet AYP proficiency "ratings" in math and reading but does not require all students to be taught reading and math to achieve a good rating.

I want a position on the board to raise awareness of what these laws, and a few key people within our school system have done to the quality of our kids education and to help ensure our kids legal rights to a quality education are met despite the current AYP system and laws.

Guevara: My goal for the district is to envision a first class education pro-

gram that prepares our children for success in the 21st century.

Our greatest accomplishment occurred last year when every student in the class of 2010 enrolled and attended a two- or four-year college. That's historical for our district.

Ventura: I am running for school board because I am concerned with the direction that the current board is going.

We have lost a number of very competent teachers and principals over the years.

I feel that we can no longer allow individual biases to dictate what direction our school moves in. We must always consider what is best for our children.

3. What do you see as the greatest issues/challenges facing Carrizozo Municipal Schools?

Harkey: Our challenge is working with the declining funds available to us.

Arteche: AYP Rating is low in our school.

Griego: I see the biggest challenge facing our school is the drop in enrollment and the financial impact that will have on us.

We are facing some financial hurdles and we will have to come together to find creative solutions to these challenges.

Kratochvil: There are a lot of intelligent and caring people in Carrizozo but due to many years of conditioning by our current board president and various board members under him through years, they remain uninformed and silent in issues involving the school.

The invisible but extremely thick and long-standing wall of separation between our schools and the community must be torn down and replaced by very large welcoming open doors to community intellect, input and overall involvement.

To re-establish the broken trust, and working relationship between the community and school system is a huge challenge all by itself.

But if it is accomplished, I honestly believe workable and satisfactory solutions can be found to all "issues" our schools are facing now and in the future.

Guevara: The greatest issue facing our school is our declining enrollment and sufficient funding from the state of New Mexico.

Ventura: The greatest issue and challenge for our school is the current recession and budget cuts.

We need to recruit good teachers and that is difficult to do in a small community without a recess-

ion, so the current money shortage makes that even more difficult. While attempting to recruit more teachers; we need to make sure that the current teachers are performing.

Unfortunately, Carrizozo schools have a history of terminating or allowing "good" teachers to slip through the cracks.

4. What goals would you set in the future for the Carrizozo Municipal Schools.

Harkey: My goals would be to continue to provide our students a quality education with great teachers and safe facilities by finishing what we have started with campus improvements.

Arteche: Meet all state standards.

Griego: The board has been working on several goals directed towards improving scores in math and reading also to have increase parent and family involvement in reading.

Carrizozo Schools have produced a large number of students who have gone on to pursue college degrees and I would like to see that continue.

Accomplishing these goals will ensure that all our students are successful in obtaining a higher education. Obtaining their degree will also ensure success in the tough job market we find ourselves in today.

Kratochvil: 1. To first explore then copy whatever the small but top performing school districts in New Mexico have been doing to earn their rankings as top/best schools.

2. To do anything and everything possible to restore the communities trust and willingness to interact with the school in all areas and at all levels.

3. To use every single tool available, and make all necessary changes to our current school system, that will ensure our kids are educated to a "true" college readiness level when they graduate from the Carrizozo school system.

Our community's large number of college drop outs speaks volumes about what is currently accepted as a "college readiness" education level.

4. Resume recording the board meetings and make the recordings available to anyone who cares enough to check the facts instead of having to rely on the gossip grapevine.

Guevara: To provide every student the necessary tools to excel in their education and assist staff anyway possible so they can perform to the best of their ability.

Ventura: The number one goal that I would set for Carrizozo schools is to recruit good teachers, coaches, and assistants that can inspire and encourage our children to further their education.

We are a small community and there are not a lot of job opportunities; there is not a lot for our children and teenagers to do.

We had an incredibly successful athletic program; if we combine this with good academics, we open a road for success for our children.

5. Describe your familiarity with No Child Left Behind, Special Education Legislation, Standards and Benchmarks for curriculum and instruction, and testing requirements?

Harkey: No Child Left Behind Act is a federal government law that makes an attempt to increase accountability and school achievement through annual proficiency testing and reporting of each public school district.

Special Education Legislation is designed to provide help for students with disabilities or special needs.

There is extra funding for students in Special Ed.

When I first got on the board, the push for schools was to put students in Special Ed when needed for the extra funding and the student would remain there.

Full inclusion model in Special Ed is now in place. Our staff is receiving mandated professional development this semester in dyslexia and autism.

We are reviewing new requirements for 504s.

In curriculum/instruction, standards are set for the subject, benchmarks are put in place to achieve those standards, then testing at certain intervals to see if progress is met.

Textbook adoptions are approved by the board. Classroom textbooks are research based and follow Standards and Benchmarks.

High qualified teachers are required for this also.

Arteche: I'm more concerned about our School District's performance.

Let's concentrate on that first.

Griego: In a nutshell, the NCLB is a federal mandate designed to hold states and Boards of Education accountable

Through Special Education Bureau (SEB) Carrizozo school teachers are currently receiving train-



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ing in the areas of Dyslexia and Autism characteristics and diagnosis through the Autism Project and HB 230 Modules 1 and 2 for Dyslexia training, to identify students with special needs.

The school SAT team is also working with Region IX to train staff to implement instruction and support for students who have fallen behind.

Kratochvil: Exploring and educating myself about the NCLB system and the SBA (Standard Based Assessment) testing used to establish the individual school's, and overall school district's ratings and designations is what alarmed me, (and would alarm all parents if they knew) to the point I am now a school board candidate with a very sincere determination to protect any more of Zozo's children from being harmed by that system.

In the area of special education, I very recently informed two parents of the state laws and programs that apply to their situations that they were unaware of.

One of the laws or rules attached to the use of state and federal monies for special ed students is that the caregiver be informed of their legal rights and the various programs available for that child.

That did not happen for the people I spoke to so I am assuming our schools

special education department needs to be looked at and evaluated by the proper people.

Guevara: I am familiar with every item that you have mentioned in this question but I do rely on our superintendent to keep us informed on the changes and issues that will affect us.

I know that the one important fact is that everyone of these mandates measures the level of education for every student and compares them to other students at their age group.

Ventura: No Child Left Behind is legislation that was enacted that allows the state to set certain standards for education and the individual schools are expected to meet those standards.

I understand that there are certain laws are set in place for special education; the schools are funded for their participation.

Standards and Benchmarks are very simple. There is a standard of education that each school district is responsible for and they have to meet certain "benchmarks."

I will not attempt to put across here that I "know and understand" all the current legislation, but I will make this commitment: I can and I will learn what they are.

I am pretty sure there haven't been too many elected school board members that have accepted their positions knowing all the state and federal criteria.

6. What is your understanding of the budget restrictions recently placed on the District by the State and Federal Government and give comment on the decisions made by the current Board to work with the limited funding.

Harkey: We have had several reduction in funds for the past two-plus years.

The board and superintendent work together to try to decide what places to cut without effecting classroom instruction.

Arteche: If cuts need to be made, make them but let's not short change the students.

Griego: There are no budget restrictions per say, but rather budget deficits or reduction in funds available to the school from the State and/or Federal Government.

Those reductions are sent to Mr. Cobos (superintendent) throughout the school year, and then he meets with us as a Board to discuss ideas for reductions.

We then come to an agreement and those ideas are enacted upon.

Kratochvil: I know that there is probably going to be cuts in the operating budget but not how much, or exactly how which programs getting cut, will be decided at the local level.

I need to research the final decisions made at state level before making personal decisions or public comment beyond stating that community input should be sought before

decisions affecting our kids and local schools are made.

I have attended the past two monthly board meetings and there has not been any public discussion pertaining to the state level cut in funds for public education or how those cuts will be dealt with locally.

If there were any discussions or decisions made by the board involving how to work with the limited funding, it was done behind closed doors or delegated to the superintendent to figure out, which also would have been done without public input.

Guevara: I am not aware of any budget restriction placed on our school district.

Due to budget cuts by the State of New Mexico, have greatly impacted the ability of our school administrators to operate at a sufficient level.

As a school board we have to review and discuss ideas to overcome budget deficits and make sure all policy and procedures are followed properly.

Ventura: I understand that the state is having a hard time funding education and that every school district in the state is expected to cut corners.

First, I would comment on the board continuing to pay for services that are either not adequate or that are not needed.

When you have to "trim the fat," you do just that.

If there are expenses that can be put aside for a time when there is more money then that is what has to be done.

7. What do you consider to be the most pressing facility issue for the District and do you consider the current tax rate for the Carrizozo Schools sufficient to move the District forward for the next five years?

Harkey: Our most pressing facility issue may be our ceiling in the Old Gym and how best repair it.

Now is the best time to go for bond monies because the interest rates on bond money is the lowest it has been in a long time, therefore it will cost less in taxes for community to repay.

The bond issue that we are trying to pass will not raise our taxes.

Arteche: The failure to meet State standards. Yes.

Griego: The most pressing facility issue for our district is maintaining structures that are decades old.

It is a constant challenge to prioritize projects, considering how much money is available at the time and what is needed.

We are working on finishing up outside and inside campus improvements we will need more money to finish those projects, thus we have put forward the new bond issue to seek support.

I am in favor of maintaining the current tax rate in light of today's economy.

Kratochvil: It needs upgrades to accommodate the handicapped in all areas including ramps to all buildings.

There is never enough

money to do everything everybody wants to get done, done, but I believe seeking community and student opinions before deciding what is done with facility all available monies would ensure that facility monies were spent wisely.

Guevara: There is never enough money to completely fix and repair our school the way we would like to, but it's a tremendous asset to have a superintendent that will get the bang for our buck.

The new gym and surrounding areas needs to be addressed as well as the ceilings inside our buildings.

I personally thank everyone in our school district for supporting our youth. It takes a village to raise a child.

Ventura: I think the most pressing issue is to first complete the current construction projects going on, and then to start repairs on the inside of the buildings. They are getting pretty dilapidated especially when it comes to the plumbing, heating and electrical. These things are critical for the safety of the kids. And yes, I do think the the current tax rate is sufficient to carry the district forward.

A candidates forum hosted by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27 in the commission chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Questions from the floor will be presented to the candidates by a moderator.

Catching up

The Carrizozo Music in the Parks and the Piatigorsky Foundation of New York will present as free concert Jan. 28, at the Carrizozo Trinity Methodist Church at 5 p.m.

A well-known clarinetist and pianist will be the featured musicians.

A reception will follow the concert. A matinee concert will be held at the school at 1 p.m. for the students and those who wish not to attend the evening performance.

Thanks for the info Elaine.

There has not been any moisture but it has been cold!

The first part of January we had dust and wind, then rain and then snow. Weird.

Lois and David Coleman and Kenneth and Carol Dunlap visited the Ralph Dunlaps last week. They were checking on us to be sure we were doing okay.

The past two months have been a little rough. Ralph had a bad fall and

I have had to be taken to the emergency room by ambulance. They are still taking tests to see what is going on.

We did get to a couple of NSMU basketball games which they won. Then they lost their two games in Nevada and Utah.

Congratulations to the Knight-Ropers for their recognition by the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation Service.

They had put in a lot of work and improvements through the years.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Hersh Anderson. He and his wife, Elaine, developed the Serendip Raspberry Farm west of Lincoln.

They had retired to Denton, Texas.

After three tries on this news, I will see you next week - barring no more catastrophes.



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Carrizozo Schools K-4 ¡BRAVO! winners for December are: **Front row, l-r:** Cayden Chavez, Collton King, Deven Zamora, Nate Morales, Ashley Burch, Julie Gonzales, Emilly Hill, and Kristopher Trone. **Second row:** Robert Lueras, Kelsie Guevara, Melissa Barela, Jameal Garcia, Bella Bartz, Daniel Najar, Erollyn Lueras, James Hemphill, and Mathias Zamora. **Third row:** Kaitlin Guevara, Ethan Ortiz, Suntana Zamora, Joanna Vega, Sydney Zamora, Tazia Swift, and Dalton King. **Fourth row:** Nickolas Archuleta, Austin Vega, Mya Zamora, D'anna Willingham, and Nathan Montes. **Top row:** Jared Guevara, Tristen Barela, Dominic Barela, Patrick Hooten, Orion Wyatt, Detrick Miller, and Samantha Miller. **Not Pictured:** Jessica Ceja, Izaiah Parkhurst, Monae Ceja, and Desi Ceja.

DuBois honored with King Memorial Award

Frank DuBois, Las Cruces, and formerly of Corona, received the Bruce and Alice King Memorial Service Award, presented by the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (NMCGA) during the recent Joint Stockmen's Convention held in Albuquerque.

"Frank has gone above and beyond on behalf of our

state's agriculture industry over the years, and this honor is well-deserved," said Bert Ancell, NMCGA President, Las Vegas. "We appreciate his friendship, his dedication, and his years of service."

DuBois is the second recipient of the Bruce and Alice King Memorial Service Award, established by the NMCGA in 2009

recognize those both within and outside of the agricultural industry who exhibit the qualities, like leadership, generosity and community service, that the Kings were known for.

"For decades, the Kings had a tremendous impact on our state. We honor their memory with this annual award," Ancell said.

DuBois started his

career in agriculture as an egg inspector, then went to Washington, D.C., as a staffer for Senator Pete Domenici before serving as New Mexico's Secretary of Agriculture and leading the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to a position of prominence, Ancell said.

DuBois is currently very involved with 'People for Protecting Our Western

Heritage, a group formed in opposition to ongoing efforts to designate a large wilderness area in Dona Ana County that would not only harm the range livestock industry in New Mexico but would compromise national security due to its proximity to the international border with Mexico. In his "retirement" DuBois also publishes a

daily blog summarizing the news and issues important to the range livestock industry, Ancell continued.

"His efforts influence the public, the media and most importantly congressional staffers in the most positive way for all of us every day."

The NMCGA has represented the beef industry since 1914.

State Rep. Kintigh wants death penalty back

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SANTA FE — Ronald Keine, who spent 22 months on New Mexico's death row before being exonerated of murdering a college student, said Monday that the new governor and legislators should stop trying to reinstate capital punishment.

"New Mexico had a bad system, a corrupt system," Keine, 63, said in a telephone interview from his home in Michigan. "It makes me nervous that they want to go back to something that did not work."

Legislators in 2009 repealed New Mexico's death penalty, but newly elected Republican Gov.

Susana Martinez said she wants lawmakers to reverse that decision so that juries have the option of choosing capital punishment for the worst criminals.

State Rep. Dennis Kintigh, a retired FBI agent, shares Martinez's opinion that the death penalty should be on the books.

But he is at cross-purposes with Martinez on how to go about it.

Kintigh, R-Roswell, introduced a bill Monday that calls on legislators to let the public decide the issue by referendum.

His proposal, House Joint Resolution 6, would require a two-thirds vote from the House and the Senate for the question to be placed on the 2012 general election ballot.

Kintigh said letting the public vote on the death penalty would end debates in the Legislature each time power shifts from one party to the other.

Martinez, a career prosecutor before becoming governor, does not favor a vote by the citizenry on capital punishment.

"The governor supports reinstating the death penalty and believes this can be best accomplished through a statutory change," her spokesman said Monday.

Gary Mitchell, a Ruidoso lawyer who has handled more than 50 death-penalty cases across a 30-year career, said Martinez had embraced the issue "for

political reasons."

"It's a shame because Susana had a good soul as a district attorney. She did not seek the death penalty because she knew how costly and ineffective it was," Mitchell said. "This is a just political stunt designed to appease people."

In her State of the State speech last week, Martinez said she believed in the death penalty as an important tool in fighting crime and sending a message that the worst criminals deserve the ultimate punishment.

"When a monster rapes and murders a child or a criminal kills a police officer, the death penalty should be an option for the jury," she said.

Mitchell said New Mexico juries are the best evidence that the state's residents do not favor capital punishment.

Rarely have they imposed death sentences, and the state has executed only two people in the last 50 years.

The most recent inmate put to death was Terry Clark in 2001. Convicted of killing 9-year-old Dena Lynn Gore of Artesia in 1986, Clark dropped his appeals.

Until Clark, New Mexico had not executed anyone since 1960.

Keine was 26 when he and three friends were convicted of murder in Bernalillo County and sent to death row in 1974.

"We were like the poster boys for the death penalty,"

Keine said Monday. "We were dirty bikers with long hair and colors on our back, riding choppers."

He said they also were innocent, framed by sheriff's officers intent on solving the murder of William Venten, a student at the University of New Mexico.

"Jurors figured that, because the police arrested us and put us in jail, we must have been guilty," Keine said.

The real killer of Venten stepped forward in 1975 after saying he had a religious conversion.

He produced the murder weapon and detailed the crime.

Then-District Attorney James Brandenburg of Albuquerque said he was not convinced by the new evidence, insisting that Keine and the others were guilty.

The case against Keine and his three co-defendants finally collapsed in 1976.

They went free after the only purported witness, a motel maid, said she had concocted a story about seeing them commit the murder.

She told the Detroit News that she made up the story in hopes of ingratiating herself with people in law enforcement.

She wanted them to let her boyfriend out of prison.

Keine said he works as a plumber and is active in a project called Witness to Innocence.

The other three men who were on death row with him Thomas Gladish,

Richard Greer and Clarence Smith died after being freed.

Kintigh said the justice system is better now than when New Mexico's most famous wrongful conviction occurred.

Defense lawyers, he said, are more aggressive and determined to make the government prove its case.

Kintigh said he supports capital punishment because of his own involvement in "a monstrous case."

As an FBI agent, he investigated a drug gang that stormed a house in Lovington, terrified four children under the age of 9, then murdered a man and his 16-year-old son.

Prosecuted by the federal government, it began as a death-penalty case but was reduced in a 2005 plea bargain to life without parole.

Kintigh said justice was not done because the killers deserved death.

Though New Mexico abolished its death penalty in 2009, Robert Fry of Farmington and Timothy Allen of Bloomfield remain on death row.

They were sentenced before the law was changed.

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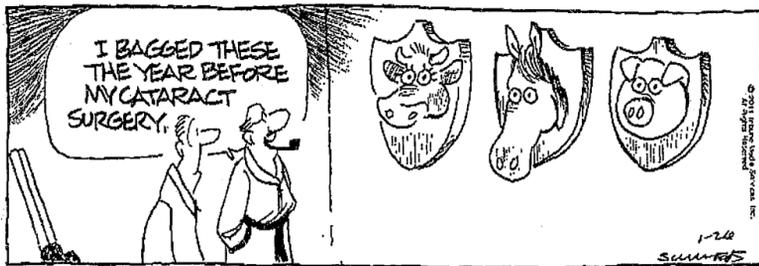
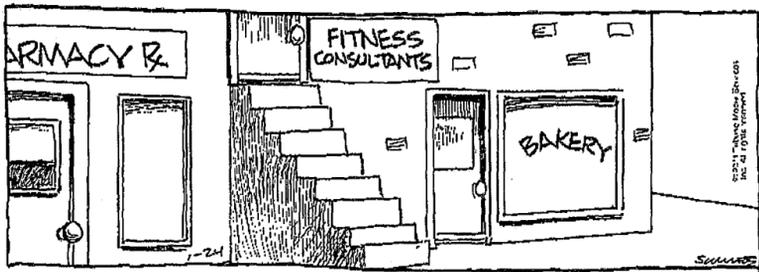
Survived by husband of 58 years Junior, daughter Brenda Winfield, granddaughters Krystal Winfield and Lauren and husband, Roy Martinez II and great granddaughter Trinity Martinez.

Survived by: Pats Bourne, Barbara Smith, Judy White and Linda White, the Brothers, Susan Roberts and Susan Roberts.

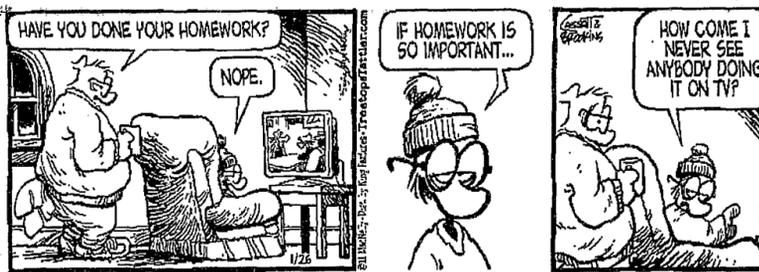
Survived by: death by a heart attack, daughter and son Joe, Parents, and Bob Roberts, Brothers, Dave, Jack, Red and Ned.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Ruidoso Funeral Home, 26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031-1032-1033-1034-1035-1036-1037-1038-1039-1040-1041-1042-1043-1044-1045-1046-1047-1048-1049-1050-1051-1052-1053-1054-1055-1056-1057-1058-1059-1060-1061-1062-1063-1064-1065-1066-1067-1068-1069-1070-1071-1072-1073-1074-1075-1076-1077-1078-1079-1080-1081-1082-1083-1084-1085-1086-1087-1088-1089-1090-1091-1092-1093-1094-1095-1096-1097-1098-1099-1100-1101-1102-1103-1104-1105-1106-1107-1108-1109-1110-1111-1112-1113-1114-1115-1116-1117-1118-1119-1120-1121-1122-1123-1124-1125-1126-1127-1128-1129-1130-1131-1132-1133-1134-1135-1136-1137-1138-1139-1140-1141-1142-1143-1144-1145-1146-1147-1148-1149-1150-1151-1152-1153-1154-1155-1156-1157-1158-1159-1160-1161-1162-1163-1164-1165-1166-1167-1168-1169-1170-1171-1172-1173-1174-1175-1176-1177-1178-1179-1180-1181-1182-1183-1184-1185-1186-1187-1188-1189-1190-1191-1192-1193-1194-1195-1196-1197-1198-1199-1200-1201-1202-1203-1204-1205-1206-1207-1208-1209-1210-1211-1212-1213-1214-1215-1216-1217-1218-1219-1220-1221-1222-1223-1224-1225-1226-1227-1228-1229-1230-1231-1232-1233-1234-123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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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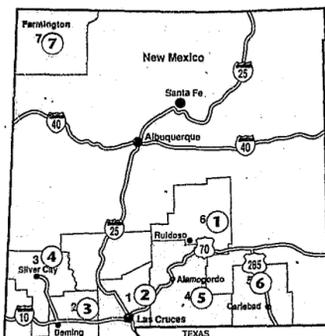
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#9240 3T (1)26 (2)2,9

LEGAL NOTICE
Twelfth Judicial Dis-
trict Court of New Mexico
County of Lincoln
State of New Mexico
MIKE LEE
Plaintiff
v.
SAM LANE
Defendant
No. CV-10-430
Division III

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

You are hereby notified that Mike Lee has filed an action in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Cause No. CV-10-430, wherein you are named a Defendant, and wherein Plaintiff seeks...

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To obtain constructive service of legal process upon you:
The general nature of the action is the Plaintiff seeking to quiet title to certain real estate in Lincoln County, New Mexico, which is the subject matter of the above captioned cause of action. The real property is more particularly described as follows:

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#9240 3T (1)26 (2)2,9

The S/2 SE/4 of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the certain monumentation Map of Dependent Resurvey Plot filed of record on September 21, 1998 in Cabinet G, Pages 206 and 207, records of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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#9233 2T (1)19, 26

AVISO LEGAL DE ELECCION REGULAR DE DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y LA CUESTION
En el dia 1 de febrero de 2011, se celebrara en el Distrito de Escuela Municipal No. 3 de Ruidoso en el Condado de Lincoln y Estado de Nuevo Mexico (el "Distrito"), una eleccion regular de distrito escolar (la "Eleccion") con el proposito de someter a todos los electores calificados del distrito...

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South 00 degrees, 04 minutes, 14 seconds East a distance of 235.24 feet, thence North 88 degrees, 32 minutes, 09 seconds East a distance of 1310.83 feet to a point on the Eastern boundary of said Section 11, thence North 00 degrees, 08 minutes, 45 seconds West a distance of 234.45 feet to the place of beginning, as shown by the certain monumentation Map of Dependent Resurvey Plot filed of record on September 21, 1998 in Cabinet G, Pages 206 and 207, records of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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Subject to easements, restrictions, and reservations of record. You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond to the Court and the Plaintiff's attorney on or before February 26, 2011, the Complaint filed by the Plaintiff will be granted by the Court.

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The attorney for the Plaintiff is William W. Griffith, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 643, Ruidoso, NM 88355, telephone 505-256-7657, fax number 888-875-6779.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico on this 20th day of December, 2010.
Clerk of the District Court
Jelene Bliss, Deputy

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88 degrees, 34 minutes, 12 seconds West a distance of 1310.50 feet to the place of beginning, as shown by the certain monumentation Map of Dependent Resurvey Plot filed of record on September 21, 1998 in Cabinet G, Pages 206 and 207, records of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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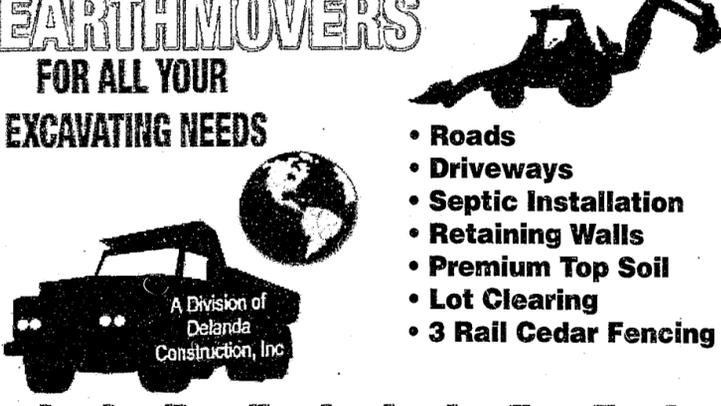
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