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The parched land

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Precipitation figures in the county evaporating

Lincoln County communities that have monthly climate data relayed to the National Weather Service reported no precipitation last month. Observers in Ruidoso, Alto, Capitan, Carrizozo and Picacho all recorded goose eggs.

The lack of precipitation last month will severely impact the Rio Ruidoso and those who depend on the river's water. The streamflow on the river for April to June is now forecast to be 13

percent of average, according to the April Rio Hondo Basin Water Supply Outlook report. The report predicted the amount of water passing through the river's Hollywood gauge during the period will be 700 acre feet. One acre-foot, the amount of water needed to cover one acre to a depth of one foot, is about 325,800 gallons.

The March report had suggested the spring runoff along the river would be 41 percent of average. Back in January, the first

seasonal report predicted 55 percent of average runoff.

"The mid '90s were somewhat similar and 2006 wasn't too far off," Wayne Sleep, a snow survey hydrologic technician with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, said of the new outlook. "It's happened before but it's definitely going to be a dry one."

The NRCS report said March precipitation in the high elevations of the Sacramento Mountains was nearly nil, at 5 percent

of average, compared to 271 percent of average last year. The mountain snowpack for the Rio Hondo Basin was essentially melted out as of April 1, with just 3 percent of average remaining. The snowpack was one percent of the amount a year ago.

Dry spring conditions, coupled with the low snowpack numbers, could lead to fire concerns in the area, the report stated. It urged residents to make preparations and consider defensible space

around homes.

"With the conditions as dry as they are now, and especially if it stays warm and windy, the chance of an active fire season continuing, the potential is going to be there and be high basically through the spring and the early summer until we start getting some substantial rainfall," Sleep said.

Other impacts of the dry conditions and miserly river flows will be to irrigators who rely on river water for their crops.

See DRY, page 5A

Crews mop up on fire

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A week after the White Fire erupted and swept through over 10,000 acres on the eastern edge of Ruidoso and northern boundary of Ruidoso Downs, visiting fire crews departed and turned the mop up over to local Smokey Bear Ranger District crews.

At the height of the effort there were over 500 fire fighters, 24 fire engines and two helicopters devoted to containing and extinguishing the fire.

The Type 3 Incident Command put the cost of battling the blaze at \$2.3 million and estimated the final cost to be \$2.5 million.

That cost does not include the cost of replacing the five homes destroyed, several homes reportedly damaged or numerous out-buildings that were destroyed.

Officials said the cost would have been higher had it not been for some local resources being made available.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team evaluate the damage to the area of the White Fire to develop a plan to rehabilitate the area to prevent mudslides and flooding when the spring and summer rains fall.

BLM enacts fire restrictions for SE New Mexico

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Prolonged high temperatures, low humidity and spring winds increased the fire danger at lower elevations in southern and southeastern New Mexico.

As a result, Bureau of Land Management officials effective today are enacting fire restrictions to help prevent wildfires and ensure public and firefighter

safety.

The fire restrictions cover public lands managed by the BLM's Pecos District in the counties of Lincoln, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Lea, Quay and

Roosevelt, and for the Las Cruces BLM District Office areas in the counties of Otero, Luna, Doña Ana, Sierra, Grant and Hidalgo.

The Village of Ruidoso and City of Ruidoso Downs, and the

County of Lincoln already have enacted their own fire restrictions.

Until rescinded, the following acts are prohibited on BLM land in the affected areas:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal or wood stove, except within a developed recreation site or improved site.

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Police investigate Oscuro killing

FROM REPORTS

Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a 26-year-old Carrizozo resident on a charge of murder Monday afternoon after a fatal shooting in Oscuro, south of Carrizozo.

Undersheriff Robert Sheppard said Tuesday that deputies arrived on the scene just after 5 p.m. to find an adult male apparently shot and killed at 10795

Highway 54, about 15 miles south of Carrizozo.

The Deputies arrested James L. Miller, Jr. on an open count of murder and a count of tampering with evidence. Miller is being held at the Lincoln County Detention Center on a \$100,000 cash-only bond.

Sheppard said the name of the victim is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The investigation is ongoing.

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COURTESY HEAL

Cloudcroft Middle School student Chanupa Gallerito (left) delivers needed items for those at the Nest. With Gallerito is the domestic violence shelter's operations director Carrie Calkins. The 8th grader selected the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs for her charity activity. Chanupa Gallerito told the Nest Operations Director Carrie Calkins that her teacher, Kathy Miller, challenged the students in a project called, "What the World Needs Now." Gallerito went to the internet to research community needs and found the Nest website. "I was excited about making a difference in other people's lives," Gallerito said. She delivered two large boxes filled with stuffed animals and toys for the children at the shelter, diapers, baby wipes and toiletries for the moms. The Nest is located at 26374 US Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. All services are free and confidential. For more information, call toll-free at 866-378-6378.

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Wing have announced the flying schedule for the week of April 11-17.

Sonic booms could occur Thursday, April 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and Saturday, April 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At this time no flights are scheduled for Monday, April 11, Tuesday, April 12, Wednesday, April 13, Friday, April 15 or Sunday, April 17.

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.

Free tax help

This is the last week for free tax preparation that is

Sonic booms

offered to all middle to low income individuals and families of all ages. The help comes from volunteer tax counselors and auxiliary personnel under the auspices of AARP in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

Help has been offered nationwide for 43 years and in the Ruidoso area for the past 21 years.

Come see us at the Ruidoso Senior Center this Thursday or Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or Saturday from 9 a.m. till noon.

Tax Day Rally

The Tax Day Rally will take place Saturday, April 16, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Wingfield Park, Ruidoso.

Former gubernatorial candidate Janice Arnold-Jones is among several speakers on the program.

For more information, visit the Lincoln County

Tea Party website at www.lcnmteaparty.org.

WMSAR meeting

The White Mountain Search and Rescue (WMSAR) team will hold its regular meeting Monday, April 18, at 7 p.m. (board meeting at 5:45 p.m.)

All are welcome upstairs at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd., Ruidoso. All interested outdoors people are welcome to attend.

Topics will include: radio communications exercise, and the upcoming ESCAPE New Mexico Search and Rescue conference, May 13-15.

Third Thursday

Dr. Lynn Willard will share his experience helping to build a foot bridge in a one-hour presentation on April 21 from noon to 1

p.m. in Room 105 at the campus of ENMU-Ruidoso.

Willard, his wife, Donna, and 12 other volunteers from Alamogordo and Ruidoso traveled to El Salva-

dor as part of a Rotary International project to assist Bridges for Prosperity build a desperately needed suspended foot bridge.

Willard's PowerPoint presentation includes pictures of the country, its people, and the actual building of the bridge.

The Third Thursday Talk is free and open to the public. Bring a lunch and a friend. For more information, call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

Optimist search

The Optimist Club of Ruidoso is seeking applicants for its annual high school senior and ENMU-Ruidoso scholarship program by the application deadline of April 30.

Application forms are available at all high school counseling offices and at the ENMU-Ruidoso Student Affairs office.

Four high school scholarships and one scholarship specifically to ENMU-Ruidoso will be awarded. The proceeds of Hog Salsa sales are the club's primary fund raising activity in support of the scholarship program.

Applications are due by 5 p.m., Friday April 30, c/o the Optimist Club of Ruidoso, PO Box 4497, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Applications may also be

delivered in person to Washington Federal Bank, 398 Sudderth Drive, in Ruidoso.

Only complete applications will be considered for the scholarship award. Award decisions will be completed in time for high school graduation ceremonies.

Graduating seniors from all Lincoln County and Mescalero high schools are eligible for Optimist Club scholarships.

For additional information on scholarships, contact Club President Harold Oakes at 257-4001.

Children's event

Calling all parents of young children for a child-centered event on April 16, to celebrate the Week of the Young Child (April 10-16).

Many community organizations and agencies will be in attendance to share information regarding summer programs. In addition, there will be fun and interactive activities and games for children.

Ruidoso Parks and Recreation, local churches, local child care facilities and ENMU-Ruidoso are a few of the organizations and agencies that will be in attendance.

The event will be held at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All of the community is invited to attend.



COURTESY HEAL

HEAL and the Nest announce the promotion of Estella Cardoza (left, next to Coleen Widell from HEAL) to the position of Hispanic Outreach Coordinator. Estella has been part of the Nest team for nine months and has served in the position of Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. As a Hispanic Outreach Coordinator, Estella will be in charge of Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso and the surrounding areas in Lincoln County. Building bridges among the Hispanic Community will be Estella's first and foremost priority, to ensure Spanish-speaking victims of domestic violence have access to the free and confidential services at the Nest. Estella brings a wealth of education to her new position. She holds a B.A.A.S. in Business Management with a minor in Criminal Justice and an MA in Education.

AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 75° Humidity 10% 75° 47° Breezy with plenty of sun Wind: SW 12-25 mph	RealFeel 69° Humidity 11% 63° 42° Sunny and windy Wind: W 20-30 mph	RealFeel 66° Humidity 11% 64° 45° Mostly sunny and breezy Wind: NW 10-20 mph	RealFeel 69° Humidity 12% 64° 47° Sunny Wind: WNW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 74° Humidity 19% 74° 46° Partly sunny Wind: W 10-20 mph	RealFeel 71° Humidity 19% 72° 44° Windy with a full day of sunshine Wind: SW 15-25 mph	RealFeel 55° Humidity 24% 50° 40° Sunshine, windy and cooler Wind: W 15-25 mph

Regional Cities

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:36 a.m./7:31 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 2:53 p.m./3:23 a.m.

Moon Phases

Full Last New First
Apr 17 Apr 24 May 3 May 10

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 97° in Edinburg, TX
Low: 0° in Bowie, AZ

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 112° in Matam, Senegal
Low: -41° in Ilimey, Russia

AccuWeather.com

National Forecast for April 13, 2011

Ruidoso Almanac

Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 63°/32°
Normal high 64°
Normal low 29°
Record high 79° (1960)
Record low 6° (1951)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.07"
Normal month to date 0.29"
Year to date 0.83"
Normal year to date 3.80"

Pollen:
Grass Absent
Trees Very High
Weeds Absent
Mold Low
Predominant Juniper tree

Alamogordo

Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 70°/33°
Normal high 74°
Normal low 44°
Record high 89° (1972)
Record low 30° (1949)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.11"
Year to date 0.46"
Normal year to date 1.87"

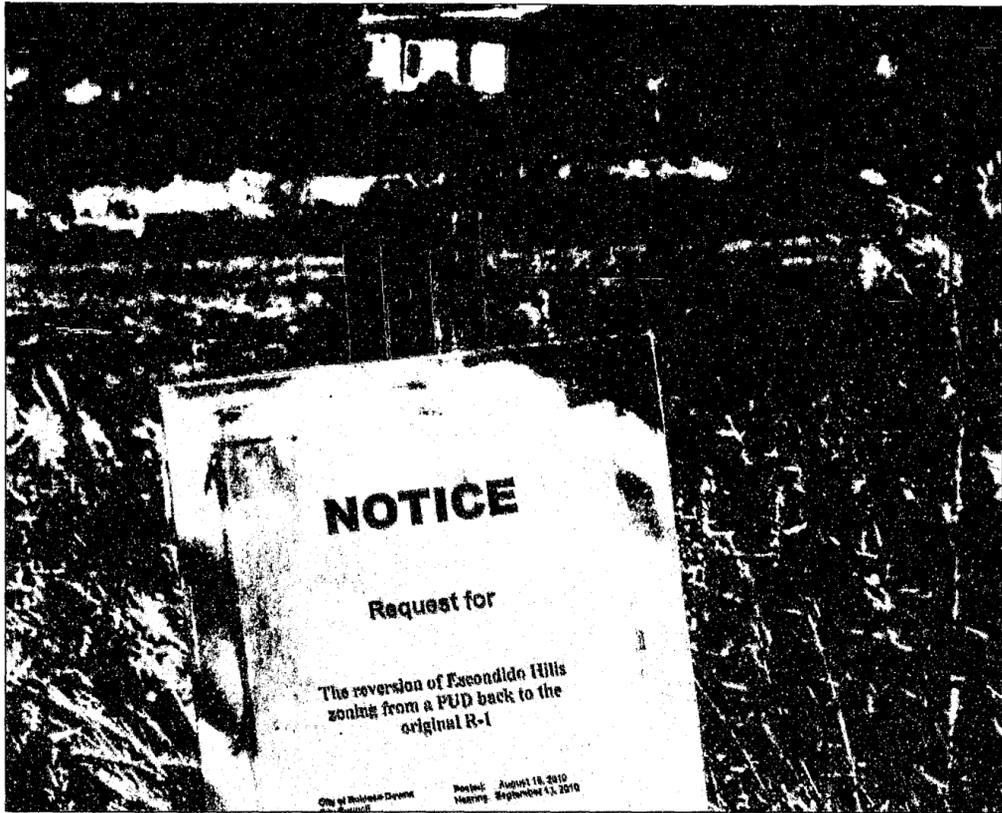
Weather Trivia™:

Q: Why is the ozone layer so important?
A: It reduces the amount of ultra-violet radiation reaching the Earth.

National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Abilene	84/60/s	86/47/s	Albuquerque	72/43/s	66/38/s
Anchorage	41/26/s	46/26/s	Artesia	94/54/s	90/45/s
Atlanta	74/48/s	77/55/s	Chama	59/28/s	62/17/s
Austin	85/66/pc	86/64/pc	Clayton	60/34/s	63/29/s
Baltimore	64/41/c	69/44/s	Cloudcroft	64/34/s	60/16/s
Boston	48/42/r	59/42/s	Farmington	67/33/s	58/25/s
Chicago	68/40/pc	54/40/l	Hobbs	91/48/s	85/43/s
Dallas	82/65/s	83/56/t	Los Alamos	61/31/s	55/23/s
Denver	55/33/c	58/24/sh	Portales	80/41/s	77/34/s
Des Moines	68/50/sh	58/44/sh	Raton	65/29/s	64/24/s
Detroit	81/41/s	57/37/l	Rod River	53/23/s	48/18/s
El Paso	83/57/s	83/50/s	Ruidoso	75/47/s	68/42/s
Las Vegas	78/51/s	72/52/s	Santa Fe	70/32/s	62/25/s
Los Angeles	65/50/pc	74/53/s	Silver City	77/40/s	75/38/s
Minneapolis	58/34/c	47/32/c	Taos	58/25/s	54/20/s
New Orleans	80/61/s	80/68/pc			
New York City	54/44/r	67/48/s			
Philadelphia	58/45/r	68/47/s			
Phoenix	84/59/s	84/59/s			
Reno	51/31/c	57/34/pc			
San Francisco	58/45/pc	61/48/pc			
San Diego	63/54/pc	69/56/s			
Seattle	51/39/r	50/30/r			
Tucson	82/50/s	80/50/s			
Tulsa, OK	80/57/s	72/46/t			
Wash., DC	64/46/c	70/50/s			
Wichita	78/51/s	88/39/sh			
Yuma	85/57/s	85/61/s			

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	88/76/t	88/76/s
Cancun	91/67/s	90/68/s
Chihuahua	83/44/pc	85/37/s
Ciudad Juárez	82/52/s	79/47/s
León	91/57/pc	91/56/s
México, DF	80/50/s	79/52/c
Monterrey	94/68/s	103/71/s
Morelia	90/61/pc	91/60/l
Oaxaca	95/61/s	89/68/pc
Pto. Penasco	81/52/s	80/57/s
Tijuana	66/49/pc	70/50/s



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Zoning designations for Agua Fria in Ruidoso Downs have everything to do with what may occupy a vacant 7-acre parcel.

Appeals court pulls plug on Agua Fria development

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An effort to block development of a part of the Agua Fria Subdivision in Ruidoso Downs has new life.

The New Mexico Court of Appeals, in an opinion filed April 8, reversed a district court ruling that had granted partial judgment in favor a developer. The appellate panel said there were "genuine issues" that remain.

The property in question is 7.23 acres in Agua Fria known as the Country Club Tract. The vacant land had more recently been called Escondido Hills until the City of Ruidoso Downs revoked the subdivision's survey plat and returned the property to single-family residential zoning last year.

A group of residents and property owners formed the Agua Fria Save the Open Space Association (AFSOSA) some six years ago and filed a lawsuit to prevent developer James Rowe from building townhomes on the property. The association sought to en-

force restrictive covenants and bar development of the Country Club Tract.

The covenants stated that the tract can be used for a hotel and/or club house and commercial activities, such as restaurants, bars, dancing halls, tennis courts, swimming pools, and other activities in connection with a hotel or club house.

The covenants were to run until Dec. 31, 1995, and then automatically extended for periods of 10 years unless a majority of the owners of lots and tracts in Agua Fria agree to change the covenants.

In 2009, the district court concluded Rowe had extinguished the restrictive covenants on the 7.23-acre tract.

Three years earlier, a majority of homeowners in the Agua Fria Subdivision amended the restrictive covenants to require the Country Club Tract remain permanently undeveloped and stay an open space park for the benefit of Agua Fria property owners. Rowe called the amendment invalid because "a majority of property own-

ers cannot amend the restrictive covenants to impose new burdens on only one select property."

District Judge Jerry Ritter determined Rowe had properly extinguished the restrictive covenants. But the court allowed AFSOSA to present arguments of sales pitches that alleged the Country Club Tract was meant to remain an open space.

The contention that the property owners in the Agua Fria Subdivision had been swayed to purchase their lots through the alleged misrepresentations was rejected by a jury.

In reversing the judgment and remanding the case back to the district court, the appellate court said there are questions about what applied to the

Country Club Tract.

In September 2010, the Ruidoso Downs City Council voided a 2005 PUD (Planned Use Development) zoning designation for Escondido Hills, which could sanction townhomes. The city's legal counsel said the PUD zoning had expired and Rowe failed to comply with the terms of a development agreement.

For several years there had been little or no activity at the property and neighbors complained of Escondido Hills being an eyesore and even a health and safety hazard.

At the time, city attorney Zach Cook said, "If you don't build a project, then the project goes away. They didn't perform with the ordinance, therefore the PUD has gone away."

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OUR OPINION

Blowing the fire out of proportion

It was bad, but not that bad

The human imagination tends to blow scenarios out of proportion, especially from afar.

If you are not there, you are apt to take the most dramatic detail as reported in the media and extrapolate it to the entire organism.

And that's not necessarily the fault of a particular wire service or TV network, though admittedly exaggeration does come with the conveyance of dramatic events.

Therefore, all of Ruidoso was under water during the Great Flood of 2008, and all of the Ruidoso Valley was ablaze during the White Fire, which,

of course, was a tragedy for many in its path.

That assumption is unfortunate to those marketing the area, who in the past 10 days have talked to people in Lubbock and El Paso who feel it unsafe to come to Ruidoso.

Ruidoso to the outside world: It's safe.

In fact, as the southwesterly wind was blowing, away from the village, Ruidoso was one of the safest spots to be during the height of the White Fire.

All the while, we see that a huge wildfire has been burning in West Texas. Oh my, Lubbock must be in flames.

Film industry needs more Red Rivers

Last fall, after a dismal tourist season for Red River, film crews arrived to make *This Must Be the Place*. They filled hotels and restaurants and boosted gross receipts, which saved Red River, according to Rep. Bobby Gonzales.

Well, maybe it didn't save the town, but "it certainly helped," says a local business woman, who supports the industry and the incentives that keep movie makers here. "It was a big influx of cash."

Going into the legislative session, film incentives loomed as an issue, but the governor and the industry were both making conciliatory noises, so it was surprising to see incentives become a lightning rod.

"I am not willing - not willing - to give Hollywood a subsidy of 25 percent on the backs of our kids," said the governor, as if there were no other options. She wanted another \$25 million to add to the budget. Other states had the same problem and solved it, according to Sherri Burr, a UNM Law professor, by identifying other funding sources.

Film proponents responded, "Job killers!"

Jobs number around 3,000 with another 7,000 in support positions, according to NMedia, a new industry trade group. On "Film and Media Day at the Legislature" industry advocates filled the rotunda. One day I met makeup artist Jennifer McDaniel, a New Mexico native who grew up in Clovis and now lives in Bernalillo.

"For the past eight years I have had full-time employment with health insurance," she wrote, all because of film incentives. She's bought a house and two vehicles, pays for her husband's tuition at UNM, and last year spent \$15,000 locally on makeup supplies. If the industry leaves the state, students in training programs would have to leave, as would thousands of New Mexicans working in the industry, she says.

There are hundreds of McDaniels out there. NMedia's

members range from studios, hotels and travel agencies to construction firms, telecom contractors and banks. The Motion Picture Association of New Mexico and kindred groups represent thousands more industry professionals. It shouldn't be that hard to measure economic impact, except that the

question is now so politicized that I wonder if anybody can produce a study all the players could agree on.

So it's a small miracle that legislators managed to compromise long enough, fireworks and all, to pass four bills.

One tightens the definition of "resident" in tallying tax

credits for workers and vendors and codifies reporting mechanisms; a second calls for a detailed study of the industry this year. Local independent producers were excited about a third measure that would have allowed them to participate in the loan program; it was vetoed.

The governor wanted to reduce rebates from 25 percent to 15 percent with a cap on annual production - the death knell for the industry, said opponents. Lawmakers preserved the 25 percent credit, avoided a cap, and limited payouts to \$50 million a year, with credits above that amount spread over three years. And they handed the governor \$28 million (more than she was seeking).

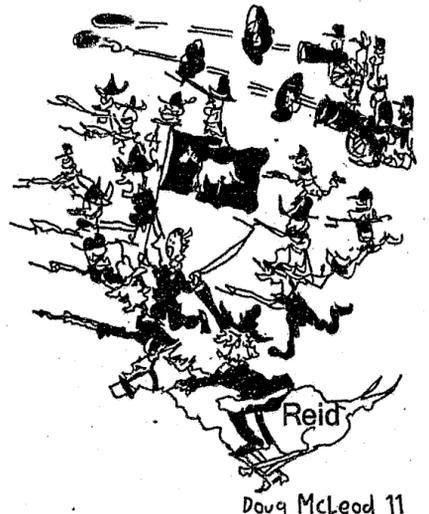
Said Rep. Dennis Roch, "I voted with 14 members of the Tax and Revenue committee on a compromise, which means everyone got a little of what they want and must accept a little of what they don't want."

State agencies will have to roll up their sleeves to sort out how this will work in practice.

Film people and their allies are rehashing the session and planning for the next one. Here's a tip for the industry: Raise your profile in rural areas. Of 159 productions, 98 were shot in Albuquerque and 61 in Santa Fe. If you want more Red Rivers (and their legislators) to sing your praises, show them, don't tell them.

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YOUR OPINION

A rigorous and intriguing first month

To the editor:

IT HAS NOW been officially one month today since I was sworn in as a new Ruidoso School Board Member. In this short time I have participated in rigorous School Board Training and had my first Board meeting.

I attended my first school visitation to Ruidoso Middle School where I listened to a fine saxophone player, studied labeled frog parts with seventh graders, enjoyed observing the talented artists in Ms. Raborn's class and sampled some delicious fresh-baked bread.

I also had the privilege of visiting lots of darling children and amazing teachers at Nob Hill. This has been a rigorous and

intriguing month.

As I take a few minutes this morning to catch my breath and reflect, I now understand why those who came before me served so faithfully for so many years. There is great joy in serving the children of our community. Thank you, Susan and Frank, for your sacrifice, commitment and years of unselfish service to our district. You ran the race well. Thank you, Marc, for your enthusiasm, courage and passion.

Even though I have felt as though this past month has been intense training for a long-distance race, I am encouraged by the fact that those who went before me ran their race well. On March 8, I held up my hand and

made my public vow to serve this district. The vow ended with the words, "so help me God."

That day, I knelt at the starting blocks and began a two year, long distance race, praying all the while that I might hold tight to the baton which was passed to me and together with this new team, run to win!

Thank you, Ruidoso, for the confidence you have placed in us, and thank you, former School Board Veterans for all you did during your years of service to our district.

Sincerely,

Devin Marshall
School Board President
Ruidoso Municipal School District

White Fire: So many to thank

To the editor:

FIRST, CAN I SAY a huge THANK YOU to every firefighter, police, sheriff and emergency personnel for coming to our aid so quickly in Spaghetti Flats [during the White Fire].

I wish I could do more then this, but I did pray more in 24 hours for people I didn't know trying to save our home, then I've ever done.

Second, thank you to the people of Downs Senior Center and individuals who thought to bring

water and food for these EMS people. I was so scared from the frantic traffic, and was finally sitting in our camper with our dogs and water/food, that it never occurred to me. Thank you all for giving them food and water quickly. I'm proud of our community.

Thirdly, thank you to the employees and volunteers who evacuated the Animal Shelter so quickly, smoothly and provided a dinner for them that evening as the Humane Society is dear to

my heart, but I was helpless to assist.

Lastly, thank you to all the friends and people who just cared to see if we were OK, and the offering of housing or help was so appreciated.

Thanks to the firefighters who are still here watching and walking those hills three days later for hot spots. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

What heroes!

Susan Carter Hoffer
Spaghetti Flats

Water: Ruidoso reaps what it sows

To the editor:

IN MANY OF THE discussions/articles about the water, or lack of it, in Eagle Creek, it has been pointed out by [Ruidoso Village Manager] Debi Lee and others that the Lincoln County

Commissioners approved numerous subdivisions during the past several years.

I'd like to point out that those approvals were given on a 3-2 vote with the Ruidoso area commissioners giving the three

approval votes. [Eileen] Sedillo and [Jackie] Powell have always voted against more subdivisions.

You reap what you sow, Ruidoso.

Gail Major
Carrizozo

Donation helps Optimist's mission

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to take this opportunity on behalf of the Ruidoso Optimist Club to thank you for your generous donation of storage space.

The savings for storage comes

to a whopping \$750 a year.

This will enable the Optimist Club to continue our mission of supporting the youth of Lincoln County be it through our Scholarship Program, Coats for Kids, the Food Backpack Program -

the list goes on.

Again, our heartfelt thank you for your support!

Charlotte Fish
Vice-President
Ruidoso Optimist Club
Ruidoso

Bright colors are energizing

To the editor:

WHETHER YOU like the colors on the store "2nd Hand Heaven" or not, you have to admit they are eye-catching.

This small business is located between two large commercial buildings on Sudderth Drive and would not be noticed with earth colors. The bright colors on this building will stop more people

than their sign.

Years ago, you would not have considered putting green and pink together. I remember that, back then, most new houses were painted beige or off-white inside.

But, today, anything goes. Bright colors have a way of energizing people.

Some people may think the 2nd Hand Heaven looks a little

bit like Old Mexico, but, that may not be too bad. If you look around you will notice all of New Mexico is beginning to look and act a little like Old Mexico.

I say good luck to the owners of 2nd Hand Heaven. I hope the bright colors bring them good fortune.

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

Ruidoso Downs tightens water restrictions

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Stage 1 water rationing restrictions are now in effect in Ruidoso Downs.

Outdoor use of water from the municipal system is prohibited from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Outside of those hours, those with odd numbered addresses can use hoses or sprinkler systems on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Even numbered addresses are

allowed to water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

"Plants however can be kept alive with daily watering with a hand-held bucket or with the use of a hose," Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards told city councilors who unanimously approved imposing the water conservation measure on Monday. "We'll try to get out some flyers that we can drop at businesses

and restaurants to advise of the watering stages."

Restaurants are to provide drinking water to customers only on request.

Several water production factors can trigger imposition of water rationing in Ruidoso Downs, including the flow of Griffith Spring, the city's main water source.

"Most of the time, in this time of the year, we find our spring goes below 290 gallons per minute," said

Mayor Tom Armstrong. "We are to follow the ordinance, which is we go into level one."

The ordinance states whenever the weekly average flow of the spring drops below 290 gallons per minute, stage 1 rationing is to be imposed. The spring lately has been producing about 285 gallons per minute.

The city has two additional conservation stages to deal with further declines in water production.

"Did we have the same type of situation last year at this time?" City Councilor Gary Williams questioned.

Richards said no.

"Last year we had very good snowfall, excellent runoff, and very good moisture," Richards said. "This year we're already in drought with predictions for a very dry summer. We need to make the public aware that water conservation is going to be a serious matter this year. I foresee the drought conditions worsening and it's very likely that we may have to impose even more stringent conditions."

Richards said the water conservation ordinance may require a yet tougher phase.

"Our current ordinance does not have a 'no watering' phase and I'm fearful that we may reach a point where we may have to look at that option."

Councilor Dean Holman said he understood the

city's new Riverside Well is largely used in times of emergency.

"Would that be brought into play before we went to the condition that you're describing?" Holman asked.

Richards said all the wells have been in play.

"The Denton Well, the Riverside Well, have all been made supplemental. So we can take the water from any of those wells. And at this point we're having to use Denton already two to three times, sometimes four times a week, to maintain our (storage) tank levels. So we watch all of those factors—the spring flow and the use of the Denton Well.

"We have about 50 acre-feet available in the Denton and Riverside wells. And some of that is limited by streamflow in the Ruidoso River. If it drops below six cubic feet per second, some of those rights are not available to us. So we have to be very careful about using those water rights."

The April runoff forecast for the Rio Ruidoso predicted the river's flow the remainder of the spring would be 13 percent of average. On Tuesday, the Rio Ruidoso was flowing at 7.1 cubic feet per second (cfs), according to a U.S. Geological Survey gauge near the border of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. The average for April 12 is 35 cfs. Last year the river had its best flow in 57 years of recordkeeping with an

April 12, 2010 flow of 183 cfs.

Asked by Williams if Stage 1 impacted watering at city parks, Richards responded it did not. But he added that the city would water before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

"In later, more restrictive phases it is limited, or in the latter phase, we stop watering in the parks."

The city had gone into the most restrictive water conservation phase for a time during the summer of 2004, when the Griffith Spring flow fell dramatically and the Denton Well's production was diminished. A water emergency was declared and neighboring Ruidoso assisted with the sale of 1 million gallons of water to the city.

In Ruidoso, Phase 4 of the village's five-tiered water conservation code is in effect. Outdoor watering with sprinkler systems is prohibited. Outdoor watering or washing of vehicles is limited to two days per week by using a hand-held hose or drip irrigation. The two days are Tuesday and Saturday for even numbered addresses. Wednesday and Sunday are allowed for odd numbered addresses. Plants, flowers and tree wells can be watered by using hand-held buckets or sprinkler cans that have been filled from hose bibs or interior faucets any day of the week. Ruidoso's Phase 4 is also called severe conditions.

DRY

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"You guys could also see some reduction in municipal water," Sleep said. "You guys do have some municipal reservoirs that may be lower than average that are not going to have much coming into them this year."

Ruidoso's Grindstone Reservoir relies on diversions from the Rio Ruidoso to supply the lake. Alto Reservoir uses Eagle Creek surface and well water. Bonito Lake, fed by the Rio Bonito, provides water to Alamogordo and Holloman Air Force Base. The water is delivered through a pipeline.

Sleep recommended the area go into a conservation mode. He said a good rainy season in July and August could mitigate some of the water shortfall.

"It will probably be a little late to help the irriga-

tors a whole lot because by then their crops will have either made it or they'll be irrigating out of wells if they're available to them."

March was the third consecutive drier than average month for much of the southern part of New Mexico. Despite the snow and associated big freeze that occurred in early February, precipitation totals that month were also well below normal for southern New Mexico.

The weather outlook for the second half of spring (mid April through May) continues to be driven by the ongoing La Niña conditions in the equatorial Pacific Ocean. Despite the weakening La Niña, it will still have an impact on the local weather through the spring, likely keeping precipitation below normal. A La Niña episode normally results in below normal spring precipitation for New Mexico, especially the southern part of the state.

The previous 23 La Niña

events have limited New Mexico spring precipitation to about 75 percent of normal statewide, while the seven strong La Niña events have limited spring precipitation to about 53 percent of normal.

For the first three months of 2011, Ruidoso received 25 percent of normal precipitation. The National Weather Service said 0.87 if an inch of rain or water equivalence in snow was measured. Normal is 3.54 inches for the period. At Capitan, 26 percent of the normal 2.04 inches was reported.

"It's looking like this dry pattern is going to continue at least for the next few months," Sleep said. "Hopefully it will start to break up by the time the monsoons kick in, or allow the monsoons to kick in. It's not looking good right at the moment."

"The monsoons are going to be our big hope for this season as far as getting anything going."

MOP-UP

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"One of the key decisions was to go off the Ruidoso Downs hydrants, which is connected to the potable water system, and use water from the Ruidoso Water Treatment Plant," Liaison officer Alan Beatty said. "The Water Treatment Plant had 1.5 million gallons of water out there that we could use to fight the fire."

Beatty said the water at the Treatment Plant was potable and usable to fight the fire.

Fire fighters also got 14,000 gallons of water for fire fighting from the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Officials estimated use of the Ruidoso Convention Center for an Incident Command operations center saved about \$7,000 a day.

"It was a challenge at first because they had events booked in there," plant manager Bob Cordts said. "They were very accommodating, shifting booked rooms around for us."

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong and Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart attended the briefing.

"On behalf of the citizens and business of Ruidoso Downs, thank you for all that you do," Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong said to the key per-



A BAER team member takes notes in assessing the damage from the White Fire.

sonnel from U.S. Department of Forestry and New Mexico Forestry Department gathered at Smokey Bear Ranger Station to talk about what went right and wrong during the week-long fire fighting effort. "I want to thank Ruidoso for opening up their town for what we couldn't provide."

"You guys are the Calvary," Stewart said. "I am just so pleased with the community and our first responders."

Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent represented the Village at the brief-

ing.

"I learned a lot about naming a fire," Vincent said. Vincent, as the first commander to respond to the fire, named the fire the "White Fire" because it started behind Tommy White's house on Gavilan Canyon Road.

"It wasn't to incriminate anybody. Maybe it was a poor choice of words on my part. I wish I had seen a stinkbug or something, I would have named it the Stinkbug Fire."

Vincent is White's son-in-law. They were together

in church and at lunch Sunday.

Vincent had responded to a dispatch for an airplane crash at Sierra Blanca Airport and passed Tommy White on his way home from lunch after the fire had been reported to Ruidoso Dispatch.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Propelled by winds gusting over 60 miles an hour, the fire went over Gavilan Ridge and quickly spread eastward behind Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and

along the northern edge of Ruidoso Downs in the area known as Spaghetti Flats.

Residents and animals were evacuated from the area and fire fighters moved in to protect homes. Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County fire fighters remained on duty throughout the night Sunday extinguishing flames as they approached homes.

Cowboys Riding Stables office was destroyed and the stables were damaged. The horses were transported to Grindstone Stables in Ruidoso.

One elderly horse was the only reported casualty.

Fire crews reported some minor injuries during the blaze. During the Saturday out briefing, the Type 3 Incident Command said two areas of potential hazardous material, an old landfill north of Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and a roadbed constructed of old tires in the River Ranch RV Park east of Ruidoso Downs, presented challenges to the crews.

Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER) members arrived on Friday and began assessing the burned area to determine the extent of natural resource damage.

"How hot did the fire burn? Can burned soils promote re-vegetation? Was wildlife displaced? Will it come back? Were archaeological sites damaged? What will happen when rains come? Is it safe for me to visit the fire area? These are common concerns after a wildfire," Lincoln National Forest information specialist Dusty Romero said Monday.

"These are questions to be answered by the BAER Team, a team of natural resource specialists assigned to provide a rapid assessment of post-wildfire threats to life, property and natural and cultural resources."

Romero said that the forest is not closed, but visitors to the burn area need to be aware of trees that could fall and stump holes that could be smoldering.

BLM

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• Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed campsite, or in an area three feet in diameter,

cleared of all flammable materials.

• Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic or incendiary device.

• Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrester and without a chemically pressurized fire

extinguisher of not less than 8 ounce capacity by weight, and one round point shovel. The extinguisher will be with the equipment operator. The shovel may be kept with fueling supplies, but readily available for use.

• Welding, or operating

acetylene or other torch with open flame, except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials, at least 10 feet on all sides from equipment.

These restrictions have been coordinated with the other land management

agencies, the New Mexico State Forestry Division and affected counties. Fire Prevention Orders are available at each District Office and will be posted to www.publiclands.org/fire-news/NM.php.

As summer approaches, additional restrictions or

closures may be necessary. Check for updates at www.nmfireinfo.com.

The BLM manages about 245 million acres. Known as the National System of Public Lands, the property primarily is located in 12 western states.

EDUCATION

Academic Academy works

BILL DEMENT
For the Ruidoso News

In late March, Capitan Principal Jarrett Perry, along with Chad Smith and Rebecca Gonzales of ENMU-Ruidoso, joined staff and parents to talk about the exciting learning opportunities available for Capitan students in partnership with ENMU.

Perry discussed Capitan's Academic Academy which was founded in the fall of 2010 and is dedicated to providing a challenging college preparatory curriculum to maximize intellectual excellence.

The Academic Academy was a collaborative effort on the part of Perry, Becky Huey-Schultz, Jason Hightower, Robin Parks and the Capitan School Board, staff and Superintendent Shirley Crawford.

Participation in the academy is a decision made by students and their parents made as early as middle school to pursue a rigorous program of academic studies throughout their high school career.

These include, but are not limited to, Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Credit, Pre AP and Honors/Enrichment courses offered in the school district.

Admission to the

Academic Academy is based on specified cut scores on district short cycle testing and for those students who earned "Proficient" or "Above" status on the previous year's New Mexico Standards Based Assessment.

AP courses are designed for students ready to undertake college level academic work. The national College Board prepares curriculum and monitors teacher training in the subject area and administers testing.

Many colleges award college credits for various levels of proficiency demonstrated on AP exams while other colleges use the scores for placement.

Smith and Gonzales explained the concept of Dual Credit. Smith said that eligible high school students could take elective college courses through ENMU where the student would earn both college credit and elective high school credit for students at Capitan High School.

Dual credit courses are taken for enrichment purposes only and cannot be used for remedial or developmental purposes and they cannot be taken in place of core courses offered at Capitan High School.

Dual credit courses count towards graduation

as elective credit. To be eligible for Dual Credit the student must be 16 years or older and enrolled as a junior or senior in high school with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and take a University Placement Assessment for reading, writing, and mathematics prior to enrolling in the course.

Smith explained that the great thing about Dual Credit is that ENMU-Ruidoso waives the tuition costs and Capitan High School pays for the books thereby reducing the financial burden of students to pay for college.

He did caution that since the college classes were arduous, both the parent and student must sit down and discuss the realities of juggling college level courses in addition to regular high school classes while pursuing extracurricular activities such as sports and school based activities.

Smith also stressed that the grades of the Dual Credit courses are recorded on the student's official college transcript and become part of their collegiate GPA.

Student advisers carefully monitor the student's progress to ensure they can satisfactorily handle the additional academic workload.

THANKING THE HOTSHOTS



First grade students from Sierra Vista Primary School pose with their teacher, Martha Sanchez, and Flagstaff Hotshot crew members in front of an appreciation sign made by the students.

State to audit schools' data

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The New Mexico Public Education Department will scrutinize data which is used to determine a school district's funding for the 2011-2012 school year. The information was recently supplied to the department from New Mexico's 89 public school districts.

In an April 12 memorandum to public school superintendents, education board presidents and district business managers, New Mexico Education Secretary-designate Hanna Skandera was there was a 116 percent increase in student funding units reported by districts. An audit of the information from districts has begun.

"This enormous increase from last school year's growth suggests potential inconsistencies or errors in the data provided and intentional gaming of the system to receive additional funding," Skandera wrote.

The information from the public school districts in New Mexico indicated a 1 percent increase in student enrollments, which was described as consistent with previous trends. But a huge jump in the reported number of special education students and a large increase in expenses for teacher training and experience were labeled inconsistent with recent trends.

The department called the increases "unusual spikes." The memo stated that special education is the most expensive to fund, and if a district had a huge increase in special education students, the district would receive a greater share of the overall state appropriation for education.

"The reason for this audit is clear," Skandera said. "Fraud and abuse of the state's funding system will not be tolerated."

The department said there are specific districts that are the primary focus

of the audit. By the close of business on Thursday, districts under review will be notified of the next steps in the process.

The audits will include random sampling of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to ensure data in the IEPs matches other information provided to the department.

The review will also attempt to make sure special education students have been properly identified, that funds for services are reasonably based on an individual student's needs, that funds are being used as outlined in the district's budget plan, and that districts are in compliance with state and federal guidelines under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Years of teachers experience and academic degrees will also be reviewed in districts that reported figures higher than the statewide average or noteworthy differences from the previous year.

Hubbard Foundation increases scholarship money to students

The R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation has increased the monetary award of its scholarship program.

Future scholarships will cover \$20,000 over a four-year period.

Since 1990 the foundation has awarded scholarships to three of the highest achieving graduating high school seniors from the Lincoln County area.

While many scholarships in the area are one semester awards, the Hubbard Foundation Lincoln County Scholarship program provides a

four-year commitment.

Recognizing the increasing costs of obtaining a degree from a major university, the foundation's board raised the scholarship award from \$1,000 per semester to \$2,500, said Robert Donaldson, executive director of the foundation.

Graduates of all five high schools in Lincoln County are eligible to apply.

Applications are available through counselors at each high school. The filing deadline is April 1.

Eligibility requirements call for applicants to have maintained a minimum high school grade point

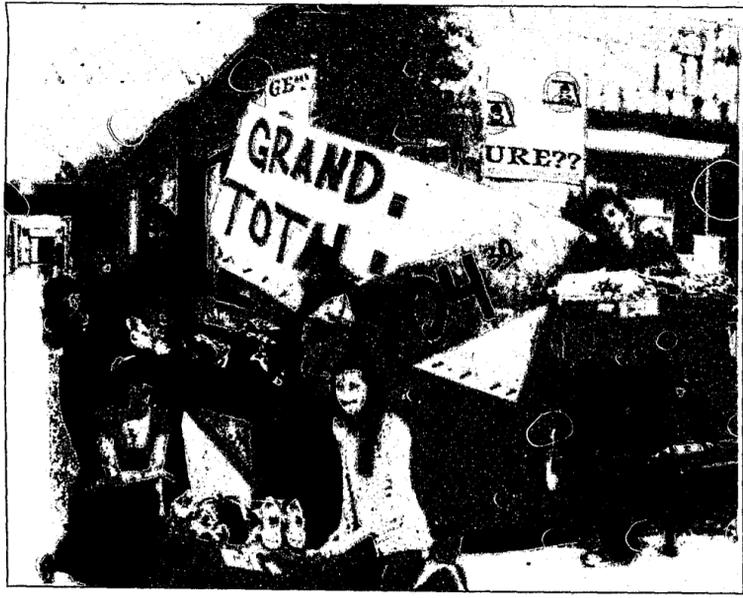
average of 3.5 or better.

"We're always very pleased to recognize and reward the top graduates of Lincoln County," said Joan Dale Hubbard, vice president of the Hubbard Foundation.

"These awards assist these wonderful young people to attend the universities of their choice for their college educations."

Over the past 20 years the foundation has awarded scholarships to 46 Ruidoso High School graduates, as well as 11 from Capitan High School, two from Carrizozo, and one from Corona, totaling more than \$147,000 in educational assistance.

SHOES FOR SOULS



COURTESY

The Ruidoso High School's Student Leadership class, under the direction of Yelena Temple, conducted a school wide "Change for Soles" project last month. Recycled shoe boxes were decorated and placed in classrooms throughout the school during the second week of March to collect spare change. The money was used to purchase new tennis shoes for needy students at the Sierra Vista Primary and the White Mountain Elementary schools. More than 20 classrooms at the high school collected funds. During the week, \$704 was donated, enough to purchase 62 pairs of shoes.

At \$236, Ruidoso High School band teacher Gary Shaver's class raised the most money. Second was Judy Shipp's senior government class with \$104. Tricia Jameson's freshman health students donated \$98. In the back, left to right, are RHS students Sarah Sue Jones, Marissa Chavez, Chynna Mendiola and

Michael Holt showing some of the 62 pairs of new shoes that will be given to some needy students in the elementary grades. Kneeling are Lindsey Power and Cynthia Schleck.

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Garden Art Exhibit on display at RRCA

Join New Mexico Alliance for Children for a Youth "Garden Art" Exhibit at the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, 1712 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. The exhibit will be on display through April 15. The show will feature eight garden murals by the children of Lincoln County Head Start, who are building gardens at their schools this spring, plus original "Bug Art" creations by the students of Ruidoso Middle School.

About 150 Lincoln County Head Start preschoolers have been working on their murals for several weeks, guided by artists Suzy Komara and Patsy Blasdel. The murals are an imaginative blend of painting and collage, which revolve around garden themes, such as garden creatures, all types of sunflowers, and the parts of a plant.

The garden art is part of a 12-week program offered through New Mexico Alliance for Children to promote healthy eating habits and teach students about nutrition through hands-on gardening activities.

Head Start students in Ruidoso, Capitan, and Hondo Valley are reading books about how foods grow and developing their own indoor/outdoor gardens and compost areas at each location.

In addition, they take part in weekly fitness, music and art activities that are unified around the theme of a healthy lifestyle.

Music teacher Marty Hall and a number of local artists and gardening instructors have loaned their talents to make the project a success.

The program is especially timely because childhood obesity is the fastest growing health concern in the U.S. today.

Dr. Alfredo Vigil, Secretary of the NM DOH, reports, "New Mexico is facing a public health epidemic regarding children who fall into the overweight and obese categories: One out of every 10 kindergartners and one-in-five third-graders are obese. We also found that obesity is occurring at very young ages among children, which makes it difficult for them to develop a healthy lifestyle later."

NMAC's garden project focuses on young children because they're just starting to form their eating habits, and guiding the development of healthy habits is much easier than trying to change poor ones. Gardening provides children with a special connection to healthy food.

They begin to understand the "seed to table" experience of planting, nurturing, harvesting, and tasting nutritious seasonal produce that they have grown themselves.

Funding for the area Head Start garden projects is provided through a migrant from the New Mexico Department of Health's Office of Health Equity.

The creative, colorful Bug Art paintings are

another exciting aspect of the exhibit on display at the RRCA.

Ruidoso Middle School art students have been busy the past three weeks exploring media and completing projects in Megan Rabourn's art classes. Students studied shading and texture and used these elements to create imaginary insects using tempera paint, pastels, and charcoal.

Students were encouraged to experiment and to approach the assignment playfully.

"My goal is to awaken some sort of artist in every one-just about every student leaves the class feeling like they've made something pretty great" Rabourn said. "I grew up in a house with lots of 'making' going on all the time-woodworking, art, photography, gardening, music-and I believe that 'making' is integral to becoming a thoughtful and whole individual. Kids need and crave the opportunity to use their hands and to play with materials and tools. Classes in the arts provide the space for this to happen and teach higher level thinking skills in the process."

The art exhibit also features "Living Sculpture" pieces by RRCA artist Gary Henry and gardener/certified compost operator Roger Allen. Both pieces demonstrate ways to grow plants creatively in small spaces.

Gary Henry's strawberry planter is actually made



COURTESY

Student inspired "Garden Art" is on display this week at the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts.

from a pair of recycled blue jeans. Roger Allen uses Garden Soxx, which are mesh sock-like tubes filled with compost, to show how to build a vertical sculpture combining herbs, flowers, and fruit or vegetable plants.

His garden creation can be grown inside or out-of-doors.

The garden murals and sculpture pieces will become a traveling art exhibit to raise public awareness surrounding children's health and nutritional issues in our state.

On Saturday, April 16, the exhibit will be on display

at the Community Health Fair, which will be held 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, 103 Sutton in Ruidoso.

The Health Fair celebrates the Week of the Young Child and features health-related activities for children and families. NMAC will contribute an obstacle course for young children, interactive art projects, and health information for families.

After the Health Fair, the garden exhibit will move to other public settings in Ruidoso.

Later in the spring, the

children at Head Start will have the opportunity to plant vegetables at Smokey's Community Garden at the Lincoln National Forest's Smokey Bear Ranger Station on Mechem Drive, where NMAC is helping to expand the existing garden space and add a youth garden apprenticeship program.

If you would like to learn more about New Mexico Alliance for Children and their creative health programs for area youth, please visit their website www.nmhealthykids.org. Volunteers are always welcome.

Optimists seeking scholarship applications

The Optimist Club of Ruidoso is seeking applicants for its annual high school senior and ENMU-Ruidoso scholarship program by the application deadline of April 30, 2011.

Application forms are available at all high school counseling offices and at the ENMU-Ruidoso Student Affairs office.

Four high school scholarships and one scholarship specifically to ENMU-Ruidoso will be awarded.

The proceeds of Hog Salsa sales are the club's primary fund raising activity in support of the scholarship program.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, April 30, c/o the Optimist Club of Ruidoso, PO Box 4497, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Applications may also be delivered in person to Washington Federal Bank, 398 Sudderth Dr., in Ruidoso.

Only complete applica-

tions will be considered for the scholarship award. Award decisions will be completed in time for High School graduation ceremonies.

Graduating Seniors from all Lincoln County and Mesalero High Schools are eligible for Optimist Club scholarships. For additional information on scholarships, contact club president Harold Oakes at 575-937-4013.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Harvesting rain

Dr. Jim Miller's class "Rainwater Harvesting and Grey Water System Design" will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Topics include design and placement of rainfall harvesting equipment and systems,

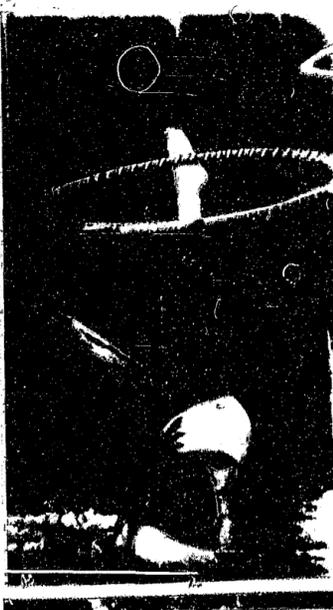
review of New Mexico grey water law and regulations, and easy to follow directions concerning use of water and equipment. Website and print materials are included. This is a hands-on class focusing on inexpensive and practical ways to conserve and reuse rainwater. Bring a picture

of your existing landscape and Dr. Miller will recommend specific ways to that you can take advantage of this free yet priceless resource. The fee for the class is \$35 or \$25 for seniors.

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Process for slowing down Midtown traffic slows down

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Although they expressed support for recommendations to encourage pedestrian traffic and to slow vehicles through the historic shopping core of Midtown, village councilors reduced the speed of the project.

On a motion by Councilor Denise Dean at their meeting last month, councilors directed staff to proceed on obtaining approval from the New Mexico Department of Transportation on the design and placement of two speed tables at the entrances to Midtown. All proposed signage also must receive the nod from the agency.

"It's just a vote for more information," Councilor Gloria Sayers clarified before voting.

Mayor Ray Alborn told Teri Sodd, who serves on the Midtown Merchant Association that offered the list recommendations, "Don't give up. We'll get it done."

Village Manager Debi Lee said because Sudderth Drive also is New Mexico State Highway 48, all structures must meet the state's specifications.

Street Department Director J. R. Baumann estimated the cost of installing two asphalt tables and painting them at \$19,486.30. The price did not include lights or signs. The tables would be installed on Sudderth near McGary's Art Gallery and at the Comfort Inn.

The full range of recommendations included mark-

ed and possibly textured crosswalks at five locations along Sudderth at the Country Club Drive, Eagle Drive, Center Street, Grindstone Canyon and Chase Street intersections.

Two additional speed tables would be built midway between Country Club Drive and Eagle, and between Eagle and Center. Solar-powered warning signs with flashing lights would go up at each end of Midtown warning drivers they are entering a pedestrian zone.

"I'm sure Teri would like to see everything all at once, but what we are proposing is to take it in steps," Lee said. "We only have the funding for the speed tables now. We have no funding source yet for the signals and the crosswalks."

Alborn said signs also should be posted urging people to use the crosswalks.

Lee said the village appears to be in line for some money for sidewalk improvements and partnerships can be formed for funding to ensure the safety of visitors as they shop in the tourist destination.

Councilor Don Williams asked if a possible assessment of businesses in Midtown ever was discussed as a means of paying for some of the improvements. Lee agreed the aim is to increase the activity in Midtown, but said that subject was not broached.

Wednesday, Lee said a letter to the NMDOT was on its way, stating that the village plans to implement the project in stages begin-



Pedestrians and vehicles share a relatively confined space through the heart of Midtown Ruidoso.

ning with the speed tables and signage located at each end of Midtown.

"We asked for their assistance in helping us to identify specifically where these speed tables and signage will go to ensure compliance with their DOT regulations," she said. "They can provide the signage at a lower cost and (that) assures it will meet their standards. We will also mark the crosswalks at Eagle and Center Streets. The other items requested must be planned for, and we will work with the Midtown Association to find the funding."

Lee said she's worked with Kurtz before flashing yellow light crosswalk signs on state highways and they are effective. "There are many ways to address crosswalks and

everyone goal is to ensure a safe walkway," she said. "We will be reporting back to the council to identify costs associated with this effort and to assure compliance with NMDOT for liability purposes."

At the council meeting last month, Councilor Denise Dean asked Baumann, "Do we have the money?" Lee responded the money is in the budget for the two speed tables. While the state won't help on those, Bob Kurtz with the 2nd District of NMDOT that includes Lincoln County said something might be found for the crosswalks, she said.

"Signs would be easy," Lee said, and the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee could find dollars for trash receptacles.

Sayers said she spoke to

an engineer technician, who worked with traffic problems in Albuquerque, and he wasn't enthusiastic about speed tables.

"I love that you're stepping out to improve Midtown, even if I'm not sold," she told Sodd. "When the snow plows go over them, they can scrape the top and damage them, even if the drivers know where they are. He also suggested that thermal plastic paint would cut down on maintenance and I didn't see that mentioned."

Instead of creating the speed tables from asphalt, which can be produced at the village's asphalt plant, she said the recycled rubber tire tables appear a better bet, because they could be removed in the winter and stored, avoiding damage by snowplows.

"I wondered if we took enough time to explore it," she said. "He suggested six feet moving up, 12 feet going across and 6 feet coming down. I'm concerned about motorcyclists and a snowplow taking off the top. We could try one and see how it works. We want to control speeding. I don't want to inconvenience and create obstacles for the rest of the community."

Police Chief Joe Magill said without a police presence in Midtown, people will speed. He can use bicycle patrols in the summer to increase visibility. The word will get around that the area is a speed trap similar to the reputation of Tularosa in neighboring Otero County, he said.

"Midtown is not the only

area where people speed," he said. "But we can concentrate there."

"We've had officers and lights there before and they don't seem to get (drivers') attention," Sodd said. "We looked at rubber (for the speed tables), but asphalt is more durable and less expensive."

"We've tried rubber before and it tears up faster than asphalt," Baumann offered. "We have our own hot plant and asphalt will be easy to maintain. We just have to educate the snow plow. I think it's worth a shot. Our idea was to start with the two further out and see how they affect traffic flow."

He also disagreed with using the thermal plastic paint, opting instead for inlaid white lines repainted annually.

Dean said she liked the idea of the two tables as a beginning.

Magill said emergency vehicles try to avoid Midtown on their runs, and agreed the speed tables will slow traffic. Sodd said speed tables slow emergency responses by about three seconds, according to studies.

But the crosswalks worried Magill, because they give people a false sense of security. A vehicle traveling at 35 mph takes 70 feet to stop, he said.

Councilor Rafael Salas said he liked the placement of the tables with 4 feet of clearance on the side for bicycles and drainage. He urged that a sign be installed at crosswalks telling pedestrians to use "extreme caution."

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Dunagan's Ark



The farm that became a petting zoo

Woman comes to the rescue of animals in fire

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As the flames from The White Fire reached the first ridge April 3, and tumbled forward toward Ruidoso Downs, livestock and pet owners loaded up their friends and searched for a place of safety to ride out the blaze.

Patricia "Trish" Dunagan, owner of Dunagan Farms with her brother Glen, provided that earth-bound ark.

By the time the animals stopped arriving, she had offered a place of protection to 14 horses, three miniature horses, one donkey, eight sheep and goats, one llama, two pot-bellied pigs, four dogs and three chickens.

"It was really crazy around here, but fun," she said. "With 36 animals, it looked more like a petting zoo."

"We pasture horses and a friend called and said one of his friends needed a

place to evacuate horses for a few days. I thought there probably are many more people in the same situation. Denny (Thompson) called the radio stations to offer the farm."

She already had some horse pens and water, but some of the owners brought portable pens, feed and water.

Dunagan's parents, both teachers, bought the farm behind the J Bar J Country Church on the south side of U.S. 70 in 1959. She grew up there and her parents retired there.

"I moved away for 20 years and then came back from Phoenix," she said. Her brother, although a co-owner, still lives in Phoenix and Trish handles the farm's operation.

"When all this was going on, I called Domino's to get pizza for some of the evacuees, and they wouldn't allow us to pay," she said, adding that it's all part of a community coming together in a calamity.



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White Fire: Wind direction a factor in siren use

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Emergency sirens in Ruidoso were not activated during the White Fire April 3, because the flames were being pushed by strong winds to the east and Ruidoso was the safest place for people to be, said Ruidoso's Interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent.

"We didn't need panic in Ruidoso," he said. "When we hit the sirens, it will be for a very good reason, not any cry wolf. I have certain trigger points and I'll be very aggressive to get citizens out of harm's way."

A Ruidoso REACT team, which stands for Radio

Emergency Alert Communications Team, was formed, Vincent said. When sirens are activated, "Harvey T" Twite at KEDU radio station 102.3 will interrupt broadcasts on all local radio stations to deliver relevant emergency messages.

All stations are set up for citizens to tune in and receive directions, the interim chief said.

"I have a commitment from 102.3 that they will run a looped message the whole time the emergency is going on. I will update that message every 15 minutes. I think that goes above and beyond," Vincent said.

Residents and visitors



Vincent: "I've got some things on the horizon that will be wonderful. We will set Ruidoso up like a clock."

shouldn't worry if they hear the sirens at 5 p.m., the first and 15th of each month. Those are the bi-monthly tests, he said.

All the sirens were test-

ed and work, except the one at Village Hall on Cree Meadows Drive.

Vincent said a new receiver is on order for that siren, but the village also

received a \$20,000 Homeland Security grant and negotiated a price for two news sirens that can either replace older existing units or add a siren at Ponderosa Heights and Camelot areas, saturating the village.

The Cree Meadows Drive area falls within a four-square mile range of the siren at Fire Station 2, and should be covered, he said.

Vincent also plans to bring in a federal team of specialists in fire behavior, safety and evacuation to look at and suggest changes for the village's evacuation routes.

"I knew this was going

to be a bad fire season (with nearly record lack of precipitation), but after watching the fire behavior on the White Fire, we have to be able to get people out quickly and safely. The only thing on my mind is citizen safety. They have to have faith in us and move quickly when instructed to leave," he said.

"I've got some things on the horizon that will be wonderful. We will set Ruidoso up like a clock. Homes will be identified not just by an address, but by a zone number. We can isolate evacuation or other warnings to specified zones to eliminate general panic and improve efficiency."

Flaws revealed in emergency notification system during fire

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Lincoln County's new CodeRED Emergency Notification System, a high speed telephone communications service for emergency notifications, was used during the White Fire to notify some of the danger.

But at least one in the path of the fire on April 3 said they were not called.

"Their database still had some of these numbers listed as (area code) 505, so we went through there and

changed all that," said Travis Atwell, director of the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services. "You know how the good old government decides 'Let's change area codes' and they're still trying to catch up on it."

CodeRED can call multiple phone numbers in short order to deliver a message. It can ring all the numbers in its database or selected locations or numbers.

"All individuals and businesses should take the time to visit our website and add contact informa-

tion to include cellular phones and other non-traditional phones as well as email and text addresses," Atwell said.

"If your contact information is not in the database you will not receive a call when an urgent message is sent."

Atwell urged businesses, those with unlisted phone numbers, those who recently change their phone numbers, and those who use a cellular exclusively or have VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) as their primary phone numbers, to input

their information by going online at www.lincolncountynm.net.

He also recommended that everyone go to the website and review their information.

"Go in there, plug in your name, your address, and all your contact information. That way it's all verified. If you've got a cell phone number and you want to be called on the cell phone or if you've got an email address, or whatever."

Atwell said the biggest issue is VoIP through com-

panies such as Vonage.

"Their info is not in the database. Some of Mescalero Apache Telephone Telecom (another VoIP provider) is in there, some is not. That's why we're urging everybody to go in there and update your information."

The county will test the CodeRED's notification system on April 19 to call its entire database. The planned morning calls will provide Lincoln County personnel with a chance to operate the system as if there had been a communi-

ty-wide disaster.

The system can dial the entire county within minutes to deliver a recorded message from the Emergency Services Office or the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

The message will play when answered by a live person or an answering machine.

The system makes three attempts to connect to each number. Contact information in the database will remain confidential and will only be used for critical communications.

— RUIDOSO VILLAGE COUNCIL —

Federal funds won't cover full cost of new Main Street bridge

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Because the design of the first bridge on Main Road contains improvements for traffic in case of evacuations, federal disaster reimbursement money won't cover the entire cost.

The bridge was heavily damaged during the July 2008 flood on the Rio Ruidoso and a temporary structure was installed.

The village council last week approved a purchase order for Contech Con-

struction Products Inc. to fabricate a new bridge based on plans by Zia Engineers.

Contech was selected to build structures for 10 damaged bridges, nine are flood-related and part of the funding will be through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. But for First Bridge, part of the money will come through the New Mexico Department of Transportation,

because of the improved ingress and egress for Upper Canyon resident in

the event of an emergency, said Village Project Engineer Robert Decker.

The bridge structure is built in sections and shipped to the site for installation. It will be stockpiled pending selection of a contractor to prepare the site and install the bridge.

Fabrication of the structure will take up to eight weeks. To pay for it in time to request reimbursement from the NMDOT by June 30, action was needed at the council meeting, Capi-

tal Projects Manager Randall Camp said. The quote price is \$159,844, plus gross receipts taxes.

In other business, councilors:

- approved an amendment for a 27-month extension of a loan with the New Mexico Finance Authority after a three-year deadline occurred on April 14, 2009, to use all the program money. The remaining balance of money to be spent is \$44,621.56. The options were to either apply the proceeds toward the repayment of the \$846,667 loan or use the money to purchase street department equipment. The latter was recommended to purchase two dump pup trailers that can be pulled behind dump trucks and a small salt spreader for a pickup.

- approved a first renewal agreement between the village and Page Sports

Promotions for the operation of concessions at Eagle Creek and North Park. The prices remain the same as last year.

- approved a change of long distance carrier from XO to Qwest. A review revealed the village was paying about 30 cents a minute for intrastate calls and 10 cents a minute for interstate calls, plus a line charge for each line requiring service.

With Qwest, long distance will be 0.0252 a minute for both intrastate and interstate calls, with no per line charges, resulting in an estimated 80 percent savings on the village's monthly long distance bills.

- approved a sub-grant agreement with the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to upgrade the village emergency siren system for

\$20,000.

- approved a special dispensers permit for the Ruidoso Mountain of Blues Festival at Wingfield Park on June 4.

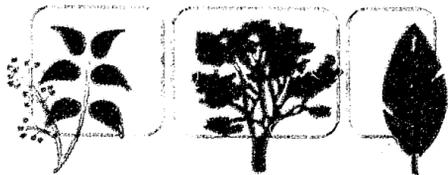
- appointed Kathy Alexander, Jodie Powell, Sunny Hirschfeld, Shirley Estes and Roy Brown to the Art Task Force charged with furnishing the renovated Ruidoso Convention Center, with art for local artists, if possible.

While discussing the convention center, Councilor Angel Shaw said Leisure Hotels, which has the contract to manage the center, needs to post a photograph of the renovated center and remove the old shot to let the community and others see the new look and improvements.

Britt Nichols of Paradime Pictures also is helping to enhance the village website.

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Bill may allow Mescalero Tribe to lease water rights

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U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce Friday introduced a bill that would allow the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease water rights granted to the tribe by a 1993 New Mexico court decision.

Pearce, a Republican representing the 2nd Congressional District of New Mexico that includes the counties of Lincoln and Otero, said the bill aims to promote economic growth and would honor the right for Native American communities to exercise self-determination. If passed, the legislation would permit lease or transfer of water rights for a term of up to 99 years, provided the lease or transfer complies with New Mexico law.

Ruidoso officials were aware of the pending legislation, said Mayor Ray Alborn.

"We are familiar with that situation," he said Monday. "We've had conversations with Pearce's aide about it. As a matter of fact, I have felt all along that the Tribe is a neighbor of ours and we needed to have a working relationship with them in a lot of ways. President (Mark) Chino and I (and staff members) have gone out to lunch a number of times to get to know each other. Selena (Chino, first lady of the Tribe) came with a few times and added a lot of class to a table otherwise crowded with a bunch of men. Joe Magill (formerly with the FBI on the reservation; now Ruidoso police

chief) was with too. "I hope they can feel we are on the up and up. We certainly are interested in working with them any way we can, but I emphasize, it has to be a win-win for both parties. That's the only way it makes sense. President Chino also has to work with his Tribal Council."

Pinpointing new avenues to obtain water rights became more important to the village in the last few months as it faces a threat of losing the ability to use some of its rights at the North Fork wellfield on Eagle Creek. Because the wells lie on U.S. Forest Service land and pumping is opposed by downstream landowners who sued to stop the possible depletion of the underground water supply, the village may be subject to a huge cut in pumping, down to 300 acre feet per year, under a new special use permit.

The Pearce bill is identical to legislation introduced by U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) in the Senate. The measure has received bipartisan support.

President Chino commended Pearce for his work on this legislation.

"On behalf of the Mescalero Apache people, I want to express our appreciation to Representative Pearce for sponsoring legislation authorizing the Tribe to lease its water rights," Chino said. "This will provide the Tribe with a valuable economic opportunity and the ability to provide water to people in the area."

Liquor OK'd for BTK Chute Out

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Alcoholic beverages may be available at a June 3-4 bull riding event that will be held on property of Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Ruidoso Downs City Councilors Monday approved a special dispenser permit for the Billy the Kid Chute Out.

An initially cautious Councilor Gary Williams noted the Billy the Kid Chute Out was a first-time event.

"I'd like to have a little more input on what this event consists of before we approve of a dispenser

license." Police Chief Doug Babcock said he understood the event would involve bull riding.

"Where it's almost like a PRCA where they're going to have bull riding and a rodeo type of thing," Babcock said.

Questioned if the location was where the horse sales barns are located, Babcock responded affirmatively and provided an address of 100 Joe Welch Drive.

"I think Ty Murray is the cowboy that's doing this," Councilor Dean Holman told Williams of what he has seen on TV. "They're having the same

thing, I would assume, in Albuquerque right now. I would think it's tied to that event because the names seem to be the same."

Williams said he had received enough information.

"I mean, it's good to have the event here in the city," Williams said. "And I think it's important that we support it."

Mayor Tom Armstrong agreed.

"I believe they (Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino) are going to be reaching for a lot of different events since the motorcycle rally may not be here sometime in the future," Armstrong said.

The two nights of bull riding events will bring more than 40 professional bull riders. In addition to the bull riding entertainment, vendors will showcase products and services. Concessions will sell food and drink.

The event, sanctioned by the National Federation of Professional Bullriders, will be under the direction of JK Bullriding.

An estimated 4,000 people were expected to attend the event. The track will supply 15 security people at the function which is to run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. the two evenings, according to the special dispenser permit application.

BLM, county, define 'wilderness' status

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Allowing multiple use of federal land means balancing the values of each place, not every use on every acre, says an official with Bureau of Land Management Action Center of The Wilderness Society.

Phil Hanceford's remarks were revisited this month in *True Grit*, the Wilderness Society's online publication.

Lincoln County commissioners recently approved a resolution opposing an administrative order by the Secretary of the Interior that allows agency designation of wilderness lands. Commissioner Mark Doth referred to the move as a

"land grab." Only an elected Congress has the right to designate wilderness areas, they contended.

The reference to multiple use lands managed by the BLM, "simply means that the majority of our public lands are valued for many benefits that they provide to Americans," he said.

Hanceford, an associate attorney for the center, contended the term "multiple use" is widely misused by energy development proponents and their representatives in government to try to undermine the conservation of any public lands.

"Contrary to what some would have you believe, multiple use, by statutory

definition, includes protecting some areas for conservation values, such as fish and wildlife, clean air and water, scenic qualities and wilderness," according to Hanceford.

"Conservation of public lands, including designating wild lands, and multiple use management are not mutually exclusive."

It would be impossible for any land manager to allow all uses on every acre of public land, so after receiving input from the public, BLM officials decide how many and what uses should be allowed on each parcel, including mining, grazing and conservation, the author states.

"Wilderness is being lost every year largely because

it has been the least prioritized when you look at how these lands are being used," Hanceford stated.

He posed four questions:

- How can BLM do its job under the multiple-use mandate without inventorying and considering the conservation of wild lands?
- How can the conservation of wild lands not be a multiple use of public lands when it has been the law of the land for decades?
- Doesn't energy development often exclude access to other uses of public lands, such as backcountry hunting and fishing?
- Doesn't conservation of wild public lands contribute a healthily amount to local economies?



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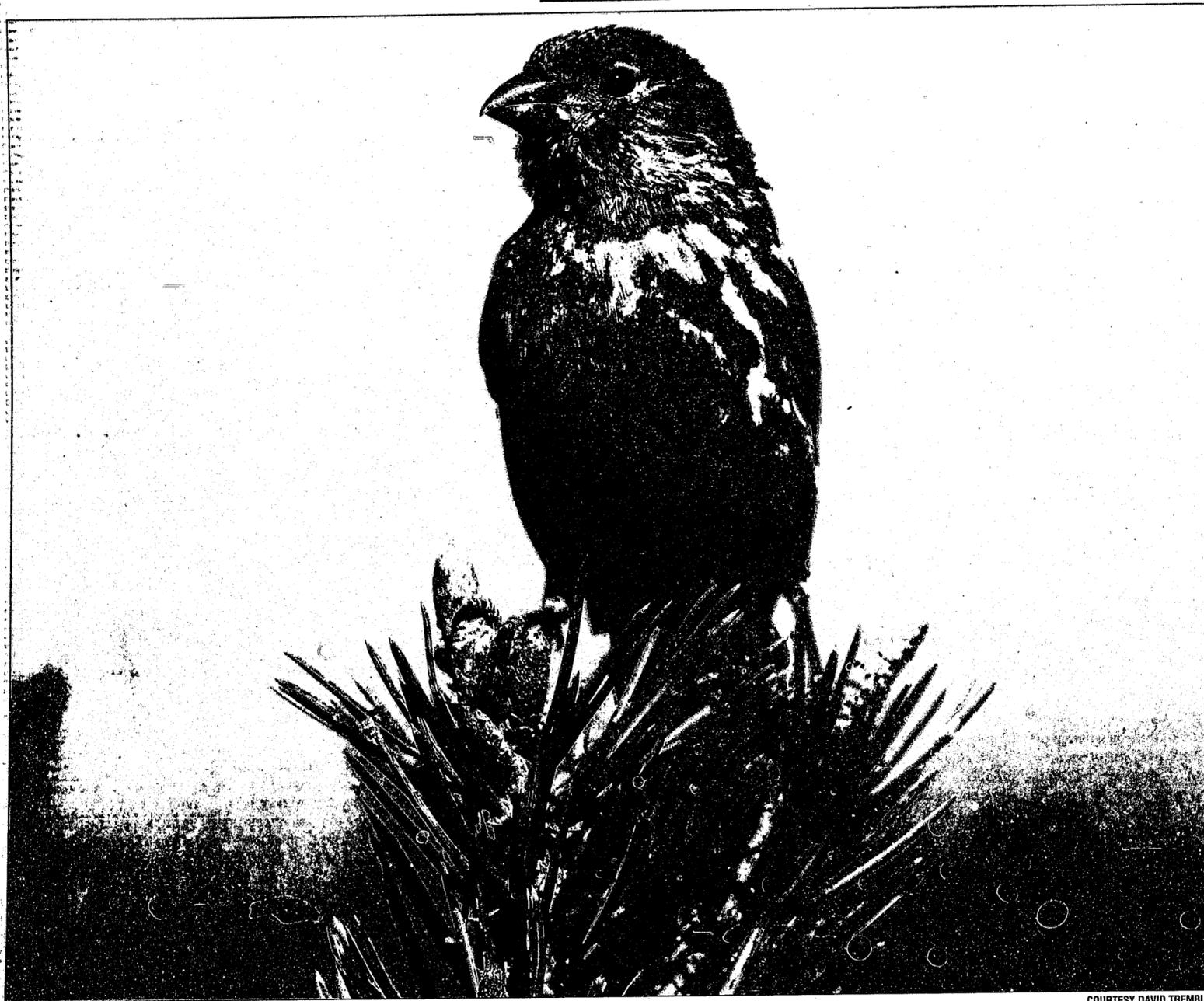
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Baseball

Friday, April 8
Capitan 18, Elida 8
Capitan 25, Elida 5
Saturday, April 9
Ruidoso 15, Lovington 5
Lovington 11, Ruidoso 5
Monday, April 11
Capitan 24, Lake Arthur 0

Sports On Tap

Baseball

Friday, April 15
Dora at Capitan, 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Ruidoso at Portales, double-header, 1 & 3 p.m.
Monday, April 18
Capitan at Valley Christian, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Ruidoso at Sandia Prep, double-header, 4 & 6 p.m.

Softball

Friday, April 15
Lovington at Ruidoso, double-header, 4 & 6 p.m.
Capitan at Mesalero, double-header, 3 & 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Cobre at Ruidoso, 12 & 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Capitan at Mesilla, double-header, 3 & 5 p.m.

On Deck

Alumni Football

Alumni Football USA presents the inaugural game between the Ruidoso Warriors and the Deming Wildcats, Friday, April 15, at Horton Stadium at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased through Kief Johnson (258-5819), Erik Padilla (505-331-0353) or at Ruidoso High School.

Ruidoso Junior Golf

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the fifth of six scrambles at Alto Lakes golf and Country Club on Sunday, April 17 at 1 p.m. To sign up and for more info call Melissa at Cree Meadows at 257-5815.

Senior Olympics

The Lincoln County Senior Olympics will hold a cycling qualifier, Saturday, April 9, at 8 a.m. on Airport Road (Bonito Fire Station). All persons 50 years of age (as of 12/31/11) or older may participate. An entry fee of \$5 is required, which entitles the entrant to enter all events offered. Country participation is required to enter the state meet. Shuffleboard qualifiers will be held April 14, at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bowling qualifiers will be held April 19-21, at the Ruidoso Bowling Center. For more info or directions call Sandee Jourdan at 257-4565, 937-4416 or Bart Young at 257-3193.

Alumni football at Horton

MIKE CURRAN
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Get ready for a blast from the past as former RHS football players, 18 to 40-years-old, will meet Deming alumni Friday, at 7 p.m., at Horton Stadium.

As with the Capitan/Carrizozo gridiron game last Friday in Carrizozo, this match-up will be promoted by Alumni Football USA.com. And if the fan response at the Tigers/Grizzlies game is an indicator, the Ruidoso/Deming battle should be just as popular.

Presale tickets are available through Kief Johnson (258-4910), Erik Padilla (at ENMU, 505-331-0353), or at Ruidoso High School. Both Deming and RHS will benefit from the proceeds of the game but Ruidoso will derive more financial income from the presale tickets. The concession stand will add further monies to Ruidoso High School.

As of this report, 35 former Ruidoso High School attendees have signed up for the big game Friday.

All take the contest just as seriously as if they were back in school and on the gridiron. Maybe more so. These 18 to 40-year-olds figure they have something to prove – to themselves, their families and the community.

The Friday face off will mark the



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

A portion of the Ruidoso alumni players use a Sunday to knock the rust off and prepare for Friday's game at Horton Stadium.

first, hopefully annual, alumni football game every April.

"A plentiful supply of BENGAY® will be on hand for the team," Warriors alumni coach Adam Delanda said. "All on the team played football for RHS and they're eager to prove themselves

once again. Word about forming the team spread by word of mouth. And judging from the signups there's a lot of interest in the game."

Schools, such as, Oñate, Las Cruces, Mayfield, Lovington and Hatch (who raised \$10,000 for their school), Capitan and Carrizozo are

energized about holding a second game next year.

Alumni Football USA.com started, more or less, as a lark among some former high school football players sitting around in St.

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A tale of two cities

Six days in July, 1992 were some of the hottest I can remember. Tempers ran hot on all sides. The heat brought down a Mayor, a Police Commissioner, a community, and New York City was divided.

Strangely, the Yankees and Mets were a common thread that united these disparate factions.

Washington Heights, the northern tip of Manhattan just above Harlem, was served by six bridges and three major highways.

Arriving in the 60s the population of 136,000 were mainly residents of the Dominican Republic.

During the 80s, crack cocaine changed this poor but quiet neighborhood into a narcotics Mecca.

The bridges brought in dope buyers from New Jersey, upstate New York, Connecticut and Long Island.

Police tried to stop the war zone where 119 drug related killings occurred in 1991 alone. Shooting deaths averaged 10 to 15 monthly and casket makers in the Heights were

thriving. Drug dealers bonded with the community; taking food to the elderly, helping out the young, while police were feared and loathed.

It was a hot night in July when Kiko Garcia was killed by police. Rumors spread that the police beat him senseless and shot him where he later died. Police sources said that PO Michael O'Keefe shot him twice, once in the stomach and back as he was fleeing after being arrested for carrying a firearm. Garcia was allegedly a drug dealer.

I was a Sergeant that responded with the first mobilization of 500 officers and quickly expanded

to 2000 by the end of the first night. Clad in riot helmets, batons, and shields we were met with an estimated 15,000 rioters at 155th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

Shots were fired and rusted refrigerators, ovens, rocks and debris were hurled off rooftops nearly killing officers walking below.

An NYPD helicopter that was surveying the scene from above received damage from an AK47 round and returned to base. Mounted broke up the crowds with horses as we pushed the crowds back.

Undercover arrest teams took out lead agitators. Over the next six

days police cruisers were burned; Molotov cocktails, dynamite, and M80 fireworks were hurled and the police response grew to over 12,000 police officers. Over 200 vehicles were burned in total.

On the political front the city's first black mayor, Mayor David Dinkins, and Police Commissioner, Lee "Out of Town" Brown were publicly feuding. Commissioner Brown who was always disappearing, hence his nickname, finally quit a few days into the riots.

Mayor Dinkins publicly sided with the rioters blaming the police for a

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CURT TEMPLE/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Echo Gilmore seems to like her shot put throw.



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Jesse Scarafioti scored a first place in the long jump in Moriarty and qualified for state.

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Pat Ventura was a 1980 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

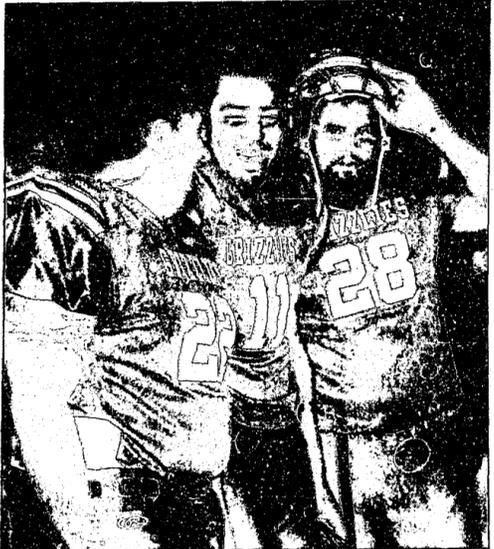


Bob Cazet, founder and president of Alumni Football USA, leads the Capitan and Carrizozo teams in prayer after the Grizzlies defeated the Tigers 20-0 in the first annual alumni game between the two teams. "I started Alumni Football in 1985 because I wanted to play just one more football game," Cazet said. "I was told this was one of the biggest crowds ever at the Carrizozo High School football field." Others were equally excited. "We would love to see it again next year," Francesca Rossi said. "It energized the town."

The photos on this page are by Julie Carter/Ruidoso News and are available at the Ruidoso News Media Center at www.ruidosonews.com.



Michael Stevenson (No. 31), a 2000 graduate of Capitan, looks for daylight as Zozo's as 2010 graduate Cody Ventura (No. 18) looks for the tackle.



Zozo alumni players, l-r, Anthony Archuleta, Johnny Beltran and Troy Koriscil enjoy a reuniting moment.



Jace LaBlanc, left, and Johnny Beltran, both 2007 graduates of Carrizozo High School, are just as tough as they ever were.

ALUMNI

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Helena, Calif., asking each other what they wished for. When it came Bob Cazet's turn he said, "I would like to play one more football game."

And before you know it, it became a reality.

"We held our very first game in little St. Helena

and 3,000 people showed up," Cazet said. "In 1988 we promoted six games and Alumni Football USA.com grew from there. And all because I wanted to play one more game."

Alumni Football now has a staff of 33. Founder and President Cazet has personally overseen 500 games and expects to do 400 this year alone.

"I was told that the crowd on hand for the

Capitan/Carrizozo game last Friday was one of the largest ever in Carrizozo," he said. "In my experience, this is not unusual."

In the foreseeable future, Alumni Football will start collecting All Star teams from around the country. Teams that are picked will receive and all-expense paid trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., to ply their newfound hobby on the football field.

TALE

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bad shooting even though the medical examiner's and Internal Affairs reports were not in then. Dinkins used city funds to pay for Kiko Garcia's funeral while City Council member Ruth Messinger staged an anti-police rally in the Heights to condemn the shooting.

It happened innocently. I was with my driver, Joe Jimenez. We were tired of brown bagging it so we went around the block and found Lola's. In the middle of bodegas and shooting we found a sanctuary. Speaking in Spanish Jimenez convinced Lola, a petite Dominican woman about 55 years of age to let us eat there.

We were seated by ourselves in the back of the restaurant as angry Dominicans; elderly men, middle age fathers, and even their kids snarled at us as we walked by. There were two televisions. The Dominicans were watching Yankee baseball and we were watching the Mets by ourselves. As the days turned into weeks we spent our lunch hours eating arroz con pollo, and other delicious Dominican dishes. More cops joined us. The divide in the room

slowly saw cops sitting next to local residents and conversation started. It was not about the neighborhood, it was about baseball. It was about the Yankees Don Mattingly and Kelly, and the Mets and Bobby Bonilla. We commiserated together about how badly both teams were doing.

I remembered during my two visits to the "Dee R" slang for Dominican Republic, that the most common staple other than rice and beans was baseball. In fact the Dominican Republic produces hundreds of top draft picks each year for Major League baseball.

Jimenez, a former college ballplayer, started working with some of the kids in the vacant lot in the rear of Lola's. It started simply by throwing baseballs and running the bases. With each passing day there were more kids and more cops that wanted to get into the game. Locals started to unlock their doors and we were all getting along.

When headquarters got wind of what was going on in the community the remnants of Commissioner Brown's hierarchy decided to use their "Community Policing" (CP) strategy. CP was developed by Brown several years earlier. As

the community returned to peace members assigned to the Police Academy were dispatched in bike shorts and blue short sleeve shirts. They played baseball with the kids and it was just one big PR event while Community Affairs cops wearing blue windbreakers filmed the interplay in its entirety. It looked more like a police recruitment play rather than a legitimate way to develop community.

It was several years after that Washington Heights' riots that the 34th precinct was divided into the new 33rd precinct. Kiko Garcia's home-made video was released which depicted him selling drugs. PO O'Keefe was exonerated before a Grand Jury and Messinger and Mayor Dinkins had egg on their face. Dinkins lost the Mayoral election to Rudy Giuliani the following year. Drug dealing was gradually reduced with an influx of narcotics arrests and the community rebounded.

It was clear to me that all the residents wanted was what all of us want; a vibrant and safe community, opportunities for their children and entertainment. Baseball was the bridge that connected us to them and made us realize that we had more in common than what divides us.



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The Community Covenant Ceremony between Ruidoso and Greater Lincoln County and the surrounding military installations, including New Mexico National Guard, is being held Saturday, April 30, 6:00 PM in conjunction with the MAW 2011 Awards Banquet, Ruidoso Middle School, 123 Warrior, Ruidoso, NM.

Please RSVP by Friday April 01, 2011
 Banquet Tickets \$12.00
 For more information, please call (575) 336-2828
 Military Dress: ACU
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CHASING THE SUNSET



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Another breathtaking sunset showed off the western sky last week as seen from the top of Nogal Hill. Every minute changed the colors and "artwork" until the sun fell behind the horizon.

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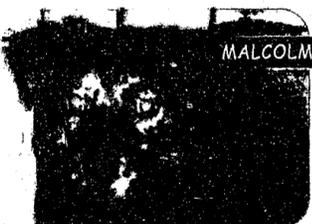
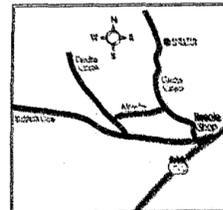
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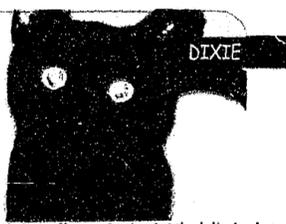
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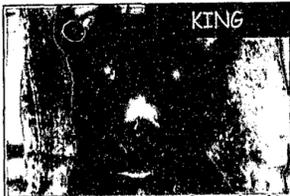
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DIXIE

Is a sleek, petite, solid black cat. She was abandoned at the shelter in a box with her four kittens on November 20. Dixie appears to be quite young, probably about one year old. She is playful with toys and gets along great with other cats. Dixie has been spayed, is current on all her vaccinations and she has been sponsored (part of her adoption fee is already paid). Please consider rescuing this wonderful cat, who has been in the animal shelter for almost 5 months!

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ISABEL

Is a very sweet Border Collie mix. She walks very well on a leash, plays with other dogs and is quite gentle. Isabel is very well socialized and is sure to make a great pet.

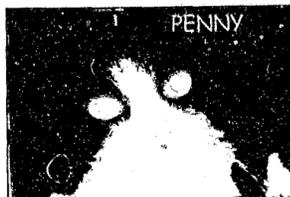
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TALLY

Is a pretty solid gray cat, about 8 months old. She is long haired and has bright yellow eyes. Tally is very friendly and outgoing. She loves to be brushed and pet.

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SYDNEY

Is a beautiful tortoiseshell with white on her neck and paws. She is quite mellow and around 2 years old. Sydney loves to be brushed and pet.

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MYRTLE

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LINCOLN COUNTY

Capitan amends lot size in ordinance

JULIE CARTER
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After four months of reviewing, tabling and sending it back to the Planning Commission, the Capitan Subdivision Ordinance was finally amended at the Monday, April 11 meeting of the Village of Capitan mayor and trustees.

The amended lot size is "no less than 1/2 acre with city water, sewer and infrastructure provided by the developer."

Trustee Ricky LaMay presented the Planning Commission's suggestion and made the motion for the amendment with Trustee Diane Riska seconding the motion.

Trustee Lilly Bradley voted affirmative to the motion while Trustee Jim Davis voted negative.

Prior to LaMay's motion, Davis made a motion to send the amendment back to Planning for further study and review, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Faced with a situation where a developer wants to sell commercial lots along Highway 380 east of Capitan and not wanting to hold potential buyers to the 3-acre minimum as outlined in the Subdivision Ordinance, the Capitan Planning Commission agreed to present the trustees with a suggestion of smaller lot size.

Eric Collins, of D.T. Collins and Associates and representing the developer,

told the council that the safety to prevent abuse could be written into the covenant restrictions by developer.

Residents expressed numerous concerns for possible outcomes of lowering the lot size including fear of overselling available water in Capitan.

Repeatedly the residents pointed to Capitan Estates, a mobile home park development, as what they did not want to happen again in Capitan.

Re-bid

The trustees reviewed the three bids submitted for the Wastewater System Improvement Project. With an error in the low bid and other disqualifying circumstances in the other two, the decision was made to put the project out for re-bid. It is estimated there will be a two-week turnaround from advertising to the next bid opening on the approximate \$280,000 project.

4th of July parade

The Smokey Bear 4th of July Parade became an orphan when Capitan Chamber of Commerce, producers of the historical event, officially dissolved several weeks ago.

The parade was funded by the Village of Capitan, but annually planned and executed by the Chamber.

Capitan Village Clerk Kay Strickland and Deputy Clerk Shirley Pavlovic volunteered to take on the project.

"We will volunteer our time and effort rather than see it not happen," said Strickland. "There have been a number of Village employees who have also agreed to donate their time and effort to help."

The trustees voted in agreement with the plan and funding will be discussed during the upcoming budget workshops.

"It will probably take \$2,500-\$3,000," said Pavlovic. "But the money will come from next year's budget, so we don't need to decide on it tonight."

Personnel

The Village of Capitan meeting opened with a several citizens expressing their concern about a police department personnel review to be held during the executive session.

While the agenda did not specifically name an employee, citizens stated their wishes for the trustees to take into account the number of complaints that had been lodged against Capitan police officer Sean McGarry.

Mayor Sam Hammons and Village Attorney Zack Cook told citizens that personnel issues would not and could not be discussed in the open meeting.

Capitan resident Alex Trujillo insisted that Mayor Hammons hear him out.

"I voted you for you Sam, you could at least listen to me," he said.

Trujillo presented each trustee with an envelope he



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan resident Alex Trujillo, standing right, gives the Capitan board of trustees each a copy of a complaint he was filing against Capitan police officer Sean McGarry. Trujillo voiced his displeasure with the officer in the Village of Capitan meeting on Monday.

said held his complaint about Officer McGarry.

Following the executive session, Trustee Riska attested to discussing only the limited personnel matters that included the employee reviews for Kay Strickland with a suggested 2 percent wage increase and Sean McGarry with a suggested 50-cent per hour increase.

The trustees voted unanimously to approve Strickland's review and raise.

McGarry's review and raise were met with two "yes" votes from Trustees Riska and Bradley and two "no" votes from Trustees LaMay and Davis.

Mayor Hammons broke the tie with an affirmative vote to approve.

In other business the trustees:

- approved a request that had been approved by the Water Board for a hard-ship water hookup at 100 Island Rd.;
- accepted the resignation of Jack LaMay from the Planning Commission;
- accepted the resignation of Rhonda Cox from the Lodgers Tax Committee;
- approved hiring Sandy Shaw for a part-time clerk at the Smokey Bear Museum;
- approved \$1,200 Lodgers Tax funds for the

Sheriff's Posse Pony Express Ride and \$2,500 for Smokey Bear's Hometown Association for Smokey Bear Days, May 6-7;

• set Budget Workshop dates of April 21 and April 28, at 4 p.m.;

• set April 30 for a town clean up day. A village water bill is required to be allowed to dump. The staging will be at the fair grounds.

No yard, household or electronic waste will be accepted. A grappling truck will be available to unload white goods or large items.

The Village of Capitan board of trustees will meet in their next regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., May 10.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Antelope meeting

The Department of Game and Fish will conduct a public meeting in Carrizozo, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave.

The meeting is to explain how landowners will be affected by new rules that change the way the state allocates private-land antelope licenses.

Meetings were held in Roswell on April 12 and will be in Portales on April 14.

The State Game Commission adopted the new rules affecting the Antelope Private Lands Use System, or A-PLUS, at its December 2010 meeting in Clovis.

The rules were revised and adopted after consideration of Department recommendations, public comments during several Commission meetings, more than 30 statewide public meetings, and hundreds of written public comments submitted over a period of more than two years.

Important changes include allowing private-land

antelope hunters to hunt only within ranch boundaries, and replacing Antelope Management Units with Game Management Units, the same units used to identify deer and elk hunting areas statewide.

For more information about the new A-PLUS rules and the meetings, please contact Ryan McBee, Southeast Area game manager, at the Department's Southeast Area office in Roswell at 575-624-6135.

Information about the 2011-12 antelope seasons can be found in the Big Game and Trapper Rules & Information booklet, available at license vendors, Department offices and online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Pig Sale

The Carrizozo FFA Pig Sale is 2:30 p.m., April 16 at the Carrizozo FFA Ag Farm on FFA Road. There will be approximately 30-40 show pigs available for five quality breeders. Breeds - available will include Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Spot and Cross.

Pigs will be available for viewing at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call Gray Gallacher at 575-799-0388; Bryce Dugger at 575-640-3989; Chris Barela at 575-491-7215.

Tried but True Sale

The Carrizozo Woman's Club Tried but True Sale is April 15-16. Sale hours are Friday, noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Drop by the Woman's Club or visit with the 'locals' having rummage sales at their own homes as shown on maps by Rick Geary.

For more information, contact Sharon Hefker at 648-2941, Deborah Geary 648-2191 or Bonnie Soley 648-2687.

Library amnesty

April is Amnesty Month at Capitan Public Library.

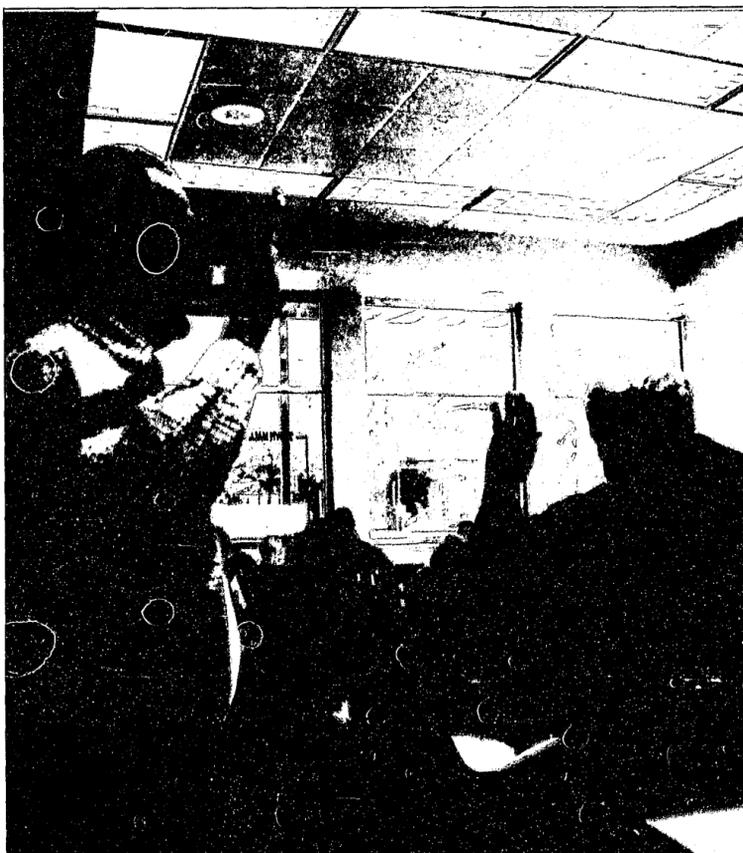
This means that borrowers can return those overdue items that you may have been embarrassed to return because your kids checked them out last summer.

We will take them this month - no questions asked and no overdue fees.

The Library has limited funding to purchase items for the collection so we will be happy to have these "lost" books, DVDs, books on tape, etc. returned.

Look around your home. The library items have a bar code on the front cover and a spine label.

NEW TRUSTEE



POLLY CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Tim Thompson left, was sworn in at a new Town of Carrizozo trustee on Monday by Carrizozo Municipal Judge C.O. Rominger III. Thompson was appointed to the position by Mayor Mike Petty after the March 29 resignation Wes Lindsay. Lindsay's letter of resignation thanked the people of Carrizozo for their support and he apologized for leaving, citing health reasons as the reason. Thompson, owner of the Sign Company and Carrizozo Honey, will serve the remaining three years of Lindsay's term.

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DISTRICT COURT CASES

Charge dismissed

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Wade dismissed charges against Mary Rhae Bell, 40, March 1.

Bell had been charged with a probation violation.

Bell pleaded no contest to charges of possession of methamphetamines Jan. 21.

When Ruidoso Police officer Tillman Freeman stopped Bell for a seat belt violation July 19, 2010, she identified herself as Mary McCurdy. Freeman charged her with the seat belt violation, possession of methamphetamines and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Appeals dismissed

Judge Jerry H. Ritter, Jr. dismissed Desmond Warner's appeal April 1.

Warner appealed an Oct. 25, 2010 Ruidoso Municipal Court conviction of careless driving. Judge Beverly Rankin found Warner guilty.

District Judge Karen Parsons had required Warner to post an \$82 bond for the appeal. Warner requested dismissal of the appeal saying he could not afford to post the \$82 bond.

Judge Waylon Counts dismissed an appeal by Nicole Warner because she failed to appear in court for the appeal hearing Jan. 20.

Ruidoso Municipal Judge Beverly Rankin convicted Nicole Warner of speeding Aug. 2, 2010. Ruidoso Police Corporal Aaron Frost cited Nicole Warner for driving 47 mph in a 30 mph zone on Carrizo Canyon Drive May 10, 2010.

Deferred

Felix Romero, 19, appeared in court for sentencing March 4 and Judge Karen Parsons deferred his sentence.

Romero pleaded no contest to charges of abuse of a child, burglary, theft of credit card and tampering with evidence under a plea and disposition agreement

reached by defense attorney Todd Holmes and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and three counts of theft of a credit card.

Parsons ordered Romero to serve five years of supervised probation.

A Grand Jury indicted Romero Aug. 6, 2010 based on charges filed by Ruidoso Downs Police Corporal James Minter June 30, 2010.

Probation

Darlene T. Salas, 29, appeared in court March 4 for sentencing.

Salas pleaded no contest to a charge of embezzlement of over \$500 under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Todd Holmes and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Salas to 19 months of probation and

ordered her to pay \$779 in restitution.

Larceny deal

Anitra Torrez, 38, appeared in court March 4 for a change of plea and sentencing.

Torrez pleaded no contest to a charge of conspiracy to commit larceny over \$2,500 under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed a charge of larceny of over \$2,500 and Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Torrez to 18 months of supervised probation.

Ruidoso Downs Police officer Joseph Bailey had charged Torrez with stealing a laptop computer and a modem from Walmart July 27, 2010.

Appeal granted

Judge Karen Parsons found Jose Gamboa not

guilty of speeding (16-20 mph over the limit) March 28 and ordered Ruidoso Magistrate Court to refund up to \$146 to Gamboa.

Gamboa had pleaded not guilty to the charge in Magistrate Court Oct. 8, 2010. Judge Lorena LaMay found him guilty.

LaMay ordered Gamboa to pay \$146 in fines and court costs and \$100 for a bench warrant fee.

Parsons did not order the bench warrant fee returned.

Ruidoso Downs Police officer Christopher Rupp cited Gamboa for driving 69 mph in a 50 mph zone March 16, 2010.

The court refunded Gamboa \$126 March 29.

Dismissed charges

Assistant District Attorney Kirby Wills dismissed charges against Charlotte Akerson, 27, on March 29, in the best interest of justice and judicial economy.

Ruidoso Police officers Steve Corbin and Aaron Frost arrested Akerson Dec.

10, 2010 on charges of distribution of oxycodone, two counts of possession of methamphetamines, resisting, obstructing or evading an officer and concealing identity.

Appeal dismissed

Judge Karen Parsons dismissed an appeal by Jera Lynn Story March 29.

Story had appealed a Feb. 21 conviction in Capitan Municipal Court for a brake light not working.

Story appealed the conviction based on the relationship between Judge J.D. Roehrig and officer Sean McGarry. Story said that Roehrig testified for McGarry in a New Mexico LEA hearing. Story alleged that the relationship between Roehrig and McGarry violated Judicial Canons 2, 3, and 4 and NM RA 21-200.

Parsons said that the court received a judgement and sentencing from Capitan Court March 22 dismissing the ticket.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

April 1

11:15 a.m. - Officer Darrell Chavez responded to Hill Drive for a report of someone striking a fixture.

Chavez reports someone struck a metal pole, used to protect a monitoring box, knocking the pole and concrete base out of the ground.

7:43 p.m. - Officer Joseph Bailey reported observing a black car and a white car racing on Highway 70.

Bailey stopped the black car and officer Christopher Rupp stopped the white car.

After the stop, Rupp reportedly called Bailey and asked him to bring the K-9 to where he had the white car stopped.

Bailey reported having the driver of the black car follow him to Rupp's location.

Rupp reportedly obtained verbal consent from the driver of the car to search it. Bailey reports the

K-9 alerted on the area under the driver's seat and he located a small amount of marijuana.

Bailey detained Justin W. Holmes, 24, of Las Cruces, and cited him for possession of marijuana.

Bailey reports that Ruidoso Downs Dispatch advised him the other driver's license was suspended.

Bailey cited Jeremiah Butler, 18, of Ruidoso, for racing on the highway and driving on a revoked or suspended license.

A passenger in Butler's car had a license, but when Bailey searched him, he allegedly found a pack of cigarettes with marijuana in it.

Bailey cited Matthew Johnson, 22, of Ruidoso, with possession of marijuana.

Johnson was permitted to drive the car away.

April 2

1:30 p.m. - Officer

Darrell Chavez took a report of a lost or stolen wallet.

The victim reportedly said she put the wallet on the side of her truck while she loaded her daughter and drove away.

When she realized the wallet was missing, she said she returned and was unable to locate the wallet.

Chavez reports the woman said the wallet contained Medical cards, a WIC card, her ID card, a digital camera and \$1,200 in cash.

5:10 p.m. - Officer Christopher Rupp responded to Walmart for a report of shoplifting alcohol.

Rupp reported that a loss control officer spotted the suspect and chased him from the store.

Rupp identified the shoplifting suspect as Hans Faulkner, 18, of Sierra Lane.

Rupp obtained an arrest warrant for Faulkner for minor in possession of alcohol and shoplifting.

Leota Bradford Pfingsten

Leota Pfingsten died quietly in her sleep at her home in Lincoln, New Mexico on March 16, 2011. She was 92 years old. Memorial services will be held in Traylor Gymnasium, Capitan Municipal Schools on April 16, 2011 at 11:00a.m.. Following the service there will be a potluck dinner. Meat, bread and beverages will be provided, please bring a side dish or a dessert.

Mrs. Pfingsten was born to Fredrick Monroe Bradford and Margaret (Maggie) McNatt Bradford in Alamogordo, New Mexico on April 19, 1918. Her father ran 3000 head of angora goats on the Sweetwater Ranch around Salinas Peak in the San Andreas Mountains in what is now White Sands Missile Range. Maggie Bradford and her children lived in Alamogordo during the school year and worked at Sweetwater Ranch during school vacations and holidays. They rode burros on the ranch. Leota's burro was Old Johnny. She would say that she was almost raised by him! One of her favorite stories was about the time she was riding Old Johnny across a stretch of pan rock on Salinas Mountain when he froze, stopped dead in his tracks. She yelled and kicked, but he wouldn't move an inch. Then she noticed a rattlesnake slithering between his legs. He wouldn't budge until it was long gone.

Leota married Fred Wells (Peg) Pfingsten of Capitan on July 16, 1940. Peg and Leota raised cattle in the Rio Bonito Valley, on Nogal Mesa and in the Capitan Mountains for 70 years.

Mrs. Pfingsten attended New Mexico State University (Then New Mexico A&M College) in Las Cruces in the 1930s and received a Bachelor of Science degree in education with minors in English, psychology, social science, art and music from New Mexico Western University. Leota was an accomplished wood carver and rose gardener. She taught in Hondo and Capitan public schools; retiring in 1978 after 38 years. Mrs. Pfingsten often said "Of all I've done, I loved teaching the most. I taught second grade, and loved to see children blossoming, awakening, day by day. I used music to reach them, if they didn't like math or spelling, I'd put it to music. Never did I meet a child I couldn't reach with music". Leota graced many local events with her beautiful singing voice

Leota Pfingsten was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Delta Kappa, Capitan Teachers Association, South-eastern New Mexico Education Association, National Education Association, Friends of Lincoln County Museum, the PEO sisterhood, and Daughters of the American Revolution. She held local and statewide offices in many of these organizations. She was inducted into the NEA-New Mexico Southwest District Hall of Fame and was twice named "Teacher of the Year" by the Capitan Teachers Association

Mrs. Pfingsten was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Peg, her brother Harold Wright Bradford, and sisters Lou Ellen Bradford Vance, Euna Bradford Putney, and Freddie Lee Bradford Nickles.

She is survived by a bountiful number of nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews, and great grand nieces and nephews. And by her long time caregiver and friend Sara Gutierrez and her children Martin and Monica and Monica's husband Jamie.

Leota absolutely enjoyed life in all its diversity. She was a happy person everywhere she lived and in all that she did. In addition to her community service and wood carving, Leota enjoyed making dry arrangements, writing poetry, carnival glass, travel, hiking and rock collecting.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leota Pfingsten Memorial Scholarship Fund in support of outstanding students focusing on music in Capitan Schools. Send contributions to Leota Pfingsten Memorial Scholarship, PO Box 8, Capitan, NM 88316.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagrone-ruidoso.com.

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5 Gloria P. Inman
1926-2011

Graveside services for Gloria P. Inman, 84 of Alto, NM, were held 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday April 12, 2011 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo, TX with Rev. Jerry Davey officiating. Honorary Pallbearers for Gloria will be all her Family and Friends.

Gloria was born on August 19, 1926 in Amarillo, TX to Paul A. and Marie (Lane) Pycatt and passed away on April 9, 2011 at Mesquero. She went to grade school in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School. She attended Wayland Baptist University, Nichols State University and University of Houston where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. She married Harold R. Inman on May 29, 1947 in Amarillo and because of his employment with Mobil Oil Company they moved around, living in Louisiana, Texas, New York, Indonesia, and Norway. They moved to Alto in 2003 from Lakeview, Texas. She was a devoted Christian and a loving wife with a positive attitude to everything and anyone. She was an avid Bridge Player and a member of Alto Country Club, Kalkapelli Country Club and Cree Meadows Country Club.

Gloria is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, James K. and Douglas Pycatt and her sister, Pauline Higdon. She is survived by her husband, Harold Inman of Alto, NM, and her sisters, Patricia Wills and husband Maurice of Ruidoso and Jeanne Johnson of Amarillo, TX.

Condolences may be made at www.lagrone-ruidoso.com.

341 Sudderth
Ruidoso, NM 88345



Robert "Bob" Paul Dudich

Robert Paul (Bob) Dudich was born July 9, 1931 in Akron, Ohio and passed away March 27, 2011, after a long, hard battle with heart disease. His parents were Paul Dudich and Katherine Besenar Dudich who had immigrated, as children, with their parents to the United States from Serbia. Bob was always proud of his Serbian heritage and spoke Serbian fluently. He was of the Serbian Orthodox faith.

Bob attended Akron schools where he was an outstanding athlete. He later attended Kent State before joining the Navy. He served aboard the U.S.S Lewis Hancock four years before being honorably discharged. He earned several commendations and one battle star.

Bob then went to work for the Daily Racing Form in the Los Angeles area. Eventually he was assigned to cover racing for the Form in New Mexico, a position he held for 40+ years. Upon his retirement from The Form, he was presented a specially designed diamond ring along with their appreciation for the outstanding work he did. Shortly after arriving to cover the races for the Racing Form in Ruidoso Downs, management came to him in a panic one day as the races were due to start momentarily. The announcer at that time didn't show up for work. They asked Bob if he'd help out and announce the races, Bob did and never stopped for 28+ years, never missing even one race in all those years, a record in the industry. He called over 30,000 races during that time. He also announced, at different times, at Sunland Park and the State Fair in Albuquerque.

Over time, Bob became known as one of the best in the business and without equal calling Quarter Horse races. As one former jockey stated, "Bob was the Best of the Best." Through the years, Bob received numerous offers to announce at other larger tracks, mainly on the West Coast. But he loved Ruidoso and his mountain-side home. Up until two years ago he enjoyed his flower and vegetable garden.

Bob had appeared in several movies and T.V. ads. He was a member of the Screen Actors Guild.

Besides many friends and admirers, Bob is survived by his son, Bobby Dudich (Susan) of Indianapolis, IN., daughter, Laura Gregory (Lynn) of Fairfield, IN., grandson, Jason Dudich (Abby) of IN., and great-granddaughter, Ella Holmes Dudich, Also a sister Doris Clay (late Bob Clay) of Ohio, his brother, Paul Dudich (Barbara) of Diamond Bear, CA., As well as several nieces and a nephew and great-nieces and nephews whom he loved as dearly as they loved him.

As per Bob's wishes his ashes will be strewn at a favorite site in Lincoln County. His favorite charities, to which he was very generous, included Shriner's Burn Institute, Lincoln County Humane Society, and Lincoln County Food Bank.

A memorial service is being planned for later in the summer.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

April 2

10:20 p.m. - Corporal Aaron Frost responded to the Allsup's Convenience Store at Sudderth and Mechem Drives to assist officer James Urban on a traffic stop.

Frost reports he observed Stephen Chino, 18, of Ruidoso exit the Allsup's and observed that he was unsteady on his feet. Frost reported that he was aware that Chino was on conditions of release from Magistrate Court on felony charges.

Frost reports Chino smelled of alcohol and reportedly said the he didn't think he would get caught drinking.

Judge Lorena LaMay ordered Chino held without bond and Frost charged him with being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Frost reports Chino tested .19 blood alcohol content.

April 3

1:56 a.m. - Corporal Lawrence Chavez reported he observed a man smoking a cigarette outside The Quarters nightclub in Midtown Ruidoso.

Chavez reports that when the man saw him approaching, he went into the smoking room The Quarters established to

comply with the Village fire restrictions.

Chavez reported he asked the man to come with him and explained the "zero tolerance" policy of the Village. Chavez cited Beau Allen, 27, of Ruidoso for mishandling fire.

Allen is scheduled to appear in Municipal Court April 18.

April 6

5 p.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to the public restrooms at Sudderth and Eagle for a report of vandalism.

Snodgrass reported someone had smeared the walls, floor and stall with red paint. Snodgrass reported it appeared to have been the work of one person, smearing the paint by hand.

5:07 p.m. - Officer Lance Ledford responded to Lincoln County Medical Center for a report of a domestic incident.

Ledford reports the victim was extremely intoxicated and difficult to understand.

Ledford reported that the victim said his wife struck him and kicked him the previous day. Ledford reported observing bruises on the man's arm and back.

Ledford reports going to the home, where the wife reportedly said she had lost

her temper and punched the man, knocking him down, and then kicking him repeatedly. She reportedly said he was an alcoholic and abusive. Ledford also reports the woman repeatedly expressed confusion over the fact that it is illegal to hit her boyfriend, asking what she should have done.

Ledford cited Eunice Toya, 53, for battery on a household member.

April 8

9:30 a.m. - Officer Eric Ament took a report of fraud.

The victim reported that \$11,000 had been transferred from his checking account into other unidentified accounts at Wells Fargo Bank.

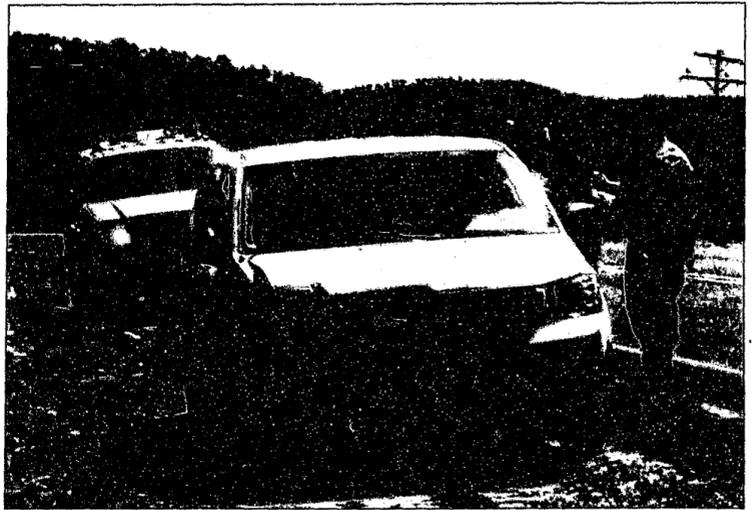
Ament reports the victim said Well Fargo Fraud Division is investigating.

7:45 p.m. - Sergeant Joel Martin responded to the 100 block of Chavez Street for a report of a violation of a protective order.

Martin reports the victim said her husband, whom she is divorcing and has a protective order against, pulled into the driveway and waved at her.

A friend of the woman reportedly followed the man to the Inn of the Mountain Gods, where officer Lance Ledford, with

DETENTION CENTER VAN ACCIDENT



HAROLD DAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

A Lincoln County Detention Center van with two corrections officers and two inmates struck a deer on Highway 37 near the Highway 48 intersection Monday morning. County manager Tom Stewart said the occupants of the van were taken to Lincoln County Medical Center for evaluation. There were no injuries to the occupants. The van is being evaluated for repairs and Stewart said "the deer is in heaven."

Burglary victims sought

FROM REPORTS

New Mexico State Police are looking for possible victims of a burglary.

On Monday, New Mexico State Police in Roswell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, which led to officer's receiving a search warrant for the vehicle.

The officers recovered large amounts of sports memorabilia and other items believed to have been stolen.

State Police are asking anyone that has recently had sports memorabilia stolen to contact Sgt. Lance Bateman or Officer Pablo Macias at the Roswell State Police Office at 575-622-7200.

assistance from BIA officer Satterfield, arrested him on a violation of the protective order.

Larry D. Gandy, 49, of Lovington, N.M., reportedly said he did not know his wife was at the house until he pulled into the driveway. Martin reports the victim's car was clearly visible from the street.

Gandy posted bond and was released.

Police briefs are compiled from Police Incident reports.

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Lawn & Garden Values

Dutchman's Breeches

Early woodland wildflowers are not shouters. They're small, pale blossoms, hovering close to the brown leaves on the forest's spring floor. Then why do they trigger a surge of elation? Take dutchman's breeches, which look like blousy white trousers held upside down, with a little yellow bow at the waist. They're just a few inches high, dangling over feathery dusky green foliage. From a distance, a mass of them looks like a faint brush of green over the hillside. But up close the flowers are enchanting and eccentric, and looking at them makes you feel like spring is speaking to you personally.

Common name: Dutchman's breeches
Botanical name: Dicentra cucullaria
Plant type: Perennial
Zones: 4 to 8
Height: 6 to 12 inches
Family: Fumariaceae

Growing conditions

- **Sun:** Part to full shade
- **Soil:** Well-drained, rich, humusy

- **Moisture:** Average to moist
- **Care**
- **Mulch:** Mulch to preserve moisture in the soil.
- **Pruning:** None needed.
- **Fertilizer:** None needed.
- **Propagation**
- **By division**
- **Pests and diseases**
- Susceptible to downy mildew, fungal leaf spot, viruses, and rust.
- Vulnerable to slugs and snails.
- **Garden notes**
- In the wild, dutchman's breeches are often found in drifts that cover a forest floor or a meadow. They will slowly spread if left undisturbed in a woodland garden.
- Dutchman's breeches bloom in March in most regions. The foliage survives for only a few weeks after the flowers are gone. Don't mow or clip the leaves—allow them to gather energy before they fade away on their own.
- Combine dutchman's breeches with shade-loving plants that unfold in late spring or early summer, such as ferns, hosta, or wild ginger.
- Dutchman's breeches are adaptable, but they cannot tolerate wet soil or poor drainage. They are one of the few plants that can thrive around the trunk of a mature deciduous tree, because they go dormant before the tree leaves out and the soil dries.
- **All in the family**
- The most familiar species in the Dicentra genus is bleeding heart (D. spectabilis, syn. Lamprocapnos spectabilis), originally from Asia. Compared to these large, airy perennials, which get sometimes get as big as a shrub and boast eye-catching flowers, Dutchman's breeches are tiny and subtle.
- If you look closely, you'll see that the finely cut leaves of your dutchman's breeches and bleeding heart resemble the foliage of corydalis plants. All these familiar perennials are in Fumariaceae (the fumewort family).

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95% of U.S. adults report that the recession has impacted their shopping in some way. 76% report doing fewer shopping trips. Adults also plan purchases more (67%). Actual purchases continue to be predominantly made in stores (79%) though shopping information channels have dramatically expanded.

59% of adults rank newspapers first as the media used to help plan shopping or make purchasing decisions in the past 7 days. 80% of newspaper readers report looking at advertising when reading the paper.

41% say newspapers are the medium used most to check out ads, more than all electronic media combined. (TV, radio, Internet)

77% of newspaper readers took an action as a result of a print newspaper ad in the past 30 days. 59% clipped a coupon, 52% bought something advertised and 45% visited a store.

66% of newspaper readers followed up a newspaper ad online in some way. 44% went to a website after seeing a print newspaper ad and 28% conducted an online search after seeing a newspaper ad.

82% of readers used a preprinted insert in the past 30 days. On average, adults keep inserts 4.4 days. 59% used to compare prices, 55% used to compare one circular to another, 52% saved until visiting the store and 43% used to make an unplanned purchase.

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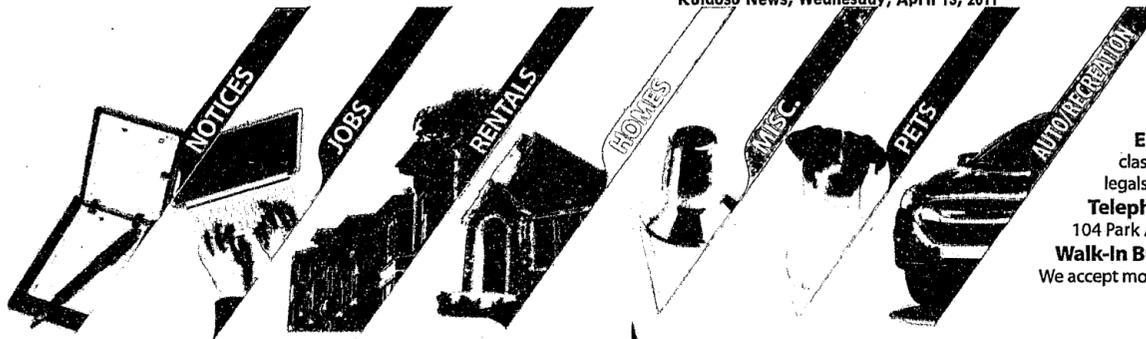
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Legal Notices 152

#9277 3T (3)30 (4), (4)13 ALTO LAKES WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District adopted Ordinance 2011-02 after a public hearing on March 24, 2011.

Ordinance 2011-02 amends previously adopted Ordinance 03 and will affect all properties located within the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District boundaries as well as external water customers.

The original copy of Ordinance 2011-02 has been filed with the Lincoln County Clerk. Copies of the ordinance are available from the County Clerk during normal business hours.

Gary Parker, Secretary Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District

Legal Notices 152

CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS LODGERS' TAX COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lodgers' Tax Committee of the City of Ruidoso Downs will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2011 in the City Hall Hubbard Room at 123 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

Agenda will be posted Twenty-Four (24) hours prior to meeting date. Meetings of the City of Ruidoso Downs are open to the public. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear presentations from Lodgers' Tax applicants and request for funds.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk at City of Ruidoso Downs City Hall at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/Carol Virden, MMC Clerk/Treasurer

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Ordinance 2011-02 amends previously adopted Ordinance 03 and will affect all properties located within the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District boundaries as well as external water customers.

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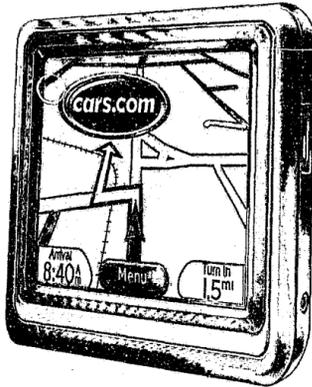
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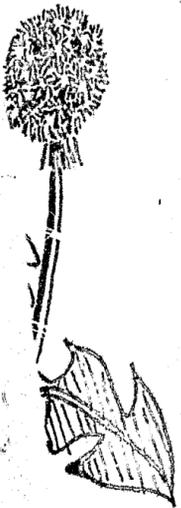


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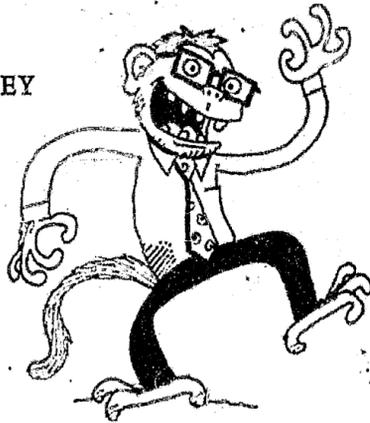
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