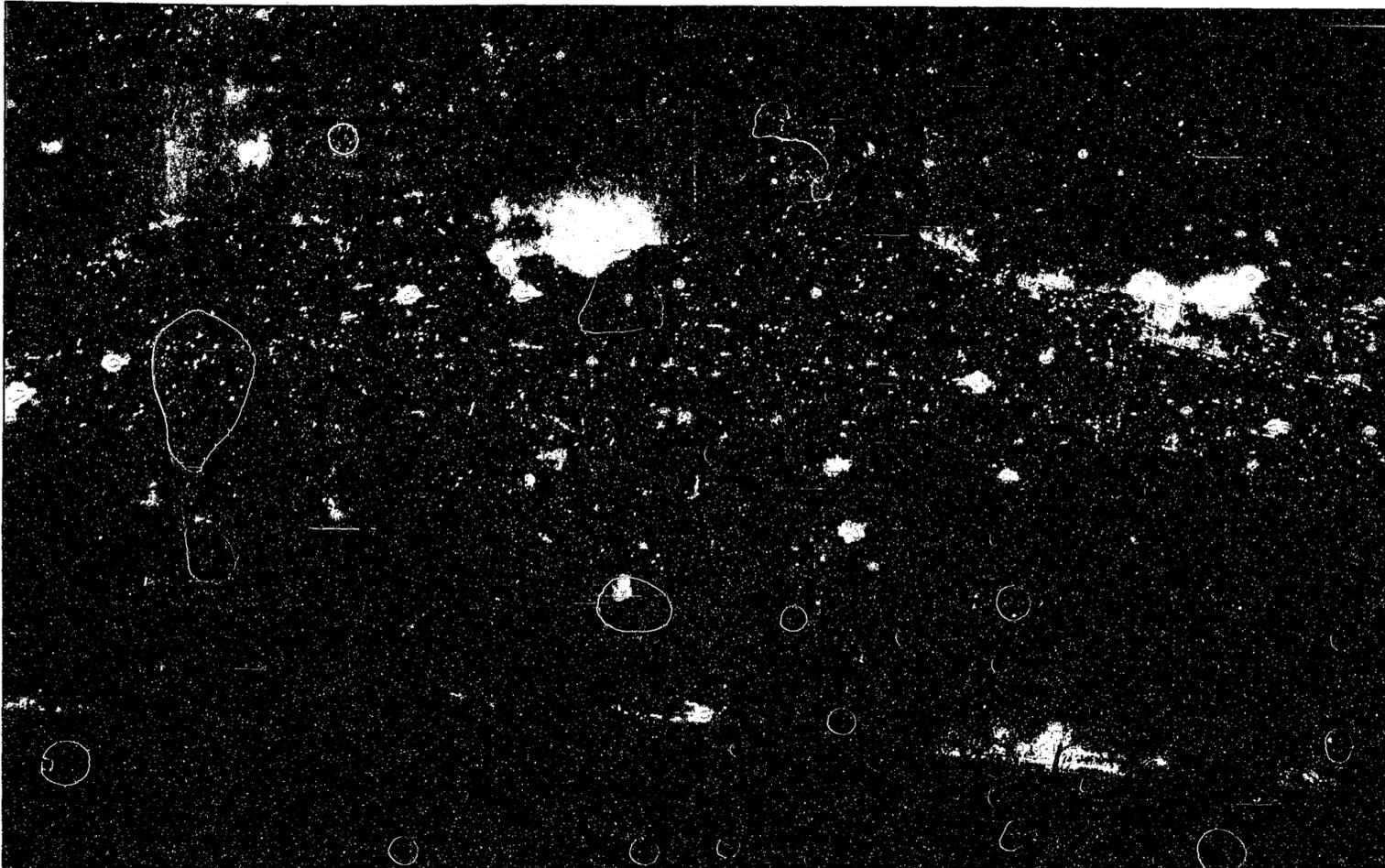


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A TERRIBLE BEAUTY



COURTESY DOUG CONLEY

This evening panorama of the White Fire, shot April 3, blends burning embers with normal city lighting to create a dramatic effect. Copies of this photo will be sold to benefit fire victims. See story on page 8A.

Ruidoso News editor retires

COMPILED BY STAFF

Marty Racine among the longest-tenured in paper's history

Marty Racine, long-time editor of the *Ruidoso News*, has announced his retirement.

Racine, who turned 65 in March, will leave the paper May 31 – seven years and seven days after taking over the editorial division of Ruidoso's oldest newspaper. It is one of the longest tenures of any editor in the 65-year history of the *News*.

"First of all, congratulations are in order. I have always felt highly about Marty and what he has given the *Ruidoso News*," said general manager Rena Walsh, who joined the paper in December.

"Seven years at a newspaper is a long time. We are going to miss Marty, and he is most welcome [to continue] as a contributor, guest columnist, whatever he wants."

Racine began his media career in 1969 as a radio disc jockey in Mesa, Ariz. In 1975, after a two-year stint as a TV reporter and anchorman in northern Wisconsin, he joined the *Bugle-American*, a weekly "alternative" tabloid in Milwaukee, Wis.

"I made \$100 a week covering everything from Pink Floyd to City Hall to the Milwaukee



Page 4A: "The Madison Blues," a column by Marty Racine

Admirals hockey team," Racine says. "It was a leftist-hippie newspaper that took a lot of potshots at the 'establishment,' but, looking back, that was an extremely talented staff, includ-

ing Denis Kitchen, a nationally syndicated cartoonist; Bob Borden, a serious poet; Cathy Gubin, an ace photographer who taught me to see and who became Van Halen's official photographer;

and Dave Schreiner, who schooled me in the craft of reporting."

Employed as a weekend rock DJ on a local FM station, Racine had a foot in the music business. One day, when the *Bugle* rock

critic was unavailable, music editor Gary Peterson asked Racine to cover a concert at the Milwaukee Arena that night by Boston. It began a lifelong career in music journalism.

"It happened organically," Racine says. "I had a love and a good ear for contemporary music. Combined with a developing writing style, I was able to parlay that into a living."

"It's what I was put on Earth to do."

Shortly after the *Bugle* closed, Racine joined the *Milwaukee Sentinel* as a music correspondent, writing concert and album reviews. With the help of a few friends, he also launched his own music monthly, *The Xpress*.

"We ran it out of our living room of a second-floor flat on Milwaukee's East Side," Racine says. "I sold the advertising, wrote the stories, laid out the pages, took the paper to the printer and distributed it to the clubs and record stores."

In 1981, Racine joined the seventh-largest daily in the country, the *Houston Chronicle*.

"I really owe it to Cathy [Gubin]," he says. "She got a photographer's job at the *Houston Post*, found out about the rock

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Eye-catching move

An annual effort by the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club to catch vision problems early in children was launched Thursday at Capitán schools, when 44 children were tested on the Pedia Vision Camera (above) that detects conditions such as lazy eye and far-sightedness.

Club members in coordination with the Region IX Education Cooperative will head to the Ruidoso Convention Center Monday, where hundreds of children

are expected from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The team will visit Carrizozo April 20 and Hondo April 29.

Mike Schattner, coordinator for the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions, says that, over the past five years, vision problems have been spotted in hundreds of children, who were referred to vision specialists. The Lions facilitate setting up appointments, and, if a family needs help, the New Mexico Lions Eye Foundation will pay for the visit and glasses, he said.

The New Mexico Lions

Operation KidSight program screens pre-school children from ages 2 to 6. According to the program's website, the eye, muscles that control the eye, optic nerve and the area of the brain that gives vision are completely developed by age 6. Vision deficiencies are difficult or impossible to treat after that age.

Many problems, when caught early enough, can be completely corrected, and the earlier they are diagnosed, the better the chance of correction and the easier and less expen-

sive the treatment. Children's vision disorders include near-sightedness, far-sightedness, astigmatism and other eye problems that can cause amblyopia, which also is called lazy eye. The condition is noted by reduced vision where the brain, for some reason, does not fully acknowledge the images seen by the amblyopic eye. This almost always affects only one eye: It is estimated that three to five percent of children under 6 have some form of amblyopia, the website states.

mer deputy assistant to the secretary of commerce, speaking on "International Trade and American Jobs."

Shirts, bumper stickers, literature and refreshments will be available. Bring lawn chairs and sunscreen for your comfort.

Siren test

The Ruidoso Emergency Alert Communications Team will be participating in a simulated fire emergency today, April 15, at 5 p.m. The REACT Team will be coordinating this test with the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs Police and Fire Departments. Fire and disaster sirens in both communities will sound at 5 p.m. Immediately after the sirens sound, please turn to your local radio stations for additional information, even if it is only a test.

According to Ruidoso Assistant Fire Chief, Harlan Vincent, "When sirens are activated, Harv Twite at KEDU Radio (102.3 FM) will interrupt broadcasts on all local radio stations to deliver relevant emergency messages. All of our local radio stations are set up for citizens to tune in and receive additional directions.

"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."

Please keep in mind that Friday's procedure is only a test. Should there be an actual emergency at that same time; the public will continue to receive actual updates via their local radio stations. For additional questions and information, call the Ruidoso

Fire Department at 575-257-4116.

Fire funds

Low- to moderate-income residents who suffered damage to their homes from the White Fire may apply for federal funds to offset the costs to rebuild or remodel their residences.

"We know that we may not be able to help each of the families affected by the White Fire, but we want to make sure that the public knows that the federal government is in a position to provide financial support to low- to moderate-income families to repair, rebuild or buy a home," said Terry Brunner, the state director for USDA Rural Development.

Through its regular housing programs, USDA Rural Development can provide financial support to purchase or repair a home. The direct home loan program was created to help low-income residents purchase a house.

Rural Development's Guaranteed Rural Housing loan program is designed to provide moderate-income families with an affordable home loan with no money down.

Rural Development also administers a loan and grant program to help very low-income rural residents who own and occupy a home in need of repairs. The funds can be used to improve or modernize a home or to remove health and safety hazards. This loan is a 1 percent loan that may be repaid over 20 years.

Brunner encouraged any of the fire victims or

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 • **Don Ome**, Patriot Action Network, speaking on the "Fair Tax"
 • **Yvette Harrell**, New Mexico state representative, speaking on "Health Care Compacts"
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Regional Cities: Gallina 60/23, Grants 65/22, Albuquerque 68/42, Santa Rosa 72/36, Mountainair 70/35, Fort Sumner 73/39, Roswell 78/39, Ruidoso 68/42, Alamogordo 79/36, Cloudcroft 62/32, Las Cruces 80/44, Chaparral 82/50, El Paso 82/52, Ciudad Juárez 82/52, Hatch 79/45, Truth or Consequences 76/44, Silver City 75/41, Longburg 83/40, Deming 80/38, Sunland Park 82/52, Pecos 84/42.

Sun and Moon
 Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:34 a.m./7:33 p.m.
 Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 5:11 p.m./4:36 a.m.

Moon Phases
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 Apr 17 Apr 24 May 3 May 10

Extremes
 Wednesday's National High/Low: High: 97° in Edinburg, TX; Low: 10° in Lake Yellowstone, WY
 Wednesday's World High/Low: High: 112° in Abu Na'ama, Sudan; Low: -48° in Summit Station, Greenland

National Forecast for April 15, 2011

National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	78/43/s	78/53/s
Anchorage	51/29/s	49/30/s
Atlanta	75/58/f	71/46/f
Austin	85/45/s	84/47/s
Baltimore	61/47/pc	60/50/r
Boston	47/33/pc	47/43/pc
Chicago	53/48/r	53/38/r
Dallas	77/47/s	77/53/s
Denver	58/31/s	58/37/pc
Des Moines	51/35/r	58/38/c
Detroit	52/44/g	55/38/f
El Paso	82/52/s	86/59/s
Las Vegas	79/80/s	88/85/s
Los Angeles	81/58/s	88/59/s
Minneapolis	48/32/c	51/35/c
New Orleans	83/61/f	76/57/r
New York City	57/40/pc	53/44/r
Philadelphia	58/42/pc	56/48/r
Phoenix	90/85/s	98/87/s
Reno	66/43/c	69/42/sh
San Francisco	85/54/pc	84/52/pc
San Diego	74/59/s	72/59/s
Seattle	53/37/pc	58/37/sh
Tucson	89/58/s	92/60/s
Tulsa, OK	80/39/r	89/47/s
Wash., DC	61/47/pc	59/52/r
Wichita	57/33/r	54/43/s
Yuma	92/65/s	96/66/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	68/42/s	77/48/s
Artesia	82/44/s	90/51/s
Chama	58/28/s	63/28/s
Clayton	60/31/s	71/41/s
Cloudcroft	62/32/s	68/28/s
Farmingington	64/28/s	73/37/s
Hobbs	78/38/s	83/47/s
Los Alamos	60/33/s	66/35/s
Portales	71/37/s	78/44/s
Raton	60/25/s	69/34/s
Red River	53/27/s	57/28/s
Ruidoso	68/42/s	75/50/s
Santa Fe	66/30/s	74/39/s
Silver City	75/41/s	85/48/s
Taos	62/23/s	67/32/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	90/73/s	91/75/s
Cancun	88/68/s	90/68/s
Chihuahua	84/48/s	91/52/s
Ciudad Juárez	82/52/s	86/59/s
León	93/59/pc	84/57/pc
México, DF	84/55/f	79/55/f
Monterrey	93/61/s	88/64/f
Morelia	82/61/f	82/60/f
Oaxaca	95/59/f	91/59/f
Pto. Penasco	88/59/s	88/60/s
Tijuana	81/54/s	75/57/s

THE COMMUNITY PAGE

Reading program to nourish young minds

While the advantages of proper nutrition and exercise are being emphasized on a federal level, a program closer to home is focusing on nourishing young minds.

By donating to the Ruidoso Friends of the Library, a benefactor can sponsor a child for the 2011 Summer Reading Program, this year with the theme, "One World, Many Stories," designed to stimulate an interest in reading that could benefit a child as they move through life.

"The Friends give the money back to the Children's Department, which helps buy books, gift certificates and prizes for participants in the summer reading program," said Cheryl Volosin, librarian in the Children's Department. "Sometimes we ask businesses to donate gift certificates or we offer to match."

Donations are tax deductible.

Registration for the eight-week program begins May 16 and runs through July 15, with sign-up sheets and a description of programs available at the Ruidoso Public Library on Kansas City Street and Cree Meadows Drive, next to Village Hall. Different sections target two age groups, pre-schoolers ages 2-5, and students ages 6-12.

For instance, The Amazing Journey program is aimed at the older group and will include "bazaars" from different countries with food tastings. Organizers of The Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary will bring in a wolf for one event. Some Tuesdays a family movie will be shown, such as *Alice in Wonderland* at 10:30 a.m., July 20, served with popcorn and soda for the younger set and Horses, at 2 p.m., July 5 for the older age group, according to the schedule of events

found on-line at the library's website.

Those who sign up will receive a reading log and an activity log. The 2-year-old to 5 year-old preschool group and the 6-year-old to 9-year-olds will be reading for small prizes each week, two books per prize.

The 10- to 12-year-olds will receive a small prize when a reading log is completed. Three large prizes for each age group will be awarded in a drawing at the end of summer.

Completing activity logs is another way to add a participants name in the end of summer drawing. All logs must be turned in by July 22 to be eligible for a group's grand prize drawing.

The preschool program

kicks off at 10:30 a.m., June 1, with stories about animals from other countries, and winds down July 27. The 6-12 group program begins June 9 with Build an International House/Monument/Structure from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Supplies will be provided and patrons will vote for their favorites, with winners announced June 30. At 2 p.m., July 29, an End of Summer Party is set for "10-Teens" with pizza and soda and drawing for prizes.

Call the library at 575-258-3704 for more information, or stop by or mail a donation to Friends of the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd., Ruidoso, NM 88345.

-Dianne Stallings

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any other person in the Ruidoso Downs areas who are interested in the financial help to call the Rural Development office in Roswell at 575-622-8745, extension 4, during business hours for more information or to set up a meeting.

American Legion

American Legion Post 79 hosts the New Mexico District 5 meeting Saturday, April 16. Registration is at 9 a.m. meeting at 10 a.m. for election of district officers.

The meeting will be held at the corner of U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in

Ruidoso Downs.

Call Vic Currier at 575-257-6713 for more information.

Pearce to visit

Congressman Steve Pearce will attend a Rotary meeting in Ruidoso on Tuesday, April 26, at noon at Cree Meadows Country Club, 301 Country Club Dr.

Correction

A report in the April 11 *Ruidoso News* stated the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation had boosted its individual college scholarship from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per semester. The award was actually raised to \$2,000 per semester.

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OUR OPINION

Court gives hope to Agua Fria residents

It's been a long battle over development

Even in zoned communities, residents sometimes lack the clout to control their own environment.

Pity the citizens of the Agua Fria subdivision in Ruidoso Downs, who have lived for years with the uncertainty of their neighborhood's future regarding the scale of development that others were planning.

The New Mexico Court of Appeals, in an opinion filed April 8, reversed a district

court ruling that had granted partial judgment in favor of a developer on about 7 acres in the subdivision known as the Country Club Tract.

This is good news, belatedly, for many in the area, and certainly for the Agua Fria Save the Open Space Association, which six years ago filed a lawsuit to prevent the developer from building townhomes on the property.

If it works out for the residents, the fight will have been worth the trouble.

The Madison Blues at the bottom of a coffee cup

America in 1967-68 crackled and sizzled like brain cells on speed. The Watts and Detroit riots. The Chicago Democratic Convention. Vietnam. The methedrine death grip on Haight-Ashbury and the long, clueless descent towards Altamont.

Sympathy for the Devil.

I graduated from college in 1968. Arizona State University. With honors. In mass communications.

I had no idea what to do with my life so I wrote bad poetry and lived in the moment. While others vaulted

from graduation to maturation, I postponed adulthood. Baby Boomers - what are you gonna do with them? Thus, it would be four years before I got a news job and a full 13 years before I landed what I consider my first "career" position - at the *Houston Chronicle*.

Oh, I did score a radio spot at KMND AM-FM, Mesa. For two bucks an hour, I changed the FM's beautiful-music reels at 3 a.m. and signed on the AM's country-music format at sunrise. In the solitary post-midnight vacuum I wrote bad poetry and spun the Grateful Dead. Once in a while, for company, I'd let a wandering hippie or desert rat in the door.

They fired me after a couple months. I can't imagine why.

In Tempe my roomie John Miles introduced me to a girl from Elkhorn, Wis. She was tall, blonde and Norwegian. Lee Ann Mason. Education major. Read Shakespeare. She took a graduate course at UC-Berkeley and I trailed along, telling the university employment office I was her husband, "Marty Mason," in order to secure an easy job. I got some landscaping contracts in the Oakland hills before growing bored with that.

Berkeley was under siege. The Free Speech Movement, People's Park, the angry streets. Governor Reagan dispatched the National Guard. One day some uniforms stopped Lee Ann's pale-blue Ford Fairlane with the Grand Canyon State plates and ordered her out, searching for weapons.

On Telegraph Avenue one afternoon we got caught in gun-

fire and tear gas. We huddled inside a candy store until the streets cleared.

Within weeks we fled crazy, wide-eyed Berkeley, and Lee Ann transferred back to Tempe. On the evening we arrived in

the pale-blue Ford, we sat quietly in the ASU commons under a balmy Sonoran sky. No Guard. No guns. The eternal crimson sunset. Home.

In 1971 Lee Ann earned a teaching job back in Wisconsin. Whitewater State University. Class of '69, she was already on a career track.

I remained in Tempe and knocked around a few jobs. Delivering campus mail. Sweeping up metal shavings at an engine manufacturing plant. I was so broke I rode a bicycle to work.

Then I trailed the tall blonde to the Midwest.

We settled near Fort Atkinson and pretended to live apart. Her dad was strictly old-school. Sure fooled him. I took a job in Madison at a restaurant cleaning business, worked for a fat, shifty guy named Frank. Frank drank Pabst all day and counted his money. I'd cut my hair and Eddie, my scheming partner in grime, stuffed his ponytail inside a wig whenever he reported to the office. Sure, we fooled Frank, too.

At night, after a restaurant closed, Fast Eddie and I would spread plastic over the stainless steel kitchen, climb onto the roof, unfasten the grease fans, and, as one of us cranked up the belching steam jenny down below, the other hoisted up the hoses and sprayed the ducts. I'd drag home at sunrise, blinking dumbly.

I still harbored aspirations. It was a hard Wisconsin winter's day, soaked in gray. I applied at WKOW-TV, Madison. Anything, I told them. I can run camera, write, report, do voice-overs, whatever.

They'd let me know. Right. Afterward, the teacher and her bum of a boyfriend sat in a coffee shop in dreary Madison, Wisconsin. He was coming to the conclusion he wasn't career material. He would drift out of the tall, blonde Norwegian's life and disappear into the moment.

Next week: *Milwaukee*



MARTY RACINE
ON SECOND THOUGHT

Lincoln National-Forest, logging ban... protected Spotted Owl



Doug McLeod 11
Ruidoso News

Mescalero Reservation, NO logging ban... Same owl



So guess who's doing it right.

YOUR OPINION

Hospital: It's all about the transparency

To the editor:

THE DISAGREEMENT between Al Santos, director of the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) and County Commissioner Kathryn Minter, as described in the *Ruidoso News* March 23, is not really about the LCMC Board being a "rubber stamp" - it is about transparency.

I'm sure Santos is correct, the LCMC board is not a rubber stamp; I'm sure they give very good advice for the LCMC.

However, as I recall, all board members sign a non-disclosure agreement to serve on the board. That means they are not at liberty to talk about LCMC business outside the board. They provide community input to Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS), but not much to the community about the business of the LCMC.

Now, in the corporate world, non-disclosure agreements are legal tools, usually used to ensure sensitive information does not get to competitors. Mind you, it's not clear that a sole-source provider needs to be wary about the competition.

In 2005, I recall, then-Commissioner Earl Hobbs had a disagreement about having to sign a non-disclosure agreement with PHS before negotiating with them about the County/LCMC/PHS financial arrangements. As a public official, he thought that not being able to disclose what was the basis for the negotiations was a conflict of interest.

The upshot of subsequent negotiations I believe, with input from the DFA and county manager, led to the annual lease fee from PHS being increased substantially, to the county's benefit.

It is the County Commission's fiduciary duty to represent their constituents and make sure everyone gets a fair deal for county money spent. Here's where transparency comes in. If the description of financial transactions, financial entities, profit or non-profit status, multiple accounts, etc. becomes too complex - as Commissioner Minter described - then it's hard to see if the county is getting a fair deal.

For some reason, small hospitals are not subject to the usual

state procurement rules, so information they would provide, say, if there was a competitive bidding process, is not available for commissioners to peruse, making their job that much harder.

Here's where I might recommend a couple more corporate tools: organizational and flow charts. If Mr. Santos, who has been so helpful in explaining the hospital's plans everywhere in the county, could come up with a few more charts, then maybe everybody could understand better the pros and cons and whether the County is going to get a fair deal. Those might include an organizational chart of all the entities involved, their status (public, private, for-profit or non-profit, etc.) and what money and services flow between them.

Commissioner Minter is quite right in trying to understand the relationship between the County, PHS and the LCMC, and who and how each profits; that is her duty. What's needed is just a bit more transparency.

Tony Davis
Alto

The Look was all it took

I loved Mrs. Butterfield. I loved her name, her smile, her sweet, caring attitude, the way she made me feel good about myself. I even loved Mrs. Butterfield after she walloped me so severely I remember it 64 years later.

It was a daily routine at the one-through-twelve Boardman schoolhouse outside Youngstown. My desk was near the tiny bookcase. Each day Karen would pick out a book and pretend to read it as she walked by. Each day I would extend my leg across the aisle and wait for Karen to stop and scold me.

One day Karen wasn't pretending to read. One day Karen tripped over that leg, went sprawling against the wall and hit the floor in a heap of 7 year-old, girl-squealing terror. Mrs. Butterfield took me into the dimly lit hallway. Unable to summons a firing squad, she caught my innocent face in one of those two-handed wind up swings that start in left field and come swooping around until they sandwich the cheeks between hard palms. I am Fishface Boy for two days.

I never tripped Karen after that day. And, I might sadly add, my foolishness pretty much ended a budding romance.

One wonders if the Two-Handed Overhead Wind Up Face Squash wasn't a mandato-

ry course in Teacher College back then. How else would you explain that two years later, at Sacred Heart School in Redlands, Calif., Sister Kevin Ann administered the exact same corporal punishment simply because she thought I was a "smart aleck"?

I wasn't a smart aleck at all, of course, but when you keep getting your face squashed it makes you think. I worked hard to become a quiet, well-mannered boy. But here's what I learned about Catholic education. Once you are unfairly branded a "smart aleck" it follows you from school to school. I think there may have been a Sister Josephine Twitter. Smrtalkahrt.

The principal at St. Bernardine's High School in San Bernardino was a Marine boot camp drill sergeant who called herself "Sister Marie Therese." This stern nun always kept her hands folded under the robes. It was meant to affect an angelic look, but I secretly wondered if she was packing heat.

Sister Therese didn't talk much but had The Look. Sister Therese could wilt entire gardens of gladiolas with a single glance. She didn't like me, and I never knew why, although in retrospect I could probably come up with a reason or two.

One of the rites of passage at St. Bernardine's was the custom

of taking our prom dates to the nunnery so the sisters could ooh and aah over how nice we all looked. The real reason, of course, was Cleavage Check-point.

Colleen was the Prom Queen and as I proudly presented her, Sister Therese unleashed The Look so intense as to reduce Hulk Hogan to a quivering wimp. Colleen's corsage, a floral extravaganza that had set me back \$3.50, went limp on the spot. Colleen's dress was modest even by 1956 standards, but, yes, the design was such that a very close look suggested there might be a bulge of boob there.

Sister Therese eye-lasered me. "What?" I wanted to protest, "I'm not going to peek!"

Too bad that, three decades later, the Sunday morning breakfast buffet line after the Saturday night high school reunion, who should be standing beside me but The Look? "You know, Ned, you were a smart aleck 30 years ago and I suspect you are a smart aleck today."

"Thank you, Sister," I said, too old to endure yet another Two-Handed Overhead Wind Up Face Squash.

New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez has signed the law making it illegal to use corporal punishment in schools. I think that was the right thing to do. But I've got the nagging feeling there are bullies, and brats who trip girls, and lots of smart alecks in our schools. No physical punishment, agreed. But zero tolerance essential.



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BUSINESS

Local earns 'outstanding innovation' award

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A Ruidoso business was one of 10 in the state honored last week for innovation.

Royal Fiber Spinnery, on Gavilan Canyon Road, achieved the outstanding innovation award through the New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program.

Royal Fiber Spinnery owner Rod Dakan wanted an economical method of baling fleece from small, scattered alpaca herds for transport to the mills.

The company is the largest alpaca fiber processor in the country, spinning on average 12,000 pounds of fleece into yarn annually. Dakan said because alpacas are raised in scattered herds of typically fewer than 20 animals, traditional 700-pound wool and cotton balers are an ineffective way to package and ship the fiber to proces-

sors like his company.

He sought help from the NMSBA program which is a public-private partnership that includes the state, Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Through the program, Dakan met Bob Winters, who retired last year from a department at Sandia Labs. The two discussed ways to design a baler that could pack 50 to 70 pounds of fleece into a 1.5-foot square box suitable for shipping.

Winters said using a manual press to bale the fleece resulted in a broken box that the fiber was to be shipped in, so he switched to a hydraulic press. He also used a machine in the lab that applied 4,000 pounds of force to compress small amounts of alpaca fleece to prove the concept worked.

Winters provided Dakan with a detailed design, a 3-

D model and specifications for parts, materials and welding instructions, which Dakan can use to have a prototype built.

Dakan said he would like to expand his business to include selling the balers to alpaca farmers.

He said small business owners have big ideas, but are often short on money to pursue them.

"This program in that regard is awesome," Dakan said.

"Their attitude is 'Tell us what the problem is and let's see if we can fix it.' That's the kind of thing that made this country great in the first place."

The NMSBA program has brought small business owners together with world-class scientists, engineers and other experts to solve issues for more than 10 years.

"These partnerships have not only resulted in the successful innovations we've celebrated over the



MARILYN AND ROD DAKAN

past decade, but also have brought jobs and economic growth to our state," said Jackie Kerby Moore, manager of Sandia's Technol-

ogy and Economic Development Department.

Royal Fiber Spinnery was one of 339 small businesses in New Mexico that

used the NMSBA program last year. The program provided \$4.6 million worth of technical assistance to small businesses in 2010.

PNM optimistic on rate case; May hearing scheduled

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A top official at PNM said the electric company was optimistic a rate case would be finalized before summer. A hearing before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) has been scheduled for May 8-19.

"They indicated they really wanted to expedite the process," said PNM Vice President for Regulatory Policy, Ron Darnell. "They told the hearing examiner they would really like to see a decision within 30 days after the hearing."

After initially filing a rate case with the PRC last year that sought a 21 percent jump in electric rates, PNM trimmed the request by one-half earlier this year.

"One thing, our sales were higher than we projected when we put the case together," Darnell said of the clipped rate increase. "We pretty much trusted the modeling which assumes your typical economic laws - prices go up, sales go down. The price went up and the residential

use per customer went up. So we had more sales to spread the increase."

Darnell said another factor for trimming the originally requested rate increase was an earlier this year agreement that included staff at the PRC and the New Mexico Attorney General's office.

"It became really obvious as we negotiated the stipulation that the staff and the AG were willing to step up to a test year that was more in the future. What that does is it allows us to better match revenues and costs so we stepped down the ROE (return on equity)."

Depreciation and pension expense changes also helped in the rate adjustments.

"We haven't paid a pension since 1992," Darnell said. "But we still have pension obligations. We had asked for some funding for that and we decided to withdraw that. We still have to figure that out."

Darnell said instead of the needed \$105 million in increased annual revenues PNM would settle for \$85 million.

"We'll have to figure out

where to pick up the other \$20 million. Just like every other business, we'll tighten our belts, we'll look for efficiencies. Open positions we won't fill."

The company could file for another rate increase in 2013 of \$20 million to recoup plant and transmission improvements.

"What the stipulation says is, to the extent that we continue to invest in the business between June 2010 and the end of 2012, we can increase rates by an additional \$20 million.

"Nobody wants another rate case on the back of this one. The interveners came to the conclusion that we're going to probably spend the money. They said if you'll spend the money then we'll give you a return on it."

Another component of the stipulation deals with a fuel clause, energy efficiency and renewable energy. Darnell said caps on the three expenses were also agreed to.

"The only sort of 'out,' if you will, is for environmental. The stipulation says we can seek recovery of costs that we incur because of federal or state actions. The only thing on the horizon

that I could see that could trigger that is if the EPA in June orders us to install SCRs (pollution reduction equipment) at San Juan, and that investment's a billion dollars."

The coal-fired San Juan generating plant is owned by PNM and five other partners. PNM's share is about one-half.

Darnell said if the EPA plan for SCRs becomes a requirement, another rate increase would be about the size of the current case. Alternative pollution control equipment proposed by PNM would be about one-tenth the cost of SCRs.

"This is after we made more than a \$300 million investment in that plant in the last few years where we already dramatically reduced (sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide) emissions," said Amy Miller, PNM's manager of stakeholder engagement.

"So this would be on top of a huge investment we already made to reduce emissions."

The stipulation was called "really wonderful" for PNM customers in southern New Mexico by Darnell.

"And I think that's why the City of Alamogordo actually signed the stipulation," Darnell said.

Alamogordo and a number of other local governments in southern New Mexico had joined together last year in opposition to the PNM rate increase.

PNM-North and PNM-South have different rates because of regional differences in the fuels used to generate electricity.

PNM-South customers would find a return to a fuel cost adjustment, to compensate annually for changes in fuel costs.

"Customers here had it when they were under TNMP," noted Miller. "So it's kind of bringing the fuel clause back."

PNM purchased TNMP territory in southern New Mexico five years ago.

The proposed rates would be on a sliding scale, with higher use residential customers paying more per kilowatt hour as consumption moved up the scale. There would also be higher rates in June, July and August.

In addition to staff at the PRC, the Attorney General and Alamogordo, three

other parties negotiated the agreement with the utility.

Responding to some of the other interveners who claimed they were left out of the agreement talks, Darnell said they were invited but did not participate.

"We were under a deadline to get a stipulation," Darnell said. "We had 26 parties in there. There's no way you're going to negotiate a settlement with 26 parties. You can't negotiate forever and at some point you have to go with what agreements you get."

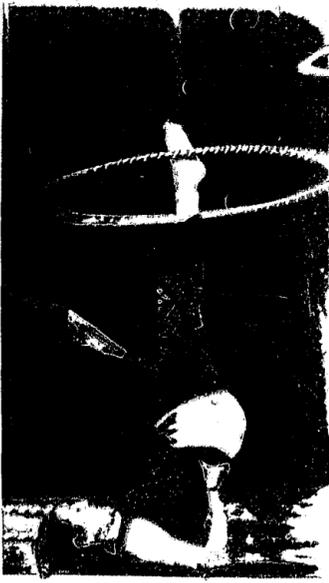
Questioned about negotiations that sometimes start high to have room to come down, Darnell admitted it a part of the process.

"If you go to the commission's website after a rate case one of the accomplishments will always be they knocked the crap out of the utility company. And I get this all the time. I was talking to the mayor of Las Vegas, Mayor Ortiz.

"He was talking about it too. And I said, 'I don't know what to do. I'm really afraid that if we ask only for what we need, that gets half.'"

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Mosley ejected from council meeting

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His persistence obviously annoyed Ruidoso village officials, but not until Ken Mosley claimed a financial consultant was lying did the mayor order the police chief to remove the former village water director and current Ruidoso Downs public works office manager.

Ken Mosley went to the podium Tuesday to outline what he contends is a violation by the village of the terms of a bond issue that designated money for capital water improvements. He sat down to hear responses from Village Manager Debi Lee, Village Attorney Dan Bryant and Chris Muirhead, consultant for the bond refinancing with the Modrall Sperling Law Firm.

But as Muirhead began explaining to village councilors why in his view Mosley was incorrect, Mosley became agitated and disagreed from his seat in the audience, finally calling out that Muirhead was lying.

Contacted Thursday, Mosley declined to comment on the water bond issue, but acknowledged, "I did not act properly in the meeting and I know that. I think the actions taken against me were warranted. I spoke out of turn."

Before she voted to approve the refinancing of water rights purchased from the village of Capitan at the Tuesday meeting, Councilor Gloria Sayers said she thanked Mosley for his questions, because it spurred the discussion.

However, Mayor Ray Alborn said he was personally embarrassed for Muirhead and the village by Mosley's actions. "We invite someone to come and then something like this happens," he said. "It's embarrassing for the Village of Ruidoso and I apologized profusely (to Muirhead)."

At the council session, Village Financial Advisor Mark Valenzuela told councilors the approval refinances a court settlement with the village of Capitan by paying off the principal and removing the 10.5 percent interest charge, and crafts a new bond issue that drops the interest payment to 3.2 percent.

"That's a 20 percent savings of \$110,000 in interest costs," he explained. The new ordinance allows the village to refinance through Capital One Public Funding LLC.

According to a chart previously prepared by Valenzuela in July 2010, the village bought water rights from Capitan for \$894,161, as part of a dissolution settlement of a water users group.

As of that July, the outstanding principal was \$569,153 and there was eight years left on the repayment schedule.

The new ordinance adopted Tuesday authorizes the issuance of water system improvement revenue bonds not to exceed \$1 million to pay for improving the village's water supply and distribution system, including acquiring water rights.

Repayment sources pledged are the net revenues of the village's water system and revenue from the 1 percent supplemental municipal gross receipts tax. The SGRT also is pledged to pay off a 2001 bond issue of \$2,865,000, due in 2030.

"I don't know where to start," Mosley said when he began his presentation. "This is written differently than the 2001 (ordinance authorizing that bond issue). Some things have been added that absolutely were not the intent of the tax."

He pointed to labor and supplies, operation and administration costs, including salaries. He said the original SGRT bond issue was targeted only for equipment water rights acquisition and enlarging the water system.

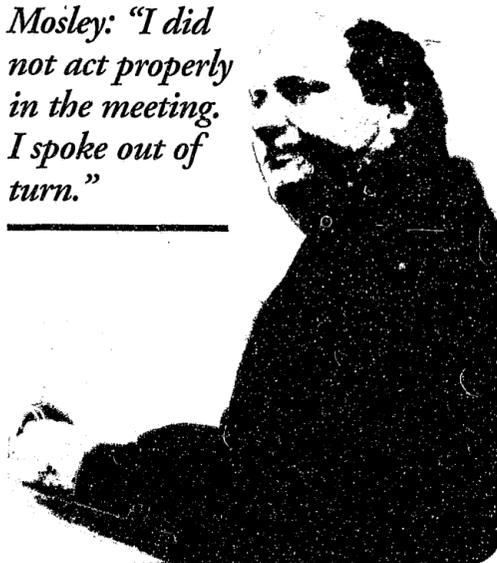
"If the purpose is to pay off the Capitan debt, why not pay it off with the SGRT (money in the fund) and then we won't have a debt?" he asked. "There should be plenty of money there for it. I made eight payments. The total should have gone down."

The fund also should have paid for the \$1 million hydrological study on the North Fork Wellfield, he contended.

"What I'm getting out of this is the SGRT has been opened up to be spent by numerous department and that's not right," Mosley said. "That's not what taxpayers voted for originally."

Lee pointed out that Mosley filed a complaint about the use of the SGRT money with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, and officials there ruled in the village's favor. She said on several occasions she or others have asked Mosley to write down his questions and they will gather the necessary information, meet with him and

Mosley: "I did not act properly in the meeting. I spoke out of turn."



give him the answers, but he has failed to take them up on the offers.

"This does not change anything not already in the ordinance," she said. "You are making statements to the public that we are doing something different than in the past."

Muirhead backed up Lee.

Bryant interjected, "Mr. Mosley feels we are taking something from the water department. It's an enterprise fund and under the law, it must (support) itself. The General Fund is prohibited from subsidizing other funds. Water department fees cover the operation."

The SGRT covers the bond cost and capital projects. We're being very careful and thoughtful, and scrupulously are complying with the law."

Sayers said councilors were told changes were minuscule, and the aim was to restructure the debt to lower interest.

"Why not just pay off both debts and have neither?" Mosley asked.

Lee said the village faces some major capital projects at Grindstone Dam and Alto Dam and the reserve is needed to help cover those expenses.

"I would love if we could do that," she said in reference to paying off the debts. "I intend to initiate a loan, but pay it off quickly."

"And anything left over goes to the General Fund?" Mosley asked.

"No sir," Lee replied, "We never transfer over. But the council decided each fund should pay a proportionate share (of administration). Utilities benefit the greatest and should pay their fair share."

"The people who were here (when the SGRT was approved) know that was not the intent," Mosley

countered.

Alborn said the village is carrying too much debt and the refinancing measures aim to bring down the hit in annual required payments. Councilor Jim Stoddard added, "The village is heavily in debt and we believe this to be a cost saving measure."

Muirhead said the original debt technically was not a bond, it was a court settlement over 20 years. The new ordinance complies with the court settlement and does not extend the payoff period, just reduces the interest.

"I appreciate Mr. Mosley's concern," said Councilor Denise Dean. "I don't like debt either." If at some point the village has sufficient dollars, she'd prefer to pay off all outstanding bond issues, she said.

Bryant contended that Mosley was confusing administration costs in the new document with general administration costs of the village. "This ordinance does not change that," he said. "There is language in here to prevent that."

Stoddard took one more stab at clarification.

"Are there any of Mr. Mosley's arguments that you haven't spoken to?" he asked. "It seems like what we are being asked to do is save money. If there is something else I don't understand, please tell me."

Before the unanimous vote to approve, Stoddard asked why the village is dealing with Capital One. Valenzuela said his firm's traders went out into the market and for the small amount of money and unrated bonds, he was pleased with the interest offer.

"We presented it to the New Mexico Finance Authority and they turned it down," he said.

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Relay moves to Downs

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The American Cancer Society's local fundraising event is poised to move from Ruidoso to Ruidoso Downs this summer.

Cindy Parkinson, with Relay for Life in Lincoln County, Monday asked Ruidoso Downs city officials if the overnight event could be held in All American Park.

"We'd like to save money for one thing. You've guys have lights that are built in," Parkinson told the mayor and city councilors. "We have to pay every year to have lights either at the high school or at the baseball field."

Parkinson said local Right to Life organizers have looked over All American Park.

"It's perfect for what we want to do but we want to see if what we want to do is OK with you guys."

A check, with a city parks officials indicated the park was clear of any other events for July 8-9.

"Our relay starts usually Friday morning when we start setting up. The teams come in. We would be using the infield of the baseball field there and set up teams there."

"Then we'd walk around the track. We walk all night long. Saturday we

usually stop around nine in the morning. We have our closing ceremonies and we clean up, and we're out of there by noon on Saturday."

Parkinson said there is music played during the Relay for Life.

"It keeps the walkers going all night long. That's one thing we want to make sure we can be able to do is have music all night long."

Live band music typically goes until 11 p.m., Friday or 12 a.m., Saturday. Parkinson said after that prerecorded music is played at a "quieter" volume.

Noting the location is next to a residential area, Mayor Tom Armstrong questioned the music.

"What happens if it's too loud? What should happen?"

Parkinson said she had been in trouble before over loud music at Relay for Life in Ruidoso.

"We will tone it down. I have learned my lesson."

The Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, in the park, would be used for the Friday evening cancer survivors' dinner.

Armstrong told Parkinson that the use of the Lincoln County-operated senior center would have to be approved by the county manager.

Contacted Tuesday,

county manager Tom Stewart said the use plans would be reviewed and an agreement worked out. He said normally there is a charge to use the senior center, but a charge could be waived because Relay for Life is a civic event.

Parkinson said the relay is insured through a \$1 million American Cancer Society policy. Between 300 and 400 people are expected to attend the event.

The 2010 Relay for Life raised \$56,000, the largest amount in the 13 or 14 year history of the Lincoln County event, Parkinson said.

"We'd love to bring it down here and bring the business down here," she told city officials.

Police Chief Doug Babcock questioned Parkinson about security and a need for a police presence.

"None. Never," Parkinson said of police at the relay. "Well, we did have to call last year for some kids that got out of control."

A paramedic is stationed at the event.

The city council's approval was contingent on proof of the liability insurance rider and Lincoln County's consent to use the senior center.

A municipal fee to use All American Park was also considered but was waived by councilors.

Alborn displeased with rumors about origin of the White Fire

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As usual, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn wasn't shy Tuesday about his displeasure with rumors flying through the village about the origin of The White Fire, April 3, that destroyed five homes and burned nearly 11,000 acres.

Unfortunately, the village isn't involved in pinpointing the cause and must wait for a decision from the U.S. Forest Service to make an announcement, he said.

"I can tell you this, if the village was involved, no information would be pushed under the carpet of hidden," he said.

Village manager Debi Lee said Police Chief Joe Magill is in contact with the USFS investigator, but doesn't know when the results will be released. "It would be a good thing to stop all the chatter," she said.

Councilor Angel Shaw said in the interim, "It probably would not be a good idea for employees to speak (about the cause of the fire) when an active investigation is going on."

One of the more interesting points about the fire fighting effort was an agreement signed by village officials with the U.S. Forest Service allowing the agency to use effluent being treated at the wastewater treatment plant as a source of water to drop on flames.

The village made 1.5 million gallons available,



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Mountain Sports Complex) was quite a shot at night."

Councilor Gloria Sayers said conducting public meetings on the fire during the emergency was beneficial and the reporting number of 257-FIRE was easy to remember.

Lee said village officials also benefited from being at the incident command center and watching the USFS officials create their fire model and plan the attack to fight, control and extinguish the flames, then to mop up.

Vincent said a fire truck parked to the side of the bay area of the Main Fire Station on Sudderth Drive and Paradise Canyon was damaged when it jumped its gear in an earlier grass fire on Gavilan Canyon. He left it parked there as a constant reminder to his drivers and a training tool on how to handle gears and brakes when stopping to work on a blaze.

The frame was twisted badly, he said.

Alborn announced to anonymous letter and e-mail authors that unless the missives are signed and have an address to allow him to respond, they end up in the wastebasket. "Maybe I can't solve it, but with an address and phone, at least we can talk."

instead of seeing potable water fit for drinking be scooped up and carry away to fight the fire, Lee said.

Alborn commended Interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent and all of the fire fighters from difference agencies in New Mexico, Arizona and Idaho, about 450 total, who came to help.

"Harlan took over as incident commander at the start, then Eddie Tudor from New Mexico State Forestry took over, not because Harlan wasn't doing a good job; it was protocol," the mayor explained. Vincent and the early responders received good marks from the higher ranks.

"Had it not been for them, the fire would have developed into a more serious event," Alborn said.

Councilor Jim Stoddard thanked firefighters for protecting horse barns and the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. "It came down to the parking lot and would have burned the barn, except for the fire team," he said. One ceiling was lost, but it could have been disastrous, he said.

Demand halts UC bridge project

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A demand that an escape route from Upper Canyon be included in the bridge and sewer line flood damaged replacement projects partially funded with federal money halted progress on installation of a new bridge for Eagle Drive.

Bids on the bridge were received March 29, and an apparent low bidder came in below the engineer's estimate. The goal was to install the structure before the beginning of the summer tourist season on Memorial Day, completing bank stabilization after the holiday.

"However, the Upper Canyon Coalition contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency demanding that an escape route be included..." Village Manager Debi Lee wrote in her administration report reviewed at the council meeting Tuesday.

Village responds

"We are now having to respond to this demand. This will delay the installation of Eagle Bridge past Memorial Day since we cannot proceed until we get authorization from FEMA,

and they won't issue an approval until the Upper Canyon Coalition demands are answered to FEMA's satisfaction."

Ruidoso Mayor Alborn said the Upper Canyon residents are frustrated after more than a decade of pushing for an effective escape route for visitors and residents to the commercial cabin historical area of the village.

Cooperative spirit

Ruidoso officials also are frustrated, he said, but a spirit of cooperation exists and a "successful meeting" was conducted Monday on the long-standing problem.

"At this point, all I can say is a possible route was looked on favorably by all," the mayor said Thursday. "It's a complicated issue and a lot of things have to happen, but nothing that can't be resolved, in my opinion."

Lee also wrote that a request for proposals was drafted to employ an engineer to design the sewer line relocation project, lifting the lines from the Rio Ruidoso riverbed.

"We plan to use one engineer for design, but break construction up into segments," she wrote. "The

Upper Canyon Coalition issue could subject us to increased scrutiny and could jeopardized full funding for the project."

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE



The 7th Annual Altrusa Fashion Show Emcee Jill Van Gilder, above left, and the models made the event the most successful show to date.

Altrusa broke record with this year's show

Altrusa's Fashion Show and Tea is a popular annual event in Lincoln County. This year it took place on Saturday, April 9, and was the most successful show to date. The annual fundraiser was held at Alto Lakes Country Club and narrated by Emcee Jill Van Gilder. Barbara Dickinson supervised the decoration of the tables with a lovely pink and white motif, symbolizing Altrusa's involve-

ment in the fight against breast cancer. Pink and white flower centerpieces from Casa Feliz and Flowers completed the setting. Susan Lutterman decorated the runway with baskets of beautiful spring flowers donated by Season's Nursery. Attendees enjoyed tea and a light lunch as Altrusa Club members and friends modeled the latest fashions.

Model coordinator Helen Woodfin worked with popular local clothing stores to show designs from Brunell's, Michelle's, The Bay Window, Chic Boutique, Rebekah's, St. Bernard's and Alto Lakes Pro Shop. Event chairs Deb Sturtevant and Barbara Gentry were very pleased to report that the event raised over \$10,000 to support Altrusa's many community service projects. Ticket Chair Terri

Trotter was kept very busy selling and delivering tickets in the weeks before the show. Fundraising activities included a silent auction chaired by Tanya Hargrave and Doris Wallace, featuring jewelry, art, and other exciting items. Many door prizes were assembled and distributed by a team led by Andra Solomon. Local merchants and artists were very generous in donating items for

the auction and for door prizes. Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is very grateful for all the support of this wonderful community. All proceeds from this annual event are used to support Altrusa's many community service projects, including scholarships, literacy projects and donations to several Lincoln County charities. Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is perhaps best known for the popular Low-Cost

Mammogram Program offered each October in cooperation with Lincoln County Medical Center. Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is part of an international service organization with clubs throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. For more information about Altrusa, contact Membership Chair Deb Sturtevant at 336-1486 or visit the website at www.Altrusa-Ruidoso.com.

Flying J Hospice Fundraiser scheduled for April 30

The Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation in Lincoln County announces their annual Flying J Hospice Fundraiser on Saturday, April 30. The Hospice Foundation is a non-profit foundation that provides financial assistance for all qualified Lincoln County residents for end-of-life care. End-of-life care is usually defined as the last year of a terminal illness, if the disease follows the expected course. This can include assistance for medications, home health or hospice care, medical supplies and equipment for end-of-life care.

If needed, The Foundation can also cover nursing home expenses for the final days of life if the caregiver is not able to provide the intensive level of care required. To be eligible for financial assistance, you must be a Lincoln County resident and meet the financial qualifications and guidelines. Funds are available for residents who qualify by having established residency for three months and that have an income level of 20 percent above the Indigent Fund guidelines. Visit the Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Website for guideline table and applica-

tion at www.rheh.org, or call 575-255-0028 for more information. The Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation is governed by a local non-profit board and funds are maintained in a separate account to ensure that the money is returned directly to Lincoln County residents. The Foundation is governed by a local non-profit board that includes David Milchen, James Martin, Bruce Chapman, Jenny Dorgan, Sharon Nielsen, Marcie Brinkley and Patsy Parker. Hospice volunteers from the community assist with many functions of Hospice care and fundraisers as

well. The annual Flying J Hospice Fundraiser has become a favorite community event. For tickets (adults \$25 and kids 12 and under \$15), you and your family can enjoy an evening that includes a Chuckwagon supper, Old West Stage Show and music, and a Silent Auction. Doors open at 6 p.m. This year's Silent Auction offers unique items from local businesses and local artists. There will be art, jewelry, clothing, accessories and certificates to bid on. We are grateful to our local sponsors this year: Gold Sponsor: Fusion

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SHELTER NEWS

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Plans are underway for the 2011 Furr Ball, which will be held on Saturday, July 9, at the Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club Pavilion. Festivities begin at 6 p.m., with a cash bar, followed by dinner, a live auction, a silent auction and dancing. Our featured "humane-atarian" this year is Sam Donaldson, renowned ABC newsmen and Hondo Valley rancher. Ticket prices are the same as last year: \$110 per person or \$1,000 for a table for 10. We plan on having 30 tables, although last year we added three additional tables due to high demand. If you plan on attending, we urge you to make your reservations early. To make the process easier for you to make reservations, we have three plans:

- You can make reservations on line www.furrball.org;
- Your can send a check with your contact information to Humane Society Furr Ball, P. O. Box 2832, Ruidoso, NM 88345
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258-8822 and give your name and credit card information. We accept MasterCard and Visa. You will not receive admission tickets; rather, your name will be placed on our reservations list. The Humane Society is currently engaged in our 2011 Membership Drive. You can become involved in helping Humane Society. Its mission is "no more homeless pets" and it works through caring for abandoned animals; seeking permanent loving adoptive homes for the pets in our care and seeking ways to combat the huge problem of pet overpopulation through spay and neuter programs. An annual individual membership is \$35. For \$35 you can have one pet micro chipped for free and a second done for \$20. You can vote in our election for board of directors and receive our newsletter, invitations to our events and other correspondence. Help make a difference by calling 575-378-1039 and requesting a membership application.



CHUCK'S PICK OF THE WEEK



Beets

Did you know that one-third of the world's sugar supply comes not from sugar cane, but from a special variety of beets known as the sugar beet? Beets also have the distinction of being very rich in red pigment, and they'll stain your hands if you're not careful. Beets are both sweet and earthy tasting and pair well with other root vegetables, as well as with tangy-sweet fruits like pineapple. While most beets are deep red in color, there are a number of beet varieties that range in color from white to yellow to red.

Beet soup

"A gorgeous, healthy, and very tasty beet soup that's so simple to make. Beets and sautéed onions and garlic simmer in beef broth before being finished with a swirl of cream."
 Prep time - 20 minutes cook time- 40 minutes
 Servings- 4
 Ingredients- 3 Tbsp olive oil, 1 medium onion chopped, 3 cloves garlic chopped, 6 medium beets peeled and chopped, 2 cups beef stock, salt and freshly ground pepper, heavy cream.

Directions

- Warm olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in onions and garlic, cook until soft but not browned. Stir in beets and cook for 1 minute.
- Stir in stock and season with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil and cover. Simmer until the beets are tender, about 20 to 30 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly.
- In batches, add soup to a food processor, and pulse until liquefied. Return soup to saucepan and gently heat through. Ladle into bowls and garnish with a swirl of cream.



EDITOR

FROM PAGE 1A

critic opening across town and called me in Milwaukee to get my butt down there with my portfolio."

Houston at the time was an ascending star in the music industry.

"Urban Cowboy had just hit, so there was the rowdy scene at Gilley's," Racine recalls. "It was a long way out Spencer Highway, but for down-home honky-tonkin' there were what we called 'kicker' bars all over town."

The *Houston Post* music critic, the late Bob Claypool, was a nationally renowned expert on country music, and his book *Friday Night at Gilley's* was the impetus for the "Urban Cowboy" movement.

Racine, however, was drawn to Houston's punk-rock scene and a wealth of blues from Houston, New Orleans and Austin, Texas, that circulated through the region.

"I'll never forget this one moment," Racine says. "Fitzgerald's nightclub, the former Old Polish Hall, figured they'd wine and dine the new critic in town and invited me to see this guitar player they were raving about. I'd never heard of him. They put me at a front-row table, free drinks, the works, and this guy comes onstage wearing a Gaucho hat and slinging a Stratocaster. It turned out to be Stevie Ray Vaughan."

"It was like Hendrix reincarnated, exploding 10 feet away. My jaw dropped and I said to myself, 'This ain't Milwaukee!' I had just fallen in love with Texas and the bluesy South."

Fitzgerald's, Club Hey Hey, Rockefellers, the Bon Ton Room and other venues brought in an embarrassment of riches almost on a nightly basis, up close and personal for under \$10 at the door.

"On a given weekend, you might catch — just in the clubs alone — guys like John Mayall, Los Lobos, Buddy Guy, Robert Cray, Joe Ely, the Blasters, Lucinda Williams, Marcia Ball and Billy Joe Shaver," Racine says. "I was blessed to be part of all that."

Befriending the late guitarist Jerry Lightfoot, Racine was introduced to Houston's rich blues history. "Through Jerry I met guys like Grady Gaines, who played saxophone on Little Richard's records," he says. "And there were grizzled vets like Texas Johnny Brown and Wrecks Bell, who had played with Lightnin' Hopkins."

At Anderson Fair, Racine was introduced to the



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Mr. Marty Racine
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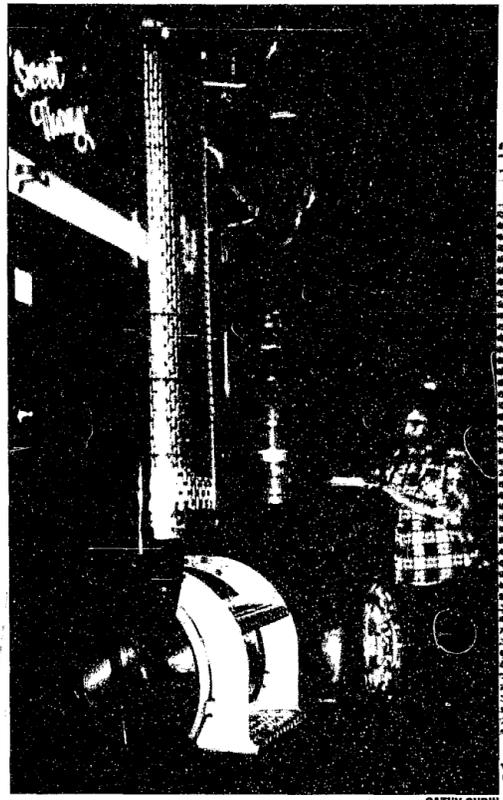
Marty, the last three paragraphs could not have been any more descriptive to what I am today and what I have been determined to accomplish. As you so expertly put it, "A country boys vision of fate, if it does, it does and brother you hit the nail right on the head, it did, it did!"

My hat's off to you, sir!

Thank you so much,

Hank Williams, Jr.
Hank Williams, Jr.

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CATHY GUBIN

At left, fan mail to the Chronicle music critic from country superstar Hank Williams, Jr.; above, a long-haired Marty Racine in 1976 taking notes on the fender of an 18-wheeler deep in the hills of Kentucky while doing a trucker road story for the *Bugle-American*.

city's burgeoning singer-songwriter circle, which included a young Nanci Griffith, Eric Taylor and a gangly unknown with a funny haircut, Lyle Lovett.

In 1995, tired of the music business and its increasing commercialization, Racine became a general assignment feature writer for the *Chronicle*. His pieces appeared in the paper's Sunday magazine, *Texas Magazine*.

In 1998, while still on staff at the *Chronicle*, Racine and his wife Glynis, a New Mexico native, built a home in Lincoln County. He wrote feature stories as a stringer for the *Ruidoso News* and commuted back and forth to Houston. He resigned from the *Chronicle* in June 2003.

In October 2003, Racine became the news director of Ruidoso's fledgling community radio station, KEDU. He joined the *Ruidoso News* on May 24, 2004, replacing Wes Schwengels.

"Marty's long journalism career, coupled with his local experience, is going to serve the community, the staff and the newspaper very well," said general manager Dave Price at the time.

"Already a fan of Marty's feature writing and his easy-going personality, I was pleased when he was selected as editor," says Dianne Stallings, a *Ruidoso News* reporter for 21 years. "His longevity in that position testifies to his ability to crystallize different aspects of an issue and to coherently outline his position when writing editorials, as well as his

instinct for story selection and placement.

"The newspaper matured under his hand and smoothly transitioned through several changes in design, technology and management. He gave a seasoned staff their head to pursue stories, guiding but not interfering. I know I speak for the entire newsroom when I say we will miss him, but we know he'll be busy with many new projects."

"Editor Marty Racine epitomizes the true newspaperman — part word-smith, part critic and cool under consistent pressure," says *Ruidoso News* sports editor Mike Curran, whom Racine hired in 2007. "He's the best immediate boss I've ever had. What he initially saw in me as a writer perplexes me. Maybe one quiet day I'll ask him."

"I was untutored in the newspaper game but he found the patience — from where I'll never know — and taught me almost all I have learned about this strange but marvelous profession."

"When I came here I was determined to make the *News* a feisty, outspoken vehicle of information and opinion," Racine says. "And that's what it must continue to be to truly serve the community. A newspaper has to be fearless. Not everybody likes us, but I think people respect us, agree or not."

In addition, Racine's byline has appeared in the *Miami Herald*, *Cleveland Plain-Dealer*, *Boston Herald*, *Billboard* magazine and *American Way*, the in-flight magazine of Ameri-

can Airlines. He has contributed to numerous artist biographies and album liner notes.

He has won awards in music criticism by the Texas managing editors of the Associated Press. In 1997 he won a Gold medal for International Travel Article of the Year in the prestigious Lowell Thomas awards given by the Society of American Travel Writers Foundation, overshadowing Silver and Bronze medals by the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*, respectively. The story provided a rare glimpse into the lives of the Tarahumara Indians

of northern Mexico.

With the *Ruidoso News*, Racine has won three New Mexico Press Association awards, including first place in column writing in 2005-2006 and first place in editorial writing for 2009-2010.

"I've been fortunate to have a great staff," Racine says of the RN's six-person newsroom. "I hired all of them except for Dianne, who was already an institution when I arrived. They're each exquisite at what they do, and the *Ruidoso News* is just a superior mountain commu-

nity newspaper."

In retirement, Racine plans to pursue guitar, gardening, swimming and writing.

"I'd like to return to my writing roots," he says. "Maybe I can contribute to the Texas-New Mexico Partnership. I'd love to do some human-interest stories in southern New Mexico and the borderland."

"I seriously doubt he'll ride off into the sunset and raise garden tomatoes," Curran says. "He is a gifted writer and has unsaid things to say. And I for one would like to read them."

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School board debates invocation

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Replacing the current moment of silence with an invocation at the start of Ruidoso Municipal School District education board meetings may not get a blessing from the board next month.

At Tuesday evening's board meeting, two board members, Kerry Gladden Eastep and Rhonda Vincent, had deep reservations with prayer at the public meetings.

"I'm a firm believer in the separation of church and state and the idea of religious freedom," said Gladden Eastep. "And as a public body, I feel like we should take every step possible to eliminate as many opportunities for controversy while being respectful to every individual."

"And I feel that a moment of silence allows each individual to go to where their spirit might lead them. So, I am not in favor of changing the moment of silence to an invocation."

Stating that she wanted to speak freely about where her heart was leading her, Vincent also voiced opposition to the proposal suggested last month by new board member Curt Temple.

"Truthfully, I've honestly have prayed about that because of where I stand in my faith. And I truly believe that the words helped me specifically in 1 Peter 3:15, 'You're to give an account of your faith when you are asked.' And

the last part of that says 'with gentleness and respect.' And I just believe with all of my heart, to do this in a gentleness and respectful way, respecting everyone and their beliefs and their wishes. I also just asked the Lord to, and I'm sorry I'm thinking freely and I know that we're doing that, but you're asking me what I think about that so I'm going to tell you. I really believe that when we open that up, and I read some documents (in the meeting's agenda packet, supplied by the board's legal counsel) about some places that have had invocations instead of moments of silence, and my belief is this, and do not hear me wrong please, and do not misquote me by any way, that

"I absolutely would support prayer anywhere. I am not against prayer. I do pray to God the Father, and I do pray to Jesus Christ his son. And I believe what I have read, that would not be allowed to happen in our public body, to say that. And so, if that was the case, I am against that because I only pray for one and I only pray through one person."

A two-page memorandum from the school board's legal counsel, noted the practice of opening sessions of government bodies with a prayer has a long history in the United States. But it was not until 1983 that the U.S. Supreme Court squarely addressed the question of opening legislative session with prayers. The high

court upheld the Nebraska legislature's practice of opening sessions with a prayer as long as the prayer was not sectarian or proselytizing. The court said to "invoke Divine guidance on a public body entrusted with making the laws is not... an establishment of religion or a step toward establishment; it is simply a tolerable acknowledgment of the beliefs widely held among people of this country."

Federal courts of appeals however have not been in agreement on how to apply the legislative prayer exception to school board prayer.

One appellate court was troubled with school board prayers that ended with some version of "we asked all of these things through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen." The court considered the prayers "Christian in tenor, if not in fact," and called them a violation of government's requirement not to promote or affiliate with a religious doctrine or organization.

Vincent said she was trying to take it all in.

"Over the last month I've been concerned about that because I do believe a lot of misperceptions are out there in the community of prayer in school and things like that," Vincent said. "Prayer is not out of school. A student can lead a prayer anytime, anyplace, anywhere. And no one is going to take prayer away from me in my heart anywhere. I read and I asked God to show me some things that would help me.

"And you know, in Matthew 6, He says that prayer is to be done in secret, and you're to go in a room and you're to do that and God will reward you for that. You're not supposed to stand on the corner and be a hypocrite and do that. And I don't think that's what you are meaning Curt." I just think out of respect for believers, and for respect of people, that if it couldn't be said, 'Dear heavenly Father,' or 'Father God,' and that 'I pray in Jesus' name,' and I'm just not comfortable with that. And that's just my belief, that's my feeling."

The memo to the board suggested if the education board wants to replace the moment of silence with an invocation, the non-sectarian prayer form used by the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors in Virginia was "blessed" by a U.S. Court of Appeals. Under the supervisors' police, religious leaders of all local congregations are invited to provide the invocation.

A letter to the religious leaders stated that the prayers should be noncontroversial and nonconfrontation, and should avoid sectarian references such as invoking the name of Jesus Christ. Religious leaders that accepted the board's invitation were placed on an official list and scheduled to offer prayers when their turn came up.

The school board may consider the change to an invocation to start their sessions at their May meeting.

Downs clean-up finally gets around to former solid waste authority yard

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As Saturday's annual spring outdoor cleanup in Ruidoso Downs continued into this week, the former Greentree Solid Waste Authority property was cleaned up after a complaint voiced by one of the Saturday volunteers.

"One of the major neighborhood streets that I chose to clean was Harris Lane, the street just above my property and our city hall," Ruidoso Downs resident and cleanup volunteer Joyce Gustafson told the mayor and city councilors on Monday.

"As we all know, Lincoln County Solid Waste, now known as Greentree Solid Waste, made its home on the corner of Harris Lane and 2nd Drive until recently when they moved their operations to east (U.S.) Highway 70."

Gustafson said she was appalled with the appearance on the inside of the fenced property.

"Empty polycarts with open lids, some still having trash inside, empty milk, plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, loose-leaf paper, aluminum cans, glass containers, were among many objects left blowing around inside, into and over the fence," Gustafson said.

She called on the city to write citations and chided the mayor for not addressing the messy location.

"They are in violation of

many of our city codes and ordinances," Gustafson said. "Each violation carries with it a penalty which I strongly encourage our city officials to enforce if Greentree has not corrected these violations in the proper amount of time."

An effort to contact Greentree Solid Waste Authority Operational Supervisor Debra Ingle, was unsuccessful.

Mayor Tom Armstrong said the yard was cleaned up within days. He said that, before Gustafson's complaint, two letters had been sent to the authority.

"They have been out and taken care of the situation every time," Armstrong said. "It looks like people still think that's the place for their trash and they throw stuff over the fence and it gets scattered around by the wind. But it's all clean right now."

Letters had gone out to the authority on March 3 and March 29.

"Nobody wants this thing gone more than the City of Ruidoso Downs because it is just exactly what Joyce explained," Armstrong said of the relocation of Greentree Solid Waste Authority to a less residential area on the city's far-east end.

"We got right after it just as soon as we could. If you go by there now it's just nice and clean. It was nice and clean when I went by there yesterday," the mayor said Thursday.

Grease offenders targeted

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Ruidoso councilors are divided on whether threats or incentives would work best in wringing compliance out of restaurant owners and others who operate kitchens that require grease traps.

At a meeting Tuesday, Councilor Jim Stoddard said he noticed in a monthly report that the village is receiving "grudging compliance" from various businesses on the new emphasis to ensure compliance with requirements to prevent oil, grease and fats from entering the wastewater lines headed for the new \$36 million regional treatment plant east of Ruidoso Downs.

The filters at the plant cost millions of dollars and are supposed to last 10 years, but won't if they constantly are clogged by grease, said Village Attorney Dan Bryant. Replacement throws more cost on all the customers of the plant that could adversely affect monthly rates.

Village Manager Debi Lee said the subject will be an agenda item for a meeting of the Joint Use Board that governs the treatment plant's operation. The attorney is working on language to apply incentives for compliance in the ordinance, she said.

Councilor Gloria Sayers said every community that contributes wastewater to the system delivering to the treatment plant must be on-board, not just Ruidoso. That includes portions of the Mescalero Apache Reservation, two casinos, a hotel, convention center and a subdivision, and the city of Ruidoso Downs.

Lee suggested Plant Operator Bobby Snowden shoot some photographs of what the grease, oil and fat look like when they arrive.

Mayor Ray Alborn said discussions have included the penalty of turning off water service for noncompliance with grease trap installation, sizing and maintenance requirements.

"I prefer incentives," Lee said.

Village Engineer Bob Decker said another option, but an expensive one, would be to add chemicals to the wastewater stream that would dissolve the grease.

Stoddard interjected, "My recommendation is that the incentive be, we will not turn off your water."

Decker said about two-thirds of the businesses are in compliance. Alborn replied that after nearly two years of working with businesses and encouraging them, "That's ridiculous."

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COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, dancing, games. Info: Linda, 575-258-5863, or Martha, 575-430-9808.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/cards games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/cards games. 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 973-0953.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook.

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Fri, Sat, Sun, 8 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) Ruidoso. Info: 258-8885.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

COPE: Center of Protective Environment -1204 Mechem Drive, Suite 12. Ruidoso, NM. 575-258-4946. M-Thur. 8:00-5:00, Fri. 8-12n.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mesalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Holiday Grief Support: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - noon, Ruidoso Public Library conference room. Sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation, 575-258-0028.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Sanctuary on the River: Life enrichment classes, seminars. 207 Eagle Dr. 630-1111. sanctuaryontheriver.com.

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mesalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emesa, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4655.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169.

Friends of Caplan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Rayne, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalea, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of service dogs seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling, socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising, kennel upkeep. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday monthly, 2 p.m. at Posse building, Hwy. 54, Carrizozo. Groups needing volunteer security services, notify by mail one month prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Gary 258-0059, Georgia 937-0564.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupa's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Needle Crafters Club: Every Sunday at Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Dr., 2-4 p.m. 575-257-1594.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 8:00 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cattle Baron Sudderth. 336-2541.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 258-1345.

Sacramento Mountain Village: Senior service & activity group, open to 55 years and older; meets 4th Sat. of month, 9:30 a.m., Cree Meadows CC, 258-2120 or sacmntvillage.org.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church. Info: email whitemountainsearch@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsearch.org or phone 866-596-8382.

"Sounds of Enchantment" barbershop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th & Washington; every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Holloman AFB Comm. Ctr. Guests welcome. Www.desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or call 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7-9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero county educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Solar Energy Association: Meets 6 p.m., every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Dillah at 442-8750.

Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1-4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 1212 E. 9th St., Ste. E; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. Free services. 575-437-6176, 430-1530, 437-0690.

Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093

COPE: Center of Protective Environment - 909 S. Florida Alamogordo, NM 88310

COPE: is a non profit organization founded in 1980 to address the problems of family and relationship violence by offering a range of services including: Crisis intervention, Shelter, Advocacy, Support, Outreach, Education, Counseling, 24 Hour Crisis Line - 575-437-2673 Toll Free 1-866-350-COPE 2673.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-secular self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamogosa, Tularosa and Mesalero. 439-4971.

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

Zia Transportation Services: For work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

Political

Democratic Party of Otero County: Meets first Tuesday at a local restaurant at 5:30 p.m., with 6 p.m. meeting start. Call 437-8590 for location.

Federated Republican Women of Otero County: Meets at 11:45 a.m., second Tuesday monthly at Stella Vista restaurant, 902 New York Ave., Alamogordo. 575-437-8569.

Mountain Democrats: Meet second Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tining, 443-1195.

Republican Women of Otero County: Meet first Wednesday monthly at 11:30 a.m., 19th Hole Restaurant, Alamogordo. Info: 505-366-7040.

Tularosa Democrats: Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granada, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Pepper's Grill every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-5732.

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Allrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Wafuif, 491-0713 or Marty Poitra, 921-1144.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supports Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, selling tickets, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElidery at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Tuesday at noon at Pepper's Restaurant, 3200 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Figueroa St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

Special Olympics NM - Otero: Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

Veterans/Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/lunch at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dear Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108: Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active/former military personnel. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

Disabled American Veterans, Chap. 14: Meet first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8: Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, of Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets 3rd Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to sons, grandsons of active/former military personnel. Info: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810, of Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

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La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area: Third Saturday at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, 11:30 a.m. For information call 808-1133 or 257-6078.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Meets 4th Monday monthly, 11:30 a.m., Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring sack lunch. For information, call 430-7258.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altrusaruidoso.com.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. Highway 70.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruuidoso.com.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Marina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. 575-437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m., third Wednesday; Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Current events, identity theft & Soc. Sec. Breakfast provided. 443-1900.

Lincoln County Winds: Semi-monthly meeting of wind instrument players. 575-937-2006

Meditation Group: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075.

Seniors Ping Pong: 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

Yoga for Seniors: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-9885.

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Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosler, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The

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Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, SE corner Spring St. & Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs. Info: 973-1719.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr. Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans are invited to attend.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join.

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Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altrusaruidoso.com.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. Highway 70.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruuidoso.com.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

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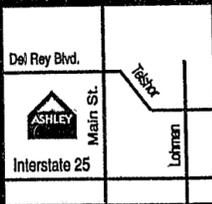
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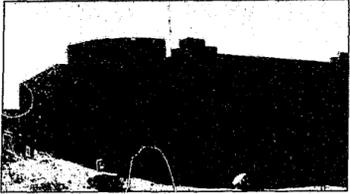
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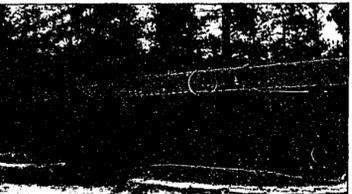
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Baseball

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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

Hershey's Track Meet

Hershey's Track Meet, 2011, is for all kids between the ages of 9 and 14. Saturday, May 7 is the time to come to the Ruidoso Warrior track on Warrior Drive to run, jump and throw for ribbons, medals and a chance to qualify for the State and National Meet. And it's all free. Watch for flyers and posters at school. For more info call 257-5030.

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 bowling qualifiers April 19-21, at the Ruidoso Bowling Center. 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. For more info or directions call Sandee Jourden at 257-4565, 937-4416 or Bart Young at 257-3193.

25th Leroy Gooch Tournament

Event sees 190 athletes vie for top spots in two-day competition in Ruidoso

MIKE CURRAN
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The annual Leroy Gooch Golf Tournament was played Monday and Tuesday at The Links at Sierra Blanca, Cree Meadows Public Golf Course and Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club. Weather in general, excluding an hour frost delay Tuesday morning, was beneficial to the 190 participants.

The Gooch event is one of the largest high school tournaments of its kind in the state.

This year the 85 girl athletes from 20 New Mexico high schools began Monday's competition at The Links while 105 boys from 21 schools started play at Alto Lakes. On Day 2 the girls commenced action at Cree Meadows and the boys did likewise at The Links.

In the girl's small school (1A-3A) division, Kristen

"We wanted to make this a first class experience and give the players a feeling that they played in a select tournament."

Eric Eggleston
PGA Pro, The Links

Cline (Socorro) won in the individual category with a 73-79-152. Kacey Dalpes (Alamogordo) took top honors in the large school (4A-5A) division with a 79-75-154. The winning team in 1A-3A was Socorro with a 325-327-672, while Deming grabbed the large school team honors with a 340-354-694.

In the boy's division, Will Schaffer (Socorro) won small school individual honors with a 74-71-145 and Isaac Merry (Oñate) earned top individual honors in 4A-5A

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Randi Boulden of Carlsbad putts for par on the 9th hole at The Links at Sierra Blanca Monday afternoon during the opening round of the Leroy Gooch Invitational Golf Tournament.

Local skier adds more gold medals to stash

LAURA DOTH
For the Ruidoso News

With Ski Apache closed, the Ruidoso Ski Team had to head north to find more snow and another competition.

At the end of March, they headed to one of their favorite mountains for the Smartwool Ski Cup - Garner Games Championship. Hosted by Telluride Ski and Snowboard Club, the Garner Games is the final race in the prestigious Smartwool series of races.

Smartwool was founded by a group of New England ski instructors struggling to keep their feet warm. Now the Steamboat Springs based company regularly supports athletic competitions of all kinds. "We believe engaging youth in an active outdoor life-style is an investment in their future, as well as in the future of the environment they learn to love."

The Smartwool Advocacy Program supports those organizations that identify and focus on creating long-term change."

One of Smartwool's long term commitments has been to junior ski racers and the Smartwool Series of Alpine ski races.

On March 31 and April 1, 2011, a small but talented field of racers

gathered at Telluride for both a giant slalom (GS) and a slalom race. The GS race on Thursday, March 31 was set on Milk Run.

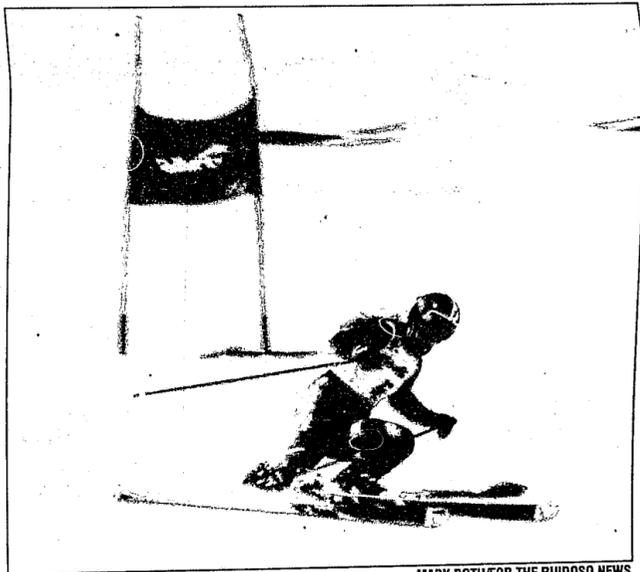
Milk Run has long been considered one of the steepest pitches on the racing circuit. With spring snow conditions in full swing, the snow was variable, meaning it ranged from hard pack to softer slushier conditions.

Dropping more than 912 vertical feet, the course was wide open and built for speed. Athletes from Steamboat Springs, Summit County, Winter Park, Aspen and Telluride filled the field.

Few athletes are truly comfortable on Milk Run, and Lexie Doth is no exception. Knowing she was up against a tough field of competitors, she pushed herself out of the gate and headed down the hill. She handled the terrain well and finished cleanly with a time of 57.67.

The race course was holding up well, and organizers announced there would be no reset for the afternoon run. However, they did opt to salt the course before the second start.

"Salting" is often done when the snow is wet and slushy. When a race course is salted, the salt crystals break up into ions. These ions



MARK DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lexie Doth heads down the GS course at the Garner Games in Telluride, Colo.

lower the freezing point of the snow, which hardens the surface.

This provides a dense layer of snow with a consistent surface throughout the course, making the race more fair for athletes running later in the race.

The salt had the expected result of hardening the snow, but it made

four a very rough course. In her second time down Milk Run, Lexie Doth tightened her turns and skied aggressively, crossing the finish line with a time of 59.09. Her combined time of 1:56.76 put

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Black Mamba heads West Texas Futurity

Local trainer, owner have top qualifier in big race at Sunland Park Sunday

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

Fredda Draper and Lola Willis' fastest-qualifier RC Black Mamba, who made her first start in the trials, faces four finalists who have made two starts in the Grade 1, \$253,004 West Texas Futurity on Sunday at Sunland Park.

Jess Destined, RC Black Mamba was overlooked at 14-1 odds in her West Texas Futurity trial.

She became the probable West Texas Futurity favorite by running a flawless race and winning the third of nine trials by three quarters of a length with the quickest time of :14.937 for 300 yards.

The next four-fastest qualifiers each came into the West Texas Futurity trials with the benefit of having a previous start at Sunland Park.

David Barrett's home-

bred second-fastest qualifier Mighty Famous Vic was second in his maiden race to West Texas Futurity qualifier Wolf Lake.

The Fred Danley-trained colt then continued his progression by winning his West Texas Futurity trial by one-half length with a :14.954 time.

B and B Electric's home-bred Get Gone Gol is the only horse who is two-for-two coming into the West Texas Futurity.

The gelding from the

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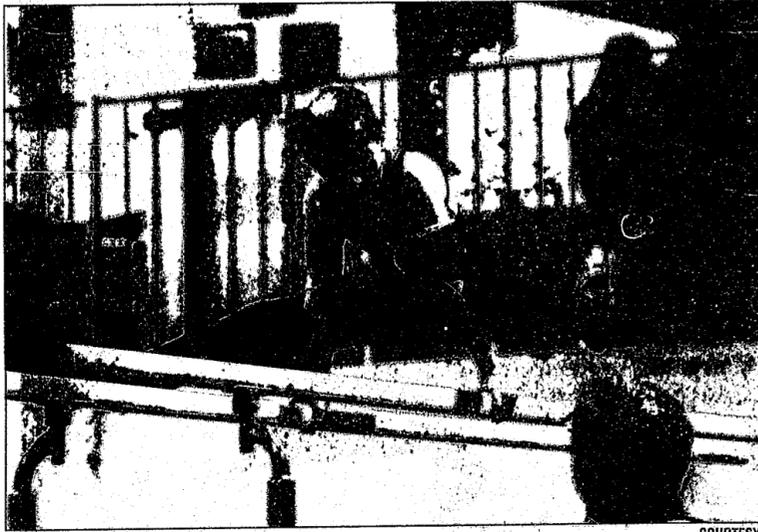
The "price per sq. ft." is often misused by owners and real estate people. One example: when a house has 2 levels the second level MAY be worth about 1/2 the square foot value of the entry level and a third level will typically have minimal square foot value.

-Joseph A. Zagone

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RUIDOSO BOYS GYMNASTICS



COURTESY

Eight-year-old, Brooks Eggleston, finished in first place on the floor exercise in his division and Isaiah Otero is the Level 7 High Bar State Champion. Both boys, along with Garrett Eggleston and Level 5 teammates, Aaron Forster, Xavier Otero and Hunter Belcher qualified to compete at regionals, which were held April 9-10 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.



COURTESY

Twelve-year-old, Garrett Eggleston, won the Level 6 New Mexico State Championship. He also won the individual events of still rings and floor exercise. The Level 4 team of Carter Beatty, Connor Chase, Gabe Devara, David Marshall, and Gavin Garcia took third place at the state championships.

GOLF

FROM PAGE 1B

with a 72-71-143.

The No. 1 teams were Lovington (1A-3A) with 314-324-638 and Goddard (4A-5A) with 316-301-617.

For Ruidoso High School, Jared Davis finished first on his team with a 80-79-159 and Hannah Denny had the low score on the girls team with a 99-93-192.

"In the past we have invited 28-30 teams each per boys and girls," RHS golf coach Eric Eggleston said.

"This year we capped it at 24 teams so as to give the players a fair chance to finish before dark.

"Melissa Miguez (RHS girls coach, head profes-

sional, Cree Meadows) and I pride ourselves in hosting an event of this size and stature. We wanted to make this a first class experience and give the players a feeling that they played in a select tournament."

The size and scope of this prestigious tournament also lends advantages to Ruidoso.

"Including the participants, coaches, parents and drivers I believe this tournament brought 300-plus people to the community," Eggleston said.

All of the players were provided hot dogs throughout both days as well as a dinner at Cree Meadows Monday evening.

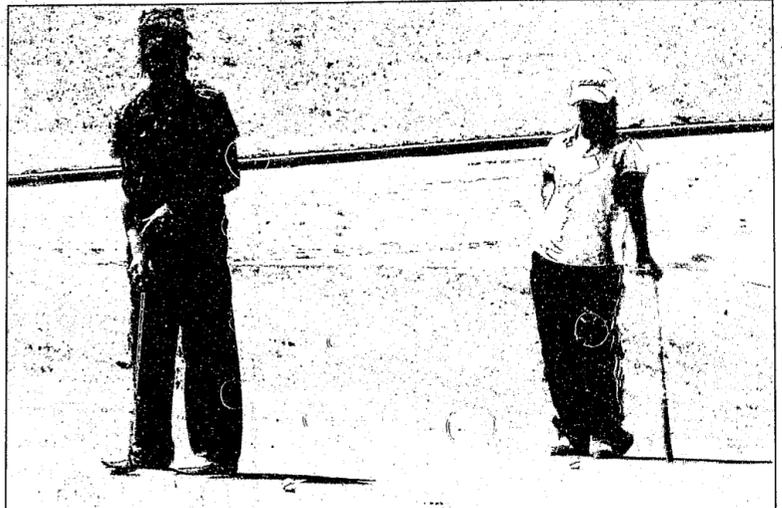
Before the dinner there was a long drive competition for the boys and girls coaches. Eggleston won

the men's competition and Amy Fletcher of Carlsbad won the women's contest.

"Golf is a rare sport," Eggleston said. "Monday's dinner was a chance for competitors and coaches alike to mingle in fellowship. Overall, the tournament was well-accepted and rewarding. Everyone always looks forward to it."

Eggleston (PGA Pro, The Links) should know. He played on the RHS team in 1986 and then played in the Leroy Gooch Tournament in 1988 and '89.

The tournament was given its name by coach Kent Beatty in 1986 and named after the renowned RHS golf coach (and also, band director) Leroy Gooch who coached in the '60s, '70s and '80s. He



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Randj Boulden of Carlsbad watches Stephani Castaneda of Silver City putt for par on the 9th hole at The Links at Sierra Blanca Monday afternoon during the Leroy Gooch Golf Tournament.

passed away in 1997.

The Ruidoso High School teams play 10 tour-

naments this year and will participate in the Roswell Spring Classic at the

Spring River and NMMI golf courses Monday and Tuesday.

SKI

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her at the top of the JI Division and she pocketed another gold medal for the season. She finished 9th overall, logging another top ten finish.

Friday was April Fool's Day, but the slalom course on Butterfly was no joke. The young racers had to negotiate 45 gates while covering a vertical drop of 453 feet.

The morning set was more open on the top, but the gates were set closer together as the athletes moved down the hill.

Quick feet was the order for the day and Lexie Doth was prepared to deliver.

She skied the top of the course well, but while carrying speed, she almost missed a gate as the course tightened up.

She caught the mistake and had to hike but still finished with a solid time of 51.15. Course setters again salted the hill prior to the afternoon run.

They reset the slalom course, and the second course was much more consistent and had more flow than the first.

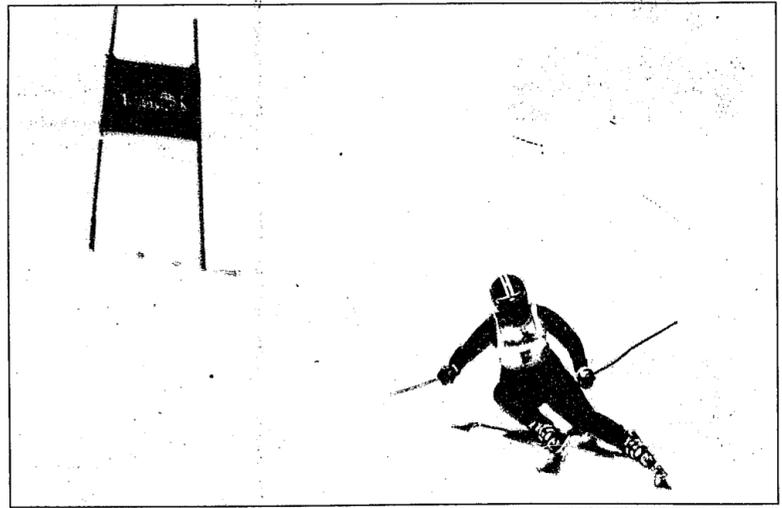
Determined to improve on her morning effort, she ripped the second run and handed in a time of 46.65.

Her combined time of 1:37.80 was rewarded with another JI divisional gold medal and a ninth place finish overall.

"Lexie has really skied well this season, and I'm excited that she can ski at this level and get a podium finish," said Ruidoso Ski Team Coach, Mark Doth.

"She's been skiing competitively since she was seven years old, and now that she's a senior in high school, it's nice to see all of her hard work pay off."

The Ruidoso Ski Team has one more race scheduled. The Loveland Derby will officially end the ski season on April 16-17 at Loveland Ski Valley.



MARK DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lexie Doth handles the pitch by getting low and on edge in Telluride, Colo.



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MAMBA

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Jackie Riddle barn won his maiden by three quarters of a length in a sharp :15.06 for 300 yards before showing gameness in his West Texas trial by overcoming a troubled start to win by a nose over Wolf Lake and a head over Stolis Rogue.

Get Gone Gol was timed in :14.970 while Wolf Lake was given a :14.973 time and Stolis Rogue a :14.979 clocking.

Cynthia Dick's Wolf Lake, a \$13,500 Ruidoso Yearling Sale purchase, is just that nose defeat in his trial away from being undefeated in two starts.

The John Stinebaugh-trained gelding defeated Mighty Famous Vic by

more than two lengths in their maiden race before dropped the closest of decisions to Get Gol Gone in their West Texas trial.

Gilbert Saenz's fifth-fastest qualifier Stolis Rogue also could be undefeated.

He won his maiden race by one-half length in :15.23 for 300 yards before his narrow defeat in his West Texas Futurity trial.



Daniel "Dannie" Peso

Visitation for "Dannie" Peso, 45 of Mescalero, will be Friday evening April 15, 2011 with services on going during the evening at the family home in Mescalero. A Tribal service will start between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Saturday April 16, 2011, also at the family home. Burial will follow at the Peso Family Cemetery.

Daniel was born on June 8, 1964 in Mescalero and passed away on April 12, 2011 in Mescalero. He was the son of Frederick Peso, an artist and sculptor of the dance group at the entry fountain of The Inn of the Mountain Gods. He was also the great grandson of Chief Peso. He was employed with the Mescalero Apache Tribe Fencing Crew.

Dannie is preceded in death by his father, Frederick Peso, his Cousin Diana and his grandmother, Sara Peso. He is survived by his mother, Sofia Peso, brothers, Karl, Domonick and Triston Peso, Roman Aldava, his sister Monica Peso, his son Tranquillo Apachito an his Companion of 18 years, Monica Morgan.

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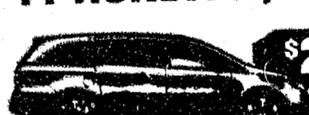
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Palm Sunday, April 17
Sunday School/Bible Class: 9:00 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday Service: 6:30 pm
Good Friday Service: 6:30 pm

EASTER Blessings

Easter Sunday, April 24
Sunrise Service: 7:00 am
Easter Breakfast: 8:00 am
Sunday School/Bible Class: 9:00 am
Festival Worship Service: 10:30 am

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Sunday	April 17*	10:30 AM • Musical presentations in the Sanctuary: Children perform, Hallelujah, What a Savior! Adult Cantata, Come walk with me! Dinner 5:00
Wednesday Evening service	April 20*	Worship (with communion) 6:00 Bible Study, Choir & Drama 7:00
Friday: Easter Sunday	April 21*:	Celebrate Service 7:00 in Sanctuary
Wednesday	April 27*	Community Sunrise Service, in Two Rivers Park 6:30 AM Easter Morning Services in the Sanctuary 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Sunday	May 1*	Wednesday Eve Services: Dinner 5:00 Worship "Galatians Study" 6:00 Bible Study, Choir & Drama 7:00 Sunday Morning Services 8:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Children's program "L.O.S.T." in the Warehouse after Pot-luck at 12:15

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Worship and Lord's Supper 10am Sunday, April 24, 2011
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
1211 Hull Road • (575) 258-4250
Invites you to join us in worship!

Holy Week Services: Maundy, Thursday, April 21 at 6 p.m.
Good Friday, April 22 at 6 p.m.

EASTER WORSHIP:
10:45 a.m.

Senior Pastor the Rev. Ryan Arnold
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You are ALWAYS welcome at the First Christian Church

40-Day Bible Reading Program at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

"You've Got the Time" is the name of the special 40-day New Testament Program Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church will be launching on Easter Sunday. A free audio New Testament disc in an MP3 format will be provided to every adult who participates, and a Kidz Bible in MP3 format for every child. Twenty-eight (28) minutes a day over the course of 40 days will permit you to listen to the entire New Testament. The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). This program is a wonderful way to grow in your faith and understanding as you listen to God's Word.

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Romans 8:11

"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

RELIGION

Finding God works best in community

Q. When I was young, I felt I was very spiritual and in touch with Jesus and, through him, God. Now, at 55, I feel old, tired and removed from God's presence.

I moved to North Carolina a few years ago and started reading your column. I'm trying hard to find my way back to Jesus and God. I feel ashamed and small, however, not a Christian nor worthy of being Jesus' presence.

Can you recommend a web site with a daily study program that could get me back to basics and the true path?

-L., from North Carolina, via email



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

A. I think you need human, not digital, contact, to find your way back to Jesus and faith. You need to find a good church with a faithful pastor and a congregation with open arms. A part of our spiritual journey is private and personal, but another equally important part is public and communal.

And remember, no one can feel ready for God every day. Sometimes we're just too sad or broken or filled with despair.

On those days, praying in a community that can give us strength when we're weak is a soul-saving experience.

Also, a religious community gives you the opportunity to return the favor when your faith is

strong and others are struggling.

Never think you're unworthy of Jesus. Christianity teaches that no one is worthy of Christ, which is why God sent Him to die in sacrificial grace and mercy for all. Grace is what God does for us that we don't deserve. Every faith embraces this concept, and in Christianity, that idea is embodied in the mission of Jesus on earth.

Easter is coming (April 24), and I strongly urge you to make this sacred day a marking point for your return to faith and the church.

Wherever you choose to worship, try to introduce yourself to the priest or minister before Easter, and try to meet some of the parishioners.

Check out the quality of their love during the service and the quality of their cookies afterward. If the love can't match

your need but the cookies are great, keep looking. If the love is strong but the cookies are stale, stop looking because you're home.

Remember Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

I'm not a Christian, but I believe that Jesus was right. God occasionally appears to us when we're alone, but God usually appears to us when we're together.

Q. Four years ago, I had a heart attack and open-heart surgery. As soon as I opened my eyes, I said, "My soul is missing." When I told my doctor, he laughed it off and said, "In a year, you'll be all right." Well, ever since that day, I've felt something was missing.

Two years ago, I had a second open-heart

surgery. I cried because I didn't want to lose my soul again. Outside the operating room, they talked to me while they put me out. This time, when I awoke, I didn't feel like my soul was gone, but I still don't feel like the same person I was before the surgeries. Have you heard of anyone else having the same feelings?

-A., Manteno, Ill., via email

A. Don't worry. You can lose your car keys and your sunglasses. You can lose your shopping list and you can lose your mind, but you can't lose your soul! God placed your soul within you, and only God can claim it when you die. However, what you describe is a phenomena I have encountered in my counseling.

You're experiencing a kind of post-operative

"spiritual amnesia." This is not a medical term, but my own spiritual observation. It has two causes, in my view. The first is that under anesthesia, you lost touch with your conscious life and your connection to your body. This is disorienting but in time should pass as memories of both surgeries fade.

Secondly, you may not have offered a prayer of thanks to God for saving your life through the wisdom and skill of your doctors.

Say this prayer, take two aspirin and call me in the morning: "You are blessed, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has shown me such goodness."

Send questions only to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or email them to god-squadquestion@aol.com.

Look to Jesus first as you learn about Christianity

Q. My family came here a generation ago from a country that has very few Christians.

I'm interested in finding out more about Christianity, but my uncle says Christianity is just for white people. Is that true?

-Z.V.

A. No, it isn't true. Jesus was born in

that part of the Middle East, which touches three continents: Asia, Africa and Europe.



Billy Graham
MY ANSWER

This, I believe, is a symbol of His universal appeal, because Jesus Christ is for all people.

The Bible says that in heaven there will be people "from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev-elation 5:9).

I encourage you, therefore, to find out more

about Christianity.

How can you do this? One way might be to study its parts - that is, to look at all the churches and organizations that claim to be Christian.

But that would be confusing and complicated, and wouldn't really introduce you to Christianity.

Instead, I urge you to study the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, for He is the foundation of the Christian faith.

You'll learn about Him in a book called the Bible, especially in the latter part of it called the New

Testament.

I suggest you begin by reading the Gospel of John, which tells us who Jesus was and what He did. It was written, the author says, so "you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).

As you read, you'll discover that Jesus wasn't just another religious teacher.

He was God in human flesh, sent from Heaven to deliver us from our captivity to sin and death.

But more than that, you'll discover that God loves you and wants to come into your life - and He will as you give yourself to Christ.

Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy

Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.

Sunrise Service planned

The Capitan Methodist Church cordially invites the public to attend a special Easter Sunrise Service on April 24, 6:30 a.m., at the Smokey Bear State Park pavilion in Capitan.

The sunrise service is open to all faiths.

Rev. Jean Riley of the Capitan United Methodist Church will preside over the service.

Refreshments will be served.

The sunrise service will be followed by a breakfast

for everyone prepared by church volunteers at the Methodist church, 354 White Oaks Avenue in Capitan.

The traditional Easter worship service will be held at 9:10 a.m. at the church.

A Good Friday evening service will be held at the church beginning at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on the Easter Sunrise Service in Capitan, contact the Capitan United Methodist Church at 354-2288.

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Marilyn Rose Kolander

Jesus lives! The victory is won! Marilyn Rose Kolander went to her heavenly home on April 10, 2011 after a valiant battle with leukemia. She was 75 years of age. Marilyn was born March 3, 1936 to Erick and Rose Schirrschmidt in Nicollet, Minnesota. She was baptized in St. Paul's Lutheran Church on March 15, 1936 in Mankato, MN and confirmed in the faith December 4, 1949 in Tucson, AZ at Faith Lutheran Church.

On February 21, 1954 Marilyn married Vernon Richard Kolander in Alpha, MN and enjoyed 40 years of marriage. She was a long time member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Atwater, CA and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Turlock, CA. In 1999 she decided to make her home in Ruidoso, NM.

An active member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Marilyn served in various capacities at the society, zone, and district levels in the California Nevada Hawaii District. She loved attending LWML retreats and conventions. She delighted in reading, knitting, butterflies and traveling, making church banners, playing the organ, singing in the choir, and leading bible studies.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her brother Eldo, parents Erick and Rose, and husband Vernon. She is survived by her loving sister Terrie and her husband retired Reverend Lee Butz of Zionville, IN; daughter Kari Dawn Kolander of Ruidoso, NM; son Reverend Kevin Kolander and his wife Christina of Lake Elsinore, CA; four grandchildren Adam, Austin, Noah, and Luke Kolander of Lake Elsinore, CA; several nieces and nephews, her great great grand niece Kiera; dear friends too many to name and her beloved Lucky and Noel.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Ruidoso, NM at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2011. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in Marilyn's name to First Lutheran Church, 600 W. Sumner Avenue, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 pastored by her son, Reverend Kevin Lee Kolander.

Frances "Dede" Freeman

1909-2011

Frances "Dede" Freeman, 102, long-time resident of Wayne, Illinois and Lincoln, New Mexico, died peacefully on March 13, 2011.

Dede was born in Chicago on February 9, 1909, and was raised in Beverly, Illinois. Wife of Gaylord A. Freeman Jr., Dede is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Clara and John Farah of Alto, New Mexico; grandchildren Gaylord Ellett (Rita), David Ellett (Carmen), Douglas Strubel (Meghan), Craig Strubel, Laura Sauers (Sean), Gregory Farah; and great-grandchildren, Benjamin Ellett, Aria Ellett, Tressa Ellett, Wesley Ellett, Claire Strubel, Benjamin Strubel, Grace Sauers, Katie Belle Sauers, and Max Sauers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gaylord A. Freeman Jr., and daughters Nancy Freeman Ellett and Linda Freeman Armour.

Dede graduated from The University of Chicago. She was a founder of Know Your Chicago and an "angel" to the Capitan Library in Capitan, New Mexico. She was active in many other civic organizations in both Wayne, Chicago and in Lincoln County, NM. She led a very busy and happy life as a mother, very devoted wife and traveling companion to her husband.

Dede will be most remembered for her joy of life, her wit, her enthusiasm and love for her many friends plus her variety of interests, local, national and international. Her associates and fellow board members valued her work and admired her contributions.

A reception in her honor will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 4pm to 6pm at the Capitan Library in Capitan, N.M. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dede's memory may be made to the Capitan Library, P.O. Box 1169, Capitan, NM, 88316. For further information please contact her daughter, Clara Farah, P.O. Box 737, Alto, NM, 88312 or clarafarah@aaahawk.com.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Carrizozo takes action on golf course agreement

JULIE CARTER
jcarter@ruidosonews.com

The trustees on the Carrizozo Town Council approved the termination of assignment of the Valle del Sol Golf Course and Clubhouse held by Quality Golf Management and returned it New Mexico Ranch Sales.

In February, New Mexico Ranch Sales notified Quality Golf Management declaring an abandonment of the golf course and default in the lease agreement.

While Dan Garner of Quality Golf stated in March that he would return to the course and open it in April as promised to members and residents of the area, the debt load of doing so appeared to have been the catalyst for the removal of all assets from the property.

Quality Golf Management took assignment of the lease for the golf course and club house on April 1, 2010.

A letter dated March 29, 2011, to the town of Carrizozo from Alan Morel, representing New Mexico Ranch Sales, stated that "Quality Golf Management has in fact loaded up all the assets they owned at the golf course and have removed them from the premises."

"New Mexico Ranch Sales was forced to pay \$5,268.34 to pay off QGM's electrical bill so that elec-

tricity could be once again turned on to the golf course."

Morel's letter also stated that several thousand dollars were spent by New Mexico Ranch Sales to rework the wells and the pumps on the golf course in order to begin irrigation on the greens. "Once again, QGM was nowhere to be found when it came time to take care of this obligation," he stated.

The letter requested that the Town of Carrizozo acknowledge the termination of the assignment of the lease to Quality Golf and the assumption of the obligation by New Mexico Ranch Sales.

New fire truck

Carrizozo's Volunteer Fire Department Chief Walter Hill, asked for approval to accept the low and only bid for a new service truck for the department.

"The New Mexico Finance Authority has allotted the town up to \$213,150 for a service truck. Artesia Fire and Equipment's bid was \$195,640," Hill told trustees at the April 11 council meeting. "It will take six to eight months for them to build it."

Hill also reported that volunteer firemen had completed a recent wildland fire training that is required annually.

Carrizozo trustees approved the necessary matching funds for the



POLLY CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo trustees respond to guests on a number of issues at the Monday, April 11, town council meeting. L-r, Trustee Lee Gross, newly sworn in Trustee Tim Thompson, Trustee Dusty Voss, Trustee Dennis Vega, Mayor Mike Petty and Town Clerk Leann Weinbrecht.

\$300,000 Carrizozo Runway project due to start in the near future. Carrizozo's matching amount for the federal funding is \$1,144.

Public hearing

A public hearing to update Zoning regulations will be held April 20 at 10 a.m. The purpose of the update is to put guidelines in place to help with the enforcement of the regulations.

Trustees approved the hiring of two temporary employees for the summer in the maintenance department. "They will be working for \$8.50 an hour from April 18 until about Oct. 15," said Mayor Mike Petty. "The employees that held those positions last

year will be given first option at the jobs."

Events

The 2nd Annual Cider Festival is scheduled for Oct. 2 in Carrizozo. Event promoters said that even with short notice on planning last year, the event brought approximately 475 people into town, many from Ruidoso and even out of county. They were approved to close the one block of 12th Street for the day.

Suzi and Peter Wolfe, of Carrizozo Market, received permission to use the Gazebo at Valle del Sol on the 4th of July for a deep pit barbeque celebration along with the help from the Carrizozo Fire De-

partment. "It was always a successful money maker for the Chamber of Commerce," Suzi Wolfe said to the council. "So we wanted to bring that back and use the proceeds after expenses to help the Luminaria Fund. They are both events we don't want to see go away in Carrizozo."

In other business the trustees:

- approved livestock permits and business registrations;
- heard the police department report of 21 calls, six cases logged and one arrest;
- heard the municipal court report of \$762. disbursed to the town;
- heard that the airport sold \$490.88 worth of fuel;

• Carrizozo will be selling non-potable water to a highway construction contractor at the rate of \$20 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$3 for each 1,000 gallons after.

According Mayor Petty, the contractor could be using up to 150,000 gallons a day.

A strong contingent of citizens supporting the film industry in the area were present to argue for a resolution of support to the state and a tax credit incentive economic impact study.

The resolution had been denied by the trustees in their March meeting. See next Wednesday's *Ruidoso News* for the dialogue and arguments presented during the lengthy discussion.

Leaving the gate open becomes a high-priced mistake

In 1897, a New Mexico state law was written levying a penalty for leaving a gate open. The fine was to be not less than \$5 and not more than \$10.

Obviously the law was put in place because people were as disrespectful about another man's business as they are today. Somebody was leaving the ranch gates open causing untold issues with escaped or lost cattle.

Barbwire, or sometimes referred to colloquially as "bob wire or bobbed war" was invented in the late 1860s and followed by as many as 570 patents for

additional "improved" versions.

The "devil's rope," hated by some, sought after by others, was a highly effective tool that quickly became the fencing method of choice.

As it worked its way to the West, barbwire impacted life in that era as dramatically as the telegraph, windmills and the railroad.

With fencing came the necessary gates.

Anyone that has ever had to figure how to open a well-constructed barbwire gate can attest to the difficulty that can be built into it.

Generations of skilled

fence builders, in my opinion, focused more on making sure the gate was impossible and impassable than the function for which it was intended.

This reasoning comes from years of needing to get through gates that required practically dismantling the gate in order to open the portal it guarded.

However, certainly not all of them earned a reputation for that level of difficulty.

And in that was born the problem of the gate left carelessly open by some unknown soul who either didn't know better or didn't

bother to care.

And so, a law was written to address the crime. A stiff \$5-\$10 fine surely straightened that problem

right up. Or did it?

Apparently not, as 114 years later, the issue was again before the state lawmakers. In the most recent New Mexico Legislative session, House

Bill 391 was introduced and ultimately signed into law by the governor, thereby enhancing the penalty for leaving a gate open.

Now should the outlaws, renegades or thoughtless idiots running the back roads of New Mexico ranch lands leave a

gate open, they can be fined not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000. The process of enforcement will be interesting.

This litigious society we live in mandates the effort. Livestock let loose as a result of a gate left open can put motorists in a life and death situation.

A collision with livestock causing injury or death to a roadway motorists could result in, not just the economic loss of livestock to the rancher, but financial liability for damages for the Department of Transportation. It's simple economics.

Ranch kids are ingrained from birth to "shut the gate." No questions asked, no discussion. They walk, talk, eat, breath and shut the gate. It's part of life.

The penalties for not doing so are quite unpleasant. They often go hand-in-hand with witnessing the destruction or loss caused by that simple failure to follow that cardinal rule.

My suggestion would be, if in fact you can catch the culprit and prove that he did it, to give him the same punishment universal to ranch kids throughout the millennium.

A good swift kick in the pants is cathartic for the giver, and if administered with proper skill, is quite memorable for the receiver. Instant gratification and not a lawyer in sight.

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Cougirl Sass & Savvy
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COUNTY BRIEFS

No Scum fun

Genuine Cowhide, a blues and roots rock band (old rock with a blues twist) will be playing at the No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks April 15-16, 4-6 p.m. The band leader,

Dale Allen, is a local transplant from Austin, Texas. No cover charge, come have some fun.

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

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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.

For a bargain, 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.

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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 white 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.

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 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.

April 11

11:23 a.m. Officer Carolee Jones responded to Turkey Canyon Road for a report of illegal dumping.

Jones reported that the victim showed her where someone had been dumping dog feces in their backyard. Jones reports there were two large piles near the fence.

Jones reported that there was a white, corrugated metal fence and she could hear dogs on the other side. The victim reportedly said the neighbors had two Great Danes.

Jones reported going to 703 Utah Street, directly behind the victim's house. No one was home, but Jones checked the registration of a vehicle parked at the home.

Jones issued a summons to Mark D Sansom and Kelly L. Sansom to Ruidoso Downs Municipal Court on a charge of illegal dumping.

Train hits UPS truck

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A UPS driver suffered minor injuries Wednesday when a train struck his delivery truck in the area of Ancho.

New Mexico State Police reported that the 36-year old driver was crossing the tracks, westbound on County Road A-035, at 5:56 p.m., when a southbound Union Pacific train struck his truck.

The State Police report said that the UPS driver apparently failed to stop at the railroad crossing. He was transported to Gerald Champion Medical Center, where he was treated for what were reported to be minor injuries. The reports said enforcement action is pending.

RUIDOSO MAGISTRATE COURT

Warrants issued March 25 - April 7

Camille P. Avallone, 58, 2656736 Highway 70 Apt. #3, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

Donavan Baca, 37, 200 Gavilan Canyon Road Space 28, Ruidoso, N.M.

Kyle Baltazar, 25, BIA Dr. HS 280, Dulce, N.M.

Jon J. Clark, 100 Mechem #26, Ruidoso, N.M.

Jauni L. Coonie, 31, 138 Carrizo Trails, Mescalero, N.M.

John D. Estes, 35, 214 Spring, Ruidoso, N.M.

Jimmy Fugitt, 29, 112 Hideaway Lane #5, Ruidoso, N.M.

Adrian E. Gandara, 20, 129 Porr Drive, Ruidoso, N.M.

William-M. Hollis, 26, 803 Rankin, Texas

Pitak Hollmann, 26, J.P.O. Box 6214, Roswell, N.M.

Curtis Hugar, 48, P.O. Box 105 Pena Canyon, Mescalero, N.M.

Michael J. Hull, 20, 101 Barney Luck Tr., Ruidoso, N.M.

Eric Lichtl, 31, 12899 Central Ave. Apt 167, Albuquerque, N.M.

Anthony L. Lopez, 44, 10405 N.E. 9th Apt. C11, Vancouver, Wash.

Homer T. Medders, 46, 110 Sierra Lane Apt. 22, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

Barbara Miller, 51, 204 Central, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

David C. Pruett, 106 Harris Lane, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

Francisca Ramirez, 49, 200 Gavilan Canyon #54, Ruidoso, N.M.

Jesse R. Rhodes, 39, 124 Orchard View Lane, Lincoln, N.M.

Denelle A. Salas, 20, 233 Rainbow Drive, Mescalero, N.M.

Robert Servantez, 26, 1401 W. Juniper, Roswell, N.M. (two warrants).

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

April 9

8:25 a.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to the Behr Barn at 310 Sudderth Drive for a report of criminal damage to property.

Tyson reported that the owner found two windows on the west side of the building broken when he opened the store that morning. He said the windows were not broken the previous evening.

Tyson reports apparently no entry was made to the building and nothing was missing.

April 10

4:47 p.m. - Corporal Aaron Frost responded to a report of several Native Americans shoplifting at Lawrence Brothers IGA.

Frost reports Dispatch advised him the shoplifters were in a 1994 maroon Ford Explorer.

Frost located the vehicle on Center Street and stopped it there.

Frost reports the female driver of the vehicle exited the vehicle and was detained. He reports the woman said, "I didn't do

anything, it was them. They were the ones that did it." Frost reported she said this before he told her why he had stopped her.

Inside the vehicle, officer Larry Smith reportedly found a bottle of Bacardi Zombie mix and Frost found two open Budweiser beers.

Smith reported viewing the surveillance tape and observing Miles Smith, 19, handing Kenneth Kayitah, 17, a bottle of Smirnoff Zombie mix to hide in his clothing and then taking a bottle of Smirnoff Tuscan

Lemonade and hiding it in his clothing.

Frost arrested Miles Smith on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, shoplifting and minor in possession of alcohol.

Frost charged Kayitah with shoplifting and minor in possession of alcohol.

Frost also cited Julius Mendez, 19, another passenger in the vehicle, with being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Frost also cited driver Renae Kayitah, 24, for driving without a license.



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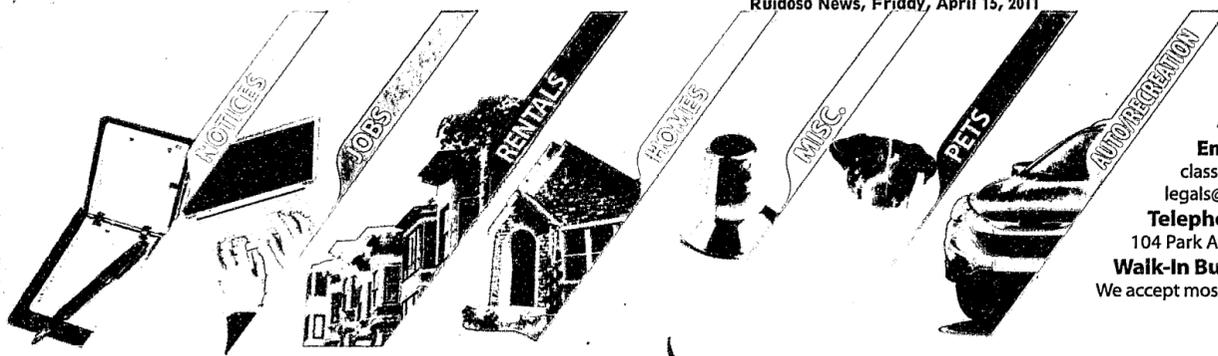
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ENMU-Ruidoso News

ENMU-Ruidoso launches new Online Cyber Security Certification Program

In response to increasing computer security threats, computer instructor, Stephen Miller developed a five class certification program designed for working professionals available through the ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education and Customized Training department. The classes are entirely online and will be available through the college website beginning June 1, 2011. The program consists of five classes: "Cyber Security Fundamentals," "Guide to Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery," "Understanding Cyber Security Tools," "Cyber Security Defense and Counter Measures," and "Ethics and Professionalism for Cyber Professionals." The classes may be taken concurrently and started at any time.

These classes are not transferable for college credit and are not accredited through ENMU. They

are, however, consistent the standards of numerous national and international security organizations. The prerequisite for the program is one year computer and network related experience or successful completion of a computing and networking fundamentals course. Other qualifications may apply.

The fee for the program is \$2195.00 for the five classes, text books, and student resource materials. Three month extensions are available for \$250.00 per extension.

For more information, contact Coda Omness at 257-3012 or Stephen Miller at 257-2120 ext. 380.



Dinah Hamilton and Quentin Hays will present a short animated film produced by *The Story of Stuff* project followed by a discussion of the various myths concerning bottled water on Wednesday, April 27 at 12:00 pm in Room 119.



Third Thursday Talk

On the third Thursday of the month, the college hosts an hour-long presentation by a faculty member, employee, or administrator. This month's presentation will be by College Board Chair Dr. Lynn Willard. Dr. Willard, his wife, and twelve other people from Alamogordo and Ruidoso traveled to El Salvador as part of a Rotary-sponsored team to build a desperately needed foot bridge. The project was overseen by the not-for-profit organization Bridges to Prosperity.

Following Dr. Willard's slide show, Devonna James, ENMU-Ruidoso Student Advisor and Dual Enrollment Specialist, will talk about "Relay for Life."

This Thursday's talk will be on April 21 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in Room 105. All talks are free and open to the public.

The ENMU-Ruidoso Off-Campus Instruction Center began offering Lincoln County residents access to higher education classes in 1991. In July 2005 the ENMU-Ruidoso campus became the 18th two-year college in New Mexico as a branch of ENMU. Undergraduate and graduate course work is currently available both live and online through the 709 Mechem Drive campus.

In addition to credit classes, ENMU-Ruidoso offers customized training, community education classes, and free events. As always, the public is invited to visit the campus Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 257-2120.

Upcoming Events

Several exhibits, conferences, and festivals are scheduled for late April and early May in Ruidoso.

On April 19, a reception for the Spring ENMU-Ruidoso Student Art Show will take place in the Library from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Works by students in drawing, painting, design, ceramics, and photography classes will be on display. The exhibit continues through May 9.

ENMU-Ruidoso is once again proud to be a sponsor of the 2011 Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference and Trade Show on Friday, April 22 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Free workshops on renewables, green building, and job training in Lincoln, Chaves, and Otero counties will be on-going. Area businesses will be represented.

Bring the family to the 5th Annual Ruidoso Kite Festival. Join professional flyers in this all-day event dedicated to the joy of kite flying. Kites for children will be for sale at the White Mountain Sport Complex on Hull Road. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. (Please no pets.) Call Beth at 257-3006 for more information.

The 2011 New Mexico History Conference will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center on May 6 and 7. Presentations and panel discussions on New Mexico history by renowned historians are scheduled. A special session on "Lincoln County Warriors" will take place on Friday, May 6 from 8:30 to 10:00 am. There is a fee. Go to www.hsnm.org for more information.

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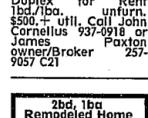
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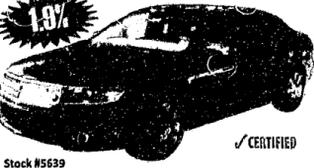
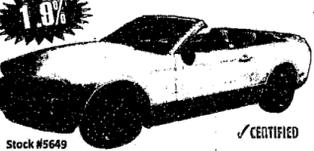
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