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Speed 'tables' for Midtown

Village acts to improve safety for pedestrians

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After years of talking and a few months of getting serious, Midtown merchants won approval for the Village of Ruidoso to install two speed tables as a first step toward improving safety for pedestrians.

And the race is on to meet a Memorial Day deadline.

The ultimate aim is to encourage visitors to park their cars and get out on foot to explore the shops, galleries and restaurants of Midtown Ruidoso.

The motion by Councilor Raf-

ael Salas for two tables, one near Dave McGary's bronze studio/gallery and the other just west of Chase Street, passed 5-1 with Councilor Gloria Sayers voting against. Village street crews will construct the tables with asphalt from the village's production plant.

The cost of material for each speed table was estimated by Street Director J. R. Baumann at \$2,500 and the total project, including labor and equipment, at \$19,500.

The structures designed to slow traffic will consist of a 10-foot entrance upslope, a 12-foot flat pad about 3 feet high and a 10-foot downslope exit, he said.

"I have to use New Mexico Department of Transportation spec-

ifications," Baumann explained. "That's why Bob Kurtz (from the NMDOT District 2 office in Roswell) was here and that's why illuminated solar warning signs are required for advance notice." The signs probably will run about \$1,200 each, but could be as high as \$2,000, he said. One would be placed at each end.

Councilor Jim Stoddard was reassured hearing that the specifications come from DOT, "so if someone approaches them at a high rate of speed and has an accident and sues," the village will be somewhat shielded.

Baumann said the speed table will slow a snowplow by about 30 seconds and now that the plow has a "float," the front scoop should adjust to the increase in



Window shopping is a favorite pastime of Midtown pedestrians.

height and not damage the structures.

"Construction of the tables is not that big a deal," he said. "But

the markings may need to be repainted a couple of times a

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TEA TIME



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Reverend Charles Clary pours tea for General (retired) Jack Fox and his wife Marvene Fox at the MAW banquet at Ruidoso Middle School Saturday evening. Clary was one of the many volunteers who helped serve the meal for the banquet.

UC escape route not in FEMA's purview

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Construction of a temporary or permanent alternate escape route from Upper Canyon is beyond the scope of a sewer line replacement project being funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Tony Russell, regional administrator with FEMA, came to that conclusion in a letter April 11, to Ernest Powell, who heads the Upper Canyon Coalition and had asked for a delay in the project until an emergency evacuation route for the dead-end canyon was in place.

And Mayor Ray Alborn, in correspondence about the issue, suggested Upper Canyon residents form a district to pay for an escape route if they do not agree with the experts who advised the village to improve Main Road instead.

In his letter, Russell noted that an Environmental Assessment was prepared for the project and public comment periods were conducted. "Although no concerns were formally raised by the Upper Canyon Coalition or the property owners in Upper Canyon during these public comment periods, FEMA is compelled to address the concerns raised in your March 14 letter and the request to delay funding of the proposed action alternative," he said.

Based on consultation with village officials, the sewer project is in the preliminary design stage

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Road projects under budget; subdivision may get repairs

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With five major road projects coming in under the \$1.4 million budgeted, Lincoln County commissioners may have the option of moving ahead with some road work in Ranchos Ruidoso Valley Estates.

At their meeting in April, commissioners received a plea for some attention for badly deteriorated cul-de-sacs in that modular/site-built mixed subdivision off Airport Road north of Ruidoso.

County Manager Tom Stewart said Road Superintendent Albert Hernandez was pleased that although the county budgeted \$1,408,286 million for all the projects, they came in at about \$1,225,006 million. He and Hernandez held off doing the roads in Unit 1 of Ranches of Sonterra, waiting to see how the budget was impacted by the other projects.

"It always was in the plan but with way oil prices were going, we thought we ought to watch budget," Stewart said. "We will put it

out to bid immediately and open the bids for action at the May meeting." The project was estimated by Hernandez not to exceed \$350,000. After that work, the roads will be maintained with fog seal, he said.

With about \$613,280 left in the road project budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, and a rough estimate of \$350,000 for the Unit 1 work, the manager said Hernandez looked at handling the roads in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates the same way for a price tag of \$499,000.

"I wanted to see what the feeling of the board was," Stewart said. "I could roll them into a bid, if commissioners were feeling leaned on enough."

Commissioner Mark Doth said, "In all probability, there will be money left over after we get the bid for Sonterra Unit 1."

Commissioner Kathryn Minter asked if enough time would be left in the fiscal year to handle RRVE roads. Stewart said if he moved ahead on those roads, the

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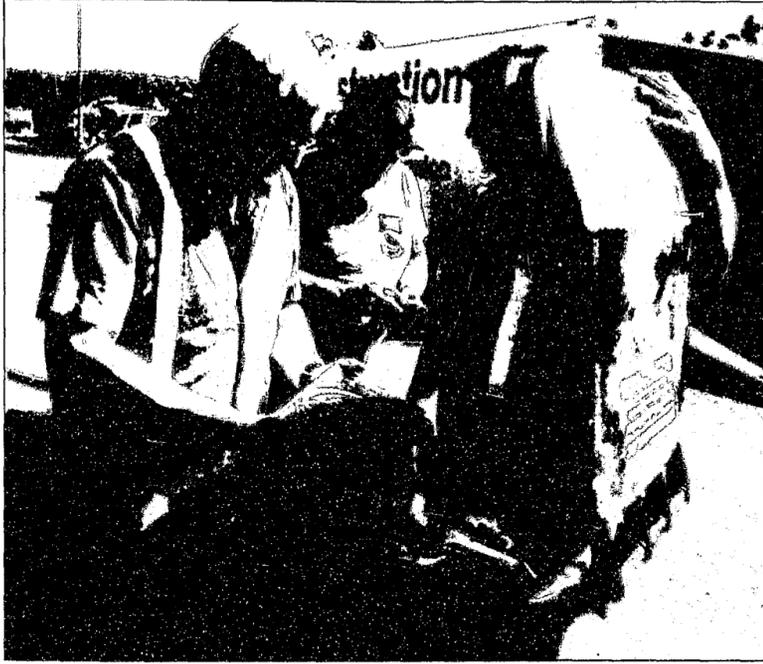
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days with light wind speeds to provide for safety. With Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in effect on the Lincoln National Forest, mitigation measures will be in place at all times during the operation.

A fire engine will be in place and manned to reduce fire risks in the area.

The engine will remain in place after the work day ends and firefighters will monitor the area to ensure no fire starts occur.

For more information, call the Sacramento Ranger District at 575-682-2551 Monday - Friday, 7:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Forest closure

Portions of the Smokey Bear Ranger District will be closed to public access through Sept. 30, 2011 or until post-fire threats to public safety have been mitigated.

Lincoln National Forest Supervisor Robert Trujillo signed a Closure Order, effective April 27. The White Fire burned approximately 10,356 acres of both private and National Forest System lands.

The Closure Order is a precautionary measure for public safety first and foremost and also allows forest

specialists to assess the damage and the Burned Area Emergency Response team specialists to begin rehabilitative work in the area.

Closure Order 08-217, prohibits going into or being upon any portion of National Forest Lands within the perimeter of the White Fire.

The only exemptions to the order are: Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission; any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty, and persons

engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the closure, visit the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at 901 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or call 575-257-4095.

White Fire tribute

A tribute to the firefighters, police officers and other responders to the April 3 White Fire will take place in Ruidoso Downs on Sunday, May 22.

Joline Whitaker, the manager of the Ruidoso Downs Shamrock gas station, received permission from the city council to use All American Park for the tribute.

"We think that it would be a nice gesture to serve those whom unselfishly serve us on a daily basis," Whitaker said.

She said the event would include "a barbecue" for those responders. Donations would be sought for the tribute.

In addition to approving the use of part of the park, the city would also provide canopies. Whitaker said everything else, including set up and clean up after the tribute, would be done by volunteers.

The park would likely be used from 11 a.m. to about 2 p.m., with food served around noon.

Leadership Lincoln

Student enrollment applications for the tenth class of Leadership Lincoln are available now and due by May 23, 2011.

Applications are available by emailing Todd Russell at leadershiplincolnapplication@yahoo.com or by calling Todd at 575-257-5555. Leadership Lincoln Board Members will also have applications.

The Leadership Lincoln student class will be selected in June 2011 and sessions will begin on the second Thursday of every month from September 2011 through May of 2012.

More than 100 Lincoln County and Mescalero Apache Reservation residents have graduated from the program in the first nine years of the program.

Democrats meet

The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will meet at 5:30 p.m. for a social hour Thursday, before the regular meeting at 6 p.m., at K Bob's Steak House, 157 U.S. 70, Ruidoso.

The program will consist of reports from the Lincoln County representatives to the Democratic Party State

Central Committee meeting in Albuquerque Saturday and the election of state officers for the next two years.

Representing Lincoln County were Dick Mastin, Chairman of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County;

Paula Tipton, Vice Chair; and Maggie Maly, delegate at large. Others in attendance from Lincoln County were Nikki Murphy, Joyce Westerbur and Marcia Wilhelm.

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Leandra Courtney Chimal, 14 year-old-daughter of Myrtle Johnson and Harold Chimal, will be honored by family and friends with a traditional coming into womanhood rites celebration. The rites will take place at the Mescalero feast ceremonial grounds off U.S. 70 from Thursday through Sunday. Leandra is an 8th grade student at the Mescalero Apache Schools. She was involved in volleyball, basketball, and Knowledge Bowl activities. Her interests include hanging out with her friends and family, collecting rocks, and reading. Her maternal grandparents are Curtis and Henrietta Johnson and her paternal grandparents are Beverdine Tortilla and Carleton Chimal. Her Godparents are Patrick and Emma LaPaz. She is a descendent of the Morgan, Kaydahzinne, Shanta Boy, Magoosh, Wilson, and Chimal families. Leandra will be guided by her Medicine Woman, Zelda Yazza, and Malachi Cochise. The Botella group will be honoring her also. The public is welcome to the ceremony.

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OUR OPINION

White Oaks sign is no 'billboard'

Should be exempt from beautification act

The Highway Beautification Act of 1965 was enacted to "control outdoor advertising, including removal of certain types of signs, along the nation's growing Interstate Highway System and the existing federal-aid primary highway system," according to Wikipedia.

So far, so good. Billboards may help individual businesses, but a concentration of them degrades the landscape and undercuts an area's economic potential that natural scenic beauty might otherwise foster.

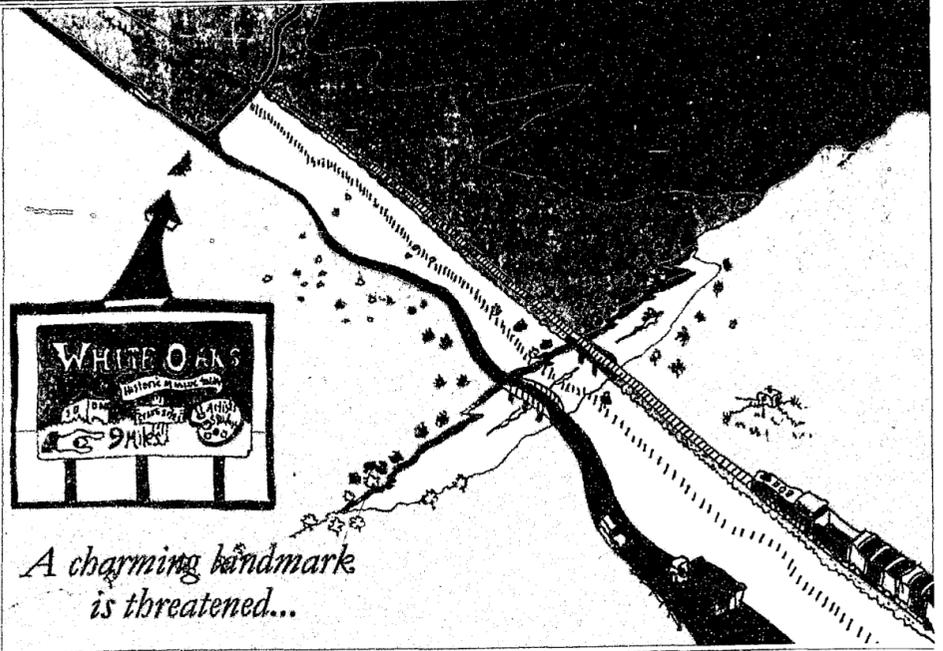
Which brings us to the Historic White Oaks directional sign on U.S. 54. Take a look

at the photo of the sign in last week's *Ruidoso News*, or the next time you're driving by.

It's down-home, all right, a campy, Western-looking shingle on three posts promoting a historic mining town with artist studios and gravesites. A finger points a 9-mile drive.

The NM Department of Transportation says the sign violates the beautification act and must be removed. The county commission and the county manager argue that the sign is locational in nature and are appealing the edict.

We agree with the county and respectfully ask the state to reconsider.



A charming landmark is threatened...

YOUR OPINION

Cinco de Mayo a day for all Americans

To the editor:

CINCO DE MAYO means the 5th of May. It is a day and holiday that commemorates a single victorious battle by Mexico over France. It does not commemorate Mexico's independence from Spain or France.

Mexico won its independence from Spain on Sept. 16, 1821 – a day known as el Diez y Sies. After 1821, Mexico struggled as a new republic recovering from 300 years of Spanish colonialism. Mexico was in debt and for several decades, its citizens debated and shed blood over the question of what kind of government and class relations it needed.

Mexico suffered a major setback in 1836 when it lost the territory Coahuila y Tejas (now known as Texas). And in 1848 Mexico lost most of the area now known as the American Southwest. Mexico's troubles were not over.

In the 1860s, Mexico was still not free from foreign debt, control and imperialism. During the midst of the U.S. Civil War, France saw an opportunity to colonize Mexico. Mexico was in arrears of its debt to France, England, and Spain. President

Benito Juarez suspended debt payments. Some Mexican conservatives facilitated the idea of French rule over the nation and France sent 2,500 troops to occupy Mexico City. At Puebla a battle ensued.

Mexico was finally victorious; it won the battle at Puebla on May 5, 1862. Civilians and soldiers joined their leader General Ignacio Zaragoza, who was born in Coahuila y Tejas.

Mexico won the battle at Puebla on Cinco de Mayo but lost the war to France. The imperialist power made Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian of Austria Mexico's emperor and he ruled over Mexico until 1867 when he was shot by a Mexican firing squad, his body shipped back to Europe.

Research by New Mexico Highlands University historian Anselmo F. Arellano suggests that Hispanics in New Mexico have a history of celebrating Cinco de Mayo in the past and present. According to Arellano, in the 1880s and 1890s Hispanics traveled to Mexico and Chihuahua, Mexico City and Aguas Caliente to participate in the fiestas patrias (patriotic festivi-

ties). In the 20th century, southern New Mexicans have celebrated the 5th with greater fervor. Today, Roswell and Mesilla sponsor major community-wide celebrations. Thanks to the Chicano Movement, more New Mexicans are learning about Mexican history and how the state's history is interwoven with Mexico's past.

Cinco de Mayo is a day for all Americans to celebrate. It is a day colonialism was defeated. Just like our ancestors who fought for a United States, the people of Mexico have also fought for freedom and self-determination. Celebrate Cinco in Ruidoso by attending the celebration at Ruidoso High this Saturday. Let's get 1,300 people of all ethnic backgrounds in Ruidoso to celebrate Cinco. Que Viva el Cinco de Mayo!

Cynthia Orozco
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Spaceport finds home in New Mexico

A funny thing happened on the way to the Roundhouse – the spaceport morphed from boondoggle to engine of economic development.

The visionaries who've supported it since the early 1990s always saw it that way, but it's been controversial. It was interesting to watch candidate Susana Martinez step around the project during her campaign. Had she made it a campaign issue, she would have faced a howling mob of scientists and engineers with pitchforks and laser pointers.

Signaling her embrace of the spaceport, Martinez named an executive director, Christine Anderson, with a lengthy, impressive resume. Anderson has some small shoes to fill – the string of political pals appointed by the state's former chief executive. One of the first things Anderson did was fire the consultant managing construction. That's what I do, she said. And so it is.

With a new cast on the same stage, maybe former critics and the public will be more receptive to the latest word from Virgin Galactic, the spaceport's biggest tenant. Media slant presented Sir Richard Branson as an eccentric tycoon who planned to send tourists into space.

Last week we got another view of the Virgin companies and the spaceport from Bill Pomerantz, vice president of Virgin Galactic, who spoke to a rapt business audience. His first point was that just 517 people, most of them astronauts, have flown into space. Virgin Galactic has deposits from more than 400 people willing to pay \$200,000 to fly 164 miles above Earth's surface. Soon after operations begin, the company intends to send more people into space than NASA and the Russians combined.

"We want people to go to space whenever they want," Pomerantz said. "We want people to go because it's fun to go and because there are economic opportunities, but it isn't the job of NASA to get us there."

Branson may be glamorous,

but he's also a successful entrepreneur who's built his business empire in the less glamorous realm of trains and planes.

Emphasizing the reality of the enterprise, Pomerantz said the company is testing space vehicles and advertising for pilots.

It occurs to me, after attending a recent love fest for Kirtland Air Force Base, that New Mexico is so accustomed to government spending on space travel, it's hard to believe private industry could do the same thing.

Why here? We've heard the reasons before, but New Mexico is like the insecure cheerleader who needs constant

reminders of how pretty she is. For starters, our altitude, latitude, and weather are attractive. A major draw is available air space and proximity to White Sands Missile Range. The rest was salesmanship and attitude.

"We knew we'd need a home base that would work right along with us. In 2006 and 2007, we started looking for such a home and found a very welcoming home in New Mexico. New Mexico makes a lot of sense to us, beginning with the people who had the vision and confidence to build the spaceport and a regulatory atmosphere that wouldn't stifle business." (Maybe our former governor and his cronies did better than we thought in the vision department, but Pomerantz is overly rosy about our regulatory scheme.)

The icing on the cake was Pomerantz's reminder – or nudge – to the audience. "Space tourists are people with money looking for a unique experience," he said, and Virgin Galactic plans multiple flights a day. These people will bring friends and family with them and need four-star hotels and fancy restaurants. They will ask what else there is to do here.

Virgin Galactic could have the same spillover effect as the state's other big events: the Santa Fe Opera, horse racing in Ruidoso, the Balloon Fiesta, Gallup's Intertribal Indian Ceremonial. Will we be ready?



SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE

Hunting bill: The people have spoken

To the editor:

THE "SOUTHEAST" is home to some of the best big game hunting in New Mexico and consequently attracts a great number of hunters from all over New Mexico. It is an experience to be anywhere on Main Street, be it Artesia, Roswell, Carlsbad, Alamogordo or Ruidoso, starting on the first of September and see camper after camper full of hunters headed to the hills, and every one of them with a gleam in their eye. What is even better for all these towns is that hunters stop at the eating places and local businesses and buy all those last minute items. Did I say there are lots and lots of hunters that come to southeast New Mexico?

The following is an interesting issue that directly affects all those hunters and the businesses that profit from those hunters. In the 2011 regular session of the Legislature, Sen. George Munoz from Gallup had listened to constant complaints from resident hunters about not being able to draw a big game permit. Senator Munoz presented SB196 to raise the quota of available Big Game permits to New Mexico residents to 90 percent from 78 percent. Most western states already designate 90 percent of all tags to their residents.

This 90 percent figure was reduced to 84 percent due to opponents of SB196. With the help of New Mexico Wildlife Federation (NMWF), United Bow-

hunters of New Mexico, and several other organizations and clubs, plus thousands of resident hunters making calls and emails to their respective representatives and senators, SB196 passed the Senate 38-3 and the House 45-21. After thousands more calls and emails to Gov. Martinez, she listened to the people, and signed SB196 into law on April 8. The people have indeed spoken.

Now, comes the interesting tidbit that all hunters need not forget when we go to vote again. The senator from district 41 (Jal) was the lone "nay" in the Senate from the southeast. On the House side, the final vote on SB196 had 21 representatives voting against this very important statewide issue and especially to this area we live in. Of the 12 house districts that make up the "southeast quadrant" of New Mexico, only two representatives, George Dodge of Santa Rosa and Zachary J Cook of Ruidoso, chose to listen to their constituents and vote for SB196. The people had spoken, but Reps. Dodge and Cook were the only ones that listened. More than half of the 21 representatives that voted Against SB196 are from Southeast NM! You make that call. The voting results are available at www.nmlegis.gov.

The following are facts and figures published by NMWF on what SB196 will do for New Mexico residents starting in

2012.

- SB196 will give resident hunters 84 percent of every hunt code, up from 78 percent. In addition, residents will get all elk licenses in state wildlife management areas, plus all cow elk licenses statewide.

- Unguided nonresidents get 6 percent of licenses. The remaining 10 percent are set aside for non residents required to hire a New Mexico guide.

- SB196 reduces general hunting and deer license fees by \$5 and requires every hunter who applies for a Big Game Draw or over the counter big game license to purchase a general hunting and fishing license, a provision common in most Western states.

The voting public has had its fill with legislators that do not listen to what the majority of the people want. On a statewide level, the majority of New Mexico residents wanted this to pass, evidenced by how the majority of our elected officials voted. Most of them did listen.

Politics on the national level is an absolute eye-opener every day because those citizens have "remembered" and they voted by those memories. We can all keep improving our lives and our children's future as long as we remember how we were represented and vote accordingly every chance we get.

Joe Rivera
Artesia

THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: Did you participate in any Military Appreciation Week activities?



Beth Trochet

"I couldn't attend, but I would have much rather been to the event if I could have."



Jack McCaw

"I took my kids to the MAW events and had a great time. My boys came to a greater appreciation of what it costs to be free."



Jeana Moore

"Unfortunately I couldn't be there because of prom, but I hope that everyone had a great time."



Shelley Sweat

"My daughter and I were thrilled to be at the event and banquet."



Spc. Vincent Kent

"I was there to volunteer and help them get set up."

TABLES

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year." He estimated installation will require less than one week. Sayers noted that she raised some concerns about the tables at the council's last meeting lamented that

she was not invited to the session with Kurtz. She reminded Baumann that she gave him the name of a DOT person to contact, who previously was involved with speed tables and didn't think they were particularly effective. She asked if Baumann contacted the person and what it would cost to remove the speed tables, if

they become a nuisance or are judged to be ineffective. Baumann said whatever the cost to install, about the same cost in labor and equipment would be involved to remove. He spoke to the contact person suggested by Sayers, but not specifically about problems associated with speed tables, more about construction, he said.

Sayers asked what would prevent a driver from speeding up between the two tables. Acting Planning Director Bob Decker said the design calls for three additional tables, but they are trying two first to see how they work. If more are needed, the Midtown Merchants Association will ask for more. "We didn't want to invest a

whole bunch of money if it didn't work," he said. Councilor Don Williams wondered if traffic might back up at the tables entering Midtown and block Chase Street, but Baumann said that, unlike speed bumps, drivers don't have to stop and creep over, they can just slow down and drive over at 20 mph. "That's why they are so

large," he added. Mayor Ray Alborn said he asked Kurtz if the DOT would authorize construction of anything their engineers didn't think was safe and he said it would not. Salas asked about the source of money for the project and Baumann said Village Finance Director Nancy Klingman found the dollars needed.

ROUTE

FROM PAGE 1A

and detailed plans will be prepared over the next 10 months to 12 months, he wrote. "Those plans will include accommodating traffic flow that may be impacted by sewer construction." During sewer line construction, intermittent delays and closure of Main Road may occur, "but it is not anticipated that the road will be completely closed for any extended periods of time," Russell wrote. If the road or bridge was temporarily closed, emergency response personnel would be staged above and below the closure to ensure public safety in the event of a wildfire or other emergency, he wrote. Mechanisms also will be in place to quickly reopen roads or to clear alternate exit paths in case of an emergency to facilitate evacuation, he wrote. He assured Powell that village officials are aware of evacuation issues and plan to construct additional lanes at the Main Road bridges and to complete the bridges before work begins on the sewer line. Bottom line, "FEMA feels that the village is adequately addressing public safety and evacuation needs in the Upper Canyon should an emergency arise during the sewer replace-

ment project," Russell wrote. Coalition members have pushed for more than a decade for an alternate escape route in the event of wildfire or flood, contending Main Road could become blocked. Routes up and over a ridge to connect to other exits and Alpine Village have been suggested. Mayor Ray Alborn also waded into the debate, meeting with coalition members to find a compromise and penning a point-by-point response to Powell. Alborn wrote that the Smith Engineering study was not misdirected, it was conducted in accordance with the direction of the village council to find alternatives for evacuating the most residents of the Upper Canyon for wildfire and other disasters. "The UC group insisted that an 'outside engineering firm' conduct this assessment as they continued to discount the assessments of federal, state and local fire and emergency management officials from the Ruidoso WUI group and wider region," Alborn wrote. "These fire and EM professionals concluded the best idea is to do a combination of ideas in addition to the prime consideration which was to reduce fuel (thinning) and remove the energy from the fire. These included alternatives such

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OUR OPINION

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Should be exempt from beautification act

The Highway Beautification Act of 1965 was enacted to "control outdoor advertising, including removal of certain types of signs, along the nation's growing Interstate Highway System and the existing federal-aid primary highway system," according to Wikipedia.

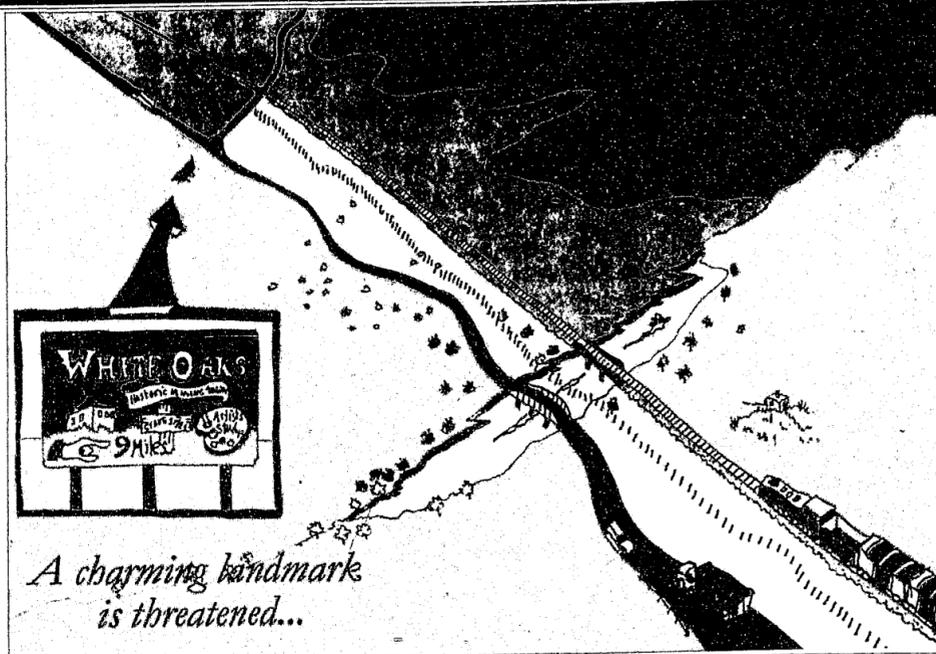
So far, so good. Billboards may help individual businesses, but a concentration of them degrades the landscape and undercuts an area's economic potential that natural scenic beauty might otherwise foster.

Which brings us to the Historic White Oaks directional sign on U.S. 54. Take a look

at the photo of the sign in last week's *Ruidoso News*, or the next time you're driving by.

It's down-home, all right, a campy, Western-looking shingle on three posts promoting a historic mining town with artist studios and gravesites. A finger points a 9-mile drive. The NM Department of Transportation says the sign violates the beautification act and must be removed. The county commission and the county manager argue that the sign is locational in nature and are appealing the edict.

We agree with the county and respectfully ask the state to reconsider.



YOUR OPINION

Cinco de Mayo a day for all Americans

To the editor:

CINCO DE MAYO means the 5th of May. It is a day and holiday that commemorates a single victorious battle by Mexico over France. It does not commemorate Mexico's independence from Spain or France.

Mexico won its independence from Spain on Sept. 16, 1821 – a day known as el Diez y Sies. After 1821, Mexico struggled as a new republic recovering from 300 years of Spanish colonialism. Mexico was in debt and for several decades, its citizens debated and shed blood over the question of what kind of government and class relations it needed.

Mexico suffered a major setback in 1836 when it lost the territory Coahuila y Tejas (now known as Texas). And in 1848 Mexico lost most of the area now known as the American Southwest. Mexico's troubles were not over.

In the 1860s, Mexico was still not free from foreign debt, control and imperialism. During the midst of the U.S. Civil War, France saw an opportunity to colonize Mexico. Mexico was in arrears of its debt to France, England, and Spain. President

Benito Juarez suspended debt payments. Some Mexican conservatives facilitated the idea of French rule over the nation and France sent 2,500 troops to occupy Mexico City. At Puebla a battle ensued.

Mexico was finally victorious; it won the battle at Puebla on May 5, 1862. Civilians and soldiers joined their leader General Ignacio Zaragoza, who was born in Coahuila y Tejas.

Mexico won the battle at Puebla on Cinco de Mayo but lost the war to France. The imperialist power made Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian of Austria Mexico's emperor and he ruled over Mexico until 1867 when he was shot by a Mexican firing squad, his body shipped back to Europe.

Research by New Mexico Highlands University historian Anselmo F. Arellano suggests that Hispanics in New Mexico have a history of celebrating Cinco de Mayo in the past and present. According to Arellano, in the 1880s and 1890s Hispanics traveled to Mexico and Chihuahua, Mexico City and Aguas Calientes to participate in the fiestas patrias (patriotic festi-

ties). In the 20th century, southern New Mexicans have celebrated the 5th with greater fervor. Today, Roswell and Mesilla sponsor major community-wide celebrations. Thanks to the Chicano Movement, more New Mexicans are learning about Mexican history and how the state's history is interwoven with Mexico's past.

Cinco de Mayo is a day for all Americans to celebrate. It is a day colonialism was defeated. Just like our ancestors who fought for a United States, the people of Mexico have also fought for freedom and self-determination. Celebrate Cinco in Ruidoso by attending the celebration at Ruidoso High this Saturday. Let's get 1,300 people of all ethnic backgrounds in Ruidoso to celebrate Cinco. Que Viva el Cinco de Mayo!

Cynthia Orozco
Ruidoso

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Spaceport finds home in New Mexico

A funny thing happened on the way to the Roundhouse – the spaceport morphed from boondoggle to engine of economic development.

The visionaries who've supported it since the early 1990s always saw it that way, but it's been controversial. It was interesting to watch candidate Susana Martinez step around the project during her campaign. Had she made it a campaign issue, she would have faced a howling mob of scientists and engineers with pitchforks and laser pointers.

Signaling her embrace of the spaceport, Martinez named an executive director, Christine Anderson, with a lengthy, impressive resume. Anderson has some small shoes to fill – the string of political pals appointed by the state's former chief executive. One of the first things Anderson did was fire the consultant managing construction. That's what I do, she said. And so it is.

With a new cast on the same stage, maybe former critics and the public will be more receptive to the latest word from Virgin Galactic, the spaceport's biggest tenant. Media slant presented Sir Richard Branson as an eccentric tycoon who planned to send tourists into space.

Last week we got another view of the Virgin companies and the spaceport from Bill Pomerantz, vice president of Virgin Galactic, who spoke to a rapt business audience. His first point was that just 517 people, most of them astronauts, have flown into space. Virgin Galactic has deposits from more than 400 people willing to pay \$200,000 to fly 164 miles above Earth's surface. Soon after operations begin, the company intends to send more people into space than NASA and the Russians combined.

"We want people to go to space whenever they want," Pomerantz said. "We want people to go because it's fun to go and because there are economic opportunities, but it isn't the job of NASA to get us there."

Branson may be glamorous,

but he's also a successful entrepreneur who's built his business empire in the less glamorous realm of trains and planes.

Emphasizing the reality of the enterprise, Pomerantz said the company is testing space vehicles and advertising for pilots.

It occurs to me, after attending a recent love fest for Kirtland Air Force Base, that New Mexico is so accustomed to government spending on space travel, it's hard to believe private industry could do the same thing.

Why here? We've heard the reasons before, but New Mexico is like the insecure cheerleader who needs constant

reminders of how pretty she is. For starters, our altitude, latitude, and weather are attractive. A major draw is available air space and proximity to White Sands Missile Range. The rest was salesmanship and attitude.

"We knew we'd need a home base that would work right along with us. In 2006 and 2007, we started looking for such a home and found a very welcoming home in New Mexico. New Mexico makes a lot of sense to us, beginning with the people who had the vision and confidence to build the spaceport and a regulatory atmosphere that wouldn't stifle business." (Maybe our former governor and his cronies did better than we thought in the vision department, but Pomerantz is overly rosy about our regulatory scheme.)

The icing on the cake was Pomerantz's reminder – or nudge – to the audience. "Space tourists are people with money looking for a unique experience," he said, and Virgin Galactic plans multiple flights a day. These people will bring friends and family with them and need four-star hotels and fancy restaurants. They will ask what else there is to do here.

Virgin Galactic could have the same spillover effect as the state's other big events: the Santa Fe Opera, horse racing in Ruidoso, the Balloon Fiesta, Gallup's Intertribal Indian Ceremonial. Will we be ready?



SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE

Hunting bill: The people have spoken

To the editor:

THE "SOUTHEAST" is home to some of the best big game hunting in New Mexico and consequently attracts a great number of hunters from all over New Mexico. It is an experience to be anywhere on Main Street, be it Artesia, Roswell, Carlsbad, Alamogordo or Ruidoso, starting on the first of September and see camper after camper full of hunters headed to the hills, and every one of them with a gleam in their eye. What is even better for all these towns is that hunters stop at the eating places and local businesses and buy all those last minute items. Did I say there are lots and lots of hunters that come to southeast New Mexico?

The following is an interesting issue that directly affects all those hunters and the businesses that profit from those hunters. In the 2011 regular session of the Legislature, Sen. George Munoz from Gallup had listened to constant complaints from resident hunters about not being able to draw a big game permit. Senator Munoz presented SB196 to raise the quota of available Big Game permits to New Mexico residents to 90 percent from 78 percent. Most western states already designate 90 percent of all tags to their residents.

This 90 percent figure was reduced to 84 percent due to opponents of SB196. With the help of New Mexico Wildlife Federation (NMWF), United Bow-

hunters of New Mexico, and several other organizations and clubs, plus thousands of resident hunters making calls and emails to their respective representatives and senators, SB196 passed the Senate 38-3 and the House 45-21. After thousands more calls and emails to Gov. Martinez, she listened to the people, and signed SB196 into law on April 8. The people have indeed spoken.

Now, comes the interesting tidbit that all hunters need not forget when we go to vote again. The senator from district 41 (Jal) was the lone "nay" in the Senate from the southeast. On the House side, the final vote on SB196 had 21 representatives voting against this very important statewide issue and especially to this area we live in. Of the 12 house districts that make up the "southeast quadrant" of New Mexico, only two representatives, George Dodge of Santa Rosa and Zachary J Cook of Ruidoso, chose to listen to their constituents and vote for SB196. The people had spoken, but Reps. Dodge and Cook were the only ones that listened. More than half of the 21 representatives that voted Against SB196 are from Southeast NM! You make that call. The voting results are available at www.nmlegis.gov.

The following are facts and figures published by NMWF on what SB196 will do for New Mexico residents starting in

2012.

- SB196 will give resident hunters 84 percent of every hunt code, up from 78 percent. In addition, residents will get all elk licenses in state wildlife management areas, plus all cow elk licenses statewide.

- Unguided nonresidents get 6 percent of licenses. The remaining 10 percent are set aside for non residents required to hire a New Mexico guide.

- SB196 reduces general hunting and deer license fees by \$5 and requires every hunter who applies for a Big Game Draw or over the counter big game license to purchase a general hunting and fishing license, a provision common in most Western states.

The voting public has had its fill with legislators that do not listen to what the majority of the people want. On a statewide level, the majority of New Mexico residents wanted this to pass, evidenced by how the majority of our elected officials voted. Most of them did listen.

Politics on the national level is an absolute eye-opener every day because those citizens have "remembered" and they voted by those memories. We can all keep improving our lives and our children's future as long as we remember how we were represented and vote accordingly every chance we get.

Joe Rivera
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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: Did you participate in any Military Appreciation Week activities?



Beth Trochet

"I couldn't attend, but I would have much rather been to the event if I could have."



Jack McCaw

"I took my kids to the MAW events and had a great time. My boys came to a greater appreciation of what it costs to be free."



Jeana Moore

"Unfortunately I couldn't be there because of prom, but I hope that everyone had a great time."



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"My daughter and I were thrilled to be at the event and banquet."



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"I was there to volunteer and help them get set up."

TABLES

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she was not invited to the session with Kurtz. She reminded Baumann that she gave him the name of a DOT person to contact, who previously was involved with speed tables and didn't think they were particularly effective.

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they become a nuisance or are judged to be ineffective.

Baumann said whatever the cost to install, about the same cost in labor and equipment would be involved to remove. He spoke to the contact person suggested by Sayers, but not specifically about problems associated with speed tables, more about construction, he said.

Sayers asked what would prevent a driver from speeding up between the two tables. Acting Planning Director Bob Decker said the design calls for three additional tables, but they are trying two first to see how they work.

If more are needed, the Midtown Merchants Association will ask for more. "We didn't want to invest a

whole bunch of money if it didn't work," he said.

Councilor Don Williams wondered if traffic might back up at the tables entering Midtown and block Chase Street, but Baumann said that, unlike speed bumps, drivers don't have to stop and creep over, they can just slow down and drive over at 20 mph. "That's why they are so

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EDUCATION

2011 outstanding Tigers honored



COURTESY PHOTO

Capitan High School recently held their Tiger Academic Awards and National Honor Society Induction program. Eight new members were inducted into NHS: Alexis Farris, Alyssa Miller-Juarez, Julia Bertrand, Cade Haynes, Jayda Silva, Kirsten Creighton, Sidni Hughes, and Raul Villegas. Pictured are: Front row (l. to r.): Kasey Kessler, Amanda Willingham, Dani Jones, Maritza Nava, Maribel Villegas, Jamie Fields, Aurora Hart, Alexis Farris, Chase Morel, J'Nae Wood, Alyssa Miller-Juarez, Julia Bertrand, Cade Haynes. Middle row (l. to r.): Kiana DeYoung, Celeste Salcido, Chris Olmstead, Monique Quiroz, Ashley Reynolds, Scheryiah Romero, Jayda Silva, Jerami Vance, Kirsten Creighton, Sidni Hughes. Back row (l. to r.): Colorado Romero, Garret Schultz, Logan Eshom, Raul Villegas, Caleb Uz Zell.

TEEN SPOTLITE

Sponsored by Lincoln County DWI Prevention

Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community. Caroline Allen is the next teen in the Spotlite. Caroline is the daughter of John and Paula Allen and is currently completing her sophomore year at Ruidoso High School. Allen is involved in a variety of activities in her school and the community.

At Ruidoso High School, Allen is a dedicated student whose grades qualify her to be on the RHS Honor Roll. She is also involved with the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) group at RHS where she currently serves as the Junior Vice-president. Additionally, she is active in drama, Science Olympiad, and Innoventure.



Community and volunteerism are also important to Allen. She has volunteered with the SADD projects, helped with the "Nothin' But Nets" fundraiser, and is very active with her church and their Children's Ministries activities. Allen also makes time to participate in her church youth group and even serves as the youth representative on the Church Administrative Council and the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Allen says her parents, friends, and teachers have been positive influences in her life. Even though she is just finishing her sophomore year, Allen already has plans for the future. These plans include going to college and then pursuing a career as a high school teacher or possibly, an environmental engineer.

It's wonderful to have teens like Caroline Allen in Lincoln County.

Special ed students to have options

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Special education students at Ruidoso High School will have new ways to graduate beginning next year.

IEP (individualized education program) and transition specialist Gloria Pafford said the options still require a planned program of study to meet the needs of individual students.

"A student on an IEP can graduate through three different options. We used to call them pathways," Pafford said.

The graduation planning process begins at the eighth grade IEP meeting, to assist the student in defining a course of study and to develop a four-year plan.

"The IEP team plans a

really important role in trying to figure out which is the best option for that student to graduate depending on their level of disability and the kid's needs," Pafford said.

The majority of Ruidoso High School students on an IEP graduate with a standard graduation option.

"They must meet or exceed all the requirements for graduation either with or without accommodations," Pafford said. "Those accommodations help the student access the general curriculum so he can be in classes with non-disabled students. He must meet all the graduation requirements that are established by the district."

At Ruidoso High School the requirement is 25 credits, made up of four units of English, four units of math

with one of the units higher than algebra 2, three units in science with two of the science units having a laboratory component, three-and-a-half units of social science including U.S. and world history, geography, government and economics, along with a half unit in New Mexico history, one unit in PE, one unit in workforce readiness or a foreign language, and seven-and-a-half elective units.

For students on a graduation option, the New Mexico High School Competency Exam will be replaced next year with the New Mexico Standard Based Assessment.

The second graduation option is a Career Readiness Alternative.

"This is a program of study that is related to the

student's career interests. The program of study must address the New Mexico content standards and benchmarks. They must achieve competency through the New Mexico employability and career development standards. They must take the current graduation exam and achieve a level of proficiency that's determined by the IEP team."

The third avenue for an IEP student to graduate is the Ability Alternative Graduation Option.

"The main focus of this is the IEP goals and functional course work and they must be based on state standards and expectations. This option is usually reserved for students who have severe cognitive limitations or physical disability."

EDUCATION BRIEFS

New Mexico Movie

This month's New Mexico movie is "The Leopard Man." Released in 1943, this psychological horror movie was filmed in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The story begins as a hunt for an escaped black leopard, but, as more people are mauled, the responsibility for the killings shifts to the possibility of a serial killer. Known for its suspense and creative use of shadows and light, this is one of

three movies made by Val Lewton and Jacques Tourneur that included "I Walked With a Zombie," and "Cat People." It is not rated.

The movie will be shown Wednesday, May 11 in Room 111 at 7 p.m. A short discussion about the movie and popcorn are included. There is no charge, but registration is requested and may be made by calling ENMU - Ruidoso Community Education at 575-257-3012.

Reverse Applique

April Joy Bailey will teach a two-day class on the basic stitches used in reverse appliqué. Students will make a Miss Ida (Sun Bonnet Sue) to use as a quilt square, pillow top, or wall hanging. A clean, oiled, good running, regular zigzag stitch sewing machine is required.

The class will be held on Saturday, May 14 and 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$125 or \$115 for seniors and includes a material kit, instructions, and a pattern.

Call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 575-257-3012 to register for this class.

Appreciation week

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week.

Everyday teachers touch the lives of students, parents and communities in significant ways. The organization said the first week of May is a time to honor teachers for the work and dedication. The National PTA offered some ideas to celebrate educators during this week, such as planning a program to honor teachers or parents taking time to send a personal note to their children's teachers.

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Sister Blanca exits an armored security vehicle after getting a 360-degree view from the vehicle's turret. The El Paso nun visited Military Appreciation Weekend at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport Saturday.

Councilor advises drought and conservation plan

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To keep a tighter handle on the condition of the village's water supply and to be prepared for emergencies when all or part of the supply may be lost, the village should receive more monthly information and should approve a drought contingency and conservation plan, says Councilor Rafael Salas.

Most people he talks to think the village has such a plan, but the only thing in place is a water restriction ordinance, he said.

"The Comprehensive Plan for the village says one of our prime responsibilities is to provide an adequate supply of water to our residents," he said. But for the last three months, councilors did not receive monthly water production reports.

"Our daily totals for production are important," he said. "Are we pulling from

the lakes or the wells? Have we sounded our wells (to determine underground water levels)?"

If the pumps go out on the Cherokee or Hollywood wells, which are essential to serving some sections of the village, a contingency and conservation plan needs to be in place to allow the village to act quickly to replace and repair, even if it happens on a holiday, he said.

"I'm asking staff to prepare (a plan)," Salas said.

Councilor Jim Stoddard suggested a workshop on the issue. Salas said the village's water team should attend. Staff was directed to schedule the session.

Generally, maintenance of the water system is behind by a decade and water line replacement efforts were interrupted with the flood in 2008, councilors acknowledged. Water Plant 3 at Alto Reservoir must be upgraded, "and I will fight to con-

tinue on that," Salas said.

"We're having breaks due to the antiquated system," Mayor Ray Alborn agreed.

Bob Decker, acting village planning director, said some of the breaks are a delayed response to the lengthy period of subzero freezing, combined with the age of the lines.

"They've exceeded their useful life in many cases," he said. "But it's expensive to dig them up and replace them. That's the issue."

Commenting on a draft of a possible contingency plan, Councilor Angel Shaw noticed that even under moderate drought conditions, a violator of restrictions could be fined or have water service cut off. Decker said stiffer penalties are part of the recommendations for the plan.

Frank Potter, a former village manager and owner of a shop in Midtown, said he wrote the drought con-

servation and contingency plan four years ago based on a growth scenario for the village.

Shaw recalled, "The village was not welcoming at the time."

Potter said data must be current for accurate decisions.

"If you run out in certain areas because of floods, fires or freezes, that's not everywhere at once," he said. "This plan tells you what you do in certain stages." The council could adopt water budgets for sole source areas with a limited number of water rights, he said.

In other action, councilors:

- ratified the mayor's appointment of plumbing contractor Chris Row to the Village Planning and Zoning Commission, replacing Beth Hood, who resigned.

- ratified the appointment of Randall Camp, Village Capital Projects

Director, as an alternate member of the Joint use Board of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- ratified the mayor's appointment of Marc Beatty to the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee.

- heard that the redrilling of A1 Well ran into more problems, but should be finished and the pump should be up and running in about three weeks.

- approved the purchase of two pup dump trailers from MCT Industries Inc. of Albuquerque for \$57,190. Most of the money, \$44,000, will come from remaining unspent proceeds found by Finance Director Nancy Klingman and generated by a loan floated three years ago from the New Mexico Finance Authority for street department equipment.

The rest will come from the sale of an aging back-

hoe declared surplus property.

Village Street Department Director J. R. Baumann said he received "quite a few calls" from councilors asking about the item and agreed with Councilor Denise Dean that in the future, he should include a narrative with more information in a memorandum item.

The trailers should save fuel, as a less expensive way of transporting material, he said.

No special driver's license is required to pull the trailers. However, all employees of his department have Class B licenses.

The trailers cannot be used instead of grapple trucks to pick up forest debris, because the big trucks hold 22 cubic yards and the trailers less than half of that, he said. They will spend four to five months a year on the road, Baumann said, but not daily.

County manager inducted into ROTC Alumni Hall of Fame

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Lincoln County Manager Tom F. Stewart recently was inducted into the Reserve Officer Training Corps Alumni Hall of Fame at New Mexico State University.

A retired colonel, Stewart's final assignment in the military was Chief of the Western Hemisphere Operations Division, Operations Directorate, office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington D.C., where he coordinated military operations and advised the JCS and the National Command Authority on counterdrug, domestic support and conventional operations of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard in the Atlantic Ocean and North, South and Central America.

Stewart was recognized April 14 as a distinguished alumnus of the Class of 1972, and was inducted into the university's ROTC Army Reserve Honor Company Class of 2011.

"In my acceptance of that, I told the cadets about what good track they were on and told them their attitude is reflected back by at them by the soldiers they lead," Stewart said.

"They will be trained in some cases to make life and death decisions. I emphasized they are part of a team. Just like the military in peace and war, it's a

team effort. I formally thanked my staff."

The announcement by County Attorney Alan Morel of the induction occurred during the Lincoln County Commission meeting.

An honor

Stewart said it was an honor to be inducted and Commission Chair-man

Eileen Sedillo replied, "It is an honor for Lincoln County, because you're our county manager."

Stewart received a regular U.S. Army commission from NMSU and a master's

degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, RI. As an Army Aviation unit commander, he served in a variety of attack helicopter command

and staff positions with the 101st Airborne Division and the 24th Infantry Division, and he commanded the 17th Aviation Brigade in Korea before retiring as a colonel.

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Downs switches drug testing companies

City's procurement director says new firm will be less expensive

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The City of Ruidoso Downs has switched the firm that administers drug and alcohol testing firm to municipal employees. The city council approved the change last week.

City Finance and Procurement Director Terri Mosley said the testing through National Drug Testing and Collection, LLC, will be less expensive than the current use of the Lincoln County Medical Center/S.E.D. Medical Laboratories. Mosley said right now there is a two to three day wait for results, which means employees can be on paid leave for that time.

She said going to National Drug Testing and Collection will bring some immediate results. The pre-employment and random testing however still requires a couple of days.

City Clerk Carol Virden said drug and alcohol testing is mandatory.

"We all realize that under our personnel policy

any new hires or anyone interested in applying and being hired, during the interview process, have to go through the drug process. Any sensitive safety positions, and that includes the majority of your city employees, take a drug test. If they operate a city vehicle and there is an accident, there is the drug test."

Lincoln County Medical Center/S.E.D. quoted a price of \$85.85 for a urine drug screen that checks for 10 substances. National quoted a charge of \$46. A post accident "quick test" for drugs was \$29.75 and a post accident "quick test" with a breath alcohol analysis was \$47.75.

A Department of Transportation required test had a \$56.45 quote. LCMC/S.E.D. did not provide bids for the post accident tests or the DOT required collection and lab work, according to a purchase requisition form.

Low bid requirement

In a memorandum, Mosley noted state law requires government to purchase goods and services from the low bidder.

Blood draws will be conducted in the restrooms at the city's fire station instead of at city hall.

"There was a problem that we had doing the drug testing here in the city hall building and we're trying to get away from that," Mosley said.

The fire department location was considered more private.

Procedure unchanged

Virden said she anticipated little change in the collection procedure.

"Under the National Drug Testing and Collection process, I'm sure it's going to be the same process that it was with the Lincoln County Medical Center.

"They'll get the little specimen cup and take to the bathroom. Someone will be standing outside that door to make sure that no one is going to go in or out with that person."

National was identified as local vendor.

"He has contracts with Ruidoso and several different agencies around here," Mosley said.

The Village of Ruidoso contracted with National Drug Testing and Collection in early 2010.

Cool temps hurt plants

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Recent cool temperatures that dropped below freezing the past couple of nights may have put the kibosh on some new plantings in the Ruidoso area.

The mercury fell to 25 degrees Monday morning at Ruidoso's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Tuesday morning it was a cool 30 degrees at the airport, but locations in town were in the 20s.

A weather station in Midtown recorded a low of 20 degrees.

A temperature of 20 was considered dramatic for plants that are budding, said Maria Lerma with Seasons Nursery in Ruidoso.

"As a matter of it kind of hurts some trees, the new growth," Lerma said.

She said it is a little early to be planting new items in the Ruidoso area.

"We normally wait until after Mothers' Day. It is early this year, so we still are about two weeks ahead."

Lerma said the nursery had gotten calls from people who had already purchased plants. Those with potted or hanging plants were advised to bring the plants inside overnight.

The growing season varies considerably around

the state, due in large part to variations in elevations, the National Weather Service said. And valleys also affect temperatures as cold air sinks into the valleys.

A freeze is considered to have occurred whenever the temperature drops to 32 degrees or lower. But a low temperature of 31 or 32 degrees for a short period of time, perhaps less than two hours, probably will not harm most plants or crops, the weather service said in a report this week.

But if the temperature drops to 28 or 29 degrees for a few hours, most vegetation will be damaged.

For plants put in the ground, Lerma said when temperatures are expected to fall below freezing, watering first is important.

"The more you water the more you insulate the roots. Water really well and

then cover them up with a plastic bag or tarp or something."

According to climactic data for Ruidoso, the community has seen its latest temperature of 32 degrees on June 29. The median for 28 degrees is May 25, while for 32 degrees it's June 5.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture put the average growing season in Ruidoso at 87 days.

Records going back to 1942 put the average minimum temperature for May in Ruidoso at 35.1 degrees. During June, July, August, and September the overnight lows are typically in the 40s, though cooler readings have been recorded.

The weather service forecast predicted overnight temperatures were to begin warming up, with overnight lows holding in the 40s for the end of the week.

Village enacts Level III fire restrictions

Effective immediately, the Village of Ruidoso is under Level III Fire Restrictions, said Interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent.

Charcoal briquettes and outdoor burning stoves are banned on private or public land, and no gas grills are allowed.

No outdoor smoking on public or private property is permitted. Fireworks never are allowed and campfires are banned.

Citations will be issued without exceptions. No warnings will be given. If sirens are activated, turn to radio station 102.3 FM for further instructions.

BOGO Bonanza: Make the Most of

Big Sales

By Jill Cataldo

CTW Features

Buy One, Get One Free sales can be a lot of fun for coupon shoppers! Not only do shoppers take home two items for the cost of one, we can add coupons to the mix to reduce our out-of-pocket expense.

Stores handle BOGO sales differently, though, and this affects how shoppers should use coupons during these sales. The next time you buy items, featured in a BOGO sale, take a look at the receipt to see how the two items are charged at the register. This will help determine how you can use coupons to cut those great prices even more.

There are two ways that BOGO items may ring up at the checkout. For this example, let's assume you're buying two identical bottles of lotion that are on sale for \$4, Buy One, Get One Free.

Example No. 1: You buy two lotions that are on sale "Buy One, Get One Free" for \$4. The register charges you \$4 for the first bottle and \$0 for the second bottle.

In this example, the register charges full price for the first bottle, nothing for the second. This sale is a time to put a "Buy one lotion, get one free" coupon to best use. Bring it in to play and you will end up getting two bottles free with your coupon. I realize this can be a little confusing, so I will explain it in more detail.

When a coupon for "Buy one lotion, get one free" is scanned, the register will

Super-Couponing Tips



take off the entire selling price for the first bottle you're buying. The first bottle's price? \$4. After this coupon is scanned, the register takes \$4 off. Now, the first bottle is free. The second bottle's price is still \$0, because it is free with the store's BOGO sale.

Another way to make the most of a BOGO sale is to use one coupon on each item that you purchase - even the free one! Check your store's coupon policy to determine whether this is allowed by your store. Because you're purchasing two items, even the free one, some stores will allow you to use a coupon on each bottle, bringing the total cost of both down.

So, in this instance, if I have two \$1 coupons for the brand of lotion, I could use one on each bottle (even the free one) and pay a total of \$2 for both.

Example No. 2: You buy two lotions that are on sale "Buy One, Get One Free" for \$4. The register charges you \$2 for each bottle.

With this example, instead of one bottle being full price and the other bottle being free, each bottle sells for half-price: \$2.

With this sale, using a "Buy one lotion, get one

free" coupon will take \$2 off the cost of the first bottle, and you'll pay \$2 for both - the cost of the other bottle.

In a situation like this, where the register charges half-price for each item, you can often "split" the sale and only buy one bottle if you'd like. This is a great option if you only have one \$1 coupon for the lotion. You could buy a single bottle, use your coupon, and pay \$1.

No matter which way your store handles BOGO sales, they're great opportunities to stock up at far lower prices than one would normally pay. I recently got floor sweeper wipes for \$1.79 a box by combining a BOGO with a Catalina sale that was running at the same time at my store. The regular price of the wipes is \$8.59 a box, so that's a pretty significant savings!

At the rate that my children go through floor sweeper wipes, I love picking them up at bargain prices. My kids actually think it's fun to use the sweeper to wash our kitchen floor. Hopefully having a nice stock of wipes on hand will encourage them to sweep often!

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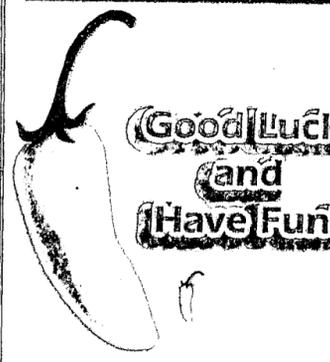
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New Eagle Drive bridge should be installed by July 4 holiday

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The new Eagle Drive bridge span should be installed before the flood of tourists arrive for the July 4th weekend in Ruidoso, says village Project Manager Justin King. Reporting to village councilors Tuesday, King said the project schedule usually is 90 days for completion, but he has it on a 60-day schedule. The project worked it way through the maze of the Federal Emergency Management Agency after a July 2008 flood on the Rio Ruidoso tore out the previous bridge

and a dozen others. King said the bid came in at \$660,825, well under the engineer's estimate of \$1,037,577, and was reviewed to ensure the bidder, FNF Construction of Tempe, Ariz., had not erred. "We even called the company to make sure they were comfortable with the bid, but they said they build bridges all over the state," he said. The low bid out of six companies submitting amounts to a \$377,000 savings. The company that supplies the bridge structure should have it ready by May 23, King said. FEMA

also accepts the licensing requirements set by the state. Permits are in order to cover the work from all of the agencies involved, King assured Councilor Denise Dean. Councilor Gloria Sayers asked about two Main Road bridges in Upper Canyon and King said the First Bridge at Fox Street will be the next project and it is not federally funded. The money will come from state and local sources. Councilors approved the bid for the precast concrete bridge submitted by FNF, which includes gross receipts taxes. King said the bridge "should be well

completed by July 4th, except for railings, lights and riprap, possibly." In other action, councilors: approved a maintenance agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation to provide 1,000 tons of sale for village crews to handle snow removal on Mechem Drive from the junction of New Mexico 532, called Ski Run Road, south and then east on Sudderth Drive to the Junction with U.S. 70. approved amendment one to a contract with Windstream Communications for Valor

Telecommunications of Texas LP for ethernet Internet access. Staff was able to negotiate an agreement down from an additional \$1,500 a month to \$796 per month. approved a request to schedule a public hearing May 24 on the land use ordinance, Chapter 54, and sections dealing with restrictions on outdoor sales. The new wording is proposed to clarify the meaning of previous changes. The primary change involves removing general language from Chapter 26, Businesses, and placing more specific language in each of the

commercial zone sections in Chapter 54, according to Robert Decker, acting planning administrator. "This clarifies the intent of the original effort to limit certain types of activity in Midtown, which is identified in the code as C-3 Midtown Commercial District. Restrictions on activity in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District also are clarified. Existing language relating to outdoor sales in the C-2, Community Commercial District, was not changed, but was moved to a more appropriate section," Decker wrote in a memorandum to councilors.

Former solid waste authority site for sale

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The location of the former Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority has been listed for sale. Now called Greentree Solid Waste, the trash collection and recycling operation had completely moved to their new facilities on Ruidoso Downs' east end earlier this year. The old facilities had been in a mostly residential neighborhood at 2nd Street and Harris Lane. "They were really looking forward to when that facility would be shut down," City Councilor Holman said of those living near the site. "Do we have that where it is no longer an issue and that they are completely

out of there and they've adhered to all of the responsibilities that they need to? And I'm wondering what the status of that property will be. What are the possibilities that could occur there in the future?" Steve Dunigan, the city's planning and zoning administrator, said the location will be closely monitored. Last month a city resident questioned the condition of the property. "It's going to need periodic cleaning from the winds that we experience," Dunigan said. "There's just no way to keep all of the wind-blown trash out there." He anticipated the square block location will need periodic cleaning. Dunigan said he had not talked to GSWA Operation-

al Supervisor Debra Ingle about plans for the location. "I suspect that that property will go up for sale. It would be zoned as it is today, C-1 which allows for lighter commercial use which is not near the heavier use that the Greentree Solid Waste had it put to. So that will never occur. At least my opinion would be the city would never have that same type of business within that residential neighborhood." The city's C-1 zone, also called a neighborhood commercial district, allows for convenient retail outlets in predominately residential areas. Uses can include antique and arts and crafts stores, art studios or galleries, retail bakeries, bar-

bershops, beauty shops, smaller hotels and motels, smaller shops, professional offices, and restaurants. "A lot lighter use," Dunigan said would apply to the property. "Certainly the smells and the issues of trash would not be allowed again in that location." A potential developer could ask for a rezoning. City Councilor Rene Olivo, who is also a member of the Greentree Solid Waste Authority Board, said the property is up for sale. "She's asking about \$250,000 for the property," Olivo said of Ingle. "It will be sold 'as is.' There won't be any repairs to the buildings or anything. And she'll keep maintaining it and keeping it clean as best as she can."

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Downs property rezoned

A U.S. Highway 70 property that had been used for years by a business is now properly zoned commercial. The 1.5-acre site on the north side of the highway was rezoned C-2 (Community Commercial District) through a unanimous vote of the Ruidoso Downs City Council last week. It had been previously zoned AR-1 (Agricultural/Residential), which allows farms, ranches and single family homes. The building, at 26171 U.S. Highway 70, had once been the home of Trident Media Services. "It was an oversight earlier that a part of the land has been used as a commercial business," surveyor Eric Collins told Council. "There is an existing building there right off Highway 70. We're asking to just create a specific tract for that business in order to have it

zoned as C-2. The rest of the land north of there will remain AR-1. We ask that in order to have business there and also to be able to have the tax assessor be able to assess the property specifically." Collins was representing the property's owners. Some businesses have been interested in the location northwest of Walmart. Planning and Zoning Director Steve Dunigan said that the property has historically been used commercially. He believes the city supports the rezoning. "There's no dispute that the city has recognized it for that. This is the appropriate way to do what I think we all recognize as the common use, the beneficial use of C-2 zoning." On March 29, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the rezoning. -Jim Kalvelage

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Mildred Crocker
1918-2011

Mildred Crocker, of Ruidoso, NM, died of congestive heart failure at the age of 92 on 28 April in Houston, TX. Mildred, known as Mia to her friends and family, was born on 9 September, 1918, in Battle, TX. She graduated with distinction from Baylor University in 1936, having a bachelor of arts, and degrees in speech and education. She married Roy Crocker on 5 June, 1943 after a blind date and a two-week courtship. They remained devoted to one another through a world war, children, good times and hard times for 61 years until his death in 2005. Mia is also preceded by her daughter Pam Davis. A woman of boundless energy, Mia's passions were expressed best through her devotion as an educator and devoted member of the community. She taught English for twenty years in Roswell, NM and was involved in the Roswell Symphony, Story League, and other civic activities. After a move to Ruidoso Mildred was active in Altrusa and Greeters. Mia loved people, had the gift of gab, and knew no stranger! She is survived by her daughter Lynn Haas, her grandchildren Evan Haas, Davida Haas-Oglesbee and Davida's husband Maj. Eric Oglesbee and two great-grandchildren. A celebration of Mia's life will be held in at 11 AM the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Former county clerk: Let's preserve our history

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When Tammie Maddox saw the notation on the front of an old jail calendar book, she was excited. The message noted a page number to find a reference to the jailing of the infamous Billy the Kid in the former county seat of Lincoln.

But when she opened the book to the designated number, someone - possibly a researcher or a thief looking for a fast sale of a piece of history - had cut out the entire page.

"Lincoln County has some really great history, as you know," the former county clerk and now chief deputy clerk told county commissioners at their April meeting.

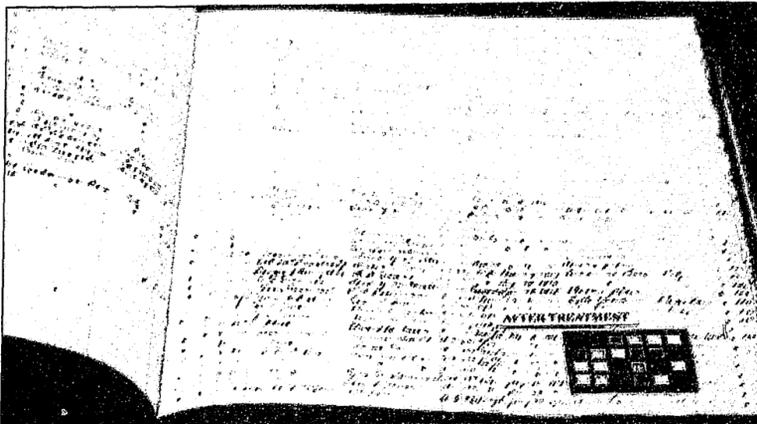
"But it never has been a priority. Billy the Kid is only one part. This book is the jail calendar and people over the years have looked at these books and used them for reference. The importance of preserving these books and getting them out of public hands and into a vault so we can preserve that history is very important."

Maddox brought along another example to show commissioners, because they are paying for the renovation of the former county jail in the county courthouse in Carrizozo to be used for storage.

"A lot of the records were stored in our basement over the years, but they are out of there now and we're getting them cleaned up and scanned so they are available to the public for



BEFORE



AFTER

genealogy and documentation and a lot of things people use these old records for," Maddox said. "I wanted to show you a book preserved by an archivist. It took her several months to do it."

State grants requiring some local matching money were secured over the past eight years to cover the expense, she said.

"This last two or three years, (the archivist) has

worked on six or seven books and I wanted to show you the before and after," Maddox said holding up a "reception" book covering 1909 to 1915. Every document recorded in the clerk's office was given a reception number.

"Title companies use these books constantly, but a lot of other people come in to use them too to record deeds and other documents," she said. "The

pages are so fragile, you can see through it. She puts a film over it to preserve the best she can. It's all hand written. She did each page and cleaned them up. This is part of preservation the clerk's office is doing to keep them for the next one hundred years."

The pages are scanned before the books are put back together, so they now are preserved as a digital record, she said.

"We plan to store the originals away so they are not touched, but are still there," Maddox said.

"Maybe some day someone will discover (the missing page with the Billy the Kid reference) as we did all the (old territorial and early state) maps from (the late) Jerry (Carroll)," Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said.

"I hope someone will bring them back to us," Maddox replied. "It's an expensive, long process. The state has been real good to us." State Historical Preservation officials come down to check the progress occasionally, she said.

Commissioner Tom Batin asked if the records preceded the era when Lincoln County was broken up and Otero and Chaves counties were formed. Once the largest county in the United States, encompassing about one-fourth of the state, Lincoln was founded in 1869. Chaves was carved out in 1889, and Otero in 1899.

Maddox said the earliest record dates to 1863 and deals with a divorce that a woman filed against her husband in a move reflecting the individualism for which the county is known.

County Clerk Rhonda Burrows said she recalled references in some of the books about records being transferred to Chaves County.

"Tammie has been working on it for years and it takes months just to restore one book," Burrows said. "There was extensive mold removed on some of

the books. (The archivist Joanne Kilgore Martinez of Albuquerque) is writing a paper on her technique. She uses a hand made archival paper made in New Mexico that is bought from (the woman who creates it) all over the world."

Burrows said as the commission moves forward on building a storage area at the old jail, the correct level of humidity, as well as temperature must be considered for the invaluable documents.

A secondary project that also involves preservation is the responsibility of the clerk's office to maintain a record of all newspapers in the county. They are micro-filmed every year, Burrows said.

"Digitizing is not accepted yet, but (the man who converts the papers to microfilm) also did that," she said. The papers date back to the 1800s and The Outlook published in White Oaks. Burrows said she plans to download the images and create a link from the clerk's Web page, where people could access the papers and search for genealogy information and other items.

"People all over the world are interested in Lincoln County, she said. Burrows sees the newspaper access as a great tool for economic development and tourism.

"I think it promotes interest in our county," she said. "So the project has two purposes, preservation and promotion. We have a lot of projects going in the county clerk's office."

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CAPITAN PLAYS PERFECT GAME IN STATE QUARTERFINALS



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Bobby Hughes rounds third and scores the seventh run of the game while Capitan head coach James Weems watches the play in the outfield and waves him home.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan's Logan Eshom pitched five innings of perfect baseball Tuesday afternoon in a 11-0 whitewashing of Melrose in the first round of state games. He faced 15 batters, yielded no hits, no walks and the Tigers committed no errors. Congratulations, Logan.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Jacob Wilcox takes an inside pitch for ball four.

side line

Results

Baseball

Tuesday, May 3

Capitan 11, Melrose 0, in first round of state quarterfinals. A perfect game was pitched by Logane Eshom.

Sports On Tap

Baseball

Friday, May 6

Ruidoso at Raton, TBA, first round of state quarterfinals

On Deck

Hershey's Track Meet

Hershey's Track Meet, 2011, is for all kids between the ages of 9 and 14. Due to increased interest, the event has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 4, at 2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Warrior track on Warrior Drive to run, jump and throw for ribbons, health and a chance to qualify for the State and National Meet. And it's all free. Watch for flyers and posters at school. This is the same date Kids Fishing Day will take place in the morning, which is sponsored by the Village of Ruidoso and the U.S. Forest Service. For more info call you may go online at www.ruidoso-nm.gov or call 257-5030.

Senior Olympics

The Lincoln County Senior Olympics will hold golf qualifiers at Cree Meadows, 1 p.m. on May 14 (\$25 fee). 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.

SADSP Tennis Fundraiser

The first annual "Raise a Racket" Senior Doubles Tennis tournament will be held June 27-July 1 to benefit the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program (SADSP). The tournament will be for players over 50-years-of-age and will be played at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Kokopelli Golf, Tennis and Social Club and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation courts. Competition matches will feature women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$40 per event and all proceeds go to SADSP, which is one of the oldest adaptive ski schools in the country. It depends on fees, grants, donations and fundraisers to operate. The program is in need of a "bi-ski," which enables a non-ambulatory person to sit and experience skiing with the aid of a volunteer. The Raise a Racket tournament hopes to raise \$4,000 to purchase a new and updated bi-ski for next season.

A talented equine duo

The father-and-son team of Blane and Trey Wood presents tough competition in the sport of horseracing

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Blane Wood first won the West Texas Futurity in 1996 with the filly Haulin Pass. A few months later he won the Ruidoso Futurity with the same horse.

"That was my breakout year," the amiable trainer said. "Those big wins got me rolling good. Since then I've been fortunate to have a 'couple' of good horses every year."

Just for good measure Wood won the Sunland Park West Texas Futurity again in 2005 with Leading Spirit who also won the Ruidoso and Rainbow Futurities at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

The following year his 18-year-old son Trey joined forces with his dad fulltime as a trainer and the two began a successful father and son relationship that grew stronger with each

passing season.

On April 17, Trey walked down the same path his father had taken by winning the classic 300-yard West Texas Futurity with the imposing two-year-old, Valiant War Hero, a 19-1 longshot. Stay tuned. More should be heard from this talented gelding this season at Ruidoso Downs.

Besides his big victory at Sunland, Trey Wood won the Texas Classic Futurity at Lone Star Park in 2010 - the youngest trainer ever to win a Grade 1 race at that track.

There are similarities between the two but there's a difference in their personalities. Where the elder trainer is loquacious, engaging and ripe with infectious laughter, the younger horseman is quiet, reserved (with the exception of learning he had won the West Texas Futurity)

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MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Trainer Blane Wood is shown with National War Hero who won the West Texas Futurity for trainer Trey Wood on April 17 at Sunland Park.

Ruidoso Cubs win six games in-a-row

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The Cubs started their Saturday afternoon game at Gavilon Canyon with a 1-0 advantage and never looked back on their six-inning road to victory over the Carrizozo Devil Rays. They put another run across the plate in the second inning, four in the third, three in the fourth and two in the sixth to coast to an 11-run win. At the halfway point of the season, the 11- and 12-year-old Cubs posted their sixth straight win in as many games and now look to finish strong in their final six games.

Cubs' pitcher, Oscar Guillen, gave up only

three hits and looked strong from the first through the sixth and final inning. As is normally accepted, good pitching beats good hitting - usually. And Saturday's mound performance by Guillen bears this out.

Even stellar pitching requires a few runs to cement the win and Guillen's team-mates rose to the occasion and put more than enough across the plate to claim the victory.

The closest game they have played so far was against the Dodgers a few weeks ago when the Cubs gained a 5-2 win.

"The game with the

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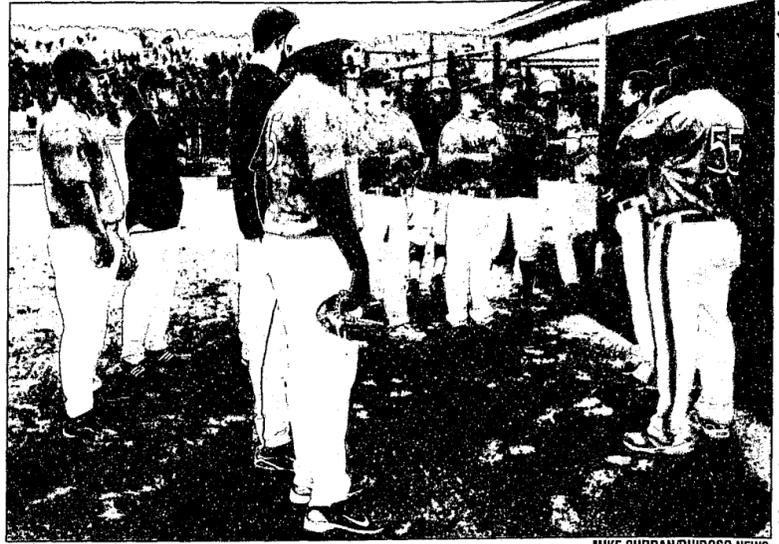
Members of the Cubs team are: l-r, front row, Nathan Bryant, Felix Martinez, Grady Woodul, Gabriel Taylor and Kalani Davis. Back row, Coach Matt Bryant, Tyler Woodul, William Green, Francisco Mayville, Oscar Guillen, Coach Chris Woodul, Brent Figueroa and Coach Kalama Davis.

OSOS BEGIN SPRING TRAINING IN RUIDOSO



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Field Manager Kevin Griffin gives the Osos last-minute instructions Monday morning on the first day of spring training. Their first game will be at home, May 10, against the Roswell Invaders at 4 p.m. "We're excited about opening day," Osos Owner Clyde Woods said. "It should be good entertainment for Ruidoso."



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Kevin Griffin met with the team at 10 a.m. Monday to officially begin the season for the Ruidoso Osos. Final tryouts will commence Wednesday at 10 a.m. There will be a "meet and greet" Friday at Black Diamond Nutrition, 615 Sudderth, Suite L, from 3 to 6 p.m. Griffin and players will be on hand to introduce themselves to the community. Owner Clyde Woods is on far right and Griffin is second from right.

WOOD

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and a man of few words - just like his trainer grandfather, Leo Wood.

"Dad was an old, quiet cowboy," Blane Wood said. "Trey is much like him. He's good at what he does. He knows the little things."

"Dad use to tell me, 'I taught you everything you know, I just didn't teach you everything I know.' He was a good father, teacher and horseman."

Three years ago, Blane Wood set up the Wood Training Center on 55 acres in Lubbock. He breaks all the young horses there (including Valiant War Hero) from October to

February while his son takes care of the racetrack end of things.

"You've got to teach them how to gallop, breathe and break from the gate," he said. "When you can get them to do those three things you could have a horse race. Building the training center is one of the best things I ever did."

Wood credits his wife of 32 years, Sandy, with holding all facets of the Wood operation together.

"It's a family affair," Blane Wood said.

This year is starting off to be another good season for the father and son. In addition to the illustrious Sunland Park win, they took second in the prestigious Remington Park

Futurity with the filly, Folly Del Ray.

"We pick horses," Wood said. "That's what we do. You have to have something to look forward to. We're always looking ahead to the next race. If you run badly in one race you're trying to fix the situation and run better in the next one."

With all the success Blane Wood has achieved there's still the big one that, so far, has escaped him.

"We want to win the All American Futurity," he said. "That's the big one. It's the highest level of racing - the podium of the Quarter Horse industry."

He's qualified for it multiple times but never grabbed first place. He fin-

ished third in 2009 when he qualified three horses and had Miss Racy Jess in last year's vaunted race.

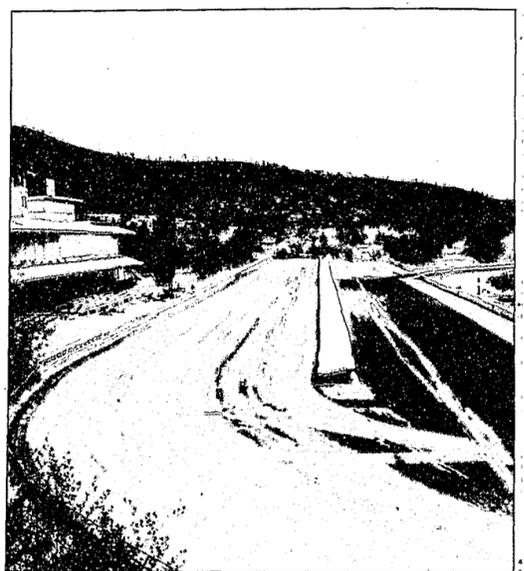
This season Wood returned to Ruidoso Downs Race Track and will have 70 Quarter Horses in his barn. He gives credit to the staff in his barn - the grooms, gallop boys and night watchman.

"They're all part of the team and make it all work," he said.

The respectful trainer is also appreciative and thankful of his owners - like the possessors of Valiant War Hero, the Texas Broads (Dena Pitts and Pam Baber) of Burkburnett, Texas.

"We're fortunate," Wood said. "We have some good owners. We would like to have them for a lifetime."

The upbeat and positive Wood is looking forward to the start of another racing



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Blane and Trey Wood, along with other trainers, jockeys and fans await the May 27 opening of Ruidoso Downs Race Track

season at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

"Why not?" he conclud-

ed. "I'm having the time of my life. I've never enjoyed it more."

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CUBS

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Dodgers was a good one," Cubs head coach Chris Woodul said. "Pitcher Hayden Frierson gave us a run for the money."

When asked about his team's success Woodul said, "We have seven pitchers on a 10-man squad. It was the luck of the draw."

As previously noted, no matter how good the pitching is a team still needs hitting. And Woodul's Cubs seem to have it.

"To date, we have enjoyed consistent hitting," he said. "All 10 members of the team are contributing."

Timely fielding doesn't hurt, either. Grady Woodul made a spectacular catch in the fourth inning on the warning track at the centerfield fence.



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Nickolas Archaletto of the Devil Rays gets a brush-back pitch.

Another two or three feet and the ball would have been over for a much-needed Devil Rays' home run.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, with the Devil Rays at bat, the Cubs ex-

ecuted a nice 4-6-3 double play.

With such fielding, pitching and hitting one might expect good things from the Cubs in their final six games of the season. Stay tuned.

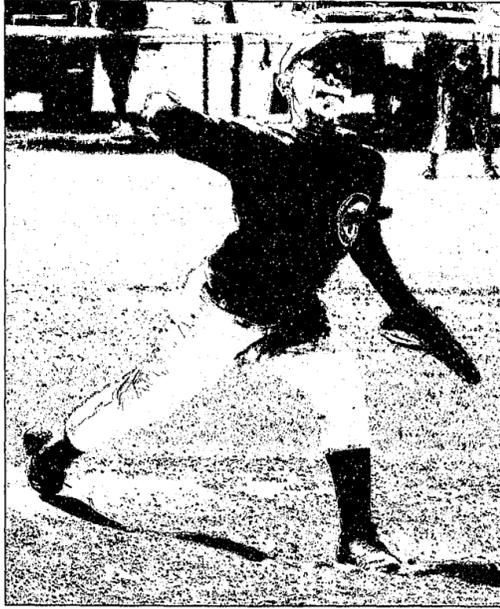


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Cubs player, Grady Woodul, collects a big hit and rounds first base.



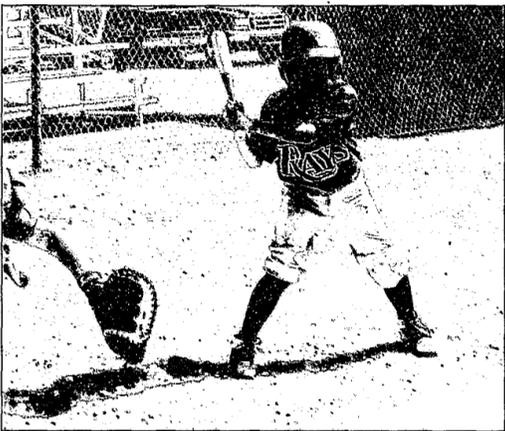
Kalani Davis, of the Cubs, tracks the ball to the bat.



Oscar Guillen pitched all six innings for the Cubs, gave up three hits and helped his team claim an 11-0 win over the Devil Rays.



Mikhail Barela faces down a Cubs batter Saturday.



Tristen Barela, of the Carrizozo Devil Rays, watches a low one.



William Green launches into a pitch from the Devil Rays hurler.



Dominic Barela, of the Devil Rays, sees a strike coming.

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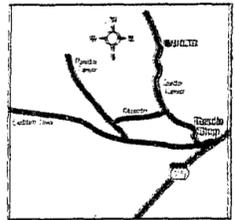
MARCY

Is a pretty Border Collie mix with a fun, goofy personality. She is excellent to walk on a leash, but it is when she is off leash that she really likes to show off. She loves to run and play and often taunts the other dogs when she is out playing. Marcy is about 9 months old and weighs 40 pounds. She is already spayed, current on her vaccinations and kennel trained.

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TEAGAN

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Carrizozo calendar of events

Friday, May 27 Museum showing of films made in NM - FOUR FACES WEST (1948) Joel McCrea, Frances Dee. A reluctant outlaw is pursued by a relentless sheriff. Filmed in Gallup, El Morro National Monument and adapted from the novel Paso Por Aqui by NM writer Eugene M. Rhodes. Free admission - popcorn and sodas available.

Sunday, June 12 Music in the Parks with the Muddy River String Band from 5 - 7 p.m. at McDonald Park. Woman's Club to sell food. Free admission.

Friday, June 24 Museum shows CITY SLICKERS (1991) Billy Crystal, Jack Palance. Three urban buddies join a cattle drive; filmed at Ghost Ranch, Nambe Pueblo, Plaza Blanca. Free admission with popcorn and sodas available.

Sunday, July 3 Music in the Parks with Paul Pino and the Tone Daddies at McDonald Park from 5 - 7 p.m. - free admission.

July 4 (at dusk) Fourth of July Celebration by Volunteer Fire Department with the Carrizozo Market doing an old-fashioned pig roast from 5-7 p.m. at the Valle del Sol Subdivision entrance on US Highway 380 East of Carrizozo 1 mile.

Friday, July 29 The Museum shows RED DAWN (1984) Patrick Swayze, Lea Thompson. A group of young people turn to guerilla resistance after a Soviet invasion of America. Filmed in and around Las Vegas.

Free admission, soda and popcorn available.

Sunday, July 31, Music in the Parks with Susan Kolb and Global Chillin' Band at McDonald Park from 5 - 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 14 Music in the Parks with Tim Rice and Fred Kinnan, soft jazz, at McDonald Park from 5 - 7 p.m. free admission.

Friday, Aug. 26 The Museum shows HANG 'EM HIGH (1968) Clint Eastwood, Inger Stevens. Eastwood is the victim of a lynching who survives to seek vengeance. Filmed in Las Cruces, White Sands National Monument. Free admission with soda and popcorn available.

Friday, Sept. 30 The Museum shows WILD HOGS (2007) John Travolta, Tim Allen as these middle-aged guys reclaim their youth on a motorcycle odyssey. Filmed in Madrid, Albuquerque, Santa Fe. Free admission with sodas and popcorn.

Sunday, Oct. 2, Cider Festival on Historic 12th Street from noon-4 p.m. Lots of vendors, good food and live music celebrating Carrizozo Cider. 575-648-2757.

Friday, Oct. 28 (Halloween) Final, Museum movie showing THEM! (1954) James Whitmore, Edmund Gwenn. Atomic tests unleash giant ants! The story takes place in New Mexico, although was not actually filmed here. free admission!

Sept. 5 (Labor Day Monday) Carrizozo Labor

Day Street Fair and Cowboy Days celebration; 575-648-2802.

Cowboy roundup starts at dawn at Spencer Ranch followed by a home-cooked biscuits and gravy breakfast.

Parade starts at 10 on 12th Street at the Museum; Festivities start immediately after with live music, lots of vendors, an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall, great food and family fun.

At 3 p.m., the Cowboys will present a live rodeo at Hemphill Arena, 54 South 1 mile.

First Saturday in December - Woman's Club Christmas Hoedown (bazaar) Vendors and food at the corner of 11th Street and D Avenue. 575-354-0760.

Third Saturday in December - Santa comes to town - visiting kids and taking gift baskets to shut-ins in a real firetruck (there's not enough snow for sleds).

Dec. 23 at dusk - Christmas Lighting Contest - awesome light displays as the three best homes and the best business are chosen. Awards are made at the January Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Dec. 24 (at dusk) Luminaria display throughout Carrizozo streets Drive slowly as you enjoy the luminarias lighting the town.

Compiled by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce

For more information, please call (575)-648-2732 or visit the website: www.carrizozochamber.org

Nothing fancy

Several years ago my food columns began with my account of the tasty recipes of my ancestors, recalling the history of New Mexico's traditional culinary history. Since then my food columns have taken readers through my exploration of various ethnic recipes, not only Hispanic, my own roots.



Polly's Potpourri

BY POLLY CHAVEZ

twist to suit me. "What We Eat When We Eat Alone," by Deborah Madison and Patrick McFarlin, is a book of stories and recipes. The authors asked friends, neighbors, empty nesters, colleagues, artists, and foodies about what they eat when they were by themselves.

Some chose simple fare, others elaborate meals. Some had bizarre choices, like saltine crackers in a glass of milk or a Spam sandwich with grape jelly.

Some of my food recipes have taken readers into the world of unique food preparations, like these in the cookbook.

Sometimes I will feature a recipe from a "fancy" eating place. Such is the case in this week's recipe, Bananas Foster.

At a yard sale I came across a cookbook, "Famous Foods from Famous Places," with specialty-of-the-house recipes from American's leading restaurants. The cookbook describes

the restaurants, giving details about its history, making for entertaining and educational reading.

The Bananas Foster recipe is from Brennan's in New Orleans, Louisiana. Creole-French cuisine is served at this historic mansion.

One typical breakfast includes grilled grapefruit, Eggs Hussarde and the grand finale - Bananas Foster. I did not use a fancy bronze chafing dish, set above a heating device, used to cook and maintain the warmth of food at the table. I used my old and handy frying pan.

Bananas Foster

- 6 large all-yellow bananas
- Lemon juice
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- Cinnamon
- Walnuts (optional)

Peel the bananas and halve lengthwise, then brush with lemon juice. Melt brown sugar and butter in flat chafing dish. Add bananas; cook until tender, turning only once. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Serve as is or with vanillas ice cream.

Train cars lean in wind

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Strong winds Sunday apparently played havoc with a Union Pacific freight train north of Carrizozo.

New Mexico State Police Captain Keith Duncan said his officers responded to a possible train derailment off U.S. Highway 54 near White Oaks Road.

"There were numerous cars transporting hazardous materials that were reported to me as leaning over but not overturned," Duncan said.

"No chemicals were

released. There were no reported injuries and no serious threats."

The names of the individual chemicals in the cars were not available although some were considered to be toxic, flammable or caustic.

"I was told that they (Union Pacific) had equipment either on scene or in route needed to upright the leaning cars," Duncan said.

Lincoln County Under Sheriff Robert Shepperd said it was believed winds caused the cars to tilt.

"They were bad," Shepperd said of the winds. "I

know it got several roofs here in Carrizozo.

Saturday and Sunday there was no wind up there compared to what it was down here."

Union Pacific's Western Region Director of Corporate and Media Relations Aaron Hunt said the cause remains under investigation.

"But we know there were very high winds in the area at the time," Hunt said. "We had two flat cars derail in a remote area in the Carrizozo region."

Hunt confirmed there were no injuries or spills.

CARRIZOZO COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER



Robert & Lashae Lueras and Taylor Thornton, teamed up to sell the most cookie dough for the PFK Spring Fundraiser. The trio won a top seller prize with several prizes as seen in the photo. Overall, participating students in grades K-8 earned \$5,968.00 selling 373 boxes of cookie dough. The money earned is used for field trips, after-prom, Accelerated Reader Program, BRAVO program, scholarships, perfect attendance, etc. The 6th grade class earned a popcorn/movie party for being the top-selling class.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Carrizozo clean-up

A clean-up of Carrizozo will be held Saturday, May 14, at the McBride facility near E Avenue. Volunteers are needed, call Town Hall (575)-648-2371 if you can help, or if you need to schedule or pay

for a pick-up.

HSNM Conference

The Hubbard Museum will host a New Mexico history conference on May 5 - 8.

The opening reception will be held at the Hubbard

Museum in Ruidoso Downs on Thursday, May 5, with conference sessions in the Ruidoso Convention Center on May 6 and 7.

A Historical Society of New Mexico Awards banquet will be held Friday evening, May 6.

Saturday, May 7, there

will be a set of Statehood Centennial History sessions, including workshops for K-12 teachers in the San Juan Church in Lincoln Town.

Details are available on the Historical Society of New Mexico's website: www.hsnm.org

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Charges filed in shooting

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CARRIZOZO - After two months of investigation, charges have been filed in the shooting of a Ruidoso Downs woman.

Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson approved filing charges of aggravated battery with great bodily harm and tampering with evidence against Robert A. Gonzales, 32, in connection

with the February 28 shooting on Parker Road.

Ruidoso Downs Police officers responded to the Parker Road home at 9:48 p.m. for a report of an accidental shooting.

A 31-year old female suffered a single gunshot wound. She was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center and then transferred to the trauma center at University Medical Center in El Paso for treatment. She remained

in intensive care for several weeks.

During an interview shortly after the shooting, Gonzales reportedly told Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Joseph Bailey that the victim had accidentally shot herself.

Thompson said Friday he had approved filing the charges against Gonzales because the wound and path of the bullet were not consistent with a self-inflicted gunshot.

State police testing in Ruidoso

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Applications are being accepted for recruits to the New Mexico State Police. Physical fitness testing has been scheduled for Ruidoso.

Those living in the Ruidoso area interested in testing should contact recruiter Officer Andrew Hoover at the District 8 office, 411 10th Street in

Alamogordo. The phone number is 575-437-1313.

A completed application will be required at the testing which will take place at the State Police office in the Ruidoso Police Department, 1085 Mechem Drive. The testing will be held on May 17 at 9 a.m. Applications are available at the State Police website, www.nmsp.com, or through Hoover.

The physical fitness

testing will include endurance thresholds in running 1.5 miles, sit-ups, and push-ups. The maximum times of the run and the number of minimum sit-ups and push-ups are broken into four age groups, from 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50-59. Both men and women can apply.

The potential officers would be included in the New Mexico State Police 83rd recruit school.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

April 25

11:20 a.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman returned to the Police Department to complete a report of embezzlement of a motor vehicle.

Freeman reports the owner said he loaned his

1997 Ford F-150 pickup truck to a friend named Ernesto, last name unknown, on June 29, 2010, and Ernesto did not return the vehicle. The victim said he did not report this earlier because he did not want to get his friend in trouble. 8:06 p.m. - Officer

Curtis Rodgers responded to the 100 block of Eagle Drive for a report of damage to heavy equipment.

Rodgers reports two semi-trucks were damaged. Headlights, mirrors and tail lights were reportedly broken on the construction trucks.



Celandine Poppy

What's a better sight for winter-sore eyes than a bright burst of yellow in your spring garden? Celandine poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllyum*) is a striking woodland flower with cheerful lemon-colored blooms from April to June. The deeply cut blue-green foliage will stay beautiful right through fall if you keep the soil moist. Since celandine poppy likes shade, it's a perfect pick for that hard-to-fill shady spot in your garden.

Common name: Celandine poppy
Botanical name: *Stylophorum diphyllyum*
Plant type: Perennial
Zones: 4 to 9
Height: 1 to 1.5 feet
Family: Papaveraceae

Growing conditions

- **Sun:** Part shade to full shade
- **Soil:** Moist, humusy

- **Moisture:** Medium to wet
- **Care:** Mulch: Mulch to preserve moisture in the soil and prevent weeds.
- **Pruning:** None needed.
- **Fertilizer:** None needed.

Propagation

- By seed or by division

Pests and diseases

- Slugs and snails may be a problem.

Garden notes

- Celandine poppy needs regular watering; plants will go dormant if the soil is too dry.
- *S. diphyllyum* naturalizes well in shaded areas of wildflower or woodland gardens. It may get weedy or self-seed excessively under certain conditions.
- Celandine poppy looks great in a shady border among shrubs.
- The plant has rough, hairy, oblong-shaped green fruit that's considered ornamental.
- *S. diphyllyum* is a good companion plant for other spring bloomers, such as Virginia bluebells, bloodroot, Jacob's ladder, bleeding heart, and trout lily.

All in the family

- Papaveraceae is also known as the poppy family.
- Like other members of Papaveraceae, celandine poppy contains a yellowish-orange sap, which Native Americans used as dye for clothes, baskets, and war paint.
- The family contains the opium poppy (*P. somniferum*), which is cultivated for its seeds (the poppy seeds used in cooking) and for its use in making opium and opiates.
- Celandine poppy is the only member of the genus native to the United States.

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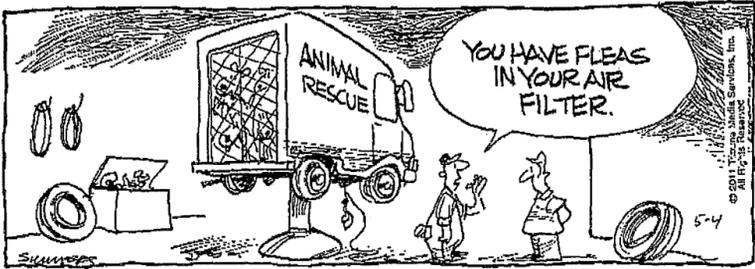
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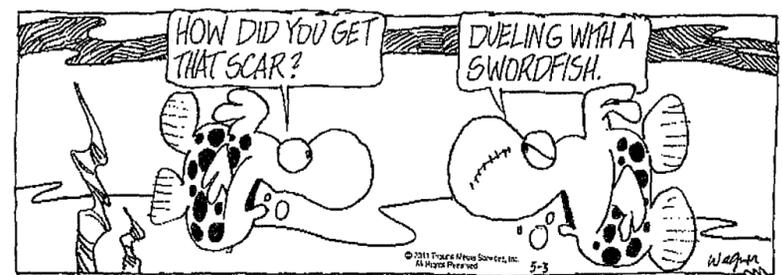
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Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

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

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

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

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

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: 257-5362 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.

Mountainop 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.

Education

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

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

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

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

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles: Attitudinal Healing study group; Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzky's) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

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 Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

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

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 Mescalero 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; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

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

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each at K-Bobs. Info: Dick Maston 336-2170.

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.fbruidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynena, 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.

Kiwans: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 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.lkekennels.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 Lupe'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: 6:00 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.

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 Evening Lions Hut at 106 Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's) at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information call: 575-808-1227.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at 1200 Sudderth (across the street from In-Ka-Hoots) at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters, and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information, please call: 575-258-1345.

Otero County

Clubs/Associations

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

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike 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 "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-

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

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

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

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

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

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at 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 Delliah at 442-8750.

Education

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

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

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

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

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt; 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 painted-ladies64@yahoo.com.

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

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-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

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

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 Joselovsky, 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 Mescalero. 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.

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

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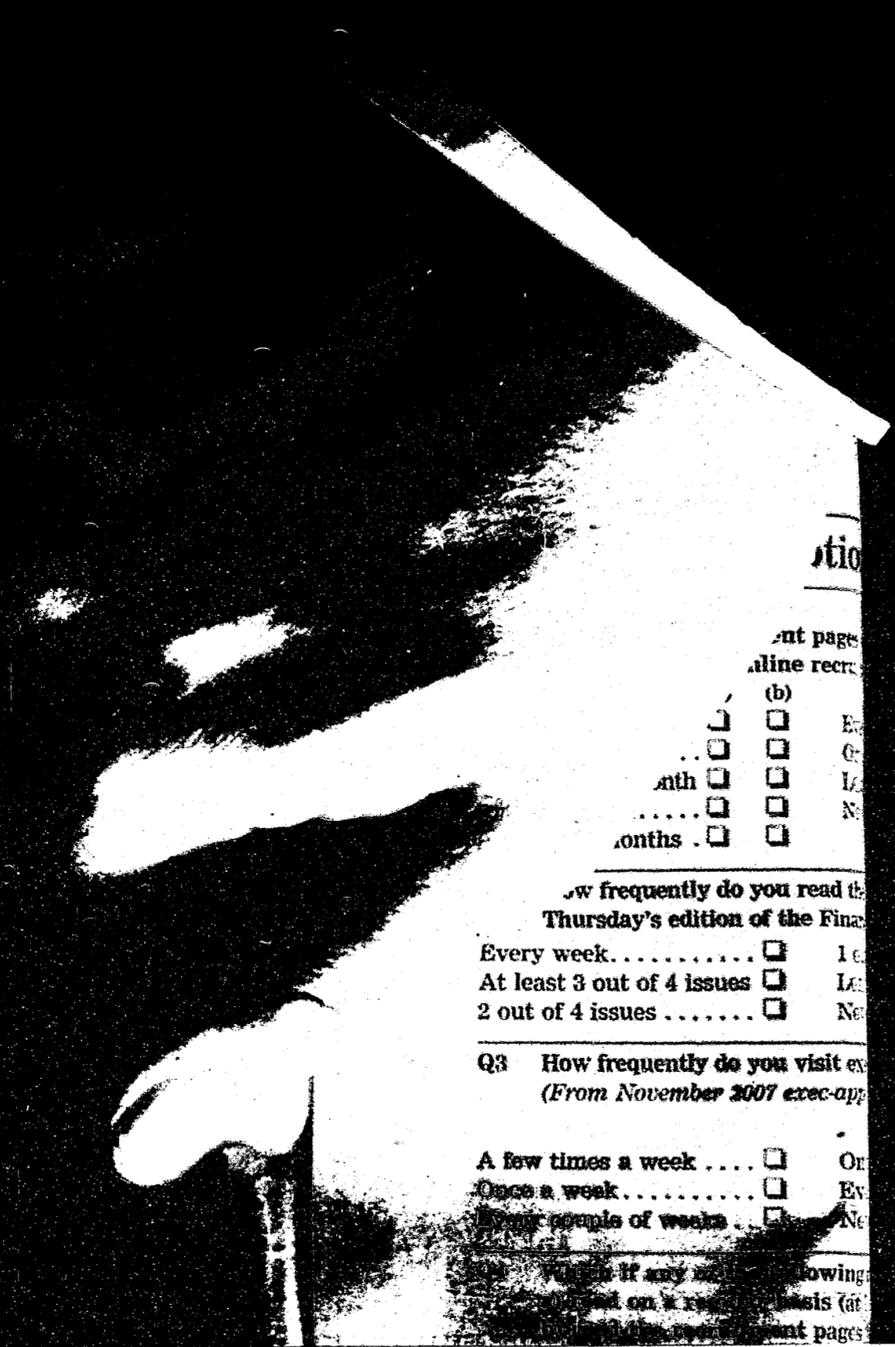
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