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## Village Councilor Williams dies



Don Williams

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### Cause of death related to heart issues

Ruidoso Village Councilor Don Williams died Wednesday after apparently suffering a heart-related

incident on his way home from having a stent procedure.

The stent was inserted

Tuesday and he was released from the hospital Wednesday. Williams' wife Misti was driving home

when Williams, 73, complained he was in distress. She pulled into the Ruidoso Police Department on

Mechem Drive about 6:50 p.m. and an ambulance was dispatched to take him to the Lincoln County Medical Center.

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## Foster mom killed

### Teens face murder charge

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Two teens are in custody in connection with the death of a San Patricio foster mother.

Evelyn Miranda, 53, was found dead in her home early Wednesday by a nephew. Two girls, who Miranda had taken in, were missing along with Miranda's vehicle.

The girls, both 15 years old, were found in Carlsbad, said Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Shepperd. He declined to release their names. One was from Mescalero and the other from Roswell.

"They had not been in (Miranda's) home long," Shepperd said. "One had been there for two weeks. The other had been there for three days."

The girls were considered "persons of interest" nearly immediately, said Lincoln and Otero counties District Attorney Diana Martwick.

Deputies with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, the Eddy County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Marshals nabbed the pair Wednesday evening.

The girls have been charged with an open count of murder and are being held in the Chaves County Juvenile Detention Center in Roswell. A custody hearing was to be scheduled.

One of the girls had recently been in court on a battery charge, but Shepperd said that was unrelated to the San Patricio foster home. He said he believed the battery charge was from an inci-

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## LITTLE CHICKADEES



DAVID TREMBLAY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Watching the nest of a mating pair of Red-tailed hawks that survived the Rifle Fire and stayed with their eggs, photographer David Tremblay was richly rewarded with photographs of two chicks since they were about 12 days old. The pair, which are about 18 days old now, are beginning to get their flight feathers and are curious about the world outside the nest. Although one chick is slightly larger than the other, both appear healthy and a nest that once seemed too large, now barely gives them room to stretch their wings, which they can only do one at a time.

## Detour set around Eagle Drive bridge work

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Nearly three years after Eagle Drive Bridge was damaged in a massive flood on the Rio Ruidoso, crews are preparing to install a prefabricated span-type replacement.

Residents and visitors made do with a one-lane box culvert bridge since December 2008.

Utilities Director Randy Camp said Wednesday FNF Construction began work Monday and has 72 calendar days to finish the project, which will cost \$970,000, considering design, land issues, bridge construction, and installation expenses. Justin King, special projects director and airport manager for the village, said the actual bridge ran about \$260,000.

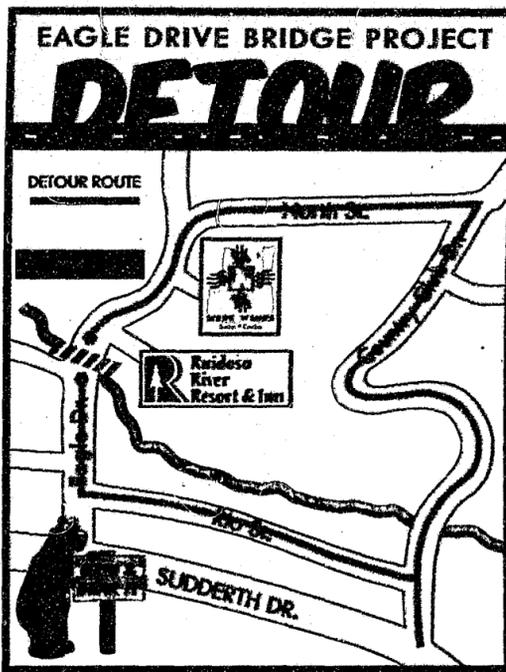
The Federal Emergency Management Agency will pick up 75 percent of the cost, the state will pay 18 percent and the village is responsible for 7 percent.

Besides working its way through the federal bureaucratic maze, the bridge project was delayed six weeks after a protest by an Upper Canyon resident. The resident contended a disaster escape route from that heavily populated tourist area should be part of any bridge projects emanating from the flood and being paid for with federal dollars. FEMA officials did not agree, but their response took some time.

Camp next received objections from business owners, who preferred work be delayed until after the summer tourist season. But King said installation of the bridge while the river is at a low flow is essential.

"It could cost a quarter of a million dollars more during a time of deep water," he said.

Village Manager Debi Lee said, "We had a lot of discussion about the timing of this project, but in the end it was determined that



now is the best time to do it because the river bed has to be dry. By coordinating the project with the current low river flow, we are able to recognize significant sav-

ings on the project."

During construction from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, traffic is being detoured to Country Club Drive Bridge,

a block farther south, allowing people to easily access businesses on the north side of Eagle Drive including West Winds Lodge, Sanctuary on the River and Ruidoso River Resort. A village crew will install a temporary walking bridge directly behind the Ruidoso River Resort that will cross the river and allow people to access Eagle Drive

"Major projects like this take a lot of planning time because of the coordination required between all of the agencies involved, including, in this instance, the Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA and the state of New Mexico," Lee said. "We are thrilled that the project has begun and look forward to having this main artery to our midtown area back to 100 percent."

Larry Clayton from FNF Construction will head the project and will work closely with Lee and King, the village's project manager.

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Woods W.A.L.K.

The fifth Annual W.A.L.K. in the Woods will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Wingfield Park located on the corner of Wingfield and Center streets in Ruidoso.

The event is a free interactive health and safety fair for all ages.

Organizers hope the new location and date, along with the new collaboration with the Sprint Triathlon, will bring new life into the event.

The W.A.L.K. in the Woods is sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health, Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and the Lincoln County Community Health Council along with many Ruidoso businesses.

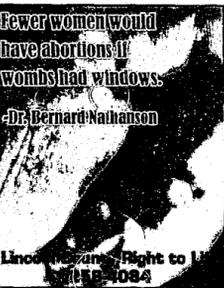
The first 100 participants to complete the walk by gathering stamps from booths will receive a free T-shirt.

Zozo show

Carrizozo Music in the Parks is sponsoring a free concert from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at McDonald Park in Carrizozo.

Muddy River String Band is an Albuquerque-based group that plays an eclectic mix of Americana. From folk to blues, bluegrass to old-time, Celtic to Cajun, their music is bright and energetic, with the occasional moody tune. Their unusual instrumentation includes the hammered dulcimer and the cello.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will sell a dinner of burgers with all the fixings, chips, and soda or water for \$5, and have a table of baked goods to benefit the maintenance fund for their



1939 historic clubhouse. The historic galleries along 12th Street will be open before the concert.

Rag Rug Festival

The New Mexico Women's Foundation is taking its Rag Rug Festival to Ruidoso Downs Saturday and Sunday.

The festival will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, 26301 Highway 70 West.

The New Mexico Women's Foundation began organizing Rag Rug Festivals nine years ago in order to fulfill one of its main goals — to help women and girls earn an income from their handmade products within their own communities.

Women's Cottage Industries cooperatives funded and mentored by the foundation will be represented by Tejedoras de Las Trampas, Las Trampas, Tres Manos Weaving Studio, San Miguel, the NaNeelzhiin Wome's Craft Circle, Cuba, and by a Bhutanese refugee community located in Albuquerque.

Individual artisans who are longtime festival members will be represented as well.

Upcoming events

The following events also are on tap:

**Saturday**  
• Billy the Kid Geofest at the Fort Stanton Parade Grounds, Fort Stanton at 10 a.m.

Free participation. Fort Stanton State Monument on the Parade Ground, northwest corner, or in one of the fort buildings if weather is inclement.

Participants are asked to arrive between 9 and 10 a.m.

Event start will be at 10 a.m. This year's event will feature about 30 geocache sites spread throughout Lincoln County, honoring the New Mexico Centennial and focusing on the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway.

At the close of the day a



Church group seeks host homes for cast

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

The music group Elation of St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Mesquite, Texas, will appear in concert at 7 p.m., June 17, at the Community Youth Warehouse in Ruidoso.

Host homes are needed for the cast.

The Warehouse is located at 200 Church Street in

Ruidoso behind Cornerstone Bakery and Well Fargo Bank. Admission is free, but there will be a "free will offering" requested. Elation is composed of 32 young people ranging in age from 12 to 18. The group was formed in August of 1999 and has shared "Godspell" with more than 125 congregations in 30 states and Canada over the past

eleven years.

All cast members have both singing, dancing and speaking roles to help retell the parables from the Gospels in "Godspell." The musical drama of the life of Christ is their means of conveying the message of Jesus Christ and as a result of their sincerity, organizers said "Godspell" becomes a significant worship event.

Community United Methodist Church is sponsoring this performance and is seeking help in housing the group Friday evening after the performance.

Typically, hosts provide sleeping arrangements for two cast members and return them to the Warehouse about 8 a.m., June 18. For more information, call 257-4170.

cookout will be held back at the fort. For more information, call Mike Bilbo, 575-420-7121.

**Sunday**  
• Sunday Under The Stars at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino — music by Larry Michaels and the movie "Caddy Shack," 6 p.m., free; bring chairs and blankets; weather permitting; children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Tuesday**  
• Get Graphic at your Library! — at the Ruidoso Public Library, 2 p.m.; join a discussion about graphic novels with Rick Geary, illustrator/author of more than 20 graphic novels.

• The Lincoln County Flag Day Celebration, 6 p.m., Wingfield Park, Ruidoso.

**Wednesday**  
Preschool Story Time at the Ruidoso Public Library, 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.; Tea Party Stories with a storybook tea party held in the classroom after story time.

**Thursday**  
• Six to 12 year old Summer Reading programs at the Ruidoso Public Library "The Amazing Journey — Get a Taste of the World" from 2 to 3:30 p.m.; sign-up continues for Summer Reading Program until July 16. Come by and pick up a

brochure. Teen summer reading program available.

**June 18**  
• High Rolls Cherry Festival sponsored by the High Rolls Mountain Park Lions Club, in High Rolls; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

• Taste of the Spencer annual wine-food-fund raiser at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 6 p.m.; this annual fund raising evening starts with a sampling from a half dozen of Ruidoso's finest restaurants and chefs accompanied by a selection of vintages served among the glowing Chihuly collections on both levels of the Spencer's Crystal Lobby;

there will be a wide variety of silent auction items on display throughout the theater; as the silent auction ends, participants can take their seats on stage to enjoy elegant desserts and a live auction with the entertaining Steve Talbot.

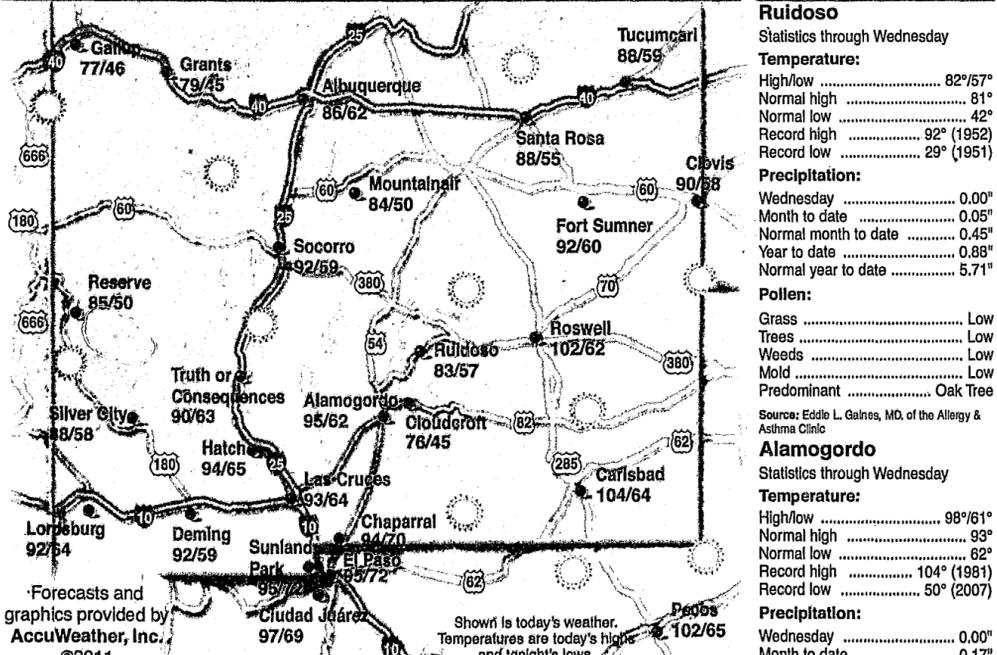
Items will include Italian, Indonesian and Hawaiian luxury vacations, golf packages, fine art and more; participating restaurants and chefs include: Blue Goose, Bradley "D" Catering, Dreamcatcher Café, La Sierra Mexican & Seafood, Landlocked, Laughing Sheep Farm, Lincoln County Grill, Rickshaw.

AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

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

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Almanac section containing weather statistics for Ruidoso and Alamogordo, pollen counts, moon phases, and weather trivia.

National Forecast for June 10, 2011

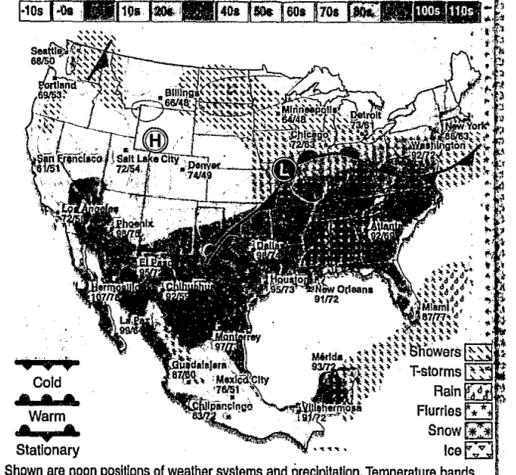


Table with two main sections: National Cities and Regional Cities. Each section lists city names and their high/low temperature forecasts for the day and Saturday.

# Ruidoso resident recalls recent deck collapse

## Woman's father remains in intensive care

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The two people seriously hurt in the June 4 porch collapse are improving at hospitals in El Paso and Lubbock.

Annette Chavez, who rents the home at 408 Snow Cap Drive, said her 73-year-old father is in intensive care in Lubbock. An aunt is still in a lot of pain with a broken pelvis and ankle.

Chavez said she was on the deck when it fell.

"It was like something that you see on the movies, like you're sitting there and it just caves in. It was the cracking. It was me and my two aunts that were sitting next to each other with our backs toward the rail and everything caved in. When it hit the second deck it knocked me out. I slid backwards and I hit the ground. I was the only one that flew out."

Chavez said 15 people

went down with the porch. One person was able to hold on and climb back into the residence.

"After I came to, I crawled into the debris to find my dad. And that's when I hurt my hip because the debris was falling. I found him unconscious and full of blood. I stayed by his side. My cousin wanted to pull me out and I was like, 'I'm not going to leave him,' because I knew he was unconscious."

Earlier in the evening a neighbor had cautioned the group about the load on the old deck.

Chavez said no one on the porch laughed at the messenger.

"When the neighbors had come over to warn them my aunt made a comment 'What are you trying to say that we're fat?' But she was laughing about it, like in a joking way. But they did listen and the majority of them did get off the deck. And also the laughing was

about my brother trying to tell my cousin that was up there singing 'Maybe that's a hint for you to stop singing and go inside.' So everybody was laughing about that, not at the neighbor."

She said the emergency responders were terrific.

"The paramedics, the officers, the firemen, everybody that was here, they did an awesome, awesome job. They were here so quickly. Everybody was really good and the neighbors did help a lot of people that were in shock walking around. The MacIntoshs were great. They came running. They took some of my aunts next door and had ice packs and gave them blankets."

Chavez said the gathering was not a planned party, but family was in

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Annette Chavez  
Ruidoso

the Ruidoso area because her father, a horse trainer, had a horse running at the race track. Some members of the family also came to Ruidoso to wish an aunt a happy birthday.

"It ended up with everybody here."

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**OUR OPINION**

**Developing a potential headache**

Transitional space needs oversight now

Who's minding the store? Well, if your store happens to be in that one-mile development transitional zone around the village of Ruidoso, apparently no one.

Councilors for the Village of Ruidoso recently brought up the issue along with concerns that there is no zoning enforcement is that thin strip of land called the Extra-Territorial Zone.

The zone was designed to allow alignment of roads between the village and county, and to ensure compatible housing or business development as it moved from the village, which operates under a zoning code, into the county,

which has no zoning, only a subdivision ordinance.

The transitional zone is supposed to be overseen by a board made up of representatives from the village and the Lincoln County Commission, but that board apparently hasn't met for more than a year.

Even when the board was functioning, there was no means to enforce its decisions so at least one developer simply ignored it when his application was denied.

We agree with the Village Council that the zoning board needs to be revitalized and a system of enforcement established before unwanted development occurs.

**YOUR OPINION**

**A night of delight**

To the editor:

(Saturday) night we the audience at the Spencer Theatre were enfolded into the magic of a local production of the ballet "Don Quixote."

From the opening moment when the knight envisions an angel high in the heavens, we are transported into a wonderful world of light and color that were choreographed to delight the eye.

The backdrops, three in number, were works of art, and the construction of the stage settings were such as to create an ambience of a lovely world beyond our dreams.

The costumes were dazzling in their design and color and were breath-taking as each group of dancers entered the stage.

It's hard to believe that here in our isolated corner of New Mexico, we could develop a group of dancers with the skills and ability that would put many professionals to shame.

We think that perhaps this might be what Jackie Spencer envisioned, a locally produced venue, when she lavished her treasure on a theatre here in the high desert.

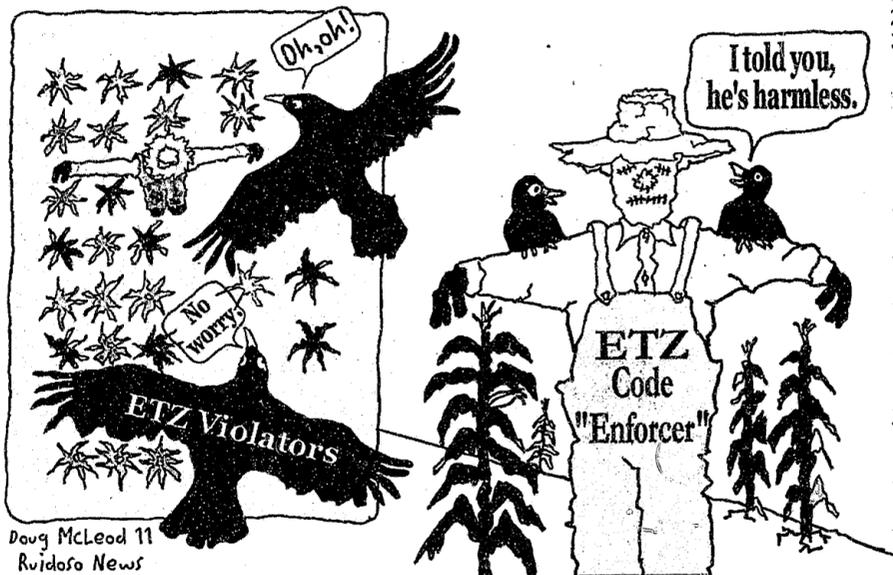
In our 85 years on this Earth there have been many high points. Certainly this particular evening was one of them. Our congratulations to all involved in this visual treat.

Roma and John Hall  
 Capitán

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Doug McLeod 11  
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**Yearning for a return to days gone by**

Young people grow weary of tales of time gone by, the glorious fifties and more permissive sixties, their simple themes captured by the TV series "Happy Days" and perhaps glorified by the classic film "American Graffiti."

"Pops! Pops! I know! You paid 25 cents a gallon for gas in 1956. I'm paying \$3.75 for gas. I am trying to find a college funded by tuition through a government loan that will kill my paycheck for years on a salary from a job that may be non-existent. All the government safety nets you enjoy are a big fat question mark for my generation. We're facing some real life issues here, so your 25-cent gas isn't much consolation."

I get it. The comparisons are fascinating but not particularly helpful.

There is little relevance, even in the language.

Kids today "download" everything, from iTunes music to website documents to videos to watch while standing in line to buy the latest electronic gismo. Is that progress? No doubt. It's good stuff.

Does it have its downside? Yes, the Internet is so pervasive as to be just plain frightening.

Our "downloads" in the fifties were pretty much restricted to transporting Mom's groceries from the neighborhood store to her kitchen counter.

The bags were full of staples

like milk at 82 cents a gallon, and coffee, 37 cents of pound.

The notion that in the not-so-distant future someone would walk into a corner shop to ante up \$4.75 for a cup of coffee? You've got to be kidding!

The bygone era's music was bland compared to today's hot

stuff whose lyrics are barely comprehensible to those of us who occasionally suffer through TV helpings of trash.

Not to say youths of our day didn't have their wild side. "Wake up Little Suzie, it's time to go home" was quite suggestive.

We all knew what was going on

there.

And don't even talk about "Come along and be my Party Doll." Downright dirty.

Mostly though, we had the likes of Annette Funicello singing, "I was dreaming of a wedding, a happy teenage wedding."

Contrast that to today's Lady GaGa who sings, "No matter gay, straight or bi, lesbian, transgender life, I'm on the right track baby, I was born to survive."

Here's a real mystery. Lady GaGa seems to be rather a despicable human being, so why would the producers of "American Idol," a potentially great family show, ruin it by subjecting my teen and pre-teen granddaughters to multiple Lady GaGa appearances? It is incomprehensible.

There is no short supply of wholesome Carrie Underwood types.

These good old day thoughts occurred not long ago when a newspaper story said a New Mexico county may seek to license "raves."

In case you haven't been following along as the years have gone by, the "rave" is a distant and depraved successor to the "sock hop."

Sock hops were the epitome of youth excitement in their day. We were getting our groove on when the jukebox played "Rock Around the Clock."

We all took off our shoes. The girls wore cute Poodle Skirts with appliques depicting musical notes, or flowers, or, of course, poodles.

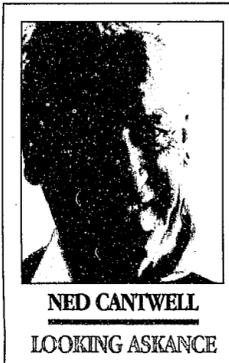
The coke machine provided beverages.

Raves are often held by private parties, ear-busting electronic blaring replaces the soft tones of "Oh, yes, I'm The Great Pretender," drugs replace orange sodas, girls wear as little as possible, and those in attendance take off anything they please. License them? How about crush them?

In my head right now I am picturing Sarah, a sensational 16 year old. Her eyes are glazed with boredom. Poor kid. She is wondering when grandpa will wind down. I know, Sarah. You have heard all this before. I can't take you back to that era of relative innocence.

But, gee, sometimes I wish I could.

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**Larry Walters**  
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 "We're waiting on the forest to open — it's just too hot to go anywhere else."



**Nathan Bishop**  
 Ruidoso  
 "I'm taking my weekend early and golfing or hiking until the forest reopens."

# Village's planning board to review livestock rules

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Residents who want to retain the ability to keep horses at their homes in Ruidoso, or those who are tired of living next to livestock can send their opinions to members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

Commission Chairman Larry Wimbrow and Commissioner Art Hinz were assigned the review with recommendations for action on rules in the municipal land use ordinance governing livestock in the village.

The two said Tuesday that they were looking at roosters, who could fall under a prohibition against odor or noise nuisance. But Acting Planning Director Bob Decker said the main concern seems to be people keeping large animals such as horses on extremely small lots.

"We tried to limit the number of dogs and cats (per household), but we didn't get far and the code doesn't differentiate," he said.

Hinz said he'd like some guidance from the equine industry about the mini-

mum size of lot needed for a horse.

"A lot of people keep them in small pens," said Commissioner John Cornelius. "Is there any law that keeps people from riding horses on the street? I see them on Sudderth (Drive, one of two state highways in Ruidoso)."

Decker said there is some confusion about the limit, whether with a fancier's permit someone can add to a base of five dogs or cats or the limit for a fancier includes the five.

"Our ordinance is pretty wide open," Decker said. "In other (towns), it's quite limited."

The planner said the commission also needs to review the ordinance governing the one mile extraterritorial zone around the village, in which the county of Lincoln and Ruidoso share approval authority, but not enforcement jurisdiction.

Because the ETZ Commission has not met for more than a year and the county has no official code enforcement arm, village staff asked Ruidoso councilors if they wanted to dissolve the district. But councilors were adamant, it

should be preserved, the ordinance should be reviewed and a system worked out with the county by which the village could handle enforcement, or it could be a shared obligation, Decker explained.

Lincoln County commissioners are scheduled to discuss the zone at a special meeting that begins at 9 a.m., Monday in the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

The ETZ zone was created as a transition area between a county with no zoning, only subdivision rules, and the village with zoning districts. The intent was to line up roads and land uses and prevent any jarring changes at the village boundary line.

Compatibility also makes it easier to annex land into the village to extend municipal utilities and services, if property owners petition.

"No one has been appointed to the ETZ Commission in two years, because nothing was happening," Decker said. "We need to reorganize it or revitalize it and decide how it applies to the village's Comprehensive

Plan and how we make it functional. The staff thinks if it is not used, why have it on the books."

The village always administered development activity within the zone, because it had more at stake than the rest of the county. The village also has input in a three mile platting and planning zone, and can jointly comment on proposed development with the county, Decker said. He cited a proposed subdivision called Stone Mountain, which the county approved, but the village rejected. The developer sought relief in court and the case still is pending, he said.

One of the first steps will be to update maps of the ETZ zone to reflect property that has been annexed, which shifts the boundaries.

"There are a lot of things we have to do to make this thing functional," Decker said. "It's been a contentious subject for two years, whether to keep it or kill it."

Cornelius said the ordinance needs to be updated and pointed out that it doesn't reference business-

es such as flea markets.

The problem always has been enforcement, Cornelius said. The county planner depended on using sheriff's deputies because the county had no code enforcement officer.

Decker said another question to tackle is if municipal court would have jurisdiction over someone cited in the county. He noted a developer whose application to build behind the Alto Cafe on a creek was denied, but apparently, he went ahead anyway.

"It became a storage yard," Cornelius said.

Building Official Shawn Fort said the mess is being cleaned up and Decker added that sometimes the building code enforcement is stronger than the land use code.

"We may need to reappoint an ETZ Commission to get things done and rework the ordinance," Decker said.

As currently designed, seven members comprise the ETZ Commission, three from the unincorporated area of the county and three from the village. The six then appoint a seventh member.

## Judge resigns

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Citing a job opportunity outside of Lincoln County, Carrie Spencer submitted her resignation as county probate judge.

In a letter to county commissioners May 23, Spencer wrote that she was resigning effective May 31, and appreciated the opportunity to serve county voters.

Commissioners are scheduled during a special meeting Monday to discuss the process for accepting nominations and applications for the elected position that pays \$20,024 annually. State law dictates that the commission fill the vacancy until the next election. County Manager Tom Stewart said there is no immediate need for an appointment, because the clerk coordinated with the district judge for necessary signatures.

Spencer first was elected to the probate judge post in November 2004, took office in January 2005 and served through 2008. While judge, she was appointed as Carrizozo police chief, a post she held for about a year. She was elected in November 2008 for a four-year term that would have expired at the end of 2012.

## Council

FROM PAGE 1A

Mayor Ray Alborn said he and Police Chief Joe Magill drove to the hospital together, but Williams "already was gone."

"He spent a lot of time in public service," Alborn said of Williams Thursday. "He and I didn't always agree, but we had mutual respect for each other's opinion that allowed us to be friends. His death is a loss for the village and for Lincoln County."

Visitation is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at South Park Cemetery in Roswell.

Williams, a retired engineer who spent time at White Sands Missile Range, first was elected to the village council in 2004. He then ran successfully for the District 2 seat on the Lincoln County Commission in 2006, where he served until 2010. He won re-election to his municipal at-large seat on the council in 2008 and was in his third year of a four-

year second term.

He described himself as, "A strong minded individual who has experienced, and understands that there are many sides to the issues that confront your elected officials."

He earned a degree in quality engineering and business administration from Hancock College in Santa Maria, Calif., was a certified New Mexico Municipal League municipal official, a graduate of Leadership New Mexico, a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians; a certified quality engineer by the American Society of Quality Control; and a certified professional engineer by the California Board of Registration.

He was a director of the Ruidoso Valley Festival of Lights and the chief executive officer of Military Appreciation Weekend.

He served on the Ruidoso Water Contingency and Conservation Committee and the Ruidoso Affordable Housing Committee, and represented the village on the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Committee.

He sat on the Executive Advisory Council of the Lincoln County Humane Society and on the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments and the Southeastern Regional Planning Organization.

Williams and Misti were

married on New Year's Eve 1963.

Michele Rebstock, who was elected twice to the village council the same years as Williams and worked closely with him during the first few troubled years involving a special state audit of village contracts, said, "I am

deeply saddened and shocked to hear the news of Councilor William's demise. We had some remarkable times together with our leadership training courses and work on the Village of Ruidoso Council.

"He was always a gentleman and very well pre-

pared for council meetings. Don and Misti were a wonderful couple and it was always pleasant to spend time with them. They were each others' life-long companion and love. My thoughts are with Misti as she steers through this loss and adjustment to life without Don."

## TEENS

FROM PAGE 1A

dent that occurred in Roswell.

While arrested at a residence in Carlsbad, the car the teens used to flee from San Patricio was found in Roswell. Shepperd said the two probably went on to Carlsbad because at least one of them had a boyfriend there.

Shepperd declined to say how Miranda died.

"We haven't got the official word back from OMI (New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator)."

Shepperd said it is believed the girls had both allegedly planned to kill Miranda.

"We're still in the preliminary part of trying to figure this out. It is just information that the detective has given me and I still don't have 100 percent on

all of it. We don't have any evidence that there were any weapons involved."

One of Miranda's friends in San Patricio, Stella Herrera, said the community is in mourning.

"It's very sad," she said. San Patricio is a close-knit community where everybody knows one another.

Miranda has two grown children. She operated a San Patricio business, Hair Styles by Evelyn.

Miranda took in troubled or challenged teens through Mesilla Valley Hospital's Treatment Foster Care program. The family-based treatment alternative to institutionalization was described as an approach to bring changes in children's social, emotional and behavioral needs. Treatment foster care parents receive 40 hours of pre-service training.

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# BUSINESS

## The future of Mountain Annie's

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Mountain Annie's will expand culturally. What had mostly been a dinner theater in Midtown Ruidoso is now titled Mountain Annie's Center for the Arts.

"We want to encompass all the arts. Visual, dance, drama, music, writing," said Shirley Estes, who with her husband, Jamie, purchased the 20,000-square-foot facility in January. "I'd like to have authors do writing workshops. We want to do all types of creative workshops."

The first phase of the expansion will be unveiled on June 24 when the Renaissance & Revolution Art Gallery opens.

"We're going to carry just a variety of styles leaning more towards contemporary right now," Shirley said. "But then we have a large collection that's going to be here that's mainly very well deceased artists of New Mexico. Then we'll change that out. We're not trying to duplicate what's already been done and what's being done in Ruidoso. We want to just add to it. I don't think you can get too much of any of that for locals or tourists. Like Jamie said, we'd love to see somebody else move in right next door to us and

do the same thing. The more the better because then you'd draw people here as an art destination, not just a skiing, not just a race destination."

Parts of the sprawling facility have been remodeled. Renovations are still to come to other sections, including the theater. But the Lincoln County Community Theater will perform Noel Coward's "The Blithe Spirit" in late July.

"It's going to be a theater-in-the-round, which means they're not going to use the stage for this play," Shirley said. "It's going to be on the floor and we'll place the tables around it. And this one will be a dessert and drama. Tickets will include dessert and coffee and then wine by the glass."

Supporting local talent is something Jamie Estes envisions.

"Eventually Shirley and I want to create a drama company because I think plays and dramas can really get some legs. And I want to add another component. Being a musician, I want to add live music to these plays. It doesn't have to be a big band. It could be one or two pieces. But that adds a dimension that's not been done on a regular basis in this community to my knowledge."

Some past patrons have asked when the dinner theater will return.

"I tell them that it's not every night like it was," Shirley said. "It's not just a dinner theater anymore. Now it will be a combination of concerts, stage productions. Sometimes we will provide food like the Lincoln County Community Theater play where we'll have desserts. So it's going to be a variety. It's not going to be one thing every weekend. It's going to be very different. Some people are happy with that, some people are not."

A restaurant section of the center may reopen. The couple is looking to sublease that area.

Jamie said the venues in the theater will vary.

"We want to have something at least four nights a week because we want to cater to the locals as well as out of town guests. We want to use a lot of local talent during the week. Local bands. Local actors for plays. We want to do the small conventions. We want to do the small trade shows and the meetings and all that. And on the weekends we would like to get where we can get big names in here and pack the house. As you know, there's nothing to do here during the week."

He said the bottom line will be to provide good, clean entertainment. Big-name acts have been talked



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Jamie and Shirley Estes are renovating Mountain Annie's to provide an expanded venue.

to, but nothing booked because the couple is still deep into renovations.

Mountain Annie's Center for the Arts will also host weddings, receptions, meetings and other private events.

Jamie said the center has "tremendous" potential being where it is at.

"Location, location, location. We've got that. We've got parking. We've got two hotels across the street. We get this restaurant open, whether we do or not, but if we do, they stay across the street, they come over here to eat and be entertained, and never have to get in

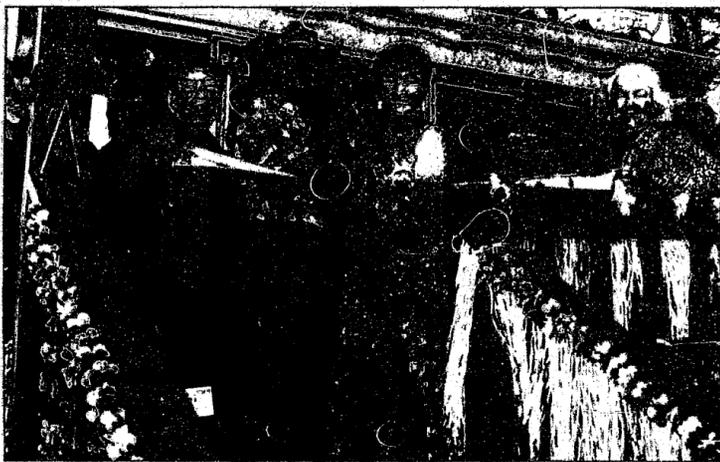
their car. And then they can walk up and down Midtown and the other merchants can reap that benefit. So it's win, win, win."

Jamie would like to take the multiple business opportunities a step further with what he calls a one money ticket.

"You can come to the Flying J tonight and eat with them. You come to me tomorrow night and eat with me and see a show of some sort. And you stay across the street on a hotel, all on one money. I've talked to our (Ruidoso's) tourism department, Gina Kelley, about it. She's all over it.

She thinks this is the way to go. It's the thing to do because about three months ago we had nearly 30 tour bus owners come up here. They came to New Mexico for show and tell and they came through Ruidoso. And we entertained them here that night, they stayed across the street, we fed them. I had James Hobbs (Flying J Western Show) come over and sing for them. They walked up and down Midtown. I mean, they were just knocked out. And when I mentioned the one money ticket, they said that's what we're looking for."

### ISLAND SNOW



COURTESY

The Ruidoso Valley Greeters join David and Sharon Carter at the couple's new business venture, Island Snow, in the A frames at 2415 Sudderth Drive. Sharon owned Ski Run Express last year but because of the lack of snow last winter she has put her efforts into the snow cone shop. Sharon was a volunteer firefighter and medic for Ruidoso Downs. David owns a welding business in the area.

## Three finalists, one job

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A previous executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce would like to have the job back.

Joan Zagone is one of three finalists scheduled to be interviewed for the position. Zagone is a co-owner of the Sears Hometown Store. She had been the chamber director from 1992 to 2001.

The other candidates are Becky Brooks, the

office manager at the chamber and Marla Lewis, the director of the Business Leadership Network in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Meet and greets with the three candidates began Wednesday when Zagone attended a public reception at the chamber offices. On June 14, Lewis will be available at 5:30 p.m. Brooks is scheduled to be at a reception at the same time on June 15.

"The directors are very fortunate to have received such a well qualified

group of applicants," said Glenda Duncan, president of the chamber's board of directors. "We look forward to learning more about these outstanding individuals and their vision for the chamber and business communities we serve."

The previous chamber director, Sandi Aguilar, resigned in April. Last month Aguilar took the director of public relations position at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

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Residents along Eagle Creek are urged to submit statements and photographs documenting the environmental effects on their property of the loss of stream flow. Examples of the detrimental effects documented thus far include:

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- Effects on fish, wildlife, and vegetation
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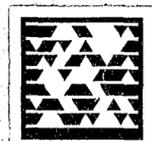
Members of the Eagle Creek Conservation Association, an organization formed by Eagle Creek residents concerned about the loss of stream flow, will gladly provide examples of testimonials and assist property owners in preparing their statements. Please contact Ab Keus (akeus@valornet.com) or Bill Midkiff (billmidkiff@valornet.com) for assistance or further information. This is an important opportunity to help restore our creek and preserve the environment and our quality of life.

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# Village, county managers keep close tabs of fuel budgets, expenses

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While Lincoln County's manager keeps a close watch on fuel expenses with periodic budget adjustments, Ruidoso's village manager tackled the financial threat of rising fuel costs with a mix of scrutiny and efficiency.

"We do budget adjustments every six months," County Manager Tom Stewart said Wednesday. "I average the costs and keep up on how prices are increasing. Last year, for example, our whole fuel bill for all departments was \$363,096. So far this year, which is almost finished, it's \$404,312. That's an 11 percent increase."

"But that doesn't tell the full story, because the increase only occurred in the last couple of months. I'm seeing a 28 percent increase in the monthly bill."

The two areas of county government most directly affected in their budgets are the Road Department and Sheriff's Office, he said.

The county is helped by

having a bulk gasoline supply for the Road Department and a state-approved contract through Wright Express at a discount.

"It's a break, but not much," Stewart said.

He said he was pleased to see prices drop about 20 cents a gallon to below \$3.79, he said.

"That's better than three weeks ago," Stewart said. "I'm concerned, but the county is managing."

Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee said the village staff looked at actual consumption in 2009-2010 and found that most departments didn't use their total fuel allocation.

This year and in the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget, they were adjusted to reflect real numbers.

The village is establishing an audit review committee and one of its first tasks will be to hold departments responsible for reconciling gas receipts from individual vehicles to ensure no excessive use is occurring, she said.

She commended the Solid Waste Department

and Street Department for the efforts they've already instituted along those lines.

The village even jumped ship on a state fuel contract because Purchasing Agent Vicki Eichelberger thought the price was too high.

"We thought it was good, because they could use (the card) at stations anywhere, and then the prices went out of sight," she said.

Bell Gas, which distributes locally, offered a discount and was the only bidder to be the new supplier.

Councilor Rafael Salas at a recent village council meeting asked if Bell or the village had a backup in case the village ever loses power again, as it did several years ago during the Trap and Skeet Fire.

"We couldn't get gas for six hours and I recall the council wanted a provider with a backup generator," said Salas, who was head of the village Parks and Recreation at the time.

Eichelberger said both Shamrocks in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs are served

by Bell and if an outage was widespread, Shamrock owns a bulk plant with a generator and trucks that could haul fuel to the village's fleet.

"We're going to bird dog a lot of expenditures," Lee said. "That's why we spent so much time on each line item in the budget. I hope the final budget workshop will be an all-day meeting" to allow councilors and staff to become invested in the budget and to offer ideas.

"We need more money for capital improvements, infrastructure and street repair," Lee said. "One way to find it is to save in other areas."

Reviewing Ruidoso's preliminary budget, most departments held the line on fuel along with other expenses, taking the lead from Lee and Finance Director Nancy Klingman, who were deadly serious in meeting a village council directive to balance the budget. For the first time in

several years, revenue covered expenses without dipping into reserves. The two budget masters hope to take it a step further and increase the reserve from an amount equal to one month of operation to three months, more in line with

the requirement placed on counties, they told councilors.

Lee previously said she is working on decreasing the village indebtedness to reduce or eliminate the hefty \$3 million a year in debt payments.

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# Delinquent property tax sale set

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Staff in the Lincoln County Treasurer's office has been pursuing property owners who are now four years behind in paying property taxes. On June 15, those still in arrears will have their land sold in a delinquent property tax sale at the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Lincoln County Treasurer Glenna Robbins said the state's Property Tax Department conducts the action each year. The Taxation and Revenue Department's website, under the title "Find a property tax sale," has a list of the Lincoln County properties. And the county's treasurer's office has a list and map available for \$10.

"They will sell the

properties that are listed if the taxes are not paid in full before the 15th," Robbins said. "So these people that own the properties can pay the taxes and get off the sale list if they pay by 5 p.m. on the 14th."

The list initially had 43 properties but as of Wednesday that had been trimmed to 21.

"We're still trying to get a hold of some. Some of these people are hard to find. They've moved. They've inherited and don't know they really have it. But we still try to track them down so that they know that if they want to keep this property they need to pay the taxes."

Robbins said some have pledged to pay the property taxes before the auction date. Others have

said, "I don't care. Sell it."

In some past years all the delinquent taxes have been paid averting a sale.

The current status of the list includes both vacant and developed properties, though Robbins said usually homeowners get their past due taxes paid.

The delinquent property tax sale is a true auction.

"You have to come in and register prior to the 10 a.m. time to get a bidder number," Robbins said. "They have to have their money or a certified letter from their bank in order for the successful bidder to pay."

Anyone interested in bidding on a property can call the county treasurer's office the day before the June 15 sale to learn if the property is still on the list.

# Entities could see mediation

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If officials from the village of Ruidoso and city of Ruidoso Downs can't reach agreement on some key budgetary issues, mediation may be the answer, one village councilor suggested.

Councilor Gloria Sayers asked what agency would handle mediation for towns that don't agree on issues in which they are partners, such as the new \$36 million regional wastewater treatment plant.

"This is not going away," she said at the council's meeting late last month.

Village Manager Debi Lee was scheduled to meet with City Finance Director Terry Mosley to work through the areas of disagreement, which Councilor Jim Stoddard said included the charge for administrative fees by the village, that handles the plant's operation; the portion of the salary of Village Utilities Director Randall Camp being allocated to the plant; and a contract with Parametrix, a company handling some of the stream monitoring connect-

ed to a lawsuit filed over the quality of water in the Rio Ruidoso below the discharge point from the former plant that was replaced.

Lee contended the village's auditors agreed with the administration percentage charged to the plant.

"We front all costs and (Ruidoso Downs) reimburses us," she told councilors.

"So who is the legal authority?" Sayers pressed.

"I don't think there is one," Lee replied.

Mayor Ray Alborn said he already has asked Lee to obtain a legal opinion on dissolving the Joint Use Board that governs the plant and is composed of two representatives from Ruidoso, two from Ruidoso Downs and one from Lincoln County, although that position has been vacant for months.

With the current impasse, "We can't get anything done," Sayers said.

Lee said state and federal agencies prefer a regional approach to problems such as river quality, water supply and wastewater treatment. Now that the plant is built, "the worst part is over," and she'd like

to explore a proposal offered more than a year ago by Camp about a shareholders approach to the plant.

Councilor Don Williams proposed that whatever legal opinion is obtained that it come from someone not involved with either the city or the village.

Lee said Village Attorney Dan Bryant approached two suggested by the auditors, "but they didn't want to take it on."

"Someone needs to draw the two parties together, instead," Sayers said.

But the mayor saw it differently. "To me, we need someone to say this is how it's going to happen," Alborn said. "Getting into a circle and passing around an olive branch ain't going to do it."

Although the village operates the plant and is responsible for 85 percent of the expense and debt payment, the city is supposed to cover 15 percent. The village imposed higher rates to cover added costs. The city raised property taxes and recently imposed an additional gross receipts tax to meet its obligations connected to the plant.

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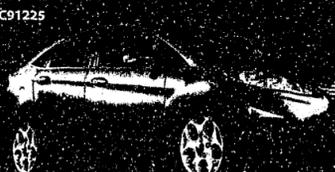
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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## Animal air alert issued

FROM REPORTS

**SANTA FE** – In response to the smoke and ash from the Arizona Wallow Fire, the New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association has issued a smoke advisory for pets and livestock.

Keeping pets inside when possible and restricting exercise is advised. Smoke is a complex mixture of many potentially harmful substances and prolonged exposure increases the risks of respiratory damage. Animals compromised by age, obesity, or chronic respiratory disease should be monitored closely.

The following recommendations should help keep your pets safe:

- Don't let pets loose to roam about.
- Keep windows and doors closed as much as possible. Use the recycle or re-circulate mode on the air conditioner in your home or car.
- Provide plenty of water for your pets and livestock so they can keep their airways moist.
- Exposure to smoke can cause coughing, watery and itchy eyes, difficulty breathing, and other problems. Pets experiencing questionable or severe symptoms from smoke exposure should seek professional veterinary advice and treatment.
- Wildlife may be confused or startled by smoky conditions and could potentially harm your family or pets. Please be cautious, as some animals may be moving about at unusual times of the day.
- If you have any questions or concerns contact your veterinarian.
- To learn more about the New Mexico State Land Office, log on to [www.nmstatelands.org](http://www.nmstatelands.org) for further information.

## Space summer camps under way

As the historic era of NASA's Space Shuttle program draws to an end and a new era of exploration dawns, the New Mexico Museum of Space History's popular summer science camps have stepped up to help inspire the next generation of pioneers. The New Mexico Space Academy's summer camp program began in Alamogordo June 6 and will continue each week through August 5, with the exception of the week of July 4. The camps are open for cadets entering kindergarten through twelfth grade and feature three separate themes this summer, "Space", "Spy", and "Scream".

"The exciting thing about being a part of this program is the opportunity to help spark the imaginations of our cadets," said Maryann Vogel, the Academy's new summer camp director. "Camp started this past Monday morning and Tuesday morning a mother came into my office and said her two children enjoyed the day so much that she was going to sign

them up for an additional week. That's what makes all this hard work worth it," she said.

The NM Space Academy summer program has once again expanded beyond the boundaries of Otero County and is offering three weeks of camp in Las Cruces, two weeks in Sunland Park, two weeks in Santa Fe and one week in Loving.

"Innovate/Educate New Mexico has helped pave the way for us to offer the extra camps in Sunland Park through their STEM initiative. The Las Cruces camps that we offered last year were so popular we were able to expand to three weeks this summer and they are all fully booked," said Museum Director Randall Hayes. "All of the out of town camps are now full. Registration for the eight weeks of camp in Alamogordo is in full swing and we expect to exceed last year's attendance," said Vogel. In 2010, the camp program had over 750 registered cadets.

"To The Edge of The Universe" is the theme for

space week in Alamogordo and takes cadets on an adventure past the edges of the galaxy.

The next three available weeks open for registration are June 20-24, July 11-15 and July 25-29.

Special guest presenter Dr. Alan Hale, co-discoverer of the Hale-Bopp Comet, will be on site for each space week class lecturing on astronomy.

"Being a part of the New Mexico Space Academy summer programs has become an experience that I look forward to every year," said Hale. "I enjoy working with young people and helping them to develop an appreciation for science and astronomy," he said.

"Spy Camp" is a new feature for this summer. Cadets study the tricks of the espionage trade and hear from special guest speakers with personal experience.

Registration is open to cadets in kindergarten through 9th grade for the weeks of June 13-17 and July 18-22.

Also new to this summer's camp line-up is "Scream Camp", which takes cadets on a thrill ride of amusement park science based on NASA curriculum. Roller coaster science, g-forces, velocity, and acceleration are just a few of the topics cadets will explore before they take their field trip to Western Playland to apply their newly learned science. Registration is open to cadets in kindergarten through 9th grade for the weeks of June 27 - July 1 and August 1-5.

The Academy's summer programs continue through the first week of August. Registration fees vary depending on grade level and whether the cadets are day campers or residential. Interested parents should contact the museum education department or stop by their offices inside the IMAX theater Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. til 5 p.m.

For more information, call 575-437-2840 or toll free 1-877-333-6589 or visit the website at [www.nm.spacemuseum.org](http://www.nm.spacemuseum.org).

## Low cost screenings offered in Roswell

FROM REPORTS

A low-cost health screening will be offered at Roswell Regional Hospital on Saturday, June 11, from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the hospital's facility at 117 E. 19th Street in Roswell.

The health screening includes height, weight, body mass index, blood pressure, oxygen level in blood, blood sugar, LDL/HDL cholesterol testing, prostate cancer test (PSA), and peripheral vas-

cular disease testing.

The cost for the screening is \$25, payable in cash or a credit card (no checks).

Do not eat or drink anything except water for 12 hours prior to the screening. An upper arm is needed for blood pressure and blood draw. An upper arm and lower leg is necessary for the peripheral vascular disease screening.

No appointment is required. For questions, contact Lisa Thompson, chief quality officer, at 575-625-3391.

### HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Our thanks to the generous people of Lincoln County.

A few days ago, we sent a public service announcement to the local radio stations pleading for donations to our Resale Shop, which was running out of inventory. The results of our plea were overwhelming.

We have had a steady flow of cars and trucks bringing us donations. Once again, the people of our county have shown why they are the best!

The recent low inventory of merchandise is due to our near-record breaking sales at the Resale Shop in May. Sales were approximately 33 percent over May of last year.

We held an off-site

adoption at Lawrence Brothers IGA last Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. We found homes for two dogs, Tessa and Doug, both of whom are senior dogs (over five years of age).

We had a fairly good May for adoptions, which is usually a slow month. We adopted out 23 dogs and 10 cats, while returning 37 animals to their owners.

We are overwhelmed with kittens. The adoption fee for cats is \$25.00.

We want to remind everyone that we now have a tomy lift on our box truck, enabling us to hand even the largest pieces of furniture and appliances. If you have a large item for donation, you need only call for pick up. The Resale Shop telephone number (575) 378-

1040.

The planning for the Furr Ball is going great! There are a few tickets left but they are going fast, so if you want to attend this gala event, sign up soon by calling the Humane Society Shelter. The number there is (575) 257-9841.

Also, we are still taking donations for the Furr Ball auction. If you have a donation, please call Kai Brown at (575) 336-1526 and she will make arrangements to pick it up. However, all donations need to be in by the end of the day on Friday, June 10.

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There's a new arrival in my produce department this week. Welcome...Plumcots!!



Also called "Plumcots" these cute little guys are a hybrid between, you guessed it, plums and apricots. All types of this cross have an intensely sweet and fruit flavor. Plumcots are available from May to October.

Plumcots may reach their pinnacle when introduced to alcohol, and the new fruit gives aspiring drink masters a chance to create a brand new cocktail. Steep with red or white wine and other summer fruits for a spicy delicious sangria. Place in a sterilized bottle or jar with vodka and age for a few days for a spectacular mixer.

### Plumcot Salsa

- 1 pound Flavorella Plumcots diced
- 1/3 cup Red onion minced
- 1/2 cup Cilantro finely chopped
- 1/4 cup Mint finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon Jalapeno Chile red variety
- 1 Salt and White Pepper to taste

### Marinade

- 1 tablespoon Lime Juice
- 2 teaspoons Sugar



In small bowl, combine lime juice and sugar until sugar dissolves, making marinade. In large bowl, add all other ingredients, adding salt and pepper to taste. Stir marinade into mixture and serve chilled.



Tessa with her new master, Eleanor. Man on the right is Ken, who rescued Doug.



Doug with his new master, Connie



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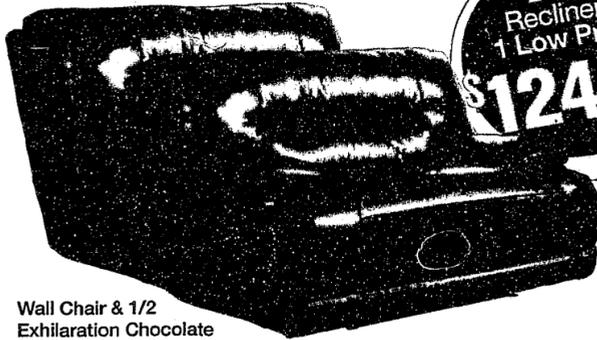
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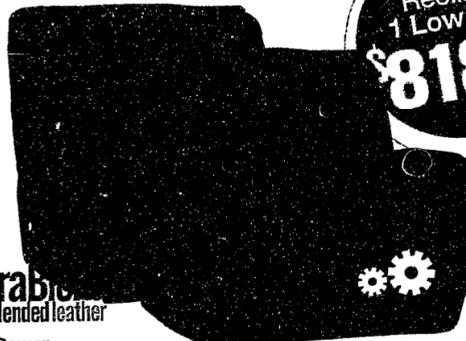
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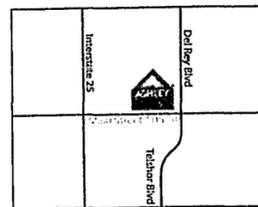


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Lucina,

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Rodney Brown  
Ruidoso

Dear Ms. Walsh and Ms. Sarber,

I have subscribed to the Ruidoso News for 12 years. Before, I just glanced at Vamonos. Now, it's a different story! I thoroughly enjoy the articles Ms. Sarber writes about our local residents. I want to go out and meet them! Instead of giving Vamonos a moment of attention I look forward to Friday's paper just to read it cover to cover!

Carol Manchester Brown  
Ruidoso

Dianne Stallings

Thank you for all the good press. Reading your coverage made me feel like we got something good done!

Beth Hood - Ruidoso

Lucina

Just flipped through Vamonos and can see the difference in the layouts. So clean. Beautifully done. And well written articles on your part! I appreciate that you are doing lots of hard work to produce such a difference there.

Deborah Wenzel  
Ruidoso

Lucina

You conducted our interview with the utmost professionalism, your questions were direct and to the point. The article in Vamonos was the best interview experience and subsequently the best written article that I've seen pertaining to me.

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## RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

## May 30

**9:40 p.m.** - An officer was called to a home in the 100 block of Timber Wolf for a delayed report of a battery. A 17-year-old woman said her 26-year-old boyfriend had battered her at a hotel around 2 a.m. She said she had been slapped. Police were attempting to contact the boyfriend.

**11:37 p.m.** - Police responded to the Lincoln County Medical Center for a man reportedly smoking inside the hospital. Alley M. Hosetosavit, 32, of Mescalero, was arrested for violating an order not to be at the hospital. Hosetosavit was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center in lieu of a \$1,000 bond.

## May 31

**10:14 a.m.** - Police cited a Ruidoso man for improper handling of fire. An officer had been dispatched to a home in the 100 block of Porr Drive on a report of a fire. Scrap wood was being burned by Arturo C. Rodriguez, 72. The fire department extinguished the fire.

## June 1

**1:01 a.m.** - Cpl. Lawrence Chavez and other officers responded to a public affray at The Quarters, 2535 Sudderth Drive. Several patrons of the bar said Gilbert C. Vigil, 42, of Ruidoso, had tried to start fights. One of the patrons told Vigil to stop picking fights and Vigil reportedly pulled out a knife.

Vigil was rushed by several people and escorted out of the bar. An assistant district attorney told police to charge Vigil with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and public affray. He was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center on a \$5,500 bond.

**4:10 a.m.** - Police charged Blanca E. Gutierrez, 20, of Ruidoso Downs with failure to immediately provide notice of an accident and providing alcohol to minors. An officer was notified of an accident on Paradise Canyon Road where the damaged vehicle had left the location.

Ruidoso Downs police stopped the vehicle on U.S. Highway 70. The car's operator told police that Gutierrez had been driving when the collision occurred. Also cited for being minors who had consumed alcohol were two passengers, Cecilia Mendoza-Hernandez, 20, and Jose M. Flores, 20. Both were from Ruidoso Downs.

**11:37 a.m.** - Officer Eric Ament was dispatched to Burke's Outlet, 209 U.S. Highway 70, for a reported embezzlement. A district manager for the retailer detected some cash was missing. He viewed surveillance video and saw a cashier put money in his pocket. The suspect admitted taking \$80 for car needs. An investigation is continuing to determine if there had been additional money taken.

**3:27 p.m.** - Officer Christopher Bryant responded to LaGrone Funeral Chapel, 341 Sudderth Drive, after a man had dropped off an urn that contained cremated human remains. The urn was found by the man at

the village's cemetery. LaGrone manager Danny Sisson told Bryant that the remains may have been abandoned. He said he had contacted the village's Parks and Recreation Department, which manages the cemetery.

Someone had called the department inquiring about the cost of interring an urn and the man responded the cost was too expensive. The urn was shipped back to a

California funeral home that was the origin of the cremation.

**5:50 p.m.** - Officer James Urban was dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road for a vandalized vehicle. The owner said an estimated \$580 in damage was incurred. Both headlamps were broken and the hood of the vehicle damaged. A softball-size rock was found by the car.

**6:13 p.m.** - Police re-

sponded to a residence in the 400 block of Excalibur Road after a woman found a back door to her home shattered. Drawers and closets in the home had been searched. Missing in the burglary and criminal damage to property case were a 32-inch flat screen TV, a laptop computer, camera and some liquor.

## June 2

**1:36 p.m.** - Officer Christopher Bryant was

dispatched to a location in the 500 block of 2nd Street. A resident said a neighboring home had had a car in the driveway for a short time the night before and two people inside the home. The lock on the front door was found broken. It was unknown if anything was missing.

**1:45 p.m.** - Officer Eric Ament was sent to a home in the 300 block of Mustang Drive for a possible burglary. The officer

found the front door had been kicked in. Some evidence was collected nearby. Police are trying to learn the name of the owner of the home.

**1:50 p.m.** - A home in the 200 block of Spring Road was broken into. Officers that responded to the location found a rear window broken. A television was missing.

Dressers had been rummaged through. The out-of-town owner of the home was contacted.

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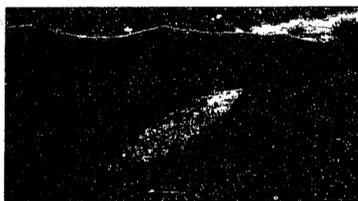


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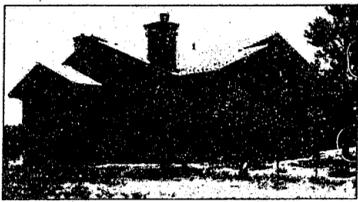
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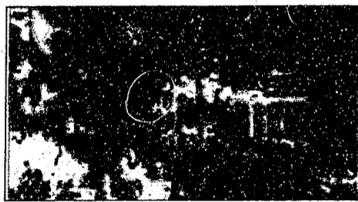
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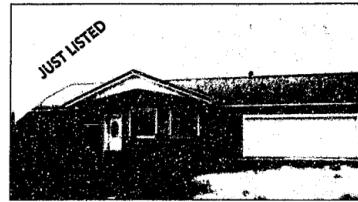
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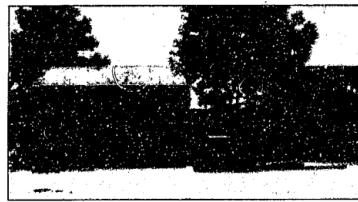


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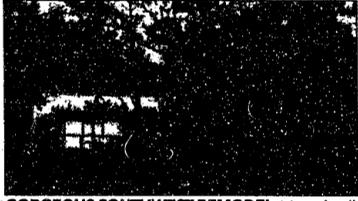
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### Sports On Tap

#### Ruidoso Sprint and Kids Triathlons

The Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon is a high-altitude event (7000ft), Saturday, June 11. It will begin with a gun start for the 3.5-mile run toward Grindstone Lake starting at Wingfield Park at 8 a.m. After arriving at the lake, runners will go clockwise and return to the transition area to grab their bikes. The 10-mile cycling event passes the Inn of Mountain Gods with a turn around at the Hunting Lodge. From the transition area, triathletes run to the indoor pool and swim 400 yards. More info & maps of the course at [www.bicycleruidoso.com](http://www.bicycleruidoso.com). An "M Games" event, military personnel are encouraged to participate.

#### Race Track

Ruidoso Downs Race Track holds racing Friday through Monday. Post time is 1 p.m. each day. Saturday, June 11, is the Ruidoso Derby, a Grade 1, 400-yard race for a \$702,650 purse. Parking is always free.

#### Pro Baseball

**Friday, June 10**  
Las Cruces Vaqueros at Ruidoso Osos, 1 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 11**  
Las Cruces Vaqueros at Ruidoso Osos, 4:05 p.m.  
**Tuesday, June 14**  
Duke Renegades at Ruidoso Osos, 4:05 p.m.

#### On Deck

##### Warrior challenge

Community 5K run, USATF NM Association 5k Championship, and Native American 5k National Championship will be held Saturday, June 18, at 8 a.m., on the campus of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute. Additional events include: 1- and 2-mile fitness walks, kids 12-and-under competitive 1k, toddler non-competitive 400-meter dash. This event also serves as a Haskell Indian JUCO/University Track & Cross-Country reunion and all former athletes are encouraged to attend. Two individuals, Gerald "Jerry" Tuckwin (Mayetta, KS) and Esther Felipe (Acoma, NM) will be given special recognition for their lifelong service to the health, fitness and education of tribal communities. For more information call (505) 710-3323, e-mail: [SportsWarriorsTC@aol.com](mailto:SportsWarriorsTC@aol.com); visit: [www.sportswarriorstc.com](http://www.sportswarriorstc.com).

##### Summer Soccer Camps

At White Mountain Elementary Soccer Complex, Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24. Led by Ruidoso High School Soccer Coach Kelly Brown, UEFA Certified Soccer Coach. Ages 2 - 3 Soccer Activities/Games, 1 hr 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - (max 10) - \$55/child. PARENTS MUST ATTEND FULL HOUR. Ages 3 - 5 Beginning Soccer, 1.5 hrs 9:30 - 11 a.m. - (max 15) - \$65/child. Parents encouraged to attend. Ages 6 - 10 Basic Improving Skills, 3 hrs, 11:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. - (max 25) - \$80/child. Ages 11-14 Improving Skills / Intermediate, 3 hrs, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. - (max 30) - \$80/child. Contact Kelly Brown, PO Box 2074, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

##### 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 fund-raisers 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.

## Giorgino leads Ruidoso Derby field

### FROM REPORTS

**RUIDOSO DOWNS** - Fastest-qualifier Giorgino takes on an impressive Grade 1 field in the all-time richest Ruidoso Derby and simulcast wagering on the Belmont Stakes from New York offers the nation's best 3-year-old quarter horses and thoroughbreds on Saturday at Ruidoso Downs.

First post time at Ruidoso Downs is 1 p.m., after the first race from Belmont Park runs at 9:30 a.m.

Jorge Haddad's homebred Giorgino and his nine competitors will be chasing a record \$702,605 purse and a record \$351,303 winner's share. The previous record purse of \$568,965 was established last year. Two years ago the total purse was \$308,267, which is less than the winner will earn on Saturday afternoon.

Giorgino impressed in his first start for trainer John Stinebaugh and his

first start at Ruidoso Downs when he won his Ruidoso Derby trial by one length in :19.683 for 400 yards, the fastest time from the seven trials. Stinebaugh won last summer's Ruidoso Derby with champion Double Down Special.

Giorgino, trained by Haddad last year, raced to 2010 victories in the Sunland Winter Futurity, TQHA Sires Cup Futurity and the John Deere Delta Downs Juvenile Challenge.

Giorgino will be ridden by Esgar Raminrez, who takes over from trial jockey Jacky Martin, with the outside post position. Instead, Martin opted to ride second-fastest qualifier Prospect To The Top, who has the fifth post position.

Joel Tavarez's Prospect To The Top, a \$25,000 supplemental nominee to enter the Ruidoso Derby trials, has thrived for trainer Ralph Muniz over the past year. After racing in the Grade 1, \$2,000,000 All American Futurity, he went on to win the Grade 2

Hobbs America Futurity last fall at Zia Park and the Grade 2 West Texas Derby at Sunland Park this spring.

Prospect To The Top earned his way into the Ruidoso Derby by winning his trial in the second-fastest qualifying time of :19.698.

Third-fastest qualifier Llano Teller moved to the top-tier of his division early in his 2-year-old season when he won the Grade 1 Remington Park Futurity and finished third in the Grade 1 Heritage Place Futurity at Remington Park. He then qualified for the Grade 1 Rainbow Futurity at Ruidoso Downs and the Grade 1 Texas Classic Futurity at Lone Star Park.

Trainer Heath Reed brought Llano Teller back from a layoff for the Ruidoso Derby trials and the gelding responded with a one-half length win in :19.708.

Fourth-fastest qualifier JD Baccarat, a \$120,000 Ruidoso Select Yearling

purchase, stepped up in his Ruidoso Derby trial when he drew away to a three-quarter-length win in :19.728. He qualified for last Labor Day's All American Futurity and won his maiden in his Ruidoso Derby trial.

The Paul Jones-trained JD Baccarat starts from the seventh post position with Ramon Sanchez aboard.

Jose and Gustavo De La Torre's One Sweet Jess squeezed into the Ruidoso Derby field with the 10th-fastest qualifying time of :19.836 in his local debut, however is always dangerous with an impressive Grade 1 record at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California. The earner of \$682,000 won the Grade 1 Golden State Million Futurity and finished a close fourth in the Grade 1 Los Alamitos Two Million for trainer Ugo De La Torre.

Santiago Mendez, One Sweet Jess' regular rider at Los Alamitos, is up with

the sixth post position.

The Belmont Stakes, at one-and-one-half miles, is thoroughbred racing's first major showdown of the 2011 season. The third leg of the Triple Crown pits Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom against Preakness Stakes winner Shackleford. Animal Kingdom finished second in the Preakness Stakes.

Ruidoso Downs will offer full-card wagering on the stakes-dominated program from Belmont Park and there will be a special Brooklyn Handicap-Belmont Stakes double wager. The Brooklyn Handicap runs on Friday afternoon at Belmont Park and features last year's Belmont Stakes winner Drosselmeyer.

On Sunday at Ruidoso Downs, the first race of the All American Triple Crown series - the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity - is contested. Fastest-qualifier Fly First Down impressively won his first start in the Ruidoso Futurity trials.

## Champion wants to stay close to home

HAROLD OAKES  
[hoakes@ruidosonews.com](mailto:hoakes@ruidosonews.com)

She doesn't want to run away from home.

"I still haven't decided," Staci Mitchell said Thursday about choosing a college. "I would like to stay in state and stay close to my parents. I don't want to go too far."

Mitchell won the New Mexico State Girls 300-meter hurdles championship in Albuquerque May 14 and the U.S. Army is interested in her running for them at The U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

"It is so far away," Mitchell said. "I know that physically and mentally I could do it but I don't know if I could handle being that far away from my mom. I am very close with my parents."

Mom, Laura, is a pharmacist at Walgreens and dad, William, is the Mesalero chief of police.

It is not a decision Staci has to make right now. She has another year of high school.

"I graduate in 2012," Staci said. "I have another year."

And, hopefully, another



Ruidoso Junior Staci Mitchell stands on the top step during the 300-meter hurdles award ceremony at UNM Stadium May 14. Maya McGowan, right, of St. Michael's, finished second and Jenna Sievers, of Portales, finished third.

trip to the State Track and Field Championships.

"I have been to State every year since 2008, my eighth grade year," Mitchell said. "2008 is the year we won as a team. Last

year we did okay as a team. I placed in the 400-meter dash and 300-meter hurdles. This year I placed in both."

Mitchell ran fifth in the 400 finals and then, almost

immediately, competed in and won the 300 hurdles.

"It was maybe 15 minutes," Mitchell said. "My sophomore year every thing ran very smoothly. I ran the 400, we got on the

podium and got our medals, I went and got checked in and had time to warm up. This year everything was so backed up at

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## Reflections of a baseball tournament

We just got back from Las Cruces and a baseball tournament. My feet are still swollen from the 97-degree heat. My stomach is in an uproar after three days of hot "dawgs" (from my New York days) and nachos with extra cheese.

My hands are still dyed a pinkish-red from mixing Kool-Aid in a five-gallon jug for the team.

I stopped drinking the

Kool-Aid a few years ago but that is another story.

We only won one game and lost two. I remember the look in their eyes, the trepidation, as kids earlier in the season ran in the Major League size outfield for the first time. It might as well have been Yellowstone

because it was so immense compared to the Little League fields they were

accustomed to. They were intimidated by the 400 foot center-field and 325 foot left and right field fences.

My kid proved to himself Saturday he could run the outfield as he snagged two well hit balls for crucial outs.

At bat he hit one line/pop fly deep to mid-center approximately 250 feet and the next at bat he hit a hard rising liner to approximately the 290 foot mark in left field.

Unfortunately both were caught. He realized

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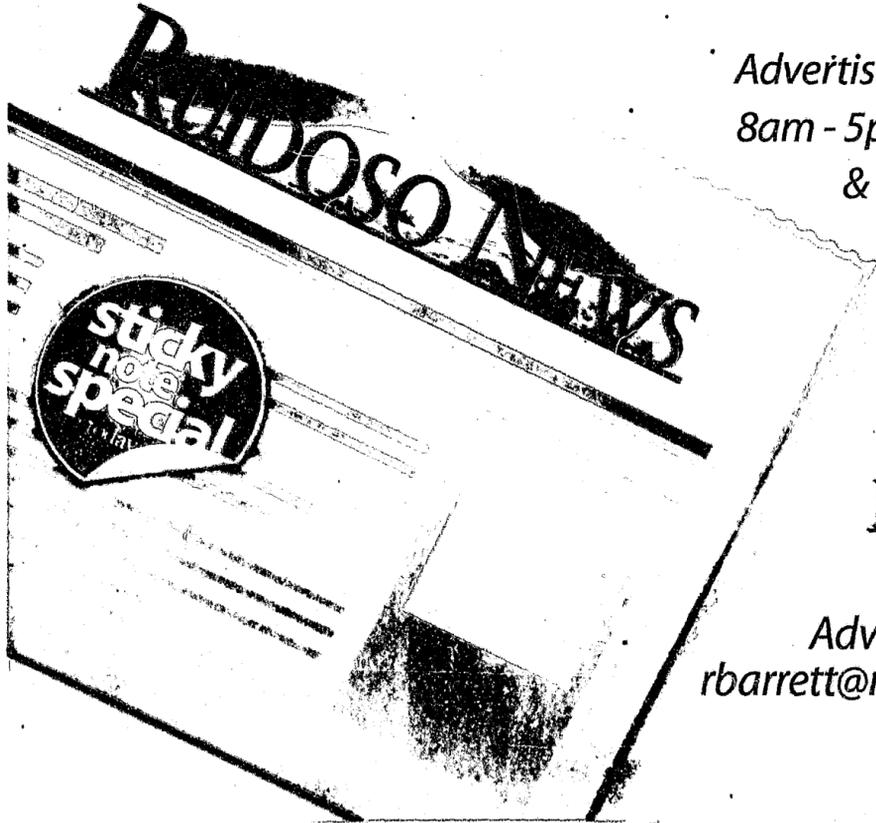
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# RELIGION

## Suffer the Little Children...

**Q**: I'm a Holocaust survivor who made it to the United States through the Dominican Republic by a big miracle. As time went by, I realized one thing: God did not let the Holocaust happen; we let it happen. Recently, I read a newspaper article about the death of a 6-year-old child. This child had been suffering since the age of 2. She'd done nothing against nature. Her parents didn't even have a chance to teach her the difference between right and wrong. Why do children have to suffer before they even have a chance to enjoy life? - A., of Farmingdale, NY, via e-mail



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

**A**: Sometimes people are saved by miracles, and sometimes not. The ways of God are beyond us, but I do agree that the suffering of children is the most spiritually

challenging form of evil in the world. The death of children like the one you mention from incurable diseases is terrible, but it's a fact of our biological fragility that people of all ages succumb to disease. However, the death of children from avoidable and savage cruelty, such as during the Holocaust, is morally and spiritually numbing.

If I were an atheist, I would certainly use the murder of children as my checkmate move—even though, ultimately, I don't think it succeeds.

What I would humbly suggest is that our agony in the face of all suffering, particularly that of the young, comes from an understandable but incorrect and scripturally unsupported belief. Contrary to the teaching of Scripture, God does not promise us all a long and untroubled life on earth. God promises all of us a life accompanied always by

God's love. God promises us a consoling partner as we live through life's troubles, and eternal life after death in heaven.

I understand that it's easier to believe only in a God who gives us our lives and blessings, and not also in the God who will reclaim those lives and blessings some day. I try to believe in God's giving and taking equally, and I pray that you might do the same. Justice for the evildoers among us is our responsibility. Eternal, unconditional love is God's responsibility and remains God's only and best gift.

I know a story told by the Jewish philosopher Abraham Joshua Heschel. He said that the first time he heard the story of the sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22) read in the synagogue, he cried. His father asked why he was crying and he answered, "I'm worried that the angel will be too late to stop Abraham." His father calmed him by saying, "Don't worry, my son. Angels are never too late. People...people can be too late."

My prayer: May we never be too late again.

God bless you.

**Q**: I'm willing to bet you're philosophical-ly opposed to the death penalty because it's inconsistent with a civilized world, but that you wouldn't say so in a column because it's too controversial and a minority opinion in this country. Any chance you'll prove me wrong? - S., from Durham, NC via e-mail

**A**: Never bet on what you think I believe. I'm a defender of the death penalty. It's clearly allowed in Scripture: "He who sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God has God made man." (Genesis 9:6, as well as Exodus 21 and Deuteronomy 19. Also see that the spiritual validity of capital punishment is affirmed in John 19:11, Acts 25:11, Luke 23:41 and Romans 13). Scripture counts and Scripture supports capital punishment.

I think the deep reason behind this view, and an argument I rarely hear made, is that the death of a murderer is the only way

for the murderer to atone for the ultimate crime of taking a life made in the image of God. Even if the murderer doesn't want to atone for his or her sin, it's the only way to set right the scales of justice.

To simply assume societies that execute murderers are uncivilized is morally untenable. If murder is the greatest sin, and it is, then the execution of a murderer, which is the greatest punishment, is morally fitting and morally equivalent. It's about atonement and justice. It's not about vengeance or blood lust.

There are societal reasons that augment the scriptural view. Society has no clear moral obligation to sustain, house and care for its predators. Those funds should be used for other socially-constructive ends.

The arguments against capital punishment, though unconvincing to me, are nonetheless serious and well meant. It is argued that a miscarriage of justice cannot be corrected if a person is wrongly convicted and executed. Capital punishment cases

also are costly and often drag on for years.

I'm also deeply troubled that the number of people of color who are executed seems disproportionately large. However, the use of DNA testing has made certainty in these cases far easier to achieve than in the past. Not all convictions for capital crimes are flawed.

I know it may seem inconsistent to urge mercy in the killing of animals, as I've argued in defense of vegetarianism, yet support capital punishment, but one moral distinction explains it all. The murderer is morally guilty, and the cow on its way into a Big Mac is morally innocent.

Good people with good hearts can disagree, but in the end, I'm convinced that the need to destroy our predators serves moral, societal and spiritual goals.

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## At seventy five...

**I**n just a few days, I will be seventy-five years of age. I am not asking for cards, gifts, or sympathy. But, when I was twenty-five, I couldn't wait for time to pass and be an adult. I was married with three children. I had been teaching and coaching for three years. My take home pay was \$197.50 per month, when I started in the DeLeon, Texas, and school district.

When I hit fifty years of age, I had been the pastor

of the Tate Springs Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, for thirteen years. I was completely and totally immersed in ministering to that congregation and starting ten other churches in the Metroplex. With a growing church, a Christian school, and missions...state, national, and international, I had my plate full.

By this time, Alice and I had six daughters and several grandchildren. No question about it, life was challenging. Also, both of

our mothers had moved into our home. Five of our daughters were married, and I could see the other two would soon be out of the house. This was life as rich and full as it could be. I suppose that I would have stayed in that time frame for the rest of my life. Not so!



Clarifications  
BY CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR

So, I am turning seventy-five and where am I now? For some reason, time marches on. By God's grace, I am in the paradise of the Sacramentos, Ruidoso, New Mexico, as pastor of the J Bar J Country Church. I had led my church in Arlington to start ten other churches. But God had

ordained that I would not be finished until I had started a church, myself.

I wish that I had the energy and drive that I had when I was fifty. For some reason or the other my get up and go, done got up and went. It is amazing how time has passed. It is amazing that God has blessed me with good things...good family, good friends, good churches, good staff helpers, good places, and good health. I am not worthy of His blessings, but I

am thankful for them.

I really don't know about the next twenty-five years. When I surrendered to the ministry, I asked the Lord for fifty years as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By the way, He didn't say "yes" or "no". But that is my goal, to keep on going until I am eighty-four.

I know that I can make it taking one day at a time. He will give me help for today and hope for tomorrow.

## Illicit affair is a dead-end road

**Q**: My marriage hasn't been all that fulfilling, and now I've reconnected over the Internet with an old flame from high school who's in the same situation. I don't know where it'll go, but why would it be wrong for us to get together on the sly? I know several people who do this. - Mrs. J.J.

relationship like this to destroy their marriage - only to be rejected by the person with whom they'd hoped to spend the rest of their life. The Bible warns, "There is a way that seems right to a man (or woman), but in the end it leads to death" (Proverbs 16:25).

Instead, I pray that you will recommit yourself to your marriage, and do everything you can to rebuild its foundations. Perhaps your husband has been a disappointment to you - but have you allowed yourself to become a disappointment to

him? Take the initiative, and little by little work to rebuild your relationship.

Most of all, make Christ the center of your marriage - and your life. He can help you become the wife He wants you to be, and give you a new love for your husband. The Bible says that in marriage "God has joined

the two together, so no one should separate them" (Mark 10:9, NCV).

**Q**: Please pray for me. My doctor said I'm bipolar, which means that one day I'm really up emotionally and the next day I'm down so far I don't even want to live. If enough people pray for me maybe I'll be healed, although it doesn't look very hopeful. - R.W.

**A**: Thank you for your letter - and I'm sure many people will pause to pray for you as they read it. The Bible tells us to "pray for each other so that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

I'm thankful you've been in contact with a doctor who has been able to diagnose your problem. But have you continued seeing him, and are you following his instructions concerning treatment for your problem? I'm not a psychiatrist or psychologist, of course, but I know that problems like this

often are caused by chemical imbalances in the brain, and medicines can often help overcome these.

Don't let your emotions guide you about this; when you're feeling good, you may be tempted to think you don't need to take any medicine - and when you feel depressed, you don't want to take it. But God often uses medicines to heal us, and we shouldn't turn our backs on them. One of the Apostle Paul's closest companions on his missionary journeys was Luke - a medical doctor (see Colossians 4:14).

Most of all, I urge you to put your life into God's hands by giving your life to Jesus Christ. He knows what you're going through, and His love for you will never grow weak or fade. In addition, let the Bible's promises encourage you every day - no matter how you feel. The Bible says, "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:9).

**A**: I deeply hope you won't give in to this temptation but will cut off any relationship with this person at once. It may seem exciting and fulfilling at first - but it's a dead-end road, and will only lead to heartache, guilt and sorrow.



Billy Graham  
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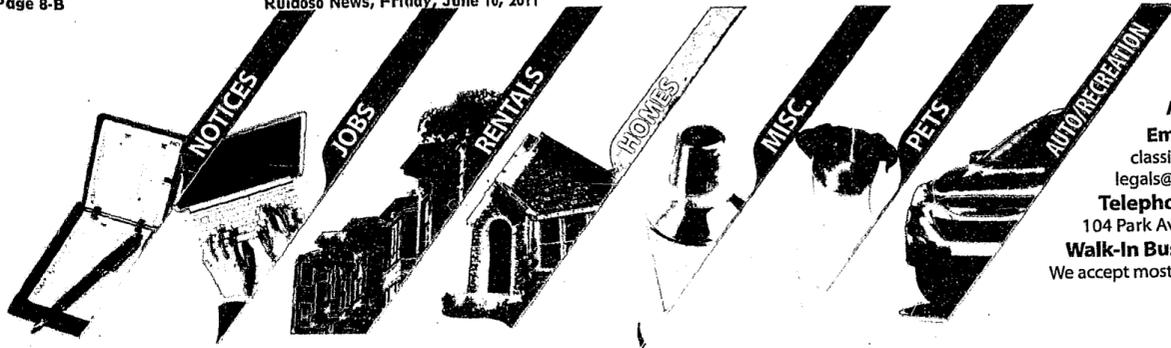
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**Customer Service Comes to ENMU**

Rachel Weber conducted a customer service class on June 1 for ENMU-Ruidoso staff. The three-hour class addressed good and bad customer service, evaluating students' and employees' needs, and developing and monitoring the college's brand. Several brainstorming sessions allowed employees to voice their ideas, experiences, and concerns. "I know for myself, if I have a bad experience somewhere, I'll tell everyone I know and stop going there," says Coda Omness, Di-

rector of Public Relations. "On the other hand, when I receive good customer service, I don't tell as many people, but I make a point of going back. It's important that we work on problems but also to recognize where we are treated well and use those examples as everyday standards here at the college."

The distinction between satisfied and loyal customers is an important one, according to Weber. It is easy to have satisfied customers: All you need is to give them what they expect. In order to have loyal customers, it is necessary to go the extra mile by giving service "better than your mother." If a competing business enters the picture, customers will leave unless they have a personal connection. Establishing a bond is crucial for longevity and success in today's competitive business environment.

Rachel Weber also teaches for ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education. A "Customer Service" workshop is scheduled for June 21 and is open to the public.

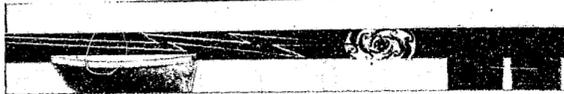


**Volunteers Needed**

The Ruidoso Municipal School District Outdoor Learning Center Program needs volunteers for a river cleanup and to build erosion control structures as part of a cooperative learning project. The project is located on Warrior Drive across from Ruidoso High School. Volunteers are asked to meet at the high school at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 11. Water, snacks, and lunch are included. For more information, contact Crystal McClellan at 937-5697 or Jack McCaw at the college at 257-2120.

**Third Thursday Talk**

On June 16, ENMU-Ruidoso President Clayton Alred will speak on the college's economic impact on Ruidoso and Lincoln County. The talk is free and open to the public. It will be held on campus in Room 105 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.



Tom and Jean Latka will be coming this week to Ruidoso from their home in Pueblo, Colorado to install their ceramic and dichroic glass piece on the campus facade. The artwork is funded through the New Mexico Art in Public Places program.

The Latkas are well known in the ceramics community for their large outdoor sculptures and fountains. Their aim is to connect people with their urban surroundings by using vibrant, expressive, and organic shapes.



Tom Latka, Judy Pekelsma, and Barb Morrison working on the project in Pueblo.

The New Mexico Art in Public Places Act was passed by the New Mexico legislature and signed into law by the Governor in 1986. More than 2,500 pieces of art have been placed throughout the state. The goal of the program is to celebrate the diversity of the arts, cultures, and viewpoints of New Mexico. The program is funded through a provision of the law requiring all agencies to set aside 1% or \$200,000 (maximum) of the money appropriated for new construction to include public art.

**ENMU-Ruidoso and CYFD Host The Heart Gallery**



The Heart Gallery exhibit will be shown in the library through June 30. The show consists of portraits of New Mexico

children in foster care waiting to be adopted. It is sponsored by the New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department. For more information on the exhibit, call 257-2120. For information on adoption, call Ronny Diaz at 434-5950 ext. 1121.

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# COMMUNITY LISTINGS

## 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 Hwy. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Mountain Top 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/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games. 116 S. Evergreen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Gamblers Anonymous:** Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the 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.

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

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

**Kiwanis:** Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; 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.lckennels.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 Lupo'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 sacmtnvillage.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 whitmountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsearch.org or phone 866-596-8382.

**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 Armitage 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 3rd St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Political

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

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

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

**Republican Party of Otero County:** meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Peppers Grill, 6:30 p.m. For more info: 575-437-1710.

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

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

### Service Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Downtown Lions Club:** Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3988 or Martha 437-7515.

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

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

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

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

### Veterans/Military

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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.

**Al-Anon:** Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

**Al-Anon:** Meets at noon every Friday at Methodist church in Carrizozo. Come to back door; bring your lunch.

### 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.

### Education

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

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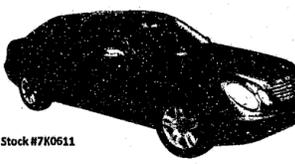
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