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Tax-free weekend begins today

Break aimed at school supplies but includes other items

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Today begins New Mexico's tax-free weekend for families who will be purchasing school supplies and clothing.

Started in 2006, the exemption from the gross receipts tax also applies to computers and

some computer equipment. "The beginning of the school year can be an expensive time for parents, teachers and students," said Gov. Susana Martinez.

"In these challenging economic times, this weekend will provide much needed relief for New Mexicans as our children

return to school."

Better business

The annual tax-free weekend is a big plus for some local retailers.

"It's a little incentive for back-to-school shopping," said Steven Conway, manager of

Burke's Outlet in Ruidoso. "It's actually one of our biggest weekends of the year."

The store has school supplies, clothing, shoes, backpacks and other student related items.

Sherri Webb, manager of Beall's, also said the no sales tax weekend normally is a good sales period.

"Customers enjoy not having to pay taxes," Webb said.

Beall's actually started the tax-free weekend at midweek, with the store paying the gross receipts tax on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Family Dollar store in

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Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart, left, watches as Bonita Fire Department volunteers dig a trench to divert water at the Lincoln County Humane Society's animal shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road Thursday afternoon.

Flashing flooding strikes the region

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Two flash flood warnings were issued the past two days as the Rio Ruidoso rose because of some heavy rains. Thursday's rains impacted the Humane Society of Lincoln County's animal shelter at the base of the mountain along Gavilan Canyon Road.

"We had a hell of a lot of rain come down that mountain because the water brought mud with it and deposited it in the shelter, three inches of it," said Bill Haralson, a board member and humane society's media liaison. "What didn't stay in the shelter went on down the hill and virtually brought traffic to a standstill on Gavilan Canyon. There was a stretch there probably 50 feet wide that went across the road."

Haralson said when he arrived at the shelter the fire department showed up with pumps.

He expected the clean up to be completed on Friday. No animals were in peril.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said other than the problem at the shelter, mitigation work done in the area along Gavilan Canyon Road

appeared to have protected other locations in the area of the shelter.

The first of the two flood warnings was issued Wednesday at 8:16 p.m. after National Weather Service spotters reported flooding in Allison Canyon. More than three feet of water also was reported flowing into the River Ranch RV Park from the Rio Ruidoso. Allison Canyon is north of U.S. Highway 70 and then just west of the RV park.

Anywhere from one-fifth to one-half of an inch of rain fell Wednesday across south central Lincoln County, the weather service reported. Additional precipitation, at times heavy, occurred Thursday, prompting another flood warning at 12:54 p.m. That delivered between one-half-an-inch to as much as a full inch, depending on the location, according to the weather service.

"A little bit. Nothing serious," Travis Atwell, the director of the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services said of flooding at the RV park located about five miles east of Ruidoso Downs. "The jersey barriers we put

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A SWINE TIME AT THE FAIR



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Above, Colton Racher coaxes his pig around a turn Wednesday evening at the Lincoln County Fair's Swine Show. Though fattened for several months, it's still a bit small to play with the bigger boys. Colton was competing in the prospective category in which pigs not meeting size requirements can show.

At left, Chaehi Hoehn shows a pig in the prospective category during the Lincoln County Fair's Swine Show.

U.S. Attorney: Fire investigation continues

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The property owner who resides adjacent to the origin spot of the White Fire is not a focus of a federal investigation into the cause of the

blaze that started April 3. But there are "targets" being investigated, U.S. Attorney Kenneth Gonzales said Thursday.

"Although the White Fire was so named because it originated near land owned

by Mr. (Tommy) White, Mr. White is neither a subject nor a target of the federal investigation," Gonzales said. "The federal investigation has identified targets and the investigation into those individuals continues."

In a prepared statement, Gonzales told the Ruidoso News a decision has not been made yet on filing criminal charges and no decision will be made until the probe is

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Reporter celebrates 20 years at the News

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Hired Aug. 1, 1991, the Ruidoso News' believed longest-term employee will continue writing "as long as I can walk."

Dianne Stallings' byline in the Ruidoso News even precedes 20 years ago this week. She started as a part-time feature writer, which soon became a full-time news job later in 1991.

"It seems like two years," Stallings

"It seems like two years. I mean, it's just flashed by because it's always so much fun."

Dianne Stallings
Ruidoso News reporter

said of her tenure at the News. "I mean, it's just flashed by because it's always so much fun. It's always so different. Different people, different situations

every single day. One day you interview an astronomer. The next day you interview a psychic. The next day you interview a politician. And it's exciting."

The seasoned reporter had a previous 20-year journalist stint with the St. Petersburg Times, beginning as a correspondent covering Hernando County, Fla.

"I was hired as full-time staff after a few months and I worked for them until

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HEAL golf tourney

The second Annual "HEAL at the INN" Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Championship Golf Course in Mescalero.

Proceeds benefit the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs.

The tournament is a best ball, 4-golfer scramble. Players can register individually or as a team.

The cost is \$99, which includes, green fees, cart, golfer goodie bag, awards ceremony and barbecue dinner.

There will be prizes for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive (male and female). Sierra Blanca Motors will be offering a new Jeep as the grand prize for the Hole in One competition. Inn of the Mountain Gods Pro Shop certificates will be given to the 3 lowest scoring teams.

This year, in addition to the sale of the ever-popular Mulligans, there will be numerous golf-related items for raffle. These items have been secured from the Links at Sierra Blanca, Cree Meadows Country Club, The Golf Club at Rainmakers, Outlaw Golf Club and Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club.

HEAL at the INN is limited to the first 144 players. Because it sold out early last year, players are

encouraged to register online at HEALgolftournament.even tbee.com.

For further information, call Don Ratay at 575-973-1385.

Republican meeting

Al Santos, administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, will be the featured speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Republican Party of Lincoln County Aug. 8, at Cree Meadows Country Club.

Jack Shuster, 1st Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Lincoln County, said in addition, Party Chairman John Billingsley will brief members on what is happening in New Mexico's United States Senate race and upcoming events with the Republican Party of Lincoln County, the Republican Party of New Mexico and nationally.

"We pledge to honor the Constitution as constructed by its framers and honor the original intent of those precepts that have been consistently ignored, particularly the Tenth Amendment, which grants that all powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people," Billingsley said.

Dinner is set for 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. To help with a head count for the optional

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION



COURTESY

With all the recent wildfires in the region, there have been more than 105 fire fighters helping to maintain, save and restore the areas affected by the fires. Currently the Smokey Bear Fire District has three full-time engines with 15 crew members attached to each engine. In addition, there are the Forest Management crews and other entities associated with the ongoing forestry work here in Lincoln County. In appreciation for the continual efforts to keep the residents of Lincoln County safe and out of harm's way, Altrusa of Ruidoso took lunch to the firefighters and First National Bank provided drinks. Pictured here are, standing, Kelsey Crawford, Terri Trotter, Helen Woodfin, Dianne Vowel, Pam Gervais, Denice Vincent, Fireman Sean Keller engine 137, Tanya Hargrave, Doris Wallace.

\$14-per-person dinner, contact Barbara Dickinson at 336-7822 by 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Members of the Republican Party of Lincoln County work hard to represent the interests

of Lincoln County Republicans. Money raised through memberships helps to make sure that the best candidates make it to the ballot and get the support needed to win, Shuster said.

Memberships in the Republican Party of Lincoln County will be available at the meeting. The Republican Party of Lincoln County seeks to inform the electorate on issues of the day as well

as political party activities and invites the concerned community to become involved.

For information about the Republican Party of

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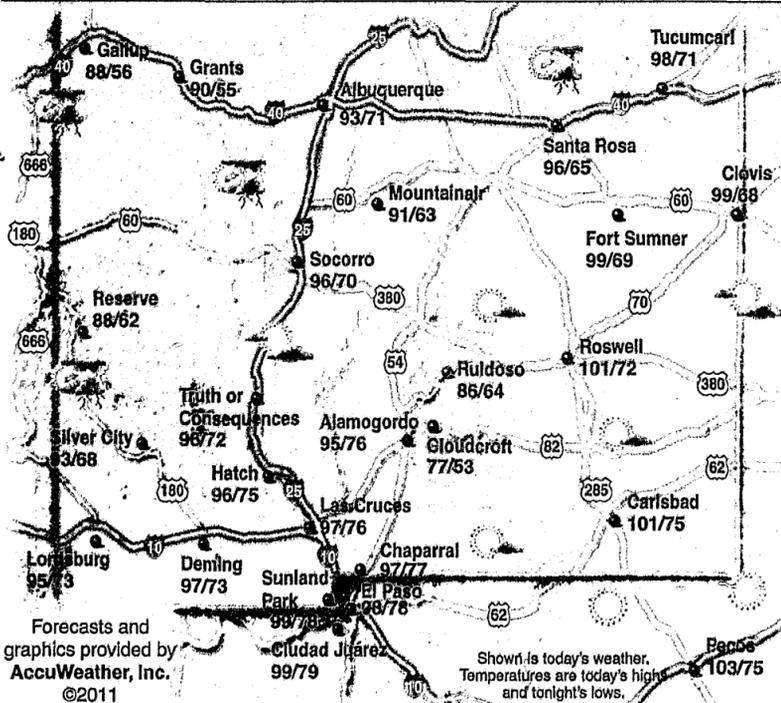
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 94°	RealFeel 89°	RealFeel 91°	RealFeel 89°	RealFeel 87°	RealFeel 86°	RealFeel 85°
Humidity 41%	Humidity 40%	Humidity 39%	Humidity 32%	Humidity 31%	Humidity 46%	Humidity 38%
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Sunshine and patchy clouds	A t-storm in spots in the afternoon	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny, a shower in the p.m.	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm
Wind: NE 4-8 mph	Wind: SW 8-16 mph	Wind: WSW 7-14 mph	Wind: NW 8-16 mph	Wind: NNW 8-16 mph	Wind: NNW 6-12 mph	Wind: S 7-14 mph

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Regional Cities



Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:19 a.m./7:59 p.m.	Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 12:54 p.m./11:43 p.m.
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Moon Phases

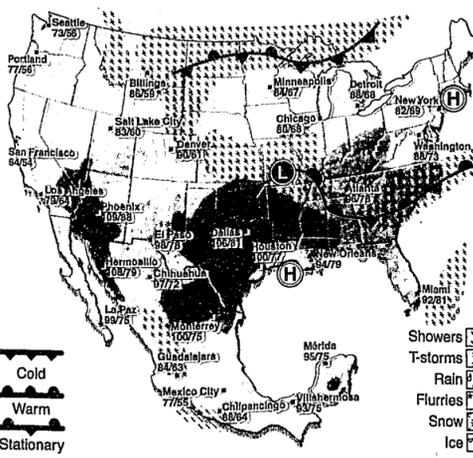
First	Full	Last	New
Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 21	Aug 28

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)	Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 117° in Bullhead City, AZ	High: 126° in Miribah, Kuwait
Low: 29° in Bodie State Park, CA	Low: -20° in Islas Orcadas, Argentina

National Forecast for August 5, 2011

10s 0s 5s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s



National Cities

City	Today	Sat
Atlanta	106/77/s	103/76/s
Anchorage	64/51/sh	61/53/sh
Atlanta	96/78/t	90/77/t
Austin	102/76/s	104/77/s
Baltimore	88/73/pc	87/74/t
Boston	74/64/s	81/66/c
Chicago	80/68/pc	87/71/pc
Dallas	106/81/s	106/81/s
Denver	90/61/t	90/59/t
Des Moines	81/68/t	87/69/pc
Detroit	88/68/pc	84/69/t
El Paso	98/78/pc	100/77/pc
Las Vegas	100/84/s	102/86/s
Los Angeles	79/64/pc	80/63/pc
Minneapolis	84/77/pc	84/66/t
New Orleans	94/79/pc	94/78/t
New York City	82/69/s	82/70/s
Philadelphia	88/70/s	86/72/pc
Phoenix	109/88/s	107/87/s
Reno	89/59/s	92/59/s
San Francisco	84/54/pc	88/54/pc
San Diego	75/67/pc	73/67/pc
Seattle	73/56/s	72/54/s
Tucson	100/79/t	99/80/s
Tulsa, OK	100/78/pc	105/79/pc
Wash., DC	88/73/pc	88/75/t
Wichita	96/76/t	102/76/pc
Yuma	106/83/s	103/85/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat
Albuquerque	93/71/pc	95/70/t
Artesia	102/76/s	101/76/pc
Chama	82/50/t	84/44/t
Clayton	95/65/t	95/65/t
Cloudcroft	77/53/pc	78/44/pc
Farmington	92/60/t	95/59/t
Hobbs	100/72/s	101/70/s
Los Alamos	85/60/pc	85/54/t
Portales	98/68/pc	100/68/pc
Raton	87/55/t	90/53/t
Red River	75/46/t	77/43/t
Ruidoso	86/64/s	85/65/pc
Santa Fe	93/61/pc	94/60/t
Silver City	93/68/t	94/69/t
Taos	88/50/t	90/47/t

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat
Acapulco	91/75/pc	90/77/t
Cancun	90/73/pc	90/73/pc
Chihuahua	97/72/pc	97/72/pc
Ciudad Juárez	99/79/pc	100/77/pc
León	84/59/t	84/59/t
México, DF	77/55/t	73/55/t
Monterrey	100/75/s	100/75/s
Morelia	81/61/t	83/60/t
Oaxaca	88/59/t	88/61/t
Pto. Penasco	100/82/s	99/84/s
Tijuana	79/63/pc	79/64/pc

Q: How does August rank in terms of Atlantic hurricane production?

EVENTS

p.m. on Saturday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

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Lincoln County, call 258-2570 or e-mail office@rp-lcnm.org, or stop in at Room 313 in the Lincoln Tower, 1096 Mecham Drive in Ruidoso.

Fort Stanton Live!

Fort Stanton Live! comes back to Lincoln County Aug. 6 and 7, bringing costumed re-enactors from the Civil War and Indian Wars era to the fort for demonstrations, presentations, and a candle-light tour on Friday night.

Additionally, the event brings presenters, storytellers, and a variety of historical vendors to site to share their crafts and other handiwork. Special tours of the World War II internment camp are also available.

Local food vendors are on hand as well as the Flying J Wranglers and the Rich Chorne Band for you entertainment. Drew Gomber and the Mescalero Dancers also will be at the event, along with kids games, the tomahawk throw, and authors Don Bullis, Gary Cozzens, and Dr. Walter Pittman, signing their books about local and New Mexico history.

In addition, several buildings will be open for visitors to rediscover including the historic stables.

A new attraction this year will be a presentation from Lincoln County Paranormal about nearby ghosts.

Go online at www.fort-stanton.org to buy tickets for the Lantern Tour, which runs from 6 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., or call 575-354-0341 for more information. Tickets for the Lantern Tour and the event are purchased separately at \$5 each. Those 15 and younger are admitted free.

Fort Stanton Live! event hours are from 8 a.m. to 8

Library amnesty

For the whole month of August, the librarians will waive late fees on overdue items returned to the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. Patrons are encouraged to bring back overdue books, DVDs, audio books, magazines – any item checked out from the library – and late fines will be waived.

This amnesty is offered so library items get back into circulation. Other patrons would like to borrow the book or movie people still have at their homes, according to the library.

Art competition

Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) is inviting all artists to participate in the "Off the Beaten Path" Art Competition to benefit the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter. Winning submissions will be featured at the silent auction at HEAL's signature fundraiser, the Sweet Charity Ball: "A Night of Hope, A Celebration of Survival."

The Sweet Charity Ball will be held October 1, 2011, to inaugurate Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Ball is a benefit for the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs. Artwork submissions for "Off the Beaten Path" should portray hope for survivors of domestic violence. The focus should be optimistic, depicting themes such as hope, healing, love, promise and courage. Artwork can be any medium, color or size.

The deadline for submissions is Sept. 15. Please submit entries to Josie's Framery at 2917 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso NM. The top ten entries will be profiled in the Sweet Charity Ball program and will be featured in a press release

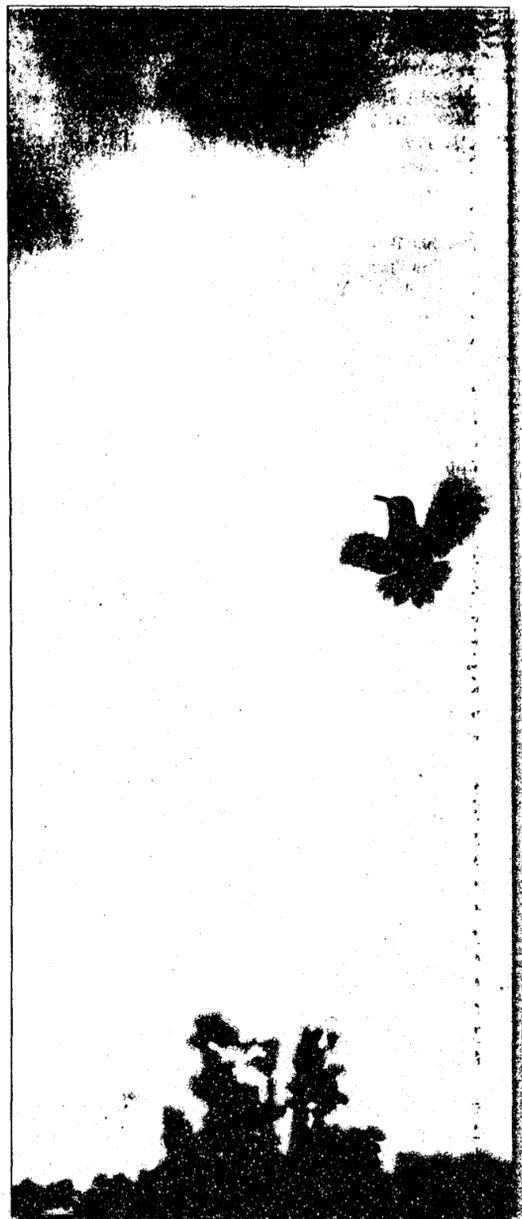
WILDLIFE ABOUNDS



COURTESY ROBERT DEMING

Above, at 3 a.m. one morning this week, Robert Deming remembered the hummingbird feeder still was outside and he knew it was a favorite target for marauding creatures of the night. A deer, raccoon or a porcupine was tilting the feeder and drinking, but leaving it intact. He opened the door and heard some rustling in the bushes. As he edged outside cautiously, he noticed a big black mass of animal right in front of him and backed up. One of his cats bolted inside under his feet, but another cat seemingly spellbound, sat staring at a bear about 10 feet away. When the bear began to move toward the cat, Deming distracted him with a rake amid some huffing from the bruin. Finally prompted to move by her owner, the second cat left. The bear paused, swatted at the rake and bit it, then went for the feeder on a tree further away. He emptied some of the juice while the feeder still was hanging, but becoming impatient, he pulled it down to the sound of plastic being crunched.

At right, a stunning double rainbow appeared to the west of the Rancho Ruidoso valley recently while photographer David Tremblay was setting up his equipment for some shots of visiting hummingbirds. He ended up snapping both. "I have never seen captures like these of hummers with a rainbow for a back drop," he said.



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

and on HEAL's website. Those not selected for the auction will be displayed around Ruidoso to promote domestic violence awareness.

Anyone interested in participating in the art competition can pick up a donation form at Josie's Framery or the Ruidoso Regional Council of Arts.

For more information on the art competition, or to purchase tickets for the Sweet Charity Ball, please visit www.sweetcharityball-eventbee.com or email Georgia at gmuc@bajabb.com.

Dog training

Taryn McCain, a service

dog trainer, will be the presenter at Capitan Public Library's First Friday Adult Lecture, 7 p.m. today.

A resident of Nogal, McCain breeds and trains service dogs for persons disabled by conditions affecting their mobility and psychiatric wellness. She is a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner,

and using clicker training and positive methods to bring out the best in LEK's dogs.

She holds professional certificates in Service Dog Training and High-Schooled Assistance Dog instruction from Bergin University of Canine Studies. She also is a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator approved by the American Kennel Club.

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THEIR OPINION

Take advantage of 'tax-free' weekend

The state-wide "tax-free weekend" begins today, which means many items that students will need for school can be purchased tax free.

The tax holiday is targeted to assist shoppers whose children are gearing up for back to school.

But those without children obviously can take advantage of the break from gross receipts taxes.

And while the holiday was meant to give parents some relief as they buy notebooks, paper, book bags, even possibly a computer, eyebrows certainly must be raised at some of the items on the non-tax list.

The Taxation and Revenue Department's bulletin on what is and what is not taxable includes waiving the tax on baby diapers, bibs, bowling shirts, choir and altar clothing, clerical vestments, corsets, fur clothing, coats and stoles, garter belts, lingerie, nightgowns, robes, flip-flops, and tuxedos.

It would seem a bit of a stretch to connect some of

the items to the cause of education.

Of course, those who are collectors of clerical vestments or garter belts or both are likely to score some deals this weekend.

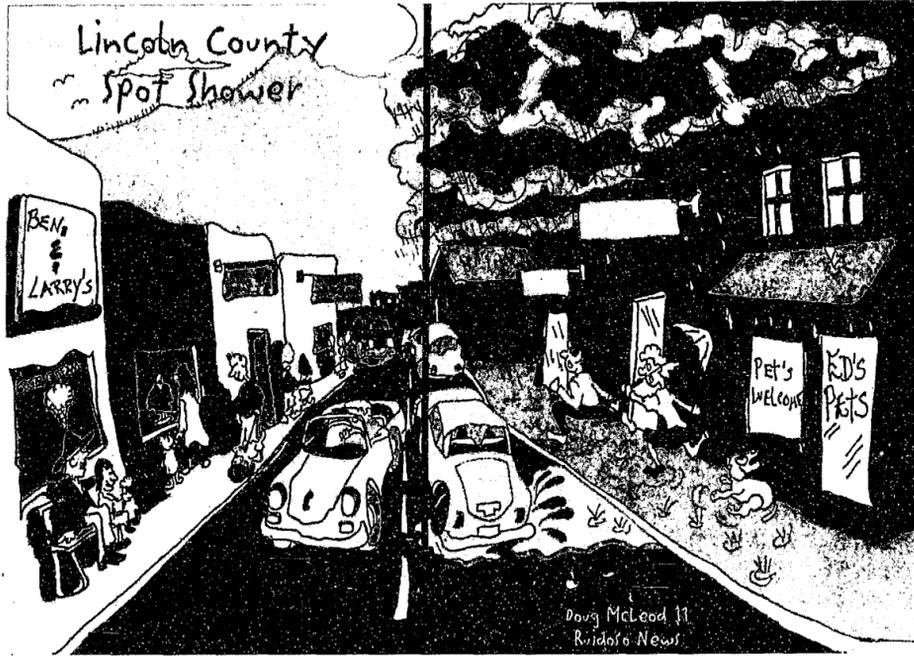
It's just a casual observation of just how odd government can be.

And government has been incredibly odd at every level lately.

But if the odd behavior of government can actually do some good and help boost a flailing economy by lifting gross receipts taxes on certain items, even for just a weekend, we think that's a good thing.

So, we encourage residents to go out shopping, hit up local merchants and see what kind of deals you can find. Some businesses consider this weekend one of the busiest of the year.

A list of the taxable and non-taxable items for the gross receipts tax holiday can be found on the web site of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department or on the NFIB/New Mexico website at www.nfib.com/newmexico.



Brain size and immigration policy

Enough is enough! And I am not talking about the nearly catastrophic Tea Party Takedown of America. No, reference here is to the abuse I must take from certain readers of this fair and balanced column.

Check this email response to a fair, balanced column that said, in effect, that Governor Susana Martinez is crazy as a bedbug for trying to repeal a law that allows illegal immigrants the driver licenses they need in order to function in our state.

Ned,
What part of "ILLEGAL ALIEN" doesn't your itty, bitty, tiny, little liberal pea sized brain get? This is as much time



NED CANTWELL
LOOKING ASKANCE

I'm willing to waste on another liberal "journalistic impersonator"! Can you get me your friend Barney's phone number? Looks like he has more sense in his little pinky than you have in your entire hollow head!

Sincerely,
Starving for True Journalism in America!

The email was signed by reader Tom. I think Tom would define "True Journalism in America" as "Rush Limbaugh" who, I will point out in this fair, balanced column, is a nut-case.

Because I am a fair I must admit there is some truth to what Tom says. I am a "journalistic impersonator." Putting

on a fashionable dress, wig, and Katie Couric mask, I once attempted to crash a White House press briefing. Probation.

And there is some truth about the brain size. On my desk is a report from one of the nation's leading neurologists who analyzed my \$479,000 brain scan. The brain scan was paid entirely by Medicare except for my \$150 deductible. It just feels good to be in financial partnership with my government as we attack this health care cost crisis. Don't blame me for that nasty deficit.

The report described "brain size" as "itty, bitty, tiny, pea-sized." The doctor's handwritten notation speculates "doubtful capable of any significant cognitive processing but random thoughts most likely liberal."

So while most of reader

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YOUR OPINION

Mayor should have investigated Consulate

Many thanks to Terry Franklin and Glynis Racine for their letters appearing in the August 3 edition of the Ruidoso News regarding the Mexican Consulate.

Realizing that drivers' licenses for illegals have brought shame to New Mexico, the Ruidoso Mayor (Ray Alborn) could have and SHOULD have investigated exactly what the Mexican Consulate was doing at the Ruidoso Senior Center on July 30.

Instead, he was worried about lawsuits. That is why the village has an attorney.

When local, state and the federal government refuse to enforce existing laws and foreign nationals are permitted to sue the U.S., something is wrong.

Glynis and Terry are fine examples for those of us who love this nation and our Constitution. WAKE UP AMERICA, speak out against those who seek to

enslave us and most importantly, vote in 2012.

Mary Beth Samuels
Lincoln County

Thanks for physicals

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all of the people in our community who volunteered their time last week to assist with the sports physicals at Ruidoso High School. In the space of 4 hours, as a group, we were able to provide 119 students with their physical for the school year 2011 2012.

See LETTERS, page 5A

THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: How well do you think Congress handled the debt-ceiling talks?



Darold Moorhead
Ruidoso Downs

"It's pretty sad when you've got people that've known each other that long and still can't work together. I think they did a pretty 'poor job.'"



Don Talley
Pearland, Texas

"They didn't do enough. We're still going further and further into debt and the real problem is still there."



Sue Day
San Angelo, Texas

"I think we ought to fire the whole bunch, or at least give term limits. This time they all acted like a bunch of children."



Clinton Lee
Ruidoso

"I think the government needs to get past their egos. It's not about who is right or who is wrong, it's about what the people need."



"Bronco Sue" Blancher
Tularosa

"I frankly was disappointed. I feel like they always give in before standing for what they said they would, and it's the American people who lose."

YOUR OPINION

The pen being mightier than the gun

There I was approaching the podium during the public input session (of the village of Ruidoso Council meeting) and was physically blocked and told by the police chief he could not let me go to the podium wearing my pistol. After some words, mean looks and force, the chief grabbed my pistol and wrenched it from the holster and eventually from my grasp. Confiscated under the color of law. Voila, sans pistol and slightly rattled, I went to the podium, determined, and spoke about the need for a civilian review board to restore trust in government. Imagine that.

The bare facts of the case show a citizen had to give up the Second Amendment right in order to assert the First Amendment right. I know this sounds kooky, but it happened.

After leaving the podi-

um, pistol returned, a brief conversation with the chief about the state Constitution fell on deaf ears. The chief said he and the mayor had talked and decided they didn't want people at the podium armed. Might scare somebody. On the way home I thought about the time eight others and myself, all armed, stood in City Hall battling the mayor and council over an ordinance trying to ban guns from public buildings. That measure failed.

Thankfully, that pesky old Constitution of ours got in the way. Simple and to the point, it reads: Article II, Section 6, "No municipality or county shall regulate, in any way, an incident of the right to keep and bear arms."

Had the ordinance passed, they would be per-
juring their oath of office

and violating the state Constitution. Did the chief and mayor decide on their own to suspend the state Constitution? I may be wrong, but conspiring to deprive the public of a constitutionally guaranteed right smells like corruption of the highest order. Holding a citizen's Second Amendment right hostage, in this way, is also an attempt to inhibit or curb free speech. When this type of corruption reaches the highest levels of local government, who can you trust? Are we a nation of laws or a nation of men?

For the record, I am proud to assert my Second Amendment right. I carry because I simply refuse to be a victim. In today's environment of thieves, muggers, serial killers and snipers, carjackers, drugged-out crazies and, sadly, some corrupt indi-

viduals in law enforcement, anyone who doesn't carry, I would deem unreasonable.

The reality: Armed, I have a chance; unarmed, I don't. Armed, we are citizens. Disarmed, we are subjects. If I, or anyone, were being mugged or robbed, I'd much rather have a pistol than a cell phone.

Don't get me wrong here, there are a lot of good people, some I call friends, in government and law enforcement though we must keep a vigilant eye.

In the grand scheme of things I ask you to remember that our freedom was not won by politically correct handshakes over tea and crumpets in the ballroom. It was won with blood spilled on the battlefield. I will not fire the first shot of the new revolution, but if I don't catch that first

bullet, I'll probably be firing the second shot. I prefer a battle at the ballot box, not with a bullet box.

It's disturbing and sad when those trusted with protecting our rights become the aggressors and conspire to violate them. We're better than that. We in a free society will not tolerate and must resist at every turn, the blatant trampling of our rights. My disturbing questions of the day: Were the atten-

dees at the meeting put in danger by an individual asserting his constitutionally guaranteed rights or by some really bad governmental decisions? (You decide.)

What's next, TSA-style pat downs at City Hall's door?

(Touch my gun and I'll write a letter to the editor.)

Tony Seno
Ruidoso

BRAIN

FROM PAGE 4A

Tom's observations are in the ballpark of possibility, his assertion I am dumber than Barney causes me distress. My friend from New Jersey, who is just about my age, gave up thinking and took up drinking 20 years ago.

I can't help but wonder if that isn't why Tom likes Barney so much.

Both of these gentlemen challenge my assertion that responsible New Mexico neighbors, both citizens and non-citizens, should be allowed to

drive in order that they can go about the daily business of living. That would include bringing home a paycheck so that families may have a table in a home and food to put upon it.

The corollary to that position is that steps must be taken to ensure the person behind the wheel, no matter what citizenship, what color, what gender, what political persuasion, must be a law-abiding individual.

That, then, would be the justification for the governor's mission to have 10,000 randomly selected foreign nationals with New Mexico driver's licenses travel to

Albuquerque to verify their residency.

Such scrutiny, it is argued, will help eliminate the possibility of terrorists among our citizenry, and I am the first to agree the terrorist threat is not to be faken lightly. We don't want New Mexico to be the go-to destination for scowflaws who seek clean and tidy identifications in their wallets.

Here's the puzzle. One could theorize that the huge majority of these 10,000 neighbors are good, hard-working, God-worshipping people.

So instead of uprooting these 10,000, making them miss work and

spend hard-earned bucks on an arduous trip to an Albuquerque office, cannot the office go to them? Martinez did well by establishing a Las Cruces office, but that does not meet the need of the entire state.

Wouldn't it be more cost effective to put a team on the road to travel to New Mexico's far corners? It seems such an obvious solution. But, then again, it may be way too complicated for my pea-sized brain.

Have a nice day.
(Ned Cantwell will try to comprehend messages sent to ncantwell@bajabb.com.)

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4A

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BUSINESS

Invention eases 'pain-in-the-butt' task

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A Ruidoso auto mechanic has invented and has a patent pending for a tool that trims the time needed to remove a hub from heavy-duty Dodge four-wheel vehicles.

Called the Hubster, the tool created by Larry Gehrke has gone into production with the first 25 Hubsters manufactured in July. Another 25 are being made this month.

"Three years ago in December a vehicle came in into the shop and I got the task of disassembling it and repairing the vehicle. And I already knew those hubs were going to be a pain in the butt. And I said 'There's got to be a better way that I don't have to beat myself and that vehicle to pieces to get them out of there.' And that's when I came up with hydraulic power. One of the guys that worked here at the time and myself, we made a very crude contraption. And it worked."

The original tool includ-

ed two reinforced bumper hangers welded together to fit on a hub and a jack able to fit inside the tool. The jack is then used to retrieve the hub which is typically so rusted heating and pounding with an air hammer, sometimes for hours, has been the removal process in the past.

"From that point on, everybody (in the shop) used just that dumb thing. Everybody that used it said, 'Man, you've got to do something with this. Even though it's just a chunk of iron it works too good.'"

Last week, the Hubster removed a hub in 59 seconds at Sierra Blanca Motors, where Gehrke is employed.

Two Otero County companies, Eddie Landers Engineering in Alamogordo, and CVE Machine Welding in High Rolls, produce the parts for the Hubster.

Currently Gehrke paints the tool.

Gehrke has worked in the automotive repair business for 33 years. He also taught auto mechanics on

the Red Lake Chippewa Indian Reservation in Minnesota. For the past six years Gehrke has been employed at Sierra Blanca Motors.

The Hubsters can be found in some automotive repair shops from northern Minnesota to El Paso.

"My wife and I went on a little road trip a couple of weeks ago. On the way back I sold some up in the Bemidji (Minnesota) area and all the way back down wherever I saw a Dodge dealership. I didn't sell them to them, I said 'Here, try it. You guys try this thing and let me know what you think. If you don't like it, I'll either come and get the darn thing or I'll pay for the shipping back to me.' There's no doubt in my mind they're going to love it. It's just too simple. I expect to see a bunch of thumbs up."

Last week three local automotive shops began using the Hubster.

"I think if it wouldn't have been for my wife pushing me, I probably would have let this thing



Ruidoso resident Larry Gehrke displays his in production invention, the Hubster, which speeds up the removal of hubs from certain Dodge trucks.

slide. Because I just kept saying, 'That thing works so slick,' she said 'Do something with it before it's gone,' because she's seen the potential of it. I wouldn't have been surprised to have somebody else see it manufactured if I hadn't

got on it. Then it's like, 'Boy did I miss the boat there.'"

This past spring Gehrke worked with an attorney to get his patent pending status. Advice was provided by Mike Byrnes, the local business start-up advisor with the New Mexico Small

Business Development Center.

Gehrke's advice to potential entrepreneurs, do it.

"If you think it's a good idea, take the gamble. Go for it. You'll never know. Run with it."

New face in Ruidoso Downs marketing office

FROM REPORTS

In an effort to diversify the offerings at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, Eric Alvarez has been hired to promote group event opportunities.

"The racetrack is an incredibly unique space for groups, parties and catering," said Alvarez. "I am charged up for taking my skills to some place other than a traditional resort and creating such a unique offering here at the racetrack."

With 12 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Alvarez began his new job at the racetrack in April. He had worked with event planning at several

AAA Five Diamond resorts including the Four Season Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas and the Phoenixian in Scottsdale, Ariz. Alvarez said he hopes to share his knowledge with the racetrack staff to make Ruidoso Downs the best location for groups in the Ruidoso area.

The director of marketing at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, Rachel Weber, resigned effective July 8 to pursue another career. She had been in charge of marketing for three years.

"I've truly enjoyed working with Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino," Weber said. "I have many friends at the track and I am so grateful for the experience and the friendships I've developed."

El Capitan report favorable

FROM REPORTS

After a favorable report on silver values in July, El Capitan Precious Metals announced Wednesday that gold and platinum group metals values supported expectations of commercially recoverable precious metals.

The mineral exploration company has a precious metals and other minerals claim north of Capitan.

El Capitan reported it had received analytical data from work performed by Arrakis, Inc., a Colorado-based ore testing and analysis company.

The data was said to confirm the values of platinum group metals and gold samples taken from ore removed from the El Capitan property.

The Arrakis data, along with information from another analytical laboratory, was provided to third party reviewers, to better understand the materials on the potential mining site.

In July, the exploration company's President Chuck Mottley reported the result of silver testing by Copper State Analytical Lab indicated significant values consistent with results reported earlier in the year by another firm.

The results were said to have shown a potential for 41 ounces of silver per ton of ore.

The report by Copper State was also similar to an El Capitan geologist resource analysis from the past.

Mottley said the values reported by Copper State "are significantly higher than the previous silver in quart test results."

Unemployment claims change for students

Legislative changes include new requirements for students and new limits on the number of dependents eligible for benefits.

FROM REPORTS

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) announced unemployment insurance benefit changes to the dependent allowance benefit and full-time student eligibility, effective July 3, 2011.

The changes are a result of legislation adopted during the 2011 legislative session.

New claimants approved for unemployment insurance benefits may be eligible to receive an additional \$25 weekly for each dependent child up to the maximum of two dependents.

Prior to July 3, claimants could be eligible for the allowance up to four dependents.

Starting July 3, claimants enrolling in school must be able, available and actively seeking work and will be required to conduct work searches. Students will be required to complete and submit a school ques-

tionnaire and submit an official school schedule to NMDWS.

The student questionnaire will be available through the unemployment insurance claims and benefits system and on the website, www.dws.state.nm.us.

Official school schedules and the student questionnaire can be faxed to 505-222-9246 where the NMDWS adjudication unit will verify the "able and available" eligibility requirement.

The eligibility requirements, process, and procedure for those enrolled in official Department approved training, such as through the Workforce Investment Act or Trade Adjustment Assistance, will remain unchanged.

The unemployment insurance claims and benefits system website, www.dws.state.nm.us, is available from 3 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and the unemployment insurance toll-free phone option, 1-877-NM4-MYUI (1-877-664-6984), is available 24-hours a day for normal self-service functions.

If new or existing claimants have any questions about benefit changes, information will be available on the NMDWS website, www.dws.state.nm.us.

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County moves on Stewart's retirement

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When the time arrived last week during a special meeting to formally accept the retirement letter of Tom Stewart as county manager after 13 years, Lincoln County commissioners balked.

Stewart submitted his resignation/retirement letter a week earlier at the commission's regular monthly meeting.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter offered a motion to accept the resignation, but didn't receive a second and the motion died. Commissioner Tom Battin told Stewart to bring it back up in two years and County Clerk Rhonda Burrows joked about securing some handcuffs to keep Stewart in his office.

Finally Battin offered the wording to "acknowledge" Stewart's retire-

ment resignation, which passed 5-0. Commissioners authorized Stewart to move ahead with an advertisement for his replacement and rejected hiring a professional recruiting firm.

Commissioner Mark Doth included in his motion to proceed that an investigating entity be hired to conduct the background checks on the finalists. Minter added the checks should not just be for criminal activity, but also for their educational qualifications because she has discovered many people exaggerate or lie about their degrees on their resumes.

The salary was left open, depending on qualifications, but Stewart said he would come back with a range based on the current salaries of county managers in other New Mexico locations.

Commissioners also accepted a projected time frame for selection,

appointed an initial screening committee with elected officials and specified that all commissioners would sit in on the final personal interviews.

Stewart plans to leave no later than Dec. 23, and wants some overlap time to work with his replacement.

In the last piece of business at the special meeting in Ruidoso, Stewart said a \$50,000 planning grant for the design of a new county senior center in Carrizozo was awarded.

Commissioners approved the agreement.

The manager explained that a planning grant application was submitted several times and only recently was approved. After the planning is completed, the county will submit construction plans for a Community Development Block Grant in the 2012-2013 award cycle. A Capitan Health Clinic project must be closed out first, he said.

Village police chief seeks tourism dollars

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Some additional lodgers tax funding will help the Ruidoso Police Department pay for overtime needed during special events.

Police Chief Joe Magill made the request to the village's Lodgers Tax Committee. Magill said overtime this calendar year is projected to be more than \$28,000 and that puts a strain on the department's budget. He asked for \$28,000 annually.

"Our argument is we support the village and

the revenue that's produced here for like motorcycle rallies," Magill said Tuesday. "The law enforcement aspect requires us to provide safety to both the citizens here and all those who participate in the motorcycle rallies and parades. It does cost the police department to provide the safety."

Information from the police department showed overtime costs for the Aspencash Motorcycle Rally were \$2,708. Overtime expenses for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally were \$5,956; Aspenfest Parade, \$3,780;

and Festival of Lights, \$2,835.

February's water emergency in the village resulted in \$6,225 in overtime while the White Fire added up to \$6,874.

With the water emergency and the White Fire not special events, most of the committee said the lodgers tax should not have to pay for those incidents and determined the appropriate amount should be \$15,300.

The committee decided to increase the historic \$10,000 in annual overtime assistance to \$15,000. Special events overtime costs for the past three

years will be looked at by the committee to determine if a larger amount might be warranted.

"We have provided them with those years and maybe that will help them come back with something to help compensate us," Magill said.

While lodgers tax revenues are mostly spent to advertise and promote tourism, state law does allow the money to be used for police and fire protection as well as sanitation services for tourist-related activities.

During fiscal year 2010-2011, Ruidoso's 5 percent room tax brought in \$1.2 million.

Commission vote splits on shelter funding

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Without documentation in the form of a budget or some type of accounting, Lincoln County Commissioner Mark Doth said he couldn't vote for a one-year animal sheltering agreement between the county and the town of Carrizozo.

During budget sessions earlier this year, the majority of commissioners decided to allocate \$12,500 to Carrizozo in exchange for providing a facility to safely and humanely shelter animals for the purpose of animal control.

Commissioner Jackie Powell offered the motion to approve the agreement during a special meeting last week, but Doth said he felt uncomfortable. It may be a great arrangement, but without "a shred of paperwork," he couldn't vote to approve.

He also noted the agreement, "did not receive a sterling recommendation from the sheriff."

"We gave money to the Lincoln County Humane Society based on

numbers of animals for the entire county and here we are approving this contract," Doth said. "There may be a need, but there is no budget attached. I'm not voting for it."

The Humane Society each year presents a breakdown of animals impounded at its shelter outside of Ruidoso from various municipalities in the county, from unincorporated areas and from unknown origins.

"I'm voting in favor," Commissioner Kathryn Minter said of the small Carrizozo kennel. "Let's cut them some slack. There are a lot of volunteers involved and it helps our sheriff's deputies."

The motion to approve passed in a 4-1 vote with Doth against.

In other action, commissioners approved the early payoff of a loan for the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department.

County Manager Tom Stewart said the department has two loans with the New Mexico Finance Authority, one for \$90,000 to buy a quick attack truck, issued in September 2006 and due to be paid

off in Fiscal Year 2017; and another for \$203,000 for a tanker pumper issued in September 2009, to be paid off in FY 2020.

"The total intercept (required annual reserve) for these loans is \$32,712 per year, leaving the department with operational revenue each year of \$165,882," Stewart said. "The department's average annual operational expenses, minus capital outlay, are running about \$70,000."

The intercept for the smaller of the two loans is about \$10,650 of the total \$32,712. If that loan is paid off, the intercept will drop to \$23,862, leaving \$142,000 in fire distribution money each year for operations or savings for the next truck.

The state money comes from fire insurance premiums paid in New Mexico.

Bonito Fire Chief Carl Barkley asked Stewart to run down the numbers and wanted to pay off the loan to free up more money. Commissioners approved the payoff unanimously.

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Donation for new radios

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A donation from the R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation will cover half the cost of replacing the borrowed portable radios the Ruidoso Police Department uses.

"Half of our radios are on loan from the Lincoln County Emergency manager," Police Chief Joe Magill said Thursday as he accepted the check. "This will allow us to buy radios to replace the ones we have been borrowing."

The Hubbard Foundation grant of \$5,691 will be matched by the Ruidoso Police Department to purchase 25 new Kenwood handheld radios.

"We are very pleased to help the Ruidoso Police Department," Hubbard Foundation Director Robert Donaldson said.

Magill submitted the request for a grant earlier



R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation Director Robert Donaldson presents Ruidoso Police Chief Joe Magill a check for \$5,691 Thursday at the Ruidoso Police Department. The Hubbard Foundation grant will pay half the cost of purchasing portable radios for the police department. The police department will pay the other half of the cost.

this year and the Hubbard Foundation approved the request Monday. Thursday Donaldson handed Magill the check at the Ruidoso Police Department.

In 2009 the Hubbard Foundation gave the Ruidoso Police Department an \$8,866 grant to purchase 11 new bullet-proof vests for officers.

POLICE BRIEFS

Arguing alone

Officer Tillman Freeman and Sgt. Joel Martin responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of River Trail at 11:04 p.m., July 30 and arrested an armed and intoxicated man.

Freeman reports the person that called the police said a couple was yelling they were "going to kill each other."

Freeman reported that when he and Martin arrived Richard Tegeda came toward them with his hands in his pockets and yelling. Freeman and Martin repeatedly told Tegeda to take his hands from his pockets and to stop. He disregarded the commands.

Tegeda, 56, of Roswell, finally removed his hands from his pockets, but continued yelling.

Freeman and Martin took him into custody and searched him. They found a .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol with seven rounds in the clip in his pocket. Tegeda reportedly said he had it for self-protection and was on private property.

Freeman reports Tegeda was intoxicated and disoriented. Tegeda reportedly asked why he was being arrested for DWI when he wasn't driving. Freeman told him he was under arrest for negligent use of a deadly weapon.

Freeman booked Tegeda and had him transported to Lincoln County Medial Center for a medical evaluation. The firearm was taken into evidence.

The officer's investigation showed there was no domestic incident.

Ruidoso Downs Police blotter

July 22

10:45 a.m. — Officer Darrell Chavez responded to the Billy the Kid Casino for a report of a man with a

warrant.

A Mescalero K-9 officer identified Blaine Robinson, 32, who attempted to flee from the officers.

Chavez reports he blocked Robinson's escape and took him into custody.

Chavez arrested Robinson on an Otero County Magistrate Court warrant for robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, aggravated battery and receiving stolen property.

July 23

3:46 p.m. — Officers Ryan Frost and Joseph Bailey responded to 26158 Highway 70 for a report of an assault.

Frost reported the witness said a car blocked a man walking on the side of the street and a woman got out of the car and yelled at the man, then hit him in the head several times.

The witness reportedly attempted to stop the assault, but retreated when the woman threatened her.

July 25

1:05 p.m. — Frost and officer Carolee Jones responded to Magistrate Court for an individual with a warrant.

Judge Lorena LaMay ordered Joel Romero-Silva, 22, of Ruidoso, arrested, booked and released. Romero-Silva had posted bond with the court.

July 27

8:50 p.m. — Chavez and Ruidoso Police Sgt. Dale Harrison responded to a 911 call reporting a domestic disturbance at Inspiration Heights.

Chavez reports he arrived and heard yelling from inside a bedroom of the apartment and requested assistance from Ruidoso. Harrison responded.

Chavez reportedly entered the room and found Angelo Montoya, 18, on top of a female involved in a physical altercation. Chavez detained Mon-

toya. The woman reportedly told Harrison she and Montoya were arguing, he left the apartment then returned and would not allow her to leave the bedroom.

Chavez arrested Montoya on charges of battery on a household member and false imprisonment.

July 28

8:35 a.m. — Frost responded to the Adult Probation Office for a probation violation arrest.

Frost reports APO Angela Minter gave him an arrest warrant for Anitra D. Chavez, 38, of Hondo, who was in the APO.

Frost arrested Anitra Chavez on the probation violation.

Anitra Chavez reportedly tested positive for methamphetamine on a drug screening.

Ruidoso Police blotter

July 26

8:42 p.m. — Cpl. Lawrence Chavez responded to the Eagle Creek Sports Complex for a report of an altercation.

Chavez reports the altercation was just a disagreement over an unpaid tab at a local restaurant and the men only shoved each other.

Chavez departed at 9 p.m. and was called back nine minutes later for a fight in progress.

Chavez arrived and observed Arthur Rojas, J., 33, of Ruidoso Downs, and Joseph Munoz, 38, of Ruidoso, fighting.

Chavez arrested Rojas for a public affray and Sgt. Aaron Frost arrested Munoz for a public affray.

Chavez reported learning that there was also a warrant for Rojas for issuing worthless checks. Bond for Rojas was \$1,000 and \$500 for Munoz.

Both posted bond and

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BRIEFS

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were released.

July 29

10:16 p.m. — Sgt. Mike Weaver responded to a report of a drunk driver on Carrizo Canyon Road. The driver reportedly ran off the road at Funtrackers and then turned right on Sudderth Drive.

Weaver saw the vehicle turn into Budget Inn and engaged his emergency lights behind the vehicle as it reportedly made two attempts to pull into a parking space.

Weaver reports the passenger immediately began yelling at him wanting to know why he was stopping them and when the driver exited the vehicle he stumbled and had to hold onto the truck to keep from falling.

Officer Lance Ledford arrived to assist and Weaver and Ledford told the passenger numerous times to stay in the vehicle. Ledford arrested the passenger for resisting, evading or obstructing an officer.

Weaver arrested Miguel Dominguez, 48, for driving while intoxicated.

During the inventory of the vehicle, Weaver reported finding a still cold, almost empty can of beer behind the seat.

July 30

5:14 p.m. — Sgt. Aaron Frost reported being at a traffic stop at Sudderth and Fifth Streets when he saw a beige Oldsmobile driven by Ruben Romero, 43, of Tinne, exit the Alpine

Lodge. Frost reports he was aware Romero's license was revoked.

After finishing the traffic stop, Frost reported finding the vehicle at Romero's residence on Grant Street.

At 10:20 p.m. Frost saw Romero driving the vehicle again, this time he turned from Butler onto Sudderth Drive. Frost stopped the vehicle and arrested Romero for driving on a revoked license.

During the vehicle inventory Frost reportedly found marijuana and a "roach clip." Romero allegedly admitted they were his.

Frost charged Romero with a misdemeanor possession of marijuana rather than a petty misdemeanor charge because Romero had two previous possession charges. Frost also charged Romero with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Romero posted an \$8,000 bond through a bail bond agent and was released.

7:50 p.m. — Frost responded to the 200 block of Coal Street for a report of stolen mail.

The victim reported two checks stolen from the mail box.

11:04 p.m. — Officer Sal Beltran responded to the 100 block of Coconino Drive for a breaking and entering report.

The victim reported arriving at their vacation home the previous evening to find the back door open. There was no sign of forced entry and the door was undamaged.

The victim reported going through the house to see if anything was missing and finding that an I-Pod

clock/docking station, valued at \$90, was the only thing stolen.

July 31

11:39 a.m. — Animal Control Officer Robert Simpson responded to the 500 block of Second Street for a report of vicious animals.

The victim said they were walking in the area of Chelsea and Third Streets when two Pit Bulls attacked their Jack Russell terrier and one of the dogs jumped on a stroller, causing it to roll down the street and tip over.

Simpson reported the child in the stroller had scratches and the Jack Russell had several puncture wounds.

Simpson cited the owner of the Pit Bulls, Christopher Randall, 25, of Chelsea Street, for animals at large and vicious animals. Randall agreed to have the dogs quarantined at the Lincoln County Animal Shelter.

12:32 p.m. — Cpl. Steve Corbin responded to the public parking lot on Rio Street for a criminal damage to property report.

The victim said someone had slashed both rear tires on his Dodge pickup truck. Corbin reports the tires were punctured with what appeared to be a knife.

Aug. 1

9:35 p.m. — Detective Matt Christian responded to Tank Road for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Christian reports finding a truck parked behind a water tank with a male and female asleep in the truck. The man was slumped over with his head resting in her lap.

When he checked their identification, Christian found there was a warrant for the woman, Tammie Williams, 39.

Christian arrested Williams and released the driver of the vehicle.

During the booking process, Christian asked

Williams if there was any drug paraphernalia in her purse, before he inventoried it. She reportedly said "no."

Christian found an uncapped syringe in the purse. He charged Williams with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aug. 2

8:50 a.m. — Corbin took a report of a theft from a motor vehicle.

The victim came to the police department to report someone had stolen his golf clubs from his truck in the 400 block of Main Road between 9:30 p.m., Aug. 1 and 7 a.m., Aug. 2.

The victim reportedly said there were other valuables in the truck that were not taken. The golf clubs worth \$1,500 to \$1,600.

9:52 p.m. — Cpl. Lawrence Chavez took a theft from a motor vehicle report from Burnet, Texas, via telephone.

The caller said they stayed in the 400 block of

Main Road and had left Ruidoso headed home at 4 a.m. and when they were near Roswell, they realized the radar detector was gone. Looking around the vehicle they discovered a pistol, a pair of binoculars and some prescription medicine were also missing.

Aug. 3

4:58 p.m. — Urban responded to 2549 Sudderth Drive for a report of a larceny.

The owner of the shop reported a "professional thief" had entered the store during the night and stolen four 24-karat rings from a locked glass case. The owner said the doors were locked and the alarm activated and the thief managed to get in and steal the rings without tripping the alarm. The rings were valued at \$700 each.

Urban reported he could find no sign of forced entry and had no idea how anyone could have gotten in to steal the rings.

Physical Therapist Joins LCMC Rehabilitation Services Department

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) is pleased to welcome Casey Kirkham, DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy), to our Rehabilitation Services Department. Casey joins three other physical therapy practitioners who together will provide a wide range of rehabilitation services — including specialized treatments for sports and orthopedics — to Lincoln County residents and visitors.

Casey received his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah. He recently completed his doctorate of physical therapy at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. In addition to his academic experience, Casey has worked as a student physical therapist and a Physical Therapy Aide throughout Nebraska and Utah.

Casey will see patients in the LCMC Therapy Center, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 5, 2011



Wesley is available for adoption to a loving home.

Shelter sees record cat, kitten adoptions

We believe we may have set a record for cat and kitten adoptions on Monday.

We had a total of 8 cats and kittens go to new homes that day. However, we are still over capacity in our cat room.

The "Dog Park Adoption Party" will be Saturday, Aug. 13 starting at 10 a.m.

We will be there until about noon. We will have about 8 to 10 adoptable dogs at the park. All the dogs will be spayed/neutered, current on vaccinations, and all can be adopted and go home that day.

We will have both small and large dogs in both areas at the park. The Dog Park is located near the sports complex off of Hull Road.

July was a fairly good month for adoptions at our shelter. We found homes for 29 dogs and 23 cats. We also returned 39 dogs and one cat to their owners.

We are still running a \$10 adoption special on all cat and kittens through

Labor Day.

In response to our plea in the media, we have had several persons offer to volunteer at our various locations. We could still use more dog walkers at the shelter to insure that all of our dogs get plenty of exercise.

Wesley is an older dog we are desperately trying to find a home for. He is approximately eight years old, neutered and current on his vaccinations.

Wesley is housebroken, weighs about 65 pounds, and we think he is an Australian Shepherd mix. Wesley does have some arthritis and walks with a bit of a limp.

He would love a calm, quiet household where he can get all the love and attention he deserves.

Because Wesley is a senior dog, his adoption fee is only \$25. Please help Wesley by saving his life!

For more information about Wesley, call the shelter where the telephone number is (575) 257-9841.

Medicare fraud costing billions

Although there is no official figure for how much fraud costs the government health programs each year, the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (made up of 100 private insurers and public agencies) conservatively estimates that at least \$60 billion dollars is lost annually, causing the federal government to commit \$1.7 billion to help fight health care fraud, waste, and abuse.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicare processes 4 million claims and pays out \$1 billion dollars to medical providers every day. There are several fraud task forces in place, designed to get a hold on this growing problem.

One such organization, the HEAT strike force (Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Teams) is particularly concerned for seniors, who seem to be the most vulnerable to fraud.

In an investigative article by Ken Stier for Time Magazine, he relates that criminal gangs are using identity theft on a broad scale. This was demonstrated by a Los Angeles gang who stole Medicare provider information and birth dates, Social Security numbers and beneficiary information. The gang billed Medicare \$163 million from 118 fictitious clinics in 25 states.

The biggest help seniors can offer is very simple: just keep track of their Medicare

Summary Notices [MSNs], which detail services and equipment that they have been provided. Even though many complain the form is complicated to understand, if there is a question, patients can call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). The government is also thinking about switching back to monthly MSNs, instead of the quarterly ones they are currently sending out.

Other steps in detecting possible fraud are:

- Keep records of your health care visits, services and equipment.

- Never give your Medicare number to anyone, except your doctor or other Medicare Provider, and never sign blank insurance claim forms.

Be suspicious of people who offer you payment or gifts to go to clinics or offices; offer a free power wheelchair, scooter or other equipment; want you to use their doctors; offer to waive Medicare Part B coinsurance or deductible; call you when you did not give them your phone number; or advertise free consultations to people with Medicare.

Resources and more information on Medicare fraud and other helpful tips are available at:

<http://www.stopmedicarefraud.gov>
<http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud/seniors>
<http://www.medicare.gov/navigation/help-and-support/fraud-and-abuse/fraud-and-abuse-overview.aspx>

Shelter celebrates Holloman AFB's "Big Give" event

A Celebration, Adoption, Pet Party and K9 Victory Parade is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday at the Animal Village NM center, a no-kill shelter on U.S. 70, north of Alamogordo.

The event celebrates the new seven-acre dog walk and nature trail just built as part of Holloman Air Force Base's (HAFB) "The BIG GIVE."

To thank HAFB and the community of animal lovers in Otero County, Animal Village NM, a no-kill shelter serving the state, including Lincoln County, put together the event-filled party.

"We are so grateful to the 49th FSS for building this seven-acre dog walk and nature trail," said Sunny Aris, executive director of Animal Village NM. "Naturally this will help enormously to keep our rescued former 'death row dogs' healthy and happy, which keeps them very adoptable. We will adopt them quicker and save more from death row. But there's an even bigger impact. (The trail) will also be offered to non-profit organizations like Relay for Life, The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, and other worthy non-profits to have fundraising relays, thereby bettering life in Otero County as a whole."

Nancy Berg, co-founder of Animal Village NM, said she is "totally thrilled and delighted at the support from Holloman Air Force Base, who are truly our heroes. They came to us three weeks ago, and totally transformed what we are able to do for our rescued death-row pets, and for the community at large. We never expected it, but will be thanking HAFB every time a rescued dog walks safely and happily on that beautiful dog walk and nature trail. Thank you, 49th FSS, Maj. Busque, Capt. Baker, Staff Sgt. Horton, and the whole wonderful team that created this miracle for rescued pets and non-profits in Otero County."

While all adoptions at AVNM include free obedience lessons, at 8 a.m. this Saturday, special classes in honor of the 49th FSS will be offered, one for adult dogs 6 months and older, and one for puppies, 3 months to 6 months.

The agenda for the day

7:30 a.m., Coffee and doughnuts for humans, organic treats for canines.

7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Raffle tickets will be sold for door prizes, including one "free" adoption to qualified adopters, and donated prizes of dog beds, treats, pet toys, local restaurant certificates, and more.

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Air Force wives will host booths demonstrating "at home" businesses and will be ready to welcome new business owners during the event.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Special Adoption Rate adoptions all day, most dogs \$129.49, cats and kittens \$79.49, all vaccinated, with spay and neuter included.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Spiderman Jumping Castle for Kids, 49-cent ticket provides unlimited turns of five minutes each, cookie and drink.

9 a.m., Doggy Victory Parade for all dogs in loving, committed homes.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Vendor with delicious hot dogs, mouthwatering 'Frito-pies' and soft drinks for sale at patriotic prices.

9:30 a.m., "Patriotic Pooch Parade" with prizes for most Patriotic pooches.

10 a.m., Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the new dog walk and nature trail.

Members of Animal Village NM have rescued more than 750 death-row pets from shelters and life-threatening situations and hoardings since Dec. 1, 2010.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to AVMM by mailing to Animal Village NM, 7246 Hwy. 54-70, Alamogordo, NM 88310. Donations can also be made securely online at www.AnimalVillageNM.com.

Volunteers are needed. For information about the many volunteer opportunities at the village, contact animalvillagenm@gmail.com. Volunteer orientations are conducted weekly from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Thursday.

The center is situated on nearly nine highway acres with landscaped and grassed areas at 7246 Highway U.S. 54-70 in Alamogordo, just south of Eagle Ranch Pistachios. Call (575) 937-2509 for more information.



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Grilled Nectarines with Honey-Orange Ricotta Whipped Cream and Toasted Almonds

Recipe courtesy Bobby Flay

Ingredients:

- 1 cup fresh whole milk ricotta
- 2 tablespoons clover honey
- 1/2 vanilla bean, seeds scraped
- Canola oil
- Mint springs

- 1/4 cup cold heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons grated orange zest
- 6 nectarines, cut in 1/2 and pitted
- 1/4 cup toasted slivered almonds

Directions

In a large bowl, whisk together the ricotta, cream, honey, orange zest and vanilla seeds until light and fluffy. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Heat the grill to high. Brush the nectarines with oil and put on grill for a few minutes on each side, just to soften and heat through.

Put some of the ricotta onto each serving plate. Top with nectarines and garnish with toasted sliced almonds and mint sprigs.



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Number of restaurants complying with grease trap rules increasing

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The list of restaurants and other establishments not complying with village grease trap rules is shrinking.

Since Building Official Shawn Fort approached the problem from a building code angle instead of an environmental health issue, the five-page list was reduced to one page.

"I'm curious how it happened, but I'm glad it did," Councilor Gloria Sayers said at the council's meeting last week.

Contacted Wednesday, Fort explained the process. "I notified all the businesses that didn't have traps, giving them 15 days to have a plumber apply for a permit, and after that, 30 days to have them installed," Fort said. "That got everyone on the ball and made it happen."

Reducing the fats, oil and grease that flow through sewer lines to the new \$36 million wastewater treatment plant is essential, village officials have warned. If the 100-

plus expensive filters become clogged, the price tag will be more than \$1 million to replace them. A crackdown began a year ago to ensure that grease traps are installed where needed, are large enough for the job and are cleaned and maintained properly.

In another matter, Interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent reported that whether a single-engine air tanker will be stationed at the municipal airport next spring will depend on weather conditions and fire danger.

This year, the drought and extreme danger from wildfire prompted the state Forestry Division and other agencies to foot the bill for the small planes that can drop slurry fire retardant in tight spaces. That saved the village a lot of money.

Being on-hand and so fast to respond to the Swallow Fire in the Pinecliff subdivision above U.S. 70 saved many homes from being burned, he said.

The cost could be about \$250,000 for three months

for two planes, Vincent said.

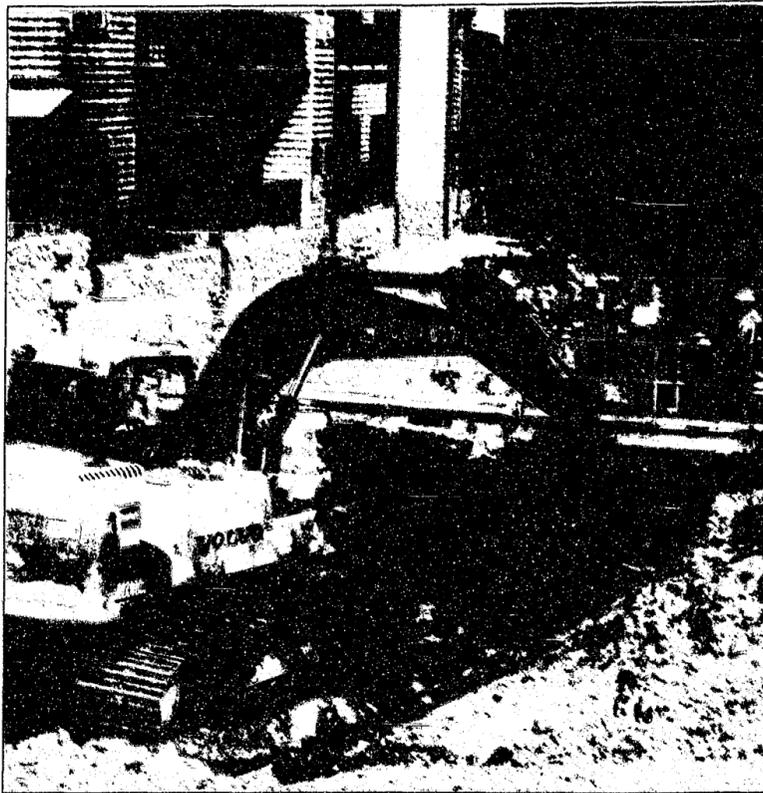
In other action, councilor approved:

- a resolution confirming an agreement as active member in the South East New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments at a fee of \$2,155. District staff assists the village with public work projects, legislative activities, planning activities and preparation of applications for funding under various state, federal and private programs.

- approved a new direct purchase \$12,103 agreement for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 through the Non-Metro AAA for partial reimbursement of expenses for senior transportation.

- approved an agreement with TriCore Reference Laboratories as an alternate source of a drug and alcohol collection center for the village for \$40 per collection. The samples will be sent to Lovelace Health System Inc., doing business as S.E.D. Medical Laboratories for testing.

EAGLE BRIDGE



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Since beginning the Eagle Bridge project just before Memorial Day, the contractor, FNF Construction, excavated the footers and began laying gabion baskets and relocating the sewer line. Gabions are cages filled with soil, rocks or sand that are used for erosion control. When bedrock was encountered in the footer construction, a hydraulic hammer was used to remove it. FNF has 72 calendar days to finish the project, which will cost \$970,000, covering design, land issues, bridge construction and installation expenses. The prefabricated bridge structure is expected to arrive for installation this month. The old Eagle Bridge was torn from its footings during a July 2008 flood.

Alborn renews call to change joint use board

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A final regional wastewater treatment plant budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 was finally approved but not before Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn, who was the only Joint Use Board member to vote against the budget on July 28, renewed his request for changes to the board.

"I'm of the opinion that this JUB needs to be dis-

solved or reorganized," Alborn said. "It's been continual fighting in the 13 to 14 months that I've been on here. It seems that people are picking and choosing what they want to pay and when they want to pay it and how they want to pay it."

Ruidoso Downs deducts items the city's finance director believes are incorrectly billed on the monthly statement produced by Ruidoso. For example, more than

\$7,000 was cut last month over an item deemed to have nothing to do with the treatment plant.

Ruidoso Downs City Attorney H. John Underwood interjected that the special meeting had a single item - approval of the wastewater treatment plant budget.

But Alborn continued his theme.

"And so I am going to, and I think I have the full

authority of our council, to begin to research the possibility of either dissolving the JUB or reorganizing it. I don't want to say it's a waste of time, but anyway, I just want to make that clear that that's my intention," the mayor said.

"We'll be there to meet you in those meetings," Underwood told Alborn.

"Good," responded Alborn. "That will be great. You support that?"

Underwood said he supports the Joint Use Board. "And I think the JUB needs to have an additional member appointed to it as required by law. We'll be happy to go in that direction. And I support the JUB acting as an independent authority. And I support it being active. When you say that there's been people who have a party over each and every payment, of course you go over each and every payment when you are being over-billed. Those are the issues. We intend to be part of a very healthy discussion."

The board is supposed to have five members, two from each municipality and one nominated by the Lincoln County Commission, according to a joint powers agreement. Since the first of the year, there has not been a county representative because either Ruidoso or Ruidoso Downs objected to the appointment. That has resulted in several deadlocked decision such as non approval of a final budget in mid July.

"This picking and choosing, I don't pick and choose at home with my bills," Alborn said of deductions

made by the city. "I got to pay everything."

Underwood said Ruidoso Downs does likewise.

One of the sticking points in adopting a sewage plant budget had been the administrative charge levied by Ruidoso. The village operates the jointly owned facility and wanted to increase the 7 percent fee to 11.5 percent. A compromise will raise the fee to 10.5 percent. Ruidoso Downs also will be able to credit the fee for city employees who deal directly with the plant.

"I know Cleatus (Richards, Ruidoso Downs, public works director) is at the plant a lot and has contributed a lot to the whole construction site," Ruidoso Manager Debi Lee told the board. "And then of course Terri (Mosley, Ruidoso Downs' finance director) has done the financing and so forth. For a few thousand dollars, Nancy (Klingman, Ruidoso's finance director) and I are very comfortable with that."

The operating costs of the plant are divided at the rates of 85 percent to Ruidoso and 15 percent to Ruidoso Downs.

Physician Assistant Joins Lincoln County Medical Center

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) welcomes Jennifer Wilson, PA-C, to our growing team of providers. Ms. Wilson is a board-certified physician assistant who recently completed a rotation in general surgery at LCMC. She will assist Dr. Tom Lindsey with general surgery patients at Lincoln County Medical Center and Lincoln County Surgical Clinic.

Ms. Wilson completed her undergraduate degree in Physiology, with a minor in Chemistry, from the University of Arizona in Tucson. She earned a master's degree in the Physician Assistant Program from the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ms. Wilson is conversational in Spanish.

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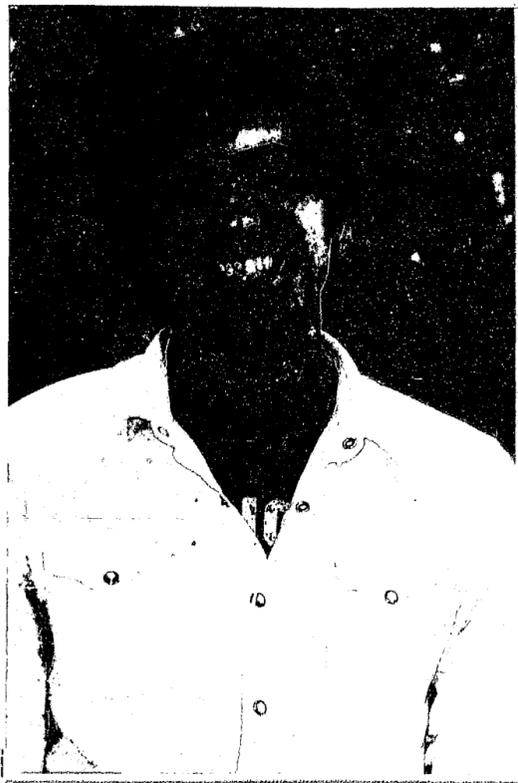
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The Rio Ruidoso at the Parker Road bridge was moving Thursday afternoon because of recent rains.

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FLOOD

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in place actually helped because when the water came over the jersey barriers it actually just went right back into the river."

Jersey barriers are three-and-a-half-foot tall concrete walls that are normally used to separate lanes of traffic. On July 13 the river rose inside the RV park but water quickly went down.

The flash flood warnings had said while heavy rainfall had ended, excessive runoff from earlier storms would continue to produce flash flooding for a couple of hours as water rushed to the Rio Ruidoso. Potential impacts in both warnings were listed as the White Fire burn scar, Ruidoso Downs, U.S. Highway 70, and the Rio Ruidoso.

"Right now we're actually holding pretty good," Atwell said of the flood and mudslide potentials from the burn area.

He said the heavier rains over

the past month have been from the area of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track to points to the east.

Ruidoso Downs officials have said in recent weeks that work to address the possibility of flooding have paid off so far.

In addition to the White Fire's 10,341 footprint, the late June to early July Donaldson Complex Fire scorched 101,523 acres and its burn area is also vulnerable to heavy rains.

More scattered thunderstorms were forecast through the weekend.

TAX

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the Sierra Mall also sees increased sales of items like school supplies, clothing and footwear.

"It gives the customers opportunity to grab a few extra things maybe they weren't able to afford before with the sales tax not being on there," said Family Dollar manager David Monreal. "School supplies are things that everyone with kids is going to need. It's a great help."

The savings

In addition to saving the gross receipts tax, some retailers offer special deals for the weekend. The tax for stores located in Ruidoso Downs is 7.625 percent. In Ruidoso it is 8.625 percent. The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department estimated lost revenues to the state and local governments will be about \$4.5 million, based on figures from the tax-free weekend in 2010.

"For many goods, this weekend will be tax free," said Minda McGonagle, New Mexico state director for the National Federation of Independent Business. "But it's important to remember that in some categories of goods, there is a set dollar maximum."

The items that qualify for the exemption include school supplies under \$15 per unit that are used in general education classrooms, clothing and shoes \$100 and less, computers \$1,000 and under, and associated computer equipment \$500 and less.

Buyer beware

But not all articles of clothing or footwear are non-taxable this weekend. General purpose boots, like dress boots or winter boots, are exempt.

But specialty boots, such as those used for skiing, hiking or fishing, will be taxed. Do not expect to avoid the gross receipts tax on bowling shoes. Athletic socks are tax exempt, but athletic gloves, pads and supporters are taxable.

The Taxation and Revenue Department's bulletin on what is and what is not taxable includes waiving the tax on baby diapers, bibs, bowling shirts, choir and altar clothing, clerical vestments, corsets, fur clothing, coats and stoles, garter belts, lingerie, nightgowns, robes, flip-flops, and tuxedos.

An array of computers and accessories are tax exempt, but not everything. You will pay the GRT on joy sticks and video cameras.

Software must be bundled with a qualified computer sale. And personal digital assistants, often referred to as palmtop computers, are taxable.

The tax-free holiday will end at midnight on Sunday.

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Historical group marches on Fort Stanton

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CAPTAN — Last weekend, saw the march of World War II enthusiasts from across the country to the hills around Fort Stanton for the second annual March on Rome re-enactment.

Participants engage in several unscripted battles during the day using historically accurate vehicles, clothing, and tactics; followed by scripted re-enactments in the evening that are open to the public.

About 65 participants from all over the country, including Texas, Louisiana, Colorado, California, and New Mexico, came out for the weekend event.

All equipment and uniforms are privately owned, though it must pass a safety inspection before being allowed on the field.

"You get a chance to live history in the field," said David Kumhyr said. "You get out there and all you see is period gear."

Kumhyr said that while historical accuracy is important, he preferred to give a bit of leeway and allow people to have fun, rather than being a "stitch Nazi" about period correctness.

Live ammunition is forbidden, and all re-enactors live in horror of getting hit by a live round, said Kumhyr, who was acting as the commander of German forces.

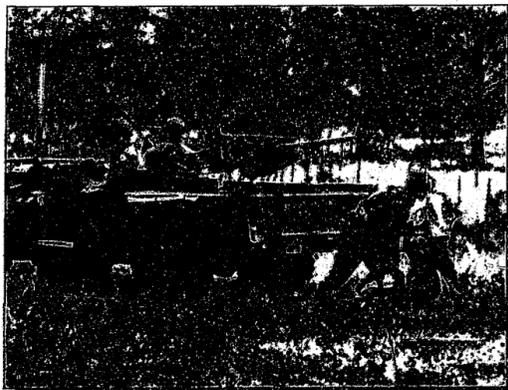


Opposing him was Aaron Seamster, leading the Allied forces. The two armies rolled out at 10 a.m. to battle in the hills of Cave Canyon, already sweating in their wool uniforms.

"The terrain out here is much like Highway 6 towards of Rome," Kumhyr said, explaining that the re-enactment was of the 1944 German retreat towards Rome ahead of the Allied forces.

"We're trying to outdo each other," Kumhyr said. "It's a quasi-recreation."

While both sides had



about equal numbers, Allied forces were allowed the use of radio communications while German forces had more automatic weapons, though they



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Clockwise from top, left, California Historical Group members dress as the feared German Schutzstaffel (SS) for the battle. The group promotes authenticity by communicating only in German on the battlefield.

Aaron Seamster, left, of Fort Worth and Ken Stewart, right, of Tomble, Texas, represent Allied leadership for the battle.

Lyn Ferrero from Austin, Texas, remains at camp as a German Red Cross nurse.

Out on the field for the first time in 60 years, an M-6 Fargo light truck receives its first load of German wounded.

were forced to use motorcycle and foot couriers for communications.

"This is perfect terrain," Kumhyr said, arriving at the German rally point. "If they want to flank us, they have to do some climbing."

All participants are encouraged to exercise more than normal in preparation for the higher altitudes, but Kumhyr said it is always a learning experience for a few.

The battle raged throughout the day, accompanied by frequent cries of "I shot you," to inform someone that they were dead at the moment. The blanks were a particular source of ire to some snipers, who later laughed about how many kills they should have gotten.

The troops broke early, the battle undecided, in order to conserve their strength and water supplies for the evening re-enactment and the next day's battle.

Later that evening, a crowd gathered on the northern edge of Fort Stanton by the creek to watch a scripted assault of Allied forces on a German unit stationed in several buildings.

Sniper Gerald Caballero was the last German to fall as the Allies rode to battle in a restored M-6 Fargo light truck that was dug up in Las Cruces and restored by Kurt Pittsenbargar and Gabriel Peterman. The March on Rome organization plans on



returning annually to Fort Stanton the weekend before Fort Stanton days. The group is operating off a five-year permit to use BLM land issued by the BLM.

Several other organizations, including ROTC, also use the land, and all groups are required to abide by Leave No Trace guidelines and current fire restrictions.

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1989, when asthma and the sudden death of my brother, Creigh de Leon, prompted me to return to a higher and dryer mountain community."

When she began with the St. Petersburg Times, Teletype machines were used.

"I set a record for the number of stories produced in one day," Stallings said of her proficiency on the teletype. "I also had a habit of transposing the letters in 'because,' and I was given the nickname of 'BeckySue 32.'"

During her time at the Times, Stallings was a member of a team that produced 'Poor Amid Plenty,' a four-month project that illustrated the difference between busy U.S. Highway 19 along Florida's west central coast and the region's financially comfortable transplants to the Sunshine State, and the undereducated and poor living a mile or so off the highway.

The series was nominated for the Pulitzer.

Stallings also reported on a district court judge in Florida who had his boat searched by U.S. Customs.

"He took exception to me reporting that because he said when he was out in his boat he wasn't a public figure," Stallings said. "The lower courts agreed with him. The appeals court agreed with us and said he is a public figure."

The groundbreaking case helped clarify Florida's Sunshine Law.

But what really stands out in her Florida time was a



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Reporter Dianne Stallings has worked at the Ruidoso News 20 years this week.

female Manatee that became beached in an effort to avoid some amorous males.

"We covered her up and we called an expert in from SeaWorld. We put an umbrella over her so her skin wouldn't burn and talked to her and petted her. When the tide came in we pulled the cover off. We pushed and pushed and freed her and she was OK. But the real part was that we, the Times, were in heavy competition with the Tampa Tribune and I kept praying through that whole day, please don't let the Tampa Tribune find out about the story, nobody call the Tampa Tribune. And they didn't and we beat them."

After a year in Ruidoso as an at-home mom, Stallings said she was itching to return to writing.

"I love to do features, of course, everybody does. But I actually enjoy dry, boring government because it's my job to make it understandable and to make it interesting to the average person who's out there who may or may not realize that little vote on the village council or the county commission is going to affect their pocket-

book, their energy supply, their roads, or whatever."

Over the Ruidoso years, Stallings captured more than a dozen awards from the New Mexico Press Association for news, features and investigative reporting, and photography.

Stallings covered several high-profile murder cases in Lincoln County. The Harry Doyle Monk case, involving incest and murder, stood out.

"That was probably one of the most gruesome trials I ever covered."

Stallings and her husband, Charles, recently published a book on the Ruidoso murder of Elizabeth Lankhorst-Ballard and the trials of her two convicted murderers. The book, "Death in a Red Desert," was released in April.

But it has been the interviews that Stallings

really enjoyed.

"John Waters was always interesting." Waters had been the city manager in Ruidoso Downs for a good part of the past decade. "He was so knowledgeable and so emphatic. He was impressive."

The veteran reporter said she loves to do interviews of ranching families in the region.

"I just love those people, just love them. They were just so strong, so involved with their community and self-reliant. If a problem came up they just solved it. And we're losing that today."

Stallings also recollected an interview with Richard Farnsworth, a long-time stuntman and actor who had lived in Lincoln until his death in 2000.

"He was just one of the sweetest persons I've ever interviewed. And just so gracious. He stands out in my mind."

Stallings said when she puts a story together she said she realizes she is there to inform the readers, to give them the material and background for them to make their own decisions.

"I could have retired a few years ago, but I've never considered reporting a job."

Ruidoso News Editor Terrance Vestal said he is honored to have a reporter of Stallings' caliber on staff.

"Her reporting and writing skills are certainly contributing factors in what makes the Ruidoso News the quality publication that it is," Vestal said.

He said he wasn't looking forward to her retirement any time soon.

"Sure, we'll find someone to sit at her desk and do a great job," Vestal said. "But we'll never replace her."

FIRE

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finished.

"The community, however, should be assured that I take all allegations of criminal conduct very seriously, and that, together with the United States Forest Service, I will carefully review all investigative evidence that supports allegations of criminal conduct relating to the cause of the White Fire," Gonzales said. "The fact that neither I nor United States Forest Service officials have commented publicly about the investigation into the cause of the White Fire should not be interpreted to mean that the investigation has been abandoned, or that no charges will be filed in this matter. We have refrained from doing so because Department of Justice standards, which seek to protect the integrity of investigations and prosecutions, and the due process and privacy rights of individuals, prohibit us from discussing the specifics of any ongoing investigation."

Gonzales said only in exceptional cases may a federal law enforcement officer comment on an ongoing investigation. Ruidoso Interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent, who is White's son-in-law, gave the fire its title.

"I named it the White Fire because it was behind the Whites' house," Vincent told the Ruidoso News in April. "It wasn't to incriminate anybody. Maybe it was a poor choice of words on my part. I wish I had seen a stinkbug or something, I would have named it the Stinkbug Fire."

Wildland fires are often

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Kenneth Gonzales
U.S. Attorney

named for the location or a feature at the fire's origin.

The fire went on to burn 10,341 acres of mostly federal lands. It also destroyed five homes and some other buildings.

"Fire, like all wildfires all around the state of New Mexico this summer, understandably has taken an emotional toll on the people who live in and around the scarred land," Gonzales said. "Thus, I am making this statement now in an effort to calm the widespread community speculation and unrest about the cause of the White Fire, and to reassure the community that the investigation into the cause of the White Fire is moving forward."

The suppression cost was \$2.8 million. Rehabilitation and hillside stabilization expenses totaled almost \$2 million. The federal government has the option, using criminal or civil action, to try to recoup such costs. Gonzales said if and when criminal charges are filed, he will have more to say according to U.S. Department of Justice standards.

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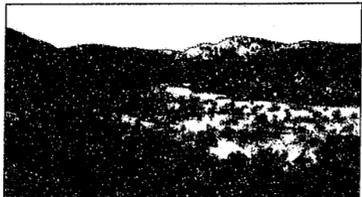
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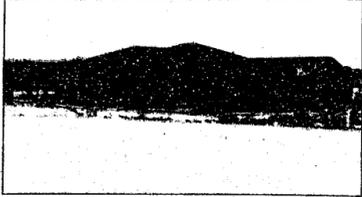
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RARE FIND - CABIN ON THE RIO RUIDOSO Newly remodeled - estate sale - beautiful original wood floors - super access on Sudderth (could be commercial) - tall pines - fenced - beautiful lot - steps to the river - 1 level - log sided cabin. \$229,900. #109527



GREAT VIEWS - PRISTINE CONDO Top of Ruidoso w/views of Mescalero Lake & Sierra Blanca from decks. Turkey & deer abound in these quiet mountain woods. Only mins from town. Pristine condition - 2 FPs, new paint, living area floors, countertops. \$227,500. #107347



IN THE HEART OF RUIDOSO is a well kept home. Metal roof, tall pines, fireplace, bright open floor plan, 2 covered porches & easy year round access. Priced below appraisal. \$185,000. #109521



COMFORTABLE CONDO IN ALTO MT VILLAGE Within walking distance to post office & community club house. Amenities include swimming pool (seasonal), tennis cts & fitness area. Mo fee includes water, sewer, ground maint, snow removal & cable TV. Owner/Broker. \$139,900. #109555



YOUR WALLET WON'T MIND THIS CAPITAN SINGLE WIDE Mt views, 3/2 on quiet cul-de-sac. Fully furnished, move in condition. Metal roof, hardy board siding, tankless water heater, 10'x10' storage shed. \$89,900. #109117



SUPER BUY - TALL PINES - COVERED DECK Nice mobile home on great lot with good access - super vacation home or permanent home - super price - very nice! \$46,000. #108972

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PAGE 1B

Purple Heart Day Sunday

'If you are able, save them a place inside of you'

MIKE CURRAN
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Aug. 7 is officially designated as Purple Heart Day for all U.S. Armed Forces members wounded or killed in service to their country.

Their sacrifice, dedication and commitment should be honored by all who benefit from their efforts.

First established on Aug. 7, 1782, by Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army George Washington, part of its order read, "Let it be known that he who wears the military order of the Purple Heart has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen."

At first, the "Badge of Military Merit" was only awarded to three Revolutionary War soldiers and soon fell into disuse.

Although it was never abolished, it was not officially proposed to be awarded again until after World War I.

On Jan. 7, 1931, Gen. Douglas MacArthur confidentially re-opened work on a new

design, which was completed and revived on Washington's 200th birthday, Feb. 22, 1932.

The award of the medal was soon made retroactive to the day before the American Expeditionary Forces entered World War I, April 5, 1917. MacArthur was its first recipient.

Since then, thousands of U.S. service men and women have been awarded this prestigious, but often underrated, award.

Sports figures have also put their lives on the line in defense of their country.

Warren Spahn, the great Milwaukee Braves 300-game winning pitcher received two purple hearts and a Bronze Star for his bravery.

Spahn fought in the Battle of the Bulge, Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, and earned a battle-field commission.

Jack Lummus played for the New York Giants in 1941 and was in fact playing a game against cross-town rivals, the Brooklyn Dodgers, when the attack on Pearl Harbor took place.

After the Giants played the Chicago Bears in the championship game, Lummus enlisted

in the Marines.

On March 8, 1945 after being appointed his company's commander, Lummus led an attack on several fortified Japanese positions on Iwo Jima.

After eliminating three strongholds, Lummus stepped on a landmine.

He died on the operating table only after uttering his famous last words, "Well, doc, the New York Giants lost a mighty good end today."

Lummus also received the Medal of Honor.

Hoyt Wilhelm, arguably the greatest relief pitcher of all-time, was wounded in action during the Battle of the Bulge for which he received the award.

Washington Redskins player Eddie LaBaron (1952-59) may not have been large in stature but his heart surpassed all else.

He served in the USMC in Korea and earned a Purple Heart.

All-American Oklahoma player, Bob Kalsu, satisfied his ROTC commitment and enlisted for Vietnam.

He was killed in action, July



Purple Heart recipient, Bill Bridge, stands on a mountain in South Korea in 1953. Bridge has worked as a security guard for 22 years at Ruidoso Downs.

See HEART, page 2B

side line

Results

Professional Baseball

Monday, Aug. 1
Las Cruces 7, Osos 6
Wednesday, Aug. 3
Osos 18, Roswell 17
Thursday, Aug. 4
Osos 10, Carlsbad 4

Sports On Tap

Race Track

Ruidoso Downs Race Track holds racing Friday through Monday with a 1 p.m. start time each day. Parking is always free.

On Deck

LC Little League Football

Registration for Lincoln County Little League will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at A Secure Indoor Self Storage (200 Resort Dr.) and again, Monday, Aug. 22, 5-7:30 p.m. Minors players, seven through nine-years-old and majors players 10 through 12-years-old are encouraged to register. Age deadline is Sept. 1, 2011. Fee is \$85. All players that did not play in 2010 must bring proof of age. There will be no late registrations.

WARRIOR FOOTBALL KICKS INTO GEAR



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The Warriors immediately started with drills Monday.



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Mathew Carr gets his foot into it.



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RHS Head coach Kief Johnson, pointing, gives instructions to his players at Monday's practice which began the beginning of this week's two-a-day practices. The Warriors will open the season against Cobre, Aug. 26, at Horton Stadium.

Mr Jet Moore runs Saturday

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Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Honor Me Good and Separate Bet, the second- and third-place finishers in the Higheasterjet Handicap, head a class-filled field of older runners racing 400 yards in the Grade 3, \$30,000 Mr Jet Moore Handicap at Ruidoso Downs on Saturday afternoon.

First post time for the 11-race program is 1 p.m. with the Mr Jet Moore running as the 10th race.

Two-time champion

Noconi won the Higheasterjet Handicap on July 3 and is now pointing to the All American Gold Cup on September 4, therefore the Mr Jet Moore provides a increased opportunity for Honor Me Good, Separate Bet and the rest of the deep stakes field.

Rancho Los Dos Potrillos' Honor Me Good was an 18-1 outsider in the Higheasterjet and finished one-half length behind Noconi for second. He came into the Higheasterjet after a solid campaign at Sunland Park when he was

a close second in the West Texas Maturity and sixth at 7-2 odds behind Rylees Boy in the Bank of America Sunland Park Challenge.

Trainer Ralph Muniz has named Oscar Rincon, who was up in the Higheasterjet, to ride Honor Me Good when they start from the seventh post position.

Separate Bet is the 400-yard track-record holder at Ruidoso Downs with a :19.186 time he set back in 2007.

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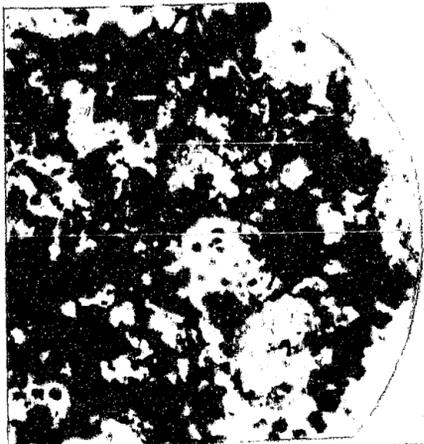
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ANNUAL ALTO LAKES MEMBER/MEMBER TOURNAMENT

The Alto Ladies Golf Association held their annual Member/Member Tournament, July 17-19 at the Outlaw Course.

Tournament Chairman Linda McKinley, Director of Golf Don Bryant, Outlaw Head Professional Martin Espinosa and the staff did a good job making this a memorable tournament for all that participated.

Three days of perfect weather, and a much-needed rain shower at the conclusion of play, made this competition one to remember.

The winners were:

First Flight

- 1st Gross . Alyce Van Tussenbroek/Ella McGaughy
- 2nd Gross Cathy Choice/Carol Singletary
- 3rd Gross Kim Lagasse/Linda Russell
- 1st Net Carole Wall/Debbie Grissen

- 2nd Net Jackie Goupil/Carol Bayless
- 3rd Net Christine Citarella/Claudia Jeffreys

Second Flight

- 1st Gross Laureen Zelt/Sharon Heaton
- 2nd Gross Sandi Ziegler/Sharon Adamy
- 3rd Gross Linda McKinley/Judy Walsh
- 1st Net Cheryl Burrows/Billie Armstrong
- 2nd Net Eve Bayless/Nancy Beyer
- 3rd Net Beverly Reynolds/Susan Spence

Third Flight

- 1st Gross Marilyn Ragland/Pat Martin
- 2nd Gross Lisa Fraley/Kathy Garber
- 3rd Gross Sherron Carroll/Sue Bishop
- 1st Net Allura Dennison/Doris Jones
- 2nd Net Marty DiSanto/Theresa Abbott
- 3rd Net Sue Morris/Julie Esstman



Linda McKinley and Don Bryant hand out awards at luncheon.

HEART

FROM PAGE 1B

21, 1970, in the A Shau Valley.

Rocky Bleier, famed Notre Dame and Pittsburgh Steeler running back, was drafted and earned his Purple Heart after being hit several times in Vietnam.

More recently, ASU linebacker and Arizona Cardinals safety, Pat Tillman, was killed in action on April 22, 2004, in Afghanistan.

Locally, you need look no further than Ruidoso Downs Race Track, for other recipients of the Purple Heart.

As a member of security, Bill Bridge watches the traffic flow in front of Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Always congenial, always helpful, he remains constantly aware of people as they attempt to find parking spots in front of the race track — legal or

not.

Bridge has worked at the track for 22 seasons now.

"R.D. Hubbard bought the track in 1988 and I started working for him in '89," Bridge recounted.

Before that he was a schoolteacher.

Preceding that he served in Korea with Co. B of the 7th Infantry Division.

On Oct. 14, 1952, Bridge and 139 other men charged up Jane Russell Hill.

"Every time we charged up a hill we had to put a big orange X on our backs so we weren't shot by friendly fire," Bridge said.

By the time they reached the summit of Jane Russell Hill only 17 of them were unscathed.

And Bridge was not one of them. About 11 a.m., he took a round from a Chinese burp gun from 15 feet away.

The bullet tore into his thigh, made a hole about the size of a golf ball, hit an artery and exited out the backside creating an even

larger wound.

"Somehow, I had the presence of mind to take my belt off and get it around my leg to stop the bleeding," Bridge said. "It most likely saved my life."

He then spent five months in a Tokyo hospital recuperating before being released.

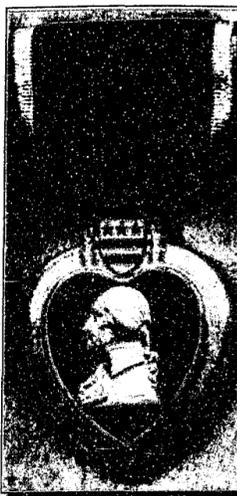
Bridge did not receive his Purple Heart until 2004 because of a St. Louis fire that destroyed many of the medal recipients' records.

It was then he learned he had also been awarded the Bronze Star.

You can see him now, every race day, at his usual responsible position, as a member of Ruidoso Downs Race Track security out in front of the facility watching over traffic.

Ron Link, a slot technician at the track's Billy the Kid Casino, has a respectful demeanor, which represents his Marine background.

Link was hit in the right shoulder by RPG shrapnel in Anwai, Vietnam, Republic of, near Danang, in



FILE PHOTO

The order of the Purple Heart.

June of 1969.

Link was a Marine medic serving with the 1st Marine Division, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marine, India Company and sought shelter from enemy ordnance behind a pile of bamboo when the RPG struck.

"At first I didn't realize I was hit," Link said.

"I went to work on a wounded comrade and I thought I was in an ants nest because my shoulder burned.

"That's when a fellow Marine said to me, 'Hey, that blood on you is yours.'"

Link's father, Warren, was also the recipient of



FILE PHOTO
Track employees, Ron Link, left, and Bill Bridge are both recipients of the Purple Heart.

the Purple Heart.

He was awarded his for wounds received while serving as a motor machinist on a submarine in the South Pacific in World War II.

Whether or not you agree with their sense of duty, remember them all.

To honor these Purple Heart warriors is a small debt to pay.

And while many of them periodically relive past tried-to-be-forgotten horrific experiences throughout their lives, we others, we fortunate ones, enjoy the fruits of their sacrifice.

Here's to each and every one of them on this Purple Heart Day.

All gave some, some gave all

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RACES

FROM PAGE 2B

The seven-year-old gelding is still highly competitive at the graded-stakes level with a third in the \$100,000 Leo Stakes at Remington Park before his third-place run in the Higheasterjet.

The Paul Jones-trained Separate Bet has started 38 times with 11 wins, six seconds and a pair of thirds while earning \$795,484.

Separate Bet, an \$80,000 Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale purchase, is owned by Jimmy and

Duane Harrel with David Barrett and JoAnn Adams.

Champion jockey Jacky Martin rides Separate Bet with the third post position.

Bobby Cox's homebred Zoomin With Ease appears to be regaining the form he flashed when he won the 2009 Rainbow Futurity.

The John Buchanan-trained gelding was second behind Rainbow Derby finalist Royally Sandra two starts ago and then stepped up with a game allowance win in his most recent race.

He was bumped at the start and then rallied to win by a nose with a very quick :15.095 time for 300

yards.

Regular rider Russel Hadley is up on Zoomin With Ease with the second post position.

Owned by Double Eagle Ranch with Buena Suerte Equine, Time For A Cigar, earned the 2009 champion three-year-old gelding award on the strength of his win in that year's Grade 1 Ruidoso Derby.

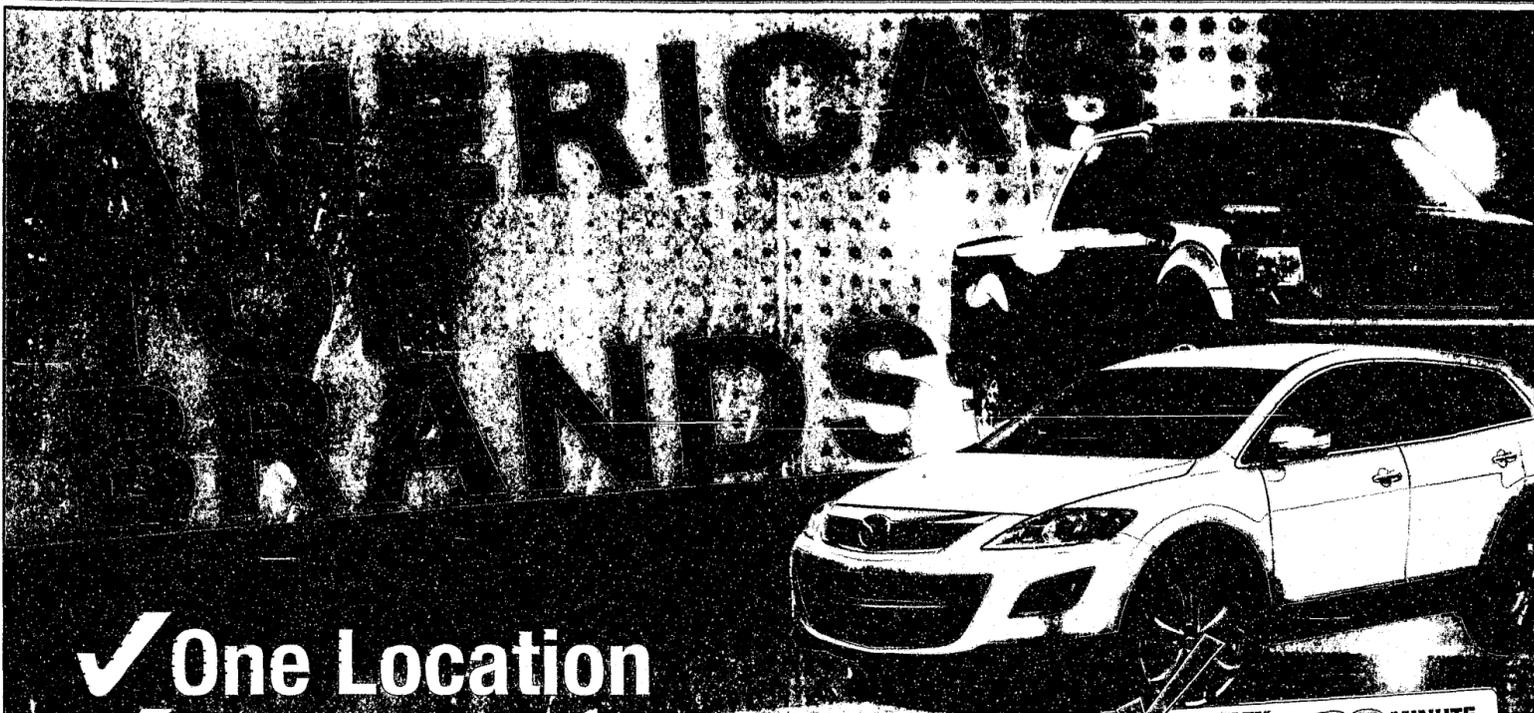
Last fall he won the Bank Of America Turf Paradise Challenge and was fourth in the Grade 1 Bank of America Challenge Championship.

Cody Jensen rides the Richard Sedillo-trained Time For A Cigar with the inside post position.

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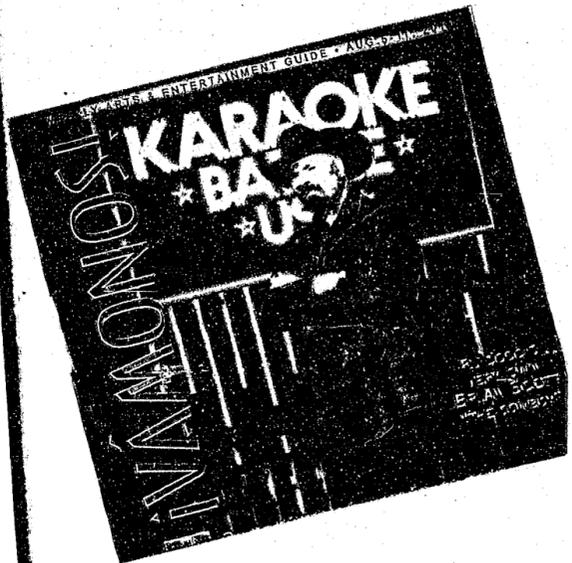
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August 5, 2011

Dear Trina,

The Ruidoso Art Festival was another huge record breaking show for me this year. I'd like to thank you and Ross Barrett for all the time you spent helping me design my ads in Vamanos. Full page ads can be very effective!

I had many of my customers tell me they had seen the ads and ask to see a specific piece of jewelry that was advertised. Also, I had many new customers visit my booth and have fun trying on a piece or two. Some purchased a piece and some did not, but it was fun visiting with all of them and afforded me the opportunity to grow new customers.

Between the wonderful effort of cousin Paul, Roxy, Beckey, Big Jarrett and volunteers from the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, the many people that visited my booth and the Ruidoso New, it made for one fun weekend. I look forward to next year and know the advertising team I will rely on.

Perhaps we could put together a special section for the artists to place an ad in, but let's get in touch with them at least a month before the show. I know it would be a plus for the newspaper, the artists and the show.

Once again, thank you, I consider this campaign a real success!

Sincerely,

Monroe Jackson

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Revival weekend sheds light

What a week God has given the J Bar J with Sports Camp and Revival. The Youth Group from Rocky Pointe Baptist Church in Stephenville, Texas, did a marvelous job of conducting the Sports Camp. Randy Weeaks and Daryl Eldridge challenged the J Bar J to growth in fellowship groups and spiritual development in the Revival. Wow! The week was full of

surprises at what our God can do and the responses from our worshippers.

The Sports Camp resulted in over thirty spiritual decisions for Christ. The Revival resulted in

two professions of faith and an addition by statement of belief in Jesus Christ.

There is no question about it; God has been at work... in all our churches.

We live in a community that is subject to all manner of physical dissipations.

Alcoholism, drug abuse, unwed teenage pregnancies, gambling addictions, and other problems depreciate the human worth and potential. Choices of divorce, desertion, and dependency on others, leave children hanging without support and stability for their lives.

How can children learn at school, when they do not know where parents or caregivers will be when school is out? Or, will there be food to eat? Or

can they have protective supervision at play?

Children are gifts of God and to be cherished and cared for. They deserve parents who provide, protect, and produce a chance for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Having children and raising them is both a privilege and a responsibility.



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As we follow up on these spiritual decisions, it is our prayer that we will be helpers for those who made their choices to make a change in their lives. Our church and other churches in

town have children's ministries and new Christian discipleship classes. It is one thing to make a change for a better life, and another to have help from others who have been through the struggles to have a better life.

Many folks are not involved in church because they think that all churches want is to take their money or to manipulate their lives. That could not be further from the truth. Churches want folks to have better lives that can only come through Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the only answer for peace, joy, happiness, and stability in life. Only God can bring those things into our hearts. He alone can give us help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Ellen R. Miller
1926-2011

Ellen R. Miller, known affectionately as "Madre" to her family, recently left this world peacefully to go for her reward. She was surrounded by family, at home, when she passed on, after having fought a courageous battle with cancer.

Born 1926, in Bethany OK, she held many exciting positions in many exciting places. She worked her way up to executive secretary in the oil industry of the Permian Basin and then ran a successful instrument and pipe business with her husband Dolph, in Odessa, TX. Next, shortly after his death in 1976, she moved to Ruidoso to carry on with their dream home build (built by her carpenter son Steve and his friend) in 1977. Ellen operated Madre's, a boutique in midtown during the 80s, where much of her good taste and class was readily apparent. In the late 80s she became very active with the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce in the Napa Valley, which she also loved. She lived in Ruidoso off and on for many years until 2002, when she moved for health reasons.

Always with cheer and kind to others, always there as a mother, always active in her community, she cherished travel, gardening and those close to her. She took the time and spent the money it took to be near family and friends and to do the things and see the places she wanted - an example for all of us to follow. She is survived by her brothers Wilson Franklin of Denver, CO and Douglas Franklin of Albuquerque, NM, cousin John Smith, of Albuquerque, NM, sons Steven Miller of Kingsland, TX and Thomas Miller of Ruidoso, daughter Candace Miller of Denver, CO, grandsons John Shelden of Branson, MO and Mike Shelden of Austin, TX, granddaughters Ellen Edwards of Denver, CO, Stephanie Bliss of Lago Vista, TX and Tina Shelden of Austin, TX.

Ellen always said to smile for others but most importantly, yourself, because every day of life is a gift to be cherished.

Worship and the digital age

Q: Why do only Catholics, of all Christians, worship and pray to Mary, the mother of God? - C

A: Catholics don't worship Mary; they venerate Mary. Worship is reserved only for God. If you worship anything or anyone other than God you're an idolater committing the sin of idolatry. Worshipping Jesus is not idolatry for Christians because Christians believe Jesus is God.

Venerating someone is not idolatry, because veneration is the belief that some human person reflects the values God has given to us to follow. A person we venerate as living a nearly perfect, Godly life is called a saint. Judaism calls such a person a tzadik. Buddhism, which does not have a Western idea of God, calls such a spiritually-enlightened person a Bodhisattva. Every religion has a vocabulary of veneration.

In Catholicism, Mary is venerated as the first saint. She's believed to be the mother of God and the mother of the Catholic Church, who lived a sinless life. As of 1950, the belief in Mary's Assumption -- that she was taken into heaven body and soul -- became a dogma of the Catholic Church (Catechism of the

Catholic Church 966,975).

From my point of view, the veneration of Mary by Catholics is a very good thing. Even though all words fail to express the majesty and mystery of God, there is a tendency to consider God in totally masculine terms. The figure of Mary as a human being who became the first saint is helpful in lifting up the feminine grace of God in Christianity. In Judaism, the feminine figure of the Shekinah does a similar balancing of the masculine elements of Jewish theology.

To Catholics, the distinction between worshipping the divine and venerating human perfection is clear. However, the Catholic love of Mary, and particularly the deep importance of Mary to the personal faith of the late Pope John Paul II, has led to the unfair accusation reflected in your question.

I understand how some non-Catholics can become confused when Catholics

pray to Mary to answer prayers and comfort the afflicted. Why is this called veneration and not worship? I admit that the line between the two can become a bit blurry, but the main difference between worship and veneration remains important and distinct.

A saint is a human being, not God. A saint reflects God and inspires people to try to be more like God, and sometimes is even a conduit for God's grace, but a saint is not God and must never be worshipped the way we worship God

alone. Perhaps a non-religious way to understand this distinction is to think of genius. We recognize artistic genius, athletic genius, and certainly intellectual genius. A saint, a tzadik, or a bodhisattva are examples of religious geniuses. They amaze and inspire us to see what is possible when a person comes as close to God as is possible.



RABBI MARC GELLMAN
THE GOD SQUAD

Church to hold Sunday concert

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church will launch a Sunday school for children ages 2 to 5 on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m. For this Rally Day celebration, Mariachi San Pablo, a music ministry of the Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, will lead the music.

The Sunday school is geared especially toward those families who currently have no home church but desire Christian instruction for their children.

An informational open house will be held at the church on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

This event will allow parents and children to learn more about the class and to meet the staff. Pre-registration will be available. Shepherd of the Hills is located at 1120 Hull Road in Ruidoso.

For more information, please contact the church office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at (575) 258-4191.

2011 Fort Stanton Live Schedule

Friday, August 5							
0900-0915 PM New tour starts every 15 minutes		Event Kickoff - Candle & Lantern Light Tour Call 575.354.0341 www.fortstanton.org					
Saturday, August 6 - Fort Stanton Museum Open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kids Games & Tomahawk Throw - All day on Parade Grounds; Firearms Display in Cafeteria All Day; Authors Gary Cozzens, Dr. Walter E. Pittman, Don Bulls and Lincoln Co. Historical Society in Cafeteria all day; Cemetery Open 8:00 - 5:00; Can't Stop Smokin' will have food for sale from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Saturday for those planning to stay on site for the Military Ball at 7:30							
Time	Stage	Nurses' Quarters	Com. Officer's Quarters	Chapel	Parade Ground - All Day Camp Life	Cafeteria	Internment Camp Stables
8:00am					Event opens - Flag Raising & Cannon Salute	Authors/Firearms Display	
9:00am	Lincoln County Paranormal Presentation	U.S. Army Medicine Dr. Robert Mallin			Infantry Drill narrated	Authors/Firearms Display	Stables Open 9:00-5:00
9:30am					Cavalry Drill narrated	Authors/Firearms Display	Stables Open 9:00-5:00
10:00am	Flute Music with Lannie Maddox	Snowy River Fort Stanton Cave Study Project	Storytelling with Nisha Hoffman	Captain Henry W. Stanton, 1823-1855 by Dan Rathbun	Artillery Drill narrated	Authors/Firearms Display	Tour of WWII Internment Camp * meet by post office
11:00am		Lincoln County Paranormal Presentation	U.S. Army Medicine Dr. Robert Mallin	Evolution of Army Chevrons by John Pittsenbarger	Mescalero Dancers	The Lincoln County War with Drew Gember	Stables Open 9:00-5:00
12:00pm	Flying J Wranglers		Storytelling with Nisha Hoffman			Authors/Firearms Display	Stables Open 9:00-5:00
12:45pm	Sword Presentation					Authors/Firearms Display	Stables Open 9:00-5:00
1:00pm		Snowy River, Fort Stanton Cave Study Project (FSCSP)		Confederate Army of NM by Ed Whitted	Mescalero Dancers	Law & Order in Territorial NM with Don Bulls	Tour of WWII Internment Camp * meet by post office
2:00pm	Victorian Fashion Show	Lincoln County Paranormal Presentation	Ongoing - U.S. Army Medicine Dr. Robert Mallin		Infantry Drill narrated	Authors/Firearms Display	Stables Open 9:00-5:00
2:30pm					Cavalry Drill narrated	Amusing Western Outlaws with Drew Gember	Stables Open 9:00-5:00
3:00pm	Rich Chorne Band	Snowy River, Fort Stanton Cave Study Project (FSCSP)	Storytelling with Nisha Hoffman		Artillery Drill narrated	Authors/Firearms Display	Stables Open 9:00-5:00
4:00pm					What if Battle Scenario: Union doesn't abandon Fort & Confederates arrive on the south side of the Fort	Authors/Firearms Display	Stables Open 9:00-5:00
5:00pm					Colors Ceremony (Retreat) & Cannon Salute/Supper with the Troops		Internment Camp Tour meet by Post Office
5:30pm-7:15	Rich Chorne Band				Supper with the Troops & Civilian Meals for Purchase by Can't Stop Smokin'		
7:30pm-9:45					Military Ball		
Sunday, August 7 - Fort Stanton Museum Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Outdoor events End at 12:00							
8:00pm					Event opens - Flag Raising & Cannon Salute		
8:30pm				Period Church Service In Ft. Stanton Chapel			
9:00am					Cavalry Drill narrated		
9:30am					Infantry Drill narrated		
10:00am				Period Church Service In Ft. Stanton Chapel	Artillery Drill narrated		
10:30am					Troops Depart for Lincoln		
11:30am				Period Church Service In Ft. Stanton Chapel			
12:00pm					Troops return to Fort Colors Ceremony (Retreat) & Cannon Salute		

Buildings Open on Both Days: Fort Stanton Museum, Chavez Dining Hall, Senior Officer's Quarters

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LINCOLN COUNTY

Painted violin auction School years of 1931



Left to right, Ty Turner and Paul Wenzel display "Spirit of the Ancient Ones" after the auction at the Spencer Theater.

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Even before the Chamber Music Festival started the painted violin auction, bids were on the table.

On Saturday, July 30, the seventh annual non-profit "painted violin" auction began at the Spencer Theater. Featuring eight violins handcrafted by local artists, the event was intended to raise money to support future festivals. Pianist Di Wu and the Linden String Quartet played for the audience.

With a minimum bid of \$250, most of the violins sold for about that price, with the exception of the last violin of the night, created by local artist Paul

Wenzel, which brought in \$750.

Titled "Spirit of the Ancient Ones," the violin featured scrimshawed longhorn plates, an art form originating with whalers carving on bone, as well as tanned leather and beadwork.

Wenzel said he drew his inspiration from an Oregon scrimshander's work on the 1.5 millionth Martin guitar, as well as time spent browsing petroglyphs in Smithsonian photos.

Wenzel and his wife, Deborah, also a local artist, were attending the chamber music concert when Sacred Grounds owners Rebecca and Will Ponder told him they were "going to get that violin, no matter what." However, Ty

Turner from Tularosa approached him and expressed the same sentiment.

After vigorous bidding between the two, Turner finally walked off with the winning bid of \$750, \$25 more than Ponder's final bid.

Turner said he was willing to go up to \$1,000, or possibly more, to take the violin home.

The Ponders have since asked Wenzel to decorate another violin for Sacred Grounds, a coffee shop, this time featuring a petroglyph with coffee in hand to more closely match their logo.

Vice President of the Chamber Music Festival Dan Hood said that all eight violins sold, along with several paintings and other items at the silent auction.

"It was a very, very successful weekend," Hood said. "All of our audience surveyed said they were delighted with the event."

More than \$5,000 was raised from the event, according to Mary Lea Lane, president of the Chamber Music Festival and contributing artist.

To find out more about the chamber music festival, visit their website at <http://www.ruidosochambermusic.com/> or call (575) 973-0880.

For more information on Paul Wenzel, visit http://www.wenzelworks.com/artists/About_Paul.html.

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Eighty years later, Corona High School graduates still return to visit their old stomping grounds.

Loretta Proctor graduated in 1931, but time and distance didn't prevent her from returning to Corona on Saturday for her 80th class reunion in the town where she spent most of her life.

That, and to enjoy the 8 p.m. dance.

"I don't really dance too much," Proctor said. "Just two to three sets."

Her statement is refuted by a group of relatives, laughing, who said that she went dancing at least once a week, if not more.

Proctor has macular degeneration, a condition that makes it hard for her to see and recognize people or objects. She said she mainly went dancing to "appreciate good music."

Proctor was born in 1914 on a pinto bean farm nine miles south of Corona to Claude and Nancy Susan Porter, who settled on 160 acres in 1909.

"My earliest memory is following behind my father with a bucket of worms for the chickens," Proctor said, recounting how her first duties were to walk through the fields, picking off insects that were eating the crops.

During her childhood years, Proctor said she worked hard at home, walked one-and-a-half miles to school and graduated valedictorian of her 1931 class.

"It was all hard work," Proctor said. "But it was a good childhood."

After graduating, Proctor began working for her own pay, which is how she met her first husband, Floyd Proctor.

"I was working in the drugstore in Corona at the time," Proctor said. "He got to coming in and decided I



Loretta Proctor rode her buggy as Grand Marshal of the parade.

was 'the one', I guess."

Four years after graduating, they were married and set up a homestead eight miles east of Corona, where the couple worked at a bit of everything to make a living.

"I cut posts, sheared sheep, caught rattlesnakes - anything to make a living," Proctor said.

At the time of their marriage, Floyd had been trading cut cedar posts of groceries, even through their honeymoon.

"The next morning (after getting married) he picked up an axe and went to work. I picked up another axe and went after him," Proctor said. "Whatever we were doing, we were doing it together."

A year later, Floyd Jr. was born.

"That's when I started my family - in 1936," Proctor said. "We never did have a handout, we made our own way."

All eight Proctor children worked hard and graduated from Corona High School,

along with several grandchildren.

In 1947, the Proctors had some unusual days with the crash of a purported UFO on her neighbor, Mac Brazel's, farm.

"Don't let anyone tell you there's no such thing as a UFO," Proctor said. "Mac brought parts of the UFO over to the family to show us, though he couldn't dig up much."

When he got back from Roswell he stopped talking about it, so they shut him up somehow."

But 50 years of marriage and eight children later, Floyd died in 1985. Proctor remained single for 14 years, until she met and married Ellis Hodge, who also died three years later in 2002.

In 2008, Proctor moved to Comanche, Texas, where she lives with her daughter, Veda Proctor, and annually makes the 11-hour drive to Corona Days and her class reunion. She has six surviving children and 25 grandchildren.

Church group donates

The Sacramento Mountain Unitarian Universalist Fellowship disburses all their donations twice yearly, saving only funds needed for their rent and 10 percent for materials the group might need.

At the last meeting, they voted to allocate

\$700 equally to four local projects, COPE, NM-OATH, Laughing Eyes Kennel, and Leadership Lincoln 8th Grade Program.

They also donated \$225 equally to three international programs, Kiva, Heifer International, and Friends of Peace Pilgrim.

In addition, they gave \$225 to regional and international Unitarian Universalist groups.

The Sacramento Fellowship meets twice monthly in Ruidoso and is open to visitors.

For more information, you can contact Dick Mastin at (575) 336-2170.

The language of the cowboy

Language ranks among the most visible, audible, extensive, and useful cultural evidence that human societies create. Undeniably, it is one of the more important parts of any culture.

Anyone looking into ranch life and cowboy history will find that the culture of the American West has a language all its own. Yankees don't understand it and rarely recognize it as a real language.

I know that my personal dialect is that of a direct plain-spoken Westerner.

I use words that others don't recognize as words and I leave out words (that) others would place in the thought process I'm

expressing. See parenthesis.

They might call it correct grammar, I call it unnecessary.

While I possess in the recesses of my upbringing a full vocabulary of "range vernacular," some very skilled mentors managed to round off the edges of my speech.

As a young girl my mother came to the West from the civilized world bringing with her a refined vocabulary. I was also blessed with teachers that were able to guide me to hold my own in polite company when it came to conversation.

I'm not embarrassed

that I often have to look up the meaning of words used casually and easily by my fellow scribes. Given the opportunity, I could give them a few they would have to investigate, not because they are unlearned but because it's a foreign language to them. And those words won't be in ordinary dictionaries.

In the language called cowboy, jingle isn't the sound that a bell makes or a

rhyme. It is a verb that means to gather the horses.

By definition, Hooley

Ann isn't a country girl but a type of loop thrown to catch a horse. Hoolihan is something completely different.

While dew claw is a part of bovine anatomy, the labels for saddle horses from the remuda could

include crow-hopper, crawfisher or the blind buckler.

The early cowboy was generally not highly educated but he never lacked for expression. The sharp directness of his speech seemed novel and strange to conventional people but no one could accuse him of being boring.

His ability to turn a picturesque phrase was as refreshing as it was unexpected and often showed his keen sense of humor.

His figures of speech are descriptive and clearly accurate. Trying to accomplish the impossible is "like tryin' to scratch your ear with your elbow." When expressing his idea of prominence he might say it "stuck out like a new saloon in a church district."

Pretty is "prettier than a spotted dog under a red wagon," and ugly is expressed in colorful descriptions like "so narrow between the eyes he could look through a keyhole with both eyes." Chouse is chase -- either cows or girls.

Today's cowboy is quite often very educated, but you will find that the book

learnin' never takes away his ability to employ his words in a way that suits him. He will arrange them in a manner that best expresses his idea and be completely unrestricted by tradition.

That cowboy slang, twang and verbal saunter is often worn like the camouflage of a chameleon.

It is not unusual for a cowboy to use it to beguile his listener, lulling them into a false sense of superiority.

The dumb-ol'-boy trick has made many a cowboy a pile of money. Their theory is to not ever tamper with the natural ignorance of a greenhorn.

Whatever their dialect, phraseology, and vernacular, the cowboy has always had a way of expressing a big thought in a few words. "Success is the size of the hole a man leaves after he dies."

Couldn't have said it better myself.

Julie knows a cow chip is paradise for a fly. She can be reached for comment at

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Hantavirus in McKinley County

Back to school

August 10

Seventh through 12th grade students report back to school. School begins with first bell at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 4:05 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)

August 17

Kindergarten through sixth grade students report back to school with same start and end times. (Monday-Thursday)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Town Council
6 p.m. Aug. 8, Town Hall.

Chamber of Commerce
Noon Aug. 9, Roy's.

Woman's Club
11:30 p.m. second Thursdays, September through May.

Planning & Zoning
6 p.m. Aug. 16, Town Hall.

School Board
6 p.m. Aug. 16, school grounds.

Carrizozo Lodgers Tax
1 p.m. Aug. 18, Town Hall.

Carrizozo Works
5:30 p.m. Aug. 18, Otero Electric.

Church group for kids
6 p.m. every Wednesday.

Awana (K through sixth grade) at the Baptist Church

Tic/Tac (Seventh through 12th grade) at the Methodist Church

Horse shoe tournament
9 a.m. Aug. 13, at Spider Park conducted by the Santa Rita Knights of Columbus.

Contestants will be drawn by lot for two-person teams for a cost of \$5 per person, to benefit Santa Rita Church.

Contact Sam Duran at (909) 855-6191 or email him at olemansam@aol.com.

Carrizozo Music in the Parks

5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 14, McDonald Park, there will be a free concert of classic rock and jazz as part of its Sunday evening summer series.

Fred Kinnan and Tim Rice, guitar duo, will play their strictly instrumental variety of rock, jazz, classical and pop music.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will host the food for this concert with grilled burgers with all the fixings, hotdogs, their famous baked goods and drinks.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will move to the Woman's Club on 11th at D Avenue.

For more information and updates, check the website at www.carrizozomusic.org or call Elaine Brannen at (575) 648-2757.

Free movie at the museum

7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, "Hang 'em High" (1968) Clint Eastwood, Inger Stevens. Eastwood is the victim of a lynching who survives to seek vengeance in this movie filmed in Las Cruces and White Sands National Monument.

Sodas and popcorn available) at Heritage Hall next door to the Museum.

Food Bank/Pantry

Food Pantry (Seniors 55+)

Noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 9.
Food Pantry (under 55)
Noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 23.

The New Mexico Department of Health on Aug. 3 that a 59-year-old woman from McKinley County is hospitalized at University Hospital in critical condition with laboratory-confirmed Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS).

This is the fifth case of HPS in New Mexico this year.

"While cases of Han-

tavirus are uncommon, the five cases we have had this year serve as a reminder of the importance in following our prevention guidelines to keep all New Mexicans safe and reduce their risk of being exposed to infected mice," said Department of Health Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Catherine Torres.

People can become infected and develop disease from HPS when they

breathe in aerosolized virus particles that have been transmitted by infected rodents through urine, droppings or saliva.

"Being aware of your surroundings so that you avoid disturbing areas of rodent infestation, rodent nests and droppings is very important along with making sure your house is sealed up so that rodents cannot enter," said Dr. Paul

Ettestad, the Department's state public health veterinarian.

Early symptoms of Hantavirus infection include fever and muscle aches, possibly with chills, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and cough which progresses to respiratory distress.

These symptoms develop within one to six weeks

after rodent exposure.

Although there is no specific treatment for Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome, chances for recovery are better if medical attention is sought early.

For more information about Hantavirus, visit the Department's website:

<http://www.health.state.nm.us/ERD/HealthData/hantavirus.shtml>

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Dear Jim,

Thank you for such a complete story.

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Superintendent - Ruidoso Municipal School District
Ruidoso, NM

Julie!

You just keep getting better!! Nothing truer said or written
(Cowboy kid)--we've all been there--and will never forget!!!
What I'm trying to say is this was REALLY GOOD!!!!!!

Bob Moorhead
Hagerman, NM

Julie!

GOOOOOD (How to grow a young cowboy) one!!! That
'button' could just maybe (be) somebody's WIFE!!!!!! (Been
there, done that!) Thanks again!!

Frances Clewein
Mustang, OK

Mr. Vestal,

Many thanks for your courage and honesty in last Friday's
editorial. You speak your mind while holding the tension of
opposites with humor, grace and balance. I look forward to
reading more of your thoughts and ideas, and promise to
continue doing my own homework.

Carolyn Arcure
Alto, NM

Jim:

Thank you very much for the nice article (Old bank build-
ing houses new credit union) in last Friday's paper. You did a
great job! Please let us (know) if we can be of service to you.

Karen Griffio, CEO
Ruidoso Credit Union
Ruidoso, NM

Julie,

You really nailed this one (How to grow a young cowboy).
Love it! it's a classic to those of us who "know."

Alma Lyle Bilberry
Elida, NM

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2011 Corona Days



Jared Alderet of Corona, of Holleyman Ranch, competing in the Ranch Rodeo.



Anthony Romero of Corona prepares his lasso to compete in the Ranch Rodeo.

*photos by
Erik Bearer*



Left to right, Daniel Romero of Corona, Ralph Chavez of Albuquerque, Ramone Jaramillo of Gallup, and Jose Jimenez of Corona enjoy a high school reunion in Corona.



Chad and Jennifer Brown of Moriarty visited relatives during Corona Days.



Left to right, Corona fire chief Brad Gage is served lunch by Denee Romero, Leanne Hutcheson, and Jeanette Huey.



Barbara Bradley of Carrizozo promotes the food bank run by the Carrizozo Assembly of God to Corona residents.



James and Maxine Brown of Corona, 1947 and 1946 alumni, enjoy the festivities during Corona Days.

Hot Dog!



Proprietor of Big D's Hot Dogs, left, Darrell Hail served a tasty hot dog to Roger Allen for lunch last week in front of Lawrence Bros. IGA. Darrell built the cart himself and added, "business is picking up every day". Both Darrell and Roger live in Ruidoso.

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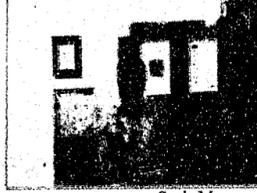
Students take the GED for many reasons. Some are home-schooled; some quit high school for economic, health, or social reasons. The GED allows these students the opportunity to enter the job market with an equivalency diploma.

Unfortunately, a stigma exists that the GED is not as legitimate as a high school diploma. Morss is quick to note that according to the General Educational Development Testing

Service, a non-for-profit program, "...only 60% of graduating high school seniors would pass the GED tests on their first attempt." The GED test is increasingly becoming recognized by colleges and employers. Ninety eight percent of colleges and universities and ninety six percent of employers accept applicants with a GED diploma.

"It is my understanding that only thirteen states issue a state high school diploma when an eligible resident passes the GED Battery. New Mexico is one of the group," says Morss. "So, in New Mexico, a GED recipient is also considered a high school graduate. Adult Education prepares students beyond the GED, emphasizing that more education or training is required for success in today's workforce."

For more information on the GED classes, please call Susie Morss at 630-8181 or stop by the New Mexico Workforce Connection at the White Mountain Annex located at 203 East White Mountain Drive near Kids' Connection.



Susie Morss

GED Class Schedule

Block 1
 Orientation- August 15, 16, 17
 9am - 12pm

Classes August 22 - September 15
 Monday through Thursday
 9am - 12pm

Block 2
 Orientation- September 12, 13, 14
 1-5 pm

Classes- September 19 - October 13
 Mornings- Monday through Thursday
 9am - 12pm

Block 3
 Orientation- October 10, 11, 12 1-5 pm

Classes- October 17- November 10
 Mornings- Monday through Thursday
 9am - 12pm

Block 4
 Orientation- November 7, 8, 9 1-5 pm

Classes- November 14 - December 8
 Mornings- Monday through Thursday
 9am - 12pm

English as a Second Language Fall Class Schedule

Monday
English Grammar
 6:00PM-8:00PM

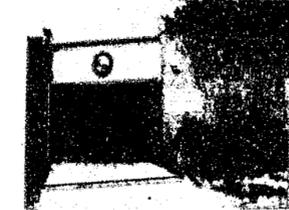
Tuesday
Vocabulary and Pronunciation
 6:00PM-8:00PM

Wednesday
History and Reading
 6:00PM-8:00PM

Classes are held at White Mountain Annex
 203 White Mtn. Drive (Middle Building)
 Room 12

Many GED students apply for college admission after their test. ENMU-Ruidoso is an open admissions college and anyone with a GED certificate or high school diploma may enroll in college credit classes. GED or high school graduates are eligible for the New Mexico Lottery Scholarship contingent on full time enrollment the semester following graduation. For more information, contact Student Services at 257-3007.

articles by Beth Trochet



Adult Basic Education Services at WMA

As part of the New Mexico Workforce Connection, the Adult Basic Education department offers several programs intended to promote adult literacy and job skill acquisition. Two of the more popular programs are the GED and English as a Second Language classes. Susie Morss, Literacy Coordinator and Assistant ABE Director along with several instructors and volunteers tutor students to prepare them for the GED test and transitioning into careers.

The GED test measures the academic skills taught in high school. Five areas make up the GED Battery: Language Arts-Writing, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts-

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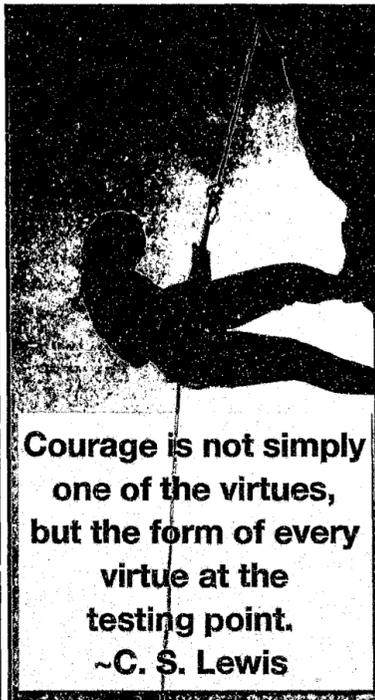
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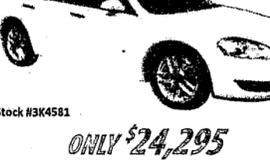
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