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Police chiefs Doug Babcock and Joe Magill guide the loading of an eight-year-old boy who was injured in an accident Monday onto a helicopter to be airlifted to an area hospital.

Seven injured in wreck

Police: Drivers, passengers not wearing seatbelts

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A 78-year old woman failed to yield and pulled into on-coming traffic on Highway 70 Monday morning, triggering a crash that injured two adults and five children, none of whom were wearing seatbelts, the Ruidoso Downs Police Department reported.

"It is tragic that those children were not buckled in and the baby was not in a car seat," Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock said Tuesday. "The injuries would have been greatly reduced had they been using restraints."

An eight-year-old boy was airlifted from the scene

suffering from head and leg injuries, according to police.

Virginia Silva, 78, of Ruidoso Downs, was also airlifted from Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment.

Babcock said Tuesday that all seven were still hospitalized but all reported to be in stable condition.

Silva failed to stop entering Highway 70 from East Drive onto Highway 70 and struck the eastbound car driven by an 18-year-old female, a witness told Ruidoso Downs officer April Payan-Keck.

There were a 13-year-old girl and an eight-year-old

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Gun ban in place in public buildings

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A new sign posted on the entry door to Ruidoso Village Hall bans all firearms in village buildings by order of the mayor.

The only exception is certified law enforcement officers.

Mayor Ray Alborn said today it's his job to protect the six councilors sitting at the council table and people in the audience. After an incident last month when the police chief disarmed a member of the public who was coming to the podium to speak to the council, the notice is timely.

In a typed statement taped next to the notice, Alborn wrote that in his capacity as mayor and under authority granted to him by New Mexico State Statutes, 1978, 3-11-4 and 30-14-4, he issued the order banning firearms from all public property, except by certified law enforcement officers.

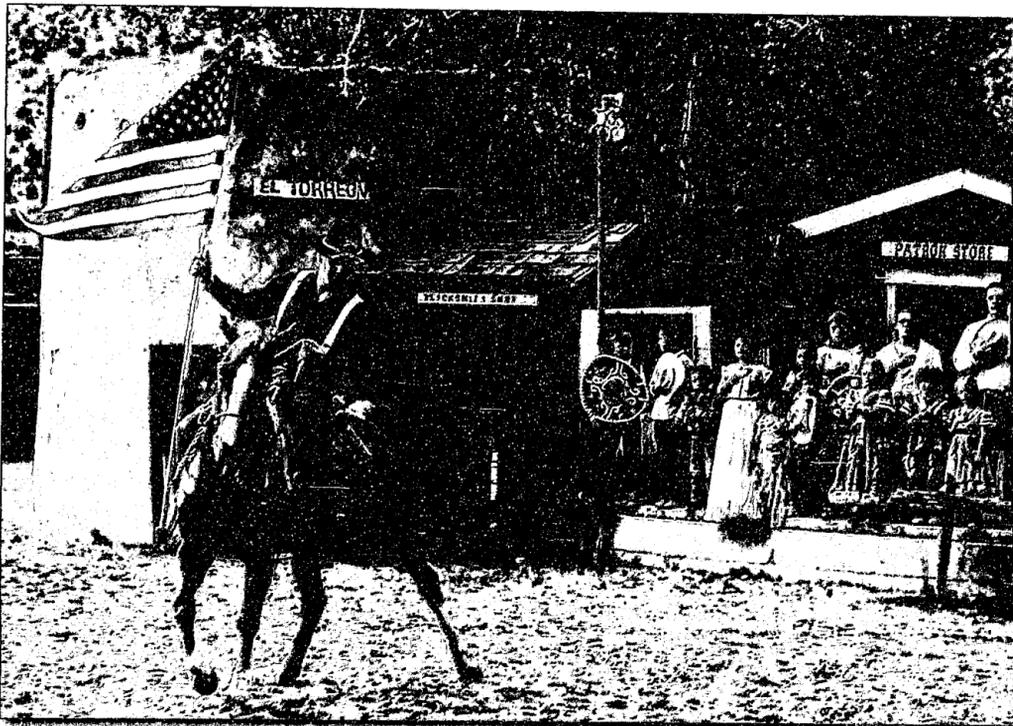
"The purpose of this order is to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and to provide for peaceful, appropriate, professional and polite discourse and discussion amongst our citizens while they conduct business with the village," he wrote.

Under Section 3-11-4, the powers of the mayor as chief executive officer, the mayor "shall exercise, within the municipality, powers conferred upon sheriffs of counties to suppress disorders and keep the peace."

Under Section 30-14-4,

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FLAG AND PAGEANTRY



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Sgt. Ryon Colt Freemole presents the American Flag for the opening of "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid" pageant in Lincoln Sunday. Freemole took his mid-tour leave from his unit in Kosovo to participate in the annual folk pageant. Freemole, a member of the New Mexico Army National Guard, is assigned to Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 200th Infantry Regiment. In 2006, Freemole missed the pageant, for the only time in his life, because he was serving in Iraq. He flies out Sunday to rejoin his unit in Kosovo.

Water agreement terms public

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A water agreement scheduled to be approved Tuesday by Ruidoso village councilors apparently removes one of the major opponents to the village's pumping of water wells on Eagle Creek.

The agreement, whose previously approval after a closed session sparked a complaint to the New Mexico Attorney General, lays out several restrictions and recognition of rights, and, for the first time, the terms between the village and the Rio Hondo Land & Cattle Company L.P. are public.

The agreement with Rio Hondo, a Delaware limited partnership based in Picacho, and successor in interest

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Village takes re-vote on contract

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Ruidoso councilors re-voted to approve a water rights agreement, but this time it will be as a listed item on the board's regular meeting agenda.

The action comes in response to a complaint filed with the state Attorney General's office by the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government, a government watchdog group that pays particular attention to the state's Open Meetings Act and Inspection of Public Records Act.

While maintaining over two

pages of a letter to FOG Director Sarah Welsh and Attorney General Gary King that the Village Council acted properly, in the last paragraph on the third page, Village Attorney Dan Bryant wrote that councilors would vote again. The first vote occurred July 12, after a closed session, when councilors came back into the open meeting, added an item to the close session call and then voted on it.

Although Bryant contended the council was acting on an emergency, he wrote, "Nevertheless, once again in an effort to save the

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Bus service to see detour

Change could mean fixed routes

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With the Lincoln County pulling its financial support of regional public transportation a couple of months ago, putting in question the fiscal viability of Lincoln County Transit, proposals to shore the service up have been offered by the transit's manager, Patty DeSoto.

"I do have a plan on how to make up for the county by going fixed route," DeSoto said during Monday's Ruidoso Downs City Council meeting. "My route that I have, it mainly serves public locations. And then begin soliciting for money for service contracts to have a bus stop."

Examples of public locations cited by DeSoto included the Ruidoso Public Library, Ruidoso Downs City Hall, the Hubbard Museum of the American West, The Nest, Ruidoso's swimming pool and public schools.

"And then, once you get that going, perhaps if the casinos want to jump in they could be included as a stop when you have a service contract where they buy that service on a yearly basis," DeSoto said. "Right now, we do not have an incentive because we offer demand

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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 Mesalero.

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 County 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.eventbrite.com.

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

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.

Garage sale

Ruidoso Elks and Does is having a garage sale on from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Ruidoso Elks Lodge, Highway 70 west. All proceeds go to local charities.

'SWEET' ARTIST



COURTESY

Local artist Jacqueline Kastor has donated an original painting, "Joyful Hope," for use as the Sweet Charity Ball logo for the HEAL event. "In painting 'Joyful Hope' it was my wish that those who are healing in body and spirit can move forward in strength and the joy of a new beginning. HEAL has offered hope and a possibility of peace to those who have seen too much despair," said Kastor. The Sweet Charity Ball: "A Night of Hope, A Celebration of Survival" is an elegant benefit for the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter. The event will be held Oct. 1 at the Alto Country Club. This is HEAL's signature fundraising event to inaugurate Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For further information about the free and confidential services at the Nest, please call 866-378-6378.

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Support group

The Ruidoso Hospice Foundation is offering a grief/bereavement support group for those who have had losses in their lives. The program began Aug. 2 and

will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday

The focus of the group is on education about managing grief and developing a network of support with others who have experienced losses. There is no charge for the group and it is open to anyone in the Lincoln County area.

The group will meet at

Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice, in the conference room, 592 Gavilan Canyon Road., Ruidoso. If you have questions or need directions, call Lyn Shuler at 575-258-0028.

Dress drive success

This past spring, the community donated gor-

geous dresses for Sweet Charity's Project Princess Prom Dress Drive. The goal of Project Princess was to ensure that every girl who needed a dress to go to prom could receive one. Over 30 girls selected their dresses from Sweet Charity, where the dresses

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 91° Humidity 35% Partly sunny Wind: WNW 6-12 mph	RealFeel 89° Humidity 43% An afternoon thunderstorm in spots Wind: NW 6-12 mph	RealFeel 88° Humidity 47% Sun and some clouds Wind: SSW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 82° Humidity 61% Partly sunny, a t-storm possible Wind: SE 8-16 mph	RealFeel 81° Humidity 64% Partly sunny Wind: SSE 7-14 mph	RealFeel 83° Humidity 58% Partly sunny Wind: SW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 84° Humidity 56% Mostly sunny Wind: S 6-12 mph

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Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 88°/63°
Normal high 78°
Normal low 52°
Record high 88° (2011)
Record low 38° (1978)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 1.26"
Normal month to date 1.45"
Year to date 4.39"
Normal year to date 12.09"
Pollen:
Grass Low
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Mold Low
Predominant Ambrosia
Source: Eddie L. Galnes, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 105°/75°
Normal high 91°
Normal low 67°
Record high 105° (2011)
Record low 55° (1990)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.06"
Normal month to date 0.64"
Year to date 1.90"
Normal year to date 5.88"
Weather Trivia:
Q: What causes the wind?

National Forecast for August 10, 2011

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today	Thu
Abilene	101/75/s	104/78/s
Anchorage	65/52/s	69/54/s
Atlanta	94/75/pc	98/74/pc
Austin	102/77/s	100/78/s
Baltimore	91/64/t	83/60/s
Boston	84/66/t	80/63/pc
Chicago	76/59/s	80/61/s
Dallas	106/82/s	104/79/s
Denver	86/57/s	90/58/pc
Des Moines	74/57/s	77/62/pc
Detroit	78/57/pc	78/59/s
El Paso	96/79/pc	97/78/s
Las Vegas	101/86/s	100/86/s
Los Angeles	78/63/pc	78/62/pc
Minneapolis	76/60/s	79/62/pc
New Orleans	94/78/t	94/78/t
New York City	86/67/t	82/65/s
Philadelphia	87/66/t	82/64/s
Phoenix	104/87/s	104/86/s
Reno	90/60/s	90/58/s
San Francisco	68/55/pc	65/53/pc
San Diego	71/65/pc	74/67/pc
Seattle	71/57/pc	73/55/s
Tucson	95/79/t	93/77/t
Tulsa, OK	94/73/t	99/74/t
Wash., DC	90/68/t	85/68/s
Wichita	88/69/t	86/70/t
Yuma	102/84/s	99/83/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu
Albuquerque	94/69/pc	94/70/pc
Artesia	102/77/s	103/77/s
Chama	81/48/pc	82/46/t
Austin	89/60/t	90/64/t
Cloudcroft	78/53/pc	77/47/s
Farmington	92/60/pc	94/60/s
Hobbs	101/72/s	95/70/s
Los Alamos	83/57/pc	84/57/t
Portales	89/67/s	88/68/s
Raton	88/56/t	89/56/pc
Red River	77/43/pc	76/48/pc
Ruidoso	85/65/pc	83/65/t
Santa Fe	92/61/pc	91/60/pc
Silver City	92/71/t	87/70/t
Taos	89/50/pc	88/50/t

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Thu
Acapulco	89/77/t	88/78/t
Cancun	92/73/pc	91/74/t
Chihuahua	88/64/t	87/63/t
Ciudad Juárez	97/76/pc	95/75/t
Leon	83/59/t	86/58/t
Mexico, DF	77/53/t	73/53/t
Monterrey	102/75/pc	105/76/s
Morelia	83/61/t	82/62/t
Oaxaca	87/68/t	85/66/t
Pto. Penasco	97/76/s	95/77/s
Tijuana	77/63/pc	77/63/pc

Sun and Moon
Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:22 a.m./7:54 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 5:47 p.m./3:17 a.m.

Extremes
Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 113° in Bullhead City, AZ
Low: 26° in Boulder State Park, CA
Monday's World High/Low:
High: 123° in Illizi, Algeria
Low: -1° in Summit Station, Greenland

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were offered on a "pay what you can" price system. The remaining dresses will be saved for next year's prom season.

The Sweet Charity Ball committee modeled some of the remaining dresses at The Sanctuary on the River off of Eagle Drive. The Sweet Charity Ball is going to be an exquisite evening of dining and dancing in celebration of our hope for all survivors of domestic violence. Tickets are available at www.sweetcharityball.eventbee.com. All proceeds from the Ball will benefit the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter.

For more information about the Nest's confidential services please call 866-378-6378.

Search and Rescue

Those interested in joining the new volunteer Mounted (equestrian) Unit of the White Mountain Search and Rescue are invited to attend an orientation get together at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 (no horses at this event) to learn about the qualifications.

Refreshments will be served. Please call 575-354-0088 for information and reservations. The orientation will be held at Followed Dream Ranch, 186 Cherry Creek Road, Nogal (1 mile off Highway 37; 5.5 miles north of Hwy. 48).

Antique show

The Ohio Valley Refinery & Roadshow is making a stop in Ruidoso this week in search of rare and unique collectibles. The company states that, "Collectors have set aside \$300,000 to be distributed to Ruidoso residents for

LOCAL REPUBLICANS



COURTESY

Kenneth Cramer, commander of the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit was the guest speaker at the July meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County. Cramer emphasized that interagency cooperation has been instrumental in solving numerous crimes in the area. He also reported that 75 to 80 percent of crimes involve drugs and that if something does not seem quite right, report it.

LOCAL DEMOCRATS



COURTESY TONY DAVIS

Bill Midkiff, a Phd in water resources engineering and retired staff water treatment consultant at Los Alamos Labs, and Jack Atkins, with a bachelor's degree in engineering, water rights expert, and president of Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc., were the main speakers at the Aug. 4 monthly meeting of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County. They discussed different points of view on the Village of Ruidoso's use of water obtained from wells on Forest Service land on the north fork branch of Eagle Creek. There were about 50 people in attendance including some elected officials from both the Village of Ruidoso and Lincoln County. There was an excellent question-and-answer period after the presentations.

their items during the free five day event."

It will be at the Quality Inn Suites hotel, 307 Highway 70, Ruidoso, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Asleep at the Wheel

Spencer Theater is proud to present Asleep at the Wheel in A Ride with Bob: The Bob Wills Musical. This first-ever musical drama about the legendary Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys is back by popular demand for a limited engagement of four performances August 25-27, 2011.

"It's only fitting that we bring the great spirit of Bob Wills back to New Mexico," says Asleep at the Wheel front man Ray Benson.

"For a short time he was a barber there. And, once he committed to music as a career he electrified the dance halls there in the 30s and 40s to the delight of returning troops and locals."

For more than 40 years, Asleep at the Wheel front man Ray Benson has been showcasing his brand of Western Swing, has racked up 9- Grammy®-awards, has been named the 2011 "Texan of the Year" and a recipient of Texas Medal of the Arts 2011. But even with all the success and accolades, Ray Benson believes "Bob Will is still the king!"

In 1973 after the release of the band's first album (which paid tribute to the music of Bob Wills), Benson was invited by his idol to Dallas for a meeting. Upon

his arrival, he learned Wills was not feeling well and the meeting was postponed for the next morning. That same night Wills had a stroke and went into a life-ending coma. In A Ride with Bob, Benson finally gets to have his conversation with the Spirit of Bob, who visits him on the Asleep at the Wheel bus late one night. The fascinating and sometimes outrageous stories of Wills' career, his contribution to American music, and his raucous personal life unfold. The drama includes performances of Wills' most famous songs, including "San Antonio Rose," "Faded Love," "Cherokee Maiden," "Take Me Back to Tulsa," and many more.

This two-act play features Ray Benson (as himself), Asleep at the Wheel

members including fiddler Jason Roberts (as Young Bob Wills), and actor Marco Perella (as Spirit of Bob Wills). The play was co-written by Benson and Hollywood screenwriter

Anne Rapp (Cookie's Fortune and Dr. T & the Women). Production credits also include Robert Tolaro (Production Stage Manager), Christopher McCollum (Set Designer) and Bill Peeler (Lighting Designer).

Singing chef

Andy Lo Russo The Singing Chef stars in an onstage Cabaret Dinner Show, Saturday, August 20 at 6 p.m. (\$85). This gastronomically entertaining event with the hit TV chef and recording artist Andy Lo Russo promises to be

scrumptious and funny. All patrons will dine on stage with Lo Russo while he prepares the four-course Italianate gourmet meal and sings Broadway standards and operatic classics.

Butterfly release

A butterfly release to benefit the Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 13 to benefit the Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation at White Mountain Meadows Pavilion, off Gavilan Canyon Road.

All butterflies are Monarchs and are \$12. Butterflies will be distributed at 11 a.m. To ensure their safety, all unclaimed butterflies will be released by 12:15 p.m.

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THEIR OPINION

Accident illustrates importance of seatbelts

The accident that happened Monday morning in Ruidoso Downs is a tragic reminder of why wearing a seatbelt could not only save you from serious injury but could save your life.

The accident involved two vehicles and seven people, most of them younger than 18 years old, including a one-year-old girl, none of whom were wearing safety belts.

The Ruidoso Downs Police Department reports that the infant was not in a child safety seat. An eight-year-old boy was airlifted from the scene to a hospital and one of the drivers, a 78-year-old woman, was airlifted to a hospital after she was stabilized at Lincoln County Medical Center.

Those injured are reported in stable condition as of Tuesday but the accident could have been much worse.

Given the number of children involved, neither the 18-year-old driving one of the vehicles, nor the 78-year-old woman driving the other car, showed the proper care in allowing those children to go without wearing seat belts.

There is simply no excuse

for that.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2008, seat belts saved more than 13,000 lives nationwide.

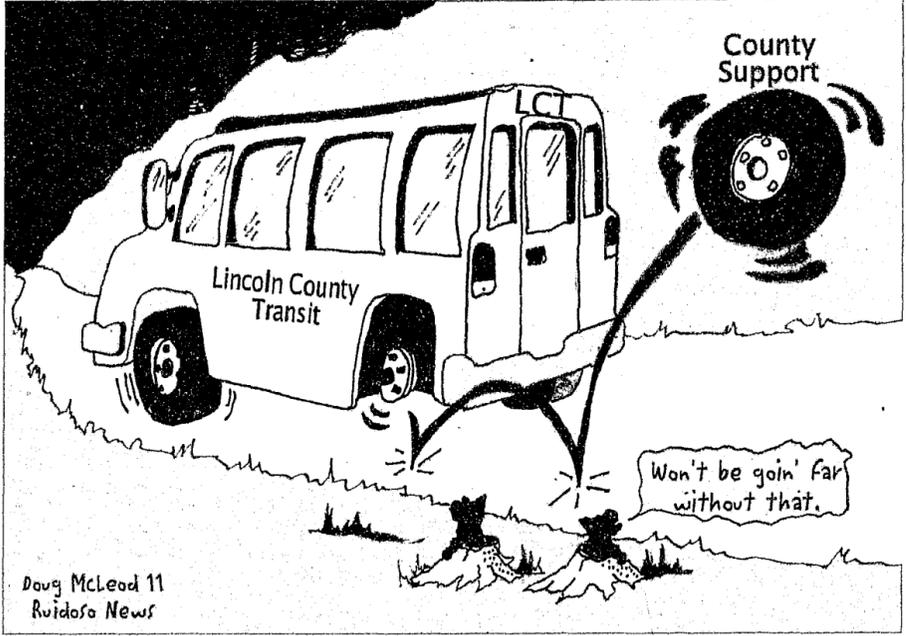
From 2004 to 2008, seat belts saved more than 75,000 lives.

"During a crash, being buckled up helps keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle, whereas being completely thrown out of a vehicle is almost always deadly. Seat belts are the best defense against impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers," according to the administration.

The NHTSA reports that using child safety seats decreases the risk of death by an estimated 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for older children.

Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock said Tuesday that in light of the accident, his officers will be cracking down on seat belt violations.

We urge residents and visitors to take two seconds to buckle up and make sure passengers do, too.



Doug McLeod 11
Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

A 'minority within a minority'

To the editor:

What can we say about the Tea Party? Not very much good I think. As American citizens these people have a right to speak out about their individual views as we all do. However, a few years ago a small group decided to make a new party. They remain a minority within a minority, but as luck would have it the Republicans apparently chose to follow their lead and even took "orders" as it were from them concerning their own political philosophy. I am personally ashamed of the GOP and think they should be embarrassed.

It seems as though the House could not decide on any issue without consulting the Tea Party. By taking this position which was so obvious to thinking people the House held up making a decision that was so important to the people of our country going all the way to the wire. It occurs to me how ironic that the world saw this kind of thing coming from a country that prides itself on a democracy where majority rules. Did it affect the decision to downgrade our credit rating? Of course! I think it is not unfair to call the downgrading a Tea Party Downgrading.

This party loves to blame the president for everything in spite of the fact that he has conceded to the opposition more than any previous president ever did. This is a party that has no experience in governing and does not seem to understand the difference between politics and governing. It should be embarrassing to all Americans that a group which comes on like a street gang

demanding ridiculous laws like no raise in taxes regardless of the reason. They think, I suppose, that cutting spending will do the trick. Well, no, it will not do the trick.

We must have an increase in revenue and taxes certainly need to be raised on those who can afford it and maybe a raise for all of us except the very poor. I understand that nearly 50 percent of our population pay no taxes at all. So far we have engaged in two wars which have not been paid for and the only ones who paid are the ones who put their lives on the line and the many who died and lost limbs not to mention those who have been traumatized some actually taking their own lives as a consequence. Give it up Tea Party! Your rule will not do. One thing that this new party needs to learn if they never thought of it is compromise is not a dirty word. That is how legislation is done.

Dorothy L. Bailey
Ruidoso

Citizen review board

To the editor:

I was to thank Mr. (Tony) Seno for the suggestion that we have a Citizen Review Board (Ruidoso News, Aug. 5). I personally think it is late in coming. I'm to understand also that Mr. Seno's rights were violated (at a village town council meeting in July)? Shame! How can this happen in America?

Bill Cooper
Ruidoso

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: How well do you think the local government has handled flooding?



David Gomez
Carlsbad

"Some of the hiking trails have been washed out pretty bad. South Fork got pretty hazardous."



Joanna Lord
Peterborough, N.H.

"Some of the roads are really bad. The main roads are fine to drive on, but the local's roads need help."



Caitlin LeDuc
Las Cruces

"I think they're handling it well. They prepared in advance and road crews have already been out."



Robert Deming
Ruidoso

"It seems to me that they've shown strong preparedness. I'm impressed with the overall sense of responsibility."



Kim Lagle
Alto

"I don't think they did as much as they could. They should have gotten ready earlier — it's harder to take care of afterwards."

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Downs want Ruidoso home disconnected

• Motion to terminate injunction filed

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Ruidoso Downs wants a home in located Ruidoso disconnected from the city's sewer system on a contention Ruidoso officials have failed to comply with court directives.

The home of Ray Merritt was tied into the Ruidoso Downs wastewater collec-

tion system by Ruidoso on Oct. 15, 2010, after the District Court ordered the connection. The home's septic system had failed and raw sewage had been on the surface.

In a motion filed last month to terminate the court's preliminary injunction, City Attorney H. John Underwood said despite several calls to Ruidoso's legal counsel there has been no agreement on issues like compensating Ruidoso Downs for the

"There has been no payment for service, no accounting for service or basically no communication whatsoever."

H. John Underwood
Ruidoso Downs attorney

sewer service. Underwood told the court that he was notified no such document would be forthcoming.

"There has been no pay-

ment for service, no accounting for service or basically no communication whatsoever," Underwood wrote in the motion filed in District Court on July 18.

An effort to contact Ruidoso Village Attorney Dan Bryant was unsuccessful.

It was a year ago that Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn had written Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong seeking a sewer extension to accommodate

the Merritt property.

Two weeks later, on Aug. 17, 2010, the New Mexico Environment Department's field office staff met with the two mayors and emphasized the need to solve the issue. A Contemplated Notice of Violation was issued by the department on Sept. 9, 2010, requesting the violation be rectified by Oct. 15, 2010.

The sewer connection issue caused friction between the two municipal-

ities, especially when a Ruidoso public works crew showed up on Oct. 13, 2010, and dug a trench to install an 80-foot sewer line extension. The village council the day before had signed onto an agreement for the connection but it had not been approved by the Ruidoso Downs City Council.

A District Court hearing, with two hours allotted to consider the request to terminate the injunction, has been scheduled for Oct. 6, 2011.

Village gets top prospects

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A struggling economy produced at least one positive for Ruidoso, a bumper crop of highly qualified individuals looking for a good job in a tourist community, but possibly not expecting top dollar for an annual salary.

The search for new library director since the retirement of Beverly McFarland produced 24 applicants, which were narrowed to two for the assessment center process scheduled for the end of this week with a hiring to be announced late next

week, if possible.

Nineteen applications were received for the post of municipal airport manager. A review committee reduced the number to seven to undergo assessment and possibly be ready to announce at the Village Council meeting Aug. 9.

Four applicants submitted for the job of business manager and 38 for the position of deputy manager, a list being narrowed to the top 10 for an assessment center process this month.

In other news of note from the bimonthly report of Village Manager Debi Lee:

• 15 new business registrations in Ruidoso during the month of June and 43 business registrations were terminated.

• Baja Broadband donated basic cable to the village fire stations, which will save the village \$5,267 a year. Interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent worked on the arrangement.

• Police Patrol Sergeant Dale Harrison on Aug. 14, will move to an administrative sergeant's position to allow him to supervise the telecommunications officers and to coordinate training. Training Officer David Gallegos will move back to patrol.

Senators address postal plan

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Both New Mexico Senators want a sit-down meeting with the Postmaster General to outline some of their concerns about the impact on rural New Mexico of the possible closure of more than 50 post offices, including five in Lincoln County.

U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall, Democrats from New Mexico, sent a letter in reaction to the closure study announcement, saying they have serious concerns about the U.S. Postal Service's plans. Postal officials said last week they plan to study the possible closure of up to 53 post offices in New Mexico and 3,700 post offices nationwide to reduce operational costs.

In the Aug. 5 letter to Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe, the senators wrote, "While we appreciate efforts to contain costs in this era of fiscal austerity, our constituents, especially those in rural communities, depend on regular and reliable mail service to carry out every day activities."

"The United States Postal Service provides an essential service to our constituents and we fear these closures would negatively impact the quality of mail delivery service they receive. We respectfully request a meeting to dis-

cuss this issue, as well as USPS's long-term plan for operations in New Mexico."

The proposed studies include more than 15 percent of the post offices in New Mexico, Udall and Bingaman pointed out.

"The vast majority of the New Mexico post offices under consideration for closure serve rural areas without convenient alternatives," they wrote. "While some residents impacted by postal closures may only be forced to drive an additional mile or two, others may need to drive over fifty miles to the next nearest location. In reviewing the proposed list of offices selected for possible closure, we cannot help but note that nearly half of them have no alternative within 10 miles. Our familiarity with these communities also raises concerns that many of the possible closings are in communities that may not have a viable partner for the 'village post office' alternative. We ask that you share your plans for addressing service in such communities."

Under the "village post office" concept, service would be provided in a small business, community center or town center in replacement of a small post office.

The senators continued that they also were concerned about the "significant change to New Mexico regional postal operations."

"In the past year alone,

the Albuquerque Customer Service District has been relocated to Arizona and the USPS has proposed closing the Las Cruces Distribution Center," they wrote. "Additionally, of the total 65 possible closings in the Arizona District, over 55 are located in New Mexico. These potential reductions in New Mexico operations demonstrate a serious change in the USPS's commitment to New Mexico."

"While we understand and sympathize with the significant challenges facing USPS, we believe that the negative impact these closures would have on New Mexicans should be carefully considered. Closure and consolidation should not come at the expense of the quality of mail delivery services."

When Della Bonnell, a retired postmaster in Glencoe, learned two weeks ago that the five post offices in San Patricio, Glencoe, Timmie, Pacheco and Hollywood, as well as Fort Stanton from a previous study, were targeted, she vowed to mount a fight to save the offices. A retired Postmaster from Albuquerque advised that the best way to fight is to engage the help of U.S. senators and congressional representatives.

Peter Hass, a USPS spokesman told the Ruidoso News the belt-tightening came after a \$8.5 billion net loss last year.

Plan on par for two courses

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As a result of a foreclosure and transfer of ownership of the Lincoln Hills subdivision, county commissioners approved a new disclosure statement at their meeting last month.

The major change for property owners is that the Outlaw Golf Course will become part of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, and a transfer to a water cooperative will be completed of the property, plant and water rights connected to the subdivision's water supply.

Brad Pittenger, mem-

ber/manager of Outlaw Partners LLLP, told commissioners the goal of the acquisition of Lincoln Hills is to, "make it the success that everybody anticipated."

The history

Commissioner Tom Batin said the commission's focus when the subdivision first was brought to the board in 2006 was a list of covenants, and he asked if any would change under the new ownership.

County Attorney Alan Morel said they would not. He said he was not certain the new owners even had to seek commission approval

but that was their choice. He recommended approval.

Lee Griffin, the attorney who is acting as receiver for the foreclosure, said the court ordered the transfer of the property from the original owners to Outlaw Partners LLLP, a New Mexico Limited Liability Partnership, based in Santa Teresa.

The original developer, Alto Land Developers Limited Partnership based in Dallas, with its affiliate, The Outlaw Club LLC, also in Dallas, were placed into receivership on Aug. 9, 2010, in the 12th Judicial District Court in Lincoln County.



Tuberose

Gardens are good at finding the silver lining, and spending the winter compiling a must-have list of spring-planted tubers certainly counts. Be sure to include the tuberose in your spring orders. You'll be richly rewarded in late summer, when this tuber sends up a tall spike with waxy, white, intensely perfumed flowers. Grassy green leaves form a lush clump at the base of each plant. If your climate is colder than Zone 7, grow tuberose in pots and bring them in before the fall frost, or dig up the tubers as you would for dahlias or gladioli.

Common name: Tuberose
Botanical name: Polianthes tuberosa
Plant type: Bulb
Zones: 7 to 10; overwinter tubers indoors in colder climates
Height: 2 to 4 feet
Family: Agavaceae

Growing conditions

- Sun: Full sun
- Soil: Rich and well drained
- Moisture: Medium

Care

- Mulch: None in containers; none or 1 to 2 inches of organic mulch outdoors.
- Pruning: None needed.
- Fertilizer: In containers, fertilize once a month from flowering until dormancy.

Propagation

- By seed or by offsets.

Pests and diseases

- Generally free of insect and disease problems.
- Can be susceptible to viruses and aphids.

Garden notes

- Plant tuberose near a patio, deck, window, or walkway so you can appreciate their fragrance.
- Cut tuberose spikes for gorgeous bouquets in late summer.
- As the growing season ends and tuberose foliage turns yellow, water less frequently. Allow to dry out completely while dormant.

- In zones colder than Zone 7, dig up tubers and store indoors in a dry, dark, cool spot. If you've grown the tuberose in a pot, simply bring the pot inside. In the spring, bring them out of dormancy and place them outside after the danger of frost has passed.

All in the family

- Other familiar members of the agave family include yuccas and, of course, agaves.
- A well-known houseplant in this family is the snake plant or mother-in-law's tongue (Sansevieria trifasciata).



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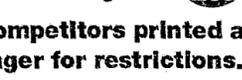
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EDUCATION

School bells to signal new school year

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While Ruidoso students will begin classes next week, the Mescalero Apache Schools opened their doors on Monday.

In the Ruidoso Municipal School District, pupil orientation for grades kindergarten through 12 will take place on Aug. 15.

The following day will begin instruction for grades one through 12.

Parent/student visits to the kindergarten will take place on Aug. 16 and Aug. 17.

The first day of school for kindergartners will be Aug. 18.

Lincoln County schools

Classes for grades seven through 12 in Carrizozo were set to begin today, Aug. 10. The first day of school for kindergarten through grade six will be on Aug. 17.

At the Capitan schools campus, classes for all students will start on Aug. 17.

Ruidoso Back to School Schedule

August 15 - Grades K-12 Orientation

• Nob Hill Early Childhood Center: 8:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Parents



Students board buses at Ruidoso Middle School earlier this year. They will begin boarding the buses again next week.

may choose to attend either session.

• Sierra Vista Primary: 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Parents may choose

to attend either session.

• White Mountain Elementary: 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Parents may choose to attend either ses-

sion.

• Ruidoso Middle School:

• Sixth Grade: 9 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. (Meeting 9 - 9:45 a.m.; Informal tour of building 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.)

• Seventh Grade: 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. (Meeting 11 - 11:45 a.m.; Informal tour of building 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)

• Eighth Grade: 1 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. (Meeting 2 - 2:45 p.m.; Informal tour of building 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.)

• Ruidoso High School:

• Current Students: All students may pick up their class schedule on Aug. 8, 9 or 10 from 8 a.m. - noon, or from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Students will be required to pay a \$15 activity fee when they pick up their schedules. RHS parking permits may also be obtained at this time (cost for parking permit is included in the activity fee).

• New Students/Ninth Grade Orientation: All new enrollees and all freshman students will have an orientation from 10 a.m. - noon. Lunch will be provided and parents are invited to attend.

August 16 - First Day of School for Grades 1-12

August 16 - Kindergarten Parent/Student visits.

August 18 - First Day of School for Kindergarten.

Ruidoso schedules freshman academy

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Ninth grade students entering Ruidoso High School will be part of the school's first Freshman Academy class.

The goal of the academy is to see 100 percent of students become 100 percent proficient and thus earn 100 percent of freshmen credits necessary to become sophomores a year from now.

Ruidoso High School Principal Pauline Staski said the program was also aimed at keeping students from becoming dropouts.

"Students who do not earn enough credits in the first freshman year, 25 percent of them are likely to finish high school on time," Staski had previously stated. About 20 percent of ninth graders repeat their freshman year.

"Remember that we're getting kids who are middle school students who are maybe 14 years old who have to learn to become high school kids," Staski said. "And we have one year to make that transition."

A computer will randomly divide the freshman class into two teams, each assigned to a group of teachers.

All freshman classes except Computer Applications and electives will be in the same hall.

The ninth grade courses will be Algebra I, Geometry, English 9, Earth

Science, and two electives, each worth one credit. Other courses, each for a semester and one-half a credit, will be New Mexico History, Health, Computer Applications, and Technical Writing. Students who are proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet research and email may test out of computer applications.

In a memorandum that had been presented to the Ruidoso Municipal School District's Education Board, the transition from middle school to high school was called a pivotal time.

"This transition year is important because it is the year that has the largest failure rate for students and hence the greatest influence on future high school graduation," wrote Laura Hall, a noted educator and professor. "One initiative that many schools are trying to implement in an effort to help students through this transition year is freshman academy. In general, this researcher found several characteristics that most freshman academies have in common. These characteristics include: Freshmen core classes in close proximity to one another; a team of dedicated core teachers who communicate and work together well; an emphasis on team building and positive reinforcement in the form of tangible rewards; efforts on the part of the teachers to increase the involvement of parents."

Health council's 'Freshman Toolkit'

The Substance Abuse Committee of the Lincoln County Community Health Council worked collaboratively to create the "Freshman Toolkit" for each 9th grader in all Lincoln County schools. The committee packed over 300 Toolkits for distribution throughout the County and Mescalero. The transition from middle school to high school is a challenging time in the lives of students and parents.

To support both groups, the committee felt it would be beneficial to create a resource packet.

The following groups worked to put the Toolkit, and materials together:

- Lincoln County Community Health Council
- Lincoln County DWI Prevention Council
- Mescalero Prevention Program and TUPAC Program
- Mescalero Responsible Gaming
- Region IX Education Cooperative Prevention Program/School Based Health Services
- SADD Students Against Destructive Decisions at Ruidoso High School
- New Mexico Department of Health
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Community Youth Warehouse
- Safer New Mexico
- Molina Health Care

• RHS Warrior Booster Club

Examples of materials include brochures on safe driving, communication, drug use prevention, asset development, resources, calculators, pens, pencils, highlighters, tips for being successful in high school, and an invitation to join a club or organization such as SADD.

The committee hopes that each freshman and his parent will receive a Toolkit at freshman orientation or on the first day of school. The materials in the toolkit are resource materials for both students and parents. Materials for the Toolkit were based on issues that parents and teens have addressed and will continue to face during the high school years.

The Toolkits represent a fairly expensive and time-consuming effort. This is the third year to provide Toolkits, and the committee hopes to make this resource an annual contribution to students and parents in our school.

Finally, the LCCHC Substance Abuse Committee wants to thank school personnel, parents and students for their efforts, and wish staff, parents, and students a successful school year.

Submitted by the Lincoln County Community Health Council Substance Abuse Prevention Committee

Christian academy enrolling students

FROM REPORTS

Sierra Blanca Christian Academy is adding an additional pre-school class, open to three- and four-year olds, for this school year.

There are both half-day and full-day positions available.

These classes will be taught by Jennifer McNamara and a new staff member, Estella Cardoza.

Another new addition to the faculty this year is kindergarten teacher, Katrinka Park. Returning teachers are: Kathy Kearns teaching first-second grades, Lynn Witt teaching third-fourth grades, and Austin Jones teaching fifth-eighth grades.

SBCA has also added middle school grades this year, computer-based programs that allow opening enrollment to seventh & eighth grade students, offering a variety of subjects.

SBCA is now registering students Tuesdays - Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

An Open House will be held Thursday, Aug. 18 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 22.

If you have any questions about the school or would like a tour, please contact secretary Lori Christian, or Rachael Jones, administrator/principal at 630-0144.

SBCA is located at 270 Country Club Rd, Ruidoso, NM.

Community ed classes scheduled

ENMU-Ruidoso offers a wide variety of Community Education classes. Some of those scheduled in the near future are:

Basic Machine Embroidery. The course will be on Saturday, August 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the fee is \$65.

AARP Safe Driving. The class is on Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members and may be paid to the instructor the day of the class. When registering, please have driver license and AARP numbers (if applicable) on hand.

Living in Rattlesnake Country. The class takes place on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the fee is \$45.

Join the Pickleball craze. Gary Beatty will teach the class on Aug. 22 through Sept. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$25 for an individual, \$30 for a family, or \$40 for a family up to four people. An additional \$15 material fee includes a paddle and balls. The minimum age is seven years old.

To register for ENMU-Community Education classes or for more information, please call 257-3012.

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H&R Block Income Tax Courses starting soon. H&R Block, leaders in the tax preparation business for 50+ years, is currently encouraging people to enroll in their income Tax Course. Classes begin soon and are held in a number of convenient locations in the area. H&R Block has taught more than two million how to prepare taxes and develop personal tax-saving strategies during the past years. H&R Block has experienced instructors and the best teaching materials available. Students taking the nine-week course will learn to complete both federal and state tax returns and learn the ramifications of the latest tax laws. Students learn through hands on experience with actual case studies. After course completion, many students use their skills to generate a seasonal or part time income. *Some even are trained to become H&R Block Tax Professionals. Anyone wanting more information about the H&R Block Income Tax Course should call: 575-257-4223 1404 Sudderth Ruidoso, NM 88345 H&R BLOCK

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DANA TERLECKY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Downs Public Works employee Dale Graham, left, directs traffic as motorists assist victims of Monday's car accident in Ruidoso Downs.

CRASH

FROM PAGE 1A

boy in the car that Silva's car struck.

Silva had three girls, ages one-year-old to teen age, in the car with

her. Officers from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County, EMTs, firefighters and city workers from Ruidoso Downs responded to the scene to deal with the seven victims. "We really appreciate the help from our neighboring agencies,"

Payan-Keck said. Babcock said the accident has his officer more alert for drivers and passengers who are not wearing seat belts. "We will be aggressively enforcing the restraint laws," Babcock said.

WATER

FROM PAGE 1A

to the Ford Secure Trust, was an attempt to resolve issues that arose between the parties stemming from the village's claim and attempts to exercise its water rights on Eagle Creek.

The Rio Hondo company saw each new diversion as an impairment of its rights along the Rio Hondo, according to the agreement.

Under the terms, the parties stipulated that the village is the rightful

owner of 2,523 acre feet per annum of valid water rights from the North Fork Wellfield, from surface water rights and from the Brown/Green Well.

An acre foot equates to 325,821 gallons of water.

Other points in the agreement include that:

- The village agrees not to try to change the place of diversion for its Eagle Creek rights to any location outside of the Eagle Creek Basin, which is defined,
- The priority dates for the village wells are established from September to November 1984.

• All excess North Fork well rights above the 1,624.51 acre feet are to be canceled by application to the Office of the State Engineer by the village, or irrevocably transferred to the Interstate Stream Commission administered Pecos River Drainage Reserve on a perpetual basis, and shall, in no event, ever be diverted within the Rio Ruidoso Basin.

• The village agrees that only 2,385.67 acre feet of the Eagle Creek rights are available for return flow credit to be diverted from the Rio Ruidoso Drainage Basin and will not seek any excess.

VOTE

FROM PAGE 1A

village taxpayers and New Mexico taxpayers needless expenditure of public dollars, the village council will put the settlement agreement on its agenda for its regularly scheduled meeting Aug. 9, 2011, and consider approval of the agreement a second time. Thus, the Attorney General need not incur staff expense in reviewing this matter further. The citizens of Ruidoso need not incur additional expense in responding to a baseless complaint should the Attorney General determine to pursue the matter."

The council is meeting at 3 p.m. today.

"I'm glad they're going to take the vote again, because that is the remedy," Welsh said today. "I would have advised them to do that right away after the issue came up.

"But it doesn't give me a lot of reassurance that this type of violation won't happen again because there still is a disagreement

whether it was illegal. The basis of the complaint to the attorney general was to resolve the question. I don't know if (the action of approving the motion again as an advertised agenda item) resolved it on their end or if the state will want to weigh in."

Welsh said Bryant's argument appears to be that the Open Meetings Act needs to be changed.

"It seems their argument is that what they did should be Ok," she said. "But to me, it was a clear violation of the plain letter of the law. If they want change, maybe they should offer an amendment. If you violate the law, you violate the law. You can quibble whether it is a reasonable law, but the only way it can be changed is legislatively."

In her complaint, Welsh pointed out that the water rights hearing connected to the agreement was six days away from the closed session, plenty of time for a posted special or emergency meeting, and the situation did not constitute an emergency. By not announcing consideration

of the water rights settlement agreement in advance, the public was denied the right to attend when the vote was taken, she said.

In his response, Bryant wrote that at the time the council closed the July 12 meeting, councilors were not aware they would be asked to approve the final settlement agreement when they returned to the open session, "and therefore could not have moved to amend its agenda prior to entering into executive session."

He contended the situation constituted an emergency that could have resulted in substantial financial loss to the village.

He also contended that because the minutes from a May 12 meeting contained reference to settlement negotiations, the public had notice that the village was negotiating.

"The Open Meetings Act is not designed to prevent public bodes from taking prompt action on items that demand their immediate attention," Bryant wrote.

He also attached a letter from Alvin Jones, the water attorney who presented the agreement to the council, defending the council's action and citing a 1981 case as precedent.

"Surely, no one familiar with the litigation process would suggest that risking loss of the bargained agreement was appropriate under these circumstances," Bryant wrote.

BAN

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wrongful use of public property consists in part of, "Any person occupying or using public property under the authority of a permit shall submit to a search for firearms or other weapons and surrender any firearms or other weapons to any peace officer, who has jurisdiction, upon request."

"As used in this section, 'public property' means any public building, facility, structure or enclosure used for a public purpose or as a place of public gathering, owned or under the control of the state or one of its political subdivisions or a religious, charitable, educational or recreational association."

However, part of the New Mexico State Constitution seems to contradict that authority.

New Mexico Constitution Article II, Section 6, reads that, "No law shall abridge the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms for security and defense, for lawful hunting and recreational use and for other lawful purposes, but nothing herein shall be held to permit the carrying of concealed weapons. No municipality or county shall regulate, in any way, an incident of the right to keep and bear arms."

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BUS

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response services where we drop off at any location free of charge."

Currently, when a customer requests a ride they are typically picked up at home, taken to their destination, which could be a business, and later returned home.

In the past, Lincoln County Transit has asked businesses, such as the Inn of the Mountain Gods, to help subsidize the service. DeSoto said being on-demand public transportation has made it difficult to sell something a business already is receiving free.

"With a fixed route, including them (businesses such as Walmart) in the route with a bus stop and a service contract at so much a month, so much a year, they pay to be a part of the route."

DeSoto told the council that she would like to get fixed routes and service contracts in place as soon as possible.

"If I can get the \$25,000 that Lincoln County pulled out, from local businesses, then we can continue for the next fiscal year," DeSoto said. "Getting the fixed route going and being used, people seeing it work, that would help our chances of getting our service contracts going."

The transit operation's fiscal year corresponds to the federal government, beginning on Oct. 1.

In a memo to the city, DeSoto said the main route would travel Sudderth Drive and Mechem Drive, running every 30 minutes with two



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Lincoln County Transit Manager Patty DeSoto tells Ruidoso Downs city councilors she'll fight to keep the public transportation program running in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. In the audience of Monday's council meeting were many patrons of the low-cost bus ride operation run by the city.

buses. Other routes would serve Ruidoso Downs, the Casino Apache Travel Center (a transfer point for Z-Trans to Alamogordo and other points in Otero County), and Walmart.

DeSoto said the fixed route proposal would be more efficient and added the present on-demand service is expensive.

Questioned by City Councilor Tommy Hood about the possibility of businesses agreeing to service contracts, DeSoto said the community wants affordable transportation for those who need to shop.

"It's good for your business," she said. "We do bring a lot of people to Walmart."

Mayor Tom Armstrong said many people are concerned for the future of Lincoln County Transit.

"I have talked to Ruidoso's mayor about this," Armstrong said. "They are enthused on keeping this transit moving. With the Downs being the fiscal agent, and being the smaller party,

less of our citizens being moved around by the transit, they seem very interested in that. There is nothing free in this world. I think Ruidoso is looking into the issue of taking more of a responsibility now. I do not know what that is yet."

Establishing Lincoln County Transit was called one of the best things Ruidoso Downs has done, said Councilor Rene Olivo.

"We commit \$25,000 a year because we want to keep the transit for our people," Olivo said. "But we're a small city and we can't afford it."

About 25 percent of the riders were estimated to be from Ruidoso Downs, but DeSoto said the numbers are a little skewed because many destinations were to Ruidoso meaning a return trip started in the village.

Advertising on buses was another proposal from DeSoto to raise revenues.

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Riders express need for public transit service

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With the future of public transportation in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs in question, more than a dozen supporters of Lincoln County Transit plead their case before Ruidoso Downs officials Monday evening.

"This is so essential to the people throughout this whole town," Maudene Potts told the mayor and other elected officials during the public comment period of the city council meeting. "I can't afford the gas. I can't afford the insurance. And I'm not the only one in this boat. If you drop it, what are we going to do?"

Potts cautioned the council that someday they could be in the same boat.

Longtime Ruidoso Downs resident Barbara Jones urged the council to hold steadfast in a commitment to the public transportation program that began in 2009.

"There are so many people directly in the Downs that use this," Jones said. "It's not just the particular low-income people. It's not the disabled people. We're talking across the board almost everybody that lives in our area. I've used it myself. My car wasn't running. If it hadn't had been for the buses, I'd have been without a job."

Home-healthcare provider Maureen McGuire said she knows people peri-

odically need public transportation.

"For a six- to eight-week period where they're unable to drive, they rely on their families as much as they can, but it's a terrible burden on working families," McGuire said. "As a homecare worker, we tell them, 'You'll be OK, there's the bus system.' When I heard they were talking about stopping it, I was disappointed."

Lincoln County resident J.D. Manire said he has used Lincoln County Transit to the point where he considers himself a professional bus rider.

"I know most of the other riders," Manire said. "I know how detrimental this would be to them. A lot of them are physically or financially unable to drive. I'd hate to see this service cancelled."

One rider going to and from Nogal said he already has seen service trimmed when Lincoln County Transit halted rides beyond Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs six weeks ago. The Lincoln County Commission decided not to fund the public transportation program for fiscal year that began July 1, leaving just the municipalities of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs to finance a local match needed to qualify for federal public transportation grants that cover much of the costs.

He told the city council he is without a driver's license but must go to Nogal to take care of his elderly parents.

Michelle Romero said she lives just beyond the Ruidoso Downs city limits.

"So I'm pretty disappointed that they are discontinuing the service through Lincoln County because there still are many people who use it and need it through Lincoln County," Romero said. "I pay taxes just the same as everyone else. And I pay taxes here within the city limits in Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso. And so it was a big disappointment to me that Lincoln County residents aren't considered."

A woman, who said she was disabled, told city officials that she relied on the on-demand buses to get to the doctor and grocery store.

"It's also my independence," she said. "I'm sure there's a lot of people that feel that way. If we lose this, like I said, I don't know how I'll get to my

doctor's appointment most of the time."

A Ruidoso woman said her husband relies on Lincoln County Transit to get to his job at Thriftway.

"My husband would also like me to extend an open invitation to all of you to walk with him from Thriftway to Farley's to see just how important it is to have the buses."

Another person, who said he needs Lincoln County Transit to get to work, told the city council he would not have been at their meeting without the transit operation.

An emotional employee of Walmart also said she depends on a bus to keep her job.

Ruidoso Downs resident Wayne Williams, who has questioned the city's operation of Lincoln County Transit, told the mayor and city council there is a bottom line.

"Can you pay for it?" Williams asked. "And the answer to that is no, not in these times. I hate to see people in need go without and not be able to travel. But let's face the facts. The fact is the city of Ruidoso Downs is not a charity. So somebody has got to pay for this. Who is it? It's the taxpayers."

Williams said he did not want "to come off sounding like some kind of an ogre," but he urged the city to be responsible.

After listening to the proponents of Lincoln County Transit, resident Joyce Gustafson said a need for public transportation was clear.

"But we can't afford it folks and it's just that simple," she said. "I hope there is an answer somewhere for these people because I do know that if the Good Lord lets us live long enough, the day will come that each one of us might need this service."

Noting the nearly full house at Monday's council meeting, Mayor Tom Armstrong said there was a lot of concern over Lincoln County Transit.

"We see the numbers of who rides it and where they go," the mayor said. "It is needed."

But Armstrong added, "There is nothing free in this world. It cost somebody. I know there area a lot of folks here who count on this. And I want to say that we're trying to make this good for all. And that's hard to do when you have so many people affected. We all live in a real world."

Lightning strike causes fire

With the recent rains also came lightning strikes. And that has sparked a number of fires in southeastern New Mexico.

One blaze, in Lincoln County, was lightning ignited on Monday.

The Ellis Fire started about 3 p.m. east of Baca Canyon, between Capitan and Lincoln.

In addition to fire responders from the Lincoln National Forest's Smokey Bear Ranger District, the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services was called out, said office director Travis Atwell.

The fire was "taken care of" by Monday night, Atwell said. The Ellis Fire burned 73 acres.

An engine with the Glencoe Volunteer Fire Department returned home this week, after spending six days assisting with a wildland fire in Chaves County.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Ruidoso blotter

Aug. 2

10:10 a.m. - Officer David Gallegos took a report of fraudulent use of a credit card.

The victim came to the police department to report someone had obtained her credit card information and charged \$477.78 in on-line purchases to the card. She had reported this to her bank.

Aug. 4

9:23 a.m. - Animal Control Officer Chris Eisenberg responded to the Dog Park off Hull Road for a report of a loose dog.

Eisenberg reported find-

ing a red Lab mix running loose with no owner around. He took the dog to the Lincoln County Humane Society shelter.

The dog's owner, Vickie Caudill, 52, called Eisenberg later in the morning and he met with her and issued her a non-traffic citation for dog running loose. Eisenberg reported this was the fourth time the dog had been picked up.

1:51 p.m. - Officer Eric Ament responded to Burke's Outlet, 209 Highway 70, for a report of shoplifting.

The store's loss prevention officer reported observing Hector Moreno, 21, of Nogal, walk to the shoe department put on a new pair of shoes, walk around the store and return to the

shoe department where he put his old shoes in the box and walked out of the store wearing the new shoes. The employee stopped Moreno and held him until Ament arrived. Ament issued Moreno a non-traffic citation for shoplifting.

Aug. 5

2:05 p.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to the 200 block of Scenic Drive for a burglary report.

The victim said he arrived home to find the front door wide open and immediately called police.

Snodgrass reports a television was missing from the bedroom and the house was in disarray. Snodgrass reported force was not used to enter the home.

Ruidoso Downs blotter

Aug. 8

2:10 p.m. - Officers Carolee Jones and Ryan Frost responded to Ruidoso Downs Racetrack for a report of a wanted subject, reportedly known as "Rambo." "Rambo" was reportedly driving a red pickup truck.

Jones located a red 1997 Chevrolet near barn 18 and reported the pickup started backing down the narrow alley to get away from her. When Jones activated her emergency lights, the passenger bailed from the vehicle and ran.

The driver, Jaime Ivan Paredas-Balderas, 30, of Sunland Park, N.M., said

"Rambo" was the man who ran. Paredas-Balderas said Rambo handed him a glass pipe before he got out of the truck and that he had a six-pack of beer in the truck, but Rambo drank one while he was doing yard work earlier.

Jones located the broken glass pipe and charged Paredas-Balderas with possession of drug paraphernalia and open container.

Jones later went to Magistrate Court and asked that these charges be dismissed, stating that she does not believe Paredas-Balderas is involved in the criminal activity Rambo is charged with and Paredas-Balderas accepted that he was responsible for Rambo's actions in his vehicle.

Aug. 4

2:19 p.m. - Officer Ryan Frost responded to Magistrate Court and arrested Marley McQuary, 18, on a warrant.

Aug. 5

12:01 a.m. - Officer Martin Valenzuela responded to Joe Welch Drive and Highlands Drive for a report of criminal damage to property.

Valenzuela reported finding that a small ATV or golf cart had apparently lost control and slid in the mud, striking the post office parcel lockers.

Two lockers were reportedly damaged.

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COURT BRIEFS

District Court

Betty J. Ramirez, 50, appeared June 17 for a change of plea to an amended charge of burglary of a structure, an amended charge of larceny of more than \$500 and a charge of receiving stolen property.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman and Public Defender Gary Mitchell, the state dismissed charges of residential burglary, larceny of more than \$2,500 possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Ramirez to 18

months in prison, suspended, with four and one half years of probation. Parsons also ordered Ramirez to have no contact with the victim.

Ruidoso Police officer Art Nelson charged Ramirez with burglarizing a home in the 100 block of Mustang in Ruidoso between Dec. 20, 2008, and Jan. 17, 2009. Nelson charged that Ramirez stole furniture, linens, televisions, dishware, antiques, televisions and other property, then sold it. She allegedly sold some of the antiques to buy food. Nelson found marijuana and drug paraphernalia on Ramirez when she was questioned about the burglary.

Charlotte N. Jerecki, 23, appeared for a change of plea and sentencing July 1.

Jerecki pleaded no contest to charges of non-residential burglary and attempt to commit embezzlement of more than \$500 under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Zimmerman and Mitchell.

Under the agreement, the state dismissed three charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, two charges of shoplifting and one charge of receiving stolen property.

Parsons sentenced Jerecki to two and one half years, less one day, of supervised probation and ordered Jerecki to repay \$1,293.81 to Walmart.

Parsons gave Jerecki credit for time served from Jan. 2 to Jan. 27, 2011, and from March 14 to March 16, 2011.

Ruidoso Downs officer Darrell Chavez arrested Jerecki on the charges Jan. 2, 2011.

Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson notified the court that Brooke L. Holey had successfully completed the pre-prosecution diversion program July 19. Thompson dismissed charges of forgery against the 19 year old.

Holey had been charged with two counts of forging her grandmother's signature to checks made out to her and cashing those checks in March.

Deputy District At-

torney Reed Thompson dropped one of the charges against **Charlie Dickson**, 32, of Capitan, July 26.

Dickson had pleaded no contest to charges of battery on a household member and violation of an order of protection June 17.

Parsons sentenced Dickson to two years, less two days, supervised probation with the Misdemeanor Compliance Office and ordered him to undergo drug and alcohol screening.

Deputy Sheriff Rex Beard filed the complaint alleging on Nov. 6, 2010, Dickson assaulted his ex-wife and prevented her from calling police. Beard reported the victim had blood and a scrape on her chin and a long scratch on

her chest. She had a protection order in force against Dickson at the time.

Thompson dismissed charges against **Victoria Arauz** July 27, in accordance with a plea and disposition agreement he reached in a case against her husband, Anthony Arauz.

Victoria Arauz had been charged with abuse of a child for having her two-year-old child in the car with her at Two Rivers Park in Ruidoso Sept. 6, 2010, when shots were fired by Anthony Arauz and others.

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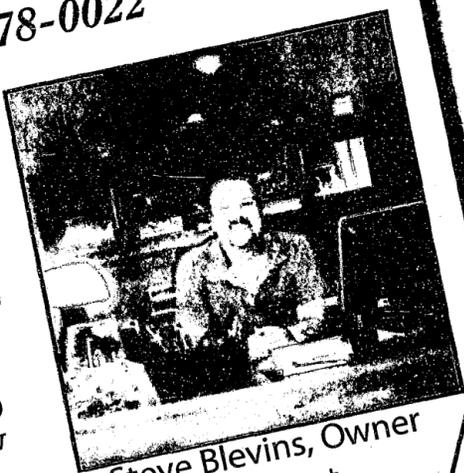
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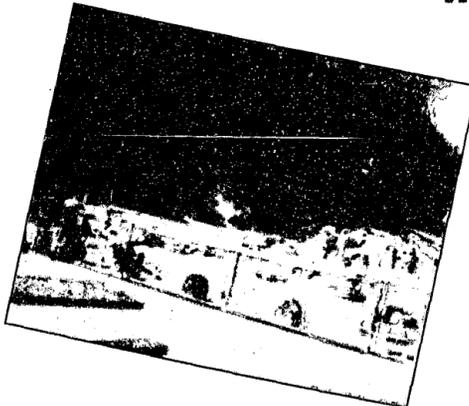


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Lobos sighted in Ruidoso

UNM football team returns for second year in a row to hold intensive 12-day camp

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For the second year in a row, Head Coach Michael Locksley and the UNM Lobos football team have returned to Ruidoso to hold a concentrated fall football camp.

The idea of the Lobos coming here for off-campus practices was first pitched to Locksley in April, 2010, by R.D. Hubbard.

"When my assistant and I flew down that April we like the setup that was presented to us," Locksley said at the time.

What the coach liked were the hotel accommodations at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca (of which Hubbard is a partner), the meeting facilities at Ruidoso Convention Center next door and the close proximity of

the practice fields at the White Mountain Sports Complex.

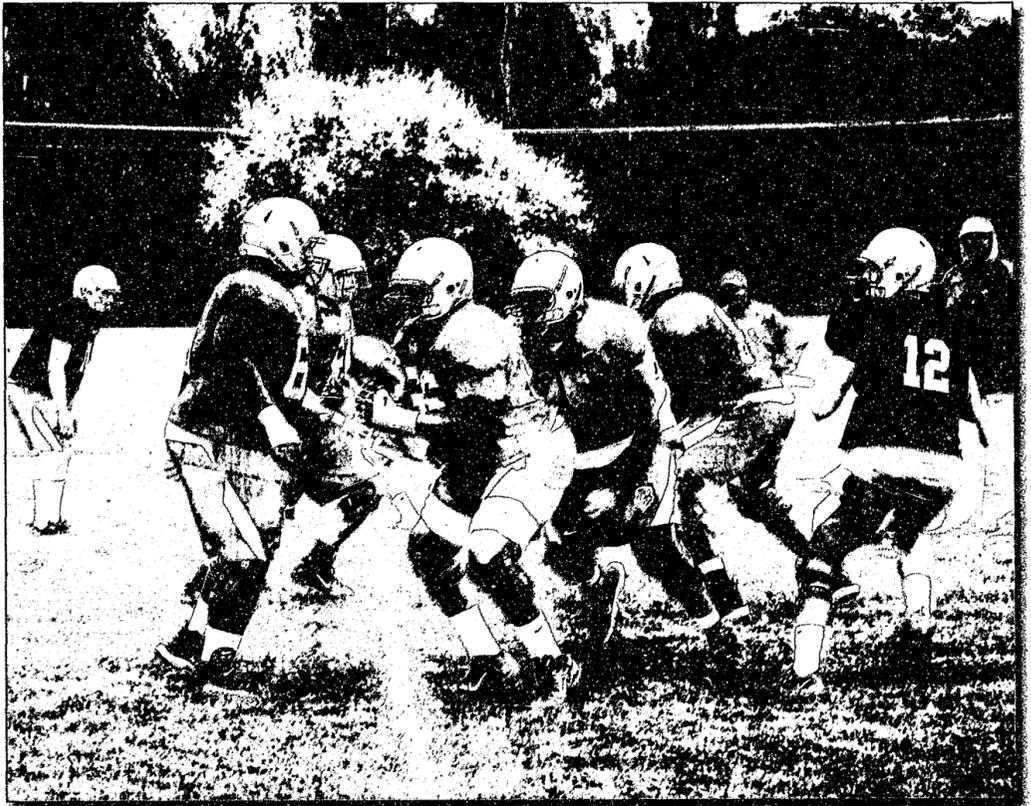
It was the first time in school history the Lobos had left the confines of Albuquerque to hold a fall training camp and was part of a statewide initiative to promote UNM athletics.

Last season, the Lobos were here from Aug. 10-21. This year they will be here from Aug. 7-19.

Sunday, the football team arrived in Ruidoso at 4:30 p.m. — just in time for the electricity to come back on after an approximate two-hour outage due to rainstorms.

"When the buses showed up, the electricity came back on about 10 minutes later," General Manager of

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Junior quarterback, B.R. Holbrook, leads the Lobos in their first scrimmage in Ruidoso Monday afternoon.

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Bowling

Bowling leagues are now forming for the fall/winter 2011-12 season, starting Tuesday, Sept. 6. Sign up at Ruidoso Bowling Center. League secretaries will then contact you to fill vacancies on their leagues: Tuesday afternoon senior mixed, Tuesday night mixed, Wednesday night mixed, Thursday night mens. If there is enough interest, a Monday night women's and/or youth mixed. Come Bowl with us. Call RBC at 258-3557.

RHS Cross Country

The Ruidoso High School Cross Country team will begin practice on Monday, Aug. 8. Practice is scheduled from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Those interested in participating on this year's team need to meet Coach Rabourn at the West end of the high school track with a current physical and dressed in proper running attire. For additional information please contact Coach Rabourn at 973-2698.

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.

Page steps down as Osos GM

Local residents try to step forward and insure team will be able to finish season

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Friday morning, Billy Page resigned as general manager of the Ruidoso Osos.

Page originally took over as head of the Osos on June 3, after his predecessor, Clyde Woods, left under a cloud of controversy, May 31.

Reportedly, Osos' Field Manager Tim Ferguson will assume some of the day-to-day responsibilities of the general manager's position during the last few games they have left for the 2011 season.

An assignment of some-

one in charge of the financial accountabilities to the Osos is up in the air at the time of this report.

Friday evening, some of the host families met at the ballpark to try to determine a plan of action for the seven games (at the time) they had left to play.

Dean Fowler, of Quarters/WPS, has donated his "smoking bus," including fuel and transportation costs, to make sure the Osos can finish out the regular season and the playoffs.

When Page accepted the general managership position he also acquired a portion of the financial respon-

"There are some good 'kids' on this team and I wish them the very best. I hope they can win it all. I did the best I could with what we had."

Billy Page
Former Osos general manager

sibilities of the team. Reportedly, the Pecos League of Professional Baseball, signed the lease for the baseball park at the White Mountain Sports Complex.

"We only had a handful of sponsors who could be counted on," Page said. "And I am thankful for all those who helped, including host families and businesses in the area."

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FILE PHOTO

Billy Page resigned Friday as general manager of the Osos.

Valiant Jess scores 15-1 upset in John Deere

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Lyle Guillory's Valiant Jess flew across the sloppy racing surface to score a 15-1 upset victory and gain her second-straight win while taking the Grade 3, \$63,063 John Deere Ruidoso Juvenile Challenge on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

Valiant Jess, trained by John Bassett, raced near the lead and then fought off longshot Our First Corona and Cascada B for the win.

The Saul Ramirez, Jr.-ridden in :17.538 for the 350 yards.

Valiant Jess, a daughter of Valiant Hero, has

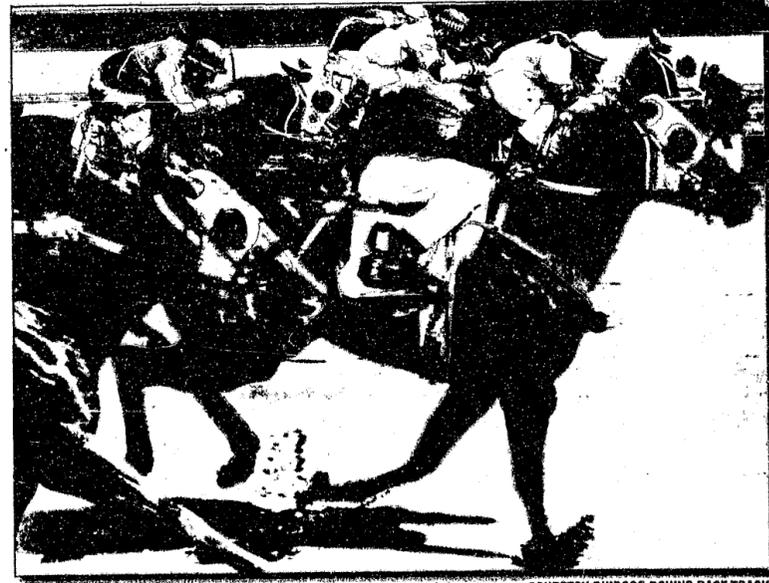
made each of her four career starts at Ruidoso Downs this summer.

After finishing off the board in her first two efforts, she has stepped up with back-to-back wins.

In her previous race, her John Deere Ruidoso Juvenile Challenge trial, she won at 30-1 odds and raced to the fifth-fastest qualifying time.

Kevin and Robin Allred's Our First Corona, trained by Mike Joiner, was a neck behind Valiant Jess and finished second for the third consecutive race.

Dallas and Victor Pryor's Cascada B, conditioned by John Stinebaugh, was a neck behind Our First Corona.



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

Valiant Jess, inside, wins Sunday's \$63,063 John Deere Ruidoso Juvenile Challenge.

Time For A Cigar flashes championship form

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Time For A Cigar, the 2009 champion three-year-old gelding, showed his championship form while defeating a deep field of top-tier stakes horses in the Grade 3, \$30,000 Mr Jet Moore Handicap at Ruidoso Downs on Saturday afternoon.

Time For A Cigar raced over the sloppy racing surface in :19.364 for the 400 yards, giving jockey Cody Jensen his first stakes win since returning to racing on July 15. He was sidelined after he was injured in a racing accident in January at Los Alamitos that required major hip surgery.

Zoomin With Ease, winner of the 2009 Rainbow Futurity, finished one-half length behind Time For A Cigar for second, but was disqualified and placed last for drifting out and interfering with track-record holder Separate Bet twice during the race.

After the disqualification, Zulu Dragon was awarded the runner-up position and Van Zant was placed third.

Owned by Mark Allen's Double Eagle Ranch and Leonard Blach's Buena Suerte Equine, Time For A Cigar has been an important stakes winner since his sophomore season in 2009.

The gelded son of Corona Cartel earned his 2009 championship title with wins in the Grade 1

Ruidoso Derby and the Sunland Winter Derby. He then came back last year to win the Bank of America Turf Paradise Challenge and finished fourth in the Bank of America Challenge Championship and the All American Gold Cup.

Trainer Richard Sedillo could bring Time For A Cigar back in the All

American Gold Cup on September 4 for a possible meeting with two-time champion and Higheasterjet Handicap winner Noconi.

Time For A Cigar now has won eight of 19 starts and earned \$413,969.

Zulu Dragon won the La Plata Stakes two starts ago while Van Zandt took last fall's Manuel Lujan Stakes.

LOBOS

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the Lodge at Sierra Blanca Steve Tally said. "Their arrival here is good for the business community and is good recognition for the town as a whole.

"I thank Katie Kmetz (director of sales at the Lodge) for putting this together."

Monday saw half of the Lobos hit the practice fields at 2:30 p.m. in shoulder pads and helmets until 5 p.m. The other half of the team practiced from 4:15-6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, all 92 players on the roster practiced together in full pads from

3:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday and next Wednesday the team will have two-a-day practices from 8-10:30 a.m. and again from 5:15-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, the Lobos will have a scrimmage at Horton Stadium at 6 p.m. The event is free to the public. On the other days, excluding Sunday, the team will hold practices through next Thursday from 3:30-6 p.m.

Sunday there will be a barbecue at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca from 4-6 p.m. The event is open to the public, will be catered by Dream Catcher Café and hosted by the Village of Ruidoso. Posters and photo opportunities will be available at this meet-and-greet

get-together with the players and coaches. There will also be a cash bar.

"Since we arrived in town, wherever we go, the community treats us great," one of the coaches said.

Business people in the community have risen to the occasion in welcoming the Lobos. Besides Dream Catcher Café, which will cater most of the lunches and dinners, Raymond Simpson and his Wal-Mart crew are supplying Gatorade, bottled water, chocolate milk and snacks.

Locksley, his staff and the team are once again looking forward to the high altitude training the area has to offer — along with less distractions this locale will present them.

"I love the camp," Locksley has said. "It's a whole different environment. This is about the only time in the season when you get to stop multi-tasking and just do football."

This will be Locksley's third year at the helm, and after back-to-back 1-11 seasons the Lobos will be looking to redeem themselves and earn a bowl bid.

Last year the Lobos opening game was in Eugene, Ore., against Oregon and in 2009 the team traveled to College Station, Texas, to face off with Texas A & M.

On Sept. 3, UNM will open at home against Mountain West Conference foe, the Colorado State Rams.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Michael Locksley returns for his third season with the Lobos.

OSOS

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"But in the end, the personal financial burden was too difficult. We need-

ed more help at the time. In the past few days I have heard the community is trying to step up and find ways to see the Osos conclude their season. I'm glad to hear that."

Page recently accepted

the position of athletic director at Magdalena High School (D3-1A) and will be living in Magdalena during the school week and traveling back to his home in the Ruidoso area on week-

ends. Magdalena's opening football game will be Aug. 26.

"I really appreciate the sponsors who made a commitment to the Osos and the host families that made this season possi-

ble," Page said. "There are some good 'kids' on this team and I wish them the very best. I hope they can win it all (the playoffs). I did the best I could with what we had."

Tentatively, the Osos

have two games scheduled Wednesday in Alpine, Texas (Alpine Cowboys), and then close out their regular season, Thursday in Ruidoso, against Las Cruces at 12:05 p.m.

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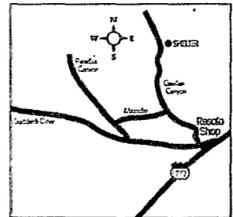
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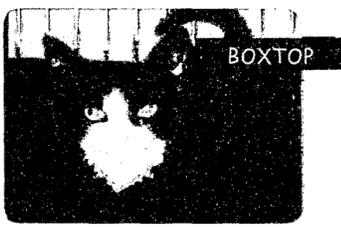
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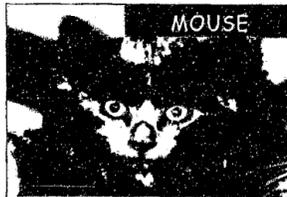
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DANA TERLECKY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Clockwise from top, left, Crayton Scott wrangles Christian Sweats' grand champion hog at the Lincoln County Fair. The enormous hog sold for \$1100.
J'Nae Wood from Capitan's 4-H program shows the audience what a high-dollar pie looks like. Her grand champion apple pie sold in the fair's pie auction for \$300.
Koelle Brandenberger shows off her grand champion market steer, which weighed in at 1240 pounds.
Tyler Jobe displays his reluctant grand champion fryer rabbit.

Though many come to the fair for livestock and a good time, the heart of the Lincoln County Fair lies in the children, said Scott Schafer, Chairman of the Junior Livestock Sale. FFA and 4-H members use the proceeds from the livestock sale to fund future projects. They are also encouraged to deposit any extra money raised into a savings account to help them pay for college expenses. Beyond the initial investment for their first project, often by parents, members are expected to fund their own projects in the years to come, teaching them personal responsibility, money management, and life skills, Schafer said.



Ruidoso's first post office

The traffic on Sudderth Drive zooms by the Old Mill. Those going about their daily routine may not be aware of the significance in history that the Old Mill had in Lincoln County history. Every time I go by the Old Mill, I remember Carmon Phillips, the last owner. Carmon, a fellow photographer, was very kind to me sharing his history knowledge and camera skills. He died in 1999. His photographs were published in the Ruidoso News and his own magazine, Pictorial Ruidoso. Dowlin's Old Mill, the oldest building in Ruidoso,

was built in 1868 by "Capitan Paul" Dowlin and his brother, Will. "Capitan Paul," as he was known by locals, was brought to New Mexico to serve at Fort Stanton during the Civil War. The Old Mill, on 641 Sudderth Drive, was a grain and saw mill, bean thrasher, black smith shop, and general store from 1868 to the turn of the 20th Century along the Rio Ruidoso. A 1946 Ruidoso News tells that the mill was the stopping point for travelers between Fort Stanton and Mescalero. A saw mill powered by

a wheel supplied lumber for Fort Stanton. Cavalry companies made frequent stops at the mill during their Indian forays. In 1950, Ruidoso News reported that Carmon bought the Old Mill and planned to make it a museum. The sale agreement contained provision that the Mill be maintained as a landmark and that the mill wheel will be kept in

operation from May to September each year. For many years the Old Mill was in a state of ruin until Carmon and his wife, Leona Mae, renovated the collapsing structure, virtually saving a historic New Mexico landmark. Carmon operated a photography studio and curio store by the old mill since 1946. The mill was the site of Ruidoso's first post office



POLLY E. CHAVEZ
Historical Potpourri



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Dowlin's Old Mill still stands as the oldest building in Ruidoso. in 1882. Frank Lesnet was the first postmaster after "Capitan Paul" was murdered in a dispute. It was also where Peter Hurd, one of the Southwest's best-known artists, held his first exhibit. Mayor Ike Wingfield was born in the mill. Billy the Kid, who was a family friend of both the Dowlin and Lesnet families, would stop at the Old Mill. Other visiting legends included Pat Garret, "Black Jack" Pershing, and Geronimo.

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Living in the shadow of a legacy

Sarah Gutierrez recalls life with the Pflingstons

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Sitting at the kitchen table looking out the open backdoor at the rolling mountain folds of Lincoln, Sarah Gutierrez' eyes weren't taking in the scenery, they were viewing memories.

She spent 29 years with Leota and Fred "Peg" Pflingsten, two of the most beloved residents of Lincoln County. In appreciation for those years and tender care especially at the end of their lives, and out of love for their unofficial adopted daughter, the couple who had no children, willed their ranch and the house they built in 1979 to Sarah. She takes the responsibility of tending their land as her charge in life, next to watching over her two grown children.

Juniper-spotted brush land now brims green with neat rows of plantings in rye, oats and grass. The Pflingstons' dogs, Chihuahua Ricky, and Basset hounds Flash and Abby, contentedly roam the property around the house and Gutierrez has assembled displays of some of the ranch artifacts. Last year, Gutierrez was awarded the Outstanding Land Steward of the Year recognition by the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts. She was carrying on Fred's tradition. He was honored by his peers for service to agriculture at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces.

For visitors, she plays back the digital recording of the trips she took with Leota after converting a recreational vehicle to accommodate her elderly benefactor's adjustable bed. In the den with her laptop are three placards displaying photographs of Leota throughout her teaching career.

First meeting

Recalling the first time she saw Leota, Sarah said, "She had knee surgery and

needed help with the house. I was helping a friend of hers." As soon as Sarah finished the friend's spring cleaning, she was sent to the Pflingstons. When she arrived, Leota was in the garden.

"My English was limited then," said the native of Mexico. "Leota had a garden and was picking cucumbers to make bread and butter pickles. She was wearing white slacks with a blue and white narrow striped blouse and her pockets were full of cucumbers. She was standing tall and beautiful."

"She put me to work cleaning house. That was 29 years ago. My son still was young and I took him with me and he'd fall asleep. Mrs. Leota always said, 'That's my boy.' And when she spoke of my daughter, she'd say, 'Where's my girl?'"

Sarah came to the United States from Mexico with relatives when she was 15, estranged from her parents. "Peg and Leota became my parents," she said. "They cheered my achievements, offered advice, support and love, and helped me raise my children. I spent over half of my life here. They were part of my family and I was part of their family. At the end, I ended up helping both," by becoming primary caregiver for each of them.

Fred died in March 2007, and Leota earlier this year in March, just one day apart. Both died at the age of 93.

"If I ever saw two people who were soul mates, it was them," she said. "Close to the end of Peg's life, Leota laid in the bed with him holding his hand. At the end of her life, she was hurt that he passed before she did. They lived remarkable lives. They dedicated their lives to their community and to individuals (who needed help) and I was one of them. They raised nieces and nephews and help me raise my children."

Her daughter, Monica, spent six years of active duty in the Air Force and then graduated from the University of New Mexico.



Leota and Fred "Peg" Pflingston left behind a legacy of agriculture in Lincoln County.



COURTESY

"Peg was there for (her son) Martine's graduation from Baylor Dental School," she said. Monica is back in school and working on her master's degree in speech and hearing science.

Leota and Fred were wonderful role models and surrogate grandparents, Gutierrez said.

Ranching with Fred

"Twenty-nine years is a long time," she said. "Some of my best memories with Peg are of helping him with the cattle. When his eyesight began to fail, I drove them to doctor's visits and when he had no man to help him on the ranch, I drove him out to check the livestock and to move the cattle from one pasture to the next."

"He showed me how to take care of the ranch by having me there with him. Because he was slowing down, I was able to keep up with him."

Many times when she is working on a ranch problem today, it will hit her, "And I say to myself, 'Now I understand that's why he did what he did,'" Sarah said.

Knowing that Sarah was with Fred also eased Leota's worry about something happening to him out on the ranch by himself, she said.

"He told me stories of his family's old homestead and about rounding up wild horses to run to Roswell," Sarah said. "He'd call the cows with a 'Hey, cows,' and a big old bull would be the first to answer back and pretty soon all of them would come out of the canyon. I wish that I'd had a video camera to record that."

As he aged, the differ-

ence in their heights turned out to be an advantage, she said. "I'm short and he was 6 foot, 4 inches, just the right height that I could walk at his side and he'd put his right hand on his cane and his left hand on my shoulder and we would walk. That image will be with me for the rest of my life."

After Fred's death, Sarah said, "I never felt he left us. His presence was so strong. I felt his hand on my shoulder guiding me, reassuring me that I could go the distance. He was gentle, even when he was trying to tell me something, he'd choose the kindest words."

As he neared his last days, Fred often would tell Sarah to take care of his wife.

"My girl, I surely do love her. Will you take care of her for me?" He would tell Sarah. "Now they both are gone and I find myself in this home," she said. "As I work in the pastures, I know I am stepping in his footprints and that's a very strong feeling of love and trust that they had for me."

Fred Pflingsten was born in 1913 in Angus and worked along the Rio Bonito in Hondo in the family apple orchards. He was given his first cow at age nine and first horse at age 10. Dr. Woods, whose home is preserved in the Lincoln Historic District, gave him his first pair of glasses. He was studying animal husbandry and horticulture at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces when he met Leota Bradford, who was born in the White Sands area on a goat ranch in Otero County, and graduated from Tularosa High

School. They were married July 16, 1940, in Roswell.

Fred worked 10 years for the U.S. Forest Service at a logging camp before attending college. He ranched 22 years on the Mesa Ranch near Nogal and worked as manager of the G Bar F Ranch for 14 years. Meanwhile, Leota taught second grade at Capitan until her retirement. She enjoyed woodcarving and entered her Indian heads and small animals in county fair competitions.

Travels with Leota

After Fred died, Sarah and Leota traveled. She told Sarah, "I know people would like me to sit at home and grieve, but life goes on. There are worse things in life than death. I'd like to travel."

Her body was fragile and she couldn't climb steps, so they purchased a recreational vehicle and equipped it with a lift. A sleeper sofa was removed and her adjustable bed was brought in with a modification to the seat belt system. For three years, they traveled with the dogs in tow. When Leota was tired, they would pull over and move her from the front seat to the bed that could be adjusted to allow her to watch the scenery. Their travels included Branson, Mo.; Big Bend, Texas; Durango, Colo.; several national parks in Utah; Las Vegas, Nev.; and the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif. On trips throughout New Mexico, Leota also had a chance to see some of the places Peg visited while he was a truck driver hauling cattle.

"She had the most amazing spirit of adventure,"

Sarah said.

On Fred's final day, he raised his hand to Sarah and said "Adios."

"I said, 'Adios and have a good journey,' and he was gone soon after with Leota at his side."

"(Leota) also died here at the house. I was with her," Sarah said. "She let go of my hand and reached up for someone greeting her with a kiss."

Leota's niece Patricia Burke was secondary caregiver and helped with the care of the couple, along with several loyal friends, Sarah said, adding, "It only took one phone call and they would be here."

Living on a ranch didn't isolate the couple from the world, she said. "They always took a stand for whatever they believed and never compromised," Sarah said. "They had broad knowledge of politics, education, and history."

Even when she married writer J. Zane Walley, "I'd call them wherever we were and tell them what we were doing and they would know exactly where we were." The couple later divorced.

Sarah said she finds herself doing the same things as Fred, irrigating, maintaining fences, being a good steward of the land. Going through the items the Pflingstons collected during their lifetime together is like looking into living history, she said. Receipts, tools and artifacts give glimpses into the years with the apple orchards and growing cabbage in 1936 with Fred's brother.

"I have accomplished my goals," Sarah said. "The sad part is that they are not here to celebrate with me and that's kind of hard."

Carol Knight
1938-2011

Carol Knight, 72, of Ruidoso passed away Thursday, August 4, 2011 in Ruidoso. She was born December 14, 1938 at El Hambra, California. She moved to Ruidoso in 1982 from Mission Viejo, California. She had worked for Afari Travel Agency as a Travel Agent, she married Fred Knight on December 24, 1962 at Newtown, Pennsylvania.

She is survived by her husband Fred; a daughter, Melissa Kraft. She was preceded in death by a son, Greg Knight. The family has requested memorials to Humane Society of Lincoln County.

No services are planned at this time and cremation services are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneRuidoso.com.

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Terrance Mendez
1980-2011

Prayer service for Terrance Mendez, 30, of Mescalero will be Thursday, Aug. 11, at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph's Mission where the funeral mass will be on Friday, Aug. 12, at 10:00 AM with burial to follow at Mescalero Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Greg and Verilyn Mendez; mother, Deloris Anne Edsitty; 2 brothers, Thomas Mendez and Brandon Dominguez; 2 sisters, Pamela R. Evans and Cherissa Mangas; grandparents, Ray Silver Shush and Wilbur Edsitty.

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Michelle's 20th Anniversary



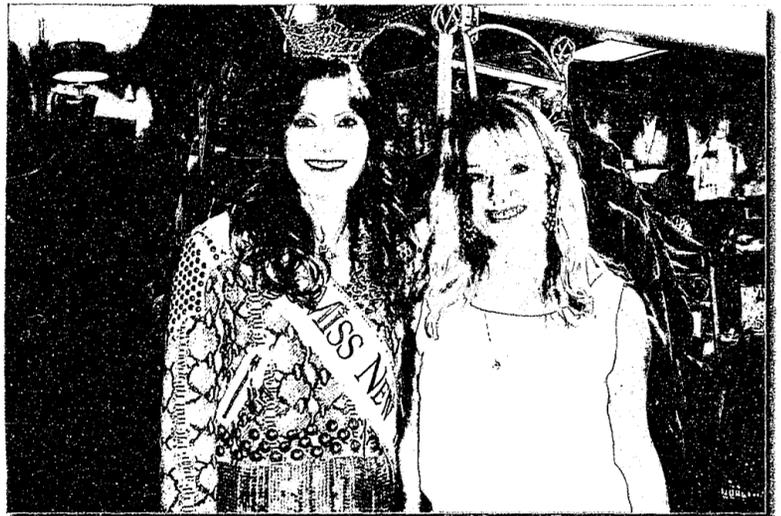
Helen Maynard an employee of Michelle's and Trisilla Stevens enjoy the festivities.

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Kelly Parrish, Tereas Montez, Michelle O'Brien, owner of Michelle's, Janice Holt and Andrea Reed have a little fun at Michelle's 20th Anniversary Celebration held on Friday August 5.



Jan Butchofsky, Ryanne Davis, Debbie Nix and Gayla Lacy of Sanctuary on the River assist in catering the event.



Miss New Mexico Sarina Turnball with Michelle O'Brien.



Andrea Reed and Janice Holt hang out at the party.



Connie Hall browses the aisles. She is the owner of Three Bears and Papa Bears Cupcake Emporium.



Shelli Brockman a representative of Double D, and Lucina Sarbar *Vamonos!* Editor, enjoy a seat out of the sun.

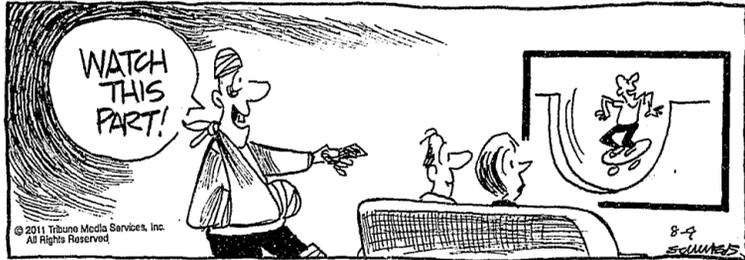


Pete and Donna Anthony enjoy the party. Donna is the office manager at Michelle's.



Ryanne Davis, greeter, and Debbie Nix, owner of Sanctuary on the River, stand outside of Michelle's at 2325 Sudderth Drive.

BOUND & GAGGED



SHOE



SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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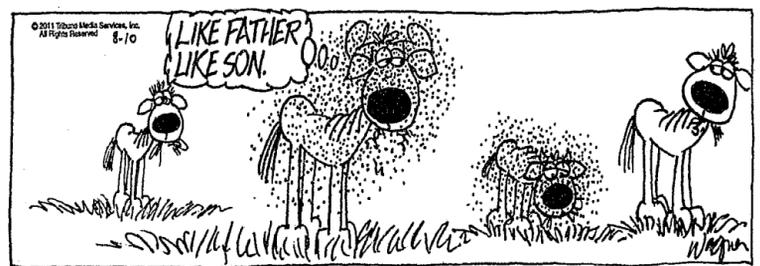
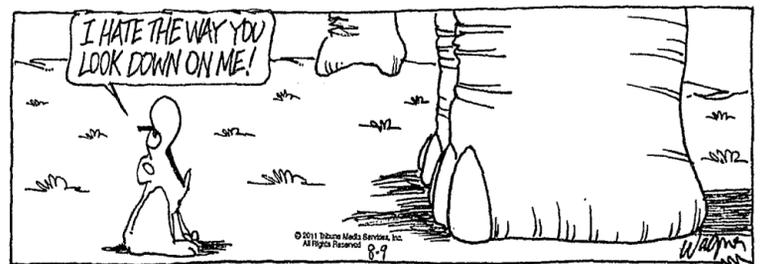
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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BEST SCORE 230

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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OVL RTE

Ans: " " " "

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Remember, he likes his martini shaken, not stirred.

WHAT THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE WHEN THE ROLE OF 007 PASSED FROM SEAN TO ROGER.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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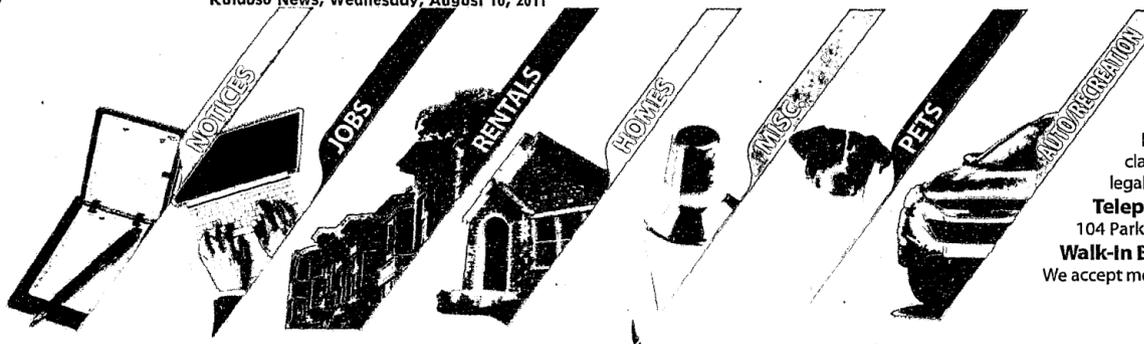
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ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS, NEW MEXICO, CONCERNING THE 2011 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE NEW MEXICO UNIFORM TRAFFIC ORDINANCE BY REFERENCE.

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Copies of Ordinance No. 2011-05 are in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am. and 5:00 pm.

Carol Virden, MMC City Clerk/Treasurer

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Drivers 220

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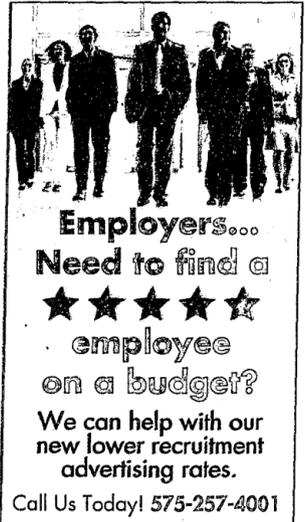
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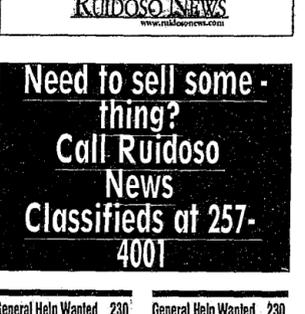
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