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Proposed Anthony casino rejected

Mescalero Tribal President Mark Chino: 'This is the right decision'

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A federal denial of a tribal casino at Anthony, New Mexico has been applauded by the Mescalero Apache Tribe. On Sept. 2 the assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior, Larry Echo Hawk, turned down the Jemez Pueblo's

effort to establish a casino in the community between Las Cruces and El Paso.

"This is the right decision," said Mark Chino, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe. "The decision follows both the spirit and the letter of the law. Mescalero and many other tribes fought hard for the right to conduct gaming on

their reservation. 'Reservation shopping' threatens this right. While we are sympathetic for the Jemez people, we feel that the department's decision to deny the pueblo the ability to operate a casino 300 miles from their homelands was correct."

Earlier this year, Chino had labeled the effort as "reservation

shopping" because of the distance between Anthony and the pueblo lands.

In the decision, the Department of the Interior noted that the Jemez Pueblo will be unlikely to demonstrate a significant historical connection to the proposed casino location. The 293-mile distance between the pueblo northwest of

Albuquerque and Anthony also was a factor in the decision.

The federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires a tribe to exercise "government power" over lands in order for them to be Indian lands eligible for gaming.

In a statement from the Jemez

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Special session starts

Lawmakers to focus on redistricting

MILAN SIMONICH
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — In show biz, entertainers caution that the sideshow should not overtake the circus.

New Mexico House Speaker Ben Lujan said something similar Tuesday in outlining priorities for the special legislative session just under way.

The "arduous and complex process" of redistricting political boundaries will be the main job of the House of Representatives, Lujan said in his opening comments to his chamber.

Other initiatives placed on the agenda by Gov. Susana Martinez will receive consideration if time allows, he said.

The special session is to last no longer than 30 days.

In the other chamber, Sen. Tim Jennings, D-Roswell, criticized Martinez for not submitting her full list of 10 initiatives until Tuesday.

Jennings, a senator since 1979, said the executive branch ought to have everything it proposes in place at least 24 hours beforehand, so that legislators and the public know what to expect.

Martinez added a departmental merger proposal to a list of bills she wants considered during the special session.

She said state government is "bloated," and she wants to streamline it through three consolida-

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JUST DUCKY



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Dr. Lynn Willard and a group of kids catch the ducks in the Rio Ruidoso River Saturday as the ducks cross the finish line in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Great Duck Race fundraiser. Willard grabbed the first ducks to cross the finish line. After Willard grabbed the winning ducks, the children scooped the rest. The winning duck belonged to the Ruidoso Optimist Club. The \$250 cash prize will be used for their projects for the youth of the area.

Ruidoso village audit still rife with findings

Manager outlines reforms to correct shortfalls

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Although the 208 "findings" by auditors in the village of Ruidoso's Fiscal Years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 annual audits are carryovers from previous

years, local officials still find the number staggering, if not unexpected.

According to a summary from Village Manager Debi Lee issued Tuesday, 191 findings were in the finan-

cial report and 15 in the procedures report. Jeff McWhorter, with the Accounting & Consulting Group, will go over the two audits performed by his company at the Sept. 13 vil-

lage council meeting that begins at 3 p.m. in village hall.

Two audits were performed in one year to allow the village to catch up and submit its FY2010-2011

audit to the State Auditor on time. To that end, Lee noted that the village already began that audit in July with the same firm, "and because of the significant progress made, this

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Silt buildup causes a flood of problems for property owner

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With ash and silt from recent fires washing into the Rio Ruidoso and other tributaries, how a situation involving access to property owned by Shirley Haas is resolved may set the ground rules for many more owners in the future.

Speaking on behalf of Haas at a Lincoln County Commission

meeting last month, Greg Mobley told commissioners a tremendous amount of silt was pulled into what used to be a stream.

"There's tons and tons from the recent fires above and below us," he said. "We're asking today to be able to clean out our side of the river. Then we'll get with (the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) and (engineer) John (Shaw) to come up with a plan to get across the river at a reasonable cost to

everybody. Whatever you do here today will set a precedence. We have flash floods and it's a problem throughout the valley."

Mobley explained that for the past year Haas has been trying to resolve the problem that was aggravated by the purchaser of the land installing a culvert and asphalt without a permit to cross the river. The land later reverted back to Haas.

"She was in Carlsbad with her

mother, who later died," he said. "I was back and forth in Alaska working. We weren't aware of what going on there and understand you were not either. We have received the property back and have gone back and forth with (County Attorney Alan Morel) and John Shaw trying to resolve it. (The former purchaser) had put in a road with culverts,

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Toastmasters

An effort at starting a starting a local Toastmasters Club will be discussed today.

Marla Lewis, the executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber's boardroom will be the location for the discussion, beginning at 12 p.m.

Toastmasters International District 23 Gov. Bay Stevens will be at the meeting.

Toastmasters builds effective communicators. District 23 is made up of all of New Mexico, West Texas and part of the Oklahoma Panhandle. There are more than 90 Toastmasters International clubs in the district with more than 1,500 members.

Seating for the discussion is limited. Contact Lewis at 575-257-7395 to reserve a spot.

Planning meeting

Lincoln County Planning commissioners decided to change the time, instead of the date of their next session and will meet at 9 a.m., today, to discuss the final Comprehensive Plan recommendation to the Lincoln County Commission.

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They will meet at the Ruidoso Substation, 115. Kansas City Road in Ruidoso. The change was necessitated by a lack of a quorum at the usual time of 1 p.m.

Airport meeting

A \$466,340 contract for work at the municipal airport is set for approval at a 3 p.m., special Ruidoso Village Council meeting Thursday.

The council meets in chambers at the Village Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Councilors will discuss and possibly take action on a contract with Armour Pavement, Inc. for apron pavement maintenance and airfield markings at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

Highway work

The New Mexico Department of Transportation will work on pavement rehabilitation on U.S. 70 between Ruidoso and Tularosa beginning this week.

The \$5.6 million project will last five to six weeks and will extend the life of the existing pavement.

Cutler Repaving Inc. from Albuquerque, will handle the job between Mile Marker 237, in the vicinity of Bent, to Mile Marker 248, east of Mescalero.

The work, a continua-

tion of resurfacing begun last year, will consist of a hot in-situ recycle of the top 1 to 1/2 inches of existing pavement with an additional 1 1/2 inches of pavement added on top. Driving lanes and shoulders will be rehabilitated.

The contractor will have at least one to two single-lane drops during the construction. All lanes will be open at the end of each day.

Drivers are urged to use care, observe posted warning and speed limit signs and watch for construction workers in the area. For up-to-date road construction information throughout the state, visit nmroads.com or call 511. Anyone with questions or comments regarding the project may contact Chuck Brill, NMDOT Construction Project Manager, at 575-585-2090.

Search and Rescue

The White Mountain Search and Rescue mounted team will sponsor a horse certification on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Individuals interested in certifying their horse/mule for search and rescue are asked to be at the Followed Dream Ranch, 186 Cherry Creek Road, Nogal (1 mile off Highway 37, 5.5 miles north of Highway 48) at 10 a.m.

For information on qualification and search team



COURTESY

Altrusa treated the ENMU faculty to a food-filled reception Aug. 23 to kick off their academic year. It's a long-standing tradition that Altrusa bring in trays of sandwiches, fruit, cookies, and many other food items for the faculty to enjoy during their Fall Faculty Opening Program. Altrusa wishes the faculty, staff and students of ENMU a successful 2011-2012 school year. Pictured from left to right: Denise Vincent, Paula Tipton, Marci Butchofsky, Altrusans; Beth Defoor, ENMU administrative assistant; Doris Wallace, Altrusan; Dr. Clayton Alred, ENMU president; Helen Woodfin, Altrusan, and Chad Smith, ENMU vice president for Student Learning.

certification, contact Matt Midgett at 575-354-0088. Observers are welcome. For information on search and rescue activities in New Mexico, go to www.nmsarc.org.

Historical Society

Wally Ferguson will speak about the House of Murphy during the Lincoln County War at a Saturday meeting of the Lincoln County Historical Society.

The meeting begins at 2 p.m., in the Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo.

The public is welcomed.

Cherish children

Team Building Counseling Services and Quarters Night Club and Grill present Cherish Our Children Ride and Auction Saturday, Sept. 10.

At 11:45 a.m. there will be a Make a Kid Smile Ride

in which participants will ride motorcycles from First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs to Quarters while wearing funny hats, wigs, costumes, etc., to make children smile.

At noon there will be live music, door prizes, ride prizes, 50/50 money pot and an auction.

Free admission for children with an adult; adult admission, \$3.

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Humidity 75° 49° 33%	Humidity 71° 52° 50%	Humidity 71° 53° 33%	Humidity 70° 56° 38%	Humidity 76° 57° 31%	Humidity 77° 55° 30%	Humidity 72° 54° 50%
Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	Some sun	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Partly sunny	Times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny
Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	Wind: SSE 8-16 mph	Wind: ESE 7-14 mph	Wind: S 6-12 mph	Wind: W 6-12 mph	Wind: NW 7-14 mph

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Regional Cities

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 73°/50°
Normal high 77°
Normal low 48°
Record high 91° (1948)
Record low 32° (1961)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.15"
Normal month to date 0.52"
Year to date 6.05"
Normal year to date 15.85"

Pollen:
Grass Moderate
Trees Low
Weeds Moderate
Mold Low
Predominant Ragweed

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 85°/66°
Normal high 89°
Normal low 64°
Record high 100° (1956)
Record low 49° (1961)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 0.28"
Year to date 2.40"
Normal year to date 7.71"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: In which East Coast states has a hurricane never made landfall?
A: Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia.

National Forecast for Sept. 7, 2011

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset
6:41 a.m./7:21 p.m.

Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset
4:28 p.m./2:13 a.m.

Moon Phases

Full Last New First

Sep 12 Sep 20 Sep 27 Oct 3

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low:
(For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 114° in Bullhead City, AZ
Low: 25° in West Yellowstone, MT

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 116° in Mitribah, Kuwait
Low: 1° in Summit Station, Greenland

EVENTS

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Mariachi concert

Mariachi music will come to Ruidoso, courtesy of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Mariachi San Pablo, an inter-generational music ministry based at Yselta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso, will provide the two-hour concert beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

The free performance will be at the Ruidoso Senior Center. The group is believed to be the only Lutheran mariachi band in the world. Their repertoire is made up of a variety of music including traditional hymns and contemporary Christian songs in both English and Spanish.

With the free admission to the concert, people are encouraged to donate to Yselta Lutheran Mission Human Care.

The items needed at the mission currently are: blankets, jackets, non-perishable food, backpacks, and toys. Cash donations for the mission will be accepted also.

Yard Sale

A Capitan "Village Wide Yard Sale" is planned for 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, an event sponsored by the Capitan Public Library.

Participants must live in the village limits or no more than two miles past.

A \$5 fee covers the cost of advertisement, a sign for the sale, and participant's address on a map.

Registration forms are

available from the Library, the Not 2 Shabby Shop and other businesses in the village. Deadline for registration is 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8. For more information, contact the Capitan Public Library at (575) 354-3035. The Capitan Public Library is a volunteer-run non-profit organization that provides a free and welcoming place to learn or relax. Donations are tax-deductible and help keep this community resource free and available. To donate, please go to the library website, www.capitanlibrary.org.

Sept. 11 ceremony

Patriot Day, commemorating the 10th Anniversary of Sept. 11 at Wingfield Park in Midtown Ruidoso starting at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11.

This is an opportunity to come together as a community to show loyalty to country and community. Music and refreshments. The ceremony starts at 6 p.m. No politics.

Thanks firefighters

To thank the firefighters of Lincoln County for their tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Lincoln County and to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount will be holding a service of blessing and thanksgiving for all Lincoln County firefighters at 2 p.m. on Sept. 11, 2011. Everyone is invited to attend.

This will be an opportunity to honor firefighters on this special day when so many lost their lives saving others a decade ago.

The service will last about 45 minutes and be followed by a blessing of fire trucks and a reception. The Church of the Holy Mount is located

at 121 Mesalero Trail in Ruidoso.

Property taxes

Lincoln County commissioners will conduct a special meeting Sept. 13 to set the 2011 property tax rates for the county.

The session will begin at 1 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of the County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

An executive session also is scheduled to consider ranking of applicants for the position of County Manager for interview. A final agenda will be available 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Garden Club

Garden Club of Lincoln County will partner with Scholtzsky's at 2812 Sudderth for a fundraiser September 13 by delivering orders and busing tables from 4 p.m. to close for a percent of the evening's sales.

The purpose of garden club is to promote community beautification and conservation of natural resources. Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call Marilyn Barnes at 973-2890.

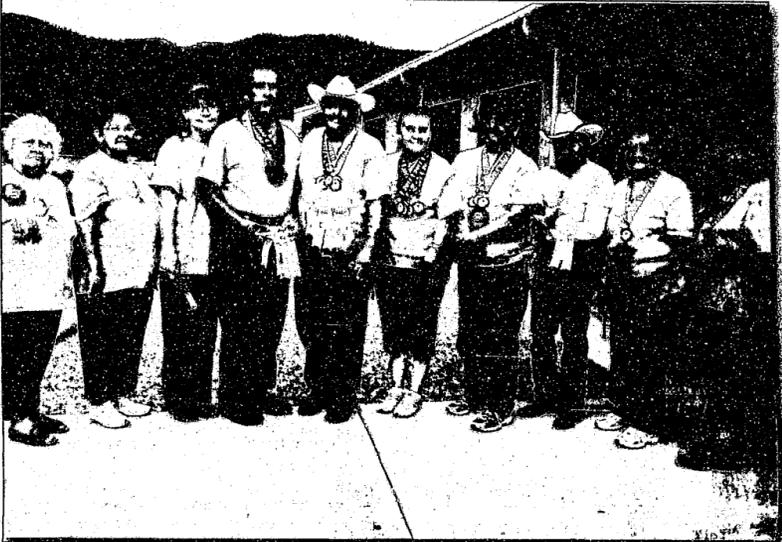
Money class

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes will begin on Sept. 20 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Ruidoso. A second preview session will take place at the church at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13. The classes teach common-sense principles on matters such as making a plan with money to become debt free and building lasting wealth. Contact Pastor Thomas Schoech at 575-258-4191 for more information or to register.

MESCALERO WINS BIG



Elders of the Mescalero Apache Tribe showed their crafts and sewing projects at the Otero County State Fair in Alamogordo. Participants won ribbons in baskets, sewing traditional dress, Native American jewelry, and traditional Apache shawls. Ribbons awarded were 10 for first place, 11 for second, and 11 for third place. Lida Kanseah, at left, was awarded grand champion for her traditional apache camp dress. Other winners were Cornelia Gaines, Elaine Choneska, Margaret Morin, Elbys Hugar, Virginia Kazhe, Clement Bigmouth, Faye Lester, Lara Enjady, Laura Botella, Arlene Mendez, Mary Shanta, Doris Bits, Wynona Chimal and Della Simmons. **Pictured below**, 16 elders from Mescalero participated in the Senior Olympic Games in late July at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. They competed in a variety of events including 8-ball pool, horse shoes and air rifle. Team members are Clement Bigmouth, John Fossum, Eva Geronimo, Bruce Klinekole, Debbie Martinez, Jerry Martinez, Ellis Tortilla, Nina Tortilla, Josie Tortilla, Jayro Treas, Della Simmons, Arlene Mendez, Helen Klinekole, Clarice Rocha, Ivora Fossum and Tonita Simms. COURTESY



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begins August 22, 2011 at the auxiliary gym of the Horton Sports Complex. Mondays and Wednesdays will be for Volleyball and Tuesdays and Thursdays for Basketball. 6:30-9:30 pm on all four days. Leagues will begin the first week in October so get your rosters together and start practicing. Cost is \$250.00 for registration and \$12.00 per game for officials. Ages 18 and over. Call 257-5030 for additional information.

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OUR OPINION

Block should resign from PRC seat

We join with the chorus being led by Gov. Susana Martinez and including legislative leaders from both parties and his fellow commissioners who are calling for the resignation of state Public Regulation Commissioner Jerome D. Block Jr., though we fear he will not leave until he is removed.

That's unfortunate. Because, while Block was legitimately elected — and we do not suggest that the will of the electorate be overturned lightly — his continued presence is another black eye for a scandal-plagued board that is one of the most powerful state regulatory bodies in the country, yet has become a symbol for all that is wrong with New Mexico politics.

Beyond that, with criminal charges hanging over his head and Block's admission to an addiction to prescription drugs (though he declined to disclose exactly what drugs), we fail to see how he can remain an effective representative for the voters who elected him.

Block is under investigation for the alleged theft of gasoline using a state purchasing card. Records show he spent \$5,000 in six weeks on a state-issued gas card before it was canceled, often with multiple fill-ups within minutes, according to published reports. He also allegedly took a 2006 Honda Accord out for a test drive from a car dealership, and did not return it.

All of this comes after his arrest in 2008 on campaign reporting crimes.

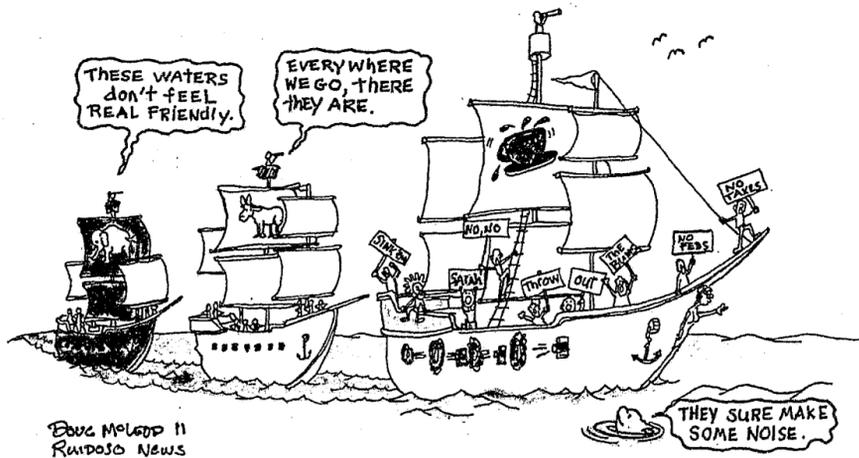
Block has admitted to filing false information on a campaign finance report, claiming a \$2,500 campaign expense went for a country band that performed at a campaign rally. Then-secretary of state Mary Herrera fined him \$11,700 and required him to return \$10,000 in campaign funds.

With Block unwilling to step down, legislators could plan an extraordinary session to take up impeachment. House Speaker Ben Lujan has selected the co-chairs of a subcommittee to lead impeachment proceedings against Block, even though the process will not start until after this session ends.

In 1996, New Mexico voters merged the old Public Utility Commission and the State Corporation Commission to create what is undoubtedly the most powerful elected board in the state. But in recent years it has become something of a rogue's gallery.

Former commissioner David King was successfully sued for sexual harassment. Carol K. Sloan was convicted of two felonies after hitting a romantic rival with a rock. The executive assistant to Sandy Jones had two prior felony convictions, one involving workplace theft. And Block's father, Jerome Block Sr., also a former commissioner, was also charged with violating election laws.

We deserve better. Block should resign.



YOUR OPINION

Dumping Topix was the right move

To the editor:

It was with much relief that I read about Ruidoso News' new system for posting comments regarding news stories on your website. I know you are receiving a great deal of criticism for your decision, but as a victim of more than one slanderous post on the Topix site, I appreciate the idea that those making such statements will have to identify themselves.

I was not surprised to see that comments on the Ruidoso News website have fallen off dramatically, while the Topix comments still grow exponentially. At least now they are not associated with your paper.

Making the decision to allow comments only from those willing to identify themselves, and taking responsibility for an unpopular decision, shows a great deal of professional integrity.

You have my gratitude, and my respect.

Rev. Tony Chambless

First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso

dead butterfly. However, since the event, we have learned that some people did not let us know. The offer still stands to return your money if you wish.

We are very sorry that this problem occurred, and want to let the public know that we checked with our supplier (who is the same one we have used for the previous six years) about what might have caused the problem. In previous years, we have had only 1-3 butterflies die. After much discussion, it was determined that there was a problem with how the butterflies were placed into the individual boxes. We have been assured that this problem will be resolved for future orders.

We appreciate everyone who participated, and hope everyone will continue to support this special event.

Sincerely,

The Ruidoso Hospice Foundation Board

David Milchen

Jennie Dorgan

Marci Brinkley

Sharon Nielson

Patsy Parker

James Martin

Bruce Chapman

Butterfly tragedy

To the editor:

The live Monarch butterfly release held August 13 for the Ruidoso Hospice Foundation had some unexpected and sad results. Over 30 butterflies were no longer alive when taken out of hibernation. This was especially sad for those who experienced the recent loss of a loved one, and attended as a personal memorial service. During the event we offered to refund the cost to anyone receiving a

Railroaded plan

To the editor:

The village of Capitan Planning Board and village of Capitan Trustees have used annexation

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What do you think of the Governor's plan to end social promotion in schools?



Elaine Brannen Carrizozo
"I think it ought to be up to the schools and teachers to make that call for a child."



Tony Cherry Capitan
"It's probably a good idea to end that. They really need to be able to read by fourth grade."



Martha Bond Carrizozo
"It's a case by case issue. Some students mature later with their readiness to read."



Leeroy Zamora Carrizozo
"I think she's right in doing that. Some kids get a free ride, and then don't know what to do in the next grade."



JC Mercer Carrizozo
"I think everyone needs to learn. It's very important to learn to read, especially in today's society."

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LETTERS

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procedures and changes in minimum lot sizes prescribed by the Capitan Subdivision Ordinance (2004) to accommodate the demands of a real estate development company, Conquest Investments. Conquest successfully sold the village a bill of goods about how a 20 acre site developed with 38 potential business locations will yield significant tax revenue for the village and the village bought into this irrational undertaking.

An analysis of planning board meetings, public hearings and trustee meetings over the last eight months clearly shows that the planning board, mayor and trustees have railroaded this project from the beginning, ensuring that any serious questions and debate about the project and its impact on the community are valueless.

The mayor is vigorously pushing for acceptance of Conquest Investments' Final Plat submission in a public hearing, which is required by the Capitan Subdivision Ordinance.

What are the circumstances we should consider in knowledgeable planning approaches? At this time, Capitan planning is out of sync.

What is the economic, cultural and environmental direction of the village? Capitan will flourish when these three concepts converge harmoniously.

The planning board and village trustees should meet with all areas of influence in the village to develop a town manifesto of how we all can benefit from the rightful use of village assets. For example, what are the needs of the municipal school system in community growth and development? What community results do the Lincoln County commissioners foresee in the renovation of the county fairgrounds complex, which includes the new Capitan Medical Center?

The village of Capitan is essentially a highway corridor community; in

fact, business growth occurs along two highways: Highway 380 and Highway 48. A natural increase in economic development would follow any improvements in the visual appeal of our neighborhoods, and existing vacant buildings would once again open with shops and restaurants. Restoration of the fire station building and the Capitan Train Depot, an integral part of the Smokey Bear Park location, will bring a tremendous stimulus to the town and spark business growth in nearby shops. Capitan will become the vibrant New Mexico village it can be with officials and citizens working together on a business plan for the present and the future.

A business center, such as the Conquest proposal, will be a ball and chain and an eyesore for the village in the years to come. Trustees lamely offered as their rationale, "We have to take a chance."

How many citizens, taxpayers and property owners can afford to take chances during this time of economic uncertainty? Or the statement, "It will be a buildout over 10 to 20 years." What high-end investor will buy into this scenario?

No businesses have signed on to build in the proposed center. The trustees are wagging the dog's tail without the head on the Conquest commercial plan.

Two trustees will be elected in March who may not be on a leash to do what they're told.

Virginia Watson Jones, coordinator
Jean Coulton, recording secretary
Grassroots Capitan

Caring for children

To the editor:
Per Father Flanagan, "No race that doesn't take care of its young...deserves to survive."

Recently, the Kids Count organization released its annual report. Pathetically, New Mexico is once again ranked as

our nation's fifth-worst state in which to raise kids.

For years, New Mexico has consistently been ranked as one of our nation's worst states in which to raise children and the parents' and grandparents' silence has been deafening. Many kids can't speak for themselves. Unfortunately, the vast majority of parents and grandparents don't care enough about their own children or grandchildren to speak for them. For example, our state's original "Megan's" and "Jessica's" laws were extremely weak and the vast majority of parents and grandparents remained silent.

Results; not excuses! Eighty-seven percent of our state's public schools have failed to meet the AYP standards. Apparently, most of our schools, including those in Lincoln County, are failing many of their students, but many parents are definitely failing their own children. Parents are their kids' first and primary teachers.

It's crucial that students learn math and English. Math is the international language (e.g. 1 + 1 = 2 worldwide). Additionally, the people, including parents and their children, who live in the U.S. and who aren't fluent in English are at a great disadvantage. During my world travels I found that when I visited non-English speaking countries, I was at a disadvantage, even though I had interpreters (i.e. the meaning was sometimes lost during translation). It's impossible for people to learn all of the languages and dialects of the world, but it isn't impossible for the vast majority of individuals to learn a second language (e.g. English).

Parents, be a voice, a teacher and a role model for your children! "Tomorrow's society will be determined by the way that today's society raises its young."

Sincerely,
Franklin L. Boren
Tinnie

Thanks to Wisner

To the editor:
Dick Wisner is leaving Ruidoso. If you don't know him, you don't know the best friend of the Ruidoso River. Fifteen years ago, a group of friends gathered together to find out why the river had quit running, and the upshot or the meeting was the Ruidoso River Association. Dick was one of these co-founders and became our long-time managing director of the Association.

He secured and disbursed over a million dollars in federal grants to implement a drainage plan for the Upper River to reduce siltation from the Apache Bowl.

He instituted annual river cleanups that brought out hundreds of citizens, all of them working together to dredge out tons of trash.

Dick worked in perfect harmony with the federal EPA and the New Mexico Environmental Department.

With help from the USGS and cooperation of the village, he was instrumental in the installation of a measuring and transmitting weir that constantly broadcasts the river flow rate.

The Rio Ruidoso is the crown jewel of the village of Ruidoso and is also the goose that lays golden eggs. Its monetary value over the years is incalculable. Consequently, the village has never lacked for entrepreneurs who try to transfer water away from the flowing stream.

Wisner was constantly pointing out the difference between "water" and "water rights" and restraining plans and ventures that were fantasies.

Dick will be sorely missed in Ruidoso, and he has earned our profound thanks for his good works. Dick was tough and hard-working, and he devoted thousands of hours of unpaid work to protect our beloved river.

Good luck and Godspeed from all of us!
Joanie Holt
Ruidoso

More on taxes

To the editor:
Re: Letter by Dick Mastin from Aug. 31.
I am not quite sure how to respond to Mr. Mastin's latest missive. It reads as if he misread or totally misinterpreted my thoughts on taxes. I never stated a preference for no taxes, nor did I proffer any ideas on no government. And I certainly don't understand the reference to, or comparison with Somalia or other forms of government or non-government, totalitarian, Communist, or anarchistic. Where is the relevance?

My point was that government — our government in particular — is too big. More importantly, it is growing. It will always grow. That is the nature of government.

As I have stated before, any tax increases will only encourage Congress to expand government and increase spending. It will do nothing to decrease our national debt.

But it is that national debt, which should be our focus. And since Mr. Mastin seems to imply that Republicans and former President Bush increased the national debt, I need to remind him that President Obama managed to increase that debt in 2 and a half years by the same amount that it took Mr. Bush 8 years to accomplish.

But it is not my purpose to get into a partisan debate. It is the size and expense of government per se, and an irresponsible Congress that is of greatest concern to me. Unfortunately, not enough of the people understand this. They keep on electing the same politicians

over and over again, who are full of campaign promises of fiscal responsibility until they get elected or re-elected. Once in office they fall right back into the same old habits of the Washington culture and spend without regard to where the money comes from. After all, it isn't their money they are spending.

Back to the size of government and its natural and inevitable tendency to grow — Congress and government bureaucrats will always find excuses for creating more commissions, more departments, more "blue ribbon panels" and more committees and subcommittees that create armies of more bureaucrats with more salaries and generous benefits. Their functions contribute nothing towards the Gross Domestic Product but place increased burden on the treasury, prompting politicians to ask for tax increases.

The federal and state bureaucracies are bloated, inefficient and very often redundant. They are fraught with uncontrolled spending, wastefulness and budgets that in no way reflect any regard for deficits and the burgeoning national debt.

That debt and the continuing profligate spending of Congress is the reason the Tea Party movement came about.

Sadly, because of demagoguery and relentless smear campaigns from the Left, the public often gets the wrong idea of the movement.

Nonetheless, that movement is growing nationwide and it will play an increasingly effective role in shaping government.

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'Thalia' Daffodil

Daffodils are cheery, yellow, early—but not sniff-worthy. Right? Wrong. Meet 'Thalia', one of many daffodil cultivars known for having a lovely fragrance. In addition to being perfumed, 'Thalia' runs counter to the daffodil stereotype by being not yellow but pure white. The small, bell-shaped flowers, with slightly reflexed petals, bloom March to May, depending on climate. Each short stem carries one to three gracefully nodding blossoms. This elegant beauty will slowly naturalize in the right spot, and it is usually ignored by both squirrels and deer.

Common name: 'Thalia' daffodil, triandrus daffodil
Botanical name: Narcissus 'Thalia'
Plant type: Bulb
Zones: 3 to 8
Height: 12 to 18 inches
Family: Amaryllidaceae

Growing conditions

- Sun: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Average, well-drained
- Moisture: Average

Care

- Mulch: Mulch to retain moisture in the soil.
- Pruning: None needed.

• Fertilizer: None needed. If your soil is poor, add organic fertilizer or compost in the fall.

Propagation

- By bulb division

Pests and diseases

- Not vulnerable to most pests.
- If drainage is poor, bulbs may rot.

Garden notes

- Grow 'Thalia' near a path or patio, where you can enjoy its perfume.
- 'Thalia' does well in rock gardens and at the front of the border.
- You can also plant 'Thalia' under deciduous trees. It will flower in the spring, before the tree's leaves fill out. If you've got grass under your tree, just plant through it. But be prepared to hold off on the season's first mowing until the foliage dies back. That way, the leaves have a chance to gather energy for the next year's growth before they're cut down.
- Plant bulbs in the fall, 3 to 5 inches deep.
- 'Thalia' is a good cut flower and a good bulb for forcing.
- Plant 'Thalia' with grape muscari for a lovely color combina-

tion. Or combine it with other spring bulbs.

All in the family

- From about 50 species in the genus Narcissus (originally from Europe and North Africa) have come hundreds of daffodil cultivars. They're divided into 13 groups, based primarily on the shape of their blooms. 'Thalia' is a triandrus daffodil, meaning it has two to six nodding flowers on each stem.
- Other familiar garden flowers in the amaryllis family include rain lilies, belladonna lilies, spider lilies, and, of course, amaryllis (Hippeastrum hybrids).



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EDUCATION

Retention proposal supported

Lawmakers seek to end social promotion in schools

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What was cited as bipartisan support has been lined up on legislation that would end social promotion from the third grade in New Mexico schools.

Legislation has been introduced that would retain third grade students who are not proficient in reading. Lawmakers convened Tuesday for a special legislative session.

In the New Mexico Senate, Sens. John Arthur Smith (D-Deming) and Stuart Ingle (R-Portales) will sponsor the bill. In the House, Reps. Mary Helen Garcia (D-Las Cruces) and Nora Espinoza (R-Roswell) have also agreed to sponsor

the measure. "This is a perfect example of Republicans and Democrats working together to do what is best for our children," said Gov. Susana Martinez. "These sponsors are willing to step up and lead during this special session because they know that we cannot wait to end social promotion and reform New Mexico's education system."

A national assessment noted about 80 percent of New Mexico's fourth grade students lack proficient reading skills.

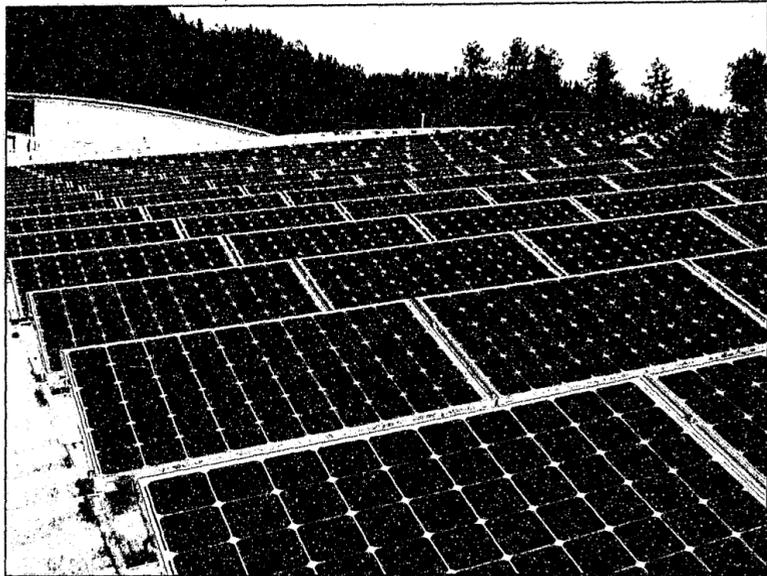
"This reform isn't about holding children back; it's about doing whatever it takes to make sure they can read and be successful at every grade level," said

Public Education Secretary-designate Hanna Skandera.

A 2011 study on high school dropout rates released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that students who were not proficient readers by the end of the third grade were four times more likely to drop out of school before graduation.

A bill to end social promotion passed the House of Representatives during the last legislative session but was not considered by the full Senate.

"We're lying to our children and we're killing ourselves by telling them they're ready for the next grade when we know they're not," said Espinoza.



COURTESY

This array of photovoltaic collectors, turning sunlight into electricity, has helped reduce the electric bills at Ruidoso Middle School.

Solar power benefits school

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The photovoltaic system that turns sunlight into electricity continues to help power the Ruidoso Middle School.

The system has produced more than 64,000 kilowatt hours since put in operation early this year. District Finance Director Yvonne Perez said Tuesday the system continues to trim the school's electric bill. The sys-

tem was turned on in January. The school district had been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the New Mexico Public Education Department in 2009 for the equipment and installation. The money had been supplied through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The photovoltaic panels can produce as much as 114,600 kilowatt hours per year. A kilowatt-hour is the amount of electricity to oper-

ate a 100-watt item, such as a light bulb, for one-hour. The main rooftop solar collectors have 221 modules, each capable of producing 245 watts. A second smaller array has 26 modules.

The Ruidoso Middle School was one of three in Lincoln County that had been awarded solar photovoltaic electric system grants. Schools in Carrizozo and Corona were also among 15 districts statewide to receive funding.

ENMU-R offers adult basic education

ENMU-Ruidoso will be offering several adult basic education courses at their new White Mountain Annex.

The ESL (English as a Second Language) class schedule includes advanced reading and writing on Monday and Wednesday, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Grammar on Monday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.,

vocabulary and pronunciation on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and history and reading from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

The GED (General Education Development) classes in Spanish are offered on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. The GED classes have new sessions that start each month, on Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 7.

All the classes are held at the college's White Mountain Annex at 203 White Mountain Drive in Ruidoso, next to the elementary school.

To register, phone (575) 258-1730.

- From reports

RASCAL after school care to begin

The Ruidoso After School Care And Learning program called RASCALS is underway.

Held after school in the lunchroom at the Sierra Vista Primary School, the program provides homework support, a snack, creative play toys, physical education toys, board

games, playground time and art activities.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students can enroll.

A bus takes kindergarten students from the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center to Sierra Vista Primary.

The after school goes

until 5:30 p.m.

The monthly tuition for RASCALS is based on family income.

Enrollment forms may be obtained at the offices of the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Sierra Vista or White Mountain Elementary schools.

- From reports

Gov. declares Literacy Day

Governor Susana Martinez has declared Literacy Day throughout the State of New Mexico on September 8 in conjunction with the 45th annual celebration of International Literacy Day.

Local adult literacy programs throughout New Mexico will declare Literacy Day in their local communities with mayoral proclamations and citywide celebrations. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) leads the United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD) under the slogan, "Literacy as Freedom."

Launched at UN head-

quarters in 2003, the UNLD aims to increase literacy levels to empower all people worldwide. UNESCO established Sept. 8 as International Literacy Day in 1965 to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities, and societies around the world.

Seven hundred ninety six million adults worldwide reported not being able to read and write and two-thirds of them were women, according to UNESCO's Institute for Statistics (2008). In New Mexico, it is estimated that 706,627 adults could benefit from literacy services - 16 percent are estimated to be illiterate and 30 percent are estimated as functionally illiterate. With one of the highest poverty rates in the nation, New Mexico also has one of the highest percentages of adults who are illiterate and functionally illiterate. Since 1987, the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy (NMCL) has provided funding, training,

and technical assistance to adult literacy programs throughout the State.

Begun as an effort to gain support through the state legislature to provide modest operating expenses for community-based adult literacy programs, the NMCL has grown in both stature and capacity to support these programs, all while maintaining a small and efficient staff of three. The NMCL is funded by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs/State Library through the New Mexico State Legislature and also relies on fundraisers and community support to increase the number of students served.

For more information about adult literacy, to volunteer as a tutor, schedule an interview, or refer a potential student, call the NMCL's literacy hotline at 1-800-233-7587 or email info@nmcl.org.

You may also visit the NMCL's website at www.nmcl.org.

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Friday crash kills two

RUIDOSO POLICE BLOTTER

Aug. 31

1:12 p.m. – Officer Jon Lund responded to the 400 block of McBride for a report of a burglary.

Lund reports a living room window was broken and the rooms were in disarray. It was unknown if anything was taken.

Sept. 1

9:19 p.m. – Sgt. Aaron Frost received a found purse.

Frost reports officers were dispatched to Mechem Drive for a report of an intoxicated female earlier in the evening and a man brought the purse to the police department a short time later. He reportedly found it on the sidewalk in front of the cemetery.

The purse contained personal identification, a cell phone and some change. Police are attempting to locate the owner.

Sept. 3

9 p.m. – Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to the 100 block of Grant for a report of a vehicle in a ditch.

A witness reported the female driver had left the scene on foot, headed north.

Officers were searching for the woman when her husband arrived on the scene to pull the car out of the ditch. He refused to allow the officers to search their home on Timberwolf for his wife, but offered to look for her. He reportedly said his wife fled the scene because she is on probation. He later went back to the reservation and returned with Morgan Remington, 29.

Tyson reports Remington smelled of alcoholic beverage. She reportedly said she fled because she knew she was not supposed to be driving without an ignition interlock device. Her husband was reportedly driving the vehicle with the interlock.

After confirming the vehicle did not have an ignition interlock, Tyson arrested Remington for driving while her license was suspended or revoked.

– Compiled from police incident reports. For more police blotter information go to www.ruidosonews.com

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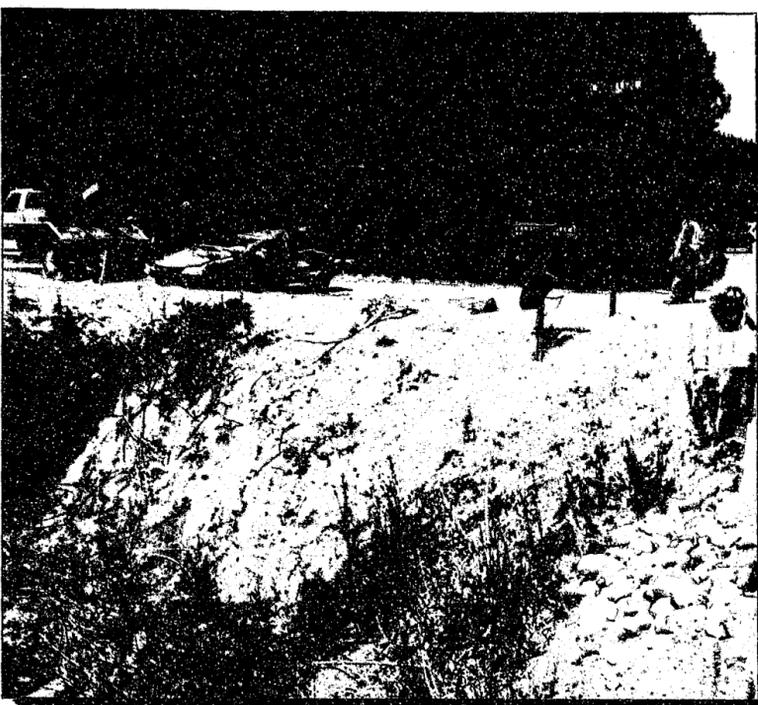
Ruidoso police continue to investigate a Friday car crash on Carrizo Canyon Road that killed two Mescalero residents.

Mescalero residents Johnny Starr, 30, and Patrick Alonzo, 21, were killed in the accident that is believed to have happened around midnight. Residents of the area reported hearing a crash and then men yelling, but when the residents looked around they told police they were unable to see anything.

The vehicle, which was traveling north from the Mescalero Reservation, drove off the right side of the road, corrected and slid across the roadway, flipped upside down and landed in a deep creek at Mud Canyon Road. The vehicle was not visible to vehicles on Carrizo Canyon Road.

Someone discovered the vehicle lying in the creek about eight hours later and reported it to the Ruidoso Police Department.

Ruidoso police, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs police are



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

A wrecker rolled the crashed vehicle over on Mud Canyon Road Friday after removing it from the creek where it crashed, killing two Mescalero residents. At the right, Ruidoso Police Detective Sgt. Wade Proctor and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman discuss the crash, in which at least one person is believed to have survived and walked away from the scene.

looking for at least one person who survived the accident and left the scene on foot.

Police have yet to determine if one of the deceased was driving the vehicle or if

the driver survived and left the scene.

Mescalero Apache Reservation and the Inn of the Mountain Gods traffic was interrupted for more than five hours as the bodies of

the two victims were removed and evidence collected.

Ruidoso police said they suspect alcohol was a contributing factor in the crash.

Extra enforcement planned for rally

FROM REPORTS

The Mescalero Apache Tribe is preparing to host the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally at the Inn of the Mountain Gods by announcing DUI prevention measures.

"Throughout the weekend of

September 15 – 18, 2011, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services will be conducting DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols to deter and prevent DUI crashes during a Biker Rally held on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation," Acting Chief of Police Marcelino ToersBijns said in a press release. "Officers will be targeting

impaired drivers on our roadways and at checkpoints as well as during saturation patrols."

The Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally moved from Ruidoso Downs to the Inn of the Mountain Gods this year. The scheduled events include live music and a beer garden on the lawn at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

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FIXING A LEAK



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Water Department employees Dennis Roberts and Jodie Rue are in over their heads to fix a water leak at 301 U.S. Highway 70 in the parking lot of the Motor Vehicle Division. Water service was cut Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until about 5:30 p.m. to allow for the repairs. Residences and businesses along the highway, from K-Bob's Steakhouse to Pine Cliff Village were impacted with no water or low pressure.

County mulls new floodplains ordinance to comply with FEMA

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With new federal maps delineating floodplains in Lincoln County, commissioners also need to adopt a revised ordinance recognizing those maps, said Lincoln County Planning Director Curt Temple.

"Basically, with new Federal Emergency Management Agency's maps taking effect Nov. 16, we have to approve a new ordinance," he explained. The new maps show more detail and the dual adoption is required to stay in compliance with the FEMA Flood Plain insurance program, he said at a commission meeting last month.

"We want the ordinance to go into effect prior to the

effective date of the maps, or with it," said County Attorney Alan Morel.

With the new ordinance in place, the county will be using the best available data for design criteria, even before the maps take effect in November, Temple said.

"Does this expand your duties versus the old ordinance or does it just expand the definitions?" asked Commissioner Mark Doth.

"Right now, it is just more definitions and expanding on the things people have to do, not more for me," Temple replied. "It's a boiler plate from FEMA with some Lincoln County stuff we usually put in. This way we have an ordinance when we get

audited. It gets us back in good with FEMA and they know we have adopted an ordinance."

Temple explained Tuesday that the maps cannot be used by someone to rate property for insurance, but they can for design criteria.

"If the old maps don't show you (in a flood plain), you could be grandfathered in. You should get flood insurance while you still can. (The new maps) could really affect your rates and what you pay in the future," Temple said.

One of the most significant regulations in the flood plain ordinance is that a property owner may not add fill dirt to raise the elevation of his land, he said.

Commissioners express concern over federal indigent funding program

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While Lincoln County's indigent health care program seems back on solid ground under adopted limits on reimbursement and eligibility adjustments that took effect July 1, state and federal programs appear shaky.

Reporting to county commissioners at their Aug. 16 meeting, County Manager Tom Stewart said the projected expenditures this year based monthly reports will hit \$260,819 out of an available budget of \$416,027.

"Thus far for two months, our average month is \$21,734.89 compared to \$36,466.74 last year," Stewart said.

Because claims and payouts to non-hospital affiliated health care providers were growing at a rapid rate last year, commissioners lowered reimbursements for ambulance service and lowered the cap for payments to out-of-county hospitals, among other changes.

The Indigent Health Care Fund was approved by voters and is funded by a gross receipts tax on sales and some services.

The fund aims to compensate for health care to income-eligible patients provided by agencies or individuals not connected to a hospital.

For August, 36 out of 38 claims filed

were recommended for approval for a payment of \$18,780.67.

The Sole Community Provider Program takes care of the Lincoln County Medical Center, the county-owned and Presbyterian Healthcare Services-managed hospital in Ruidoso. As the only hospital in the county, it is eligible for the federal program that reimburses about four federal dollars for every one local dollar paid into the program.

That money usually comes from a special property tax levy also approved by voters.

The Sole Community Provider Program designation is offered to hospitals if they are required to provide a full range of services based on community needs, and regardless of whether they are profitable. The additional compensation helps those hospitals to partially offset their losses.

County Indigent Health Care Administrator Scott Annala also reviews those claims and reported that 25 of the 28 processed were recommended for approval this month for a total of \$33,830.96. Commissioners approved claims under both programs.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter noticed that for the past several years

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LCMC nurse recalls rescue during flash flood incident

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The registered nurse rescued from Rio Ruidoso flooding on Aug. 20 called the experience "traumatizing." But since the flash flood that swept through the Rio de Oso RV Park, Daniel Kirchner said he is happy to be alive. And he has been thanking those who came to his rescue and the many others who helped him get his life closer to normal.

"I woke up to pounding on my door and it was emergency rescue," Kirchner said of the Saturday afternoon. "I thought I was late to work. So I answered my door and Joe Kenmore (Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services coordinator) was outside. He said, 'Sir, you have to

evacuate immediately. You're in a flash flood. The water's rising as we speak."

Kirchner said he put on some clothes and stepped out of the trailer that he rented for the part of the week he worked at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

His main home is in the Albuquerque area.

"The water was ferocious. I never experienced a flood before. And when I felt the water and watched it rising and increasing, that's when the severity of the situation took place. I was in awe at the force of the water."

Kirchner, who works the 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift in the emergency room, said he is a very sound sleeper.

"I was dead asleep. It

"The force was impressive, dangerous. A large piece of debris came by and traumatized me. I said, 'Whoa, that was scary.' And then I looked over my shoulder and saw my propane tank float. It looked like a torpedo. And I said, 'Dude, get out of here. Move Daniel. Move now.'"

Daniel Kirchner
Flash flood survivor

was like two o'clock in the afternoon. I was like three-quarters into my night of sleep," Kirchner said of the awakening knock on his trailer door and the dazed effort to realize the seriousness of the situation.

But clarity came to

Kirchner quickly.

"I never, never in my life anticipated something of this caliber. It blew me away, freaked me out. As far as the eye could see, it was under water. I said, 'Oh my God. Where did this come from?' And the water rose to my hips in the matter of minutes. It just blew me away."

When Kirchner first opened the door to see Kenmore, he remembered seeing the rescuer wearing a wetsuit with the water level just below his knees.

In the rising water the current was moving debris around.

"The force was impressive, dangerous. A large piece of debris came by and traumatized me. I said, 'Whoa, that was

scary.' And then I looked over my shoulder and saw my propane tank float. It looked like a torpedo. And I said, 'Dude, get out of here. Move Daniel. Move now.'"

Estimating the water was moving at 20 to 30 mph, Kirchner said it was a task to get to higher ground. When he reached Kenmore, Kirchner said he hugged him.

"I told him, 'Thank you, you saved my life.' These guys were on top of their game," he said of Kenmore and two other people with him.

Looking back, Kirchner said he could see the trailer begin to move and then stop after bumping into a tree.

After getting a ride to the hospital in Ruidoso, Kirchner said he tracked in a lot of mud to the ER

department and a housekeeper cleaned up his trail. Another employee brought some clean clothes and he took a shower. Yet someone else provided a turkey sandwich. A nurse found a vacant room for Kirchner to get some sleep before his night shift began.

Days later Kirchner said he became the victim of online fraud that resulted in his bank account being wiped out. His car broke down and he had no place to stay. But friends and coworkers stepped in. And he got a ride to Albuquerque to get to his wife.

"It is just blessing after blessing," Kirchner said. "I am so fortunate. I just want to thank these people from the bottom of my heart. You were all the rainbow after the storm."

FUNDS

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the amount paid in Indigent Health Care claims for July has been about twice as high as for August. She asked if that was

because July is the first month of the new fiscal year.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo guessed it might be because of more tourist visits in July.

Annala said that's just the way the claims come in and the numbers always are in flux.

Minter also noticed that under the Sole Community Provider Program, most of the reimbursements were connected to the laboratory or the emergency room. Annala agreed.

Minter said she recently heard that New Mexico may owe as much as \$100 million to

the federal government for the Medicaid program that covers the health care for low-income or no-income patients.

"That's scary," she said.

Commissioner Mark Doth said he read that private hospitals might be cut from receiving reimbursements under the Sole

Community Provider Program.

Stewart said LCMC Administrator Al Santos was making inquiries about the types of hospitals that may be affected.

"Right now, it is just a warning," Stewart said. "This should be interesting."

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CASINO

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Pueblo, tribal officials said they were reviewing the decision and evaluating options.

"On the very day when the headlines in major newspapers across the country are reporting dismal job growth in the U.S., a stagnant economy, and an August jobs report that is

one of the worst showings in recent history, it is difficult to understand the department's decision to deny an application that will create thousands of jobs on such a technicality," the statement said. "In addition to ignoring the need for jobs, the decision also ignores the expressed terms included in the Intergovernmental Services Agreement. In the agreement, the Pueblo expressly reserves the right to provide all the services,

thereby exercising total jurisdiction over the land. The agreement does exactly what the letter says is lacking."

The Intergovernmental Services Agreement with Dona Ana County would provide for police, fire and ambulance services.

The tribe initially submitted an application in 2004 to have about 70 acres of land in Anthony placed in trust for gaming purposes. The application was origi-

nally disapproved in January 2008. The Jemez Pueblo amended its application to address issues raised in that decision and resubmitted an application. The tribe proposed to develop a 103,000-square-foot casino that would employ an estimated 950 people. A 90,000-square-foot hotel on an adjacent 32-acre parcel also was proposed.

In denying the application, the Department of the Interior said it would not

acquire the land in trust because of concerns about the Jemez Pueblo's ability to effectively exercise jurisdiction on the proposed gaming location.

"Our responsibility under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is clear," Echo Hawk said. "We must review each application on a case by case basis and determine whether it meets the standards outlined in law and regulation."

Echo Hawk approved two

California tribal gaming applications. Another California proposal was turned down.

The Pueblo of Jemez casino plan was opposed by both the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Both operate casinos in the Ruidoso area. The New Mexico Horsemen's Association and Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino near El Paso also were at odds with the effort.

AUDIT

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audit will be submitted to the State Auditor's Office in December," as required by the state.

A special state audit that spanned several years from 2004-2006, and focused on village contracts threw the village off stride, along with multiple changes in personnel in the finance department.

Lee pointed out that an unqualified audit, which means the auditor had no reservations, was conducted for FY2006 by Patillo, Brown & Hill LLP, but was submitted late in February 2007.

An opinion is said to be unqualified when the Auditor concludes that the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework

used for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

Lee and Finance Director Nancy Klingman weren't hired until July and November, 2009, respectively.

The Fiscal Year 2007 village audit conducted by Patillo received an unqualified report by the auditor, but the Fiscal Year 2008 audit received a qualified opinion, under which the auditor described the limitations of his findings.

The latest two audits, FY2009 and FY 2010, were conducted by the new village auditing firm, Accounting & Consulting Group, and a disclaimer was attached.

A disclaimer is issued when the auditor could not form, and consequently refuses to present, an opinion on the financial statements.

The audits were late being submitted, but were approved by the State Auditor on Aug. 11.

Some findings

In a few of the more significant findings, Lee noted that management was informed bank reconciliations had not been performed for 26 months.

After being deemed a priority they were completed and now are current, Lee wrote. Internal controls were put in place requiring the accounting staff to perform reconciliations monthly with the finance director and village manager signing all reconciliation documentation. Positive Pay, a fraud prevention bank service, was implemented.

The findings related to untimely deposits were covered and employee responsibility was removed from the finance department, internal controls were put in place, along with the current bank reconciliation verifying the amount and date of deposits, she wrote.

Thirty-eight findings related to federal awards and grant

monitoring were addressed by hiring an experienced capital projects/grants coordinator with a master's in Accounting and Financial Management, and a master's in Business Administration, Project Management Methods and Mechanics Certification, eight certifications from the Emergency Management Institute, 15 years experience in project management and seven years experience in federal project management.

The coordinator tracks all capital projects and documents expenditures, evaluates risks and keeps management informed of activities.

Twelve findings were tied to the municipal airport. Lee wrote that a new full-time airport manager with 15 years of experience in airport operations and a degree in business administrations and economics with a major in aviation transportation management, was hired.

Internal controls are in place for all expenses and receipts of revenue, including tracking of fuel sales.

The findings that the village lacked inventories was covered with the creation of the fixed asset inventory and adoption of a policy in June.

All department staffs were trained in inventory documentation.

A finding related to the governing body not being actively involved in village finances was covered with the formation of an Internal Audit/Finance Committee composed of two council members, the village financial advisor, the village manager and finance director.

The oversight committee reviews all quarterly financial reports and other related financial issues.

The report is placed on the village website for the public to review, as are the annual budget and audits after council review.

SILT

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almost a dam. We want to take it down to the river bottom on our side."

Commissioners told Mobley that Haas must first deal with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by securing a permit for

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the work in the river, then come back to the county. A Corps representative was scheduled to meet with Mobley Aug. 30, but County Planner Curt Temple said Friday that he canceled.

"Eddie Paulsgrove, the regulation specialist with the Corps, said he will wait until they submit plans and information for the permit," Temple said. "There was a structure in there before and (the purchaser) refilled it when it washed out. The river now is coming way up toward the north, where it used to flow into a culvert. Any time you change the course of a river, the Corps has to be involved, and if they clean it out, it

will change, even through it changed just a few weeks ago with the flood."

Mobley said he was asking the county for a variance "because we don't have any (river) banks there. In other places, there are 30-feet to 40-foot spans to cross the river. Ours is 600 feet (wide across the river) and would be too expensive. It flattens out right there."

Morel said he began working on the situation in July 2010.

The purchaser, "put lots of things in the river trying to correct an access that washed out. When we pushed to have the issue addressed, he turned (the land) back. It

"You'll need a permit from the Corps even to bring things out of the river."

Eileen Sedillo
Lincoln County commissioner

was on a real estate contract. Unfortunately, it is her (Haas) problem.

"A 600-foot to 800 foot-bridge would be too costly. Even a low-water crossing could cost as much as \$500,000. Her house and an RV park are on the other side of the river. It's a safety and health issue if they can't get across when the flow is heavy. It's washed out three more times in the past month. We can't allow more debris in the river.

"The answer is to get a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, to actually build and comply with the county's flood ordinance," the attorney said.

"I hope they can get an answer that they and we can live with. We've asked

them to find other access to get across."

Mobley said the land is surrounded by properties owned by three different people and the Lincoln National Forest. Mobley said the RV park is rented only to one family and they are moving because of the lack of access.

"We had verbal permission for the last four years" for alternate access, he said. "It was temporary and verbal." He didn't think a permanent right of way could be secured.

Mobley said his situation isn't isolated and he was aware of a house near Seeping Springs that used to have 10-foot high river-bank, but silt rolled in over the years and now the river is level with the bank. "There's an actual dam right there and river is going around it," he said. "Everybody has a silt problem."

Morel assured Mobley that county officials are "very sympathetic as long

as she's working with the Corps. There is a red tag up that keep everything out of the river until the corrections (are completed)."

"You'll need a permit from the Corps even to bring things out of the river," Commissioner Eileen Sedillo told Mobley.

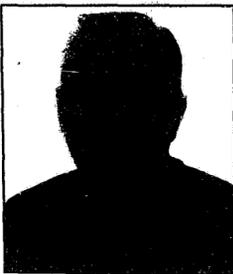
"So I'll need a permit to remove debris and an additional permit to install something?" Mobley asked.

"They pretty much govern everything with the river," Commissioner Mark Doth replied.

Morel said the Corps operates under a "wholesew of regulations."

"Once the structure has been torn out and cleaned up and another permit obtained to put something in for a crossing, you must comply with the county's floodplain ordinance. We may not agree with what they (the Corps.) say. We will bring it to the commission at that point."

Temple also is the county flood plain ordinance coordinator.



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Al Korzan want to take this time to thank all those who sent flowers, cards, great food, and comforting words, to help ease the pain of Al's sudden passing. We would also like to thank EMT's, the staff at Gerald Champion, Kent and Connie, and staff at Hamilton O'Dell Funeral Home, those who provided the lovely reception at the VFW, and anyone else we may have missed. Thank you...

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By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

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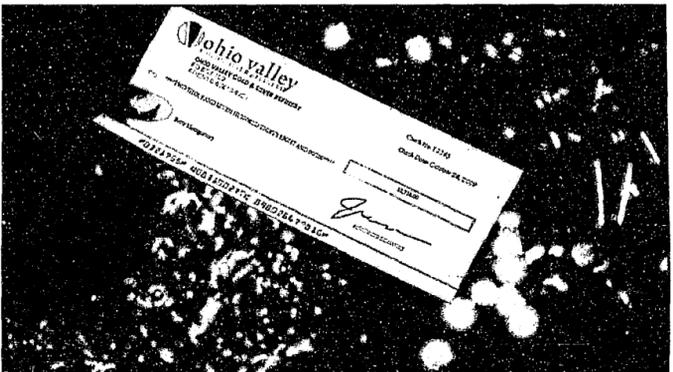


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Above: "I'm glad I came in! I really needed money so I cashed in my old silver coin collection," said Betty Montgomery, who received \$2,738 for her coffee can of coins.

SILVER AND GOLD COIN PRICES UP DURING POOR ECONOMY. Collectors and Enthusiasts in Roswell with \$350,000 to Purchase Yours!

By Ken McIntosh
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week, starting Tuesday and continuing through Saturday, the International Collectors Association in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. The better the grade the more they are worth, according to collectors I talked to. With the silver and gold markets high, prices of older coins are too. Any coins minted before 1965 in the U.S. are 90% silver, except nickels and pennies.

The coin's worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now, even well worn heavily circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy half dollars, Washington quarters, Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times the face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now, according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. "This country didn't start minting coins until 1792" says Eades. He explained, "Before that, people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some

shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform system of making change."

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century, coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933 Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins. Once all banks turned in this gold, the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However, gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. But not all gold coins were turned in. "Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and chose to keep their gold" said Eades.

These gold coins are sought after by collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchased including foreign coins, Indian cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins, as significant damage can be done and the coin's value lessened.

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Cook picked to co-chair impeachment committee

MILAN SIMONICH
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — Two representatives from southern New Mexico will co-chair the subcommittee on the possible impeachment of Public Regulation Commissioner Jerome D. Block Jr. Reps. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, and Zachary Cook, R-Ruidoso, will head the 10-member panel, House Speaker Ben Lujan announced Tuesday. Cervantes and Cook are attorneys. They and the other subcommittee members will report on their organizational work before the close of the special legislative session.

Impeachment proceedings against Block are to follow in an "extraordinary session" of the Legislature.

Block, 34, has been in trouble even before his election in 2008 to the Public Regulation Commission.

A Democrat from Espanola, Block was fined \$21,000 by the secretary of state for misuse of public campaign money in

that election.

Felony charges from the election case still are hanging over him.

The state this summer began an investigation of Block on suspicion that he stole gasoline on his state charge card.

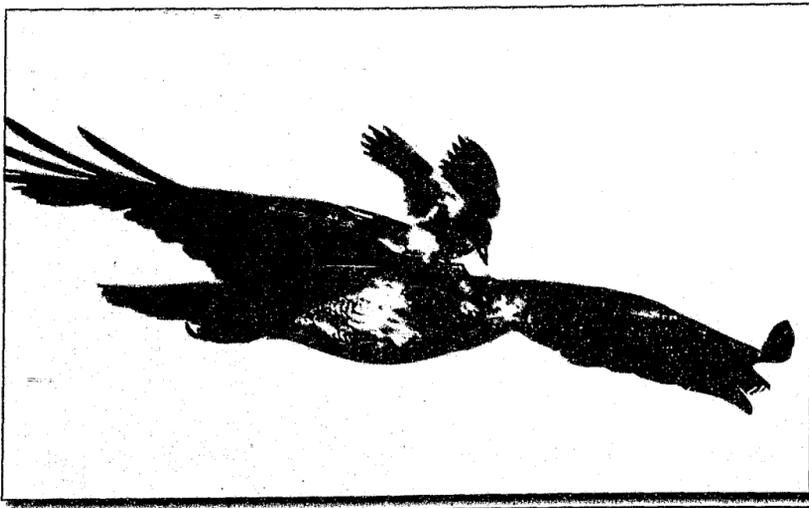
Block has declined to discuss specifics of the gas case, but said all he faced were "allegations."

If the impeachment process moves forward, the House of Representatives would serve as a sort of grand jury, Lujan said. The state Senate would decide Block's punishment if House members recommended his ouster.

In addition to Cervantes, other Democrats that Lujan named to the subcommittee were: Eliseo Alcon of Milan, Gail Chasey of Albuquerque, Al Park of Albuquerque and Debbie Rodella of Espanola.

The other Republicans chosen for the committee by Lujan include Larry Larranaga of Albuquerque, Dennis Roch of Texico, Anna Crook of Clovis and Don Tripp of Socorro.

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Human rights group weighs in on license controversy

MILAN SIMONICH
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — About 100 people from New Mexico border towns rallied Tuesday at the State Capitol, urging Gov. Susana Martinez to leave intact a driver's license law for illegal immigrants.

The Border Human Rights Network delivered petitions to Martinez's office and to three legislators from Dona Ana County.

Their message was that the 2003

law enabling illegal immigrants to obtain New Mexico driver's licenses works well.

The group said it brings immigrants "out of the shadows" so they can buy auto insurance, drive to their jobs and pay their taxes.

Members also called it a moral issue.

"Jesus was an immigrant," said Allen Sanchez, executive director of the New Mexico Catholic Conference of Bishops.

He said the bishops do not condone

illegal entry into the United States, but then went on to say Martinez's grandparents did just that.

What a wonderful story that their granddaughter went on to become governor of New Mexico, Sanchez said.

Martinez, a Republican in her first year in office, hopes to repeal the licensing law during the special legislative session that began Tuesday.

She calls licensing illegal immigrants a dangerous policy that weakens border and national security.

SESSION

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tions.

Martinez hopes to combine emergency management with homeland security; cultural affairs with tourism; and information technology with general services.

Those measure are not likely to generate controversy, as they amount to reconfiguring the gov-

ernor's cabinet.

But she also has proposed expensive initiatives, such as retaining up to 12,000 third-graders a year who do not read proficiently.

Rep. Rick Miera, D-Albuquerque, said he saw no reason for that measure to be considered by legislators during the special session. He said Martinez does not propose to implement the retention program for two years, so legislators need not rush through all

its costs and implications.

Miera, chairman of the House Education Committee, said he would focus on redistricting and not worry about other bills until the main job was completed.

Redistricting was the only issue in a special session 10 years ago.

Legislators met for 17 days in that 2001 session, but finished with nothing to show for it.

Then-governor Gary Johnson vetoed all five redistricting bills

submitted to him.

That meant judges then had to settle redistricting, and court costs to taxpayers exceeded \$3.5 million.

State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Dona Ana, said she did not want a repeat of 2001, prompting her to withdraw her support for Martinez's education bill during the special session.

Other Democrats have taken similar stands.

"Redistricting has to be our main job," said Sen. John Sapien,

D-Corrales.

Rep. Larry Larranaga disagreed with that premise. He said legislators hear hundreds of bills during regular 30-day sessions, and can accomplish more than redistricting if they commit themselves.

"Where there's a will," he said.

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Ten horses break from the gates in Monday's 53rd running of the All American Futurity. Ochoa, from the No. 9 hole, won the \$2.4 million race in a time of :21.058 to rake in \$1.2 million for the victor.

Ochoa wins 2011 All American Futurity

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Favorite and fastest-qualifier Ochoa humbled his rivals with a devastating late charge to win the Grade 1, \$2.4-million All American Futurity before 22,650 fans on Monday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The All American

Futurity is North America's richest race for a two-year-old racehorse of any breed and it is the world's richest quarter horse race. The \$1.2-million winner's share is the largest in quarter horse racing.

The 2013 purse will raise to \$2.6 million with \$1.3 million going to the winner.

Ochoa broke well from the ninth post position and

raced into contention within the first 100 yards. His late charge surpassed his rivals and he won by a widening one-and-one-half lengths with a :21.058 time for the 440 yards, the fourth-fastest time in the race's 53 runnings.

Jess Send Me finished second by a neck over Tee Cos.

"It was a perfect trip. He

stood in the gates perfect,' said winning rider Roy Baldillez. "He broke on top. He was gone."

It was the third All American Futurity win for trainer Dwayne "Sleepy" Gilbreath. "It looked like everything went great. He didn't really break that sharp, but he never does. Three or four jumps and he was rolling. I was so happy

I didn't know what to think," he said.

Baldillez took over the mount after Jacky Martin was injured in a spill on Friday afternoon. Martin, the record seven-time All American Futurity winner, is being treated for a severe spinal injury and is currently paralyzed in an El Paso hospital.

"I'm just glad we got it

done for him because he doesn't deserve what's going on with him right now," said Gilbreath. "He's a great rider, a great horseman."

Ochoa's victory gave Gilbreath his third All American Futurity score and his first win since two-time world champion Refrigerator won in 1990.

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side line

Results

Football

Thursday, Sept. 1

Alamogordo JV 12, Mescalero 8

Friday, Sept. 2

Socorro 49, Ruidoso 20

Capitan 62, Cloudcroft 12, mercy

rule with 3:54 left in third period

Hondo 65, San Jon 24

Carrizozo 34, Springer 0

Sports On Tap

Football

Thursday, Sept. 8

Tularosa JV at Mescalero, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 9

Ruidoso at Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Fort Sumner at Capitan, 7 p.m.

Hondo at Roy, 6 p.m.

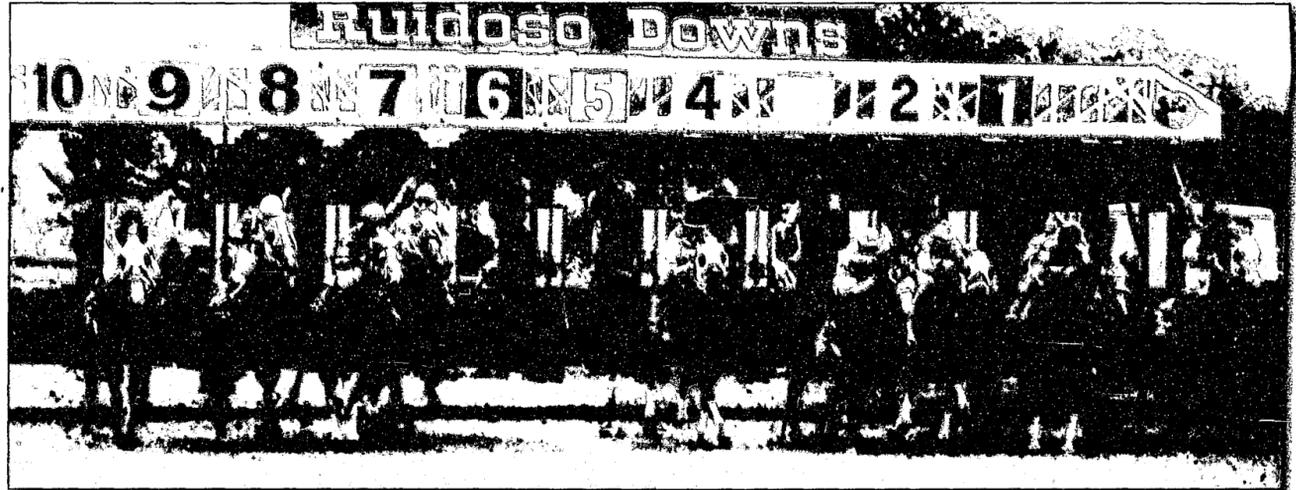
Saturday, Sept. 10

Carrizozo at Reserve, 1 p.m.

On Deck

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.



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Llano Teller, sixth from left, gets a great start and goes on to win Sunday's All American Derby.

Llano Teller in upset All American Derby win

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Race Track

The gritty little gelding Llano Teller drew off from Prospect To The Top to score a 9-1 upset win in the Grade 1, \$1,316,760 All American Derby on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The 440-yard All American Derby is quarter

horse racing's richest race for three-year-old and older horses and Llano Teller earned \$658,380. He also receives an invitation to the Grade 1, \$750,000 Champion of Champions in December at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California.

The one-half length victory was his second grade 1

win of the summer after winning the \$703,000 Ruidoso Derby in June.

Llano Teller rarely makes mistakes and he sprinted to the front in the All American Derby and raced with Prospect To The Top for 400 yards. He maintained his momentum to score his third grade 1 victory.

JLS Mr Bigtime finished third, another three quarters of a length back.

Llano Teller raced the 440 yards in :20.867.

"He left real good today," jockey Ramon Sanchez said. "I was thinking if I had a chance to break, I gotta chance to be in front at the wire. He broke excellent and tried hard all the time, got a

clean race. I'm really happy."

Sanchez won the All American Gold Cup aboard Noconi two races earlier on the program.

Owned by Wootan Racing with the Reed Land and Cattle Company, Llano Teller has been a game stakes competitor through-

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Jockey Jacky Martin seriously injured in race mishap

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Defending national champion jockey and seven-time All American Futurity winner Jacky Martin, 56, sustained neck injuries in a riding accident at Ruidoso Downs on Friday afternoon.

Martin is not paralyzed, but suffered three neck fractures and will be airlifted to an El Paso hospital, according to multiple sources close to the situation in the Ruidoso's

Lincoln County Medical Center.

Martin was injured when his horse, Phire Power, broke down after the finish of the 300-yard sixth race and Martin was thrown to the ground.

He was then transported to the Lincoln County Medical Center. Martin was scheduled to ride morning-line favorite and fastest qualifier Ochoa in Monday's Grade 1, \$2.4-million All American Futurity. Ochoa, in fact,

won the venerable race with Roy Baldillez on top. On Sunday, Martin was named to ride Prospect To The Top in the Grade 1, \$1.3-million All American Derby and two-time champion Noconi in the Grade 3, \$40,000 All American Gold Cup.

Noconi did eventually win the Gold Cup with Ramon Sanchez aboard. Martin was named the 2010 champion jockey after his mounts earned \$3.2 million and he scored grade 1

wins aboard Double Down Special, Noconi and Hes Too Icy For Me last year.

The member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse

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FUTURITY

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He also won the 1983 running with On A High.

Owned by the partnership of Johnny T.L. Jones Jr.'s J Bar 7 Ranch, Monty and Katsy Cluck with Doug and Shavon Benson, Ochoa was pointed at the All American Futurity by hall of fame trainer Gilbreath after his third-place finish in the Ruidoso Futurity in June.

The strategy was amply rewarded when Ochoa

raced to the fastest-qualifying time of :21.074 from the 252 entrants in the record 26 All American Futurity trials on August 18.

The strategy reached record-payoff levels with Ochoa's All American Futurity victory.

"I don't realize probably how lucky I am. I'm just happy to be here," said breeder and co-owner Jones. Jones was inducted into the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame in June.

The 8-5 favorite, Ochoa rewarded his many backers with \$5.20 for the win. For

the astute players who picked him in the All American Future Wager he paid \$57.80 for the \$2 wager placed back in July.

The gelded son of Tres Seis passed through the Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale for \$25,000. He was bred by Jones and he sold an interest in the gelding to his partners.

Second-place finisher Jess Send Me, owned by Tommie Turner's Turner Ranch, surprised at 17-1 odds with the best effort of her five career starts.

"Ochoa had me beat by about a half-length early

on," said jockey Ricky Ramirez. "I don't know what my filly saw about halfway through, but she pricked up her ears and tried to lug in on me. Once I straightened her out, she made a big run toward the end."

One of three Blane Wood-trained All American Futurity entrants, Jess Send Me showed she was ready for the All American Futurity after winning her trial by one-and-one-half lengths with the fifth-fastest time of :21.302.

The Feature Mr Jess filly made five starts at Ruidoso

Downs this summer and has responded with two wins, her second in the All American Futurity and a third in her Rainbow Futurity trial.

The lightly raced Tee Cos, owned by John Soileau's JLS Speed Horse Ranch and Lyle Guillory, was continued his improvement for three-time All American Futurity winner Paul Jones with his third-place finish.

The Corona Cartel colt was third in his Ruidoso Futurity trial, second in his Rainbow Futurity trial and then won his All American Futurity trial by two

lengths as the third-fastest qualifier with a :21.156 time.

Rodrigo Aceves was aboard Tee Cos in his first stakes appearance.

"The horse was going great, but they just beat him," Aceves said.

A total of \$624,961 was wagered on the All American Futurity and the total handle on the 12-race card was \$1,506,200.

Following Tee Cos under the wire were Lotta Love For Robyn, Lethal Volt, Jess Cuervo, Denver Pass, Big Daddy Cartel, Mr Ease 123 and Bills Last.

DERBY

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out his 16-race career.

"When he left there like that, I thought, 'They won't catch him today,'" said Reed. "Ramon did a magnificent job of riding him. I've flown Ramon in a few times to ride horses and he's unreal on a horse he's never seen. I told him I thought he was on the real deal today."

I want to thank (jockey) G.R. (Carter, who qualified Llano Teller to the race); he got us to the dance, and

Ramon danced with us."

The gelded son of Teller Cartel scored his first grade 1 win early in his juvenile season when he took last year's Remington Park Futurity. He went on to qualify for the Rainbow Futurity at Ruidoso Downs and finish fourth in the Texas Classic Futurity at Lone Star Park.

Trainer Heath Reed gave the gelding a six-month rest after his Texas Classic Futurity win in November and he came back in stellar form this summer at Ruidoso Downs. In his first start he won his Ruidoso

Derby trial over Dominyun. He stepped up in the Ruidoso Derby to get the win while Dominyun was again second.

Llano Teller won his Rainbow Derby trial, but was bumped at the start of the Rainbow Derby and was never a factor while finishing seventh.

Joel Tavarez's runner-up Prospect To The Top, trained by Ralph Muniz, started his climb to the top level of his division a year ago when he qualified for the All American Futurity. He affirmed his ranking with a win in the Hobbs America

Futurity and a third-place finish in the Southwest Juvenile Championship as the odds-on favorite.

Roman Chapa rode Prospect To The Top. He gained the mount after Jacky Martin was seriously injured on Friday afternoon.

"He broke a tad slow, but then he ran awesome," said Chapa. "I've never ridden him in a race, but I've galloped him a few times for Ralph. Prospect To The Top didn't do anything wrong. Ralph called me a couple of days ago after Jacky got hurt and asked me to come in."

JLS Mr Bigtime was second in last year's All American Futurity and backed it up with his third-place run in the All American Derby. The home-bred from John Soileau's JLS Speedhorse Ranch was fourth in the Rainbow Derby before winning his All American Derby trial by a nose over Prospect To The Top.

"It was a good race. Llano Teller just ran a super race today," said jockey Jarrod Deschamp. "He made no mistakes. My horse kinda went to rock back a little bit when they kicked (the gates

open). But I can't make excuses. I tried."

"Llano Teller ran big today. I don't think anybody would have beat him."

Cold Cash 123, the 2-1 favorite, experienced a horrid start and was well beaten within the first 50 yards. The gelding finished seventh in his bid for his seventh win at 440 yards in his seventh start at the distance.

Following JLS Mr Bigtime under the wire were One Sweet Jess, Teller No Lies, The Printing Press, Cold Cash 123, Motorcity Madman, DM Streakin Thru Fire and Flyin Fish.

JACKY

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\$46.4 million during his career.

Quiet-spoken, respectful and deliberate — this American jockey of jockeys has been riding racehorses since 1972.

Jacky Martin has won the esteemed All American Futurity seven times — 1978, '82, '85, '88, '89, '91 and 2000 — and all were mounts trained by the legendary Jack Brooks.

Last year he lost the prestigious race by a matter of inches.

"A lot of good riders never got the opportunity to

ride in the All American Futurity let alone win it," Martin said in June. "One victory in that race is a dream come true."

Martin was born Oct. 17, 1954, in Mansfield, Ark., where his father was a concrete contractor.

He was 17-years-old when he obtained his jockey's license at Blue Ribbon

Downs, Okla., in '73. From there he was off and running (riding) with no looking back.

"When I mounted my first racehorse it gave me a great feeling," Martin recalled early this summer. "From that moment on I knew what I wanted to do in life."

Besides coming in sec-

ond in last year's All American Futurity, he's won the Rainbow Futurity (2010), the All American Derby (2010) and the Sunland Championship (Dec., 2010).

Five years ago Martin married Tracey and a month ago the two relocated from Weatherford, Texas, to Ruidoso Downs

where they bought a house by the racetrack.

"Your concentration may be more intense in big races like the All American Futurity," Martin explained in a feature interview more than two months ago. "But when you come right down to it, you don't want to make a mistake in any race."

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Jockey Rick Oliver, was informed by trainer John Bassett he will again ride for Bassett next season.



Noconi wins Sunday's All American Gold Cup. Trainer Paul Jones (in rear) and assistant trainer Lisa Saumell accompany their horse to the winner's circle. Jockey Ramon Sanchez picked up the mount after Jacky Martin was seriously injured in a Friday race.

The photos on this page are by Mike Curran/Ruidoso News and are available at the Ruidoso News Media Center at www.ruidosonews.com.



Jockey GR Carter is shown moments before riding in Sunday's All American Derby.



Horse chiropractor, Larry "Thumper" Jones is on hand in the paddock if he is needed.



Veteran outrider, "Mitch" Mitchell and his horse, The Zia Star, patiently wait to lead racers to the starting gate.



Hall of Fame jockey, Jerry Nicodemus, celebrates his Sunday birthday.



Owners and family await the 10 All American Futurity horses to be led to the paddock and saddled for the 53rd running of the Futurity Monday.



The paddock crowd of owners and families await their horses being led to the paddock to be saddled for Sunday's All American Derby.



Winning All American Futurity racer, Ochoa, with Roy Baldillez aboard, is led out on to the track before the start of the race.



All 10 All American Futurity jockeys line up shortly before boarding their mounts in Monday's \$2.4 million famous race at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Celebrating the cowboy way

Carrizozo takes to horses and outhouses for Labor Day

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Labor Day morning began at the Bar-W Ranch, a few miles outside of Carrizozo, as first light began creeping over the mountains to silver grass and dusty orange skies.

People huddled around the coffeepot to escape the cold wind blowing across the plains.

"Mom, the cows are coming," said a wind-chapped boy, eagerly leaning over the steel bars of the cattle pen.

And sure enough, the cows were coming.

Up over the ridge from the north came a rising plume of dust that slowly resolved into a herd of cattle ringed by riders, accompanied by short exclamations of cowboy language, which roughly translated to "keep on moving, we're almost there."

Moving quicker now, the riders hustled the lowing cattle through an open gate before dismounting and hurrying their way towards the waiting coffee and breakfast.

"We aim to promote and honor the cowboy and his contribution to the American way of life," said Roland Caster, president of Carrizozo's Cowboy Days, a non-profit organization. "Patriotism, honor, loyalty, and work ethic are the virtues of the cowboy."

The breakfast provided

at the ranch came to visitors through donations by individuals and businesses, Caster said.

After penning the cattle and chewing their way through some cowboy coffee, the riders got back to work, offering spectators another look into the life of the cowboy.

Street Fair

Back in Carrizozo, a parade was brewing for the 20th annual street fair.

While vendors set up their stalls and wondered how to secure signs and merchandise against fall winds, lights and sirens chattered and wailed farther up 12th Street as the parade participants lined up before making their way down to the post office, throwing candy all the way.

Officer Steve Barnett led the way in one of Carrizozo's newly painted police cars, followed by a line of fire trucks, a miniature horse posse, antique cars, tractors, EMS vehicles, Shriners on ATVs, county sheriff candidates Robert Shepperd and Minerva Davalos, and still more fire trucks — all with waves, smiles, and more candy.

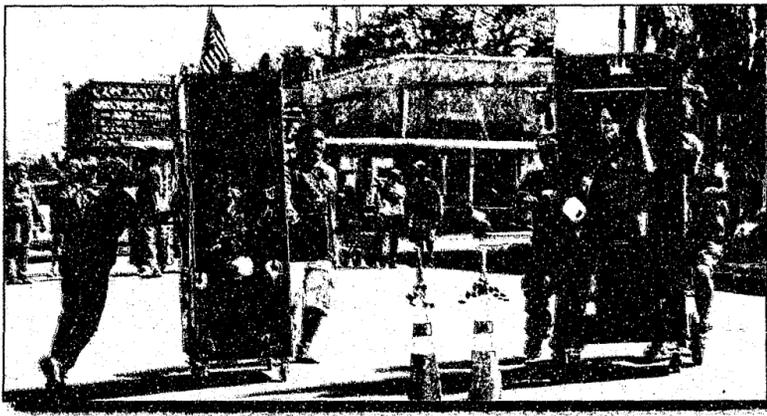
As the parade dispersed and Paul Pino and the Tone Daddies warmed up, the first annual Outhouse Race began.

Three teams participated — Ridgerunner's Revenge, occupied by



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Above, Matthew Midgett of Nogal stands on a railing, waiting for the cows to come in.



Left, Royal Pains race the Emergency Box during the first annual outhouse race in Carrizozo.

Allison Waggoner, Sharon Lowery, Cathie Eisen, Jennifer and Dan Franklin, and Mike Brisen; Royal Pains, seating Erica, Dalton, and Dennis Vega; Sam and Liz Duran, and Duane Zamora; and the Emergency Box, loaded with volunteer firefighters David LaFave, Walter Hill, Ronny Deltran, Leeroy Zamora Jr. and Sr., and John Serna.

After clearing the streets with joking warnings of "it will be hard to explain that you were run down by an outhouse," from Paul Pino, the race began in earnest, with each team trying to navigate obstacles while placing rolls of toilet paper on checkpoints before the competition.

Though they had a well designed and entertaining outhouse, the Ridgerunner's tin toilet was

wiped off the board by the speedier teams, coming down to a final contest between the Royal Pains and the Emergency Box, who graciously called it a tie before anyone asked them to run a third time.

Anne Extercamp presented the tired teams with their awards.

Ridgerunner's Revenge collecting the best-designed outhouse award, and the Royal Pains and Eme-

gency Box shared the trophy for the speediest outhouse.

Paul Pino and the Tone Daddies kicked off the street fair with their song "Carrizozo," celebrating growing up in the town, before launching into a series of their New Mexican styled songs.

Vendors from Carrizozo and surrounding areas

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Mapping the history of Lincoln County

I have been reading about my state with books written in March, 1925, by Charles F. Coan. "A History of New Mexico," is a set of three historical and biographical volumes.

The following was included in his research of Lincoln County: "Lincoln

County was named for the town of Lincoln, which coming into existence during the period of the Civil War, was named for Abraham Lincoln. The original Lincoln County as organized January 16, 1869, consisted of the eastern part of Socorro. To this was

added the eastern half of Dona Anna in 1878. During the following 11 years about one-fourth of New Mexico was included in Lincoln County.

Chaves and Eddy counties, created from the Pecos Valley part of the region in 1889, limited the

extent of Lincoln. The southern part of Lincoln was included in Otero County, which was established in 1899."

The Lincoln County Historic Society (LCHS) sells a map that tells

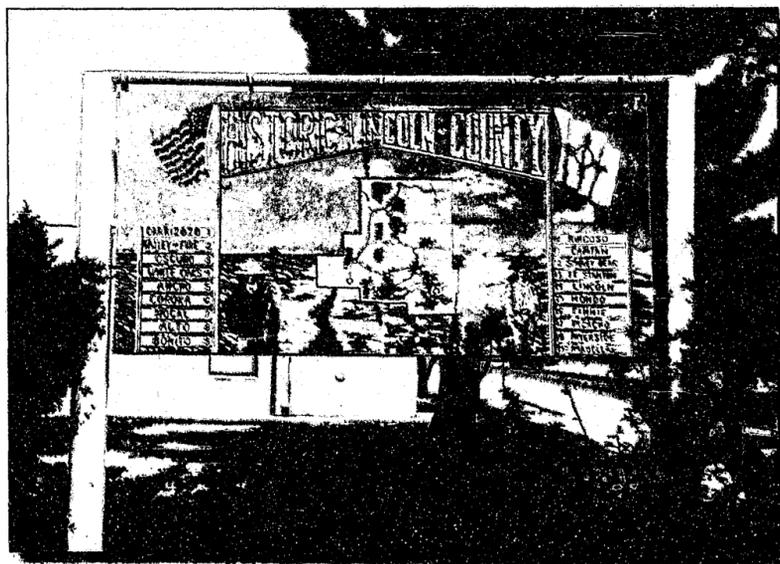
about locations within Lincoln County boundaries

as it is today. Locations of sites are approximate. Often, no structures or relics remain. Some of the sites are in private property and permission is needed to enter.

The map's legend shows historic locations, ranch headquarters, points of interest or landmarks, ghost towns and villages of today.

Rivers, highways, paved roads and railroad track are indicated. Gravel roads, inaccessible roads and forest land are marked. Some locations originated with the railroad and some with the establishment of post offices in settled communities.

Every time I walk past a sign on the grounds of the Lincoln County courthouse in Carrizozo, I am reminded that there is much to learn of this county. Carrizozo, the county seat, is just one of many historic communities that make up today's Lincoln



POLLY E CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The sign for historic Lincoln County shows many locations important to New Mexico's history.

County. The two-sided sign was painted by Carrizozo artist, Fred Lafave. The sign does not show sites of yesteryear, but the LCHS map does. Ramon, Hollywood and Old Three Rivers sit right

on or near the Lincoln County line. There is Holloway, Gallinas, Elda, Tecolote, Eichel, Luna, Ancho, Largo, Hurlbert, Coyote, Bogle, Robsart, Polly (yes, there is such a location), Estey, North,

Walnut, Vera Cruz, Parsons, Coalora, Jicarrilla, Reventon, Patos, Texas Park, Deseo, Las Tablas, Encinoso, Richardson, Spindle, Meek, Bethal, Plainview School, Lon, Pine Lodge, Blue Water, Baca Camp, Escondido, Sunset, and Las Chozas.

"Polly," located seven miles southwest of Carrizozo on US 54, was a blind siding on the AT&SF railroad. It was established by the EP&NE railroad in 1899 when the railroad tracks were built to Capitan.



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packed MacDonald Park with cowboy items, jewelry, knick-knacks, and a variety of food that kept the park bustling until on into the afternoon.

Several events were put on to benefit scholarships in Carrizozo, including a cakewalk and a reverse raffle.

Rodeo

And as the day wore down, people migrated south to the Hemphill arena to enjoy Cowboy Days once more at Carrizozo's ranch rodeo, which was run a bit differently from what folks might be used to, Caster said.

"We have a lot of cowboys that are not members of a ranch team," Caster said. "They hire out on weekends because ranchers can't afford them full-time."

Teams were decided by a draw, and the 24 participants were divided into six teams under fake brands to compete for prizes donated by individuals and businesses around the county.

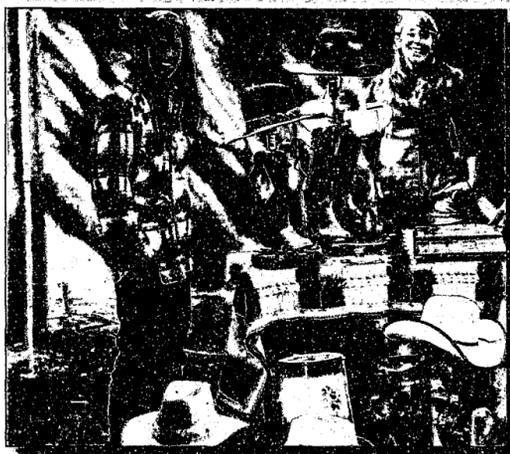
The rodeo itself was dedicated to the memory of Joe Smith and Billy Stephenson, with Bill Hightower and Cory Gorby judging.

After the national anthem and prayer, the rodeo kicked off with a crowd-favorite, wild cow milking.

Participants had to lasso, subdue, and milk a less-than-cooperative cow before running the rope and bottle to the judge's cir-



ERIK BEARER/RUIDOSO NEWS
Above, the Coyote Canyon team wrestles their cow to the ground before tying it during the team tying event at the ranch rodeo. Jim Cooper, Clay Reid, JR Schafer, and Tera Wilson make up the team.



Left, Cathy McAllister and Missy Autrey display their completed Chilo Lights during the street fair. McAllister and Autrey plan to donate half of their proceeds to St. Jude's to celebrate the memory of McAllister's son, Chilo.

cle, which didn't always go smoothly.

The cows seemed to have an idea of what the day held for them, and the arena was full of skid marks as belligerent bovines dragged their cargo of cowboys around the ring.

Tera Wilson was the cowgirl of the hour as she celebrated her recent 20th birthday by throwing a good loop on a running dairy cow for her team,

Coyote Canyon.

After the cows, some wilder than others, were all milked out, teams set up for the penning event, where the plan was to cut a cow, a yearling, and a calf out of the herd and get them into the pen, followed by two cowboys.

The penning was followed by the team tying, team branding, and trailer loading, with intermissions for kids events, such as

goat dressing.

At the end of the rodeo, while the dust settled, the Nopal Peak team, made up of Dalton Chaves, Gray Gallacher, Robbie Hooten, and Gary Hooper was declared the victor.

And as the sun sank into the mountains, the cowboys knocked some of the dust off their hats and their boots before getting ready to get up and do it again the next day.

Cub Scouts are back

Cub Scouting will be coming back to Capitan thanks to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Members of the Parish Council decided to sponsor scouting, and an organizing committee was formed. Fred Knapp, of Villa Madonna, is the chairman of the committee with Phyllis Pardue of Alto North and Capitan's Ronnie Sanchez and Tito Chavez serving on the committee.

Dennis Rich, also of Capitan is the Chartered Organization Representative, representing Father Tony Basso and Sacred Heart Church with the Sierra Blanca District (Lincoln County) and Conquistador Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and to develop personal fitness.

The Scouting Organizing Committee is inviting other members of the church as well as people in the community to come on board.

Plans are to start a Cub Pack in Capitan and then a Cub Pack at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo. After that, Boy Scout Troops in both towns will be formed.

Cub Scouting offers three programs to boys

from first through fifth grades and their parents.

Tiger Cubs is a year-round family and home centered program that encourages ethical decision-making skills for first grade, or 7-year-old boys. Tiger Cubs participate in the program with their adult partners. The program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community and family understanding.

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Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

Webelos Scouts is a year-round family and home-entered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for fourth and fifth-grade, or 10-year-old boys.

Members of the Scouting Organizing Committee are dedicated to bringing these valuable programs back to the boys of Capitan. For more information, contact Committee Chair Fred Knapp at 336-4766 or e-mail to Knapp1@wildblue.com.

The Scouting Organizing Committee's next meeting will be at 6 p.m., Sept. 13, in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Capitan. All interested adults are invited.

- From reports

Conquest invites Capitan to forum

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Conquest Investments LLC has called for a community forum on Wednesday, Sept. 7, with residents of Capitan to discuss details and ideas for the proposed 38-acre commercial subdivision to be annexed into Capitan.

Items to be discussed at the community forum will include business types to be included in the subdivision, landscaping concerns, lighting, signage for the businesses, architectural control, and a multi-use path.

The forum is following requests by Grassroots Capitan, a group of citizens concerned with the future

of Capitan's water, for an open forum to discuss their concerns with the development in greater depth during a special village meeting on Aug. 23.

"This is a long-term face-changing involvement of the village," said Paul Durham, spokesman for Grassroots Capitan.

Many other residents, including the board of trustees, support Conquest's interest, claiming that Capitan absolutely needs to grow before the village runs out of people, instead of water.

"I am disheartened to see people leave our community to find work," said Shirley Crawford, superintendent of the Capitan school district.

Elizabeth Estelle Duncan

1929-2011

Memorial prayer services for Elizabeth Estelle Duncan, 82, of Ruidoso, NM, will be Wednesday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Eleanor Catholic Church.

Mrs. Duncan passed away on Monday August 15, at the Mescalero Care Center. On August 23, she was buried at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with her husband, Charles, who preceded her in death on July 19, 1991.

Elizabeth was born June 14, 1929, in Waterville, ME. She moved to Ruidoso in 2005 from El Paso, Texas. In El Paso, she was owner of the Shorette Charm and Modeling School. She also worked for Jose Escobar, Attorney at Law.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte Craig and her husband William of Alto, NM; her brother Peter Shorette and his wife Betty of Showhegan, ME; and Agnes Shorette her sister-in-law of Milford, ME. She was preceded in death by her brother Joseph Shorette of Old Town, ME.

The family has requested memorials to Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 2019, Ruidoso, NM, 88345.

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Carrizozo Street Fair



Xavier Zamora, left, and Garrison Ventura fend off an attack by silly-string during Carrizozo's street fair.



Shannan and John Hemphill take the day off to cheer for the outhouse racers.



Airport manager Bill Hayes enjoys Labor Day with his pipe and radio, in case of emergencies.



From left, Joe Hobbs, Deborah Geary, and Verla Caster check the coffee to see if it's ready for thirsty cowboys.



Nick Vega, left, and Manuel Carabaja claim their seats to enjoy the live music and festivities.

photos by Erik Bearer



Mariah Pethick of Tularosa leads a donkey down the street during Carrizozo's parade.



Ten-year-old Savannah Bartz and John Vega make their way to breakfast after rounding up a herd of cattle.



Barry Keith of White Oaks and his dog Tilly take in the sights and smells of the street fair.

Around Ruidoso



Ceramics artist Miranda Howe discusses some of her works with Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts President Julie Gilliland at the Ceramics and Weaving exhibition opening reception at the RRCA Saturday evening.



Boy scouts and cub scouts sell popcorn in the lobby of the Ruidoso Convention Center Saturday during the weekend Special Events Resource Group Western Collectable and Gun Show. S.E.R.G. is a non-profit organization operated by Grindstone Graphics to provide scholarships to area students. S.E.R.G. also runs the Oktoberfest, which celebrates its 30th year October 15-16.

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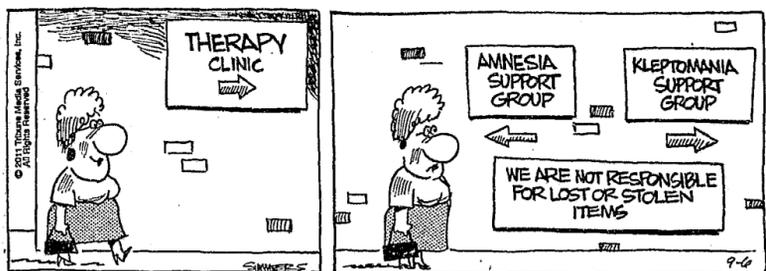


Shoppers try on hats at one of the booths in Schoolhouse Park Saturday. The Arts and Crafts sale in the park, a fair across the street in River Rendezvous and the Ruidoso Fire Department annual boot drive for Muscular Dystrophy, combined with the heavy Labor Day traffic, caused traffic delays on Sudderth Drive from Carrizo Canyon to Mescalero Trail during the holiday weekend.



Laura Doth is assisted by, from left, Kallee Padilla, Tormey Stokes and Kenzie Padilla at the entrance to the S.E.R.G. Western Collectable and Gun Show at the Ruidoso Convention Center Saturday.

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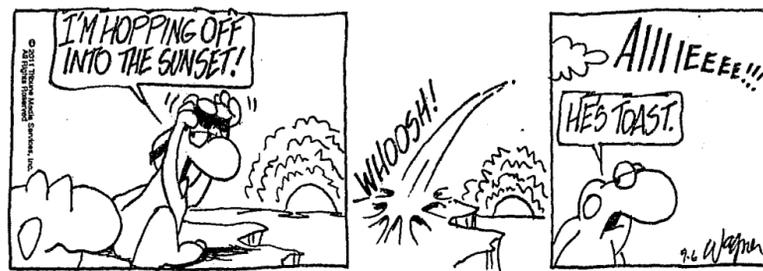
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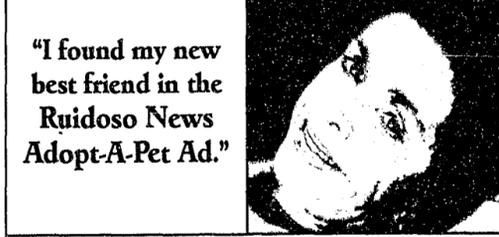
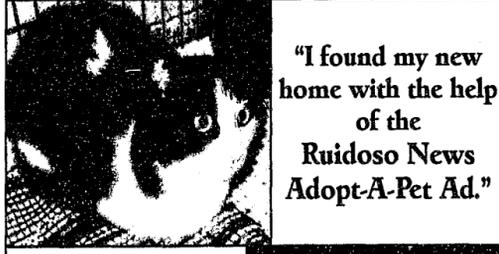
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#9469 4T (8/31) (9/7), (9/14/21) STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BOKF, N.A. dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. RENE J. POCS, NELDA K. POCS, and LESLIE KOCS, Defendants.

No. D1226 CV 2011-00114 NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 112 Butch Cassidy, Alto, New Mexico 88312, and more particularly, as described as follows:

LOTS 1A1 AND 2A1, BLOCK 20, RANCHO VALLEY COATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS REPERT OF LOTS 1A, 2A AND 2B, BLOCK 20, RANCHO VALLEY ESTATES, THEREAFTER, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MARCH 4, 1993, IN CABINET "E", SLIDE NO. 290.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on October 7, 2011, outside the front entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on October 7, 2011, outside the front entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A., was awarded a judgment on August 18, 2011, in the principal sum of \$164,656.21, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through August 1, 2011, in the amount of \$11,014.68, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.99% per annum, plus late charges of \$25.81, plus escrow advances of \$2,139.19, plus a fee advance in the amount of \$250.00 and costs in the amount of \$1,004.14, with interest on the above-mentioned amounts, attorney's fees and costs of the entry of the judgment until paid.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING.

Faisal Sukhyanvi Special Master 2222 Parkwest Dr., N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87120 (505) 228-8484

#9474 4T (8/31) (9/7) (9/14/21) STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BOKF, N.A. dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. LINDA C. SIMMONS and NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.

No. CV-11-121 NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 46 N. Overlook Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, and more particularly, as described as follows:

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BOKF, N.A., was awarded a judgment on August 18, 2011, in the principal sum of \$78,269.84, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through July 1, 2011, in the amount of \$5,635.65, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 7.10% per annum, plus late charges in the amount of \$298.39, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$2,139.19, plus a fee advance in the amount of \$250.00 and costs in the amount of \$1,004.14, with interest on the above-mentioned amounts, attorney's fees and costs of the entry of the judgment until paid.

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#9471 3T (8/31) (9/7) (9/14) ALTO LAKES WATER TREATMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE The Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District, created by Ordinance 2012-01 after a public hearing on August 25, 2011.

Ordinance previously adopted Ordinance 2012-01 located within the Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District boundaries as well as external water custom. Ordinance 2012-01 amends water restrictions to be implemented in the event of reduced water supplies and emergency conditions, and is particularly with respect to high usage residential customers.

Amendments are defined in Table of Amendments. Reference is made to Ordinance 18, Changes: A through C. Notice of Water Conditions procedure, Condition Levels, Ordinance and Restrictions at each Condition level, and the addition of a Penalty Charge on all water used in excess of the maximum gallons allowed for any residential (normal) Condition Level; charge shall not exceed the Penalty Charge as set forth in the Appendix A - Fee Schedule.

The original copy of Ordinance 2012-01 has been filed with the Lincoln County Clerk. Copies of the ordinance are available from the County Clerk during normal business hours. The ordinance can also be reviewed on the Water District website www.altolakes.net.

The effective date of the amendments is October 1, 2011.

Gary Parker, Secretary

#9475 2T (9/7,14) STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

In the Matter of the Petition of BROOK PATRICIA CHAVEZ

For Change of Name No. CV-11-242

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING COMES NOW the Petitioner hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 12th day of August, 2011 requesting that the Petitioner name be changed from BROOK PATRICIA CHAVEZ to BROOK PATRICIA ROMANO.

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Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS at 8:15 am on the 3rd day of October, 2011 at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, where, by the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing the name from BROOK PATRICIA CHAVEZ to BROOK PATRICIA ROMANO.

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General Help Wanted 230

Urn. Home - General 352

3br, 2ba, fireplace along the river, in city, \$1000/mo + telec & gus. 1 yr lease. 915-491-7020

4br, 3ba, \$1200 mo. All bills paid. 575-937-3039

711 Main Rd Remodeled 1BR, 1BA, long term only. \$465/mo + util. + dep. \$300 paid. Owner/Agent Scott Resor. 575-808-1297

Alto spacious 3 br, 2 ba, on 3 acres, nice month-month, \$1250 +\$600 dep. 937-2282

Carrizozo Victorian 3 br, \$495/mo + util. \$950/dep. 505-603-3702

Midtown efficiency cabn, utilities included. \$225/month call 575-808-1295

Retitled! Ruidoso 2 br, 1 1/2 ba. Month to month \$750 + util. \$500/dep. 575-257-1092

Mobile Home Rental 308 1 or 2br, 2br Mobile hms near Walmart. Water, sewage, trash rd. 915-266-8226

2-2 bedroom, 1 bath, mile east of Ruidoso Downs. 475 sq. ft. 575-937-0460

2br, cozy mobile hm, ref, covered. \$600/mo, \$600/dep. 575-693-3641

Furn. Apts. - General 314 2br unfurnished condo all utilities included \$750 a month 575-921-9313

Furnished 1 bd apt, in Upper canyon, very private w/ pet. All util, & cable paid. \$550/mo. 575-808-0213

Furn. Apts. - General 314 AFFORDABLE RENTALS *** Efficiencies, 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms furnished or unfurnished units. Weekly, monthly or long-term. Bills paid. No pets. Rates starting at \$400 per month. 575-937-8905 575-257-4058

Urn. Apts. - General 328 Clean 1 bdrm All util. \$420/mo. \$375/mo \$400 dep, 1 yr lease. No pets, laundry incl. 575-749-2378 or 575-749-2378

Great starter home 3bd 2bth fully fur - 1560 sq ft. Call owner financing. 115 Skyline Rd, Carrizozo, NM 575-937-0420

Land/Acreage 442 Ruidoso Area 5 acre ranch-17,900 10 acre ranch-29,900 with city water, maintained roads, no HOA dues with attractive financing. Call VMRS 575-837-9201 (Only 5 Remaining!)

Owner/Broker James Paxton CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate 257-9057 or John Cornelius - 937-0918

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Office Space For Rent/Sale 952

Office space for rent 413 Sudderth Mountainaire Center 225-550/rental call 575-973-0163

Self Storage 953 Climate controlled storage. Call 575-808-1414

goods & services 600-668 & 2550-4137 Fuel/Wood 620 Oak Firewood seasoned & split, ready to burn. Haul - truckload or truckload orders. 325-200-9705

Misc. Items 625 Full Membership 4 Sale Cree Meadows Golf & Country Club \$1500. 806-215-3848 257-3026

JOGGER SPORTS SERIES Tike Tech pro seat, double baby/ladder stroller or jogger in excellent condition. Keeps perfect time and looks good. \$261-2267-5550

Used 2000 753 Bobcat grapple bucket. Runs good \$7900. 214-676-7366. Call Tom Dr. Ruidoso.

San Patricia berry farm, black berries & raspberries. You pick or we pick. 653-4502

RV Mattress Short Queen RV mattress. Excellent condition. \$75. 937-3172.

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VOL. KL SKIS. SOLO. ANON. BINDINGS. R.O.S.I.N.G.N.O.L. POLES. VOL. KL 04ves Xcops skis 184 cc's. SALOMON 3D 700 spheric binding. Rossignol ski poles. \$50. Includes Volkl ski bag that hold 1 set of skis/poles for first set of skis sold. SKIS used on two trips. Call 258-8637.

Welder Home Gym, 3x5 assembled, lifts up to 200lbs. \$250. 336-9179

Musical Merchandise 644 Beautiful Pecon Spinet. Excellent shape. \$275. 575-258-1040

Jewelry 648 Movado Watch Ladies two-tone gold & silver. Museum watch. Not new but in excellent condition. Keeps perfect time and looks good. \$261-2267-5550

Light Duty Trucks 911 Chevy S-10 '99 Auto, 4cyl, 80k mi, \$4,5K 915-566-5555 Franklin

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COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pine Top Car Club: Cruise on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to various restaurants; Denise Dean, 257-4966.

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

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

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

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

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

Education

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

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

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

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

Help & Healing

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Mon., 6:30 p.m., women's open meeting; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Fri., 7 p.m., Beginners and young people's big book study; Sat, Sun, 7 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) Ruidoso. Info:

258-8885.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Sunny Spirit Group. Mon. & Thurs. at noon, Fri. at 5:30 p.m., Women's group meets Wed. at noon. Parish hall of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount at 121 Mescalero Trail.

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

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

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

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

H.E.A.L. and the Nest Domestic Violence Selter: 515-378-6378; 24 hr Hotline: 866-378-6378.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

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

Political

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

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

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

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

Service Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's;

Rutalea, 258-1431.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:00 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cattle Baron Sudderth. 336-2541.

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

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

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

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

White Mountain Search & Rescue Team: Is open for membership to volunteers interested in various disciplines. We meet at 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull, Ruidoso. Info: email@whitemountain-sar.org, Tony Davis, 575-336-4501 or visit www.nmsarc.org for NM search and rescue activities.

Veterans

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

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

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at Evening Lions Hut at 106 Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's) at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information call: 575-808-1227.

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

Otero County

Clubs/Associations

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

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

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

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

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

Chaparral Kegel Club: 6:30 p.m. every

first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Education

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

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

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

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

Help & Healing

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

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

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by applt; 1212 E. 9th St., Ste. E.

trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. Free services. 575-437-6176, 430-1530, 437-0690.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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