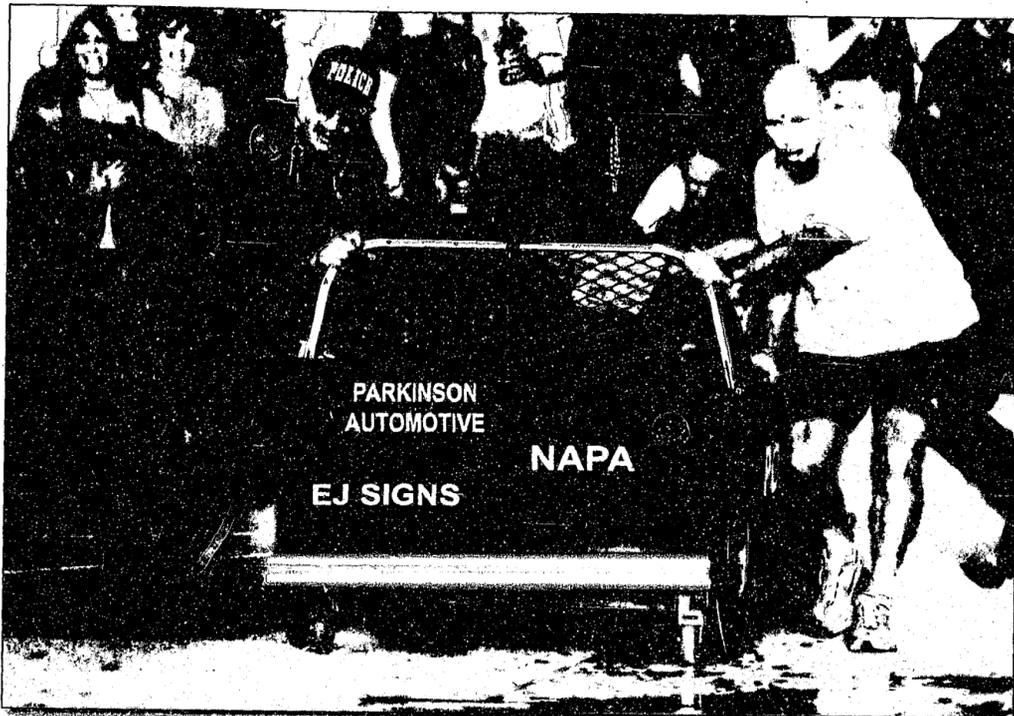


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Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock lands in the bed as officers, from left, Darrell Chavez, Carolee Sandoval, Ryan Frost and Joseph Bailey push for the finish. The police department defeated another group of law enforcement and former law enforcement officers, the Las Carnales Motorcycle Club, from the Albuquerque area, Ruidoso Ford and the Ruidoso Optimist Club to take the trophy and bed pan first prize Friday at the Ruidoso Downs Fall Festival at All American Park.

In transition

Downs' offer of bus service to Ruidoso falls flat

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The village of Ruidoso has been approached about becoming the operator of Lincoln County Transit. Ruidoso Mayor Tom Armstrong said the idea was raised with some Ruidoso officials three or four weeks ago.

"Because of the usage, it could be just more efficient for both of the communities to see what the transit could do," Armstrong said Tuesday. "We just kind of tossed around the idea."

Since the public transportation system began in late 2008, Ruidoso Downs has been the fiscal agent and operator.

year after we're stabilized." The village manager said a complicated municipal computer system conversion and a smaller staff are factors against taking on more work before the next fiscal year, which will begin on July 1, 2012.

"There needs to be certainly an understanding of how much money is available to run it because we don't have the general fund to support the (Lincoln County Transit) deficit," Lee noted. "And that's the Downs' issue. They're very honest about it."

While public transportation funding from the federal government covers a large majority of the on-demand bus ride program in the two municipalities, a required local match had been pretty much evenly split between Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso and Lincoln County for the past several years. But Lincoln County withdrew its \$25,000 share for the current fiscal year.

'Not right now'

But Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee rejected the thought of taking over the transit bus operation at this time.

"We don't want to be the fiscal agent this year," Lee said Tuesday afternoon. "We might consider it next

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Water woes strike Ruidoso

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The water line breaks that started Friday in Ruidoso continued through Tuesday at different locations.

"It's old galvanized lines so you kind of expect that kind of thing when there's a lot of demand," Randall Camp, the village's utilities director, said. "That was really just the start of a sequence."

Plenty of extra people staying in town probably played a role in the water leaks.

"When the population goes up, demand on our system goes up," Camp said. "So that's a stressor. We've been through the winter and it weakened our pipes because of the freeze."

In early February, Ruidoso set a new record low temperature of minus 27.

"Leaks will manifest more because of the stressed pipes," Camp said. "The other contributing factor is we had a pressure-reducing valve that failed. This was evidently a pin-hole leak that allowed water pressure to creep up overnight so during the daylight hours and hours when people are using water, the pressure wouldn't manifest. Only when everybody stopped using

Line break dries up Midtown

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During one of the busiest weekends in Ruidoso, the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, a broken water main on Sudderth Drive at Fifth Street sent a fountain of water into the sky, and shut down service to most of the Midtown tourist shopping core for more than six hours Saturday.

The break followed another service interruption Friday on Wingfield Street. Residences and businesses in the area experienced low pressure or no water at all for several hours. The affected streets from the Wingfield break included Clover Drive,

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water that the line pressurized and we believe there were parts of the system that saw a couple of hundred pounds of pressure because this thing failed."



JOHN T. SODEN/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A water main that broke on the corner of Sudderth Drive and Fifth Street in Ruidoso at about 1 p.m. Saturday looked like a geyser shooting up about 15 to 20 feet in the air. The water gushing up in the air caused a little unplanned excitement for visiting bikers.

Camp said it was Saturday morning that the impacts of high pressures began really showing up.

"We're still dealing with some of the fallout from

that," Camp said Tuesday. "We have small leaks manifesting along that whole system."

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Finalists for county manager selected

Locals don't make the cut

Four applicants for the position of Lincoln County manager were selected Tuesday for personal interviews, but the list does not include any local candidates.

"In executive session today, and after much deliberation, the Board of County Commissioners selected four individuals for interviews," County Manager Tom Stewart wrote in a memorandum on the issue. "The interviews will take place in the executive session of a special meeting on October 3. Assuming successful negotiations, an announcement of the new county manager might be made at the October 18 commission meeting."

Those selected to be invited for interviews are:

- Kelly Kuenstler of Las Cruces, director of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys
- Bobbye Rose of San Jon, city manager of Tucumcari
- John R. Sutherland, Jr. of Deming, former Luna County manager.

According to an article in the Deming Headlight, Sutherland was fired by Luna County commissioners in July. His \$90,000 contract was due to expire in mid-2012. He had been hired in May 2009 and previously served as Tucumcari city manager. At the time, the Luna Commission chairman said no particular incident prompted the action, that the "fit wasn't right" for the county and Sutherland.

• Nita Taylor of Albuquerque, association specialist with the New Mexico Association of Counties.

The three local applicants for the position were Ruidoso Utilities Director Randall Camp, Ruidoso Special Projects Director Justin King and former deputy manager of the village, Bill Morris.

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Courts to close

Magistrate Courts Division I in Carrizozo and Division II in Ruidoso will be closed through Sept. 23.

A judge's and clerk's conference and training will be taking place during this time.

For questions or concerns call Division I in Carrizozo at 575-648-2389 or Division II in Ruidoso at 575-378-7022.

Peace Day

International Peace Day will be celebrated today in Lincoln County and on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn read a Peace Day Proclamation at the Tuesday village council meeting and several opportunities will be offered for area residents to participate.

The schedule for the day includes:

- 7 to 7:30 a.m., meditate in the outdoor theater behind the Ruidoso Public Library with peaceful music followed by a short presentation on finding "your peace within."

- Noon to 1 p.m., join members of the Eastern New Mexico University History Club, who will share information on peace in history. Bring a lunch and enjoy refreshments at Room 105 at ENMU-Ruidoso in the Sierra Mall Campus on Mechem Drive.

- 4 to 5 p.m., meet at the Kids Connection Pavilion for music and activities followed by an "all-age" short parade procession around a portion of The Links Walking Trail beginning about 4:30 p.m. and ending at the outdoor stage behind the library.

Organizers urge participants to wear peace costumes, bring flags, banners, bubbles, buttons, bells and other noisemakers.

- 6 to 8:30 p.m., Give Peace a Dance, all-ages Peace Day Celebration at Common Ground in the Sierra Mall next to ENMU. Activities include live music, dancing, "Make Art Not War" crafts table and speakers on the value of peace in our homes, schools and community.

Transit service

Lincoln County Transit will be close for a part of Thursday and Friday for required training. The Sept. 22 closure will be from 8 until 10:15 a.m. The Sept. 23 shut down will take place from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Transit Manager Patty DeSoto asked riders to make reservations as soon as possible by phoning 575-378-1177.

Fall cleanup

The semi-annual cleanup event in Ruidoso Downs will have an additional feature

FLAME AND TRAIN



Robby Hall, assistant chief of the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department, gives instructions on approaching an liquefied petroleum gas tank fire. Twenty-four firefighters from Bonito and 12 from Glencoe participated in the night-time training. Thanks to Rainmakers for providing the secluded fire ground location and water and Cortez Gas for the propane.

— a used tire amnesty. Old tires, with or without rims, can be dropped off on Friday, Sept. 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The drop off location is at All American Park.

Tires will be accepted from individuals, but not from commercial operations. Tires over 17 inches in diameter will not be accepted.

People can also bring old pots and pans.

The metal in the utensils will be recycled. The tire amnesty is available to residents from beyond Ruidoso Downs. Sept. 24 will host the city's Toss No Mas beautification event from 8 a.m. until noon.

Volunteers who will pick up along streets in the city are asked to initially meet at the Senior Citizens Center in

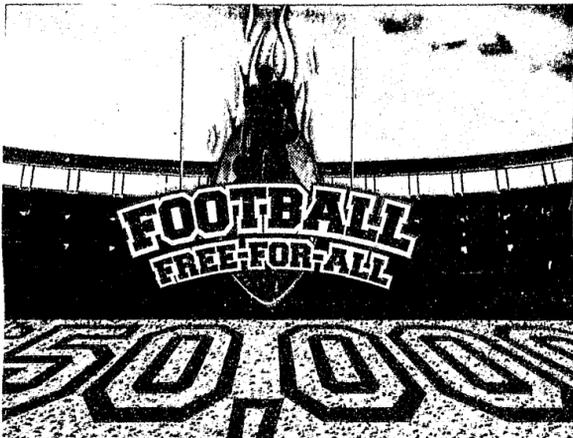
All American Park. After the cleanup the volunteers will be treated to hamburgers and hot dogs. The fall cleanup is sponsored by the Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful Committee.

Harvest Fest

The New Mexico Alliance for Children and the U.S. Forest Service are co-hosting a Fall Harvest Festival at

Smokey's Garden on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso from 9:30 a.m. to noon today. The children of Lincoln County Head Start will be returning to see the garden they helped plant last spring, participate in making a fall nature collage, sample fresh produce from the garden, and of course, visit with Smokey Bear.

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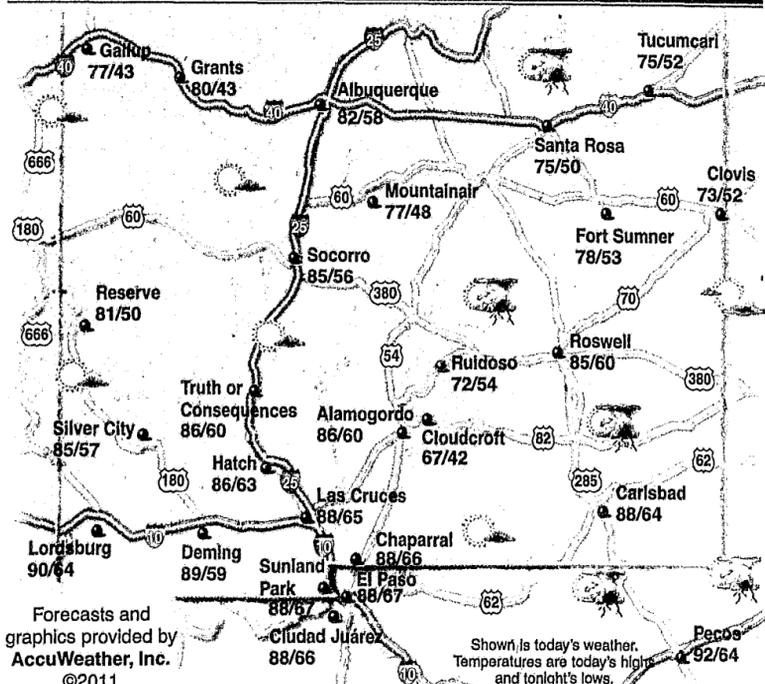
AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 78° Humidity 52%	RealFeel 77° Humidity 54%	RealFeel 80° Humidity 38%	RealFeel 79° Humidity 33%	RealFeel 80° Humidity 29%	RealFeel 82° Humidity 25%	RealFeel 76° Humidity 47%
72° 54° An afternoon t-storm in the area Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	70° 52° A p.m. thundershower in spots Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	74° 54° Intervals of clouds and sunshine Wind: S 6-12 mph	73° 57° Sunshine and pleasant Wind: SW 6-12 mph	75° 54° Partly sunny, a t-storm possible Wind: WNW 7-14 mph	76° 49° Mostly sunny Wind: WNW 7-14 mph	66° 53° Cooler with times of clouds and sun Wind: S 3-6 mph

RealFeel Temperature* is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highs for the day.

Regional Cities



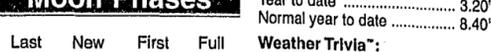
Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:50 a.m./7:02 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 12:30 a.m./2:55 p.m.

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 73°/48°
Normal high 74°
Normal low 44°
Record high 87° (1954)
Record low 31° (1993)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.05"
Month to date 0.80"
Normal month to date 1.77"
Year to date 3.20"
Normal year to date 17.10"
Pollen:
Grass High
Trees Absent
Weeds High
Mold Low
Predominant Ragweed
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic
Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 88°/56°
Normal high 85°
Normal low 60°
Record high 97° (1956)
Record low 43° (2006)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.85"
Normal month to date 0.97"
Year to date 3.20"
Normal year to date 8.40"
Weather Trivia*:
Q: What does the term equinox stand for?
A: It is the equal length of day and night.

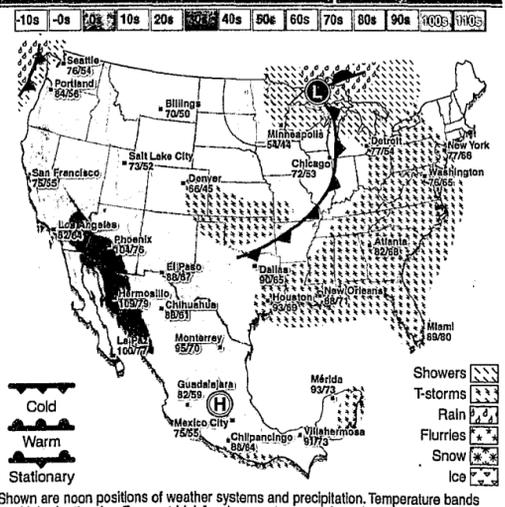
Moon Phases



Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 107° in Gila Bend, AZ
Low: 23° in Shirley Basin, WY
Monday's World High/Low:
High: 111° in Mitribah, Kuwait
Low: 0° in Islas Orcadas, Argentina

National Forecast for Sept. 21, 2011



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

National Cities

City	Today HI/LO/W	Thu. HI/LO/W
Abilene	86/60/pc	81/60/c
Anchorage	59/46/c	56/45/c
Atlanta	82/68/t	83/67/t
Austin	92/62/s	91/65/pc
Baltimore	78/63/t	80/65/t
Boston	74/62/s	77/65/sh
Chicago	72/53/pc	62/48/c
Dallas	90/65/pc	84/65/pc
Denver	66/45/pc	76/49/pc
Des Moines	66/46/pc	60/42/pc
Detroit	77/54/pc	69/50/pc
El Paso	88/67/s	86/66/pc
Las Vegas	98/75/s	98/75/s
Los Angeles	82/64/pc	84/66/s
Minneapolis	54/44/c	57/46/c
New Orleans	88/71/t	89/72/t
New York City	77/66/t	78/68/t
Philadelphia	79/65/t	79/67/t
Phoenix	104/78/s	104/78/pc
Reno	89/54/s	91/55/s
San Francisco	75/55/s	77/56/pc
San Diego	74/66/pc	76/67/pc
Seattle	76/54/pc	76/59/r
Tucson	90/77/s	97/72/pc
Tulsa, OK	80/58/pc	76/54/pc
Wash., DC	76/65/t	80/68/t
Wichita	74/51/pc	76/53/pc
Yuma	106/76/s	105/76/s

Regional Cities

City	Today HI/LO/W	Thu. HI/LO/W
Albuquerque	82/58/t	82/57/pc
Artesia	89/63/s	87/61/pc
Chama	70/39/t	72/33/pc
Clayton	66/46/pc	72/52/pc
Cloudcroft	67/42/s	65/37/pc
Farmington	82/49/s	81/48/pc
Hobbs	86/56/s	82/55/c
Los Alamos	70/45/t	70/44/pc
Portales	76/52/pc	75/54/pc
Raton	69/45/t	73/43/pc
Red River	63/36/t	66/35/pc
Ruidoso	72/54/pc	70/52/pc
Santa Fe	78/51/t	76/49/pc
Silver City	85/57/s	83/56/pc
Taos	74/42/t	72/38/pc

Mexican Cities

City	Today HI/LO/W	Thu. HI/LO/W
Acapulco	90/77/t	90/77/t
Cancun	90/73/t	90/72/t
Chihuahua	88/61/pc	86/59/pc
Ciudad Juárez	88/66/s	86/66/pc
León	84/57/pc	84/55/pc
México, DF	75/55/t	75/57/t
Monterrey	95/70/pc	93/70/pc
Morelia	83/58/t	82/56/pc
Oaxaca	82/58/t	79/59/pc
Plo. Penasco	97/77/s	97/79/s
Tijuana	79/61/pc	82/63/pc

EVENTS

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The children of Hondo Head Start on Thursday kicked off the festivities with their visit to the Hondo Community Garden to help harvest and make art with NMAC volunteers. NMAC will sponsor a pizza party at the Carrizo BGC from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26. Volunteers are welcome to come and help us make all of these events memorable for the kids.

Republicans meet

Speaking on Obamacare, Dr. Tom Lindsey, a surgeon on staff at Lincoln County Medical Center, will attend the September meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County. Scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring a sack lunch and please use the side door. For information: 430-7258.

Swap meet

Spencer Park Antique and Collectible Swap Meet, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 24, Spencer Park in Carrizozo. Food, music, free spaces for qualified vendors/artists/craftsmen. Call 480-299-6441 for more info.

Museum program

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will host a special program titled, "Recent Excavations in the Canada Alamosa Project," at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

Dean Hood and Delton Estes have worked on projects at the archaeological research sites in south central New Mexico for parts of the past five years.

The focus of the presentation will be the excavation of the four locations that make up the Canada Alamosa Project and what has been learned to date about the inhabitants who occupied the sites hundreds of years ago. Included in the discussion will be the varieties of ceramics found, other types of artifacts uncovered during the excavations, and what is still needed to complete the work.

The U.S. Department of

the Interior had considered one of the sites for national monument designation.

Estes is retired from the Ruidoso School District and Dean Hood is currently teaching at Ruidoso Middle School. Admission to the museum is \$6. There are reduced admission costs for senior citizens, military personnel and youth.

Fort project

As a partner to the Fort Stanton State Monument, the Bureau of Land Management-Fort Stanton National Conservation Area invites Fort Stanton, Inc. members and the public to the historic fort Saturday for project work.

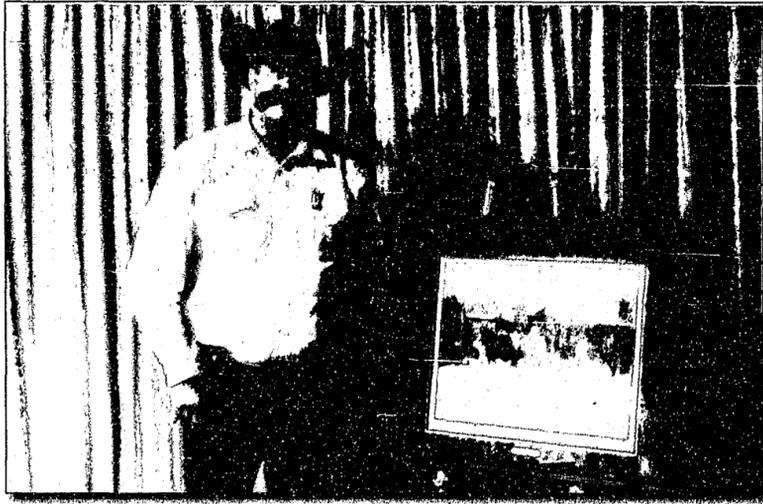
The project will celebrate National Public Lands Day by cleaning modern trash that over the years was pitched over the slope on the Rio Bonito side of the fort. Volunteers and crews will work from 11 a.m. to about 4 p.m. Participants need to wear long pants, sturdy hiking shoes or boots, bring work gloves, water and lunches. A tailgate safety and "Leave No Trace" session will precede the work and EZ Reachers will be used to nab trash. National Public Lands Day T-shirts will be passed out to participants. The meet-up location is at the Fort Stanton Museum.

Gospel sing

The Fifth Annual Gospel Sing will be at 5 p.m., Sunday, at the Flying J Chuckwagon, 1028 New Mexico Highway 48.

The benefit is a fundraiser for Sierra Blanca Christian Academy. The SBCA students will perform and in addition, the program will feature Two Days Walk, Canaan Trail Bluegrass, Grace Harvest, J Bar J Church, and a grand finale showcasing The Flying J Wranglers. Intermingled with great music will be a dessert auction, allowing a person to go home with a delicious treat. A special love offering will be taken for the school, but admission to the program is free. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Sierra Blanca Christian Academy at 630-0144.

PRINT WINNER



Ben Whipkey of Amarillo, Texas, won a signed G. Harvey print, awarded from a fund-raiser raffle by the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club. The money benefits local charities, such as The Lincoln County Food Bank, Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice, The Nest, Lincoln County Humane Society, the Woman's Club's scholarship fund and others. Members thanked Lawrence Bros. IGA for the company's many years of help and support.

COURTESY TAMMY PRICHARD

Latest state measles case from county

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New Mexico's third measles case in 2011 involves a baby from Lincoln County. The New Mexico Department of Health is investigating the laboratory-confirmed case that involves an infant.

"The Department of Health is working closely with the family to identify anyone that may have been exposed to the disease so we can prevent more cases," said Catherine Torres, the state's health secretary. "In general, the best was to prevent measles is to be vaccinated against measles."

Measles is highly contagious and is spread by contact with droplets from the nose, mouth or throat of an infected person, according to the National Institutes of Health. Sneezing and coughing can put contaminated droplets into the air.

Early symptoms include red eyes,

fever, runny nose and a cough. Within a few days following the cough and runny nose, a rash will typically begin on the head and spread down the body. There is no specific treatment for measles, which may last four to seven days.

The state Health Department urged those who have measles or think they may have been exposed to call their health care provider to make arrangements to be seen without exposing other patients to the virus. The medical provider may have the patient remain in their vehicle to prevent waiting room exposures. Infants under one-year of age, pregnant women, or immunocompromised individuals who were exposed to the measles patient may need to receive medications to protect them.

Those who had a measles infection in the past or who have been vaccinated against the measles have immunity to the disease. Before widespread vaccination, measles was so common dur-

ing childhood that most people became sick with the disease by age 20. The number of measles cases dropped over the last several decades to almost none in the U.S. and Canada. Rates, however, have started to rise again.

The Department of Health recommends that anyone not sure of their vaccination status or persons traveling outside of the country should check to be sure that they are current on all immunizations, including the measles vaccination.

Vaccines are free for any child in New Mexico, regardless of insurance status, under the Vaccines for Children program. Youth without insurance coverage can get the vaccine at their local public health office. The local office is the Lincoln County Public Health Office at 105 Kansas City Road. The phone number is 575-258-3252.

Adults needing the vaccine can contact their medical provider or Nurse Advice New Mexico at 877-725-2552.

'Access aisles' required under ordinance

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Ruidoso Downs

It's called an access aisle. And Ruidoso Downs will let businesses know about the need for a space designed to allow a person with mobility issues to safely get into and out of a vehicle.

The city council earlier this month adopted a change to the state's Uniform Traffic Ordinance that details the need for an access aisle adjacent to handicapped parking spaces. The access aisles

must have blue striping with the words "no parking" in capital letters placed at the rear of the access aisle.

City Councilor Gary Williams questioned who is required to have posted access aisles? "It's the businesses' responsibility," replied Police Chief Doug Babcock.

"So if this is passed, the businesses are advised of it how?" Williams asked. City Clerk Carol Virden

said the message would get out.

"We're getting ready to do the (city's quarterly) newsletter and we can certainly put this section of the uniform traffic code in

for all to be aware of that responsibility of the business owners," Virden said.

The October through December newsletter will be going out in early October.

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OUR OPINION

Put aside petty politics and get business done

In the days leading up to the current special session of the New Mexico Legislature, we agreed with majority (Democrat) leaders in the House and Senate who urged that other issues added to the agenda by Gov. Susana Martinez be set aside until the task of redistricting is completed.

But, we did so expecting that lawmakers would arrive in Santa Fe with their sleeves rolled up, ready to work night and day on the difficult but critically important task of redrawing the state's political boundaries.

House Republicans allege that hasn't happened.

"After a full five days of session, the majority Democratic Party has limited the House to work a total of 13 hours, an average of less than three hours per day," Republicans claimed in a press release.

That figure could be a bit misleading, in that much of the work on redistricting is taking place in caucus meetings, where Democrats and Republicans are trying to come to agreement on their own plans.

Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, adamantly denied allegations that they have not been working hard to complete redistricting.

She emphasized the difficulty in accommodating all the competing demands of redrawing the state's political boundaries.

And, she said Senate Democrats are united in their decision not to take up any other bills until they are done with the federally mandated task of redistricting.

We respect that decision. But, we also understand that many of the bills Martinez has put on the agenda are proposals that Senate Democrats opposed in the regular session earlier this year and likely don't want to deal with again now.

The question is whether they are intentionally foot-dragging on redistricting to avoid items like the bill prohibiting driver's licenses for illegal aliens.

At \$50,000 a day, which has been budgeted for the special session, we suspect New Mexico taxpayers would not be satisfied with that level of production.

Sen. Garcia insists that's not the case, and said the committee process has been streamlined to deal with other issues quickly once redistricting is completed.

The state has already invested a great deal in the redistricting process. A task force co-chaired by Rep. Mary Helen Garcia, D-Las Cruces, traveled to every part of the state to explain the process and the proposed maps being considered. Lawmakers should have come to Santa Fe ready to go.

We appreciate the difficulty of redistricting, and the expense incurred in past years when it was not done properly.

We are not suggesting that it be rushed through.

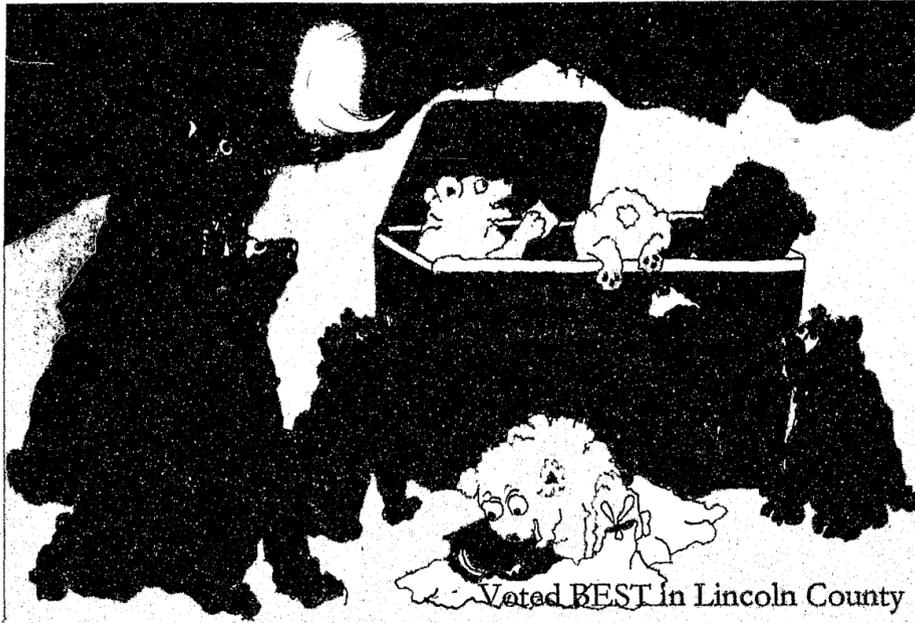
But we are demanding that legislators work diligently to complete the task.

Anything less will undoubtedly be noted by voters when all the seats in the House and Senate come up for re-election next year.

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

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YOUR OPINION

Mayor's actions are unconstitutional

To the editor:

The issue of Mayor (Ray) Alborn's Executive Order of August 5, 2011 has raised many opinions and feelings about the right and wrong of it. The Mayor has said his decision was to protect village employees and visitors to Ruidoso. That, on the surface, seems to be a commendable gesture, but his decision is unconstitutional.

Mayor Alborn's order does not ban firearms in village buildings; it bans firearms from "all public property of the Village of Ruidoso."

This controversy could have been avoided had Mayor Alborn listened to a group of concerned citizens who met with him on Aug. 23, asking that the order be made more specific. This meeting resulted in the Mayor stating that he was not going to change anything.

It is my opinion that the actions of the mayor have ignored the U.S. Constitution.

In D.C. v. Heller 2008 and McDonald v. Chicago 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court found that the Second Amendment "protects the right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of self-defense" both at the state and federal level. Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. said: "It is clear that the Framers ... counted the right to keep and bear arms among those fundamental rights necessary to our system of ordered liberty."

A clarification of the Mayor's intention has been stated via a press release but nothing has been said about rescinding or amending the Executive Order.

Those who attended the

meeting on Sept. 13, were there to protect the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as well as the New Mexico Constitution. There was never any malice meant toward the mayor or any of the Village Council members.

Sincerely,

Terry Franklin
Alto

Thanks for support

The Mescalero Apache Tribe expresses its appreciation to all those persons, organizations, and government entities who took the time to express opposition to the proposed Jemez Pueblo casino near Anthony, N.M.

The refusal of the Department of the Interior to take land into trust for the Pueblo of Jemez clearly demonstrated the widespread concern for the negative impact that such a project would have on our area.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe has always advocated for the rights of Indian tribes, nations, and pueblos to exercise their inherent sovereignty and to provide for the welfare of their members.

However, in so doing, tribes must adhere to the letter and spirit of the law and must not infringe on the ability of other tribes to exercise these same inherent powers.

The exercise of inherent sovereignty carries great responsibility, not just for Indian tribes, nations, and pueblos but for any sovereign.

We must exercise those powers not just for the benefit

of our constituents, but in ways that strengthen our ties as good neighbors and friends.

As I mentioned in my remarks following the announcement of the Jemez decision, the Mescalero Apache Tribe sympathizes with the Jemez Pueblo people.

We appreciate the need and desire of the Jemez Pueblo government to provide adequate benefits for its tribal members. We hope the Pueblo of Jemez can identify economic development ventures that will accomplish this goal for its people and allow the Pueblo to coexist in harmony and friendship with its neighbors, be they Indian or otherwise.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Chino,
president,
Mescalero Apache Tribe

Dumpster issue

To the editor:

In response to Ms. Stallings Sept. 16 article regarding the "trash/Dumpster" problem in Camelot, I would like to highlight an issue that was mentioned in the article, but needs to be further discussed. My husband and I are full-time Ruidoso residents who live in Camelot. Regrettably, we were out of town when our neighbors met to discuss the "Dumpster/trash" problem in our neighborhood. An important issue mentioned in the article, but that was not emphasized, is that village employees are not allowed to enter private land to pick up trash. We truly appreciate Mr. Kaplan's efforts to clean up the areas around the dumpsters as

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What do you think about the motorcycle rally being held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods?



Nicol Simpson
Ruidoso Downs

"It seemed like there was less traffic through midtown this weekend with the rally being held at the Inn."



Larry Neal
Herst, Texas

"We were heading out from Roswell when we saw a whole parade of motorcycles out of Ruidoso. There were a lot of bikes this year."



Louis Theriot
Alamogordo

"Lamest rally ever. There were no street vendors, cops were pulling people over left and right, and it cost money to even look at the vendors at the Inn."



Dedward "Big D" Huerta
Hobbs

"It was great. There were a lot of good people and good beer. And the parking was a whole lot easier to find this year."



Dorothy Steward
Lubbock, Texas

"It was awesome, we had a lot of fun. We like it better when it was at the racetrack, but we still enjoyed it."

LETTERS

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quickly as possible and even on weekends. However, as often as the bears pull trash from the Dumpsters and tear open trash bags next to the dumpster, bags of trash are just as often pulled onto wooded land several feet or several yards from the dumpsters. The trash bags torn open by bears on privately owned land are left for weeks or months (or indefinitely) to be scattered by wind or crows.

I have contacted Mr. Kaplan's office on two occasions regarding trash strewn on privately owned land — in fact, I'm the lady who called Mr. Kaplan's office and said our neighborhood WILL look like a third world country if the "trash/Dumpster" problem isn't resolved.

Mr. Kaplan told me that our recourse is to contact the Ruidoso Police Department, Codes Violation Division regarding trash strewn on privately owned land. Although I have not pursued this recourse, I would have to believe that someone from the police department would have to visit the "trashed area" and find survey markers to determine which property the trash is on, then research that property to determine who is paying taxes on the land and send notification to the owner that they are in violation of the code to keep unsightly trash picked up on their property. I would suspect the owner must be given an appropriate period of time to clean up their trash-strewn land (possibly 30 days ?) before a fine can be levied. Keeping in mind that much of the vacant land here in Camelot is owned by individuals who live out of state, it is most probable that out-of-state land owners will not travel back to Ruidoso to pick up a trash bag of garbage strewn on their land.

Unfortunately, I did not ask Mr. Kaplan the next step, i.e. after the land owner is notified of code violation and potentially fined, is someone

finally able to pick up the trash?

Or must the land owner find someone in the area to pick up the trash to avoid further fines? In fact, contacting our police department once or twice a week regarding unsightly trash on privately owned property is our only remedy, it appears to me that we'll be placing a significant burden on the police department, when securing the Dumpsters would be the better solution.

As mentioned in the article, one of our concerned neighbors tried to deter nightly "Dumpster Diving" by attaching bungee cords and (later) chains without padlocks to the dumpsters that could be removed prior to scheduled trash pick-up. The article didn't mention that our neighbor was successful in keeping bears out of that particular Dumpster for three weeks until he received notification from the village that he was not to put any kind of device on the dumpsters to keep the bears from pulling trash out. Please note that I have referred to this as a "trash/dumpster" problem; NOT a bear problem.

We love the wildlife here on the mountain, yes, even the bears, and certainly want no harm to come to any of them, but there has to be a way to keep the Dumpsters up here accessible to people and city garbage trucks and NOT our bears.

Sincerely
Rita Combs
Ruidoso

Golf tournament

To the editor:

The Nest is a place that many women and children have called home since March 2007. The Lincoln County shelter operates on the generosity and kind hearts of so many people. Our annual charity golf tournament, the Deacon Bob Racicot Open, brought together many important people to raise money and awareness for the Nest.

The success of the event can be attributed to the generous donations, sponsors, volunteers, supporters and

golfers. The event was held at the Championship Golf Course at the Inn of the Mountain Gods with the assistance of PGA professionals Daniel Nunez and Phillippe Cordero and their team.

Several surrounding golf courses also participated. The Links at Sierra Blanca, Cree Meadows Country Club, Rainmakers Golf Course and Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club donated rounds of golf and raffle prizes for the players.

Eighteen local businesses each sponsored a hole. Friends of HEAL also donated time, talent and funds to put on the event. HEAL thanks the 120 golfers, several who traveled over 200 miles to support our cause. Many golfers were repeat supporters, having played in the inaugural HEAL at the INN last year.

The support of our community is a testament to its commitment to HEAL's mission to end abuse. HEAL and the Nest are thankful for the support; each supporter makes a difference in the stand against domestic violence. It's encouraging to know that we can count on our community, and we appreciate your continued support.

Don Ratay
HEAL Golf Committee
Member
Alto

Rescind the order

To the editor:

About Mayor (Ray) Alborn's gun ban: I attended the Village Council meeting last Tuesday. I've also read the revision of the revision of the Mayor's "order", and I heard his "... its not political, people just don't listen, and I don't give a damn ..." tirade Thursday, now available on the Christian radio station KEDU.com. We heard about his blood pressure, we heard his wife's sincere plea out of mortal fear, and we heard suggestions that his critics are phantoms with no legitimate village address. Although, there were interesting opinions offered on both sides of the gun ban argument, the

mayor arrogantly told his radio audience "you can't recall me." Really, Mr. Mayor? I wonder if the mayor is concentrating on the subject at hand? Why be so inflammatory?

For the record, I do have a Ruidoso street address. Here's my take on it. Things have been working just fine around here for a hundred years or more. I'm not sure we need the mayor's help with this one. After working with more than 600 attorneys and judges during my career, I believe I have never read a more ill-advised, poorly-worded order (or revision), which, no doubt, passed over the city attorney's desk for approval.

It is unconscionable that these two men, acting on their own, are determined to spend tax payer money to defend an issue, which has been settled, repeatedly, over the past 40 years. They need to resign, or at least in (attorney Dan) Bryant's case, be fired.

Contrary to the mayor's assessment, Andrea Reed was, in fact, allowed to speak without interruption at the Council meeting (I was standing four feet away, listening to her, and she never missed a beat). Did Ms. Reed bring up a liberal minority, anti-gun opinion that brought a few guffaws from the audience? Yes. Was she drowned out, as the mayor alleges, or stopped from giving her talk? No (watch the tapes). She spoke her mind and did so eloquently, even offering that a "compromise" might be reached. However, there's a tiny glitch. There is no remedy available in law. Article 2, of the U.S. Constitution says "... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." It doesn't say "sometimes it's OK when people decide to compromise" or "except when the mayor of Ruidoso issues an order against this law." The New Mexico Constitution, Article 2, Section 6 says "No law shall abridge the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms" then goes on to add "No municipality or county shall regulate, in any way,

an incident of the right to keep and bear arms." It doesn't say "except when Mayor Alborn and attorney Bryant feel a little queasy about people with guns." The phrase "no municipality" includes the village of Ruidoso. What part of those two laws is not clear?

There's more to it. Attorney Bryant is reportedly the same man involved in a similar gun "carry" controversy a few months back, which cost Otero County taxpayers some \$20,000 and more. It is likely precedent for the lawsuits filed last week, which means the money judgments could be higher. Further, the Mayor has alleged that he "had to act" in order to spare the Council if an armed individual went berserk over a Village Council vote. How noble. But, I'm sorry. Why all this provocative talk? And who injected the inflammatory "if they rescind my order then, it's on their hands" rhetoric into the discussion, Mr. Mayor?

Contrary to Mayor Alborn's radio tirade, "gun rights advocates" and phantom citizens did not cause this controversy. Mr.

Bryant and the mayor, appear to be the sole cause of this mess. The mayor's argument that he is "doing it for the people" is nonsense. We've heard that from countless would-be tyrants. No order the mayor or the Village Council issues related to banning weapons will act as a deterrent or stop the insane or random shooter from acting on a whim. They are sociopaths by definition and couldn't care less about laws or municipal orders. So, how about doing something constructive to get this city's broken economy moving again? Anything, besides stirring up more controversy intended to divide — not heal.

The mayor should rescind the order in its entirety. It is illegal. And if he cannot bring himself to do that, then he should resign and go play golf, rewrite history elsewhere, or maybe just write a book on what the law should say — but doesn't. It's OK. That way, we the people won't bother him anymore with our petty Constitutional thoughts.

Vic Currier
Ruidoso

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'Goshiki' False Holly

Evergreens give a garden backbone. They give it form. And, in some cases, they give it a rainbow of colors. The leaves of 'Goshiki' false holly (also called holly tea olive), emerge reddish-pink, then become light orange with veins traced in pink, and finally mature into a glossy scatter of cream, gold, and green freckles. Beauty isn't the only thing recommending this time-tested hybrid shrub, either. 'Goshiki' (which means "five colors" in Japanese) is notoriously tough and easy to grow in difficult spots. It also stays a moderate size and can tolerate urban conditions. **Common name:** "Goshiki" false holly, 'Goshiki' holly tea olive, variegated false holly, variegated holly olive **Botanical name:** Osmanthus heterophyllus 'Goshiki' **Plant type:** Broadleaf evergreen shrub **Zones:** 6 to 9 **Height:** 5 to 10 feet **Family:** Oleaceae **Growing conditions**
• **Sun:** Full sun to part shade
• **Soil:** Average

• **Moisture:** Medium to moist
Care
• **Mulch:** Mulch to preserve moisture in the soil, but leave a few inches of space around the trunk.
• **Pruning:** Minimal pruning needed. Remove diseased, damaged, or crossing branches in spring.
• **Fertilizer:** Not needed.
Propagation
• **By seed or cuttings**
Pests and diseases
• Vulnerable to root rot, black mildew, and olive knot.
• Scale insects may cause problems.
Garden notes
• Like other holly tea olives, 'Goshiki' works well as a hedge or screen. It is spiny, so don't plant it right next to a path or sidewalk.
• The colors of 'Goshiki' stand out well against a dark background.
• You can grow 'Goshiki' in a large container if the climate permits.
• In full sun, 'Goshiki' will be more compact but the col-

ors may bleach out. Partial shade, especially in its southern range, is best for maximum color.
All in the family
• There are only 15 to 20 species in the Osmanthus genus, and they're found both in Asia and in the southeastern United States.
• False hollies (Osmanthus) and real hollies (Ilex) can look very much alike. False hollies and many real hollies are broadleaf evergreens, with glossy leaves (toothed or oval) and small berries. Some Ilex species are deciduous, however. Real hollies belong to a different family—Aquifoliaceae, which contains hundreds of species.



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EDUCATION

WHAT WAS THAT WORD AGAIN?



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Melody Farris, left, gets help from English tutor Teri Bledsoe between classes at ENMU-Ruidoso.

RMSD to borrow \$9 million

Bonds to fund repairs, upgrades

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Final action is taken by the Ruidoso Municipal School District to borrow \$9 million for projects at school facilities.

The district's education board Tuesday awarded general obligation (GO) bonds that will be repaid through the property tax in the district.

On Feb. 1, voters authorized borrowing \$14 million.

A committee that included community members had studied school building needs and prioritized \$14 million in recommended projects.

At the February election, district officials said the bonding would not increase property taxes because the bonds would replace borrowing that is being paid off.

Schools' Superintendent Bea Harris said the balance of the voter authorized borrowing will see GO bonds awarded sometime over the next

"... supply was low and interest rates had fallen. And I think that's one of the factors why we received so many good bids. The timing was good."

Charles Casey
Casey Financial Consulting

three-years.

The district received 10 bids for the bonds, with interest rates ranging from just over 2.5 percent to 3.11 percent.

The lowest bid was submitted by Morgan Keegan & Company with a 2.52129 percent interest rate.

"If you recall, when I was here last, I mentioned that the supply was low and the interest rates had fallen," Charles Casey of Casey Financial Consulting told school officials Tuesday. "And I think

that's one of the factors why we received so many bids. The timing was good."

The rate was well under the just less than 3.0 percent predicted a month ago by Casey Financial Consulting.

The bonds will allow for the completion of the new middle school.

Earlier this year district officials said the new school's costs were higher than anticipated because of the economic impact of Hurricane Katrina.

Repaying a loan for storm drainage needs at Ruidoso High School, technology upgrades across the district, a roof replacement at Sierra Vista Primary School, relocation planning for the pre-kindergarten through second grades, work at the Horton Complex, a new playground at the White Mountain school, and repairs of a retaining wall at Horton Stadium, would round out the \$9 million in proposed projects.

Enrollment report mixed

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More than 2,100 students were attending Ruidoso public schools last week. Sept. 13 was the 20th day of classes, a minor benchmark, for the new school year.

In an enrollment report, Ruidoso High School had 614 teens attending classes, compared with 583 at the end of the last school year.

The middle school, grades six, seven and eight, had 486 students at the 20-day count compared with 477 last May.

White Mountain Elementary School, which has third, fourth and fifth graders, totaled 516 students last week.

That was close to the 512 that closed out the last school year. First and sec-

"So we're up about 70 kids from the end of the year. But we're down about 70 kids from this day a year ago."

Bea Etta Harris
Superintendent of
Ruidoso Schools

ond grade Sierra Vista Primary tallied 338 children, more than the 325 at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

And the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center had 185 kindergarten and pre-kindergarten kids compared with 178 in May.

Overall there were 2,143 students in the district, including several in the Choices Program. The last school year closed with 2,078.

"So we're up about 70

kids from the end of the year," Superintendent Bea Etta Harris said. "But we're down about 70 kids from this day a year ago."

A year ago the 20-day count for the district was 2,214. That had been more than 50 pupils fewer than in September 2009.

The largest grade level in the district is the high school's Freshman Academy, with 195 members. The smallest, excluding the Nob Hill Early Childhood center is the senior class with 132 students.

Hispanics in the schools account for 44 percent of the population, followed by Caucasians at 34 percent and Native Americans at 20 percent.

Blacks or African Americans make up 1 percent of the district's student body.

Events at ENMU-Ruidoso

Teaching strategies

An informal exchange of ideas on best practices and teaching strategies will take place today at ENMU-Ruidoso from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m.

Master teacher lunch

The Master Teaching Brown Bag Lunch is open to all ENMU-Ruidoso instructors. The event will be held in Room 112. Participants are reminded to bring a lunch.

Energy efficiency

A home and business energy efficiency program will be held this evening at the college. Dr. Jim Miller will provide home and business owners tips on how to receive a free or low cost energy audit. Easy, inexpensive ways to save money on energy this winter will also be provided.

The rescheduled presentation will be in Room 119, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. The cost is \$10 for those

over the age of 55. Others will pay \$15.

Toastmasters

A new Toastmaster International chapter is forming in the Ruidoso area. Public speaking and leadership skills are the thrust of the respected service organization. Those interested are asked to be in Room 119 at ENMU-Ruidoso on Thursday, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

- From reports

ENMU-R offers "Instant Guitar" class

For students who have always wanted to learn how to play the guitar, but have never been able to find the time for lessons, you will want to mark down Sept. 30 on your calendar.

That's when Eastern New Mexico University brings in Craig Coffman to teach his very popular class, "Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People."

This one-time, two-hour class will teach the basics about playing chords on the guitar so that students may start having fun right away playing their favorite songs.

We asked Coffman how he came up with the idea for this class and found out that he has been teaching a very similar class on the piano for over 15 years.

"Over 20,000 students

have attended my Instant Piano class with great results and it occurred to me that the same principles apply to the guitar. Many young people want to learn the guitar but the time and money involved in taking private lessons keeps them away. With this class I am able to give them enough information and tools that they can go home right away and teach themselves what they want to learn.

"Many students just want to learn how to play simple tunes and they can start doing this right away. Others want to go further and I am then able to point them towards the right materials to help them go down this road. In the class we also discuss some of the common mistakes people

make and the hurdles that prevent them from learning the guitar. If I can help students avoid these hurdles then they are much more likely to succeed.

"You don't need to know anything at all about music or the guitar to attend the class. This is designed for the absolute beginner. No one will be put on the spot or embarrassed. If you have the desire and the motivation to practice you can learn this instrument. The emphasis here is on learning for your own enjoyment and having fun."

For more information on the cost of the class or to register, please call Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso at (575) 257-3012. Be sure to bring your acoustic guitar.

- From ENMU-R

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Alborn tallies gun-ban feedback

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Sitting behind his desk Monday, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn clicked through a list of e-mails he's received from local residents about a gun ban he imposed in village buildings.

"I'm making a folder," he said. The e-mails were pouring in as a response to his request for public input on the issue after a contentious council meeting last week attending by about 50 gun advocates and Second Amendment defenders, who say the ban is unconstitutional.

The mayor issued the order on his own authority after a resident who had a holstered firearm showed up for a council meeting and was disarmed by the police chief.

The mayor said the prohibition was needed to protect village employees and people doing business in municipal buildings, as well as the council and those attending their sessions.

During the meeting last week, village councilors asked that the issue be included on the next regular meeting agenda for discussion and possible action by the board.

"I'm not sure it's fair because there is so much misinformation out there."

Ray Alborn
Village of Ruidoso
mayor



Alborn said if the council decides to rescind the order, responsibility for the safety of employees, visitors and the council would fall on their shoulders.

He said Monday that the comments represented both sides of the issue.

"I'm not sure it's fair because there is so much misinformation out there," he said. "Some are short and sweet like, 'I support the ban.'"

As for calls for his resignation along with that of the village attorney, Alborn said he wouldn't resign and that he received support from many employees. Originally, his order banned guns on public property, but Alborn later refined the order to municipal buildings.

Stoddard steps down as mayor pro tem

Councilor says he will take time to travel

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Citing plans for travels, Ruidoso Village Councilor Jim Stoddard stepped down as mayor pro tempore last week and asked the mayor to appoint a replacement.

At the council meeting, Stoddard said he had submitted his resignation as the fill-in for Mayor Ray Alborn effective Sept. 14.

"My wife made me promise we would go wall-eye (pike) fishing with her, if she negotiated a

new position with more time off in the winter and spring," he said. His wife, Jean Stoddard, recently moved from general manager of Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino to return to her previous position as assistant general manager.

Jim Stoddard remains a member of the council.

In another issue, councilors approved without discussion under the consent agenda a resolution changing the timing of public input during twice-a-month regular meetings.

On a suggestion from Councilor Ron Hardeman, they amended the order of business to reflect public input after regular agenda items.

Having the public input time later in the meetings would accommodate and provide better service to village citizens, he contended.

Councilors have observed that many times, a group may show up to participate in a discussion of a regular item and are delayed when public input on non-scheduled issues comes first.

Press Release

Parents Reaching Out presents the 2nd Annual
Swing to be a PRO Benefit Golf Classic

What: A benefit golf tournament to support the work of Parents Reaching Out (PRO), a statewide non-profit that helps families as they navigate the education or health care systems to improve the lives of their children.

When: Thursday, September 22, 2011
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WATER

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Sunday was described as "calm" by Camp.

But Monday, the problems resumed.

"A different branch of the line, down Paradise Canyon, there was a small crack in the pavement and it became worse. The crack opened up to about an inch and a half wide and the pavement dropped down probably about two inches. That happened because there was a one-inch service line that blew out a fitting and it blew out underground. What that did is it saturated the soil. The road wanted to slough off."

Paradise Canyon Road was closed for much of Monday. Complicating the matter was a four-inch, high-pressure natural gas line and a sewer line in the area.

"It was just a simple water service line that failed but it failed in a critical spot."

On Tuesday, there were four breaks, all smaller than the previous leaks.

The system

The age of parts of the water system also contributed to the leaks. Camp said some sections date back to the 1940s.

Camp said funding is needed to resume water main replacements.

"We are working on it. The lines right now are a lower priority than other parts of the system. First

you have to have the water, then you have to be able to treat the water, and then you have to be able to distribute the water. We were doing a phased approach of upgrades up until the flood (Hurricane Dolly flood in July 2008). We were in Phase 7. After the flood we kind of had to put that on hold because we needed the cash reserves to do the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) projects."

FEMA eventually paid a large share of the \$25.7 million in damages, an estimate that was assembled shortly after the flood. But there were millions of dollars in local funding required.

"We do have money now so that we can get back into the phased approach on water projects," Camp said. "We're trying to identify what areas need to be rehabbed first."

The village has relied on a combination of federal grants and state funding along with municipal money for water system upgrades and replacements.

"Our water fund is fairly strong because people pay their water bills. But we're having to use a lot of that money to do the supply side, storage tanks and having water rights, having the wells, having the water treatment plants, upgrading the dams. All of that comes out of the same bucket of money. We really need to concentrate on getting that side strong so that we can go back on the distribution side in full force."

HORSING AROUND



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

A couple of horses wander through a field in Mesclero.

COUNTY

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Stewart, who has headed the county for 13 years, retires in December and plans his last day in the office as Nov. 25.

County attorney

In a related item and to ensure continuity, county commissioners decided to change the timing for a new county attorney contract.

Stewart told the board that in December 2007, attorney Alan Morel was

the only respondent to a request for proposals for professional services and his base year contract under that RFP began Feb. 1, 2008. He has served as county attorney for about 15 years.

"Based upon procurement regulations, award of an RFP is good for the base year, plus three years with negotiation of terms each year," Stewart said. "Under the normal course of this particular contract, we will have to go out for re-bid in December 2011 for services to begin Feb. 1," Stewart said.

But under the circumstances with the manager

leaving, commissioners may want to consider issuing an RFP early to reduce the number of immediate requirements of a new manager, Stewart said.

"Do we want to wait until we have a new manager?" Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo asked. After reading about some of the applicants' backgrounds, she saw a few have legal training, which might alleviate some of the county attorney's workload, Sedillo said.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said she likes consistency. "It takes someone new two years, no matter where

they come from, to get (oriented)," Powell said. Powell offered a motion to advertise for an attorney earlier with the contract to be awarded in December and to begin Jan. 1.

Morel works on a flat fee of \$13,725 per month plus gross receipts tax for a total of \$14,908.78. The fee may or may not include extraordinary work or assignments, as decided in discussion with the county manager. Morel told commissioners that a flat fee may not work with a new manager on a learning curve.

(Staff writer Jim Kalvelage contributed to this report.)

BREAK

FROM PAGE 1A

Bobby Lane, Wingfield and Keyes Drive.

Connected to the Sudderth Drive break, the streets affected were

Mechem Drive from Casa Blanca Restaurant to Sudderth, Main Road to the First Bridge and down Sudderth to Center Street.

"It affected a lot of restaurants," said Village Utilities Director Randall Camp. "I don't have an actual count. I was running

around trying to get the system back up. We were out to 9 p.m. Saturday baby-sitting the lines."

Camp explained that a pressure-reducing valve failed and that allowed the pressure in the line to build and caused a weak spot to leak.

"Here's the side people don't understand," he said.

"The system is set for 10,000 people but, being a tourist town, we get all the heavy demand on holiday and special event weekends. A lot more water is flowing and it's a very dynamic system. It's acting like a system built for 50,000 people. That puts a lot stress and strain on it. If

you have any weaknesses, it will manifest them.

"The pressure-regulation valves are very active and move a lot. They wear out over time. You can't tell when they will fail. We have 36 around the village. It's a very complicated water system" with 43 different pressure zones.

Some customers lost water or pressure as early as 10 a.m., the rest around noon Saturday, he said.

"A lot of businesses started seeing water service again at 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., low pressure," he said. "By 8 p.m., total flow was restored, but not all the pressure was up yet."

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BUS

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"The issue is trying to find out how to pay for it, how to finance it with limited funds," Lee said. "The Downs can't finance the difference. We don't want to finance the difference."

The experts

Despite the funding pullout by Lincoln County, federal money and technical assistance will be sought for the public transportation buses that run around Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

An official from a federal interagency program that aims to improve the availability and efficiency of transportation services for older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes, was to be in the Ruidoso area for a part of this week.

"I've been offered some help from United We Ride, a national, technical assistance type group from the ambassador for our region," Patty DeSoto, the manager of Lincoln County Transit said. "He's going to do an analysis of our transit for free. He's done them around the nation. That's a pretty cool thing."

The public transportation consultant, leaders of the Council of Governments for southeastern New Mexico, and municipal officials were to sit down to discuss the Lincoln County Transit matter.

"We're meeting with some people that know more about the transit," Armstrong said. "This is the first time in this area," he said of public transportation. "We're trying to get a better way of handling it, just a better way of doing business. The transit needs to grow if it's going to survive. And if it's going to survive, it needs some changes."

Looking for money

DeSoto has been looking for ways to shore up the loss of Lincoln County's \$25,000 share.

"I had put in for a facility grant with the Walmart Foundation and requested \$5,000," DeSoto said. "They only did \$1,000, which I was happy. (Today) I'll be

meeting with the Inn of the Mountain Gods and talking to them about a service contract. I'm looking at \$1,000 a month contract with them. That will make up maybe possibly half of it."

DeSoto said she had talked with Paul Ragland of Ruidoso Shuttle.

"He had told me how he had worked the Ruidoso Shuttle Casino Run he called it. What he did is he charged the Inn of the Mountain Gods an hourly rate and then got certain hotels to pay a fee so that they would be included on this dollar-a-ride shuttle to the casino. I was thinking about presenting something like that to the Inn, so that would be more of the tourist community going to the Inn. They're looking for players of course."

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn also was supported talking with officials at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

"I've talked with (Mescalero Apache Tribe) President Mark Chino about it briefly," Alborn said. "They do take people out to the tribal center (casino) and out to the Inn."

The mayor added that nevertheless, the transit system is going to have to adjust routes.

Federal funding

Lincoln County Transit will ask the New Mexico Department of Transportation for renewed funding from the Federal Transit Administration. With Ruidoso Downs City Councilor Dean Holman dissenting, city councilors voted 3-1 last week to file an application for renewed funding assistance. Holman has been at odds with using public money for the transit system.

"This gives Patty (DeSoto) the authorization to file an application for funding for the year 2012-2013," Carol Virden, Ruidoso Downs' city clerk, told councilors last week.

"It really doesn't matter who is the fiscal agent," Lee said of which municipality runs the public transportation operation. "The issue is how do you manage and finance the service. I think everybody is in agreement, we want to keep the service."

County continues to mull building division

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Before Lincoln County commissioners vote on creating a building division, the chairman wants to settle a jurisdictional legal issue that could affect potential revenue.

Chairman Eileen Sedillo told County Attorney Alan Morel Tuesday to clear up whether the county or the village of Ruidoso would have jurisdiction to issue building permits and conduct building, electrical and plumbing/mechanical inspections in all unincorporated areas of the county. The item will be kept on the monthly agenda for possible action, she said.

Village officials contend they have the authority over permits in the three-mile planning and platting district around Ruidoso and, with the recent approval of the village of Capitan to handle its permits, the same zone around that town.

Those districts would cover construction activity in most of the high-development areas of the county.

At the beginning of the discussion during a commission meeting, Commissioner Jackie Powell emphasized she doesn't favor the county getting involved, especially with massive numbers of foreclosures and a sagging housing construction market.

"I still want to put this off," Powell said. "I think the new (county) manager (to be named Oct. 18) will have a lot to absorb. I'd like to settle into something like this, not rush it. I know Curt (Temple, county planner) would like to do it right now, but the economy is suffering and I don't see it paying for itself."

Temple disagreed, presenting a cost analysis based on the past two years of permits issued and fees charged by the Ruidoso Building Division in a the three-mile district around the town and by the state Construction Industries Division in other unincorporated areas of the county. He added that the village also charges a 10 percent fee for handling permits issued to out-of-village

"The state is so far behind, if something needs a follow up, it could be a week before they get back."



Curt Temple
Lincoln County planner

property owners.

He contended that although Capitan just signed on with the village partly because of pressure from contractors seeking faster service, officials there indicated they would be interested in coming under the county's jurisdiction to escape the 10 percent surcharge. The county already handles Capitan's flood plain issues.

"The state is so far behind, if something needs a follow up, it could be a week before they get back," Temple said. The nearest CID office is based in Alamogordo, he said.

Finances

His analysis showed that in 2009, the village saw \$589,091 in permit fees and in 2010, \$275,000, enough to cover his first year's estimated budget of \$264,000. But that didn't include fees for wind farms that may be developing in the northern portion of the county.

"Permitting wind farms potentially could mean millions based on fees charged," he said. "The revenue would be adjusted each year based on the department's needs. My office now is under the General Fund (with a budget of \$135,000). This would move it out (into a self-sustaining fund)."

Temple said he's looking at hiring two employees, an inspector cross-certified in building, plumbing and electrical, who would spent most of his time in

the field, and a permit technician to stay in the office and issue permits.

Commissioners asked if Temple expected that much traffic. Commissioner Mark Doth said he read that building permits in Ruidoso took a dive in August compared to July. Considering county coverage would include Alto, Corona, Windmill Ranches, Valle del Sol and areas around Ruidoso, "that means a lot of builders," Temple said.

Morel said although village officials insist they have jurisdiction within the three-mile zone, "I believe once the county can provide service, the county would have jurisdiction, but it may end up in the courts for a declaratory judgment. It could affect funding, if it goes to the village. I would love to resolve that issue, if possible."

Commissioner Tom Battin asked Temple if he included the three-mile zone in his estimate. The planner said he did after looking at the prevailing state statute. It seemed to him that the three-mile district dealt with planning and subdivisions, he said.

"I'm with Morel that if the county is offering the service, I don't believe (Ruidoso would have jurisdiction)," Temple said. It could go to court, if there isn't a precedent somewhere else."

He said he was contacted by several county residents upset that Capitan signed up with the village, because they will now have to buy their permits through the village of Ruidoso.

"You also have to take into account the village's municipal airport," Morel said. As village land, a three-mile radius would sweep in the Ranches of Sonterra and Rainmakers subdivisions, he said.

Sedillo said she had not intended to call for a vote that day, but she thought it was unfair for Ruidoso to charge county residents the 10 percent extra fee, "just because they have a monopoly."

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Subpoenas may be issued in Block case

MILAN SIMONICH
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SANTA FE — Subpoenas may be issued this week in the investigation of Public Regulation Commissioner Jerome D. Block Jr.

Robert Gorence, hired by a House subcommittee as special counsel in the Block case, said today he was ready to gather evidence. That could be accomplished in part through the Legislature's subpoena power.

Rep. Joseph Cervantes, co-chairman of the House subcommittee on impeachment, said subpoenas could be issued to Block himself and credit card companies.

Block, D-Espanola, is suspected of stealing thousands of dollars in gasoline on his state charge card.

Public records show that his card was used for as many as five fill-ups in a single afternoon, suggesting that gasoline charged to state taxpayers was sold or bartered by Block.

Block, 34, has rejected many calls for his resignation. The other four public regulation commissioners and the state Democratic Party chairman are among those who have asked him to step down from his \$90,000-a-year job.

Gorence told the subcommittee he does not see himself as a prosecutor of Block, but as a fact finder who will gather and evaluate evidence for the subcommittee. It then would recommend to the full House of Representatives whether Block should be impeached.

Gorence told the 10-

"If I were on that hot seat, I would want to be off, one way or the other."

Rep. Eliseo Alcon
Committee member

member subcommittee that he could complete his evidentiary work in three or four weeks.

Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, said he hoped the subcommittee would finish its investigation of Block no later than mid-November.

If the subcommittee finds evidence of wrongdoing, the House of Representatives would convene in extraordinary session to decide if Block should stand trial.

State senators would sit in judgment of Block, determining if he would lose his elected office.

Apart from the legislative investigation, Block faces felony charges in state court of mispending public money in the 2008 campaign.

Rep. Eliseo Alcon, a member of the subcommittee, said legislators should be urgent in proceeding with the impeachment process.

"If I were on that hot seat, I would want to be off, one way or the other," said Alcon, D-Milan.

The Legislature has appropriated \$1 million for the Block case, but Cervantes said the subcommittee was committed to efficiency as well as fairness. He said it would spend nowhere near as much as is budgeted.

Dems close ranks on redistricting

MILAN SIMONICH
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SANTA FE — Democrats in the state Senate closed ranks Monday to push through their plan for congressional redistricting.

The vote was 27-14, and it went straight down party lines.

Under the plan, each of New Mexico's three congressional districts would have about 686,000 residents.

Moreover, the two congressional incumbents likely to seek re-election next year would keep most of their turf.

The 1st Congressional District would be centered

in Albuquerque.

That seat now is held by Democrat Martin Heinrich, but it will be open for next year's election, Heinrich is running for the U.S. Senate in 2012.

The 2nd District is represented now by a Republican, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce of Hobbs.

That district essentially would span the southern half of the state. But it would jut far enough north to include the city of Grants.

Pearce would be the favorite for re-election if he seeks another term. But if he decides to run for the open U.S. Senate seat, the race in the 2nd District would become a scramble.

New Mexico's 3rd District would cover the northern part of the state, though it would dip into some parts of Roosevelt County, where the biggest city is Portales.

U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, D-Santa Fe, is the two-term incumbent in the 3rd District.

His father is Ben Lujan, speaker of the state House of Representatives, which also has to approve a redistricting plan for congressional seats.

Republicans in the Senate tried but failed to amend the redistricting bill.

Sen. Kent Cravens, R-Albuquerque, offered an alternate plan because he

said Torrance County should be part of the Albuquerque district, not the one represented by Ben Ray Lujan.

Leading opposition to his amendment was Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, D-Albuquerque.

He said the changes Cravens proposed would have made it possible for all three congressmen to reside within 10 minutes of Ortiz y Pino's house in Albuquerque.

The Senate plan still has miles to go.

It will be heard next by the state House of Representatives. If it survives there, Republican Gov. Susana Martinez still could veto it.

Group says Gov. tried to scare public

MILAN SIMONICH
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — An advocacy group on Monday said Gov. Susana Martinez had tried to scare the public about illegal immigrants receiving New Mexico driver's licenses, but then refused to supply any evidence of fraud.

Somos Un Pueblo Unido made an open-records request for all "false or fraudulent" applications for foreign national driver's licenses.

In response, the Department of Taxation and Revenue said it could not provide the records because state law prohibited their release.

This controversy over state records involves one of Martinez's high-profile initiatives.

She is pressing for the repeal of a 2003 law that allows people to obtain New Mexico driver's licenses without proof of immigration status. Martinez has said the law is "dangerous" and has made New Mexico a magnet for fraud.

"When it comes to proving her point, she won't come up with the records," said Elsa Lopez of Somos Un Pueblo Unido. "We think New Mexico deserves to know the answer."

Scott Darnell, Martinez's press secretary, said the administration sticks by its assessment that the licensing system invites crime. He cited extensive calls from out-of-state phone numbers by people trying to obtain New Mexico licenses as one example of potential fraud.

Somos Un Pueblo Unido

filed its request for the records in June. Martinez's administration sought an extension and then replied at the end of August.

The immigrant organization made the case public Monday, and said it was considering its legal options.

Lopez said the governor's staff had withheld the information on the basis of executive privilege.

But Darnell said she was wrong, and that the records were not released for a fundamental legal reason.

"Personal driver's license information is confidential by state law and highly protected," he said.

Lopez said her organization did not seek confidential drivers' records. Rather, she said, it wanted the state's documentation

of fraud.

More than 90,000 people are listed as foreign nationals who have New Mexico driver's licenses. The state has about 1.6 million licensed drivers.

Not all of the foreign nationals with licenses are illegal immigrants, but the state Motor Vehicle Division does not break down how many are.

During the winter legislative session, investigator Alvin Romero said the department had a half-dozen open fraud cases.

Somos Un Pueblo Unido said most undocumented immigrants with driver's licenses hold jobs and pay taxes.

Lopez calls the licensing law makes "common sense" because it enables them to buy auto insurance and drive legally.

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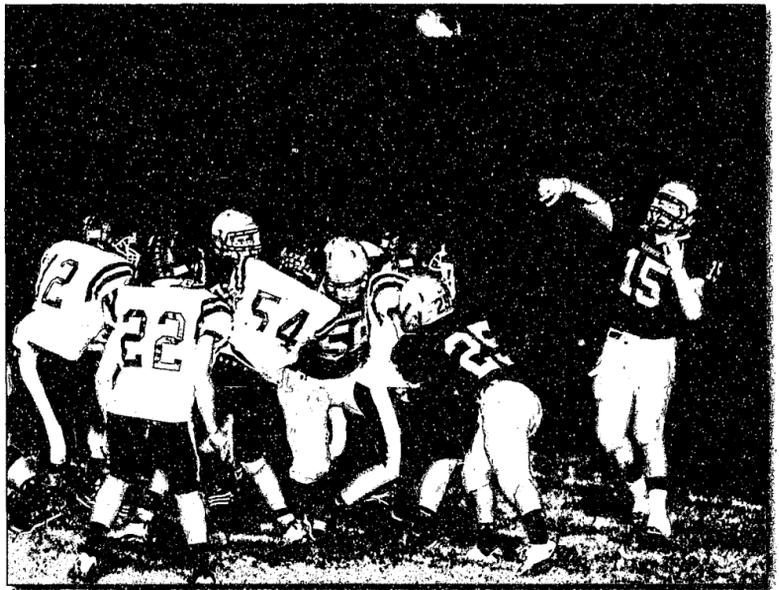
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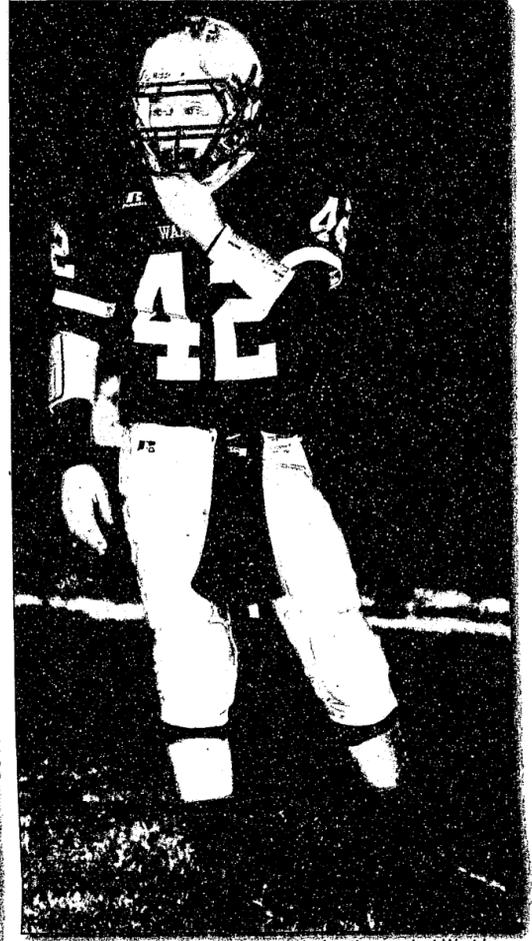
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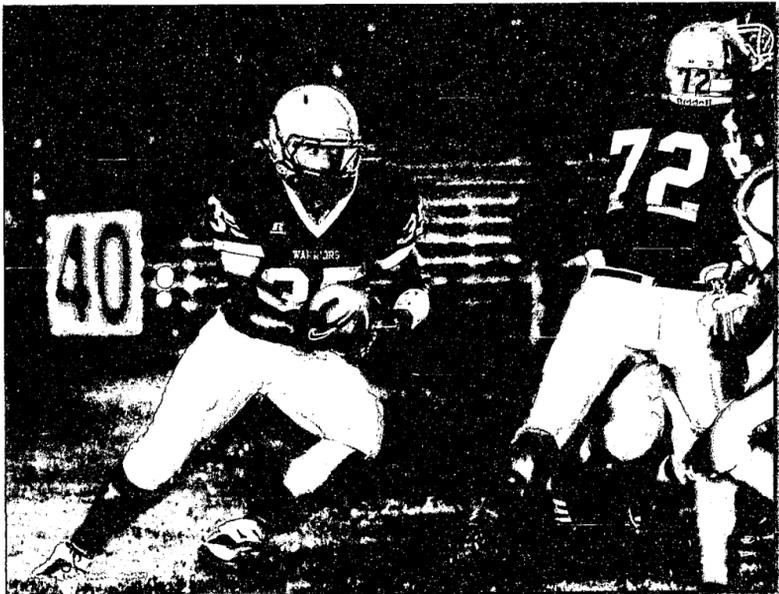
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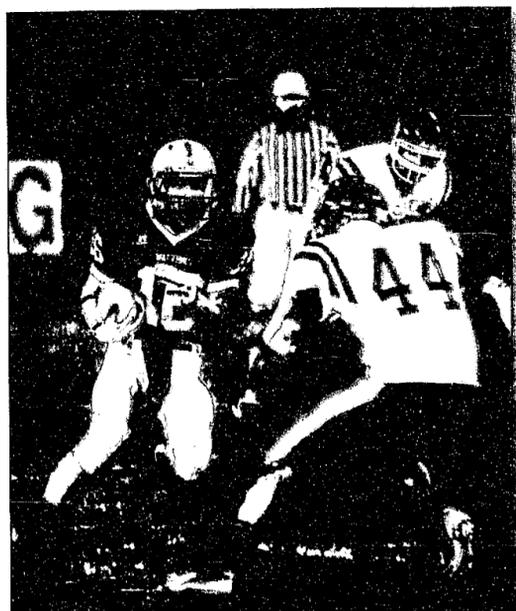
Freshman Cade Patterson gets playing time against West Las Vegas Friday and checks the sideline for instructions.



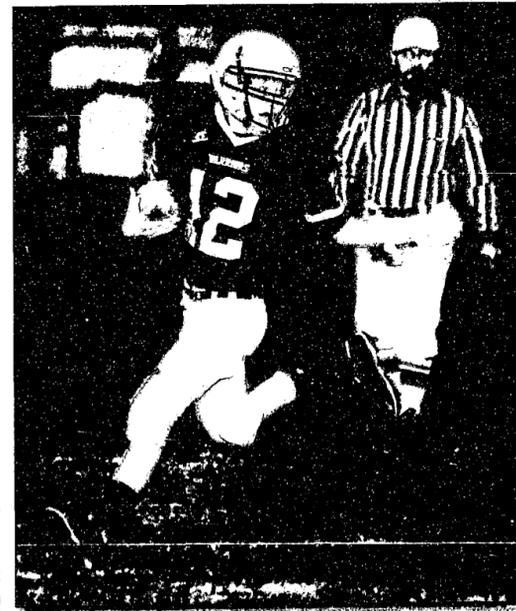
Sophomore running back Mathew Carr cuts into a hole of his choosing.



Senior running back Tanner Chavez gained bigtime strength in Ruidoso's weight room.



Senior running back Kalama Davis eyeballs a West Las Vegas defender who blocks his path.



Freshman quarterback Brendan O'Connor saw playing time in Friday's West Las Vegas contest.



The ever-dependable senior offensive lineman Warren McCracken gives his backfield time to strike.

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POLLY E CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Members of the 10th class of Leadership Lincoln gathered together for an orientation session in Bonita park.

Leadership Lincoln, a group dedicated to identifying and motivating leaders to develop their potential for community leadership, conducted their 2011-2012 orientation session at Bonita Park on Sept. 8.

This unique session builds teamwork and encourages problem solving by engaging the class in various games and a challenging ropes course.

Class Ten members come from all over Lincoln County. Members are: Ryan Arnold, Yvonne Bartz, Minerva Davalos, Shannon Dictson, Angie Fernandez, Melissa Gebhart, Richard Hall, Eugene Heathman, John Hemphill, Devonna

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- From reports

Cantaloupes recalled

The Federal Department of Agriculture, New Mexico Department of Health, and New Mexico Environmental Department announced on Sept. 14 that Jensen Farms, of Holly, Colo. is voluntarily recalling their shipments of Rocky Ford whole cantaloupe because they have the potential to be contaminated with Listeria.

The company is working with the State of Colorado and the FDA to inform consumers of this recall.

The whole cantaloupes in question were shipped between July 29 and Sept. 10, and were distributed to New Mexico and several other states.

The whole cantaloupes have a green and white sticker that reads: Product of USA- Frontera Produce-Colorado Fresh-Rocky Ford-Cantaloupe or a gray, yellow, and green sticker that reads: Jensen Farms-Sweet Rocky Fords.

Jensen Farms is requesting any consumer that may have one of these cantaloupes to please destroy the products.

"Jensen Farms continues to stay committed to the highest levels of food safety and maintains many

third party safety audits, as we have for many years. We continually look for ways to enhance our protocol," said Ryan Jensen, partner at Jensen Farms. Jensen Farms is a third generation family farm of the Holly, Colorado community.

Consumers with questions may contact Jensen Farms via email at recall@rfordcantaloupe.com or phone 1-800-267-4561 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The New Mexico Environmental Health Bureau has identified two macro-distributors of Jensen Farms cantaloupe in New Mexico: Basila Produce in Albuquerque & Wal-Mart Distribution in Los Lunas.

State inspectors have found the cantaloupe named in this recall in several Wal-Marts and Whole Foods.

To date, the N.M. DOH has identified ten patients hospitalized with Listeria infection in the last 3 weeks, including 3 fatalities from Bernalillo, Curry, Chaves, Otero, De Baca, Valencia, and Lea counties.

The ill people range in age from the 43 to 96 and include 4 men and 6

women. Illness onset ranges from Aug. 20 to early September.

DOH is advising that nobody eat cantaloupes involved in the nationwide recall, especially older adults, persons with weakened immune systems, newborns, and pregnant women.

A person with listeriosis usually has fever and muscle aches, often preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms. In addition to fever and muscle aches, symptoms can include headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, and convulsions.

However, infections during pregnancy can lead to miscarriage, stillbirth, premature delivery, or life-threatening infection of the newborn.

If you feel sick with symptoms of Listeria and have consumed cantaloupe, please contact your health-care provider immediately.

More information about this outbreak of Listeriosis and recommendations to reduce the risk of getting Listeriosis from food can be found on CDC's webpage:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nczved/divisions/dfbmd/diseases/listeriosis/091211.html>

- From reports

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10 a.m. Sept 24 at Big Blue Auction House in Carrizozo. For more information, call (575) 648-3007.

FFA chili sale

Carrizozo FFA is selling a 40lb bag of green chilis for \$25 this week. Call Melanie Gutierrez at 648-2346, Ext 110, for

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National alpaca farm days

Adobe Farms Alpacas will welcome guests to meet their alpacas and learn more about them, the luxury fiber they produce, and why alpacas are suited for environmentally conscious individuals.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 24 and 25, guests

may also join them for many activities, including spinning demonstrations, alpaca products for sale, and light refreshments.

Adobe Farms Alpacas is located at 420 Fenceline Rd., Ancho, approximately 25 miles north of Carrizozo.

To find out more about National Alpaca Farm Days visit www.NationalAlpacaFarmDays.com.

To learn more about Adobe Farms Alpacas, visit www.adobefarms.com, or call (866) 930-1960

- From reports

Crescit Eundo: It grows as it goes

This year I accompanied a seventh-grade New Mexico history class on a whirlwind trip to Santa Fe and the surrounding areas.

The trip project, organized by Carrizozo teacher Carol Wilson, was an educational and entertaining way to learn about our

state, celebrating the 100th anniversary of New Mexico's statehood in 2012.

One of our historic stops was at the state capitol, the oldest capitol in the United States. The Palace of the Governors was the first site, built in

1610 (ten years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock) and the seat of nearly three centuries of government - Spanish, Mexican and American.

In 1598, the colonizing expedition of Juan de Oñate arrived at a pueblo

across the Rio Grande and present-day Española. This pueblo (O'ke in Tewa) was renamed San Juan de los Caballeros after it passed into Spanish possession.

Within six months a move was made across the river from

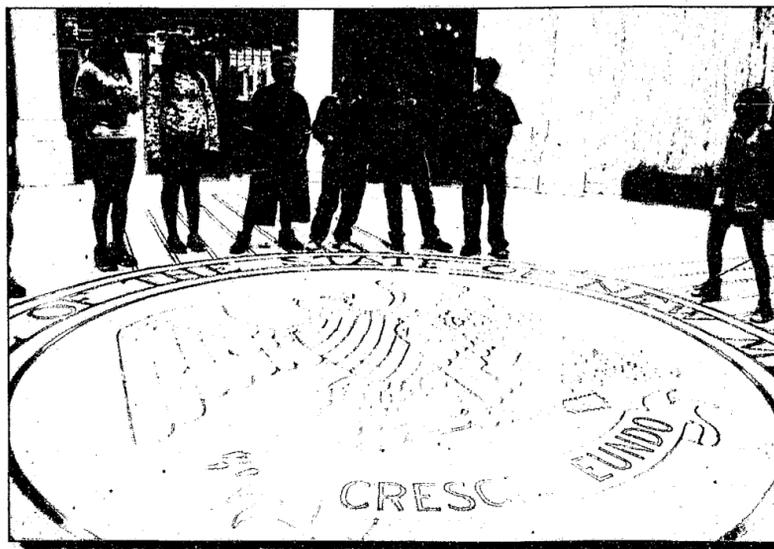
San Juan. This was to be the Spaniards second settlement in New Mexico, and they called it San Gabriel. It would be the capitol until 1610.

Europeans proclaimed it the first capitol of north Mexico and this included today's states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and parts of Texas.

First royal governor, Pedro de Peralta, made the move of the capitol to Santa Fe, which means "Holy Faith."

The Carrizozo history class toured the capitol and saw the inlaid Great Seal of the State of New Mexico located on the floor of the rotunda. The form of the Indian sun design, the Zia symbol appears on the state flag.

The New Mexico Blue Book states that it is not clear when the Latin phrase "Crescit Eundo" was added to the seal, but in 1882, Territorial Secretary W. G. Ritch,



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Carol Wilson's seventh-grade New Mexico history class stands around the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico in Santa Fe.

embellished the earlier design with the phrase, which translates as "it grows as it goes."

This became the state motto. This version of the seal was officially adopted

as New Mexico's "official seal and coat of arms" by the territorial legislature in 1887.

When New Mexico became a state in 1912, the legislature named a

commission for the purpose of designing a state seal. In June 1913, the commission, which included Gov. William C. McDonald, filed its report adopting the general design of the Territorial Seal, substituting only the date 1912 for the Roman numerals.

We informed our guide that our school group was from Carrizozo.

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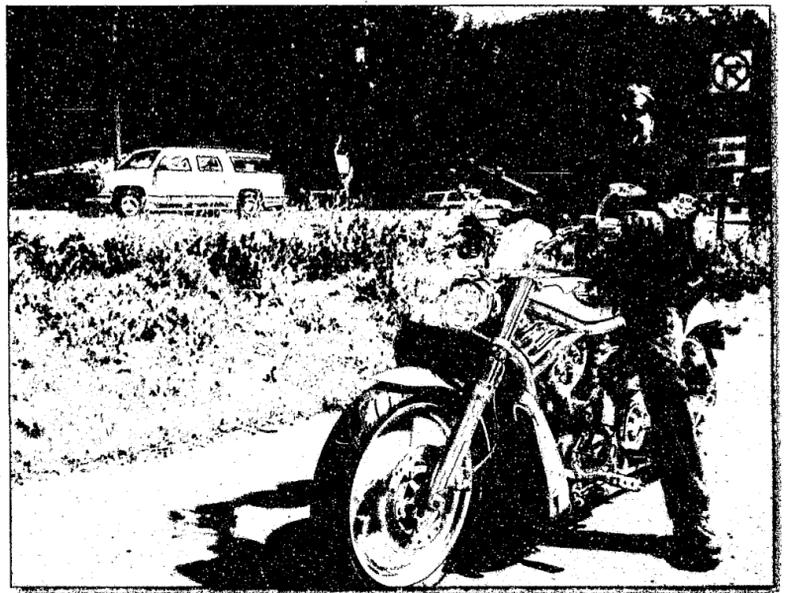
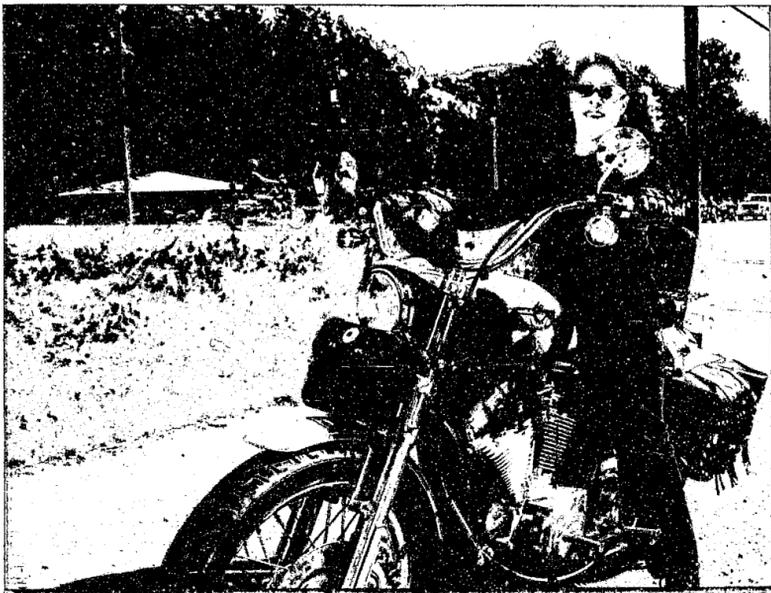
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Bettie and Ray Lingnan of Albuquerque pull to the side of Sudderth Drive to watch the parade on Saturday.

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From left, Adrian, Mariana, Jose, and Maria Gallegos walk down Sudderth Drive, watching motorcycles.



Jimmy and Bambi Jackson, along with their children Andrew and Jasmine, enjoy the parade of motorcycles down Sudderth Drive.



Michael Klein, of Sandia Park, is president of the Triple Cross Riders, a branch of the Christian Motorcycle Association, a group that volunteers to help with the rally every year.



Sid and Stephanie Giles of Artesia tank up before heading back out to the rally.



Roland Davis, left, and Carl Espinosa enjoy their tailgate seats as they take a break from Covington to watch the rally.



Gary, right, and David Miller came from Albuquerque to enjoy another year of the Golden Aspen Rally.

Woods out again

• Former Osos GM violates probation

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District Judge Kevin Sweazea gave former Ruidoso Osos General Manager Clyde Woods, Jr. another second chance.

Sweazea went against the recommendation of Probation Officer Sean Gifford's recommendation and released Woods on probation again Sept. 14.

"I had a momentary lapse of judgment," Woods said to Sweazea during the hearing in Truth or Consequences.

"I don't believe it," Sweazea said. "Your life had gotten out of control for some reason."

Woods was arrested on the probation violation July 23 and spent two months in jail. Woods admitted he had been drinking alcohol.

"What astounds me is that with what you have to lose, you don't have any better judgment than that," Sweazea said.

"I do now," Woods responded.

Woods has been on probation since December 2007 when Sweazea sentenced him to seven years in prison for a fatal shooting at Elephant Butte Lake in August of 2005, placed him on house arrest for one year, followed by five years probation.

Woods, who was a state parks ranger at Elephant Butte, shot and killed a man who had refused to pay a \$14 camping fee. A park volunteer said the 58-year-old man had become belligerent and officer Woods was called.

A scuffle reportedly took place and the man was shot twice. Police said the victim was unarmed.

Woods was initially charged with second-degree murder. He agreed to plead guilty to a reduced charge of voluntary manslaughter.

"In your sentencing on the case I gave you a huge break by allowing you to go on electronic monitoring instead of serving the mandatory one year for the gun violation," Sweazea said. "Then you do this. Really?"

Woods' voluntary man-

slaughter conviction included a mandatory fire-arm enhancement.

Woods had resigned as General Manager of the Osos baseball team May 31, 2011 for "personal reasons."

Sweazea also chastised Woods for being behind on his child support payments.

"How is it that you had \$10,000 cash on you when you were arrested, yet you can't pay your child support?" Sweazea said.

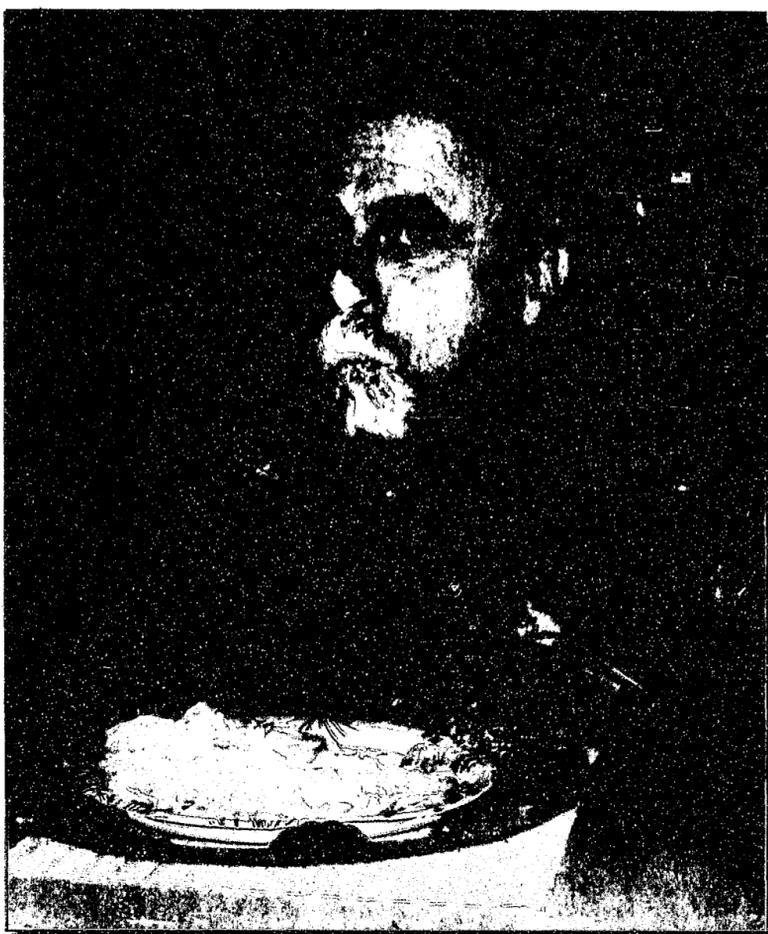
Defense attorney Patrick Martinez said Woods was arrested on July 23 and he was going to pay the child support on July 25. Martinez also said Woods had agreed to pay \$63,000 to his ex-wife in the divorce settlement.

"I don't care about that," Sweazea said. "I am concerned about him taking care of his children."

"I am concerned about Mr. Woods doing business in cash so he doesn't have to pay child support," Sweazea also said.

Woods, who operates a painting business in Truth or Consequences, has three children.

CHIEF PIE EATER



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock comes up for air during the pie-eating contest Friday at All American Park during the Fall Festival. Crime Scene Investigator Bill Dunlap won the contest, eating two lemon pies with whipped cream topping, without using his hands, before his competitors.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Ruidoso blotter

Sept. 3

2:45 p.m. - Officer Sal Beltran received a report of a larceny from the Ruidoso Municipal Schools.

Beltran reported someone had cut a wire fence and entered the maintenance yard. They had siphoned approximately 30 gallons of gasoline from two vehicles in the yard.

The thief had also reportedly hit the surveillance camera with a long piece of metal tubing, moving it so it would not record the vehicles.

Sept. 10

10:41 a.m. - Officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle driving through Ruidoso toward Cree Meadows Drive.

Officer Jon Lund located the vehicle in the 100 block of Skyvue Drive.

After an investigation and a call to Alamogordo Department of Public Safety, Lund and Officer David Gallegos determined the vehicle was not stolen, but the registration sticker on the license plate did not match the plate, so they confiscated the plate, advised the driver how to rectify the situation and released him.

Sept. 11

11:28 a.m. - Animal Control Officer Robert Simpson responded to the 200 block of Hart Avenue for a report of a dog running loose.

Simpson reported a red pit bull with cropped ears running loose. Simpson knew the owner of the dog and had dispatch contact Felipe A. Cordero, 40, to come and secure the dog. Simpson cited Cordero for dog running loose.

Cordero reportedly told Simpson there were two other dogs running loose, which Simpson located and Cordero secured.

Simpson reported Cordero agreed to surren-

der the dog, which had been cited for running loose on more than one occasion.

Sept. 13

11:29 a.m. - Cpl. Steve Corbin responded to the 100 block of Rowan Road for a breaking and entering report.

Corbin reported someone damaged the door-frame of the front door of the residence and entered the home. A construction worker, who reported the incident, said he believed someone had taken a shower and slept in a bed.

Sept. 15

8:44 a.m. - Officer Jon Lund responded to the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department on Resort Drive for a report of a larceny.

Lund reports someone had reportedly stolen approximately 15 gallons of gasoline from two vehicles.

Ruidoso Downs blotter

Sept. 12

6:40 p.m. - Officer April Keck took a report of theft

from a vehicle.

The victim came to the police department to report someone had stolen his Oxycodone pills from his mother's vehicle. He suspected his brother.

Sept. 15

10:44 a.m. - A motorcyclist approached Officer Darrell Chavez in the 26000 block of Highway 70 to report a stolen license plate.

The victim reported he noticed the plate missing from his motorcycle that morning when he left his residence on Crown Drive in Ruidoso.

Sept. 17

4:55 a.m. - Officer Ryan Frost stopped a semi truck for speeding and arrested the driver on a warrant.

Frost reported observing Gregory Miramontes, 25, of Anthony, N.M., driving 57 mph in a 40 mph zone east-bound on Highway 70 between Parnell and North Central Drives in Ruidoso Downs.

Frost stopped Miramontes east of Agua Fria and found that there was a warrant for Miramontes

from Otero County for failure to appear in court.

The warrant had a \$500 cash bond. Frost cited Miramontes for speeding also.

10 p.m. - Officer Ryan Frost arrested Travis Turner, 26, of Ruidoso, on charges of harassment and criminal trespass.

Frost arrested Turner based on an investigation by officer April Keck in which Turner allegedly sent harassing messages to the cell phone of a tow truck operator who had towed a vehicle at the direction of Officer Jon Lund of the Ruidoso Police Department.

The van, which was not registered to Turner, was reportedly parked on private property at Third and D Streets in Ruidoso. Turner allegedly threatened to kill the tow truck operator because the van contained his tools.

Officer Martin Valenzuela had issued Turner a criminal trespass warning from an earlier contact with Turner on Harris Drive.

Officer Carolee Sandoval located Turner at Highway 70 and Avalon

Bldv. Frost responded to the location and arrested Turner.

At the police department, Turner complained of his left wrist hurting and was transported to LCMC for treatment. LCMC treated and released Turner.

Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman approved the charges against Turner.

- Compiled from police incident reports by Harold Oakes/hoakes@ruidosonews.com

Jackie Royce Smith

1930-2011

Graveside services for Jackie Royce Smith, 77, of Matador, Texas, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Mr. Smith died Saturday, September 17, at Texas Specialty Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born August 1, 1934. He married Shirley Ashley on May 7, 1954, in Roaring Springs. Having owned and operated Decorator's Studio for over 30 years in Alamogordo and Ruidoso, N.M. the Smiths retired to Matador in 1999.

Smith was a member of First Baptist Church of Matador.

Preceded in death by his wife of 50 years in 2005, he is survived by one daughter, Shirlene Cooper and husband, Ron, of San Antonio; and one son Steve of Matador; six sisters, two brothers, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, with another on the way.

Doris Darlene Dixon

1940-2011

Doris Darlene Dixon, 82, passed away on Friday, September 16, 2011 in Nogal, NM. She was born on Thursday, March 11, 1929 in Carbon, IA to Noah and Carrie (Mosier) Dixon.

Doris is survived by her sons; Thomas O'Dell and wife Mary Ann of Nogal, NM and James Allan O'Dell of Waldorf, MD and granddaughters, Natasha O'Dell of Washington, DC, Shannon O'Dell just returned from serving the U.S. military in Afghanistan and Cherie O'Dell of Las Cruces, NM.

Graveside services for Doris Darlene Dixon will be 11 a.m. Thursday, September 22, 2011, at Fitzpatrick/Hopkins Private Cemetery in Nogal, NM with Rev. Hayden Smith officiating.

Pallbearers include Joe Fitzpatrick, Jim Fitzpatrick, Randy Fitzpatrick, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Bill Fitzpatrick, and Gary Joe Dobbs.

The Dixon family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home to direct the funeral services.

To sign the online register book, please visit www.hamiltonodell.com.

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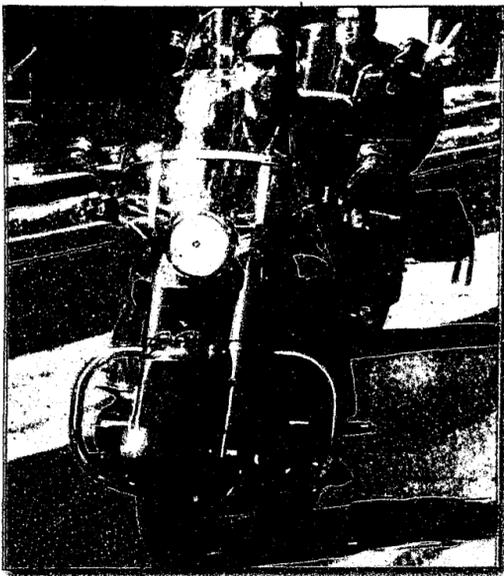


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Ruidoso Warriors wallop Dons

RHS evens football record at 2-2 at the expense of visiting West Las Vegas

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The Warriors have been devastating at home against opponents this season, clobbering Cobre in their season opener, 54-0, in a mercy rule victory while thrashing D2-3A West Las Vegas Friday at Horton Stadium, 51-22.

The last TD the visitors scored, happened at the 4:25 mark of the last quarter and could arguably be considered a "gimme" touchdown.

Thus far, Ruidoso's two losses came on the road.

In the opening minutes of Friday's contest, the Warriors started out on a down note when the Dons scored on their second play on offense with an off-tackle, 70-yard run to put the

visitors up, 6-0.

"At that point, our defense remained composed," head coach Kief Johnson said. "The whole team rallied together, didn't put their heads down, put the TD play behind them and played football."

On the visitors' next offensive series, Ruidoso's defense rose up and overwhelmed them on the home team's 2-yard line for a safety, cutting the West Las Vegas lead, 6-2, at the 7:00 mark of the first period of play.

Less than three minutes later, the Warriors scored the go-ahead touchdown, when Manny Ruiz rambled up the middle for the gold. The successful PAT put the hometown boys up, 9-6.

With 2:29 left in the opening quarter, the

Warriors threatened again from the West Las Vegas 19-yard line, then the 15 and then the 1-yard line.

With 1:16 left in the first period, they put their second touchdown on the scoreboard. The PAT was good and RHS led, 16-6.

Tyler Coleman made his first-of-two interceptions for the night at the 1:07 mark of the first quarter to thwart a West Las Vegas drive.

Offensive firepower erupted in the second period of play but not until there was on only 6:25 left on the scoreboard clock when quarterback Sam Williams connected with Kalama Davis for a pass play down the middle to the visitors' 10-yard line.

Seventeen seconds later, Williams hit Parker Johnson over the middle for six points. The PAT was good and Ruidoso increased their lead, 23-6.

The Dons scored three minutes later on a 40-yard pass play, made good on a 2-point conversion, and cut the Warriors lead to 23-14.



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Offensive lineman Warren McCracken, No. 56, sets up to defend quarterback Sam Williams.

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side line

Sports On Tap

Football
Friday, Sept. 23
Ruidoso at Hatch, 7 p.m.
Menaul at Carrizozo, 7 p.m.
Mora at Capitan, 7 p.m.
Jal at Mescalero, 7 p.m.
Hondo at Clovis Christian, 7 p.m.

On Deck

Capitan Golf Team Benefit
The Capitan Tiger Golf team will hold a benefit tournament, Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods at 1 p.m. It will be a four-person scramble, with a shotgun start. A fee of \$65 per person is required, which will cover green fees, cart and range. Please pay at the golf course — credit cards are not accepted. There will be prizes for 1st place, random places, long drive and closest to the pin. Contact Royce Brown at 354-8589 (work); 336-9955 (home); or 937-4686 (cell) with player names by Saturday, Sept. 24.

Grizzlies continue 8-man onslaught

'Zozo gets by Logan to remain undefeated; goes 4-0

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The Grizzlies invaded Logan Friday and for the fourth straight time carried away the spoils of victory as they defeated the Longhorns in their closest contest yet, 24-20.

Even when they have an off day, the Carrizozo boys still come away with a win.

Reportedly, after the team made the long trek to Logan they had to sit around for a few hours before playing the contest.

Sometimes, in cases like that, boredom sets in and

players lose focus. Still in all, a win is a win and their perfect record, thus far, remains intact.

Initially, the Longhorns kicked off to the Grizzlies, whereupon Carrizozo went down and posted a touchdown. The conversion was good and the 'Zozo boys had a quick 8-0 lead.

At that point it looked as if the Grizzlies would have their way with Logan. Then things got a bit sloppy.

"We held them on their offensive series, got the ball back and marched down to their 10-yard line where we

"I gave my players a not-so-pretty speech in the locker rooms during the half."

Pat Ventura
Carrizozo head football coach

fumbled the ball over to them," Carrizozo head coach Pat Ventura said. "Our defense held the Longhorns again and when we got the ball, the boys took it down to their 25-yard line where Marshall Ventura scored again on a long run."

The successful PAT put Carrizozo up, 16-0, at the end of the first quarter.

"At that point we had some mental breakdowns

and let them score twice," Ventura said. "Before you knew it, we only led by two, 16-14."

In the subsequent Carrizozo offensive series, the Grizzlies pushed their way down inside the Logan 5-yard line but couldn't finish the job.

"On fourth down we had a receiver wide open but couldn't get the ball to him," Ventura recounted.

The Grizzlies' defense stuffed the Longhorns and when Logan attempted a punt it was recovered in the end zone for a safety and Carrizozo had a four-point advantage, 18-14, at halftime.

"I gave my players a not-so-pretty speech in the locker rooms during the

half," Ventura said.

In the third quarter, after eight offensive plays by Logan, the Grizzlies got the ball once again and drove down to the Longhorns 10-yard line where Marshall Ventura, yet again, scored, giving the Grizzlies a 24-14 advantage.

"Our defense, once again held the Longhorns and when we got the ball, the boys marched it down to Logan's 10-yard line where we fumbled it over to them," Ventura explained.

"Two plays later they scored on a 45-yard pass play and cut our lead to 24-20 in the fourth quarter."

Logan kicked off to

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Mescalero Chiefs clawed by Deming Wildcats

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Mescalero traveled to Deming Thursday to take on the D2-4A JV and left with a 38-8 loss.

"It was horrible," Mescalero head coach Godfrey Cordova said. "Our immaturity really 'shined."

Things began on a positive note when Mescalero took the ball in the opening moments of the game and moved downfield for six points.

The 2-point conversion was good and the Chiefs led, 8-0.

Deming countered with six of their own and the

Chiefs' lead was cut to 8-6.

"From there on it was all Deming," Cordova said. "Horrible tackles, missed coverage — it wasn't pretty. We just did not play smart football."

In fairness to 1A Mescalero, Deming's JV is almost entirely comprised of juniors. They also have a

freshman football program, which participates on the JV squad.

"We made dumb mistakes," Cordova said. "You don't bounce back quickly with our type of 'ground-and-pound' offense."

By halftime, it was 20-8, Deming, with Mescalero still in the game but the

Wildcats went on to score 18 more and won by 30.

Friday, the 2-2 Chiefs will entertain the D2-1A, 0-4 Jal Fighting Panthers in a 7 p.m. match-up.

Mescalero will be missing their starting fullback due to a personal foul committed in the Deming contest.

"I think we match up evenly with Jal," Cordova said. "They will dress out 25 players — four seniors, four juniors, 12 sophomores and five freshmen."

"The game will come down to who executes well and who still has legs under them in the fourth quarter."

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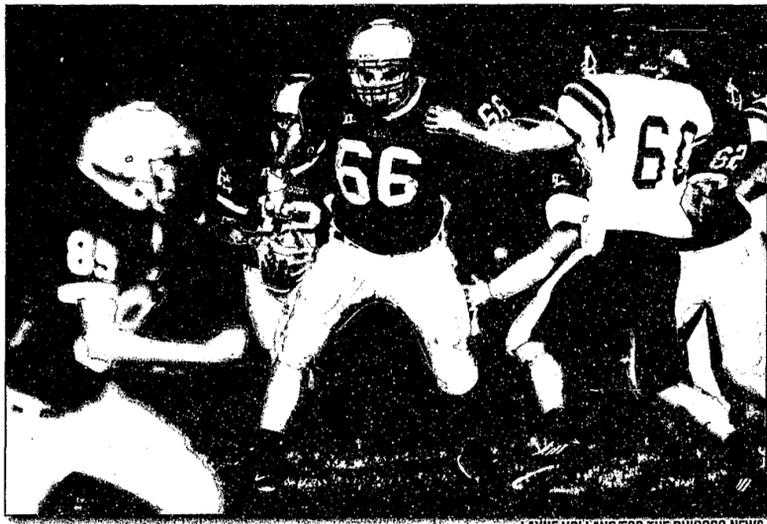
RHS

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On the subsequent Ruidoso offensive series, Williams again hooked up with Davis for an aerial bomb down the West Las Vegas 10-yard line. Three plays later, the Warriors took it around the right side from the 5-yard line at with 1:32 left in the half. The 2-pointer was good and RHS went up, 31-14.

West Las Vegas promptly fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Ruidoso recovered it on the visitor's 27-yard line. Williams again teamed up with Johnson over the middle for another six points and the successful PAT had Ruidoso leading, 38-14.

You would think both teams would have accepted the score and gone into the locker rooms at that point but Keoni Davis had other ideas when he laid out nicely and intercepted an errantly thrown West Las Vegas pass at the Dons' 43-yard line with barely 54 seconds left on the clock. From there, Williams — who was masterful on offense most of the night — partnered-up with Kalama Davis for a third-time TD-



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Dwight Water, No. 85, **Brendan O'Connor**, No. 12, **Will Miller**, No. 66, and **Daniel Marshall**, No. 62, all saw playing time against West Las Vegas.

scoring bomb with 15 seconds left. The PAT split the uprights and the Warriors hit halftime, leading 45-14.

The third 12 minutes of play went by with no scoring, until, with 10:05 showing in the fourth quarter, the Warriors scored again on a 29-yard pass, putting the hometown boys up, 51-14. From that point on — because of the 35-point rule — it was a running clock — until that is, West Las Vegas scored a gift TD and 2-point conversion at the 4:25 mark — and the clock

once again went back to regulation timing. The contest ended with a 29-point Ruidoso advantage.

For the night, the RHS defense scored two sacks and three interceptions. Denver Coronado led the team with tackles with four and Tanner Chavez had three.

"It was nice to have Chavez back on the field of play after a week's absence," Johnson said. "He had a huge hit on the West Las Vegas quarterback in the third quarter.

Of Tyler Coleman's two interceptions — his brother Ryan tipped one of them in his direction. Warren McCracken had a monster block on a fourth-and-eight 'jailbreak pass' and got us a first-and-10 on the 1-foot line where we scored."

Offensively, in the rushing department, Kalama Davis had nine attempts for 76 yards, Ruiz tried eight times and recorded 71 yards and Williams had 51. Passing, Williams was 24 for 33 for 340 yards. In total, the Warriors



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Quarterback Sam Williams looks downfield for a receiver.

amassed 570 yards on offense.

In the reception department, Johnson caught nine for 146 yards, Kalama Davis hauled in four for 123 yards and Ismail Cook nabbed five for 70 yards.

"Overall, the coaches are pleased with the Warriors' performance," Johnson said. "But we were disappointed with the 'flag festival' on the field as 165 yards were marked off against us. We had two TDs called back. We sort of shot ourselves in the foot

with penalties. All in all, I'm proud of them for the way they came roaring back after West Las Vegas scored that TD in the opening minutes of the game."

This Friday, the Warriors will take their show on the road in a 7 p.m. game against non-district Hatch Valley.

"They have some size on the line and speed in their backfield," Johnson said. "This will be another 'on the road' test for us. We need to come out firing the way we do at home."

'ZOZO

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Carrizozo where the Grizzlies fumbled over again to the Longhorns.

The 'Zozo defense stiff-

ened one more time and Carrizozo got the ball back on the Grizzlies' 30-yard line where the visitors drove down to the Logan 5-yard line.

At the 2:50 mark of the fourth quarter, Carrizozo rattled off three plays and

had the ball to the 6-inch line.

"I called time out and gave the boys a special play I thought would work," Ventura said. "But we busted it and didn't get the TD."

Logan got the ball back

on downs with 1:26 left in the game.

The Longhorns completed two long passes down to the Grizzlies' 25-yard line where Logan drew a penalty on a third down and 20 with 56 seconds left in the contest. Now at Carrizozo's

35-yard line, they got a first and 10 on the 13 with 46 seconds left.

"We decided to play some defense and the boys stepped up and held them scoreless for four downs," Ventura recalled. "We got the ball back with 31 sec-

onds left and killed the clock. It's hard to get motivated with all the traveling we do. But we played just good enough to win."

Friday, the Grizzlies will entertain the 2-2 Menaul Panthers in a 7 p.m. homecoming game.

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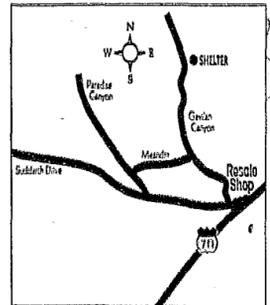
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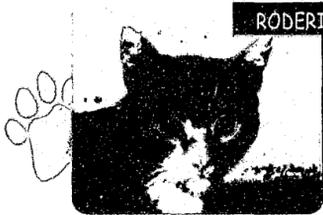
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CHUY

IS A HANDSOME BLACK LAB MIX, ABOUT 3 YEARS OLD. HE IS SOLID BLACK AND WEIGHS ABOUT 50 POUNDS. CHUY SEEMS LIKE HE WILL BE A VERY LOYAL DOG AND IS PERSISTENT TO FIND A PERMANENT HOME. HE WAS ABANDONED HERE AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER AFTER HOURS.

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JACKIE

IS A VIVACIOUS, LOVING JACK RUSSELL MIX. SHE IS VERY FRIENDLY, WEIGHS ABOUT 25 POUNDS, WALKS NICELY ON A LEASH AND SHOULD MAKE A WONDERFUL FAMILY COMPANION. JACKIE WAS ORIGINALLY FOUND AS A STRAY IN EL PASO. SHE WAS GIVEN AWAY AND SOMEHOW ENDED UP IN RUIDOSO.

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KODA

IS A VERY SWEET BOY AROUND A YEAR OLD. HE HAS A BEAUTIFUL COAT AND LOVES PEOPLE. HE IS PRETTY CALM AND LOVES HIS AFTERNOON HAT TIME. KODA WOULD PREFER TO BE THE ONLY DOG IN HIS NEW HOME.

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ZEKE

IS A VERY HANDSOME BOY ABOUT 3 MONTHS OLD. HE IS A LITTLE SHY AND IS LEARNING HOW TO WALK WELL ON A LEASH. ZEKE IS KENNEL TRAINER AND LOVES TO PLAY WITH HIS TOYS.

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TORI

IS AN ATTRACTIVE CAT WHO WAS ABANDONED WITH HER THREE 3-WEEK OLD KITTENS. TORI WAS VERY UNDERWEIGHT, BUT EXTREMELY FRIENDLY AND SEEMED VERY HAPPY TO HAVE A COMFORTABLE PLACE TO STAY AND FRESH FOOD AND WATER. TORI HAS PRETTY MARKINGS AND IS SURE TO MAKE A GREAT PET.

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FARRAH

WAS FOUND WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT 1 WEEK OLD AND WITH NO MOTHER. SHE WAS PLACED WITH A NURSING MOM AND THEN THEY ALL WENT INTO A FOSTER HOME. FARRAH WAS RAISED IN A HOME WITH OTHER CATS AND A PUP, SO SHE IS VERY WELL SOCIALIZED. FARRAH IS NOW ABOUT 4 MONTHS OLD AND ANXIOUS TO FIND HER FOREVER HOME.

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CREME BRULEE

IS ABOUT 3 MONTHS OLD AND WAS FOUND WITH HER 3 OTHER LITTERMATES BY ANIMAL CONTROL. THEY WERE ALL UNDERWEIGHT BUT VERY WELL SOCIALIZED. THEY HAVE BEEN IN A FOSTER HOME SINCE THE END OF JUNE AND ARE NOW VERY HEALTHY AND STILL VERY SOCIAL. CREME BRULEE HAS SHORT HAIR AND AN ORANGE TABBY WITH WHITE MARKINGS.

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ROCKY

IS A VERY GOOD LOOKING SOLID WHITE CAT WITH BRIGHT AMBER-GOLDEN EYES. HE WAS TRAPPED IN RUIDOSO AS A PART OF WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE A FELAL CAT COLONY. ROCKY QUICKLY SHOWED US THAT HE WAS IN FACT A VERY SWEET CAT AND CAN PREFERABLY MAKE A GREAT PET.

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DOLLY

WAS FOUND WITH BROTHER "LOUIE" AND THE FRIBERS HAVE HAD THEM BOTH SPAYED/NEUTERED, VACCINATED AND DECAWVED. SHE IS JUST ABOUT 6 MONTHS OLD, FRIENDLY AND READY TO GO HOME.

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COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

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

Help & Healing

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

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

AI-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.

AI-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 Episco-pal 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

club 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

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.

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.

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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.

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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: 2 5 7 - 2 0 8 1, www.fbcruidoso.com.

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Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of service dogs seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling, socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising, kennel upkeep. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.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-Hon-do Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Gary 258-0059, Georgia 937-0564.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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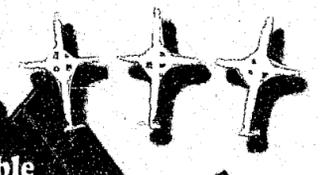
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