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Ruidoso council rescinds gun ban

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Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn's executive order barring firearms from village hall and other municipal buildings was rescinded Tuesday by the village council.

The decision, with Village Councilor Rafael "Rifle" Salas dissenting, was met with approval from some in the audience who had considered the

ban unconstitutional.

During the discussion, City Attorney Dan Bryant defended the mayor's order as legal.

"The mayor is the chief executive officer of the municipality," Bryant said. "Under our form of government, executive, legislative and judicial, there is separation of powers. As the chief executive, the mayor has power and authority to issue executive orders. There is a second question

that sits on this issue. May he make an executive order that touches the subject matter of guns in village buildings? I believe that there is law out there in U.S. Supreme Court cases that tells us that the mayor may say a village building is too sensitive a place to permit guns."

Bryant said he realized the topic is controversial.

"Three branches of gov-

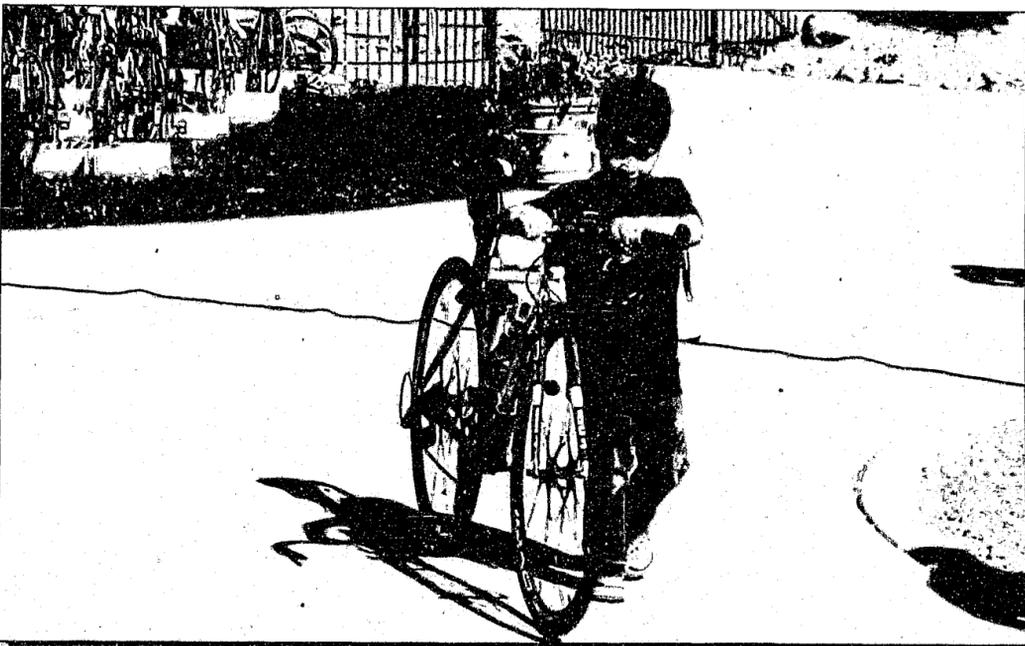
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Gun-packing Ray Seidel shakes the hand of Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn after the village council Tuesday reversed the mayor's ban on firearms at village hall. Also in the picture is Alborn's wife, Sue.

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ROLLING ALONG



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ramiro Calderon, 7, pushes his father's bicycle across the plaza behind The Lodge at Sierra Blanca Saturday after the Tour de Ruidoso. This year's participation increased by 100 riders, to 250 participants, in the 60-kilometer or the 100-mile ride. For more pictures of the Tour de Ruidoso, see page 7B.

Business Retention Tax sees bump

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A business retention tax approved by voters in September 2010 looks on track to generate the money targeted for tax relief to the Ruidoso Race Track and Casino.

County Manager Tom Stewart told Lincoln County commissioners last week that the business retention tax receipts improved in the summer months and should hit the \$750,000 target. Voters approved the 3/16th of a

cent tax that took effect Jan. 1, to offset some of the state tax burden of the race-track and casino and to allow it to better compete with two nearby Mescalero Apache casinos that pay a lower percentage to the state. Any money in excess of \$750,000 goes to the county and also could be used for higher education or economic development.

The first four months didn't look promising, with the tax bringing in from \$53,912 to \$64,224. But the last three months have been better with the tax generating \$65,415 in May, \$79,726

in June and \$86,567 in July. Stewart said at that rate, an average of \$66,698 per month, the tax will bring in \$799,303 by the end of the calendar year.

Capital Improvement Plan

In another matter, commissioners approved a five-year Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for submission to the state that is used by

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Fraud charges to go to DA's Office

Allegations involve overtime pay at Ruidoso Downs Police Department

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Allegations of fraud in the Ruidoso Downs Police Department have been turned over to 12th District Attorney Diana Martwick.

City Attorney H. John Underwood has sent a letter, a copy of a special audit report, and correspondence from the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor, to the chief prosecutor for Lincoln and Otero counties. The special audit focused on overtime pay from Dec. 27, 2009, to Aug. 21, 2010.

"Based on the findings in the special report, the police chief was terminated," Underwood wrote. "It is my understanding that any violation of a criminal statute would be reported by the state auditor to the proper prosecuting attorney as per the (state auditor's) letter. Evidently that did not occur, as a citizen of Ruidoso Downs reported to us in an open meeting that you have received no such report. Therefore, I thought it best to forward this file to you for your investigation. There are additional records and findings that are in the custody of the city of Ruidoso Downs

"I welcome any investigation."

Alfred Ortiz
Former Ruidoso Downs police chief

which we would be happy to provide you upon your request."

Police Chief Alfred Ortiz was fired by the city council on Nov. 22, 2010, after being on probation for six months. City Auditor Dan Austin sat in on a closed session of the council before the decision to terminate Ortiz.

In March 2011, Austin's special audit of the police department was publicly revealed. It contended the city had over-billed the city of Ruidoso, the fiscal agent for the Lincoln County DWI Grant program.

The special audit noted a confidential memo from one police officer that told the city's personnel director that officers had been instructed by supervisors to falsify time sheets in order to report DWI grant overtime pay. Austin had told city councilors that the

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Community Youth Warehouse director turns in his resignation

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Wishing the best of luck to the Community Youth Warehouse, director Victor Montes resigned Tuesday. "Last night he told us he was resigning, we asked

him to reconsider it," Community Youth Warehouse Board president Tim Coughlin said.

Coughlin said Montes contacted him Tuesday morning and said he had thought about it and had decided to resign.

Montes had served as director of the community center since July 2009.

"Everyone is disappointed," Coughlin said. "We did not want to see him go."

Coughlin said the board offered Montes another position, but he declined.

The Community Youth Warehouse Board is working on becoming a Boys and Girls Club.

"The Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca is very much needed and I wish them all the luck in the world," Montes said.

"We have nothing bad to say about Victor," Coughlin said. "We have a great team here and wish he could have been a part of that team. Unfortunately he won't be, that decision was his."

Coughlin said the board had not discussed how soon

they would look for a replacement for Montes.

"We haven't even talk about it," Coughlin said. "Some of board members get together tonight (Tuesday) to work on the AspenFest float. I'm sure we will talk about it then."

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Street closures

The Ruidoso police will close streets and divert traffic Saturday for the Aspenfest parade.

Mechem Drive will close at the Terrace Drive intersection to all southbound traffic at 9:15 a.m. Terrace Drive runs between Western Auto and Thriftway.

Sudderth Drive will close at the Paradise Canyon intersection to all westbound traffic at 9:30 a.m.

Sudderth Drive will close from Mechem Drive to Carrizo Canyon Drive to all traffic at 9:45 a.m.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at Sudderth and Mechem Drives and proceed east to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Traffic will be allowed on the streets after the parade passes.

Ruidoso police advise anyone wanting to view the parade to be parked in authorized areas prior to 9 a.m. Motorists are advised to be prepared to take alternate routes.

Historical Society

The Lincoln County Historical Society will conduct its annual meeting at noon Oct. 1, at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

Bring a dish and stay to hear Richard Melzer, Ph.D., an authority on New Mexico statehood. The session is open to the public.

County meeting

A special Lincoln County Commission meeting is set for 10:30 a.m. Monday, to interview the five highest scoring applicants for the job of county manager.

Commissioners will meet in a closed executive session in chambers at the county courthouse in Carrizozo, but could add other items for open session on the final agenda that will be available 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Alpine meeting

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 4 p.m. Monday in the District's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail.

Regular business for the district will be conducted, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system. In addition, the agenda may contain discussion regarding budget issues, lot clearing, and committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the Bylaws and Regulations.

All residents of the district are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time.

Exhibit extended

The Arte en la Charrería: The Artisanry of Mexican Equestrian Culture exhibit at the Hubbard Museum of

the American West has been extended until Jan. 1, 2012. Museum Director Jim Kofakis said the added showings are because of overwhelming popularity and great reviews.

With more than 240 artifacts, Arte en la Charrería offers a unique view of the culture surrounding the charro, or Mexican cowboy. Leather work, costumes, textiles, silver and iron work merit consideration as art objects due to the exceptional craftsmanship of the charrería artisan. The culture of charrería is rooted in a nearly 500-year old heritage dating back to the introduction of horses and cattle in the New World. During the 19th century, charros began to organize celebrations to showcase their skills and compete against one another. After the Mexican Revolution, the competitions were formalized by charrería associations in an effort to preserve the tradition.

Charrería today is the national sport of Mexico.

Flu shots

Presbyterian Medical Group will provide a total of 500 free flu shots for the public at three clinics throughout Lincoln County. This free flu shot clinic is for adult patients only.

White Mountain

Medical Clinic in Ruidoso, 129 El Paso Road, and Carrizozo Health Center, 710 E Avenue, in Carrizozo will hold their free flu shot clinic on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 8:00 a.m. to noon or until vaccine is gone.

The new Capitan Medical Clinic, located at 405 Lincoln Avenue (Highway 48), in Capitan will hold their free flu shot clinic in late October once the new facility is open. Details of the grand opening of the Capitan Medical Clinic will be available in the next couple of weeks.

The Centers for Disease Control are recommending that everyone 6 months and older receive the flu vaccine, however, for their safety, children age 17 and under cannot receive flu shots through this clinic and should get their shots from their regular pediatrician. The 2010-2011 flu vaccine will protect against two strains of seasonal flu, influenza A and influenza B viruses as well as the H1N1 virus.

The virus used to produce the flu vaccine is grown in eggs. People who are severely allergic to eggs should not get a flu shot.

Lincoln County Medical Center is a county-owned facility leased by Presbyterian Heal-

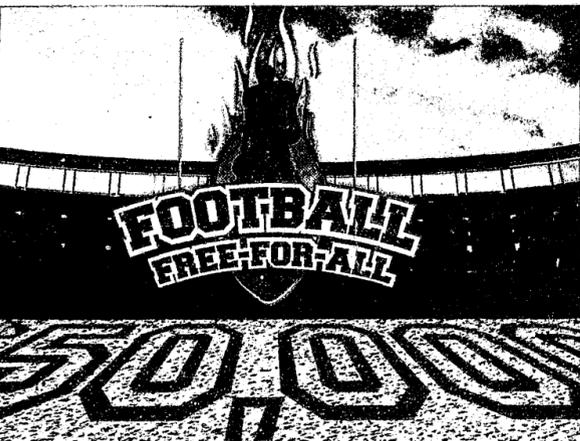
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REPUBLICANS MEETING



COURTESY

Dr. Tom Lindsey, a surgeon on staff at Lincoln County Medical Center, delivered an illuminating presentation at the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County's September meeting. He described the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Bill (Obamacare) as massive, far-reaching, not read and poorly understood with numerous surprises as the layers of the bill unfold. Citing coverage of 19 to 26 year olds and the outlawing of insurance denials due to pre-existing conditions as positives, he reported that private insurance premiums have soared. Giving several examples of wording nuances in the bill, Dr. Lindsey reports that many provisions in the bill encourage nationalized health care. While everyone has a social consciousness due to their upbringing and life experiences, Dr. Lindsey does not believe that social consciousness can be mandated.



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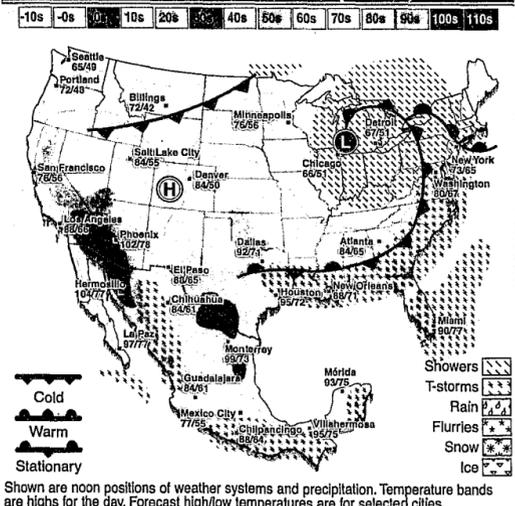
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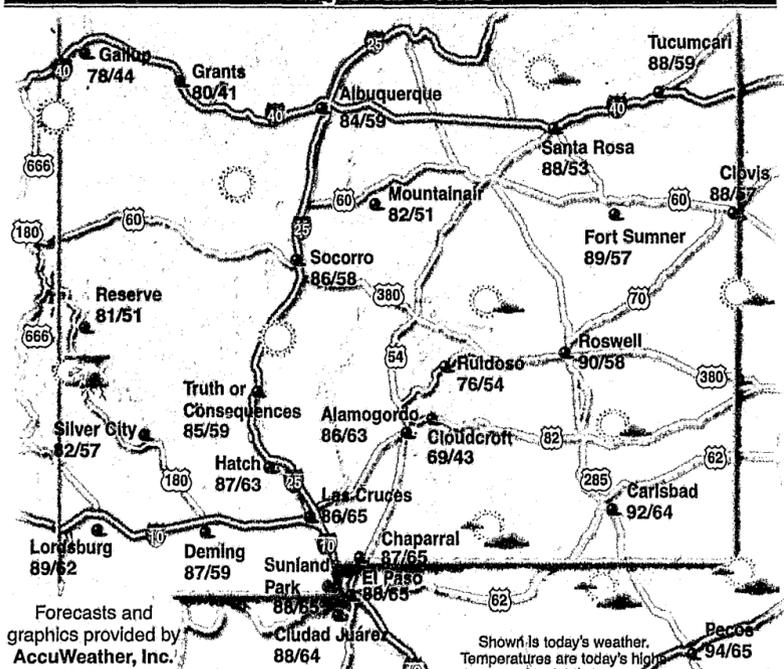
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RealFeel 84° Humidity 39% 76° 54° Plenty of sunshine Wind: NNE 4-8 mph	RealFeel 82° Humidity 40% 76° 56° A p.m. shower or thunderstorm Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	RealFeel 78° Humidity 41% 73° 55° Pleasant with clouds and sun Wind: SE 8-16 mph	RealFeel 73° Humidity 50% 68° 55° Partly sunny Wind: SSE 8-16 mph	RealFeel 72° Humidity 55% 71° 53° Partly sunny, a t-storm possible Wind: SSE 8-16 mph	RealFeel 75° Humidity 54% 73° 48° Sunshine with a t-storm possible Wind: SW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 71° Humidity 51% 68° 44° Clouds and sun with spotty showers Wind: S 7-14 mph

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National Forecast for Sept. 28, 2011



Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
 Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
 High/Low 79°/55°
 Normal high 72°
 Normal low 42°
 Record high 85° (1953)
 Record low 27° (2000)
Precipitation:
 Monday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.82"
 Normal month to date 2.32"
 Year to date 6.72"
 Normal year to date 17.65"
Pollen:
 Grass High
 Trees Low
 Weeds High
 Mold Low
 Predominant Bent Grass
 Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

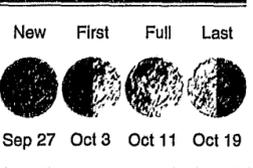
Alamogordo
 Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
 High/Low 90°/54°
 Normal high 83°
 Normal low 57°
 Record high 96° (1953)
 Record low 46° (2000)
Precipitation:
 Monday 0.00"
 Month to date 1.30"
 Normal month to date 1.30"
 Year to date 8.73"
 Normal year to date 8.73"

Weather Trivia™:
 Q: How many t-storms develop on earth each day: 4000 or 40,000?
 A: Over 40,000 on average.

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:55 a.m./6:52 p.m.
 Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 8:19 a.m./7:33 p.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 107° in Colulla, TX
 Low: 26° in Bodie State Park, CA

Monday's World High/Low:
 High: 111° in Al Hofuf, Saudi Arabia
 Low: -31° in Summit Station, Greenland

Council approves backup water plan

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Moving ahead to improve treatment capabilities and increase water storage and production at Alto Lake and the associated water treatment plant, Ruidoso village councilors hope their actions last week will result in an adequate backup water supply for the village in case other sources are unavailable.

Councilors first approved the selection of HDR Engineering Inc. of Albuquerque out of four responders to prepare a preliminary engineering report on modifications and upgrades to the Alto Water Treatment Plant and the Alto Lake Pump Station. Then they approved a loan/grant agreement between the New Mexico Water Trust Board, New Mexico Finance Authority and the village for \$224,000 plus administrative fees to pay for a preliminary engineering report to evaluate the Alto Dam and Reservoir area. The grant portion of the agreement is \$201,600 and the loan covers the remaining \$22,400, with additional administrative fees equal to one quarter of one percent per year of the unpaid principal balance of the loan.

In his memorandum to councilors, Utilities Director Randall Camp said the village plans to pay the loan in one lump sum of \$22,456, including \$56 in fees.

Camp told councilors that said the water trust grant was awarded a couple

of years ago, and the Alto earthen dam is on the Dam Safety Bureau's list of concerns. The options to bring the reservoir into compliance include armorizing the dam, but that won't increase the storage capacity; building a larger dam; creating off-channel storage or to make no changes at all.

"I presented the information to the Dam Safety Bureau (last week) in Santa Fe, and they're on board for the first phase, the PER (preliminary engineering report)," Camp said.

"Will the PER gives us specific recommendations?" asked Councilor Ron Hardeman.

"Exactly," Camp replied. "It will give us a scientific basis for any decision the council needs to make."

"Is this enough money to get us there?" Hardeman asked.

"I hope," Camp said.

Councilor Gloria Sayers said she wondered if there would be duplication with the two items related to the same reservoir, but Camp said "zero duplication" would occur. "High intensity events are of short duration and I would love to capture the resulting water and store it, but I need a scientific basis," he said.

Councilor Rafael Salas said he attended a meeting with Elaine Pacheco of the Dam Safety Bureau and she said Alto Dam is on a list of critical dams in the state and the village could face water restrictions because of its condition. "I assured them this loan agreement would be prioritized for Alto

Lake," he said. "The State Engineer said he would push for more money to complete the projects."

Salas wanted wording in the agreement to tie the money tightly to Alto Lake and not the whole watershed. He pointed out that about \$1 million has been or will be spent studying the water flow on Eagle Creek and the impact of the village's use of wells on the North Fork of the creek that feeds the lake.

Hardeman agreed that the Eagle Creek watershed "has been studied to death."

"We need to focus like a laser on Alto Lake and what we need to do out there," he said.

Village Manager Debi Lee said there isn't enough money to do more and that the state engineer and dam safety people agree the focus should be only on the Alto Lake area.

Camp said the village needs to know how large a reservoir can be created and filled.

Hardeman said when considering capital improvement projects, the council should consider more water storage and tanks. "We suffer terrible problems with evaporation and the elevation here," he said. "It's time we look at more reservoirs and tanks."

The upgrades at the water plant would improve treatment and allow more production. Because of the algae and sediment problems, the passage of time and changing standards, the plant can no longer treat water at its original design rate, Camp said.

STARLING



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

First brought to North America by Shakespeare enthusiasts in the 19th Century, European Starlings are now among the continent's most numerous songbirds. Although they're sometimes resented for their abundance and aggressiveness, they're still dazzling birds. Covered in white spots during winter, they turn dark and glossy in summer. For much of the year, they wheel through the sky and mob lawns in big, noisy flocks.

EVENTS

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thcare Services. This partnership has existed since 1972 and is dedicated to improving the health of individuals, families and communities. Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Healthcare Services operates a hospital, six clinics and a countywide ambulance service. Lincoln County Medical Center employs more than 250 people, including more than 15 providers throughout Lincoln County.

Dems to meet

The October 2011 meeting of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at K Bob's at 157 Highway 70 in Ruidoso.

Those who wish to eat

before the meeting can come between 5 and 5:45 p.m. and order from the menu. The program will be to watch and discuss President Obama's speech on immigration. Any new or interested people are invited to come.

Energy assistance

Help with paying PNM electric bills will be part of an energy assistance fair next month in Ruidoso Downs.

PNM has teamed up with some local and state organizations to provide the information on Friday, Oct. 7, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, U.S. Highway 70.

Utility customers will be able to apply for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through the New Mexico Human Services Department. Food assistance will also be avail-

able through the department during the fair.

PNM customers will be able to apply for utility bill help through the PNM Good Neighbor Fund as well. The fund provides once-a-year assistance toward a past due electric bill, up to \$140 for those who are income-eligible or experiencing extreme financial hardship.

In addition, free home weatherization applications will be available for income qualifying households through Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico. Information about the Lincoln County Food

Pantry, located at the church, will also be provided during the fair. Tips for lowering energy bills, and a free energy efficient light bulb will be provided.

The first 75 families to sign up for the PNM Good Neighbor Fund or LIHEAP will receive a \$20 Walmart gift card.

To apply for LIHEAP, applicants must bring Social Security numbers, non-citizen immigrant status for all applying for help, proof that there is no disability income in the household, income information when not receiving other benefits from the Human Services Depa-

rtment, and proof of heating or cooling costs including utility account numbers.

The department can help more quickly through Crisis LIHEAP, for cases where a utility service has been disconnected, there is a disconnection notice, or a home is almost out of wood, propane or other bulk fuels.

Assistance through the PNM Good Neighbor Fund requires proof of income for everyone in the home, identifications for all adults living in the household, birth certificates or shot records for all children, the most current PNM bill that has a

past due portion or disconnection notice, proof of a LIHEAP application, and proof of financial or medical hardship if you exceed income guidelines.

Both the LIHEAP and Good Neighbor Fund programs have income guidelines.

New Mexico has a winter disconnection moratorium that runs from Nov. 15 through March 15, but households behind in a gas or electric bill before Nov. 15 must contact the utility to establish a payment plan to qualify for the no shut off provision.

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OUR OPINION

Lawmakers end a disappointing session

The special session of the New Mexico Legislature was a failure that will likely end up costing New Mexico taxpayers millions of dollars.

Legislators gathered in Santa Fe earlier this month with one mission, mandated by the federal government — redraw the state's political boundaries to compensate for population shifts, as required every 10 years following the census.

And they couldn't get it done.

The last time the Legislature failed to reach an agreement on redistricting, it cost taxpayers \$3.6 million for court costs only. That was in addition to the money allocated for the special session.

Their inability to reach a bipartisan consensus this year will mean another expensive legal battle, to be paid for by state taxpayers at a time when we are slashing budgets for schools and higher education.

There is plenty of blame to go around for this failure, starting at the top.

Instead of exerting her leadership behind redistricting, Gov. Susana Martinez squandered it on wedge issues. That may help her politically, but it did little to help those New Mexicans who she is sworn to serve.

With the session coming to a crashing halt Saturday, illegal immigrants will still be able to get driver's licenses and parents will still be able to push third-graders who can't read on to fourth grade.

We agree with the governor on both those issues, and vow our enthusiastic support in the upcoming 30-day session. But this wasn't the time. Veteran legislators who had been through the redistricting process before had warned her not to distract from that effort.

But the lion's share of the blame has to go to Democrats. Instead of working collaboratively with Republicans on

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maps that would be acceptable to both parties, they hammered out the details of their plans behind closed doors in caucus meetings, looking to protect their own interests.

Once all their members were satisfied, they rammed their bills through on a party-line vote.

Republicans blasted the redistricting maps as "hyper-partisan" — perhaps a bit of hyperbole — and Gov. Martinez was swift to announce her coming veto.

We understand that the process of redistricting isn't easy — in large part because it often gets personal.

The population changes tell you where you need to add or take away seats. But once it gets down to the nitty gritty of just who loses their seat, it gets much more difficult.

Sen. Howie Morales of Bayard said he voted "with a heavy heart" for a House plan that merges the districts of Republican Dianne Hamilton and Democrat Rudy Martinez. But, he certainly understood the population losses in the region.

Redistricting always presents the opportunity for the party in power to tilt things in their direction for the next 10 years.

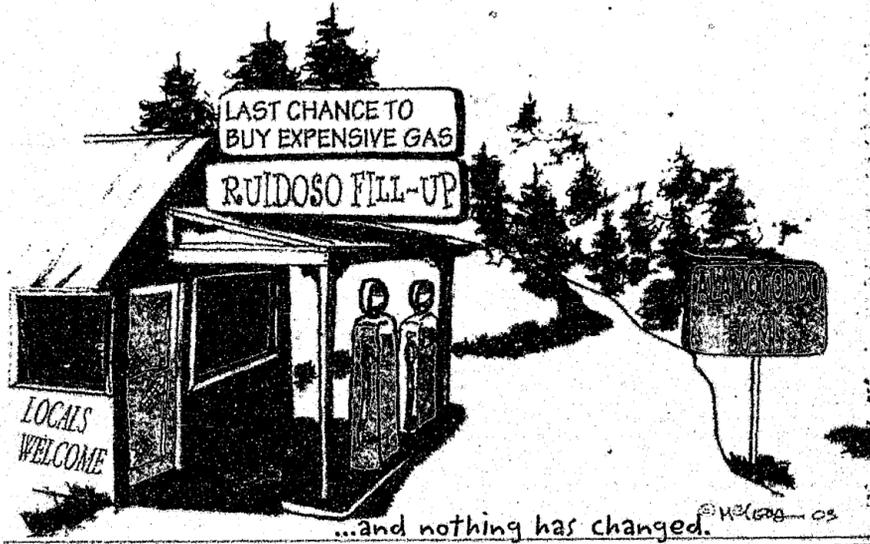
Any plan worked out in caucus and passed on a party-line vote comes with the assumption that it is designed to do just that.

The only way to avoid that assumption is an open, collaborative process.

Perhaps we were naive to have hoped for such a process. Still, we are disappointed that it didn't happen.

My first cartoon, EIGHT years ago...

WEDNESDAY, OCT 8, 2003



YOUR OPINION

A request for the mayor's resignation

To the editor:

I am writing today to ask Mayor (Ray) Alborn to resign from office. It has become totally clear that Mayor Ray Alborn is on a self imposed power trip. As far as Mayor Alborn's unconstitutional gun bans are concerned I am not worried because the gun ban will never legally stand nor will the law abiding public put up with his grand standing.

I take issue with Mayor Alborn's attempt to limit public comments at council meetings only to citizens of Ruidoso. I live within the three-mile extra territorial zone around the village of Ruidoso. I am forced to live by building regulations that the village imposes along with Lincoln County regulations. I live in Lincoln County because I do not want to live in Ruidoso. If I am going to be ruled over by the village then I have EVERY RIGHT to stand before the Village at public meetings "wearing a gun or not" and give public comment! I will go a step further and state that it should be the right of every property owner in the extraterritorial zone to vote in village elections! For residents of the extraterritorial zone to not have a vote in village elections and or public comment in Ruidoso business is equal to taxation with out representation.

Do you hear me Lincoln County commissioners? Do away with the extraterritorial zone or at the very least force Ruidoso give us the voice we deserve if you keep the zone!

I know several people that live in the immediate area of Alto Lake "Gavilan & Hwy 48" including my parents and myself. All of the people I know

in this area have water wells that hardly produce enough water to sustain their home. In my parents' case they are on a community well shared by four homes. The first community water well at 150 foot deep supplied ample water for four homes when drilled but slowly went dry years ago. The second community water well currently at 400 foot has been deepened twice over the years and worked on numerous times replacing equipment due to the water table dropping. This shows a steady decline in water table drop over the years in the lake Alto area. The drought has had an affect on water table recharge but since the water table drop started long before the drought then it must be caused by Ruidoso over pumping the Eagle Creek wells. The last time my parents water well acted up in 2010 we called the village to see if they would allow the four homes to be put on village water since there is a water main within 100 feet. Needless to say we were rudely told that the village will not accept any new customers for any reason and that if our well was dry that it was our problem. So the village sucks your water out from under you and then will not sell any back to you. Mayor Alborn stated that if the future pumping of the Eagle Creek wells were limited by the Forest Service then the village of Ruidoso would drill wells down stream close to Lake Alto. Mayor Alborn also made prior statement in the Ruidoso News that "the Village of Ruidoso is no Cash Cow" and I totally agree. I want Mayor Alborn to know

right now that if the village of Ruidoso drills municipal water wells in the area of Lake Alto then they had better go round up a few Cash Cows. Lincoln County residents are tired of being dictated to by the village of Ruidoso and we will NOT tolerate our water being stolen out from under us!

Terry McMaster
Alto

Peace Day

To the editor:

It has been said that "wars occur because people prepare for conflict, rather than for peace," but here in Lincoln County, we can joyfully say that many are choosing to put their energy towards peace. Thank you wonderful community for your involvement in our first local community wide Peace Day Celebration (PDC)!

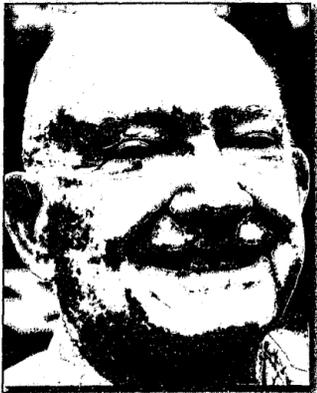
First off, thanks to the village of Ruidoso for supporting the PDC. Thanks Mayor Alborn for your proclamation supporting Peace Day and high-five to Debbie Lee and Debbie Jo Almager, for permitting the use of public property. Kudos to Brady Parks for helping with the parade and Councilor Sayers for attending the morning meditation. Celebrating peace in our community lets our citizens know that this is a principle we value.

Additional thanks to our volunteers! Thanks to Lou Ann Ellison and her wonderful family for taking leadership and arranging music at the events. This opportunity allowed local

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What do you think about taxpayer dollars being spent on art at the convention center?



Ken Stohler
Moneta, Va.

"It's definitely a problem for tax-funded government to spend money on private enterprise, but they have an interest in the building."



James Flores
Ruidoso

"It will be great for the local artists to get their art put up there. They're getting a good price for it."



Sarah Carrasquillo
Holloman AFB

"If the economy is going down, the village should allot that money for something a bit more useful to the residents."



Jeff Barrish
San Antonio, Texas

"It's such a pittance. If they can make any improvements with \$20,000, it's a great idea."



Efrain Beard
El Paso

"I think it's a good thing for the community. It helps keep money and artists in Ruidoso."

House committee hears testimony regarding lease of Mescalero water rights

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Testimony on a bill that would allow the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease some of its water rights was presented last week before a U.S. House subcommittee on Capitol Hill. Among those speaking on the measure were Mescalero Apache President Mark Chino.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe Leasing Authorization Act would let the tribe lease water rights to other communities in need of water. Leases could run for as long as 99 years.

"At present, the tribe has been approached by its governmental neighbors to lease water," Chino told the subcommittee. "There is a need for water that the tribe can meet. Additionally, the tribe will be able to use proceeds from water rights leasing to fund basic govern-

mental services."

After years of litigation, a state court in 1989 determined the Mescalero Apache Tribe held water rights totaling 2,322 acre feet per year.

"This legislation will prove important to both the people of the Mescalero Apache Tribe as well as surrounding communities," New Mexico Congressman Steve Pearce, R-District 2, said. "The revenue gained from leasing this water will go to shore up vital services on the reservation, including elder care services, scholarship programs and infrastructure improvements."

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Jodi Gillette, said the water rights leasing was strongly supported by the department.

"The ability to lease water rights (under the bill) is consistent with the department's long standing sup-

"This legislation will prove important to both the people of the Mescalero Apache Tribe as well as surrounding communities."



Steve Pearce
U.S. Congressman, R-N.M., District 2

port for leasing quantified water rights recognized in Indian water rights settlements," Gillette said.

Similar legislation was introduced in the U.S. Senate earlier this year by Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) who said leasing some unused tribal water rights would help other communities that have significant water needs.

"Through this bill, com-

munities including the village of Ruidoso, the village of Cloudercroft and the city of Alamogordo would be able to negotiate with the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease water thro-

ugh a process overseen by the New Mexico State Engineer," Bingaman said when he presented the legislation. "These mutually beneficial transactions will provide additional water to communities in times of need and will provide economic benefits to the tribe. Allowing these types of transactions to occur will also help to strengthen the relationship between Indian

and non-Indian communities that coexist in many parts of New Mexico."

Chino indicated Mescalero's leasing of water rights had the blessing of a key regulator.

"I am pleased to inform the committee that I have met with John D'Antonio, New Mexico State Engineer, and he informed me that the State of New Mexico does not oppose this bill," Chino said Thursday. "Mr. D'Antonio sees this legislation as a win-win situation for the state and the tribe."

Shortly after the bill was introduced in the House, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn acknowledged there had been conversations between Chino and village officials. He said as neighbors, the village and tribe need to have a working relationship in a lot of ways.

Alborn said there also has been contact with Pearce's office on the legislation.

Finding new water rights has become more important to the village this year as it faces a threat of losing the ability to use some of its water rights along Eagle Creek.

Because the Eagle Creek wells lie on the Lincoln National Forest and pumping is opposed by downstream landowners who sued to stop the possible depletion of the underground water supply, the village may become subject to a huge cut in pumping.

Pearce said in addition to promoting economic growth on reservations, the measure would honor the right for Native American communities to exercise self-determination.

On Tuesday, Chino said the tribe was hopeful that the bill would become law.

Two other tribes in New Mexico were previously authorized to lease their water rights.

Trinity Site tour set for Saturday will feature free admission

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The twice-a-year public opening of Trinity Site, the location of the world's first atomic bomb detonation, will be a free event.

Officials at White Sands Missile Range changed their minds after

they had announced earlier this year it would begin to cost \$25 per car get to the area.

"I will not kid you. The Army and White Sands, just like the rest of the nation, are all facing fiscal challenges," said Monte Marlin, chief of public affairs for the missile range. "But we re-looked the issue

and we have figured out a way to once again offer it free."

Trinity Site is accessed by the Stallion Gate along New Mexico State Highway 525, which goes south off U.S. Highway 380, 53 miles west of Carrizozo. The gate will be open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Another option is by convoy

from Tularosa. The Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce sponsors the tour. A caravan meeting site will be at the Tularosa High School's athletic field parking lot. Line up will begin at 7 a.m. and the caravan through the missile range will start to roll at 8 a.m. Visitors going to Trinity Site will travel as

an escorted group.

The drive is 145 miles roundtrip and there are no service stations on the missile range. The convoy is scheduled to leave Trinity Site at 12:30 or 1 p.m., depending on its size, for the return to Tularosa. The convoy may leave later if there are a large number of vehicles.

LETTERS

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youth to share their talents on behalf of peace. To Carol Manchester-Browning, thanks for sharing thoughts on "finding our Peace within," as well as the ENMU History Hunters for sharing some peace history. Thanks also to Bill Dement, Angie Fernandez, and their families whose volunteer efforts contributed to the day's success.

Thanks to the adults, children, dogs and cats that participated in our walking parade and dance. Way to go Laura Brown and the Raiders, the Mescalero Boys and Girls Club, the Lincoln County

Community Health Council, and the individuals that made peace flags. Your contributions were appreciated!

Thanks to the media sources that supported the PDC including Lucina and the Ruidoso News, ENMU, Eric Giles (aka Easy Geezy) and Rich at MTID Radio, The Free Press, Beth Miller, The Polendo family and others.

Also thanks to those who contributed food for the event including El Paraiso, Lawrence Brothers and Bill Ford's Fresh Produce in Ruidoso Downs.

Finally a huge thanks to Phillip D. Collins, the wind beneath my wings! Peace, love and blessings!

Andrea Reed
Ruidoso

Thanks for the art

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to the Village of Ruidoso Council, and especially to Gloria Sayers, for the wonderful opportunity afforded the artists of Lincoln County. Mrs. Sayers proposed a program where Lincoln County artists could submit artwork to be considered for selection and display in the foyer and hall of the newly renovated Convention Center.

This display of fine local art will stand as testament that Lincoln County is indeed an art destination of distinction and home to artists that rival those anywhere in the state of New Mexico.

The committee began planning some months ago and included Roy Brown, Jamie Slack, Josie Powell, Sunny Hirschfeld, Shirley Estes and Gloria Sayers.

On Sept. 21, the committee concluded the project with the daunting task of picking artwork from an incredible array of 62 wonderful pieces of art submitted by local artists.

The local artists met the challenge with a spectacular display of art from commercial sized wall pieces to three dimensional pieces in bronze, stone, metal, and glass, and wood.

This committee and the participating artists are all to be commended for a successful project that certainly supports and fos-

ters the community tourism efforts while enhancing the beauty of our community for local residents for many years to come.

As an artist, myself, I wished that more people could have seen the astounding display of assembled local art.

I have not seen such an incredible scene in all the art functions I have attended in my 11 years of involvement with the local art community. As I looked around the room, I was really glad I was NOT on the committee that had to select only a few pieces from the wonderful display of art. This project serves to show the strength and interest of this established art community.

Finally I would like to

once again thank the Ruidoso Village Council for their efforts and support for this project and the impressive art community that resides here.

I especially want to acknowledge Gloria Sayers for her insight and vision in designing a project that will have such a positive and lasting impact on the entire community.

It is through insight like Ms. Sayers' that this community can continue to support tourism efforts by enhancing our image as an art destination to tourists, convention participants, patrons of the arts and artists looking for a supportive community in which to reside.

Thank you,
Victoria Mauldin
Ruidoso



'Cinque Terre' Iris

At the top of Italy's boot, along the Mediterranean Sea, is a strip of rocky coastline called the Cinque Terre. Five tiny villages, in shades of ochre, gold, russet, and terra cotta, cling to the cliff above the water. The tall bearded 'Cinque Terre' iris, new for 2011 from Schreiner's Iris Gardens, transports these bewitching hues to your garden in each of its exquisite blooms. Tall, sturdy stalks carry up to 10 buds each. At Gardening How-To, we were so bowled over by this flower's gorgeous colors that we chose it as one of the best new varieties of 2011.

Common name: 'Cinque Terre' Iris
Botanical name: Iris
Plant type: Perennial
Zones: 3 to 9
Height: 3 to 4 feet
Family: Iridaceae

Growing conditions

- **Sun:** Full to part sun
- **Soil:** Average, well-drained, slightly acidic
- **Molsture:** Medium

Care

- **Mulch:** Mulch to preserve moisture in the soil.
- **Pruning:** None needed.
- **Fertilizer:** A light application of bone meal in the spring and about a month after bloom can be helpful.

Propagation

• By division

Pests and diseases

- **Vulnerable** to crown rot and other rots, leaf spot, rust, and viruses.

- **Common pests** include aphids, iris borers, whiteflies, and snails and slugs.

Garden notes

- **'Cinque Terre'** blooms late for an iris—in late May or early June. Like most irises, it does not rebloom.

- **Give your iris** a site with at least a half-day of sun. Full sun is best. 'Cinque Terre' is said to be sun-fast, meaning that the color won't fade even in direct sun.

- **'Cinque Terre'** will spread slowly to form clumps. These should be divided every third or fourth year. If irises are overcrowded, they will not bloom as vigorously and they will be more vulnerable to disease. Thin clumps by removing the older growth at the center of each clump or by digging up the entire clump and dividing it.



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Village of Ruidoso continues work to correct fiscal audits

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Jeff McWhorter of the Accounting & Consulting Group, explained the absence of a regular opinion on two audits performed by the firm this year in an attempt to put the village of Ruidoso back on schedule with the state.

Although the audits list 208 "findings" in Ruidoso's Fiscal Years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 annual audits, they are carryovers from previous years, Village Manager Debi Lee explained previously. In a summary released to media, she wrote that 191 findings were in the financial report and 15 in the procedures report.

During a village council meet-

ing Sept. 13, McWhorter said disclaimers were issued on the overall financial statements for 2009-2010 and for compliance tied to federal expenses.

"The reason is that at that point in time, management didn't have practices to capture completely and accurately weaknesses and that caused doubt that all material weaknesses could be caught," he said. "Obviously, this type of opinion is a disappointment to the village, the manager and residents. But what wasn't done, we can't go back (and fix) and what was done can't be undone, so we go forward with a mission and a strong commitment to correct."

"I feel 100 percent they are up to this task after having worked

with this team. (Village Finance Director) Nancy Klingman was cooperative and timely in her responses. Manager Lee showed strong leadership."

The two audits covered about 1,000 pages, he said, explaining why he wasn't going through the audits page by page.

"Of course, it's a very disturbing revelation, but you made us aware of it when you came to work and told us what you suspected," Stoddard told Lee. "I applaud Councilor Dean, Klingman and your hard work."

The manager said she gives "a big fat F" for the financial condition she found. "As we found lack of internal controls, Nancy made them known to the auditor," Lee said. "Mr. McWhorter told us one

year ago it would take three years to correct everything. We're in year two and the Internal Audit Finance Committee is in place now."

Stoddard said, "We owe it to our citizens and council never to get into this situation again."

In other action, councilors:

- approved a third renewal agreement with "Tame-It," a service from Harvey Foster to provide access to the Lincoln County database for administrative functions

- approved a grant of easement and joint use agreement with Joe and Frances Fonsca for the property formerly known as Tract 1 of the Dietzler Tracts.

- approved a first renewal agreement with Airport Wildlife

Consultants to perform a wildlife hazard assessment and related services for the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

- approved an award to Sierra Blanca Motors for one Dodge Ram 3500, Crew Cab, 1-ton truck, four-wheel drive, dual rear wheel with utility body for the Water Distribution and Sewer Collection Department for \$47,847.

- approved a joint funding agreement with the United State Geological Survey for water resources investigation for operation and maintenance of stream flow gauges on Eagle Creek and the Rio Ruidoso. The agreement obligates the village to an annual payment of \$41,280 and is important to monitor and support the village's water rights accounting.

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Dollar Store agent withdraws application for site

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The agent for a proposed Dollar General discount store withdrew his application for site development on a lot at the corner of Buckner Drive and Mechem Drive.

"They are looking for other locations, a place where they will not be getting so much grief," said Larry Wimbrow, chairman of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

His remarks came at the end of the commission meeting Tuesday as commissioners and staff discussed subjects for upcoming sessions. Commissioner John

Cornelius said he would like to see some refinement of the uses allowed in a C2, community commercial zone. Current wording is vague when it refers to uses that could be considered "too heavy" for the zone.

The lot for the proposed dollar store was zoned C2, but was edged by residential development and neighbors objected based on compatibility, traffic and drainage issues.

"I kind of felt sorry for the developer," Cornelius said. "The lot was zoned C2, but he wasn't going to get to use it."

"(The building) took up two-thirds of the lot," Wim-



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The lot where the store had been proposed was in the area of Mechem Drive, Buckner, Barcus and Country Club Drive

brow interjected.

Building official Shawn Fort said he would come back with possible wording

and uses to review at the commission's Oct. 4 meeting and then draft an ordinance for a future meeting to re-

commend to the Ruidoso Village Council for adoption.

"That will be less subjective for builders, so they know what they must meet, and it also will be better for us," Wimbrow said.

In other business with only a little discussion, commissioners recommended to the village council adoption of new flood plain maps put together by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and approval of their November effective date Fort said few changes occurred from previous maps, but the new editions were much easier to understand. Residents with questions about their property can review the

maps in the planning and building division office in Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Fort also told commissioners that he and other inspectors would be handling building permits and inspections for the town of Capitán under a memorandum of understanding recently approved by the Capitán Board of Trustees.

Sitting in the audience, Councilor Gloria Sayers reminded Fort that the arrangement is for a pilot program to ensure the fees cover expenses and that staff is able to provide adequate service without negatively impacting the village.

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A harvest celebration last week had four- and five-year-old students from the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center's Head Start Program reap their bounties from the Smokey Community Garden. The garden, adjacent to the ranger district offices in Ruidoso, was about learning how plants grow, harvesting fresh vegetables, participating in art activities, and even a visit with Smokey Bear. The project was in coordination with the New Mexico Alliance for Children. Pictured in the front are Erik Ochoa (holding a yellow squash) and Edwin Portillo. Behind them are Luis Macias and Danae Acevedo. Kneeling to pick a vegetable is Angel Gonzales. Much of the produce gathered from the garden was given to the Lincoln County Food Bank during the summer. More than 138 pounds of produce had been donated before last week.

RMS may get second access Committee to discuss possible action

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Officials with the Ruidoso Municipal School District want to get a second road to the district's now two-year old middle school.

So does Ruidoso's interim fire chief. The school district's Blue Ribbon Committee will sit down with those involved in the issue on Thursday.

"They want the fire chief, and someone from the Forest Service, and someone from the (Ruidoso) River Restoration Committee to be at their meeting," schools Superintendent Bea Etta Harris said of the Blue Ribbon Committee. "We're

exploring several options for the exit from that school. The Blue Ribbon Committee, their primary concern which we share with them, is safety for the students. So what we have to figure out is what's the best way to ensure safety and most economical together. So we're exploring two other possibilities."

The Ruidoso River Restoration Committee is looking at a wetlands project in the area of the district's middle and high schools.

Originally the goal was to obtain permission from the Lincoln National Forest to put a road through forest service land to connect the middle school campus with Gavilan Canyon Road. It

would normally be used by school buses.

In the event of an emergency, police and fire responders would have a second way into and out of the middle school property.

While the new middle school was built to be fire resilient and the acreage around the campus thinned of excess trees to reduce the wildland fire threat, the International Fire Code calls for more than one "ingress/egress" for schools, said Ruidoso interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent.

The meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee and other officials will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the board room of the school district's central office building at 200 Horton Circle.

SADD BUCKLES UP



COURTESY

Ruidoso High School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) members hand out Smarties candy to students and parents that were wearing seatbelts as they arrived at school. Anyone not buckled up got a reminder they could be issued a citation. Nearly all people in vehicles who arrived at the high school parking lot were using their seatbelts. In the photograph, Rocky Cordova, left and Daniel Marshall hand out candy to a buckled up motorist.

Social promotion bill fails

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Legislation that would have ended social promotion in New Mexico public schools failed to succeed at the Roundhouse as the 19-day special session concluded on Sept. 24.

Social promotion is the automatic advancement of a student to the next grade.

A bill, sponsored by New Mexico Rep. Nora Espinoza (R-Roswell) would have stopped social promotion of third graders who are not reading proficient.

The conclusion of the special legislative session came the same day U.S.

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan endorsed the effort to end social promotion in New Mexico.

"The endorsement of President Obama's education secretary of our efforts to end social promotion and ensure that our students can read proficiently should sound a loud alarm for legislators of both parties that it's time to end our culture of low expectations and turn New Mexico's schools around," Gov. Susana Martinez said. "Above all else, our kids deserve to be taught to read so that their future can be as bright as they want it to be. Unfortunately, for the

second time, Democratic leaders in the Legislature showed just how committed they are to defending the status quo by walking out on these reforms on the same day the Democratic president's education chief endorsed them."

Duncan told the Albuquerque Journal that, "If your students keep being allowed to leave third grade and fourth grade without being able to read, you're not doing them any favors."

He said if New Mexico were to receive federal Race to the Top funds, millions could be spent on student remediation efforts and improving reading performance for the state's struggling students.

Espinoza said a 2011 study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation showed that a student who cannot read at grade level in the third grade is four times more likely to later become a high school dropout.

ENMU-Ruidoso offers new classes

Fabulous faux

For those unable to afford professional looking faux-painted walls, there is a class for the do-it-yourselfers on Saturday.

ENMU-Ruidoso will bring in Linda Coffman to teach her popular Fabulous Faux for Boring Walls class.

The class is taught in two parts. Part one covers the basic looks of faux suede, marble, granite and old plaster walls. Part one will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The second part, from 1

to 3:30 p.m., takes off from the first session and combines Coffman's approach with glazes, tissue paper, dry brushing and faux bricks looks and more.

Instant piano

Your former piano teacher might not approve, but thousands have learned the secret of playing the piano without reading music, which will be revealed on Saturday.

ENMU-Ruidoso will present Craig Coffman and his nationally renowned Instant Piano Workshop.

Coffman has extensive experience as a professional pianist and music director. For more than 22 years, the workshop has brought the secret to more

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ernment. The executive makes an order. The legislature, which is the village council disagrees with it, they pass a motion, make a law, pass an ordinance and they say this is what the law is going to be. And unless the judicial branch then overturns the legislature and says, 'No that's just an executive function,' then the legislative act stands."

Bryant said the council had the ability to examine the mayor's order and void it.

Alborn has repeatedly said the prohibition was necessary to protect village employees and people doing business in municipal buildings, as well as the elected representatives and those attending their council meetings.

The Mayor's original order, which was posted on the entrance door to village hall on Aug. 5, banned firearms on public property. It was later amended to forbid firearms or weapons in village buildings except for on duty, certified law enforcement officers. In a third order, in which Alborn said he wanted to "clear up any misinterpretation," the mayor specified which municipal buildings were off limits to firearms.

Councilor Ron Hardeman called the mayor's order "well intended," but he questioned how enforceable it was. He suggested it would be better to enact an ordinance but he added that he would not offer such a law.

However, Hardeman said he believed some restraint on firearms was prudent.

"I think it's not appropriate for people to bring guns into this meeting, nor to a

court, nor to a school, a bar. But that's their judgment."

As the mayor responded that councilors who vote to reverse the weapons ban would be responsible for a lack of safety for village employees, a spectator at the meeting spoke up.

"Hey, if I want anything out of you I'll ask for it," Alborn told the spectator who further responded. "Chief (Joe) Magill, would you get that gentleman out please?"

Several officers moved in on the spectator who became silent and was allowed to remain.

As the council discussion resumed, Councilor Gloria Sayers said she agreed with Hardeman.

"I don't want guns in my face when I'm trying to do my job," Sayers said. "Nor would the school teacher, nor the clerk at the store. We have to use common sense."

A motion to rescind the

firearms ban, made by Councilor Angel Shaw, received a round of applause from many in the audience.

Councilor Rafael "Rifle" Salas said he had chaired on a village committee on safety.

"Part of that was creating policies for the employees and one that was very important to us was workplace violence. I have witnessed over the years how intense violent people can get."

Salas said employees want a safe workplace with guidelines.

"I just want the council to know — here's the policy for the employees here. If we rescind this then we really need to work on this."

Councilor Jim Stoddard told Salas he made a good point.

"But the discussion is this executive order," Stoddard added. "And the

bigger discussion should be how, if at all, can we enforce this?"

Despite a sign on the front door of village hall forbidding firearms, some people in the audience displayed holstered weapons on their hips.

An opinion on gun bans for municipal properties was being sought by the village from the New Mexico Attorney General's Office, said Village Clerk Debi Lee. The request was made through state Rep. Zach Cook, R-Ruidoso, the procedure for asking for such opinions.

But that may be on hold because of a lawsuit filed on Sept. 14 that claimed the weapons ban violated the U.S. Constitution.

"They (New Mexico Attorney General's Office) have a policy of not issuing opinions when the subject matter is under litigation," Bryant said. "They wait for the court."

Unemployment rate sees drop

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The unemployment rate in Lincoln County fell again in August. The seasonally unadjusted rate was 4.6 percent, the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions reported Sept. 22. The month before the jobless level had been 5.0 percent. In August 2010 it had been 6.3 percent. The number of Lincoln County's labor force, labeled as unemployed fell to 521 last month, compared to 726 people a year earlier.

In Otero County, the jobless rate was put at 5.9 percent, down from July's 6.3 percent. Last year at this time the out of work rate in Otero County had been 7.8 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate across New Mexico was 6.6 percent.

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the Legislature for possible appropriations.

In priority order, commissioners listed a \$90,000 water plan for the Rio Hondo Basin, \$260,000 for a new fire station at Fort Stanton, \$250,000 for a new fire station at Loma Grande, \$152,000 for expansion of the White Oaks Fire Station and \$100,000 for the renovation of the former detention center in the

county courthouse.

In other business, commissioners:

- were told that Albert Hernandez is retiring as road superintendent, effective Dec. 22, after 26 years of service. The position will be advertised in November.

- heard that the clean-up of a lot on Bonito Lake Road owned by the Deutsche Bank was completed. Greentree Solid Waste removed seven roll-offs of debris and the county attorney paid the cost from neighboring landowner contribu-

tions.

- named County Road AO34, east of Elda off Bonito Canyon Road in Corona, Dark Canyon Road.

- were told by Stewart that a change in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Public Employee Retirement Rule will hit some states hard that are dealing with rising general fund obligations to pensions, but should not impact New Mexico.

Local governments that participate in the Public Employee Retirement Act programs were

alerted about a potential impact to bonding capacity caused by a requirement to state a pension obligation on their financials in Fiscal Year 2014, even if none is to be paid by the participating entity.

The obligation to make up any shortfall is a responsibility of the state legislature, Stewart said.

"The proposed GASB rule, however, will cause the PERA Comptroller to appropriate any historical/projected shortfall to the participating entities, instead if it remaining at the state level," he

said. "The manager is certain that this GASB rule is an effort to deal with many irresponsible states throughout the country that are dealing with rising general fund obligations to pensions. In Lincoln County's case, when an employee retires, there is no further obligation on the part of the county since the state pays the retiree out of the viable PERA trust fund. This is not the case in other states, California, in particular."

He will send appropriate comments to the PERA Comptroller, Stewart said.

FRAUD

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questionable reimbursements he found in reviewing the time sheets and call sheets of three officers were about \$1,600. A copy of the special audit was sent to the state auditor's office.

At the Ruidoso Downs City Council's Sept. 12 meeting, city resident Pam Williams questioned why the district attorney did not have the information.

"I've been lied to for the last time," Williams told the city council earlier this month. "You all just kind of swept it under the rug about Chief Ortiz and how he got fired. You made it sound like it was about \$1,500 and this and that. And then I was told it was sent before the district attorney."

Williams said she recently talked to the district attorney.

"It has never been there. It will never be there. I don't get it. Why lie to us? It may not be a big deal to you all but it's a big deal to me."

Williams said the mayor and council were elected to take care of the city's business.

"All you got to do is tell me the truth. And if you figure it's just not my business, then tell me that. But don't just jerk me around. I'm tired of being jerked around."

City Councilor Dean

Holman opened the response to Williams during Monday's council meeting.

"And I think possibly, maybe, we may be able to go ahead and let Pam know, along with all of our citizens, where we are on that," Holman said. "Just let them know what happened. There was some confusion and what happened with the confusion and try to get that cleared up so they will know."

Holman said councilors had received a letter from Underwood detailing what was sent to the district attorney. He said if anyone dropped the ball it may have been the state auditor.

"This has been kind of an ongoing agitation off and on for a long time," Holman said. "And part of the last problem that we had I think was just a misunderstanding and it really wasn't anybody's fault except maybe coming out of the state of New Mexico."

In March, Underwood had told councilors that the state auditor would report any violations of criminal statute involving financial matters to the prosecutor's office for an investigation.

"I welcome any investigation," Ortiz said by phone on Tuesday. "That's certainly up to the city council and the mayor to do what they feel is necessary. There shouldn't be anything to come out of it. There's nothing there to hide."

Ortiz, who is the police chief of Natalia, Texas,

denied that any supervisor in the Ruidoso Downs Police Department instructed officers to fudge on overtime.

"That was, I think, a disgruntled employee who just

had a bone to pick with his supervisor at the time," Ortiz said of the officer who went to the city's personnel director. "That did not certainly come from me and to my

knowledge not from anyone else under me. Again, there's nothing there."

Mayor Tom Armstrong said the matter is now up to the district attorney's office.

"The city of Ruidoso Downs has done everything that it can possible do to put all of the information into the right hands," the mayor said.

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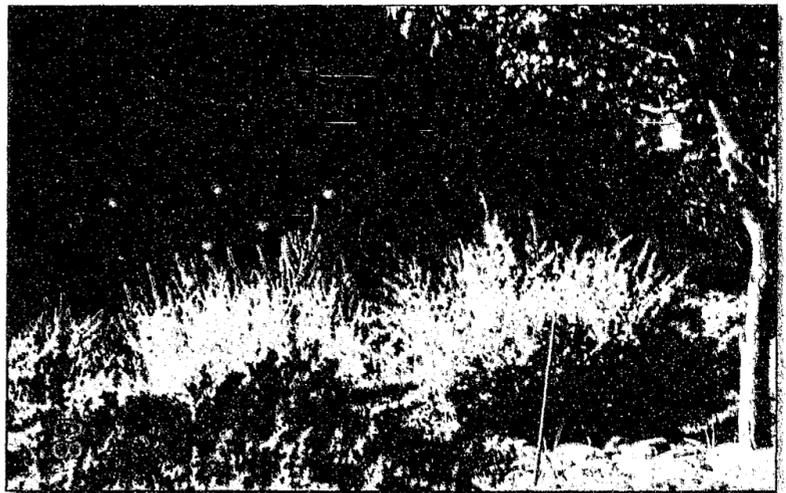
Last fall, Will and Rebecca Ponder, along with some friends from Austin, Texas, were enjoying a great breakfast and coffee at one of their favorite Ruidoso cafés: Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House. As they left the shop they noticed that the business was for sale, and it wasn't long until they became the proud owners of the coffee shop!

They bought the shop because they loved the atmosphere, the great coffee and the healthy, generous meals. They were committed to maintaining the existing menu and ambiance.

comfortably hosted birthday parties, bridge parties, church groups, weekly and monthly meetings – just to name a few.

The room has also provided a space to show stimulating, thought-provoking, entertaining and fun movies and documentaries on a high-definition 100-inch screen – movies not often – if ever – seen in the area.

Saturday night is free movie night – and a double feature has recently been added, starting at 4:30. All of the movies are hand-picked by the owners – with suggestions from the audi-



the regulars have other engagements. Friday nights are "Open Mic" night and feature local young musicians. On Sunday, there's a Champagne Jazz Brunch, featuring Mimosas after noon. The beautiful covered patio provides additional seating, and a special place to enjoy the cool Ruidoso weather.

The "Grounds" has always served great coffee, but now it's made with freshly house-roasted Fair Trade Organic coffee, which is also on sale at the shop. It's the belief of the own-

the "Grounds" just completed a major expansion of the kitchen. Along with these improvements came a fresh coat of paint and some additional seating area. Importantly, this will allow for the extension of the menu so that more dinner items and desserts can be offered. Although the staff is still finding everything that was crammed into the smaller space – and there is still much to do – they have been serving up all of the menu items following only 4 and a half days of closure.

However, they also saw that there were some additions they could make that would enhance the offerings and connections with the community. Many of these are now in place; others are in the works.

For example, in December, 2010, they opened a "multi-purpose" room that is available free of charge for meetings, parties and get-togethers. It can easily accommodate larger family gatherings. The room has already

once happily considered. For example, August features dance movies, a suggestion from two of the regular movie goers.

Three times a week, the "Grounds" serves up live music to go with the regular menu, as well as special additions, and a select group of wines and beers. Thursday night is "Coffeehouse Jazz" and features "regulars" while leaving room for guest performers to sit-in and sometime even headline the evening when



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Dependable running back Manny Ruiz gained 111 yards for the Warriors against Hatch.

Ruidoso's Tanner Chavez wraps up a Hatch runner in Friday's 26-17 Warrior victory.

Local prep pigskin recap

Warriors, Tigers, Grizzlies win; Eagles, Chiefs fall

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Ruidoso scored a big on-the-road victory at Hatch, 26-17, Friday, while Carrizozo gained its fifth consecutive win in front of a homecoming crowd against Menaul, 44-14. Capitan got back on the winning side of things, after a two-week lay-off, by blanking visiting Mora, 39-0.

Hondo traveled to Clovis Christian and suffered an 80-28 loss, while the Mescalero Chiefs fell to Jal at home, 45-8

Ruidoso

Going into Friday's game at Hatch, the Warriors had lost twice and both losses were on the road. And each of those defeats was by 29 and 18 points respectively.

Conversely, RHS had obliterated their two home-game opponents Cobre (54-

0) and West Las Vegas (51-22).

Sometimes, a few good teams, with a solid core of athletes, can learn to win on the road if they get their dander up.

It would appear the 3-2 Warriors have taken a good first step in the right direction with their come-from-behind triumph at Hatch.

There's no better confidence builder than a victory in front of a hostile crowd.

And it sure makes the ride home more simpatico.

Ismail La Paz scored Ruidoso's first touchdown on an off-tackle run and at the end of the first quarter it was knotted 7-7.

In the second period of play Hatch put up a TD and a field goal and took a 17-7 lead into the locker rooms at the half.

"In the first half we missed tackles on defense and we turned the ball over

on offense," Ruidoso head coach Kief Johnson said. "Twice we were in the red zone and didn't score. I told them being 10 points down wasn't that bad and that 'we have the weapons, now let's get it done.'

"At that time we made some defensive adjustments, which worked out well, as the boys rose up and stifled Hatch in the last 24 minutes of play."

The Warriors owned the second half scoring 19 unanswered points — 13 in the third quarter and six in the fourth.

Offensively for the game, Ruidoso recorded 213 yards rushing. Dependable workhorse Manny Ruiz galloped 13 times for 111 yards, Kalama Davis scampered 10 times for 42 yards and Devon Carr carried the ball for times for 26 yards.

Passing-wise, Sam Williams was 9-for-17 for 224 yards and one touchdown.

In the receiving department, Parker Johnson caught four for 109 yards, with a long gainer of 52



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Carrizozo's Marshall Ventura rips off big yardage as the Grizzlies went on to defeat Menaul, 44-14, Friday for their fifth consecutive win.

yards, and La Paz hauled in two for 78 yards and one TD. Davis ran the ball twice for paydirt and Ruiz crossed into the end zone once.

Defensively in the contest, Dylan Demarest led in tackles with three solo grabs and 14 assists, while strongman Tanner Chavez recorded two sacks with 15 assisted tackles. Mathew

Carr had one sack. Armando Baca garnered 14 assisted tackles and one interception.

"Mathew Carr and Chavez helped control the line of scrimmage in the second half," Johnson said.

"Our offensive line is getting better and better every week. They opened holes for our running backs and gave our quarterback

time to throw for completions.

"We got the 'traveling monkey' off our backs for now with the win at Hatch. Health-wise, we're good and I believe the boys are gaining confidence with each game."

This Friday, the D4-3A Warriors will entertain 1-4,

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Jacky Martin transferred to TIRR Memorial Herman

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Paralyzed hall of fame jockey Jacky Martin was transferred on Thursday to TIRR Memorial Hermann (TIRR) in Houston to begin his rehabilitation, according to family sources.

Martin, 56, had been hospitalized in the intensive care unit at University Medical Center of El Paso since the evening of his injury on Sept. 2.

He sustained his injuries from a fall after his mount broke down following the

finish of a race on Sept. 2 at Ruidoso Downs. He was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso before being flown to El Paso.

Martin is a member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame and is a record seven-time winner of the All American Futurity, the world's richest quarter horse race. He rode with winners of nearly 3,000 quarter horse races and his mounts earned more than \$46 million during his career that started in 1972.

TIRR Memorial Hermann treats people with a range of disabilities including complex conditions like brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury, multiple trauma and amputation.

The facility gained international attention as the rehabilitation facility for U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was shot in the head on Jan. 8 during an assassination attempt and has been released from TIRR.

Founded in 1959, TIRR Memorial Hermann is one of few hospitals in the country designated as a model

system for traumatic brain injury by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

It has been named to the "Best Hospitals" list by U.S. News and World Report magazine for 21 years, every year the list has been published.

TIRR is also home to one of the top residency programs in neurological physical therapy with more than 57,000 outpatients annually.

Funds for Martin's long-term care will be partially served by the Ruidoso

Downs Racetrack Chaplaincy benevolence fund, which has a longstanding mission of helping people in need, such as Martin.

Contributions to the benevolence fund can be made by writing a check to the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack Chaplaincy and indicate on the memo line it should be for the benevolence fund.

Checks then should be sent to Ruidoso Downs Racetrack Chaplaincy, Ruidoso Downs, P.O. Box 449, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346.

Jim Helzer, Bruce Rimbo and chaplain Darrell Winter are the fund's advisors. Any contribution to the benevolence fund is tax deductible and distributions are tax free for the recipients.

"Jacky Martin's case is the type of situation that the benevolence fund benefits," said Winter.

The Ruidoso Downs Racetrack Chaplaincy benevolence fund aided the family of Mark Villa, who was killed in a riding accident at Zia Park on Sept. 25, 2010.



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non-district Lovington in a 7 p.m. contest at Horton Stadium.

"They're a better team than their record indicates," Johnson said. "They play a competitive schedule and we won't take them lightly. We can't afford to — they've beaten us the last two years."

Capitan

Last Friday the D3-1A Tigers had a bye, but the week before they suffered at the hands of the non-district invaders from Fort Sumner by a margin of 26 points.

That two-week layoff must have been the right prescription for the somewhat beat-up Capitan as they easily shut out the visiting Mora Rangers by 39 points and upped their record to 3-1.

Granted, this is a first year 1A football program for the Rangers but the Tigers made the best of it before they head into a tough coming schedule.

As Capitan is sometimes prone to do, they started slowly, and led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter. By halftime though they had a 26-0 advantage. And all that with senior running back Tyler Neill on the bench still recuperating from an injury he suffered in the Fort Sumner game.

The Tigers closed out the second half with 13 more unanswered points and walked off the field at the final buzzer with a big offensive/defensive win.

"When these boys kick it into gear they can be good," Capitan head coach Collin Justiss said. "They played a good game but they have to get better at not coming out so flat. They must learn to play all four quarters with extreme force."

Up next, the Tigers will travel to Roswell Friday to try on the 2-3 NMMI Colts. Thus far, both teams have played two common opponents — Fort Sumner and Hagerman. NMMI was bitten by the Foxes at home, 32-0, in their opening game



Corina Michelle Morales and Marshall Ventura are the 2011 Carrizozo Homecoming queen and king.

on Aug. 26 but trampled Hagerman Sept. 16, 37-14, away. Two of the three Colt losses were at home, including last Friday's 56-20 drubbing by Mesilla Valley Christian School. Both of 2A NMMI's wins were away games.

"We have to stop No. 10 (Shane Wallace)," Justiss said. We're getting into the meat of the season and we will prep for them this week in practice. Neill got to rest his sprained ankle Friday so he should be good to go against the Colts."

Carrizozo

Most people are aware bears can run fast when they have a mind to, and it appears the Grizzlies have a mind to as they raced out to their fifth consecutive win Friday by taking down the visiting Menaul Panthers, 44-14. To date, the Grizzlies have outscored their opponents 210-40 in 8-man football. And three of those wins were in faraway places.

Last Friday was a bit of concern for Carrizozo head coach Pat Ventura.

"It was our homecoming, which can sometimes distract players," he said. "But the boys settled down once they hit the field and remained focused."

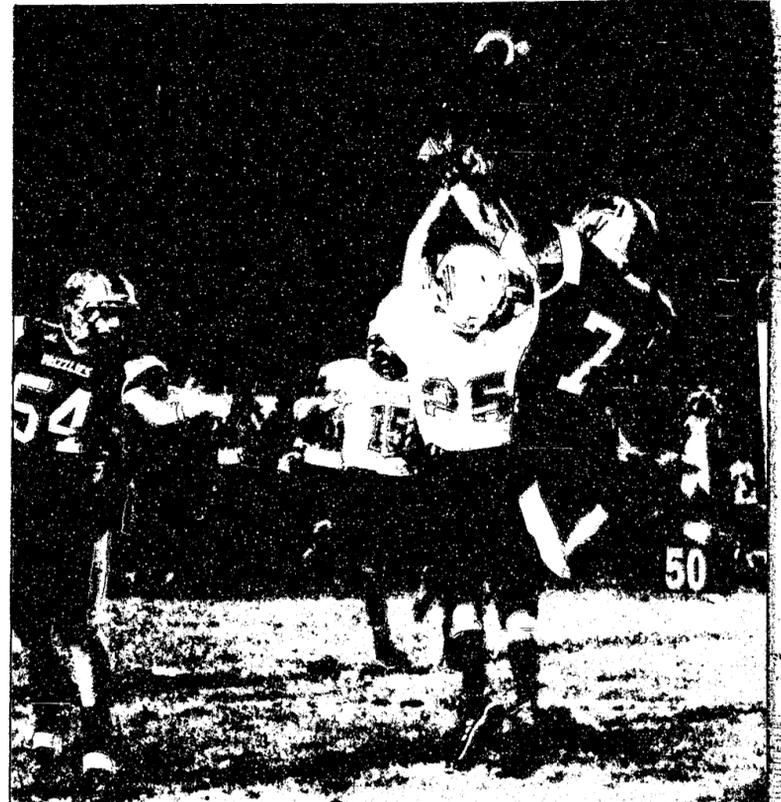
Against Menaul Friday, the Grizzlies scored first and took a 22-8 lead into the locker rooms at the half.

"At halftime I told the offense they had to block better and I told the defense they had to tackle better," Ventura said. "At that time we made some offensive adjustments."

At the beginning of the third quarter the Grizzlies kicked off and held the Panthers to three downs and a punt, whereupon, the hometown boys went down the field, struck gold, and led 30-8.

"Then we dummed up, missed a receiver, and let Menaul score a 40-yard TD," Ventura said. "It was 30-14 and shouldn't have been."

But the boys got their dander up, went down the field in three plays and took a 38-14 advantage at the end of the third quar-



Carrizozo's Jace Hill, No. 7, gets the best of a Menaul player in the third quarter.

ter. The Grizzlies tacked on one more score in the fourth and won going away by 30 points.

"They played well," Ventura said. "They kept their composure throughout the game and didn't panic. Marshall hurt an ankle on our second offensive series so I took him out for a while. After seven plays, I put him back in. These Carrizozo boys are tough."

Marshall Ventura scored two touchdowns, Jace Hill also crossed the goal line twice and Tavi Nash hit the end zone for three TDs.

This Friday the Grizzlies make the trek (down by the Arizona border) to 1-3 Animas who lost, 28-0, to Gateway Christian last week.

"Animas has a good ball club so we'll have to get mentally prepared for them," Ventura said. "They have a lotta seniors, they're experienced, and they have a good quarterback and a good receiver. It'll be played in the heat of the day at 3:30 p.m. I think it'll be warm."

Hondo

On rare occasions that early morning cup of coffee you enjoy when you arise is as good as your day is going to be. From that point on everything that happens seems to careen downward into a day you would sooner forget and can't wait to end as you retire to the safety of your bed and dream of better things to come.

As you look back on the events of the day you now notice small signs — if you believe in such — that portended the coming ill wind, which blew your way.

Such was the case for the Hondo Eagles last Friday as they journeyed to Clovis Christian. Along the way, the bus driver inadvertently hit a bump, which knocked loose a helmet from an overhead storage bin and hit one of the frontline Hondo players square on his head. Nothing serious, mind you, but it gave cause for concern as to the health of the athlete. It was a harbinger of things to come.

By the end of the evening, the Eagles had suffered their first defeat of the season. And they weren't just eclipsed — they experienced a 52-point loss.

"It just wasn't our night," Hondo head coach Brandon Devine said. "If



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Ruidoso's Kalama Davis gained 42 yards against Hatch.

something could have gone wrong it sure did. The whole thing began to happen before we even got off the bus."

In the beginning moments of the game it looked as if Hondo would give 4-0 Clovis a good tussle as the hometown crew kicked off to Hondo. They held the visitors to three downs and a punt. But on a Clovis second down they fumbled. Hondo recovered the loose ball and took it in for a TD on the next offensive play. A successful conversion put the invaders up 8-0 and things looked promising. Then the roof fell in for the 3-0 Eagles.

At the end of the first quarter Clovis gained the lead and was out in front, 14-8. At the half it was 40-14.

"It wasn't pretty," Devine said. "It was a long three hour ride home. Clovis dropped down to 6-man football last year and has since gone 15-0. They are undoubtedly a good team."

"There are some bad things we need to fix and we will start working on those faults immediately. We have to travel two and a half hours to 3-2 Dora Saturday for a 2 p.m. contest and we have to be ready."

Last Saturday, Dora lost 50-25 to Lake Arthur. Can the tough Hondo Eagles recover from the Clovis debacle and move forward? Stay tuned.

Mescalero

There's no doubt the 2-3 Chiefs have some talent on their youthful team this year. But with most young teams, they sometimes show flashes of brilliance along with moments of immaturity, which can cause looming defeats from the outset. Unfortunately,

the latter case prevailed Friday evening at Mescalero as visiting Jal took the measure of the Chiefs, 45-8.

The visitors scored on their opening offensive drive and immediately took a 6-0 lead. At the 3:20 mark of the first quarter the Panthers hit paydirt again on a 50-yard aerial bomb down the right side and went up 14-0.

Next, Mescalero was held to three downs, attempted to punt, but the kick was blocked, and Jal took over on the Chiefs' 30-yard line where they punched it in with seven seconds left in the opening period of play to take a commanding 21-0 advantage.

With 5:39 left on the clock in the second quarter, the Panthers scored again on a 50-yard run and led 28-0. And if that was not enough, the visitors then scored a safety on Mescalero and added two more points in their favor to hit the locker rooms ahead, 30-0.

The Chiefs finally got on the scoreboard near the end of the third period of play on a 5-yard pass play from quarterback Godfrey Cordova to wide out Calbert John.

On the ensuing 2-point conversion Cordova dove through the air for success but suffered an inadvertent back injury from helmet contact with a Jal defender as he hit the ground.

The senior quarterback left the game after a prolonged period of time prone on the grass and did not return for the night. Monday he was reported OK and in school.

Jal scored twice more in the closing seconds of the contest to take a 37-point victory.

Saturday, the D3-1A Chiefs will try to even their record as they will travel to D1-1A, 3-1 Questa for a 1 p.m. tilt.

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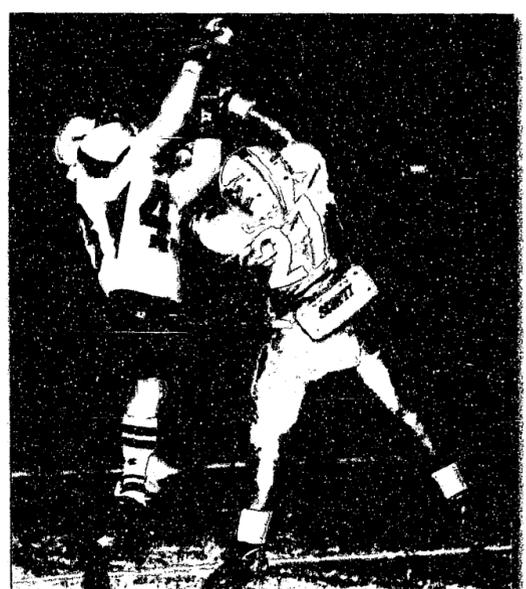
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Ryan Williams looks to break free in Ruidoso's 26-17 away-game win over Hatch Friday.



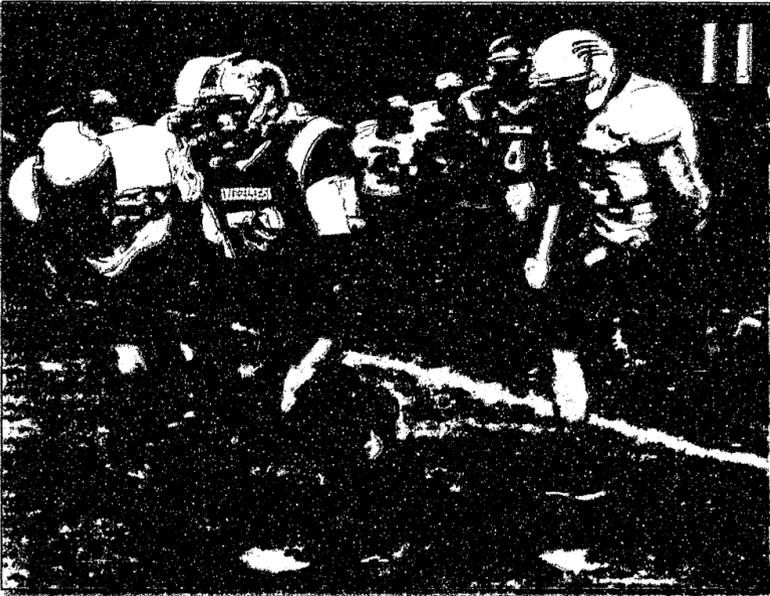
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Zozo's Marshall Ventura blasts through for yardage in the Grizzlies 44-14 victory over Menaul Friday to remain undefeated.



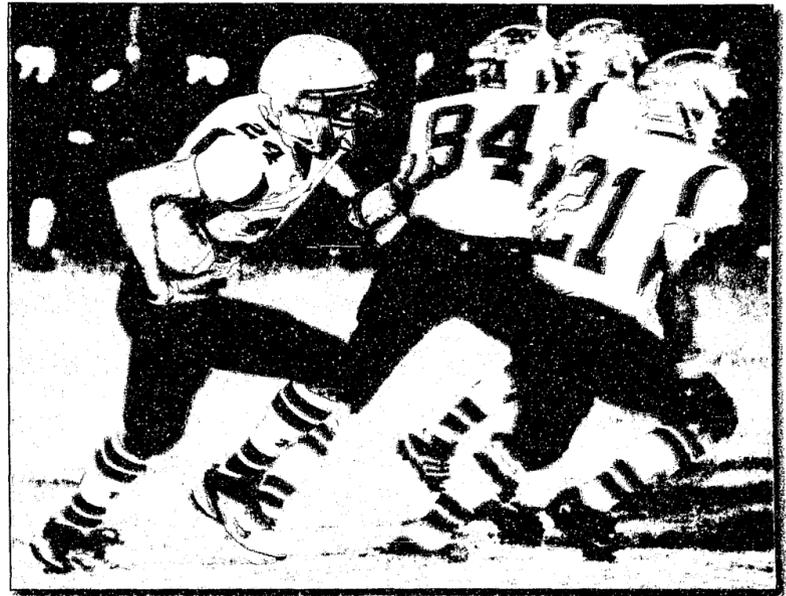
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Sure-handed Parker Johnson makes another great catch.



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Jace Hill scored three touchdowns in Carrizozo's 44-14 win Friday for their fifth straight victory.



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Senior defensive back Denver Coronado turns the tables on the Hatch offense.

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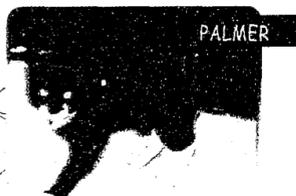
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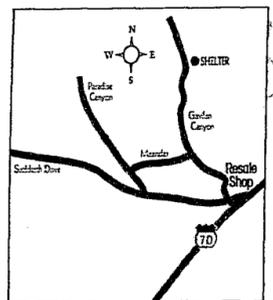


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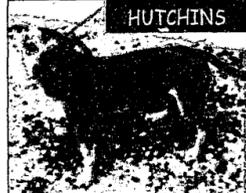
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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28, 2011

Capitan library sees upgrades

Capitan Public Library's catalog will have a new look, new conveniences, and new ways to access information.

The new on-line catalog for the library will be available for use beginning today.

Patrons will be able to access their accounts from any internet capable computer in the library, at home, or anywhere internet access is available.

More information will be available as the library begins using the new on-line catalog.

Ancestry Library Edition is now available at the library.

Patrons must come in to the library to use the program, as will not be accessible from any other locations.

Once patrons access the internet, they will quickly find the genealogy site.

The library hopes you will use the Ancestry program as the board of directors has invested a significant amount of money to provide patrons with this research tool.

Silent Auction

The library will be holding the 2nd annual October Silent Auction from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9.

Items for auction will range from art to tools - a bit of something for everyone.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information about these events and programs, contact the Capitan Public Library at (575)354-3035.

- From reports

Historical Society meeting, potluck

The Lincoln County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

There will be a pot luck lunch at noon, followed by a short business meeting.

Dr. Richard Melzer, a noted authority on New Mexico statehood, will talk on his book, "New Mexico's Road to Statehood" and the opening event of the New Mexico Centennial. Richard Melzer (Ph.D., UNM, 1979) has taught history at the University of New Mexico's Valencia Campus since 1979. He is the author, co-author, or editor of 15 books, including his newest, "New Mexico: A Celebration of the Land of Enchantment," written for New Mexico's centennial celebration.

He has also written over a hundred articles, chapters, and book reviews about New Mexico history.

He is a past two-term president the Historical Society of New Mexico and is currently president of the Valencia County Historical Society. Among his many awards for teaching, publications, and community service, he is most proud of receiving the University of New Mexico's Teacher of the Year Award in 1995. He is married to Rena Chávez and has two grown children, Kam and Rick. Richard and his wife live in Belen, New Mexico.

For more information on this event, contact the Lincoln County Historical Society at explore-nm@yahoo.com

- From reports

Carrizozo holds grant meeting

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Carrizozo has begun a series of public hearings to discuss projects and improvements to the town with residents.

During a public hearing on Monday, Dora Batista, a finance project coordinator from the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District discussed the town's options to apply for the 2012 Community Development Block Grants in January.

"Carrizozo is in good shape because we're closing (the previous projects) out now," Batista said. In order to be eligible to apply for CDBG money in January, municipalities must have completed projects being conducted with grant money by Dec. 16, Batista said.

The project recently completed by Carrizozo was repair work on Airport Road, which was finished on Aug. 16 at a total cost of \$405,133, \$77,887 of which was provided by Carrizozo, Batista said.

Another project still underway, but using a \$50,000 planning grant that does not count against CDBG eligibility, is the development of a 40-year water plan for Carrizozo, which may also have room for a long-overdue floodplain map update, Batista said.

Among the ideas discussed during the public hearing were weatherizing and insulation for residents, to continue work already being conducted under other grants for the remaining residents.

Batista said she advised them that CDBG does have money for such projects, but

that they would have to go through the mortgage finance authority.

Another project was brought up by New Horizons Developmental Center employees, who said they wished to repair and add to their facilities, Batista said.

And the request by Carrizozo's municipal government were for funds to repair and improve infrastructure, Batista said, adding that the priorities they gave were to repair old water lines, as well as for street, drainage, and curb improvements throughout the town.

In order to be eligible for CDBG assistance, applicants must conduct at least one public hearing prior to applying to inform and consult with residents, must be within the low to moderate income range, must match a minimum of five percent of the grant with cash, and the projects must benefit residents or the community, according to Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District's 2012 CDBG program requirements.

Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, a non-profit organization established in 1971, assists municipal governments with CDBG applications, as well as providing other professional services, such as grant writing, assisting local governments with drafting Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIP), providing planning and technical services during project development, and providing local governments with information on program requirements for other government programs.

Angus cemetery



POLLY E. CHAVEZ
Historical Potpourri



POLLY E. CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The well-maintained grounds of Bonita Park are a welcome site to visitors.

It was by coincidence that I wandered into a lovely, spacious cemetery located in a woody green area - wildflowers in their natural beauty and birds chirping in the trees.

Traffic zoomed by on the highway high above, yet it is a peaceful and serene setting.

I accompanied Lincoln Leadership (Group 10) on their initial meeting. They met at Bonita Park Conference Center and later hiked to an area for outdoor challenge activities.

Bonita Park is located on 200 acres of pine-covered woodlands in the heart of Lincoln National Forest, minutes away from Ruidoso.

I wandered off a side road, which took me to Angus Cemetery, and a nearby quaint little building maintained by the cemetery association.

Consulting a book, "A Gravesite Directory of Cemeteries in Lincoln County," a publication by the Lincoln County Historical Society, I found that it listed Angus Cemetery. (Angus, settled in 1881, was named to

honor VV Ranch, which was stocked with Polled Angus cattle.)

The pride of George "Skip" Harkey, president of Angus Cemetery, is evident in his description of Angus Cemetery and the schoolhouse.

Many of his kin are buried at Angus Cemetery. Harkey said that a big event is scheduled annually on Decoration Day in May. The American Legion is invited for an impressive ceremony.

In "A History of Lincoln County Post Offices," recounting postmasters in early southeastern New Mexico, I learned that the

Angus post office existed for only 15 years.

It was established in 1896 and discontinued in 1913, when mail was sent to Alto. Three postmasters served the Angus post office, Porter G. Peters, James Burell and Mary A. Hagee.

My friend and neighbor, Aileen Lindamood, told me that a woman is never referred to as a postmistress. Retired Alto postmaster, Aileen, who passed away in 1999, contributed information about Angus in the post office publication.

She wrote this in 1954: "The old school house of Angus still plays an important part in the communi-

ty life. The building itself is a source of great pride and is maintained by the Angus Community Association. Benefit pie suppers, teas and parties add to annual donations to swell the funds used in the upkeep of this favorite meeting place. Funerals (services) are held there as the cemetery adjoins and makes a peaceful lasting place in its beautiful surroundings.

"The Bonito Volunteer Fire Department holds monthly meetings in the building but perhaps its lingering spirit is best pleased when the joyful noise of the community songs are echoing down the valley."

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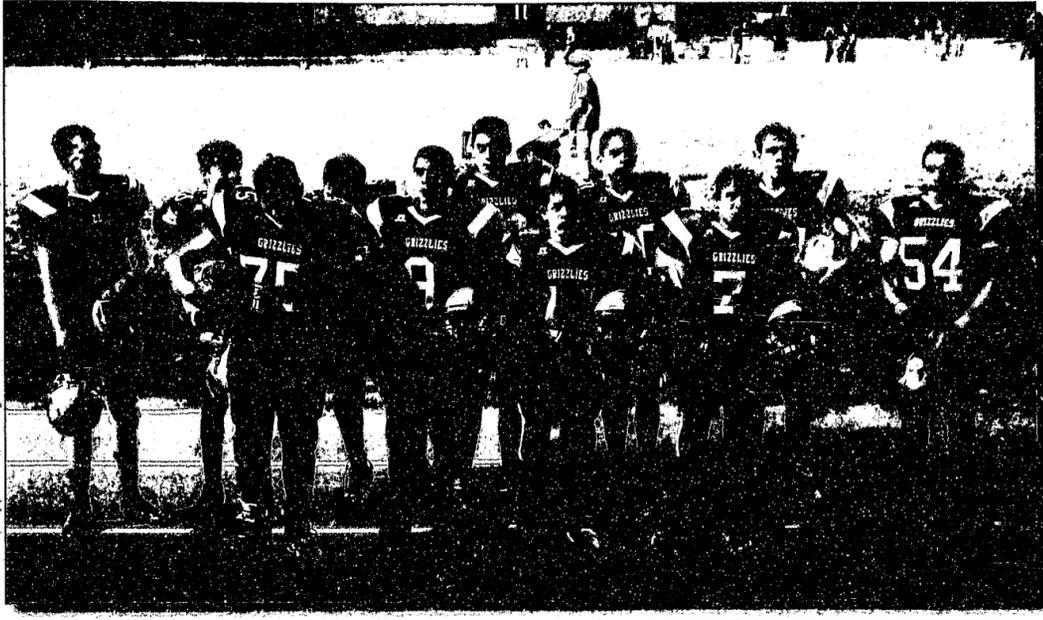
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HOMECOMING IN GRIZZLY COUNTRY



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Clockwise from top left, Carrizozo's victorious football team sings a Grizzly song to a cheering crowd, following their win against the Menaul Panthers.

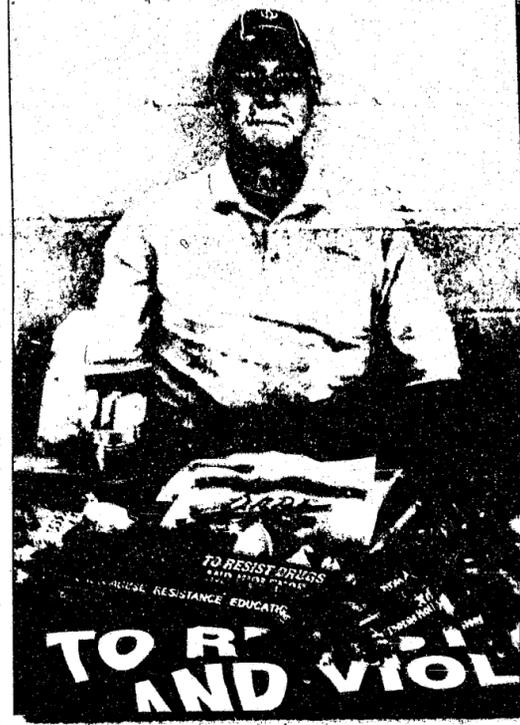
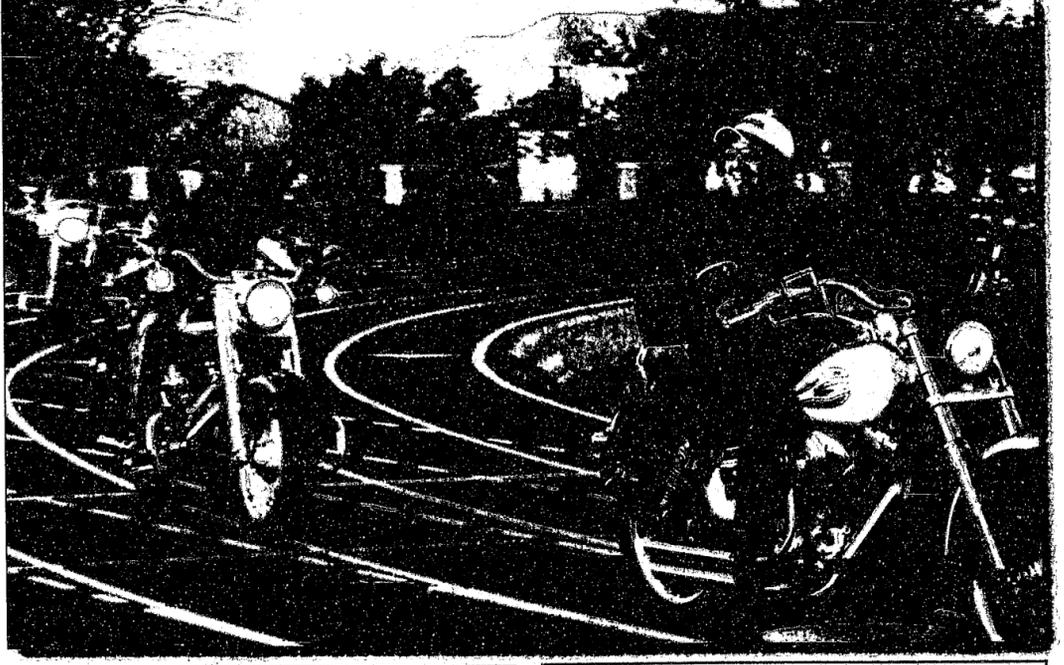
Princess Saryha Zamora and Prince Riley Gallacher hold the crowns, awaiting the homecoming king and queen.

Carrizozo Mayor Dennis Vega rides at the head of a motorcycle posse during the beginning festivities of Carrizozo's homecoming game.

Police Chief Stephen Barnett promoted the DARE program homecoming evening with promotional gifts to raise awareness for the program. "I gave away just about everything I had," Barnett said. "It was a great promotion."

Sophomore candidates for king and queen Sarah Ferguson and Jace Hill hold high aspirations for college. Ferguson said she plans to attend law school and Hill said he intends to pursue a career in sports medicine.

For pictures of Carrizozo's homecoming king and queen, see page 2B.



Jerry Draughon
1938-2011

Gone to his heavenly home to meet his precious Savior and Holy God, Jerry Dean Draughon, born June 14, 1938 in Springfield, TN passed away September 22, 2011 in El Paso, TX. He served four years in the U.S. Navy, 1955-59 and served seventeen years in the U.S. Army, 1959-76. He served as a Ships' Radar Navigator, Radar Instructor, and in Military Intelligence in Guam, Japan, Philippines, Okinawa, Korea, Vietnam, Ft. Bliss, TX, Ft. Bragg, NC, and Ft. Huachuca, AZ. Medals: National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Five Good Conduct Medals, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Marksman M-14, and the Bronze Star. Jerry retired from the military and lived in El Paso until 1996. Jerry worked at the El Paso Juvenile Probation Center as Juvenile Probation Officer-Director of Intake for 17 years and retired June 1996. He has two children: son, Daniel Draughon of Ruidoso, NM; and daughter, Wendy (Steve) Holt of Liberty Twp, OH; Five grandchildren: Tanner, Hunter, and Makenna Holt of OH; Daphne Draughon of Farmington, NM; Dylan Draughon of OK and Great grandchild, Weston Draughon, NM. Reuniting in heaven with Jerry are his parents, Nancy Belle Poole and Robert T. Draughon. Brothers: Kenneth Draughon and Donald Draughon; Sisters: Connie Hill, Helen Jones and Delores Dobbins. Living with his wonderful memories is his wife of 49 years, Sandra of Ruidoso, NM; brother, Winston Draughon of Portland, TN; Sisters: Bobbie Merville of Nashville, TN; Sylvia Ganious of Greenbrier, TN; Anita (George) Crabtree of Franklin, KY and Faye Couch of Whitehouse, TN. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews whom he loved very much. Organizations: El Maida Shrine Temple of El Paso, El Maida Lizzie Patrol, Masonic Lodge #130 and El Paso Knights Templar #18. Jerry had lived in Ruidoso, NM for the past 15 years and loved it dearly. Jerry was a loving, caring man with his own sense of humor. He will be missed in so many different ways. Heaven will be blessed to have him. Please visit on-line register book at www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net.



Fred Bernard
1939-2011

Memorial service for Fred Bernard, 72, of Ruidoso Downs will be Saturday, October 8, at 4:00 PM at the Ruidoso Elk's Lodge on Highway 70 followed by a potluck meal.

Mr. Bernard passed away Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Ruidoso Downs. He was born January 19, 1939 at Iron Mountain, Michigan. He retired from the New Mexico State Police in 1979; he worked for the Ruidoso Downs Police Department and was former Municipal Judge for Ruidoso Downs. He moved to Ruidoso Downs 40 years ago from Vaughn, NM. He married Rose Loup on June 28, 1958 in Carlsbad, NM.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; a son, Terry Bernard; daughter, Lisa Ann Bernard; two brothers, Ronald Bernard and Eugene Bernard and two grandchildren, Tee Bernard and Sara A. Cummins.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.



Norma Phillips
1936-2011

Memorial service for Norma Phillips, 75, of Ruidoso will be Friday, September 30, at 2:00 PM at the Ruidoso Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Joyce officiating.

Mrs. Phillips passed away Saturday, September 17, 2011 in Lubbock, Texas. She was born May 27, 1936 at Frederick, Oklahoma. She moved to Ruidoso in 1973 from Littlefield, Texas. She was owner-operator of the Art and Flower Nook since 1973 and she loved to play the piano and had also taught piano. She attended the Ruidoso Baptist Church. She married Dwain Phillips on November 8, 1952 in Clovis, New Mexico.

She is survived by her husband Dwain; son, Jay Phillips and his wife Donna; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Joey Phillips.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

Slow moving fugitive arrested

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RUIDOSO DOWNS - Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Joseph Bailey arrested one of New Mexico's most wanted fugitives Thursday night after stopping a truck for driving too slow.

Bailey arrested Andres Juarez Garcia, 23, on a probation violation. Garcia is listed by the U.S. Marshals as one of New Mexico's Most Wanted gang members. The U.S. Marshals list Garcia as a member of the Washington Little Valley Locos of the Sureños gang.

Garcia was a passenger in a vehicle Bailey stopped at 9:42 p.m. for driving too slow on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

"He was extremely nervous," Bailey said. "You could almost see his pulse through his neck."

Bailey said Garcia gave him the name 'Juan Soto' and twice provided false social security numbers.

"The first time he gave me too many numbers and the second time he didn't give me enough numbers," Bailey said.

Bailey obtained identification from the driver, Leticia M. Recio, 29, of Artesia.

Adult Probation Officer Angela Minter was with Bailey on a ride-along. She called a colleague in the Artesia Probation Office and was told Recio could be with Garcia.

Based on the physical description provided by



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Joseph Bailey, left, receives a letter of commendation from Police Chief Doug Babcock during Monday's city council meeting.

Artesia APO, Bailey identified Garcia and asked him to step out of the vehicle.

According to the U.S. Marshals, Garcia had eluded police multiple times since he absconded from probation Sept. 23, 2009. Bailey said Garcia tried this time, but only got about 5 feet.

"He turned and started to run and I deployed my Taser," Bailey said.

Bailey took both Garcia and Recio into custody.

"We found some drugs in the vehicle and are getting a search warrant to go through the vehicle," Bailey said Friday morning.

Bailey charged Recio with harboring or aiding a fugitive, possession of a controlled substance and impeding traffic. She was

reportedly driving 20 miles an hour in a 40 mph zone.

Garcia was on probation for charges of receiving or transferring a stolen motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia and was wanted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock.

Eddy County Sheriff's Deputies had arrested Garcia in Dec. 2008 on a probation violation. In Jan. 2009 District Judge Thomas Rutledge revoked Garcia's probation and ordered him to serve six months in the Eddy County Detention Center. Rutledge issued a bench warrant for Garcia in October 2009. Garcia has been eluding

law enforcement since then.

Fifth Judicial District Deputy District Attorney D'Ann Read said Friday that Garcia had been charged with being a felon in possession of a weapon in September 2009.

"It was good solid police work on Joseph Bailey's part," Babcock said. "We got this fugitive off the streets."

Babcock recognized Bailey with a letter of commendation at the Monday Ruidoso Downs City Council meeting.

"I'm so proud of Officer Bailey," Babcock said. "If it wasn't for him being so astute and picking up on all the cues during that traffic stop, this fellow could have eluded the police one more time."

Shooting goes to Grand Jury

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A Lincoln County Grand Jury will have the task of deciding if the July 28 shooting of a Lincoln County man was justified.

"It will go to the Grand Jury on Oct. 7," Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson said Thursday.

Thompson said the Grand Jury procedure was common practice and District Attorney Diana Martwick decided the case should be presented.

Three deputies and a Captain police officer responded to the home of Jim Latham, 60, following a domestic disturbance. Latham was reportedly armed with a pistol and refused repeated commands to disarm.

Two deputies allegedly shot Latham when he pointed the pistol at them.

Latham died.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department placed the deputies involved in the shooting on standard administrative leave, conducted an internal investigation and put the deputies back on duty within a couple of weeks.

The New Mexico State Police investigated the shooting.

On Aug. 16 the *Ruidoso News* requested the investigator's final report on the shooting from the New Mexico State Police. The report is not available.

"This letter is to inform you that we are working on your request, but due to the burdensome nature of the request, additional preparation times is required," New Mexico Department of Public Safety Records Custodian Regina Chacon wrote in a letter to the *Ruidoso News* Aug. 31.

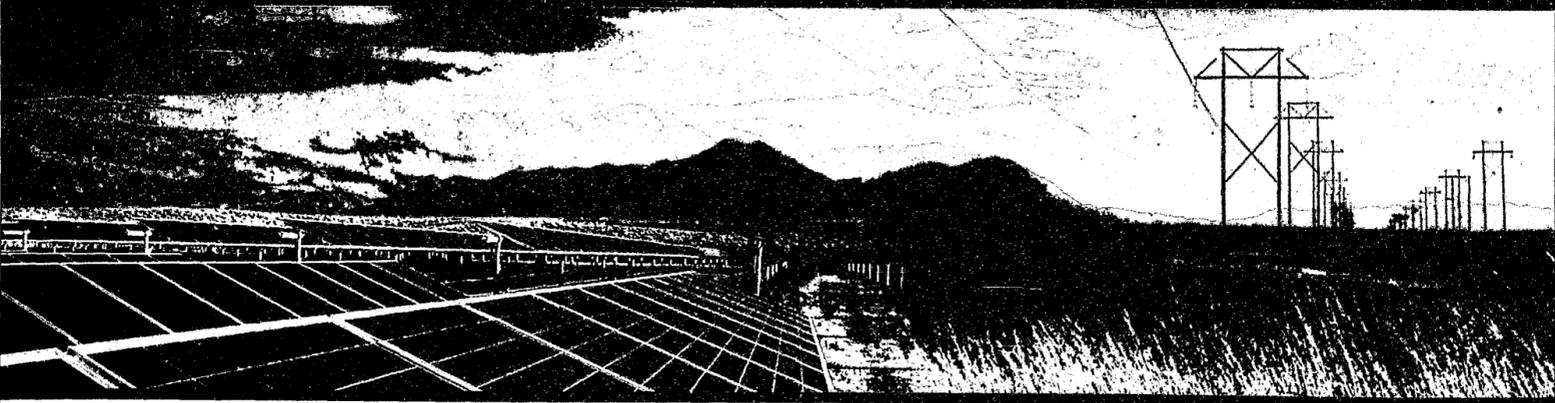
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HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Sgt. Steve Corbin takes pictures of two vehicles involved in an accident at Walgreen's Tuesday afternoon. The car on the right struck the car on the left, jumped the curb and struck the building. Officer David Gallegos said there were no injuries or citations issued.

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Tour de Ruidoso



Race director Michelle Thurston and "DJ Pete" Davis award one of the door prizes during the Tour de Ruidoso after-party behind The Lodge at Sierra Blanca Saturday afternoon. Some 250 riders participated in the 5th annual bike ride.



A Tour de Ruidoso rider prepares to park his bicycle in the temporary racks on the lawn behind The Lodge at Sierra Blanca Saturday afternoon. Riders completed either a 60-kilometer or 100-mile ride starting and ending at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca.



Attorney and bicyclist H. John Underwood heads for the car after completing his first Tour de Ruidoso 60-kilometer ride Saturday.



Ruidoso Athletic Club owner Joe Coakley is all smiles after completing his first 100-mile ride in Saturday's Tour de Ruidoso.

photos by Harold Oakes



Jeremy Hardwood turns the final corner to complete the 100-mile ride during the Tour de Ruidoso Saturday. Hardwood's time of 7 hours, 19 minutes was well behind the course record time of 4 hours, 52 minutes and 7 seconds, turned in by the first finisher, Gilberto Porras.



Ride over, time to eat. One of the participants from a Mexican bicycle club gets a plate of food prepared by Dreamcatcher's Cafe for the Tour de Ruidoso bicycle ride Saturday. Several riders from Mexico filled the record field for the 5th annual bicycle ride to raise money for the Ruidoso Hospice Foundation.

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 Hwys. 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 29ers 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 Mommies 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/Spanish GED: Classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education English as a Second Language. Mon. & Wed. 3:30pm-5:00pm or Mon.-Wed. 6pm-8pm Spanish GED: Tues.-Thurs. 10:00am-1:00pm and Tues.-Wed. 4:00pm-8:00pm Sign up at the White Mountain Annex Building (203 White Mountain Drive) or call 258-1730

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

GED classes: Classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education Block Classes Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am-Noon or Independent Study Mon. -Thurs. 1:00pm-5:00pm and Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm Sign up at the White Mountain Annex Building (203 White Mountain Drive) or call 258-1730

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

Help & Healing

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

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

Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Mon., 6:30 p.m., women's open meeting; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Fri., 7 p.m., Beginners and young people's big book study; Sat, Sun, 7 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) Ruidoso. Info: 258-8885.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Political

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

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

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

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

Service Organizations

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

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

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first

and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

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

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

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

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

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; 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.lakennels.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., - 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 sacmtmtnvillage.org.

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

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

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

Veterans

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

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

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

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

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The SNMEDD/COG will provide all other applicable taxes.

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If you have questions or are requesting a complete bid specification sheet, contact the SNMEDD/COG by FAX at (575) 624-6134 or email at pmsnmedd@plateau.net. Please submit bids no later than 5 pm Friday, October 7, 2011. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked on the envelope "Sealed Bid for Vehicle". The bids must be addressed to:

Hubert H. Quintana
Executive Director
SNMEDD/COG
1600 SE Main Street
Suite D
Roswell, New Mexico
89203

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet on Friday, October 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the ENMU-Portales campus in the Regent's Room. Resents will act upon business so presented and may meet in an executive session. Agendas are available at the President's Office located in the ENMU-Portales campus Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA Institution.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
FILED DISTRICT COURT OF
LINCOLN COUNTY, NM
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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3M CATTLE COMPANY, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
No. CV-2011-253

THE SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF REALTY COMPANY, INC., THE SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF RUIDOSO LAND COMPANY, BILL JENKINS AND JANE JENKINS, AND BERNICE SHAMALEY, LARRY A. MCCOWN, AND LINDA J. MCCOWN, CRAIG JOYCE AND MOLLY JOYCE AS TRUSTEES OF THE LIVING TRUST OF MARY BROWNLOW, TRUSTEE OF THE DAWN VANDERBURG TRUST, JOY DAWN VANDERBURG RICE, AND LINDA JENKINS, CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
TO: THE SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF RUIDOSO REALTY COMPANY, INC., THE SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF RUIDOSO LAND COMPANY, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

GREETINGS:

1. Plaintiff rightfully owns, and makes claim to, the following described property in Lincoln County, New Mexico:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE LOT TO BE MOVED TO A POINT ON THE CENTRAL SUBDIVISION
A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE N1/2 AND S1/2 OF LOT 12, ALL WITHIN BLOCK 13, CENTRAL SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE BOYD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 9, 1925, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A FOUND 5/8" REBAR FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE N1/2 OF LOT 13, BLOCK C CENTRAL SUBDIVISION;

THENCE ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 12, A DISTANCE OF 169.29 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2" IRON PIPE;

THENCE S 00°25'45" E A DISTANCE OF 32.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIO RUIDOSO RIVER;

THENCE S 30°07'10" W A DISTANCE OF 8.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIO RUIDOSO RIVER;

THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF THE RIO RUIDOSO RIVER THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) COURSES:

1. S 58°55'29" E A DISTANCE OF 19.00 FEET;

2. THENCE S 43°49'13" E A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET;

3. THENCE S 51°00'53" E A DISTANCE OF 40.00 FEET;

4. THENCE S 34°31'49" E A DISTANCE OF 20.50 FEET;

5. THENCE S 17°56'08" E A DISTANCE OF 20.50 FEET;

THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE OF THE RIO RUIDOSO RIVER AND GOING SOUTH TO A POINT ON THE WEST BANK OF SAID RIVER;

THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH BANK AND GOING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SAID RIVER, THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) COURSES:

1. N 70°45'20" E A DISTANCE OF 37.94 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2" REBAR;

2. THENCE N 44°54'20" E A DISTANCE OF 15.64 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR WITH PLS CAP#18077;

3. THENCE N 06°15'56" W A DISTANCE OF 20.34 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR WITH PLS CAP#18077;

4. THENCE N 21°24'17" W A DISTANCE OF 16.84 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2" REBAR WITH PLS CAP#4971;

5. THENCE N 21°24'17" W A DISTANCE OF 78.00 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2" REBAR WITH PLS CAP#4971;

6. THENCE N 25°38'13" W A DISTANCE OF 12.62 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2" REBAR WITH PLS CAP#4971;

THENCE N 00°07'29" E A DISTANCE OF 116.55 FEET TO A FOUND 3/8" REBAR;

THENCE N 89°32'09" W A DISTANCE OF 20.34 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2" REBAR WITH PLS CAP#4971;

THENCE N 00°45'35" E A DISTANCE OF 13.97 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2" REBAR;

THENCE N 88°34'30" W A DISTANCE OF 79.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED BEING 0.652 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES ALONG THE EXISTING ROAD OF COYOTE LAKE LOCATED WITHIN THE N1/2 OF LOT 13, BLOCK C CENTRAL SUBDIVISION, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A FOUND 5/8" REBAR FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE N1/2 OF LOT 13, BLOCK C CENTRAL SUBDIVISION;

THENCE S 49°41'56" E A DISTANCE OF 63.00 FEET;

THENCE S 38°48'51" E A DISTANCE OF 32.00 FEET;

THENCE S 25°14'12" E A DISTANCE OF 74.00 FEET;

THENCE N 00°07'29" E A DISTANCE OF 60.40 FEET;

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-11-149
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
N.A.,

Plaintiff,
vs.

RAYMOND M. SWANSEN JR.,
and if married, JANE DOE
SWANSEN (true name unknown), his spouse,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 19, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the herein-after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 105 Altamira Drive, Alto, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

TRACT 105, THE RANCHES OF SONTERRA, UNIT ONE, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, MAY 18, 1994, IN CABINET F, SLIDE NO. 21, AND BY THAT CERTAIN AFFIDAVIT, PLAT OF CORRECTIONS RECORDED IN BOOK 1994-19 LINCOLN COUNTY RECORDS, PAGE 434.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 19, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$391,381.50 and the same bears interest at 6.75% per annum from August 16, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,704.63. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens

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