

# RUIDOSO NEWS

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## Commission picks new county manager

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After reviewing 17 applicants and narrowing the field to four for personal interviews, Lincoln County commissioners emerged from a closed session Monday and picked Nita Taylor, an association specialist with the New Mexico Association of Counties, as their top choice to replace Tom Stewart as county manager.

Stewart is retiring in December after 13 years at the helm of the county administration.

Negotiations still must be worked out on contract terms and beginning date, but Taylor was at the county offices in Carrizozo Tuesday when she was reached for comment.

"I'm honored that the commis-



Taylor

sion selected me as their first choice and I look forward to learning and working with the commissioners and picking Tom's brain to get any where near close to where he is," she said.

In a memorandum from Stewart, the manager said details of the contract would be announced at

the Oct. 18 commission meeting when the contract will be considered for approval.

A graduate of Capitan High School, Taylor earned a bachelor of science degree in education, majoring in mathematics from New Mexico State University, and a master's degree in business administration from Anderson Graduate Schools of Management in Albuquerque.

According to her resume, dur-

ing her career with Qwest, which began in 1969, she acted in several different capacities, including traffic study analyst, financial analyst, security manager, different positions in network management, mass markets operations team leaders and manager of regulatory affairs.

After retiring from Qwest in 2006, she was hired as a pro bono

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### LIFE IN THE FAST LANE



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Diego and Alex Arredondo drive their Mustang out of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track parking lot as the crowd departs the car show Saturday. Diego, 2, and Alex, 5, trailered their show-car in from El Paso to participate in the annual show of classic and custom cars.

## Prying eyes bring about mistrial

Public regulatory commissioner allegedly failed to pay back loan

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A witness got caught peeking into the courtroom, causing a mistrial in a lawsuit against Public Regulatory Commissioner Ben Hall Monday.

"She said that she heard nothing and we hope that is the case," Hall's attorney, William Griffin, said after talking to the

witness outside the courtroom. "But we can't convince anybody otherwise."

Marshall Peebles, Hall's former son-in-law, is suing Hall for \$53,916.83, alleging that he loaned Hall the money in 1998 and Hall never repaid him.

The lawsuit claims the loan was due to be repaid in 2003. Marshall Peebles filed the lawsuit against Hall in 2009.

At the time of the loan, Peebles was married to Hall's daughter Julie. Julie Hall Peebles sued Marshall Peebles for divorce in April 2005. The divorce was granted in November 2009 but Julie Hall Peebles requested the divorce settlement be reopened last month, claiming that the money Ben Hall owes Marshall Peebles was not divided in the divorce and

should be divided equally between the parties. Julie Hall Peebles was one of the witnesses waiting outside the courtroom to testify on behalf of Ben Hall.

Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman, who was just visiting the trial as an observer, said she saw one of the witnesses waiting

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## Celebrating the Cowboy Way

Sid Goodloe and the story behind the Symposium

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One of the original sculptors of the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium is still very much involved 21 years into the Old West event that will celebrate its 22nd anniversary this weekend. Rancher Sid Goodloe said it was 1989 when Ray Reed said Ruidoso needed a festival to keep the spirit of the American West alive.

"And I said, 'Anything I can do to help let me know.' He was a good friend of (Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner, R.D.) Hubbard. So he went to Hubbard and I went to Robert O. Anderson (rancher and oil tycoon). I was working for him at that time. We had a meeting and Ray, Mr. Anderson, myself, Mr. Anderson's son Phelps, and another fellow who was a friend of Mr. Hubbard's. We knew we couldn't do it without some financing and they decided to put up a great deal of money the first and second and maybe the third year to get us started. If it hadn't been for Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hubbard, we wouldn't have this."

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## School escape route discussed

Committee leans toward 'Shelter in Place'

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A new route for a desired second road into and out of the two-year old Ruidoso Middle School will be pursued. But the Ruidoso Municipal School District's Blue Ribbon Committee, which looks at needs in the schools, is told the pursuit, as a fire escape route, may be unwarranted.

"Me and Harlan (Vincent, Ruidoso's interim fire chief) tag-teamed this," said Sean Stafford, fire management officer for the Lincoln National Forest's Smokey Bear Ranger District. "We've both been to the site, scratched our heads and

talked about some things. From a fire point of view, we don't think you have a fire issue because of some defensible space."

Stafford said there has been a good amount of tree thinning around the middle school.

"Most of the school is barren for 25 yards and in some places even more than 100 yards," he said of the perimeter around the school building.

Why evacuate?

Speaking of his command of a section of the 2003 Cedar Fire east of San

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**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.

Wood permits  
The Bureau of Land Management will begin selling wood permits Friday for piñon and juniper fire wood gathering on the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area.

Permits will be available from the BLM's Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second, Roswell, and Valley of Fires Recreation Area, 6158 U.S. 380, Carrizozo.

Wood permits are available to the public for personal use only. Wood cannot be resold for monetary gain. Each cord of fuel wood will be \$15.

Members of the public can purchase a minimum of one cord of wood and up to six cords per person. Permits are non-refundable. Wood permits will only be sold to the person who will use the fuel wood

and must be in their possession during loading and transportation.

Wood permits cannot be purchased for a third party. They will not be sold by phone. Permits may only be obtained in person at one of the two listed locations.

Piñon and juniper trees are being thinned on the NCA to reduce hazardous fuels in selected areas in order to reduce the potential for wildfires, and to benefit wildlife habitat. Wood gathering areas will be opened as weather permits. The areas will be closed during periods of high fire danger, or when periods of wet weather increase the risk of damage to roads and natural resources.

Maps of open wood gathering areas will be attached to permits at the time of purchase.

For more information, contact the BLM's Roswell Field Office at 575-627-0272.

**Repubs meet**

Three New Mexico legislators will be guest speakers at the monthly meeting of the Republican Party of Lincoln County Monday. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.

State representatives Nora Espinoza and Zach Cook will be joined by State Sen. Rod Adair to discuss the recent special session of

**STAGING A MENU**



COURTESY

**When a brand new restaurant** — not a chain — with an original menu and new staff comes together, it's a wise idea for everyone involved — chefs, prep cooks, waiters, bartenders, dishwashers, busers and managers — to become familiarized with the menu, its recipes and presentation, from the appetizer on up. But what to do when your new kitchen is still being completed? You rent a space like the executive kitchen at the Spencer Theater. That's exactly what the brand new, yet-to-be-opened, Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub arranged with Spencer Theater management last week, bringing between 30 to 40 new staff members to the theater each day to learn, under the guidance of Executive Chef Austin Witherspoon, each and every item on their one-of-a-kind menu. Everyone, including Spencer staff, tasted the savory cuisine, which included a variety of specialized, Irish-influenced appetizers, soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches, hearty entrees and delectable desserts. No Guinness was on tap for tasting — but most certainly will be at the actual 2331 Sudderth Dr. pub/restaurant, which is due to open October 12. Pictured are: Austin Witherspoon, front, the executive chef of the soon-to-be-opened Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub, takes a break with laughter during menu training for his staff.

the Legislature. Espinoza and Adair are Republicans from Roswell and Cook is a Republican from Ruidoso.

Dinner is set for 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. To help with a head count for the optional \$14-per-person dinner, contact Barbara Dickinson at 336-7822 by 6 p.m., Oct. 8.

For information about the Republican Party of

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

**Alto Lakes**

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, in the

Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Drive, Alto.

The agenda will be posted on www.ALSZD.org no later than 24 hours prior to meeting.

**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 from noon 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 available 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.

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**Regional Cities**

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**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Monday

**Temperature:**  
High/Low ..... 72°/48°  
Normal high ..... 70°  
Normal low ..... 40°  
Record high ..... 81° (1964)  
Record low ..... 20° (1973)

**Precipitation:**  
Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.01"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.18"  
Year to date ..... 6.73"  
Normal year to date ..... 18.12"

**Pollen:**  
Grass ..... High  
Trees ..... Low  
Weeds ..... High  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Ragweed

Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

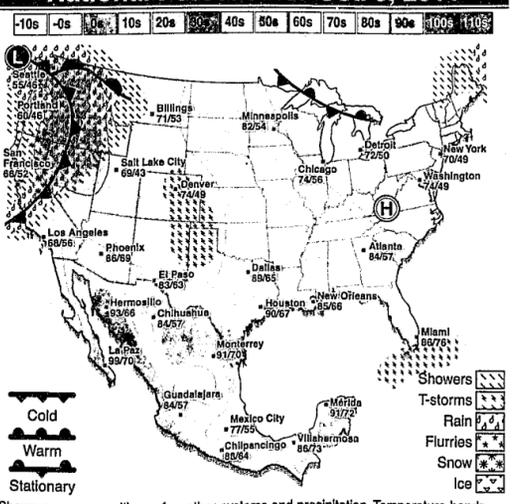
**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Monday

**Temperature:**  
High/Low ..... 85°/56°  
Normal high ..... 80°  
Normal low ..... 55°  
Record high ..... 93° (2000)  
Record low ..... 39° (1961)

**Precipitation:**  
Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... Trace  
Normal month to date ..... 0.13"  
Year to date ..... 3.20"  
Normal year to date ..... 9.04"

**Weather Trivia:**  
Q: What is the record high temperature for the U.S. in October?  
A: 116° in San Antonio, TX, 1936

**National Forecast for Oct. 5, 2011**



**National Cities**

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	80/65/s	85/68/pc
Anchorage	49/40/sh	50/39/r
Atlanta	84/57/s	79/57/s
Austin	89/65/s	90/68/pc
Baltimore	73/48/s	70/44/s
Boston	65/43/pc	57/42/s
Chicago	74/56/s	76/55/s
Dallas	89/65/s	88/70/pc
Denver	74/49/pc	74/43/pc
Des Moines	84/54/s	79/57/pc
Detroit	72/50/s	73/53/s
El Paso	83/63/pc	84/62/s
Las Vegas	76/61/t	68/55/c
Los Angeles	68/56/r	69/56/pc
Minneapolis	82/54/s	77/59/s
New Orleans	85/66/s	87/70/s
New York City	70/49/pc	64/49/s
Philadelphia	72/49/s	68/45/s
Phoenix	86/69/pc	78/61/t
Reno	57/36/r	52/38/c
San Francisco	66/52/t	66/54/c
San Diego	67/59/r	69/61/pc
Seattle	55/46/sh	61/49/pc
Tucson	84/63/pc	77/58/t
Tulsa, OK	84/57/s	87/63/pc
Wash., DC	74/49/s	70/49/s
Wichita	83/56/s	84/59/pc
Yuma	83/69/pc	77/59/pc

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

**Regional Cities**

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Albuquerque	72/51/pc	71/47/pc
Artesia	88/62/pc	89/62/pc
Chama	61/37/t	59/35/t
Clayton	71/48/t	73/47/t
Cloudcroft	61/41/pc	64/36/s
Farmington	67/48/t	58/33/t
Hobbs	80/57/pc	87/54/t
Los Alamos	63/41/t	63/39/pc
Portales	78/53/t	78/53/pc
Raton	72/42/t	70/42/pc
Red River	57/38/t	57/37/pc
Ruidoso	68/55/pc	70/49/pc
Santa Fe	68/45/t	67/40/pc
Silver City	74/50/pc	70/46/t
Taos	67/38/t	63/39/s

**Mexican Cities**

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/79/pc	91/77/pc
Cancún	86/72/t	86/73/t
Chihuahua	84/57/pc	88/55/s
Ciudad Juárez	82/63/pc	84/63/pc
León	84/57/pc	86/59/pc
México, DF	77/55/t	75/57/t
Monterrey	61/70/pc	63/72/pc
Morelia	82/55/t	82/56/t
Oaxaca	82/66/s	84/59/t
Pto. Penasco	82/66/s	79/59/pc
Tijuana	68/55/r	68/54/pc

# Ruidoso council approves replacement tower

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An existing tower will come down and a new 120-foot cell phone tower owned by Verizon Wireless will take its place behind the Ruidoso Police Station on Mechem Drive.

Village councilors three weeks ago delayed action on a lease agreement with Verizon that would replace the existing tower with one to support and enhance the mobile data units and radio reception of police units within the

village. But last week, councilors approved the agreement after an option for early removal of the tower was deleted and the village was given the choice of paying \$20,000 after 15 years or to pay the current market price for the tower.

The tower will occupy a 540-square foot space.

"Our present radio equipment will be placed on top of this tower, giving our officers better radio reception throughout the village, increasing public safety," Police Chief Joe

Magill said at the earlier meeting. Verizon will pay \$1,000 a month for the lease.

The village has no code to govern cell phone towers, although it does have regulations for ham radio towers, said Village Attorney Dan Bryant.

Building Official Shawn Fort said the application already was reviewed by staff as an amended site development plan in June and a building permit was issued in July. "It's replacing a tower, not a new

tower," he said. "Because of the lack of code, we wanted to ensure he talked to neighbors, although it was not required."

Verizon representative Reg Destree said he spoke to several neighbors, including residents at the Village View Apartments and at least two others in single-family homes, and heard no objections.

Councilor Gloria Sayers asked about the noise level and Destree said a small fan operates, but well below code noise

limits, and an emergency generator will kick in occasionally, but would not be louder than cars pulling in and out at the police department.

Councilor Denise Dean expressed concerns over the village being left empty-handed if Verizon decided to take down the tower. Bryant said the company and the village have the right to terminate the agreement every five years.

Councilor Ron Hardeman said \$20,000 seemed high to him for a 15-year-old tower. Dean

asked to postpone the issue to the council's meeting Sept. 29 to get more information.

At that session, Special Agent Dick Swenor with the police department said replacement is an 8-hour project, although a mobile command unit will be used as a substitute for three days to ensure all glitches are ironed out.

No light is required on the tower because the 120-foot height is below the 200-foot threshold set by the Federal Aviation Administration.

## EVENTS

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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 Department, 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.

## Cowboy Luncheon

St. Eleanor Benefit Cowboy Luncheon will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Community Youth Center Warehouse at 200 Church Drive.

Plates include: brisket, beans, potato salad, salsa, bread and beverages of water, tea or coffee. Take out orders are available. Adult plate is \$10. Child's plate 12 years and younger is \$6. Homemade desserts and soft drinks available for purchase.

Also at this event, winners will be drawn for the St. Eleanor Building Fund Raffle. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or a book of 12 for \$10. Five prizes will be drawn: grand prize, \$500; second prize, two prizes of \$250; third prize, two prizes of \$100. These events are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and benefit the St. Eleanor Catholic Church Building Fund. Call 257-2330 for more information.

## Library auction

Capitan Public Library's volunteers were busy last month visiting local merchants, businesses and individuals to ask for donations for the Sunday Silent Auction to benefit the library.

Some incredible items have arrived at the library from generous donors, they said.

The Library's daily operations are financed primarily by fund raisers, donations and grants. The Silent Auction is one of four major library fund raisers. Two

items recently added to the library are an online catalog and Ancestry Library Edition. The assets are funded through grants and fund raisers.

Volunteers invite patrons and visitors to come in and utilize those additions as well as other programs.

The auction is set for 2 p.m., Sunday, and will run for about two hours. Light refreshments will be served. Auction items will be on display this week at the library, 101 E. 2nd Street, Capitan.

## 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 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 its free flu shot clinic in late October once the new facility is open.

Details on 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.

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# OPINION

## RUIDOSO NEWS

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### OUR OPINION

## 'Can you hear me now?' Not in Carrizozo

If you go to the village of Ruidoso web site, the city of Ruidoso Downs web site, or the Lincoln County web site, you'll find a list of commissioners and trustees, mayors and their phone numbers. To cast accolades or aspersions one needs only to pick up the phone and reach out and touch your chosen elected officials. Residents of Capitan also can call up their elected officials and from time to time, we run the names and phone numbers of countywide officials because we know how important it is for constituents to access their elected leaders.

And leaders should make every reasonable effort to make themselves available to those who they are supposed to represent.

The leaders of Carrizozo, however, appear to have taken a different view on the matter.

Maybe it's because the mayor and two of the four trustees were appointed and not elected that they feel like they can be so arrogant.

Their attitude seems to be that being a public servant is much easier when there is as little public as possible.

If there is an important issue facing the Carrizozo Board of Trustees and residents want to discuss the matter with the mayor or the trustees their only recourse seems to be to attend the

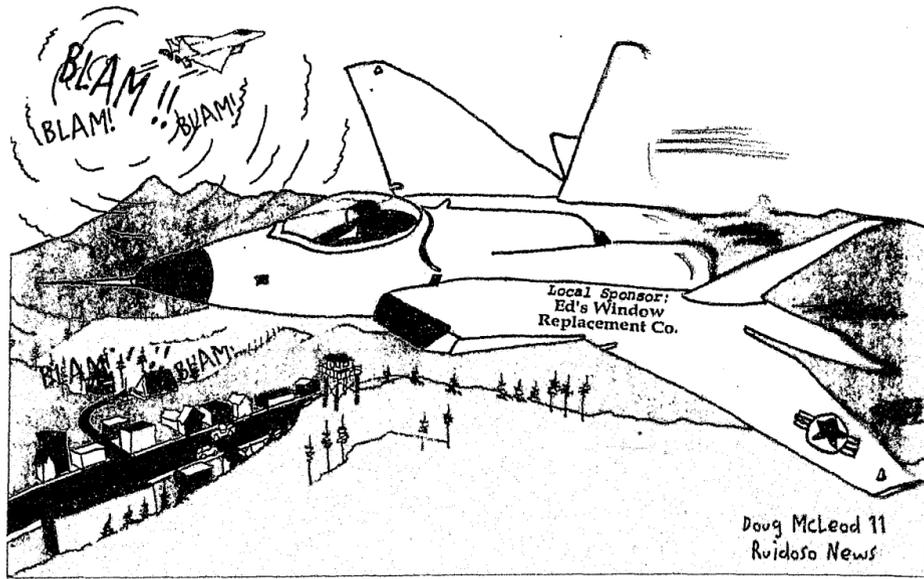
trustees' meeting and try to make your case if time permits. And if you can't make the meeting, well, too bad.

When asked for a telephone number that constituents could call and bring their concerns to Carrizozo Mayor Dennis Vega, he said that he didn't want residents to have access to the top administrator of their own town. He said most of the calls he gets from residents are "horrendous" and "a waste of time."

Well Mayor Vega nobody put a gun to your head and told you to take the post that you currently hold and nobody can force you to provide access to the people whom you allegedly represent. As we've seen in the last several weeks, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn learned that it isn't always easy to be an elected official. Local government can be messy and if it gets too messy, elected officials who can't take the heat need to get out of the kitchen, not block access to it.

We strongly urge the elected officials of Carrizozo to change their tune and provide access to the people they supposedly represent. Being the mayor or a trustee of Carrizozo should mean more than simply a title. If you truly want to do the people's business you have to be able to hear the people.

Be accessible, be accountable or find a different line of work.



Doug McLeod 11  
Ruidoso News

### YOUR OPINION

## Take a serious look at the national debt

To the editor:

My good friend Dick Mastin cites the New York Times and Time magazine when he tries to assail the idea of revenue growth through tax cuts.

As most people who follow the media are forced to learn, those media will not always get it right.

Nor are they free from political bias. Dick's figures are somewhat confusing but they are clearly meant to discredit the fact that tax cuts contribute to revenue growth. The following are a few facts gleaned from the non-partisan Bureau of Management and Budget.

The first two years of the Bush Administration indeed saw tax revenues fall. This had to do with the tech bust, as well as the Iraq/Afghanistan war.

But when the tax cuts took effect, revenues grew dramatically.

In 2003 the government collected \$ 1.782 trillion, \$1.88 trillion in 2004, \$2.156 trillion in 2005, \$2,406 trillion in 2006, and \$2.567 in 2007. All this amounts to a 44% revenue increase from 2003 to 2007.

True, the Bush administration increased deficits to \$413 billion in 2004 but the increasing revenues saw those deficits fall to \$161 billion in 2007. That was 10 percent of today's deficit of 1.6 trillion.

In 2008, with the economic downturn (and Congress having returned to a Democratic majority), deficits went up again, as did the national debt. This implies by no means that

Republicans in Congress are free of guilt when it comes to reckless over-spending.

But somehow Democrats always seem to out-do the GOP.

This is certainly apparent in recent congressional debates over budget and spending limits.

Republicans try to introduce spending cuts while Democrats want to spend more, apparently in the belief that more spending will end the recession, citing that financial stimulus will cause a rise in employment numbers.

Now, when it is evident that the stimulus has failed, employment remains at 9 percent plus, they want to double down with more stimulus, paying for it with inflated dollars and/or with more debt.

As Dick points out, we agree on some points — notably on government waste; a very important detail.

Also, I would never argue that there is no place for government, nor even for regulations.

What I am very much concerned about is the incredible growth of government and regulations and the precious revenues it is wasting; and perhaps even more importantly, the people's liberties that it is restricting and the financial burdens it is placing on businesses.

As of this date the US National debt stands at \$ 14.77 trillion.

It behooves all of us to take a really serious look at the implications of this number. By some experts' opinions this

number is already beyond a reasonable possibility to ever pay it back.

And the net interest on that national debt stands at \$ 214.67 billion. Source: USDebtClock.org

E. D. Ehrlich  
Nogal

### Thanks for support

To the editor:

First of all I would like to take this time to thank all the community and businesses that support the Community Youth Center Warehouse and the youth of Lincoln County.

In supporting CYCW you help support my vision, dreams and dedication for working with all youth in our community.

I want to especially thank Community United Methodist Church for their dream-come-true with building CYCW, which is the foundation of the coming Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca.

With your dreams, and dedication this will benefit the youth of not just the Ruidoso area but all of Lincoln County.

I have moved on from being director of CYCW, but support the vision and mission that is greatly needed in the community.

I am asking all the community and businesses band together and help make Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca become a reality.

Once again, thank you for your support and dedication to the youth of Lincoln County.

Victor Montes  
Ruidoso

### OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

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All meetings of any public body except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings, and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings ...

NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

## THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What do you think about the village's push to give preference to local bids?



John McCullough  
Alto

"All things equal, I'd like to see a preference for local bids, but I see the dilemma of still needing to accept the lowest bid."



Barbara Robinson  
Capitan

"They should not give preference strictly to local bids, they'll miss out on what could be."



Rick Campbell  
Alto

"I believe in free enterprise, and that all contractors should be able to bid. Competition is what America was built on."



Taylor Whitehead  
Ruidoso

"I think it's a good thing. Anything we can do to keep money in the local economy is a good thing."



Alan Augustyniak  
Ruidoso

"I think they should. We need to keep the money from these bids in town to better support the area."

## 'Enough is enough'

New Mexico State Forestry has reported 1,263 fires, burning more than 1 million acres since July 2010. This report shows the danger in which our homes, our communities, and our families have been placed. Mismanaged, overgrown forests contribute to the spread of wildfires that have devastated our state over the past year. The threat of fires in New Mexico could be decreased, giving us safer homes and healthier forests.

I have never been a proponent of clear cutting our forests; however, I am strongly in favor of healthy conservation through targeted forest management. Regular thinning of trees helps protect local watershed, decreases the risk of fires, and provides a better forest for wildlife and for the people of New Mexico.

This is exactly what the Otero County Commission was trying to accomplish with their Emergency Tree Cutting that began on Saturday, Sept. 17. The Commissioners in Otero County have been dedicated to ensuring local resource management of our forests and increasing public safety.

In June, the Commission voted to create an emergency plan, allowing the county to forego U.S. Forest Service policy and cut trees in the event of an emergency. They created an 80,000-acre plan that calls for responsible management to protect local watershed and prevent fires that have threatened Cloudercroft for many years.

Cutting took place in Lincoln National Forest near Cloudercroft.

It was a historic day, marking the return of common-sense local resource management, and I commend their efforts as well as their determination. In the days leading up to the event, an agreement was reached between the United States Forest



STEVE PEARCE  
U.S. CONGRESS, DIST. 2

Service and the Otero County Commissioners, stating that USFS would not interfere with the emergency plan. This was a breakthrough, demonstrating that cooperation between local and federal governments is possible.

I have continually said that forest management can only be done successfully if local government is an equal with the federal government. For the first time in a long while, local people with local interests have demonstrated that there is a voice, other than Washington's, in forest management. Saturday's event was a step toward public safety in our communities, and our local officials have delivered.

The reemergence of local involvement in forest management is a positive step. Regulations by the federal government have limited public access of forests and created logging bans.

In reality, forest management cannot be handled in Washington alone; instead, local people with local interests should have a voice in how to properly manage local resources. It is the Constitutional right of local governments to have a voice in these matters.

In fact, the U.S. Constitution specifies which powers are given to the federal government. The Tenth Amendment of the Constitution states that all powers not given to the federal government belong to the states and to the people. The right to

determine how the forest should be managed belongs to states, counties, or the people. It is a local issue that directly affects our homes, communities, and our safety.

Sept. 17's events in Otero County proved that local governments are more than capable of managing their lands. Their plan was legal and did not call for clear cutting of the forests. Instead, it worked to cut unnecessary or dead and dry trees that would only act as kindling when wildfires start.

Otero County's plan also initiated what will hopefully be the renewal of the timber industry in New Mexico. If we can get local governments to take the initiative and tell the federal government that enough is enough, we can reclaim the industry that once flourished in New Mexico.

According to "The Economics of Sawmill Operations in New Mexico," a study by New Mexico State University from the early 1960s lumber and wood products manufacturing was second in importance "only to the food and food handling industry of New Mexico."

Additionally, our nation lost 20,000 logging jobs with the listing of the spotted owl on the endangered species list. This loss is devastating, but could be overcome with the renewal of logging in our state and other areas who follow Otero County's lead.

It is time for the people to hold the government accountable and for government to listen to the people. The simple truth is that we need real, common-sense solutions and a government that will use good judgment. We have to stand up and say, "Enough is enough!"

*Congressman Steve Pearce represents New Mexico's Second District, which includes Lincoln County.*

## Setting the record straight

Recently, I have seen and heard a lot of rhetoric about the management of the Lincoln National Forest in southern New Mexico.

While it isn't unusual for people to publicly express their dissatisfaction about some facet of our management, the information and publicity surrounding the tree cutting event on Sept. 17 near Cloudercroft was troubling because it so blatantly distorted the facts.

I am proud of the work being done by employees of the Lincoln National Forest in partnership with individuals, organizations and local governments.

Tremendous work has been done to reduce the fire hazard near communities and restore the health and resiliency of the forest.

More than 570,000 acres have been treated on the Lincoln National Forest in the past 30 years, ranging from timber sales to mechanical thinning to prescribed fire.

These treatments have created wildlife openings, seeding, and watershed and rangeland improvements.

Over the past decade, the Lincoln shifted its focus to national forest lands within the wildland-urban interface as identified and prioritized through community wildfire protection plans.

In this 10-year time



CORBIN NEWMAN  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE

frame, the Lincoln treated more than 421,000 acres compared to 159,805 acres treated in the previous 20 years.

This threefold increase demonstrates our agency's commitment to helping protect communities from wildfire.

On the Sacramento Ranger District, over 121,000 acres of treatment have occurred in the past 10 years.

Specifically, of the 1,800 acres of National Forest System land within a half-mile buffer of the Village of Cloudercroft; 59 percent has been treated.

Such treatments will continue with the aim of protecting communities from wildfire and improving forest health, resiliency, and ecological function.

In fact, our collaboration on the proposed Southern Sacramento Mountains Restoration Project through the Otero County Working Group is

a prime example of how close collaboration can lead to an outstanding project with widespread ecological, recreational, and economic benefit.

This project proposes to restore forest health, reduce fire hazard, and support local economies on nearly 300,000 acres across Forest Service, State, and private lands within the Lincoln National Forest boundary.

Management of public lands requires involvement of us all.

I and the employees of the Lincoln National Forest are fully committed to working collaboratively with all of the Counties and local governments in the management of the Lincoln National Forest.

I believe we share a common vision for the health and resiliency of the Lincoln while providing for sustainable economic vitality and support for rural lifestyles of the mountain communities in and around the Forest.

I thank all concerned citizens for their involvement in managing the Lincoln, which is your national forest.

I ask for your support, your energy, and your ideas to help us meet this challenge.

*Corbin Newman is Regional Forester of the USDA Forest Service's Southwestern Region.*

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### Dutchman's Breeches

Early woodland wildflowers are not shouters. They're small, pale blossoms, hovering close to the brown leaves on the forest's spring floor. Then why do they trigger a surge of elation? Take dutchman's breeches, which look like blousy white trousers held upside down, with a little yellow bow at the waist. They're just a few inches high, dangling over feathery dusky green foliage. From a distance, a mass of them looks like a faint brush of green over the hillside. But up close the flowers are enchanting and eccentric, and looking at them makes you feel like spring is speaking to you personally.

**Common name:** Dutchman's breeches  
**Botanical name:** Dicentra cucullaria  
**Plant type:** Perennial  
**Zones:** 4 to 8  
**Height:** 6 to 12 inches  
**Family:** Fumariaceae  
**Growing conditions**  
• Sun: Part to full shade

- **Soil:** Well-drained, rich, humusy
- **Moisture:** Average to moist

**Care**

- **Mulch:** Mulch to preserve moisture in the soil.
- **Pruning:** None needed.
- **Fertilizer:** None needed.

**Propagation**

- By division

**Pests and diseases**

- Susceptible to downy mildew, fungal leaf spot, viruses, and rust.
- Vulnerable to slugs and snails.

**Garden notes**

- In the wild, dutchman's breeches are often found in drifts that cover a forest floor or a meadow. They will slowly spread if left undisturbed in a woodland garden.
- Dutchman's breeches bloom in March in most regions. The foliage survives for only a few weeks after the flowers are gone.

Don't mow or clip the leaves—allow them to gather energy before they fade away on their own.

- Combine dutchman's breeches with shade-loving plants that unfold in late spring or early summer, such as ferns, hosta, or wild ginger.
- Dutchman's breeches are adaptable, but they cannot tolerate wet soil or poor drainage. They are one of the few plants that can thrive around the trunk of a mature deciduous tree, because they go dormant before the tree leaves out and the soil dries.



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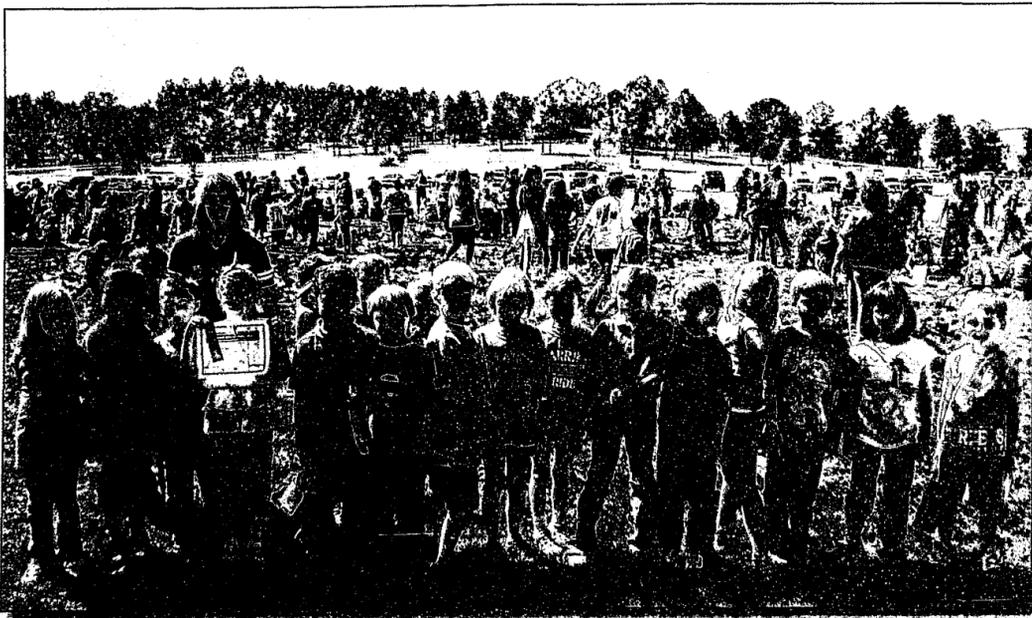
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# EDUCATION

## WALKATHON SUCCESS



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From left, Emberlyn Allen, Bianca Trujillo, Jairemyah Rocha-Davila, Solomon Chavez, teacher Laura Bryant, Savannah Mendez, Garrett Ammons, Jeremy Biscaino, Damien McLeod, Connor Holland, Michael Friber, Cooper Pritchett, Presley Huey, Ellison Hanna, Tylee Whipple, Cohen Gilliland, Arabella Sneed-Schmitz, Nathaniel Morales, Guilianna McAlister, and Jacoby Graham of Mrs. Bryant's second grade class raised more than \$1,500 for the walkathon held on Sept. 30.

## PNM Fund offers school grants

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Teachers full of ideas and short on classroom funding can still apply for Energy Exploration Grants of up to \$2,000 from the PNM Fund, a division of the PNM Resources Foundation.

The grant program for the 2011-2012 school year opened on April 15, and applications can be made by New Mexico teachers until Oct. 15.

"Our Energy Exploration Grants encourage teachers to ask students a question about

energy or energy efficiency and share with us their creative ideas to address that question in their classrooms," said Diane Harrison Ogawa, executive director of the PNM Resources Foundation. "Teachers still have time to help students attain a better understanding of the topics of energy and energy efficiency by applying for a PNM Energy Exploration Grant by Oct. 15."

Last school year, a \$2,000 Energy Exploration Grant was awarded to White Mountain Elementary School teacher Laura Marlene Bryant. Her project looked at what

controls energy absorption and reflection in the sound transmission of musical instruments.

Sample questions are available at [http://www.pnm.com/foundation/docs/energy\\_question\\_s.pdf](http://www.pnm.com/foundation/docs/energy_question_s.pdf), though the fund encourages teachers to create their own, innovative questions that would pique the interest of their students.

Teachers at public or private, non-profit pre-K through 12 schools located in communities served by PNM are eligible to apply for the grants.

For program rules, tips on how to write a successful

grant application and access to the online application, visit [http://www.pnm.com/foundation/energy\\_explore.htm?source=explore-em](http://www.pnm.com/foundation/energy_explore.htm?source=explore-em) or links available at <http://www.pnm.com/foundation>.

The PNM Fund, a division of the PNM Resources Foundation, has supported non-profits and education through philanthropy and community engagement for 27 years. Since 1990, more than 900 classroom grants totaling more than \$1.8 million have been awarded to New Mexico teachers to aid them in encouraging students to face challenges and develop their skill sets.

## Grading policies may see change

Hearing scheduled in Alamogordo

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One of two public hearings to change the way public schools in New Mexico are graded will be conducted in Alamogordo.

By late November, the state's education secretary could implement the A-B-C-D-F Schools Rating Act, which has been touted by some as an easy way to understand how a school is doing.

The Alamogordo hearing is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 2, at the Alamogordo Public Schools' board of education meeting room at 1211 Hawaii Ave.

Enabling legislation was signed into law by Gov. Susana Martinez earlier this year.

"Implementing a transparent school grading system will allow everyone to understand the progress in our classrooms, enabling us to recognize excellence and reverse failure," Martinez said.

Currently public schools are graded on achieving or missing Adequate Yearly Progress, and whether the schools are progressing under the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act or need improvement

or corrective action.

Under the proposed Public Education Department rules, schools would be graded on performance, growth in reading and math, and attendance.

High schools also would be graded on graduation rates and college or career readiness.

For elementary and middle schools, a grade of A would indicate a score of 90 to 100 points. B would be 80 to less than 90; C, 70 to less than 80; D 60 to less than 70; and F would mean a score of less than 60.

At the high school level, a score of 75 to 100 would deliver a grade of A; 65 to less than 75, a B; 55 to less than 65, a C; 45 to less than 55, a D; and a grade of F indicates a high school with a score of less than 45 points.

The first Public Education Department hearing will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 31, in Mabry Hall at 300 Don Gaspar in Santa Fe.

Following the two hearings, Education Secretary designate Hanna Skandera will review the comments and make a decision on the rules. The grading system could be in place on Nov. 30.

## ENMU-R classes

ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education is offering several classes in the month of October for fun and professional development.

Introduction to Word will be offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Oct. 7 and 14, and will cover the basics of document production in Microsoft Word 2007. Students will learn to create, edit, save and print as well as how to use spell check, thesaurus, graphics management and simple tables. This course is \$65.

Oct. 10 is the date for the alcohol server training. This is specialized training that provides all the state required training and covers all state laws and regulations concerning the sale and service of alcohol, liquor liability issues and driving under the influence. Participants must be at least

19 years old and have a valid photo validation. Cost is \$40.

Jim Miller will be offering a course on Home & Business Energy Efficiency from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 11, that will cover topics such as how to get free or low cost home or small business energy audits. Students also can learn about weatherization assistance programs available in southeast New Mexico, including Lincoln County.

Photography for Realtors will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 12. This course will detail key elements of camera angles, ambient lighting and composition that will encourage the viewer to follow up with the listing agent. Fee is \$35.

For additional information or to register, please call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 575-257-3012. - From ENMU-Ruidoso



COURTESY

Montana Prudencio is the teen in the Spotlight.

## Teen Spotlight

Teen Spotlight features area teens that have made a difference in their community, sponsored by Lincoln County DWI Prevention.

Montana Prudencio is currently a junior at Hondo Valley Public School. She is the daughter of Mary and Edwin Prudencio. She is a dedicated student, a member of the FFA group, and participates in volleyball and basketball.

Away from school, Prudencio participates in rodeo as a barrel racer. She is an active member of her 4-H Club. Involvement in

church activities is important to her also, and she volunteers at church fiestas. Prudencio has attended the Light the Fire Youth Leadership Summits for several years and helps with their activities.

Prudencio says that her great grandmother Maria Sedillois always there for her and has had a great impact on her life. Prudencio is already making plans for her future to attend college after high school graduation and major in forensics with a minor in criminal justice. - From reports

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# Forestry gives advise on dying trees

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Ruidoso's forestry director will offer some advice in a flyer tucked into monthly utility bills on how to handle dead and dying trees in the village.

During the council meeting Sept. 27, Councilor Ron Hardeman said he's seeing a lot of dead and dying trees everywhere.

"I understand when trees are stressed from things (such as the current prolonged drought), they can't fight off bark beetles," he said. "Is there something that needs to be done by residents?"

Forestry Department Director Dick Cooke said at the current stage, "The trees that are going to die, will."

When the hydraulic pressure within the tree is high, it will repel bark beetles, but when a drought occurs and that pressure diminishes, the tree can't defend itself, he said. The beetles travel from one tree to another, targeting the native Ponderosa pines, he said.

"We'll probably see a lot more mortality and hazard trees within the next two years," he said. Beetles also feed on forest slash and that's why the village must keep up with hauling off material cleared and cut on lots.

"So it's best for the surviving trees to get those old

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Dick Cooke  
Forestry Department director

ones off," Hardeman confirmed. He asked why consecutive days of below zero temperatures last winter didn't kill the beetles.

Cooke said because of the thick tree bark, a 40-degree below temperature must be sustained for a couple of weeks to eliminate the invaders.

Hardeman recommended composing an insert to advise residents about the trees and why they need to be removed.

Councilor Gloria Sayers asked if wood-infested with beetles could be used for firewood. Cooke said by village ordinance, if wood is stacked, it should be covered tightly with heavy plastic for nine months to kill the beetles.

Cooke also submitted an annual forestry report for council review, which will be posted on the village website.

One of the major statistics listed was that the \$837,533 collected for yard waste removal falls short of covering the cost of service by \$106,535.

Summarizing the de-

partment's accomplishments during the past year, Cooke wrote that 83.4 acres of village-owned property was thinned; he administered three cost-sharing grants for \$448,872 returned to landowners to aid in thinning 305 acres of property; marked and certified 302 acres of cost-shared property; marked and certified 354 acres of non-cost shared land; hauled and disposed of 57,812 cubic yards of green waste; and generated about \$658,800 in payments to local thinning contractors, resulting in \$56,828 in gross receipts taxes.

### Other actions

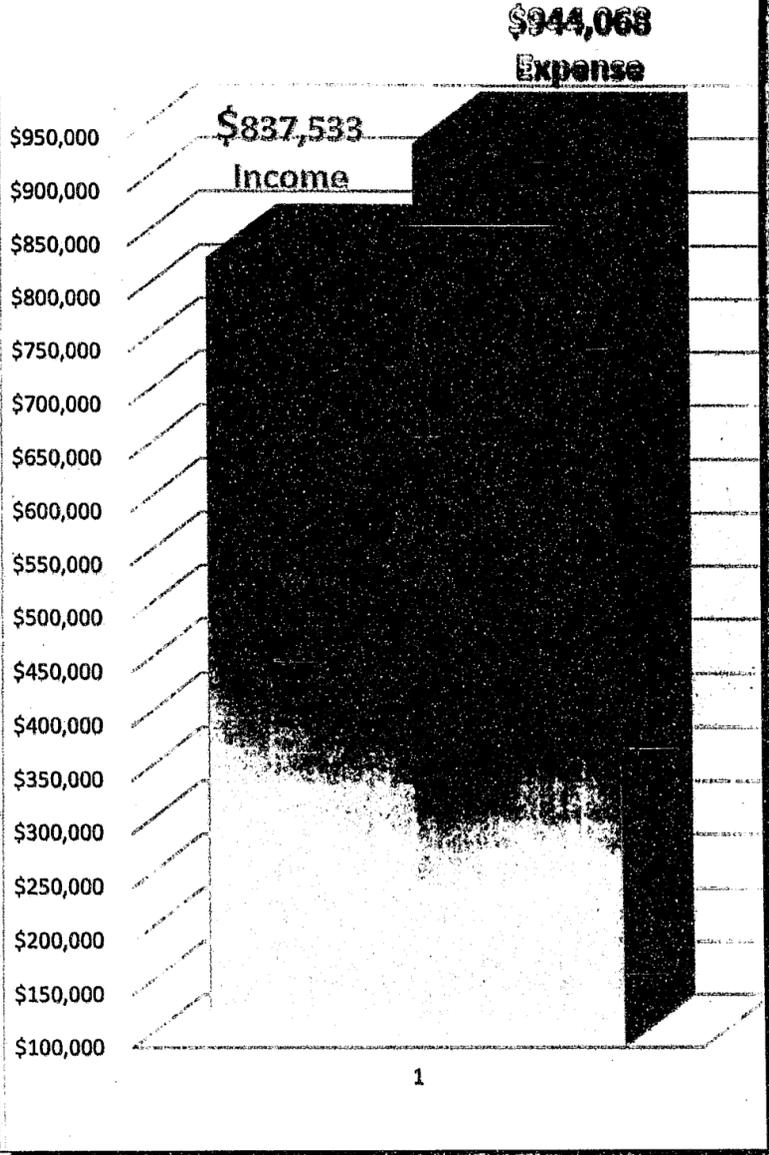
In other action, councilors:

- approved a special dispenser's permit at Sanctuary on the River for an Altrusa fundraiser to raise money for annual mammograms.

- approved a memorandum of understanding between the village police department and Barnett Harley Davidson Leasing Inc. for a one-year lease of two 2009 Electra Glide FLHTP motorcycles for \$6,425.24.

- approved a memorandum of understanding between the police department and Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit for office space rental at a rate of \$1,200 per month.

### Green Waste Income vs Expense



## Museum to add storage building

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A six-year effort to add a storage building to the Hubbard Museum of the American West finally will see construction begin.

"It's been talked in, talked out," Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong said of the plans for the expansion.

The museum, operated by the city, was donated to Ruidoso Downs in August 2005 by R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard.

City councilors Sept. 27 awarded a bid to construct a metal building to house museum items and exhibits.

"We had one bidder, JRP Master Builders," Ruidoso Downs Finance Director Terri Mosley told city councilors. "And staff's recommendation is to award it."

The price of the prefabricated metal building was \$64,920 plus \$4,550.16 in gross receipts tax.

Jim Kofakis, the museum's director, said a lot of time was spent during September over the location of the building and the cost of the long-proposed storage building.

A Housing and Urban Development grant for \$87,681 had been scheduled to expire on Sept. 30.

"We now have a HUD-approved location and a slimmed down version of the building which is more functional and less expensive than the three options that were submitted in previous years," Kofakis wrote in a report to the city council. "Although we will leave some funds unexpended from the grant, we should be able to recoup just over \$80,000 towards the project."

Originally the city had budgeted as much as \$355,000 for the project.

## Cibola comment period now open

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A new public comment period has opened on a U.S. Forest Service travel management plan for the Cibola National Forest's Mountainair Ranger District.

The 30-day comment period was required after a revised environmental assessment of the Mountainair Travel Management Project was assembled. The revised proposal was prompted after the Forest Service Region 3 Office reversed the Cibola National Forest recommended plan. The November 2010 reversal was based on concerns

raised during an appeal period. Among the regional office's concerns was a failure to disclose effects on "habitats and populations in a consistent manner."

An appeal-deciding officer said a new decision was needed for travel management on the Mountainair Ranger District that analyzes effects on habitats and populations.

In a Sept. 29, letter to those interested in the travel management plan, Cibola National Forest Supervisor Nancy Rose said the environmental assessment was revised to address the concerns.

The project would designate a motorized road system that provides for public

access and motorized recreation on the Mountainair District. Designations would include types of vehicles, including ATVs and motorcycles, and time of year for motor vehicle use.

A final decision would result in the publication of

a Motor Vehicle Use Map. Travel off the designated system would be prohibited unless authorized.

A part of the Mountainair Ranger District is in Lincoln County.

The comment period will end on Oct. 28.

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# Calls to update reverse 911 system to go out on Friday

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To ensure the CodeRED emergency notification system includes all land-line telephones in the area, a special message will be sent to selected numbers on the Lincoln County reverse 911 system at 2 p.m. Friday.

County Manager Tom Stewart said Monday he learned that 1,264 land-line phones in the county are not properly located in the County's CodeRED System.

The reverse system automatically dials telephones in selected areas or across the county to notify residents of disasters, evacuations or other emergency issues. CodeRED is the contractor for the service.

"A call to all registered, cell and land-line phones in the county today would generate 15,588 calls," Stewart said. "So I believe it would be accurate to say that 8 percent need updated/accurate locations and those phones will receive the call on Oct. 7."

"I have been advised that there are a variety of reasons for the inaccuracies in the CodeRED

setup," he wrote county commissioners in an e-mail memorandum.

"Consequently, latitude and longitude coordinates cannot be established for these phone lines. Our CodeRED contractor has identified these phones and a special message will be sent to these lines informing the citizens to go to our website to sign up for

CodeRED and properly position the location of their phones and homes on the associated map."

He wrote that he would appreciate everyone who is called to respond to the request to ensure proper location for their phones.

"This in no way effects our dispatch's ability to locate 911 calls, only CodeRED's data base to make reverse 911 calls," he said.

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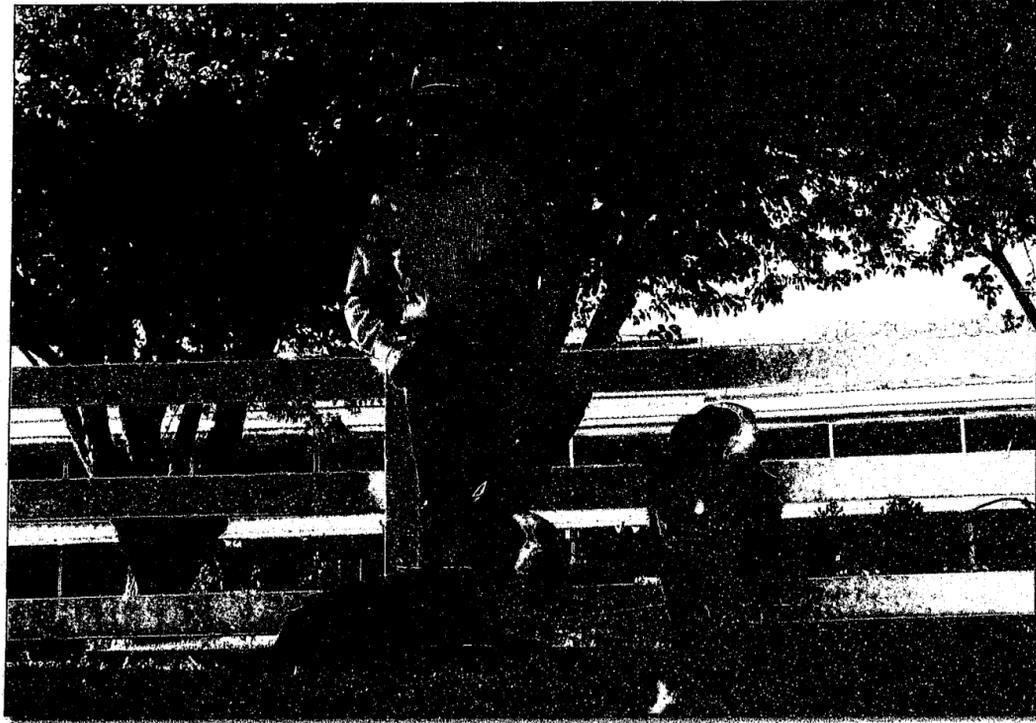
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The first Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, held at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, was in 1990. In a few years, Goodloe was the president of the organization.

"My job was trail rides and chuckwagons at first and then I became the head of it and I have been ever since. I tried to retire last year but they don't think I should retire."

Goodloe was quick to credit several of the office employees at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track who also work on the symposium. The cowboy days moved to the racetrack when the crowds overwhelmed the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

While he was unloading a pickup truckload of cut and split wood from his ranch north of Capitan into piles on the infield of the racetrack, the wood will be fuel for the chuck wagon cooks, Goodloe said he also negotiates on the mainstay food items that will be used during Saturday's World Championship Chuckwagon Competition. "They (Smokey's



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

More than two decades of dedication to the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, rancher Sid Goodloe takes a rest in the shade with his two dogs after unloading a load of firewood on the infield of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. The Western heritage event is this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Country Market) put all this food together. The meat, the potatoes, the onions, the beans and the apricots, that all comes from them. We try to get a good cut of meat. Gooseneck round we call it.

And we give them plenty of meat to feed 50 people."

Goodloe said with each competitor using the same core ingredients, the contest outcomes are really up to the chuckwagon cooks and their recipes.

"The World Championship Chuckwagon Competition has five categories - meat, potatoes, bread, beans and dessert. Those five food categories are judged by two judges completely away

from the wagons. The judges have no idea of where the food comes from." Prizes totaling \$13,000 will be awarded. An added category considers the authenticity of the wagons

and attire. The scores are added together to determine an overall winner among an anticipated 20-plus chuckwagons.

Tickets to partake in the chuckwagon lunch on Saturday are \$20. A chuckwagon breakfast, for \$10, will be served on Sunday.

"This is the fun deal, to come out for breakfast," Goodloe said. "Bacon and eggs, and biscuits and gravy, and hot coffee. You can't beat that."

The all-things cowboy festivities are a lot more than chuckwagons and their culinary delights. There will be the first-ever chuckwagon truck race Friday. There is plenty of music, story-telling, poetry, artisans and horse demonstrations. A score of musical performers are lined up, including Mel Tillis, who will headline a concert that begins at 7 p.m. There will be dances Friday and Saturday nights. More than 150 vendors will be on hand. Educational features, activities for the kids and more will be available.

"Our primary purpose here is to preserve Western heritage, cowboy Western heritage," Goodloe said. "As long as I'm around, if I have any clout, that's what it's going to be."

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**Jewelry:** 18K GOLD Rolex mens & ladies wristwatch w/dia. Circa "68 Bulova acutron astronaut watch.

Most of the jewelry has been sent to AIG appraisers for clarity, color, and correct gold or platinum content.

The items listed below have current appraisals and are sold as described:

14k white gold necklace with 41.61 CT of natural emeralds and 6.72 CT of diamonds. Due to ad size I will be more general with the other pieces. 4ct em. solitaire ring w 1/2 ct dia. 17ct solitaire ruby ring w/dia.

78ct ruby & 1ct diamond 14k necklace. 50ct ruby & 3ct dia bracelet. 2ct dia wt 14k ring. Necklace w/31 lg Black Pearls. 56ct ruby necklace w/8ct dia and matching bracelet. Approx 40 fine pieces similar to these pieces more! Such as lg Tanzanite solitaires, sapphires in many colors, lg ct size solitaire dia rings and earrings. Most of jewelry are 14k w/some 18k and platinum. the appraisals will reflect correct discription.

Shoe box with old coins and money hasn't been located yet, but if you live close, it may be well worth it!!

**Collectibles:** Life size bronze of Elk w/ antlers in lying position. Very nice large bronze figural fountain.

Several indoor bronze statues that were throughtout the home from a n 18' cupid with arrow to pr of bronze blackamoore soldiers over 4' tall.

Fantastic pair of solid marble mechanicle top pedestals adorned w/dore bronze. Stained glass window of Indian pot & spear. 20's sailboat pattern tea pitcher w/8 glasses. 2'tall carved white marble banquet lamp. Dore' bronze wall sconces. Several old porcelain small dolls. Slam tableware in wooden display fitted case (WWII era). Beautifully engraved silver serving pieces such as coffee pot, creamers, sugars flatware, water pitcher, etc. (several items). 3 9x12 oriental rugs!

Lots of primitives such as cast iron, wood items, leather, paper goods, etc. Lots crockery, carnival, colored glass, clear, etc, older and newer toys.

White enamel pots, pans. Lg & sm granite ware coffee pots. Knives & swords. Print in frame by G. Harvey, Frederic Remington, Bev Doolittle, C M Russell & etc. Norman Rockwell print. Chagall, Dali & other Modern artists. American Native jewelry made with sterling silver, turquoise, lapis coral, opal, etc. Hand carved pottery by Navajo artists such as the Watchman family, Robin Sanchez, and others. Navajo weavings, wooden kachinas,

Lawman badges w/names of different western towns and territories; some sheriff, some U S Marshall.

Several flint rock arrowheads, spearheads? "Wells Fargo" marked metal box, strongbox?

Guns: Double barrel 10 ga coach gun marked Wells Fargo (similar to last one sold). Old Flint lock pistol. 30-30 black powder. Old 38s, one snub nose. More old guns: hunting and others are at a relative's house for safe keeping whom is out of town at time of listing.

**Furniture** will have to be sold without advertising except a 6 ft grandfather clock, beautiful single door cabinet, solid cherry dropleaf table. Mah flap over game table. The other furniture is very nice but several pieces have been claimed by family members and we are not sure which will end up at auction, as it all may be here and if it is, it will be very nice and a good bargain! Several pieces went with the lease.

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## HALL

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outside the courtroom peeking through the courtroom door and reported it to District Court Judge Karen Parsons, who was presiding over the trial. Witnesses were excluded from the courtroom at the beginning of the trial and

asked to wait outside until they were called to testify.

"There is an appearance of impropriety," District Judge Karen Parsons said in granting a request for a mistrial to attorney Freda McSwane, who represents Marshall Peebles.

Marshall Peebles was testifying when Parsons declared the mistrial and Parsons ordered that the

testimony be sealed so neither side of the lawsuit would have access to his testimony.

Hall served three terms in the New Mexico House of Representatives and was elected to the PRC as commissioner for District 5 in November 2010. District-5 covers southern New Mexico, including portions of Lincoln, Otero and Doña Ana counties.

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# TAYLOR

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coordinator project manager for the State Bar of New Mexico, where she stayed

until June 2010.

She was hired in July 2010 by the New Mexico Association of Counties as an association specialist, responsible for interfacing with the board of directors and executive committee

to ensure they met their obligations to the association and to 33 member counties.

She worked with the Intergovernmental Affairs Department to administer the Wildfire Risk

Education Grants Program to partner with state and federal agencies, and was a member of the association's legislative team supporting legislative initiatives brought forth by affiliate organizations.

# ROUTE

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Diego, Stafford noted people died.

"Those 15 fatalities occurred while people were trying to evacuate. And I can't tell you how many times I've been driving down the road where it's so smoky you have to stop and wait for the wind to pick up and change direction and you can go another 25 to 30 yards and stop. And it gets nervous because you can feel the heat coming through your windows."

Stafford told the Blue Ribbon Committee that a practice called Shelter in Place can be an option as opposed to evacuation. He said when a building is constructed to not burn and there is defensible space, not fleeing may be safer. Stafford noted he had children attending the middle school.

"The types of building materials for that school are very fire tolerant. The lack of heavy, downed woody debris around the school is going to reduce radiant heat to a huge effect. And in talking with Harlan, what we'd like to see happen in the event of a fire during school hours is having a Shelter in Place in the gymnasium. Yeah, it could get smoky, but it's very survivable. And that will, number one, allow us to get up there to do our jobs. We're not going to let the school stand alone without a big focus on fire apparatus in that area."

And two, then we're not fighting a flood of parents, panicked in trying to get their children out of school."

Blue Ribbon Committee member Dave Parks said it appeared the safest place for the middle school students and staff was at the school.

"Start out right at the beginning of the year, tell the parents, if your kid's going to the Ruidoso Middle School and a fire starts in the area, that kid's in the best possible place," Parks said. "Leave them the heck alone."

Stafford said with school bus drivers going home between shifts, he learned it would be at least an hour before buses could return during the school day.

"And as we saw with the



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Ruidoso's interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent talks about fire and access matters involving the Ruidoso Middle School.

White Fire, it can travel a long way in an hour," Stafford said. "That's my concern, if we have them on buses, there's really not a defined place for them to go at this point if we do evac. And then, what do they do? Drop the kids off and they start walking home? I don't like that at all."

Vincent said he agreed with Stafford.

"Most of this all the way around the school is going to stay like this?" Vincent questioned. "Are you going to keep the growth manicured?"

Some landscaping is planned, said Robert Loftis, a landscape architect hired by the district.

"Trees and things," Loftis said. "Pretty thin and we'll probably work with you guys. We're going to use your recommended blends."

## A better way

A proposed route for an additional way to get to and from the Ruidoso Middle School had suggested going south and then curving 180 degrees in switchback style before turning to connect with Gavilan Canyon Road.

But an unimproved road that already is in place, which goes through acreage that Presbyterian Healthcare Services owns, was presented as a safer though longer approach.

"The reason me and Harlan like this route better, number one, it has been treated," Stafford told the committee. "The crown density, the spacing of these trees, it's going to be real hard for a fire to run through those crowns. It

will drop to the ground and become flame lengths of two to zero feet. We also like this venue better because on this one (the originally proposed alternate road), this is a heck of a slope. It's real steep. And as we know, fire really likes to race uphill. And the switchback bothers us too. When the road's smoky and you're trying to get people in and out of there, you're setting up a recipe for a possible disaster."

Vincent suggested the school district contact Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

"Sign a MOU (memorandum of understanding) or get some kind of a joint powers thing where we could use that road if we needed to," Vincent said.

Lincoln County Commissioner Tom Battin, who is also on the Blue Ribbon Committee, suggested a serious look at the alternate route through the Presbyterian property.

"Not just as an unimproved road but as an improved road," Battin said. "In the event of a tree falling across somewhere or a bus jackknifed, you'd have that alternate route or a route to bring your equipment in. I think the investment in that easement through the Presbyterian property is certainly worth it."

Vincent said he had already approached Presbyterian Healthcare Services. And Ruidoso Municipal School District Superintendent Bea Etta Harris has talked with Presbyterian, Battin said.

Harris added that Presbyterian will allow the district to have a survey of the property done.

"I think they are very receptive to an arrangement for probably an easement," Battin told the committee. "I know that they've spent time and money thinking that property. And I think they're of the feeling that an improved road through there would enhance the value their property as well."

The road would connect with Gavilan Canyon Road near the location of Ruidoso Septic Service.

## Communications

Vincent said there must be communications with parents.

"There would need to be some procedures in place where if something did happen and we had to go up there and make a stand, there would have to be some early trigger points to where we could contact parents and not have parents flood that school and bottleneck everything up in there. Make sure we're utilizing your PhoneMaster. Making sure we're using that right away."

The school district has a rapid phone messaging system that can call all or select parents. It is typically used during the winter when snow delays or cancels school.

# Downs to pay reduced plant bill

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Ruidoso Downs will pay the August invoice for its share of the regional wastewater treatment plant co-owned with the Village of Ruidoso Downs. But the payment amount has been reduced.

"There were a couple of corrections I needed to make," said Terri Mosley, the city's finance director. "They had billed us for some parts that weren't part of the operation. So I made those corrections and everything seems to be correct."

What had been a \$29,547 invoice was trimmed by 28 percent to \$21,318. City Councillor Dean Holman said he appreciated Mosley's attention to the sewage treatment plant's billings that come from the Village of Ruidoso.

"Whether or not it's intentional, I would assume that it isn't, the village does add things on there that are not our expenses," Holman said. "And every time you catch them, apparently they have been pretty good, for the most part, at correcting that. But I know it keeps coming up."

Ruidoso Downs pays 15 percent of the plant's operating expenses, capital reserve and loan payment. The city also pays an administrative fee to Ruidoso for the village's running of the plant. This year the administrative fee is \$2,220 per month.

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# County rejects two CDBG projects

Commissioners axe projects in Carrizozo and Hondo

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Two projects proposed for the next round of Community Development Block Grant funding were rejected by Lincoln County commissioners during a special meeting Monday.

The first dealing with needs at the New Horizon Developmental Center in Carrizozo are too small to try for a grant, said County Manager Tom Stewart.

The total for the different requests is about \$100,000 and he will try to secure some money from the state Legislature for those, he said.

The second came from La Casa de Buena Salud, Inc., which runs the Hondo Health Care Clinic and would like a new clinic, but Stewart said the hybrid situation that exists there with the school district owning the land and the county leasing a building might make it ineligible for CDBG money.

On top of that, the timing is tight with a Jan. 13 deadline and several public hearings required.

"I think this is just wrong on a number of levels," Commissioner Mark Doth said. "This was the same project that went to the state Legislature for money and we knew about this last year, and La Casa never came to us until the final drop dead (time) or explained their reasoning. It may be a legitimate rea-

son. I want to support a new Hondo clinic, but with a new (county) manager (taking over in December), I think the timing is horrible. I'd like to slow down and see the needs before jumping off the bridge. I also understand from (an e-mail sent by Hubert Quintana of the Southeast New Mexico Economic Development District) that funding for the whole CDBG may be in jeopardy."

Stewart said Dora Bastista with the economic development district was willing to put together an application and drive it through the process, "but I'm concerned we just don't have the time."

Public hearings need to be scheduled. An application must be submitted by Jan. 13, and the county's current CDBG project, the new Capitan Healthcare Clinic must be completed and paperwork closed out by Dec. 16, he said.

## A new clinic

The Capitan clinic will end up costing about \$950,000, he said.

"La Casa saw our new clinic and (the director) would like the same thing in Hondo," Stewart said. "The problem there is that we don't own the property. I had envisioned an application for a new Carrizozo Senior Center, but if we can work out something on property that we do not own. (Bastista) is checking that out, but I think it would be better if we owned the land. For the clinic, we had to get certification and plats. In Hondo, the school owns the land."

The rest of the rural

**"We're in a risky situation when the federal government and the state governments are broke. They are, they just haven't figured that out yet."**

Jackie Powell  
Commissioner

health clinics are operated by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, which also leases and manages the county hospital in Ruidoso.

But Hondo residents wanted to continue to use a physician's associate out of Roswell and elected to stay with La Casa when the county signed an agreement with Presbyterian.

"We lease the property from the Hondo schools. We used to own the building, but donated it to the school for a clinic," Stewart explained. "We lease the property from the schools so that it can be called a county clinic and then we sublease it to La Casa" for the clinic to be eligible for a portion of a special property tax that helps support county clinics.

## Priorities

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo asked if either La Casa or the school district had thought about applying for a CDBG on its own because the county doesn't own the land. Stewart said a private nonprofit such as La Casa cannot apply, only a government entity.

Commissioner Tom Battin asked Stewart where he

placed the Hondo priority compared to a new senior center in Carrizozo. Stewart said he saw no problem adding the health clinic to the future capital improvement plan, but the Carrizozo center is in more immediate need of an upgrade.

"It has all sorts of problems there with infrastructure," Stewart said. "Since they currently are operating in Hondo, there is no urgent need. Yes, they would like a beautiful clinic like Capitan, but who is ready to proceed?"

The county found out last month, a \$50,000 legislative appropriation is available to begin planning for the Carrizozo center to be funded as a 2013 CDBG project, he said.

"It seems if we are going to make an investment, this is the appropriate time to look at ownership and get out of the hybrid situation," Battin said of the Hondo Clinic.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said although the Hondo clinic is in her dis-

trict, "I didn't sign up for popular. I signed up for hard."

She said recently heard State Sen. John Arthur Smith (D-Deming) speak about numerous projects funded through the legislature, but not awarded enough money to finish and they remain unfinished five years later.

## The risk

"We're in a risky situation when the federal government and the state governments are broke. They are, they just haven't figured that out yet," Powell said. "I'd like a brand new car, too, but my checkbook says no. Even though it's my district, I would support the school if they did their own CDBG, or if we used it on the ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan) in the future, but to rush this through would be irresponsible."

Commissioner Kathryn Minter said she has no problem working with La Casa, because she likes

receiving a breakdown of services rendered that she hasn't been able to secure from Presbyterian for the three clinics it manages.

"I also would like to see a new clinic like Carrizozo, and eventually, I would like to support them, but it's bad timing," Minter said. "Although times are tough, I wouldn't like to lose sight of this. Maybe we could use some of \$800,000 we collect in rent from Presbyterian (for the lease of the Lincoln County Medical Center)."

"Then the consensus is that we are not going forward at this time, but it is something to keep in mind," Sedillo said of the Hondo Clinic.

Battin asked again about the Carrizozo senior center and Stewart replied that he is looking for a large enough block of land for a new building. "I have a site in mind, but we can't pay more than appraised value of land." The county can begin putting together plans to have everything ready to proceed, he said.



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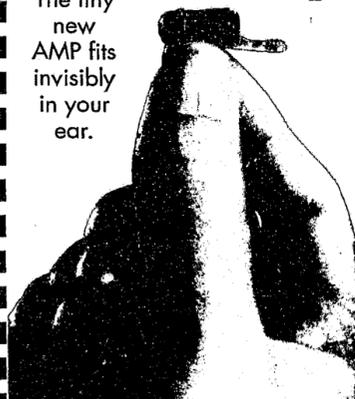
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Kalama Davis heads down the sideline for yardage in Ruidoso's 28-20 loss Friday.

Joshua Reynolds drags down a Robertson runner from behind as Mathew Carr attempts to avoid a collision.

## High school football report

### Mescalero wins big; Ruidoso, Capitan, Carrizozo and Hondo fall

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The Chiefs got back on the winning side, traveling to Questa and taking down the 3-1 Wildcats, 38-14.

For the other four area teams, things weren't so pretty: Ruidoso took it on the chin at home as Robertson came away the victor, 28-20; Capitan lost at NMMI, 40-22; Hondo journeyed to Dora and suffered, 56-24, and Carrizozo went down to defeat for the first time this season at Animas, 8-0.

#### Mescalero

The Chiefs have shown periods of outstanding play as well as some letdowns this season and Friday's 38-14 drubbing at far off Questa is a prime example of the former.

First of all, the game was originally scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. but after reconsideration by Questa, because of homecoming, the game was hastily rescheduled for Friday at 7 p.m.

That meant one less day for the Chiefs to rest up after losing to Jal, 45-8, the Friday before.

In that game, quarterback Godfrey Cordova took a huge hit to his lower back diving into the end zone on a 2-point conversion and was removed for the rest of the contest.

By Friday, he still was-

n't 100 percent. On a positive note, 215-pound Sam Herrera, Mescalero's full-back/kicker/middle linebacker played in the Questa game after having missed the Jal affair because of a foul penalty from the game before that and was replaced by a freshman.

Two others missed the Jal game because of sickness and were also replaced by freshmen.

But the trip to 1A Questa brought redemption for the nomadic Chiefs in the form of a 24-point victory. It seems Mescalero was not put off coming off of a contest on grass (theirs) the week before and playing on the artificial surface at Questa.

At the half, it was Mescalero, 20-0. Quarterback Cordova had scored two TDs, Herrera one and a 2-point conversion was included.

Early in the third quarter the Wildcats scored and it was 20-6. On the ensuing kickoff, the Chiefs started on their 1-yard line and suffered a safety while trying to pass from their end zone making it 20-8.

Forced to suffer a safety the Chiefs then had to kick to Questa who promptly scored again on a pass play to cut Mescalero's advantage to 20-14.

The Chiefs then grabbed the momentum back: Cordova hit pay dirt again, as did Herrera and Tahari Kaydahinne added another 6-pointer to win going away.

"Our quarterback is getting stronger and getting his feet under him," Mescalero head coach Godfrey Cordova II said. "All in all, we came out of the Questa game healthy."

Next up, the 3-3 Chiefs will host the 0-6 Hagerman Bobcats Friday at 7 p.m.

"Don't go by their record," coach Cordova warns.

"They have played the likes of Texico, Capitan and Loving. They like to throw and my defenders will have to stay back with discipline on the Bobcats to win."

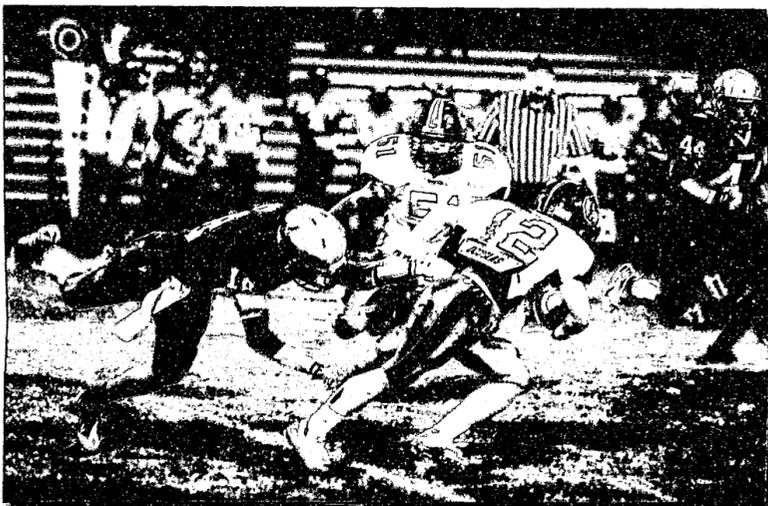
#### Ruidoso

After a two-game winning streak, which included victories over West Las Vegas (home), 51-22, and Hatch Valley (away), 26-17, the Warriors looked poised to increase their 3-2 win record before going into Friday's contest with Robertson at Horton Stadium.

It was not to be and the hometown boys found themselves outflanked by eight points, 28-20.

The Cardinal invaders

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Armando Baca gets a piece of a Robertson runner as Tanner Chavez (No. 44) comes on to help.

led all four quarters but not by much in the entire 48 minutes of play. At the end of the first period of play it was 7-6 Robertson and at the half the visitors led 21-20.

At that point it was literally anyone's ballgame. Going into the fourth quarter, Robertson clung to an eight-point advantage, 28-20, and still either team had the ability for victory. But defensively, the status quo carried on for the last 12 minutes of the contest and Robertson came away with the win.

"The Warriors played tough," head coach Kief Johnson said. "We were unable to convert four times in the red zone, however, and that I feel cost us a potential victory. Conversely, Robertson is a good ball club. They've gotten better each week and

we knew it would be a dog-fight.

"Overall, I'm proud of the way our boys competed and kept up the struggle. They've really showed improvement every week since the beginning of the season. But in the end, turnovers and non-conversions within your opponent's 20-yard line, more often than not, will cost you the game."

Ruidoso quarterback Sam Williams was 16 of 36 passing for 194 yards and one touchdown. He threw three interceptions on the evening. Williams led in the rushing department with 20 yards.

Kalama Davis collected 18 yards rushing, including two TDs — one of which was an 80-yard run for the gold on a kickoff.

In the receiving department, freshman Parker

Johnson hauled in 10 passes for 124 yards on the night. His longest gainer was for 41 yards.

Defensively, Dylan Demarest had five solo tackles and six assists (11), Mathew Carr stuffed four Robertson runners and assisted in six others (10) and Armando Baca brought down two Cardinals on his own and helped out in another eight (10).

"Tanner Chavez and Mathew Carr had good games at the defensive tackle positions, combining for 17 total tackles," Johnson said.

"Bruce Klinekole and Clayton Blaylock did well taking on the offensive counters at their defensive end positions."

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Johnson saw periods of positive play for the Warriors during and after the game.

"It was a defensive struggle for both teams," he said. "I saw some positive things on both sides of the ball during the contest."

"I don't think they held anything back. What impressed me most was the way the team left a tough defeat on the field of play. To me, that was playoff caliber maturity."

The Warriors were banged up and bruised after their encounter with Robertson and will need some time to heal and regroup before they travel to 2A Tularosa Friday (7 p.m.) for a hyped-up game that hasn't been played for 20-some years.

At one time this was a huge rivalry and memories linger in the minds of many in both communities.

On Friday, Tularosa whipped Hatch Valley, 35-7.

"Tularosa is a legitimate 2A state contender," Johnson said.

"We will have to play sound offense and defense. Their offensive line probably averages 220 pounds, they have a good quarterback who likes to pass and they have a 6-foot 3-inch receiver (Jim Coleman) who they like to throw to."

Reportedly, the Tularosa fans are having T-shirts printed for their supporters to wear and show solidarity for the Wildcats.

Ruidoso fans might want to consider a 35-minute ride to cheer the hometown boys on.

## Capitan

About this time of the year local prep teams face a potentially depleted roster due to injuries and other negative causes.

Only the lucky are immune. Unfortunately, Capitan is not experiencing an entirely charmed season in this regard and first-year head coach Collin Justiss is having to deal with the downside parts of gridiron life.

When all on his 21-player roster are healthy the Tigers can focus on the demands at hand on the field of battle but that is not the case right now for the Capitan team.

As of this report, only 17 players on his team can be included as fit and ready to go.

And offensive center and inside linebacker Thomas Fields is not one of them.

On Friday the Tigers traveled to Roswell and were ambushed by NMMI, 40-22.

At halftime the Colts led 27-0 and from then on it was all over but the crying for the visitors.

"We need to get healthy," Justiss said. "And then we need to fix our problems this week for the upcoming game in Loving, because after that we head into district play."

"I like to play good teams like NMMI, Loving and Mesilla Valley. Tough competition can raise your level of play if you allow it to."

"Against the Colts we didn't 'wrap up' well and the NMMI team played a good game."

"We knew NMMI running back Shane Wallace was a good athlete and he did not disappoint those reports."

For now, Justiss and his 3-2 crew will focus on their trip to the 4-1 Loving Falcons. On Friday the D4-2A Falcons beat back Fort Sumter at home, 30-26. So far, Loving's only loss (33-20) came at the hands of Tularosa at home on Sept. 23.

"To compete with the Falcons we will have to control the ball on offense and tackle low on defense," Justiss said. "We will have to shut down their running game and then we can attack their 'dimensional' passing game."

## Carrizozo

Saturday, the 5-0 Grizzlies — passports in hand — journeyed to Animas for another round of 8-man football fun and merriment in the afternoon New Mexico/Arizona heat of the area.

Unfortunately, the Panthers had a different script and eclipsed the Carrizozo boys 8-0 to hand the Grizzlies their first defeat of the 2011 season.

Carrizozo head coach Pat Ventura can always be counted on not to parse words about a given contest. It is highly unlikely that word is even in his lexicon.

"We made too many mental mistakes against Animas," he said. "I warned the boys the Panthers were going to

come at us and hit hard. And they did."

"I told them not to let their guard down for a second or they would take one on the chin. I also admonished them to expect the unexpected, which in this case could be expected."

At the end of the first quarter it was 0-0. At the half, it was still knotted 0-0.

"We had our chances," Ventura said. "We were inside their 15-yard line four times in the second quarter but we fumbled twice on the 10-yard line, turned it over on downs on the four and scored a touchdown on a 4th and seven only to have it called back on a penalty."

"That gave us a 4th and 17 and we couldn't put it across from there. Up to that point, Animas hadn't gotten inside our 20-yard line."

At the end of the third quarter it was still a scoreless game and the drama continued until the fourth when the Grizzlies turned it over on the Animas 20-yard line.

The Panthers seized the opportunity and drove down field for six points with four minutes left in the contest. The conversion put Animas up 8-0.

"With 1:04 left in the contest we were on their 45-yard line," Ventura explained.

"We completed a long pass to their 5-yard line but it was called back because of an illegal man downfield."

"On the next play we ran a screen but the ball was dropped. On second down, with 44 seconds left,

we hit our receiver in the back of the neck with a pass on the 10. On third down we dropped another screen pass and on fourth down, with eight seconds to go, the Panthers sacked our quarterback and that was all she wrote."

When things don't go right for you multiple negative happenings usually occur. Marshall Ventura pulled a hamstring in the third quarter and had to come out of the game.

Friday's game at 3-2 Magdalena (7 p.m.) should be an interesting affair. After playing 8-man football the entire season the Grizzlies will venture back into the realm of 11-man class warfare for their closeout contest of the year.

Currently, Carrizozo is carrying 11 players on their roster. Talk about a roll of the dice!

"We just weren't mentally in the Animas game," Ventura reiterated.

"Against Magdalena we'll find out what we're made of. Win or lose I want my boys to come out of this game with a sense of accomplishment."

## Hondo

After starting the season, with three straight wins, the D2-6-man Eagles hit the wall with two consecutive losses at Clovis Christian and last week's defeat at district rival Dora, 58-24.

The Eagles are another team suffering from the injury blues. In the Dora game, Hondo lost their kicker in the first quarter of play. As you would imagine, they kicked no

conversions.

"We played poorly," Hondo head coach Brandon Devine said without mincing words. "We came out flat and played confused."

At the end of the first quarter, Dora jumped on the visitors and went up 19-0. Things looked bleak for Hondo.

Then the Eagles temporarily got it together in the second period of play.

In the closing three minutes of play, Hondo punched in a touchdown and cut the score to 19-6.

The Eagles attempted an onside kick and recovered it but Dora stopped the Eagles and took over on downs. Hondo caused a Dora fumble, took over, and marched downfield for their second TD to reduce the Coyotes' lead to 19-12.

The Eagles made another onside kick, recovered it, and went in for another score to come within one point of Dora, 19-18. At the half it was 24-18 and was anyone's game for the taking.

"At halftime we felt we were getting our legs under us and could grab momentum," Devine said. "But we came out in the third quarter and were once again flat. And that was that."

The Eagles are now 3-2, 0-1, and will have a bye this week before traveling to district foe Elida at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

This two-week layoff has to be good for the Eagles. It will give them time to heal and regroup.

"We have to get it together and finish strong," Devine concluded.

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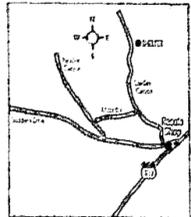
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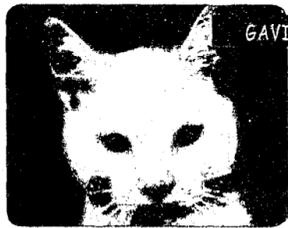


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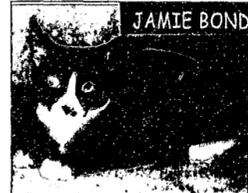
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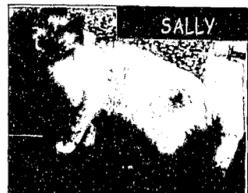
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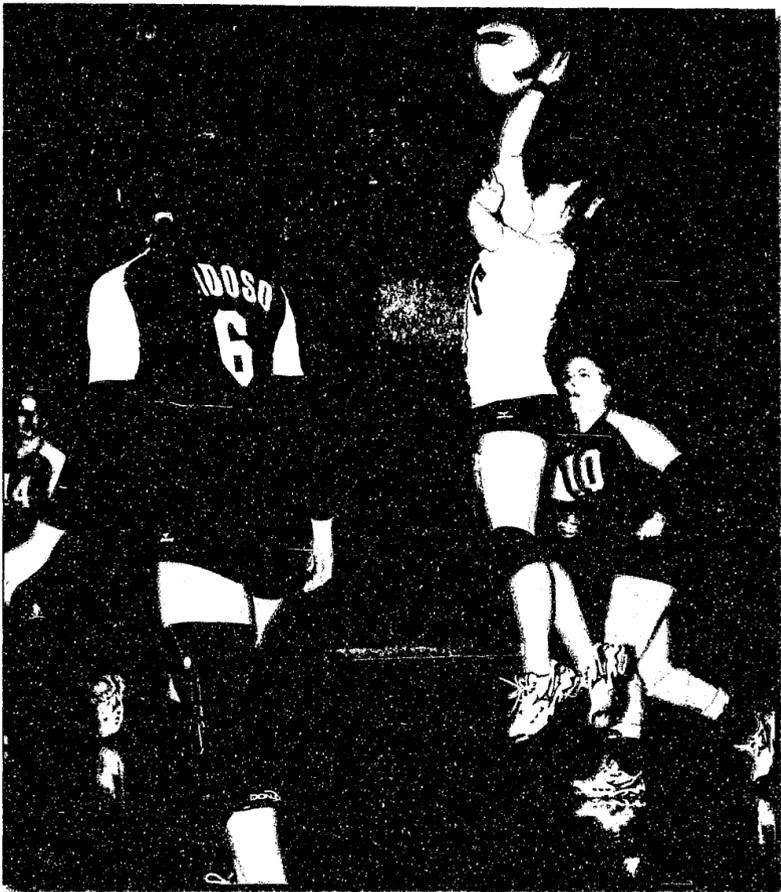
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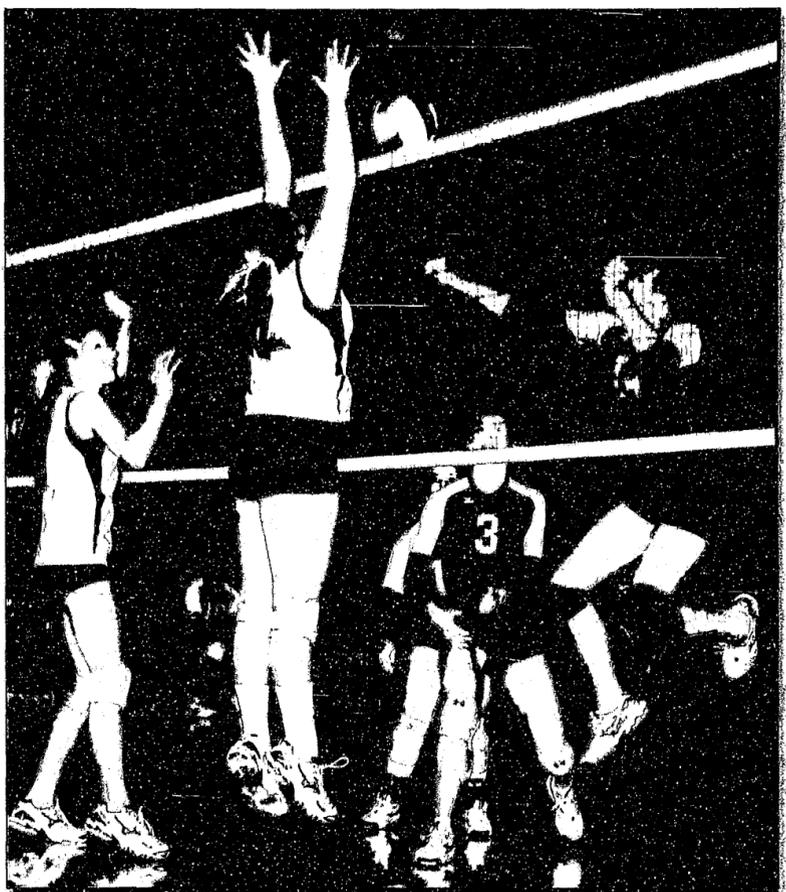
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**Vivian Mowdy** returns one from mid-court as Brittanie Vega (No. 6) and Jordan Mowdy (No. 10) and Hannah Lindsey get ready for a Goddard reply. As of this report the Lady Warriors are 6-6 and will next play Tularosa Thursday at home at 6 p.m.



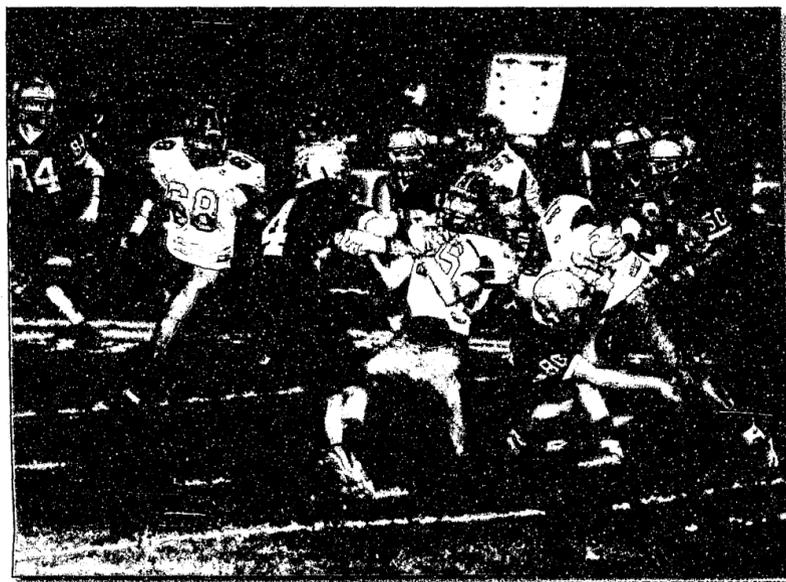
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**Hannah Lindsey**, right, smashes one over Saturday in Ruidoso's 3-1 loss to Goddard. The visitors won the first two sets, 28-26 and 25-18, the Lady Warriors won the third set, 25-21 and Goddard was victorious in the deciding fourth set, 25-17.



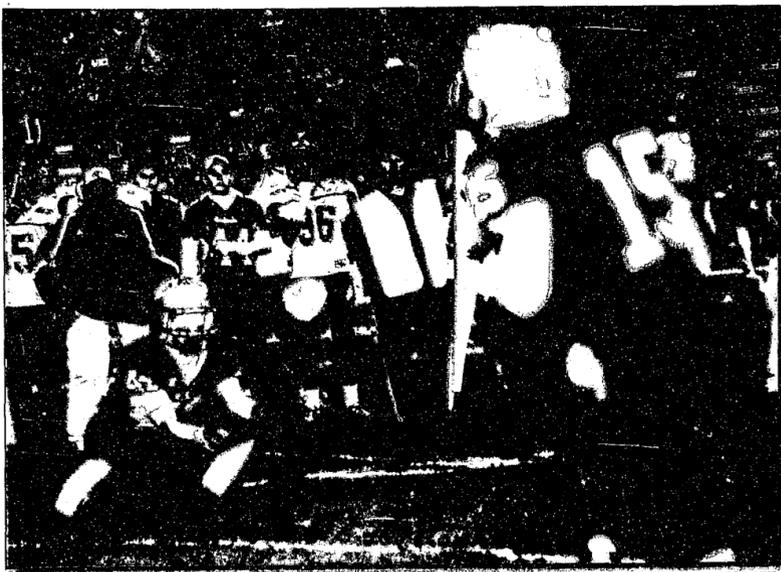
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**Augustin Enriquez** follows the ball in last Thursday's 3-1 loss to visiting NMMI.



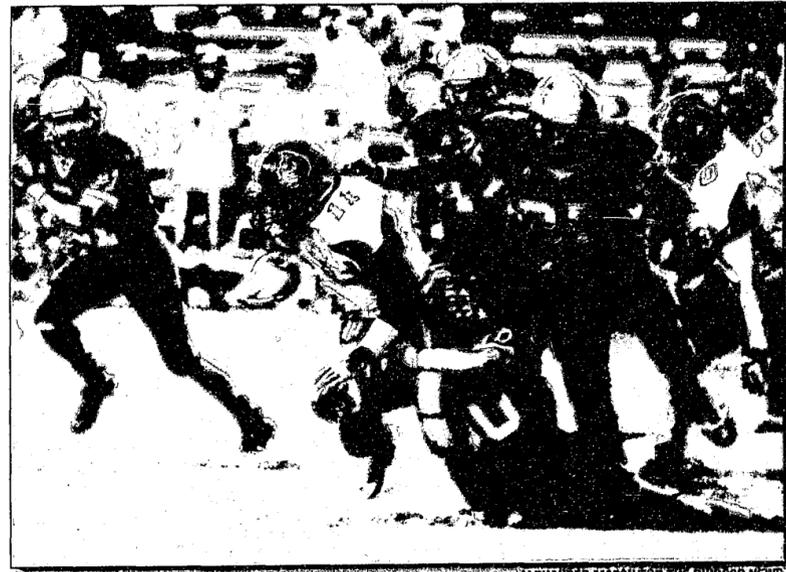
LAYNE HOLLAND/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**Ryan Coleman** corrals a Robertson runner and goes for a second leg in Ruidoso's 28-20 defeat.



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**Parker Johnson** had 10 catches for 124 yards against Robertson Friday.



ALEXANDER MAZON/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**Joshua Reynolds** wraps up a Robertson runner as Manny Ruiz gets a hand in.



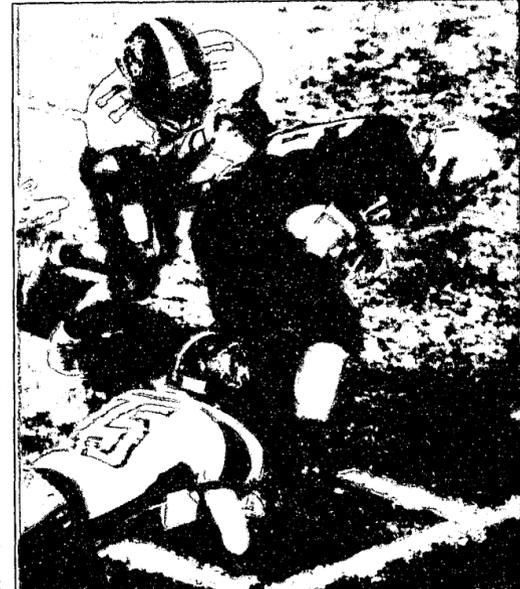
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**Senior running back Kalama Davis** maintains a two-point balancing act against Robertson Friday.



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

**Ruidoso midfielder Carlos Ortega** battles a NMMI player.



ALEXANDER MAZON/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**Two Robertson** players corner Kalama Davis near the sideline.

# LINCOLN COUNTY

## A warm welcome at Capitan's senior center

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Capitan's Zia Senior Center is always willing to provide a warm welcome and a good meal for community seniors through the efforts of its staff and volunteers.

And with 16.6 percent of Capitan's population being 65 or older, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, there's almost always someone putting the facilities to use.

From delivering groceries and driving housebound seniors to doctor visits to providing a low-cost lunch daily, the center is dedicated to improving the quality of life for seniors in Capitan, said the center's director, Lilly Bradley, who also serves as a trustee on Capitan's village board.

### Services

"We provide a meal on-site, Monday through Friday," Bradley said.

To be eligible for the meals, seniors must be 60 and older, as well as give the center a call by 10 a.m. the previous day. Bradley said there is a suggested donation of \$2 for the cen-

ter's services, but that it is not required.

The meals provided vary depending on the menu provided by the main office in Carrizozo, which serves as a hub for the neighboring communities of Capitan, Hondo, Ruidoso Downs, and Corona, Bradley said.

Sometimes lunch items come with a taste of New Mexico, other times visiting seniors may get a taste of the east with some Asian cooking, Bradley said.

"We do a lot of nutrition training," Bradley said. "Our recipes are very closely monitored."

Ingredients the cooks try to limit include salt and sugar, and their recipes and nutrition training include ways to substitute other seasonings.

"I've learned a lot of different ways of cooking foods," said Sandra Mancha, a cook at the senior center.

And for seniors that are homebound, there's always the option of delivery, Bradley said.

Linda Mullins, a recent addition to the staff at the center, delivers between 13



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From left, Lilly Bradley, Harley Brown, and Mollie Mason work and volunteer at the Zia Senior Center in Capitan.

to 20 meals every day, Bradley said.

"I've got nothing but compliments from my seniors on her," Bradley said, adding that Mullins, in addition to delivering meals, also helped with documentation and office work.

And aside from a meal a

day, the center also serves as an activity center for seniors, often filled with cantankerous and joking billiard players on the first Friday of every month, Bradley said.

Additionally, there are occasional arts and crafts projects, taught by volunteers from within the com-

munity.

"We've done velvet rstras, we've done beaded angels," Bradley said. "One time we made mop-head dolls — we've done all kinds."

Bradley said one of their most frequent volunteer instructors is Mollie Mason, who has been a vis-

itor to the center even before its move to the new building in early July.

Additionally, puzzles, books, and other activities remain available daily. Veterans groups and Alcoholics Anonymous also use the center for occasion-

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## Service of a hero



COURTESY

An early photo of Fred English during his service years.

A memorial service for Fred H. English was held Oct. 1 at First Baptist Church in Carrizozo, Hayden Smith, pastor, presiding. Fred, 91, was born June 29, 1920, in Carrizozo and died Sept. 24, 2011, in Prescott, Ariz., where he had resided due to health issues. He was the youngest of five children born to

Frank A. English and Mae Burleson English. Frank Sr. was the builder of 32 houses and structures in early day Carrizozo. His parents and siblings, Don, Frank, Glynn and Margurite precede him in death. Survivors include son, Clayton Robert "Toby" English of Carrizozo and Arizona; and daughter Patti Lynn English of

Parral, Chile.

Fred graduated from Carrizozo High School, attended and graduated from NMMI in 1940 and from UNM in 1942.

Fred, influenced by his brother, Dr. Frank English, had planned to pursue a medical degree. World War II was ongoing and Fred decided to serve his country. As a Marine he served in the South Pacific as an aircraft navigator.

During the memorial service, Pastor Smith recognized the military in an appreciation prayer for veterans and service personnel, "Thank you, God, for those who have served so that we are free today. Thank you, God, for those currently serving so that we can remain free."

The memorial service, a celebration of Fred's life, included the sharing of memories by friends and neighbors. Bob Reynierson of White Oaks said, "Fred was my hero." During World War II, Reynierson was a teen and he admired Fred, Charlie Leslie, Bob Means and Bud Crenshaw who served our country.

Fred returned from the war and stopped to visit his brother, Frank, then a doctor working at a Syracuse, N.Y., base hospital for returning soldiers. While in New York, Fred went to a USO party and met Hazel Ruth Hermes, a registered nurse.



POLLY E. CHAVEZ  
*Historical  
Potpourri*

Fred and Hazel were married in 1948.

"I'm sure it was quite a culture shock to move from Brooklyn, New York to Carrizozo, but Hazel adjusted quite well," said Pastor Smith on

recounting the life of Fred. The newlyweds came back to Carrizozo to help his parents with the hardware store, which he eventually took over and Hazel was the county nurse. Hazel died in 1985, succumbing to cancer at age 58. Fred retired from the hardware business in 1983.

Johnson Stearns told how Fred loved his children, country, job, and Carrizozo, where Fred once served as town trustee. Johnson recalled various happy occasions of times gone by with Fred, his friend and neighbor, followed by reciting a poem, "Down That Road."

Johnson and Fred were charter members of Carrizozo Rotary. Fred lived several months each year, from 1985 to 2008, with his daughter in Parral, Chile, where he attended Rotary meetings. That club's motto is "Give of yourself without thinking of yourself."

While in Parral, Fred's favorite charity was the Foundation Bishop Camus Home for Boys. For many years, Fred bought

Christmas presents for every boy. A scholarship account has been established up with this foundation and friends wishing to make a gift in his memory may send a check to:

*Fred English Memorial,  
Carrizozo Rotary Club,  
P. O. Box 62, Carrizozo,  
NM 88301.*

If electronic deposit is preferred call Hayden Smith (575) 648-2107 or Martha Proctor, (575) 648-2389 for information.

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Declined to provide information

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Declined to provide information

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## LINCOLN COUNTY BRIEFS

## Events

**Reverse 911 CodeRed** data calls to phones positioned in error in the system will be conducted on Oct. 7 at 2 p.m.

It has been brought to the attention of the County Manager that approximately 1,264 land line phones in Lincoln County are not properly located in the county's CodeRed System.

This in no way effects dispatch's ability to locate 911 calls. Only CodeRed's data base is used to make reverse 911 calls.

**Smokin' in the Oaks**

First annual BBQ and bean cookoff will be held Oct. 15 at the No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks.

Entrants for the competition must check in by 7 p.m. Oct. 14, and judging will be at noon on Oct. 15.

**Categories include:**

*Brisket*  
*Pork spare ribs*  
*Chicken*  
*Beans*  
*People's Choice*

For more information on how to enter, contact Mike Gaines at (575) 430-3022, mmgaines@tularosa.net, or Todd Proctor at (505) 401-2922, proctort@capitan.k12.nm.us.

For camping information, or more information on the event, contact Tony Marsh at tonyxit@aol.com or the No Scum Allowed Saloon at (575) 648-5583.

**Rifle workshop**

The Capitan Hi Power range is sponsoring a .22 rifle shooting workshop at 9 a.m. Oct. 8 and 8 a.m. Oct. 9.

NRA certified instructors James and Virginia McLemore will be teaching the class.

There is a \$15 fee for the classes, which include a Saturday cookout at 3 p.m. and a Sunday match.

All students will receive expert instruction and coaching in the fundamental principles and techniques of prone and three-position .22 rifle shooting (i.e., prone, standing, kneeling), which will carry over to air rifle and high power rifle shooting.

Students will be provided a safe learning environment that will enhance their shooting skills and prepare them for competition.

Both James and Virginia McLemore are certified NRA instructors. Virginia is a certified coach, training counselor, national champion, and holds national records in

high power and small bore rifle. Students must be at least 10 years old to participate.

The .22 rifles and other equipment will be provided if requested before Thursday, Oct. 6, and subject to availability.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own .22 rifles.

On Sunday there will be a prone smallbore rifle competition open to all.

**Workshop schedule**  
Safety and handling  
Firing the shot  
Prone position  
Standing position  
Kneeling position  
Adjusting sights  
Wind

Training and goal setting, schedules  
Preparing for competition, team competition

**Competition Sunday**  
Any rifle, any sights. Anyone may elect to shoot scope. Coaching is allowed in this competition only.

The fee for competition, if not entered in the .22 workshop, will be \$8.

The range is located three miles east of Capitan on the north side of U.S. highway 380. Camping is permitted on the Capitan Range. No water is available at this time.

**Silent "Oction"**

Capitan Public Library's volunteers have been busy the month of September, visiting local merchants, businesses and individuals to ask for donations for the upcoming Silent "Oction" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9. Light refreshments will be served.

Items will be on display a week prior to the auction.

Some incredible items have arrived at the library from generous donors.

The silent auction is one of four major library fundraisers that support daily operations at the library. Two items recently added to the library are an online catalog and Ancestry Library Edition.

These assets are funded through grants and fund raisers. Library volunteers invite patrons and visitors to come in and utilize these additions as well as other programs.

For more information, contact the library at (575) 354-3035 or visit the website: www.capitanlibrary.org.

**Open house**

Capitan's Zia Senior Center will hold an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

Cake and light refreshments will be served, and

everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, contact the senior center at (575) 354-2640.

**Historical contest**

The Lincoln County Historical Society is sponsoring poster and essay contests for area public school students as part of New Mexico's Centennial celebration.

**Poster Contest:**

Elementary students can submit their posters on any subject related to the centennial. The size of the poster should be 11" x 17".

**Essay Contests:**

Subjects of essays for middle and high school students should be related to Lincoln County's history during New Mexico's quest for statehood and should be two to five pages in length.

**Prizes:**

There will be three prizes presented for the poster contest and three prizes for each of the two essay contests.

**Entry Deadline:**

All entries are to be submitted by Dec. 16, and an announcement of winners will be made by Jan. 6, 2012, in conjunction with the New Mexico Statehood Centennial ceremonies in Lincoln County.

Entries may be mailed to:

*The Lincoln County Historical Society*  
*P.O. Box 91*  
*Lincoln, New Mexico*  
*88338*

For more information please call Gwendolyn Rogers at (575) 653-4372.

**Upcoming meetings**

**Carrizozo**

**Lodgers Tax**

1 p.m. Oct. 20 at Town Hall.

**Carrizozo Works**

5:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at Otero Electric.

**Carrizozo Street Fair**  
5:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at Otero Electric.

**Chamber of Commerce**

Noon Oct. 11 at Roy's. **Lincoln County Extension Carrizozo Roadrunners**

1 p.m. Oct. 20 at Otero Electric.

**Planning & Zoning**  
6 p.m. Oct. 27 at Town Hall.

**School Board**  
6 p.m. Oct. 20 at Carrizozo school grounds.

**Town Council**  
6 p.m. Oct. 10 at Town Hall.

**Woman's Club**  
11:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Woman's Club.

**Capitan**

**Village Council**  
6 p.m. Oct. 11 at Village Hall.

**Planning & Zoning**  
6 p.m. Oct. 27 at Village Hall.

**Bookmobile schedule**

**Carrizozo**  
1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 26.  
**Nogal Post Office**  
1 to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 24.  
**White Oaks**  
8 to 9 p.m. Oct. 27.

**Church Group for Kids**

6 p.m. Wednesdays in Carrizozo.

Awana (kindergarten through sixth grade) at the Baptist Church.

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

**Food Bank/Pantry**

**Mobile Food Bank**  
1 to 3 and 5 to 6 p.m. Oct. 6.

**Food Pantry**  
Seniors 55+ - noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 13.

**Food Pantry**  
Under 55 - noon to 2 and 5 to 6 p.m. Oct. 27.



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Sandra and Bernardo Manch work wonders in the center's kitchen.

## CENTER

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al meetings, Bradley said.

**Never too old to learn**

Another part of helping seniors, aside from meals, is in the center's work program, Bradley said. Seniors 55 or older on low-incomes may apply for a position with the center, which is a part-time position that includes training in various positions, such as obtaining a food-handler's certification, or office skills, Bradley said. The positions typically last for about two years.

Mancha, who has been at the center for about a year, said cooking was far from her original field of work.

In 2008 she retired from 43 years of working for the state of New Mexico with prisoners at Fort Stanton, as well as the mentally retarded, Mancha said.

"Lilly (Bradley) couldn't find help, so my sister and friends convinced me to come talk to her," Mancha said. "It was part-time, so I decided to give it a shot."

And volunteering right alongside her is her husband, Bernardo.

"I can't express how grateful we are for him," Bradley said, adding that Bernardo, also retired after cooking for 30 years at Fort Stanton, helped prep food in the kitchen, as well as helping other staff members whenever, or wherever, they might fall behind.

"The seniors are a lot of fun to be around and listen to their stories," Mancha said, describing her favorite parts of the job. "A day doesn't go by when someone doesn't volunteer to help me."

The youngest volunteer for the center, Harley Bryan, is far from retired, but still able to pick up a number of life skills through her work at the center, Bradley said.

Since beginning her volunteer work at the center in late July, Bryan, 16, said she learned how to operate office equipment, as well as learning responsibility and integrity through her work with community seniors.

Rounding out center's staff is Ruby Montes, who, aside from keeping the shine on the walls, is the one who "spruces everything up for the holidays" at the center, Bradley said.

**"This is home. A lot of the seniors I've helped have been people I've known since childhood."**

Lilly Bradley  
Director, Zia Senior Center  
in Capitan

Bradley herself said she is "a product of Fort Stanton" as well, having worked for the fort in various capacities since she was 16.

She began work at the center in July of 1999, continuing her work in the health care field.

Bradley said her work at the center and her duties as a village trustee don't often mix, but she abstains from voting on village issues when they do.

"My father was a trustee, so we've always had politics in the home," Bradley said. "We've always been a civic-minded family."

A mixture of federal, state, and county money funds the center itself — with occasional help from the village, such as the Community Development Block Grant that funded construction for the new building, Bradley said.

And since coming to the center, Bradley said she has no plans on leaving.

"This is home," Bradley said. "A lot of the seniors I've helped have been people I've known since childhood. I feel like I was put on Earth to serve people — that's my calling."



**Billy Earl Shaffer and Irene Tuttle Shaffer are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with a family gathering.**

**They were married October 5, 1946 in Cassville, Missouri.**

**They have three children William Shaffer, living in Alamogordo, Mary Waldrop and Steve Shaffer, both living Ruidoso. They have numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.**



**Virginia Ruth Williams**  
1918-2011

Virginia Ruth Williams, 92, of Ruidoso passed away Sunday October 2, in her home with her granddaughter Kim and 3 of her great-grandchildren by her side. Funeral services will be held in Dallas, Texas.

Virginia was born December 31, 1918 in Galveston, Texas. She loved to dance and taught dance for many years as a teenager and as an adult. She was a beloved woman; Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother, and Great-great Grandmother, with a wonderful sense of humor.

She is survived by her sister Dorothy Vaughan, son, Lon Rayburn Williams Jr and his wife Judy; three daughters, Patricia Helpinstill, Debra McGurk and Stevie Bodkin: grandchildren, Kim Nichols, Vaughan and Anna Williams, Collin and Neil McGurk, Eric Bodkin and his wife Lindsay, and Rachael Bodkin: Great grand children, Mandy Hecox and her husband Chad, Teddi Tallant, Nick Nichols, Sam and Virginia Montes and Chase Bodkin. Great great grandchildren Martin and Hannah Meredith, Chad Hecox Jr and Logan Misner.

Virginia was known as "Grammy" by everyone. She had a good heart and a loving soul. We will always love you and miss you Grammy.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).

# Yard Sale!



**October 7th thru 8th**

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at \$ 17.99 each

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## COURT BRIEFS

### District Court cases

Stephen S. Chino, 19, appeared Aug. 19 for a change of plea and imposition of sentence.

Chino pleaded no contest to two charges of attempting to contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Mario Torrez and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson, the state amended the charges from felony to misdemeanor levels.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Chino to two years, minus two days, of supervised probation under misdemeanor compliance officers, directed Chino to maintain full time employment or school.

Ruidoso police arrested Chino Jan. 4, 2011, at an apartment in the 400 block of Mechem Drive when they found a naked 16-year-old female unconscious in a bed in the apartment. They had responded to call of a fight. Chino was reportedly fighting with a 16-year-old male. The under-aged teens had been drinking.

Zachary Quanz, 29, appeared for imposition of sentence Aug. 19.

Quanz pleaded no contest to resisting, evading or obstructing an officer.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Gary C. Mitchell and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman, the state dismissed a charge of kidnapping.

Parsons sentenced Quanz to 30 days in jail plus the time he had served and two years, minus two days of probation with misdemeanor compliance officers.

Ruidoso Police arrested Quanz Jan. 17, 2010 after responding to 200 Yellowpine Road to find Quanz demanding money and threatening to hold his girlfriend for ransom if he did not get it. Quanz barricaded himself inside a back bedroom and the Special Response Team had to go in and arrest him to end a stand-off.

Parsons issued a release order for J. Tyrone Riordan Sept. 22, 2011, citing the state's filing a nolle pro sequi.

Assistant District Attorney James Cowan dismissed charges of five counts of criminal sexual penetration (child aged 13 to 16), and five counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Cowan cited insufficient evidence to proceed to trial.

A jury found Richard Barreras, 43, guilty of a lesser included offense of aggravated battery with no great bodily harm and found Barreras not guilty of aggravated battery against a household member with great bodily harm, two counts of false imprisonment and bribery of a witness Sept. 13.

Parsons sentenced Barreras to time served from June 13, 2010, through Sept. 13, 2011.

Ruidoso Police Sgt. Mike Weaver arrested Barreras June 13, 2010, after responding to a Del Norte Drive home to find Barreras' girlfriend lying on the floor by the front door complaining that she was in severe pain. She claimed Barreras strangled her until she became unconscious, pulled her off the bed by her hair, prevented her from calling

police by taking her cell phone and covering her mouth to prevent her from screaming for help. Barreras also dragged her down the roadway by her hair.

### Carrizozo Magistrate

#### Aug. 24

Horacio Torres, 43, of Canutillo, Texas, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to and amended charge of driver must be licensed.

Under a plea and disposition agreement with Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson, the state amended the charge of driving on a suspended or revoked license and dismissed charges of no insurance and expired registration.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Torres to a \$300 fine and \$81 in court costs.

Clark Gentry, 49, of Clovis, N.M., pleaded no contest to an amended charge of license to be carried and exhibited.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Randall Harris and Thompson, the state amended the charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license.

Proctor sentenced Gentry to a \$300 fine and \$81 in court costs.

Jesus Herrera, 31, of El Paso, Texas, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driving without a license.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Thompson, the state amended the charge of driving on a suspended or revoked license.

Proctor sentenced Herrera to a \$300 fine and \$81 in court costs.

Kensley Gardner, 20, of Alto, N.M., waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driver must be licensed.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Thompson, the state amended the charge of driving on a suspended or revoked license.

Proctor sentenced Gardner to a \$300 fine and \$81 in court costs.

Charlene Brakeman, 62, of Capitan, N.M., waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driving without a license.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Thompson, the state amended the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked.

Proctor sentenced Brakeman to a \$150 fine and \$81 in court costs.

Eric Larsen, 35, of Lehi, Utah, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to driving on a suspended or revoked license.

Proctor sentenced Larsen to a \$600 fine, \$81 in court costs and a \$100 bench warrant fee.

George Kaewer, 56, of Abilene, Texas, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded guilty to exceeding bag limit for trout.

Proctor sentenced Kaewer to a \$100 fine and \$73 in court costs.

Arnulfo Cardrenas, 35, of Albuquerque, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded guilty to charges of no livestock inspection and no registration on a horse trailer.

Proctor sentenced Cardrenas to pay \$384 in fines and court costs.

#### Aug. 30

Jonathan Abeyta, 18, of Albuquerque, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to driving on a closed road.

Proctor sentenced Abeyta to \$400 in fines and court costs and a \$100 bench warrant fee.

Abeyta was a passenger in a vehicle with a licensed deer hunter driving on a closed road at Pajarito Ranch Oct. 30, 2010.

#### Sept. 7

Oliver Garms, 37, of Alto, N.M., pleaded no contest to a charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license.

Proctor sentenced Garms to 45 day in jail, time served, and \$381 in fines and court costs.

Deputy Sheriff Pat Montes arrested Garms July 23 on Highway 48 for driving while suspended with an arrest clause.

Nathan Little, 25, of Tularosa, N.M., pleaded no contest to a charge of battery.

Proctor sentenced Little to 103 days in jail, time served, and gave him credit for two days served for \$73 in court costs.

Michael Garcia, 32, pleaded no contest to a charge of contraband in a jail.

In accordance with a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Thompson, Proctor sentenced Garcia to 35 days in jail, time served and gave him credit for two days served for \$73 in court costs.

Deputy Sheriff Chris Bryant charged Garcia with having a cigarette lighter in the Lincoln County Detention Center July 29.

William Schillings, 59, of Ruidoso, pleaded no contest to driving on a revoked or suspended license.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Denson and Assistant District Attorney Stephanie Aldrich, Proctor sentenced Schillings to 40 days in jail, time served, a \$300 fine, \$81 in court costs and a \$100 bench warrant fee.

Proctor also ordered Schillings bound over to District Court to stand trial on charges of possession of methamphetamine, driving while intoxicated (third offense) and possession, delivery or manufacture of drug paraphernalia.

Jose Valdez, 22, of Ruidoso, pleaded no contest to charges of possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and careless driving.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Denson and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Wade, the state dismissed charges of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of more than one but less than eight ounces of marijuana.

Proctor sentenced Valdez to pay \$487 in fines and court cost and placed him on supervised probation for 469 days.

An officer stopped Valdez for texting while driving and found 68 grams, about 2.38 ounces, of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in his car April 25.

**“Thank you for your help in making our event so successful”**

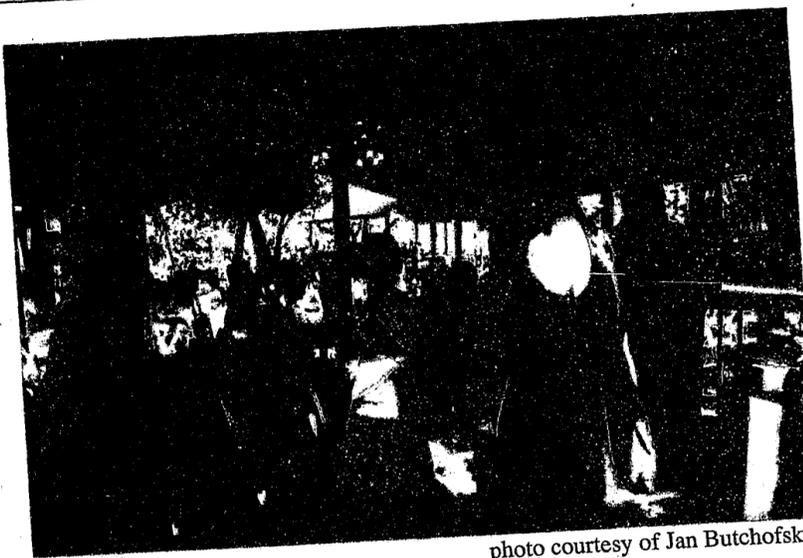


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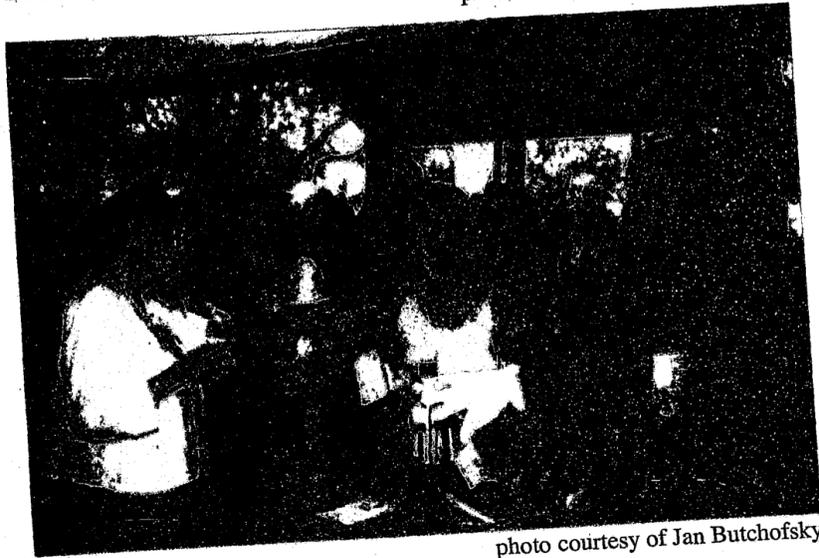


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**“ The Lincoln Country Art Loop completed its' 16th Annual Art Tour in July and it was a huge success! As Advertising Chairperson, I review all visitor comments, and I know that the wonderful visitor turnout was, in large part, due to our advertisements in the Ruidoso News! Thank you for your help in making our event so successful! ”**

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## Aspenfest 2011



**Juliann Lamb**, Miss Albuquerque Outstanding Teen of 2011, enjoys a her slow tour of the Aspenfest parade Saturday morning on Sudderth Dr.



From left, **Jasmyn Born**, **Reya Padilla**, and **Gracie Born** savor the last drops of lemonade at the arts and crafts show.



**Tunte Izashe**, Miss Mescalero Elementary, is resplendent in her purple robe during the parade.



**County Sheriff candidate** **Minerva Davalos**, left, waves to crowds during the parade.



**Matthew Midgett** of Nogal rides along the parade as a volunteer for White Mountain Search and Rescue.



**Carolynn Canon** of Ruidoso stocks up on seasonal decorations at the arts and crafts festival at Schoolhouse Park on Sunday.



From left, **Peggy Bullock** looks on as **Agnes Medvitz** displays her recently purchased jewelry beside artist **Craig Bullock**, along with **Patty Chavez**.



**Aldon Coriz** and **Julian Natchez** of Mescalero enjoy a pony ride during Aspenfest.



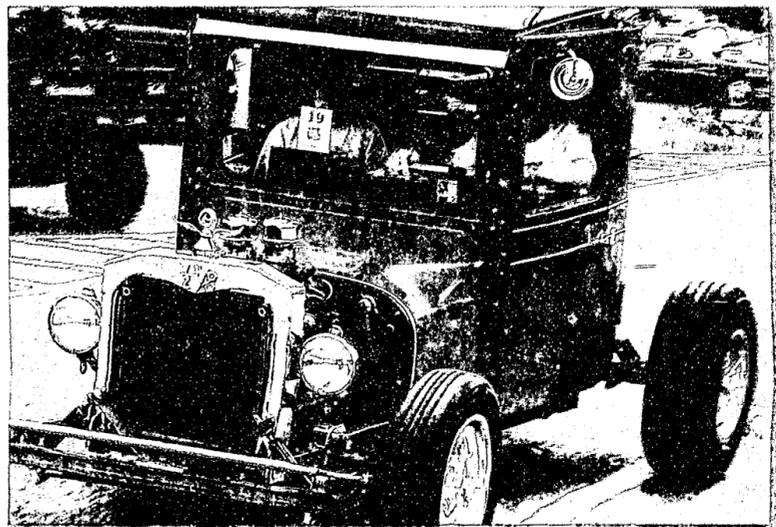
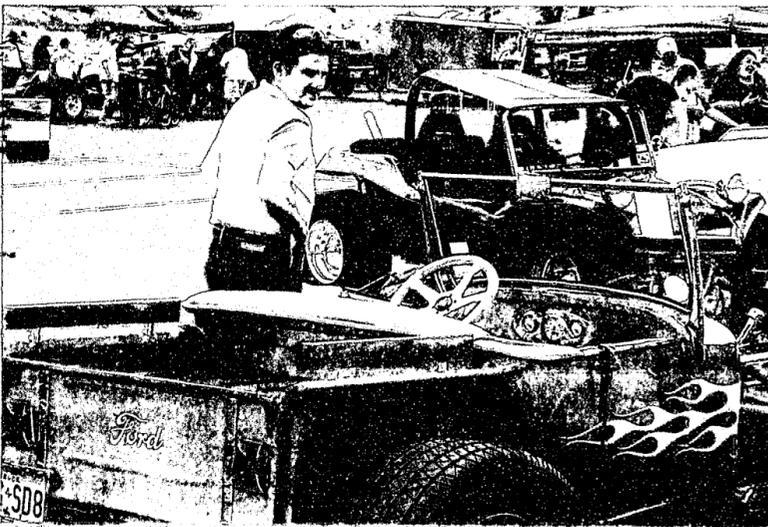
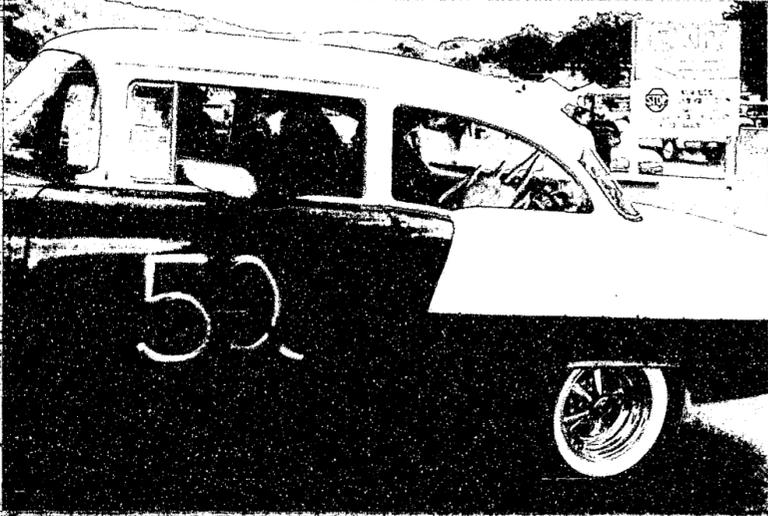
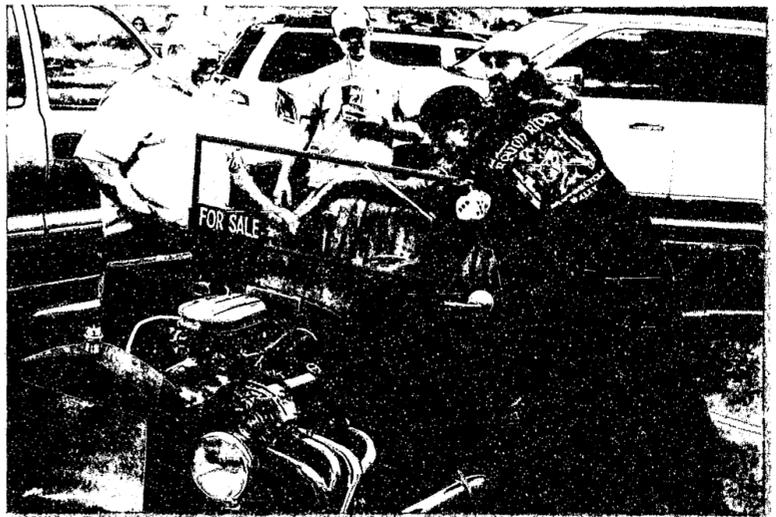
From left, **Mary and Lavoy Oates** and **Mary Smith** enjoy some New Mexico pistachios.



**Steven Carter** carries the US flag as he walks beside the EcoServants van, featured as community heroes by the Chamber of Commerce.

photos by Erik Bearer

## Car Show



## Chili Cookoff



**Noon Lions** Club member Kitty Callender serves up chili at the Chili Cookoff Saturday. Calendar was the People's Choice winner.



**Charlie Beaver**, owner of the No Name Cafe, prepares his "Chili of Mass Consumption" at the Chili Cookoff. Beaver is a member of CASI and competes throughout the southwest.



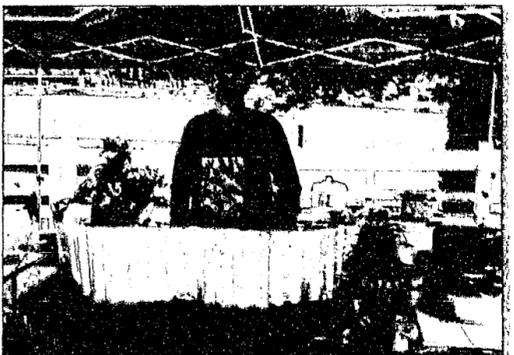
**Ruidoso Noon Lions** Tom Moore and Doug Fuqua discuss important events at the Lions Club booth at the Chili Cookoff at Ruidoso Downs Race Track Saturday.



**Showmanship** is its own category for the chili cooks who compete in the annual Chili Cookoff.



**Noon Lions** members take the cash for tasting cups at the annual Chili Cookoff at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. The proceeds from the annual event goes to non-profit community organizations like the Lions Club and the Optimist Club.



**Roger Allen** stands behind his grill awaiting customers to try his chili during Saturday's People's Choice competition at the Chili Cookoff. The chili with the most votes won.

*photos by Harold Oakes*



# COMMUNITY LISTINGS

## Lincoln County Clubs/Associations

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 Sunco 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 Mason at 257-0520.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 Team/Kids 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: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

**Humane Society of Lincoln County:** Gavilan Canyon Rd. sheltered 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.lekennels.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sierra Blanca Daughters of the Am-erican 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.

**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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