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Vito Calderazzo leans into the turn as he heads for home during the stick-horse race during the kids rodeo at the Cowboy Symposium Saturday at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. For more "Faces and Places" from the Cowboy Symposium, see pages 6B and 7B.

Police seek help in crash probe

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Ruidoso police want to talk to the driver of a third truck involved in a crash on Mechem Drive Thursday evening.

One pickup truck crashed into another as it pulled out of the Thriftway parking lot at about 9 p.m.

"A third truck was involved," Ruidoso Police officer David Gallegos said.

Gallegos said it appeared that two trucks were driving north on Mechem, side-by-side, when a 20-year-old driver pulled out of the Thriftway parking lot to turn south on Mechem.



DAVID SAMANIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Two of the vehicles involved in a crash Thursday evening on Mechem Drive sit on the side of the road. Police are looking for a third vehicle they say was involved in the crash that sent the 20-year-old driver of the truck on the near side to an Albuquerque hospital.

The north-bound pickup in the left lane struck the 20-year-old's truck in the side. Both of these trucks came to a stop on the southbound side of

Mechem Drive. "The other truck skidded through the scene and appears to have clipped a fire hydrant," Gallegos said. "That vehicle,

described as a black or dark colored S-10 pickup with tinted windows, fled the scene."

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Mind your business

Owners offer advice on surviving in a tourism-based economy

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The numbers are higher but apparently, the annual cycle of businesses starting up and closing down in Ruidoso remains a constant, and some former and current owners offered a few ideas about surviving in a seasonal tourist town.

Former village manager Frank Potter, who owns Imports Etc. in Midtown, recalled that back in 1980s, about 1,200 businesses were registered in the village and each year roughly 200 would be added and 200 deleted. Earning a living in a small tourist town can be a daunting enterprise, especially for those who think they can call their own schedules. Others deliberately set up shop only for one or the other of the two tourist seasons back then, summer for camping, seasonal homes and the horse races, and winter for skiing.

During the past 20 or more years, shoulder season

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Glencoe post office could close

Postal Service renews lease on building

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Glencoe's post office, one of five offices targeted for possible closure in Lincoln County, has recently renewed its lease until 2016, a contradiction that drew several questions during a meeting with Postal Service representatives on Thursday.

The closure of the Glencoe office could require residents to travel 46 miles to Tularosa for their mail.

"This is not news to anybody, but the Post Office is in a financial crisis," said Ron Abalos, marketing manager for the newly consolidated New Mexico and Arizona district, speaking along with Bryan Smith, operations manager for Arizona, to a room filled with Glencoe residents at SBS Wood Shavings.

The local business, owned by Glen and Sherry Barrow, was volunteered as a meeting site for the talks.

Also attending the meeting were representatives to U.S. senators Tom Udall and Jeff Bingaman (D-

NM), along with the representative to Congressman Steve Pearce (R-NM), all who urged residents to write to their representatives and the Postal Service about their concerns and ideas.

Abalos said the Postal Service recently suffered a third consecutive year of losses of more than \$8 billion, requiring the office to borrow still more money from the federal government.

"We have a borrowing limit," Abalos said. "Next summer, we will hit that limit, while still potentially losing billions of dollars."

A stamp?

One major cause of the financial loss is the Internet, Abalos said.

"It started when everybody, including my wife, started using online bill pay," Abalos said. "A lot of our volume went away with the Internet."

With mail volume down more than 20 percent since the all-time high of 213 bil-

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Story times

Wednesday morning preschool story times for the remainder of October will include stories about tiny woodland creatures today.

The children will make a Hershey's mouse. On Oct. 19, the children's library will feature stories about raccoons.

The Oct. 26 edition will deliver Halloween stories and spooky crafts.

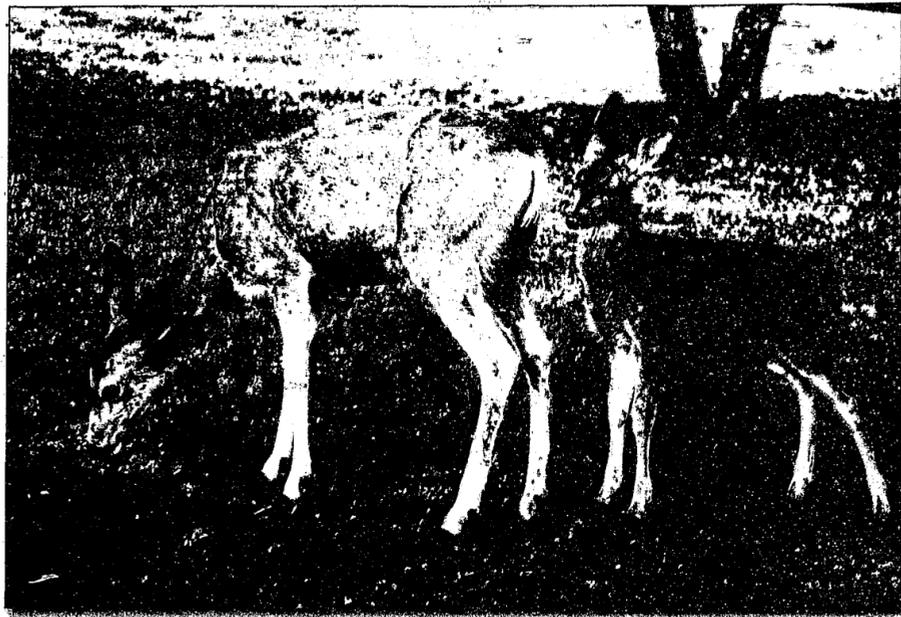
The Wednesday preschool story times begin at 10:30 a.m.

Prescribed burn

Smoke will likely be visible immediately west of Ruidoso at times today through Friday.

Fire officials with the Lincoln National Forest's Smokey Bear Ranger District plan to burn slash piles behind the district's station near Mechem Drive and Cedar Creek Road the next several days.

The Ranger Station Burn will be planned to promote smoke dispersion. Smoke, however, may be present along roads and neighbor-



At top, a young fawn recently visited homes in the Ranches of Ruidoso area with her mother, winning the hearts of residents.



At right, like fine filaments, the long hairs on this Gypsy Moth caterpillar are illuminated by the afternoon sun as he explores a stem.

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CORRECTION

In the Oct. 7 edition in a picture on the Community page, Julie Gilliland, who was admiring artwork at the Shades of Pink exhibit, is president of the board of directors of the Ruidoso Regional Arts Council.

hoods in the evenings and early mornings as cold air tends to push smoke down. Both fire activity and smoke will be monitored by fire offi-

cial. Any questions or concerns with the prescribed burn will be handled by the ranger station during business hours at 575-257-4095.

Free movie

This month's free New Mexico movie will be shown at 7 p.m. today in Room 111

of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. Bradford Dillman plays a U.S. senator who is involved in a car crash and taken to a secret New Mexico location in this science fiction/thriller.

Angie Dickinson.

Library director

A reception is planned Thursday to welcome Corey Bard as the new director of the Ruidoso Public Library.

Bard, formerly with the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach, Oregon, will greet visitors at the library on Kansas City Road between the village administration center and Lincoln County

substation off Cree Meadows Drive.

'Pink' raffle

The Ruidoso Regional Arts Council exhibition "Shades of Pink" and the raffle of an artist's proof for the purpose are aimed at raising money for both the RRCA and Altrusa during October.

Raffle proceeds will be equally split between the

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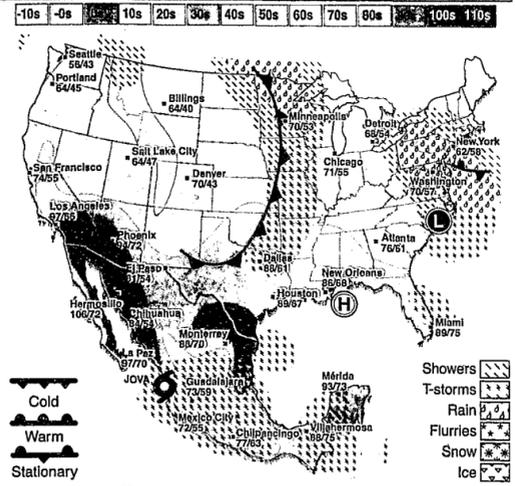
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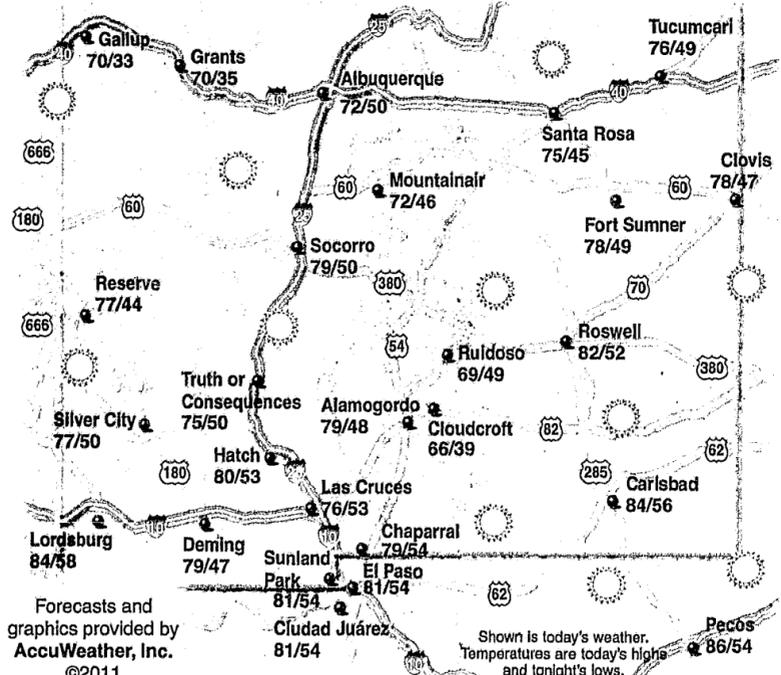
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National Forecast for Oct. 12, 2011



Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso Statistics through Monday Temperature: High/low 64°/37° Normal high 68° Normal low 38° Record high 82° (1965) Record low 17° (1982)

National Cities

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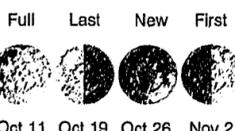
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Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:05 a.m./6:34 p.m. Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 6:43 p.m./7:37 a.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 91° in Yuma, AZ Low: 18° in Berthoud Pass, CO

Monday's World High/Low: High: 111° in Shendi, Sudan Low: -35° in Summit Station, Greenland

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Business this Week

Store flips over tortillas

Lawrence Brothers installs new machine

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Lawrence Brothers IGA grocery store continues to expand its services for Ruidoso residents, having brought in fresh, made-while-you-watch flour tortillas to the store on Tuesday.

Zanna Dodd, deli manager for Lawrence Brothers, proudly displayed the tortilla machine in the front of the deli, where it will run from 10 a.m. to noon every day.

"When they remodeled the Roswell store, they put a tortilla machine in there, and it did really

well," Dodd said, adding that while they currently are only producing six-inch tortillas, she was hoping to do larger tortillas, up to eight or 10 inches, as well as specialty tortillas.

Dodd said that, counting Ruidoso, she only knew of three Lawrence Brothers stores that had tortilla machines.

"I would love to do some specialty tortillas, like green chili or sun-dried tomato," Dodd said. "If it takes off, we can go with the bigger tortillas."

Currently, the tortillas are being sold in batches of 10 for \$1.50, and are available right beside the

tortilla machine.

Dodd said the tortilla machine was installed on Monday, but sales only really began on Tuesday, when Dodd and her staff turned 50 pounds of dough into tortillas.

"We mostly just gave them out yesterday," Dodd said, telling how her staff was trained on the machine. "Everybody in the store has tried them."

Dodd encouraged residents to come in and try the fresh tortillas, especially on the cold winter mornings to come.

The store is located at 721 Mechem Drive. For more information, call 257-4014.



From left, Zanna Dodd, deli manager for Lawrence Brothers, displays a tray of freshly made tortillas as Justin Blea makes more.

EVENTS

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two groups, with Altrusa's portion benefiting the Lincoln County Low Cost Mammogram Matching Grant Fund. The sales of any artwork during this show falls under the same consignment agreement the RRCA has in place for all exhibits, with 75 percent going to the artist and 25 percent to the RRCA.

Tickets are available at Josie's Framery and the RRCA. They sell for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The Artist's Proof is a high quality giclee from the original watercolor titled "Promise for Tomorrow." The artist

Jean Heiges-DeWaard is deceased from pancreatic cancer.

Community theater

Lincoln County Community Theatre will be holding auditions/readings for their upcoming holiday performances of short one-act plays and/or monologues.

The auditions will be held on at 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the RRCA offices at 1712 Sudderth Drive, next to Compass Bank. In addition, if anyone has written a short (less than 30 minutes) play or monologue, LCCT would like to review these as well for possible performance. The holiday performances

will be in early December and will be held at Sacred Grounds. Call 257-7272 or 336-1530 for more information.

Legal help

Free legal help will be available to residents in the Ruidoso region on Saturday, Oct. 22. Attorneys from Lincoln and Otero counties will be at the Ruidoso Senior Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The free legal fair will answer questions about bankruptcy, foreclosure, creditor/debtor issues, landlord/tenant matters, guardianships, public benefits, immigration, family law, paternity/custody/child support, wills/trusts/probate, and powers of attorney.

The consultations will be on a first-come, first serve basis. Bilingual attorneys will be available.

The legal assistance event is coordinated by the 12th Judicial District Pro Bono Committee of the Access to Justice Commission. The commission is a statewide group that seeks to expand and improve civil legal help to New Mexicans living in poverty.

Roadblocks

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Patients are being referred to Dr. Denise Greene at Gerald Champion Hospital, 575-446-5300. Dr. Green will have an office in Ruidoso and Alamogordo.

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OUR OPINION

Crap shoot: An appeal of Anthony casino

The proposal by Jemez Pueblo to build an off-reservation casino in Anthony, N.M., has now been rejected twice — first with a Republican administration in the White House and a Democrat in the governor's mansion, then later with a Democrat in the White House and a Republican as governor.

That would seem to pretty much cover all the bases. But the casino's proponents, to their credit, don't give up easily.

They have already pulled the project back from the grave once, and hope that they may be able to do so a second time.

Casino supporters have made a plea to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs to reconsider its ruling last month to prohibit the project from moving forward.

The feds had many of the same concerns we have raised previously with this proposal — namely its 300-mile distance from Jemez Pueblo.

"With the Pueblo of Jemez, we had significant concerns about the tribe's ability to effectively exercise jurisdiction over a parcel nearly 300 miles from its existing reservation," Indian Affairs Assistant Secretary Larry Echo Hawk said in a prepared statement.

The federal government also questioned an intergov-

ernmental services agreement the Jemez Pueblo had executed with Doña Ana County that obligated the pueblo to help pay public safety costs related to the casino's impact.

The analysis noted that federal law requires a tribe to "exercise governmental power" over a parcel, for it to be considered to become trust land.

We're not sure those objections can be overcome. But casino supporters have asked for the opportunity to "fix the problems" outlined by the federal government, and have enlisted a number of local elected officials to support them.

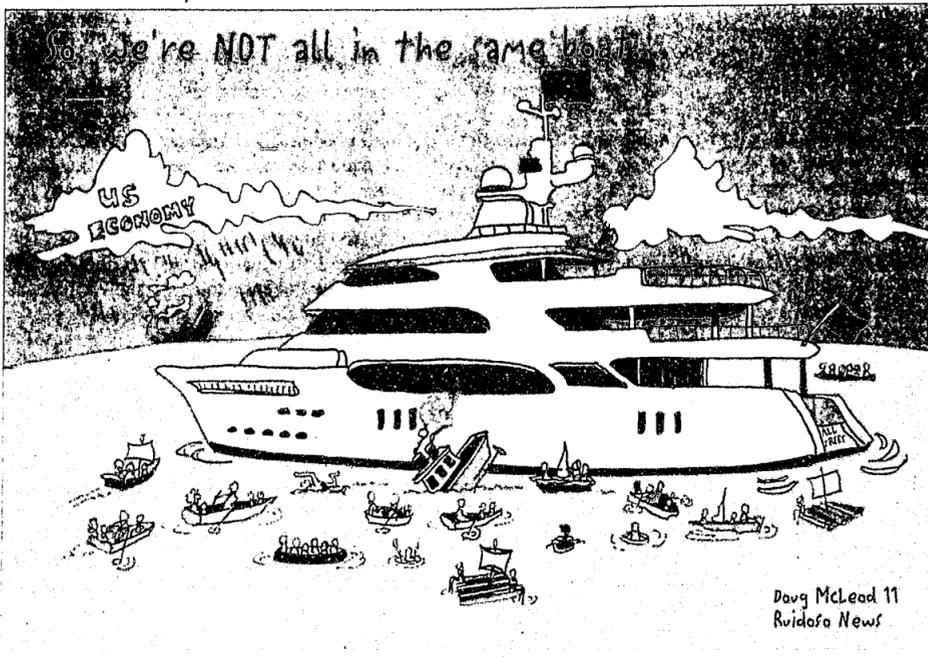
If such a fix is possible — and we concede that's an enormous "if" — we would like for the federal government to allow for the final decision on this project to be made locally.

After years of heated debate, detailed planning, and high hopes raised one minute and dashed the next, it was a bit disappointing to have the plug pulled by a bureaucrat in Washington.

From the very beginning, this proposal has been something of a crap shoot.

The odds of success at this point would seem about as slim as rolling back-to-back boxcars.

But we commend the supporters for trying.



Doug McLeod 11
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YOUR OPINION

The need for a Boys and Girls Club

To the editor:

I have received questions as to why the Community Youth Center Warehouse is transitioning into the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca.

I have to answer that Boys and Girls Clubs offer structured and proven programs such as delinquency prevention, tutoring, substance abuse prevention, the arts, physical fitness and many other programs. The Boys and Girls Clubs offer a safe environment for kids after school for a low affordable membership fee. The Boys and Girls Club has a graduation rate of its members over 90 percent compared to about a 66 percent national graduation rate.

The Boys and Girls Club will allow us to provide for many more kids and families than we can now. We wouldn't be in this transition if it were not for the Community United Methodist Church planting the seed by starting the "Warehouse". Thanks also need to go to our collaboration partners ENMU Ruidoso, village of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Municipal

Schools, Juvenile Drug Court, CYFD, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Juvenile Probation Department and many others.

Our supporters large and small such as Ruidoso Gun Club, Survivors Motorcycle Club, Ruidoso Noon Lions, Kiwanis, Walmart, Lucy's Mexicali, Hubbard Foundation, Can't Stop Smokin', Rose Furniture, McCracken's Home Gallery, Rutalee Todd-Jernigan, EJ Signs, Jack Rankin Construction, Carl Bowden, Interim Chief Harlan Vincent, Kathy Richardson, Lori Carpenter, Mike Wilson, Lori Coughlin, Sarah Phelps and countless other current and future donors.

I'd also like to personally thank our Board, who are working countless hours to help make the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca a reality. This is a great group of dedicated people working together as a true team to reach our goal.

To those that may wonder if a Boys and Girls Club is needed in our community, let me tell you

about a mother I recently came across working in a small store in Ruidoso. While she was working, her kids were just outside the window in a car waiting for her. She had no one to care for her kids and couldn't afford to pay for day care.

These kids couldn't go outside to play because of the traffic in the parking lot and on the street.

How many other kids and families do you know in the same situation? How many kids do you know that arrive to an empty home after school?

Together WE can make a difference in the lives of our children, our future leaders and our community. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer or make a donation.

For more information www.bgcSierraBlanca.org or call me at 973-5469.

Tim Coughlin
President
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of Sierra Blanca

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Thoughts on reforming the PRC



JAMIE ESTRADA

FORMER PRC CANDIDATE

As a former candidate for the Public Regulation Commission, I have some thoughts prompted by Think New Mexico's report on PRC reform and the resignation of Jerome Block, Jr.

In 2010, I ran for the PRC because I believed the commission needed more commissioners with a background in economics and energy and telecommunications policy in order to improve decision making in Santa Fe on behalf of all

New Mexicans.

During my campaign, I told many audiences that, if I were elected to the PRC and the commission still could not get its act together, I would happily work myself out the job by asking the state Legislature to consider a full range of reforms, including proposing a state constitutional amendment to the voters to eliminate the PRC altogether.

In the interest of full disclo-

sure, I lost the Republican primary to Ben Hall, who ultimately went on to prevail in the general election.

Think New Mexico recently rolled out a report proposing reforms to the PRC.

I applaud their work in putting forth non-partisan ideas for the public and policy-makers to debate.

I agree with many of their ideas, including deregulation of the motor carrier industry, like

taxis and shuttles.

I also agree with common-sense proposals like reorganizing functions of the PRC by moving them to existing state agencies — for example, moving the corporations function under the Secretary of State's office — in order to better serve the public and to refocus the PRC and its commissioners on the most important functions,

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What do you think of the Cowboy Symposium?



Alan Lundquist
Salt Lake City

"It's great. The real reason I come is to see the Texas Playboys and the other groups playing."



Sandy Connel
Lovington

"It's cool, they've done a real good job this year. Lots of booths, and the musicians are great."



Maureen Rush
Portales

"It's terrific, we try to come every year. We always look forward to the Flying J Wranglers."



Mike Cooper
Sheffield, Texas

"I'm enjoying it, we're on the Z Lazy T Chuckwagon for our first year visiting here."



Monty Henson
Fort Worth, Texas

"I love it, I've been coming for about five years now, and I'll be back for more."

PRC

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such as regulating utilities and telecommunication companies.

Lawmakers could also consider moving the insurance division over to the Regulation & Licensing Department, which already oversees the Securities and Financial Institutions Divisions.

Given last year's attention on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield rate increase request, a clear need exists for the structural reform and accountability that the public desires — accountability that is currently lacking with the insurance division housed under the PRC.

PRC split

We should all be encouraged that Commission Chairman Pat Lyons — a Republican — and Commissioner Jason Marks — a Democrat — are welcoming a discussion of these proposals. However, Commissioner Hall's statement to the Albuquerque Journal that "I guarantee if they introduce it in the Legislature, I will be up there trying to stop it" — this before any public debate on the proposals have even commenced — should concern everyone.

Statements like this make New Mexicans wonder if Hall is more interested in clinging to

the power and influence he currently has than making government function better and more efficiently.

Requirements

One of Think New Mexico's best proposals is to require that commissioners have a four-year degree or five years of relevant professional experience.

But given the negative reactions by Commissioners Hall and Theresa Becenti-Aguilar at a press conference held earlier this week, it's no surprise that they opposed and perhaps offended by this idea because they don't have degrees. And based on their backgrounds, it's questionable as to whether they meet the proposed "relevant" professional experience benchmark.

What these two commissioners fail to understand is that regulating industries like utilities and telecom require serious technical skills.

But since the PRC's inception in the late 1990's, the electorate has demonstrated that it's not in the minimum qualification vetting business, resulting in some of the least qualified and most ethically challenged people being elected to the commission.

What Think New Mexico did not consider in its report is reforms to the electoral process, which should go hand in hand with structural reform.

The PRC falls under

New Mexico's Voter Action Act, which provides public financing to qualifying candidates.

A modest reform to the Act would require candidates to participate in public, televised debates, as is done in Arizona.

To stop the debate ducking that occurred last cycle in District 5, candidates who want the public's money should face the public. This would allow new and unknown candidates to compete on a more level playing field against incumbents and other candidates who have been on the ballot before. Debates might also stoke increased interest by the public in the PRC races.

Given the turmoil on the PRC in the last 10 years, I hope that New Mexicans demand reform of this very important commission. Call your legislator and ask that they start down the path of getting the PRC — and New Mexico — back on track.

However, if New Mexicans ignore much of what's been proposed by Think New Mexico, then we shouldn't be surprised if we continue to get more of the same.

Estrada was a Republican candidate for the PRC, District 5, in 2010 and previously served as U.S. deputy assistant secretary of commerce for manufacturing in the George W. Bush administration where he directed policy for the manufacturing, communications and energy sectors.

Solyndra isn't the whole story

In the utility room of a wealthy homeowner was a Rube Goldberg-like solar system, impossibly complex. It wasn't working. In the 1970s, it was my first solar story.

We've come a long way, baby. Now they work, and the biggest obstacle — cost — is going away. Good ol' American know-how would have risen to the challenge, eventually, but the Chinese beat us to the punch.

We should be worried about this, but instead we're listening to talking heads bleat about the Obama administration's loan to Solyndra, a California solar company that tanked because Chinese technology drove prices down. In the usual political hay making during the investigation, let's remember: Solyndra isn't the whole story.

In the magazine Innovation is a report by Georgina Benedetti, senior energy and power systems analyst for Frost & Sullivan, an international consulting firm. "Solar photovoltaic systems have, over the last 50 years, evolved into a mature, sustainable and adaptive technology," she wrote. Technology and design are improving, and solar power is becoming more cost-effective.

(Warning: A defense of solar should not be taken as a snub to conventional sources. We will need them all.)

In the next decade, as nations around the world strive for energy self-sufficiency and reduced emissions, Benedetti predicts more government support overseas, which will spur development. But her pie chart shows a dieter's-size slice for North America: 7.5 percent, compared with 72.5 percent in Europe and 15 percent in the Asian Pacific.

She also reported (in



SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE

June) that the cheaper Chinese solar cells were forcing European and American manufacturers to reduce their prices.

A solar manufacturer delivered the same message in New Mexico in January.

"We have vast untapped solar resources in this country, but we're way behind Germany, and we're getting hammered by the Chinese," said Gerald Fine, president and CEO of Schott NA, which has a plant in Albuquerque.

Addressing a business audience, he said he was neither a member of the Green Party nor a raging environmentalist.

"Solar is a good business, and it's good energy policy for the country and the state," he said. "But I know a bubble when I see one. We are in the midst of an enormous bubble around solar... The hype ignores the reality that six of the top 10 sellers of photovoltaic modules in this country are Asian, but Germany is still the largest market by far."

He spelled out what the industry needs to grow, and it sounds a lot like what other industries need to grow: the Department of Energy loan guarantee program that's now being assailed, longer grant programs, and sustained solar manufacturing tax credits.

What the industry doesn't need is uncertainty. Policies that change every two years discour-

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age sales. "Give us a running start so we can develop volume and create a level playing field with foreign competition," he said.

Fine applauded New Mexico's portfolio standard for utilities that requires 15 percent of electrical power from renewable sources by 2015 and 20 percent by 2020.

We are now seeing solar plants go up around the state to meet this standard — the latest in Carlsbad, Santa Teresa, and Deming.

I've written before that electricity from any source will require more transmission lines.

While Solyndra commands front-page stories, we hear far less about the administration's efforts to step up permitting and construction of transmission lines.

In a pilot demonstration, the government just approved projects in a dozen states, including the \$1 billion, 460-mile SunZia project from south of Moriarty to the Las Cruces area and west to Casa Grande, Ariz.

For every Solyndra, many other companies will survive.

We've reached a divide like the Japanese high-tech challenge of the 1980s.

Back then the solution of Sematech, a consortium of semiconductor companies backed by federal money.

Instead of demonizing the DOE loan program, we need to look down the road.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 5A

Thanks firefighters

To the editor:
I want to publicly thank the Ruidoso Fire Department for their professionalism and quick response.

(Two weeks ago), a renter at my house, accidentally started a fire in the kitchen.

The occupant was quick to call 911, the 911 service was efficient, and the Ruidoso Fire Department was on the scene in minutes.

Their readiness, fast action, and professionalism limited the damage and saved my house.

I could not be more impressed and grateful. As a resident, I would

like to further extend my thanks to all those fireman with the village, city, county, and the US Forest Service that saved homes and prevented a potentially major disaster, at the Pinecliff and White fires this summer.

You pros, you guys and gals, got us through a difficult summer, thanks so much.

*Joseph (Joe) Zagone
Ruidoso/Alto*



'Goshiki' False Holly

Evergreens give a garden backbone. They give it form. And, in some cases, they give it a rainbow of colors. The leaves of 'Goshiki' false holly (also called holy tea olive), emerge reddish-pink, then become light orange with veins traced in pink, and finally mature into a glossy scatter of cream, gold, and green freckles. Beauty isn't the only thing recommending this time-tested hybrid shrub, either. 'Goshiki' (which means "five colors" in Japanese) is notoriously tough and easy to grow in difficult spots. It also stays a moderate size and can tolerate urban conditions.

Common name: "Goshiki" false holly, 'Goshiki' holly tea olive, variegated false holly, variegated holly olive
Botanical name: Osmanthus heterophyllus 'Goshiki'
Plant type: Broadleaf evergreen shrub
Zones: 6 to 9
Height: 5 to 10 feet
Family: Oleaceae

Growing conditions
• **Sun:** Full sun to part shade
• **Soil:** Average
• **Moisture:** Medium to moist
Care

- **Mulch:** Mulch to preserve moisture in the soil, but leave a few inches of space around the trunk.
- **Pruning:** Minimal pruning needed. Remove diseased, damaged, or crossing branches in spring.
- **Fertilizer:** Not needed.

Propagation

- **By seed or cuttings**
- **Pests and diseases**
- Vulnerable to root rot, black mildew, and olive knot.
- Scale insects may cause problems.

Garden notes

- Like other holly tea olives, 'Goshiki' works well as a hedge or screen. It is spiny, so don't plant it right next to a path or sidewalk.
- The colors of 'Goshiki' stand out well against a dark background.
- You can grow 'Goshiki' in a large container if the climate permits.
- In full sun, 'Goshiki' will be more compact but the colors may bleach out. Partial shade, especially in its southern range, is best for maxi-

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



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EDUCATION

Ruidoso school board reveals goals

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A vision for the Ruidoso Municipal Schools has been advanced by the district's education board.

In an open letter to the Ruidoso community, Bea Harris, the district's superintendent, said the schools continue to be challenged by the state designations of Adequate Yearly Progress.

"Our goal is that all our students graduate prepared to continue their education in two- and/or four-year colleges or vocational programs, and are ready to be full participants in our democracy," Harris said.

The education board made some minor adjustments to their goals for the 2011-2012 school year. A previous goal that stated students will achieve at or above grade level and all schools will meet or surpass Adequate Yearly Progress was replaced with a hope that 90 percent of students will read at or above grade level by the end of the third grade.

The goals' vision statement, which had said the district and community believe that all children can learn now states, "RMSD is committed to grow a collaborative learning community where relationships, rigor

and relevance develop fulfilled and purposeful adults."

Added to the board's goals is a mission statement that in partnership with students, families and the community, "RMSD ensures a rigorous and relevant student-centered learning environment that cultivates character, fosters academic excellence and embraces diversity."

Board visions for the district's Educational Plan for Student Success (EPSS) include three target areas.

The first, caring for self and others, has two goals. Students will recognize and apply positive options to

solve peer/adult relationship issues and conflicts, and demonstrate respect and responsibility for each other. The second, students are to promote appropriate behavior and be responsible for their own actions.

On the literacy front, student will show improvement in written skills across the curriculum. They will also improve reading skills.

With math, all students will improve mathematical literacy across the curriculum, with all fourth graders performing at grade level. All high school students are to complete at least two math courses beyond

Algebra I.

The EPSS is a New Mexico Public Education Department requirement of schools. The localized strategic improvement plan is based on data and the academic achievement of the school and district.

Snapshots for schools in the district spell out what is expected of each campus. A strong emphasis on reading and math is the plan for first and second graders at Sierra Vista Primary School. By grades 3, 4, and 5, the elementary school's curriculum adds language arts, spelling, social studies and science. "Well rounded" music, art, physi-

cal education and inclusion classes are also part of the mix.

Ruidoso Middle School students would be a transition from elementary to high school. The high school includes the 9th Grade Academy which was instituted at the start of the present school year.

The district's former Gavilan Canyon School, an alternative day treatment program that had been separate from other schools, is now at the middle and high schools. Renamed Choices last year, the alternative programs are now called Choices 9-12 and Choices 6-8



COURTESY PHOTO

Ruidoso High School library technicians and students representing various clubs and organizations pose with staff in preparation for Teen Read Week. Pictured (left to right) in the first row are Marikka Temple, Sawyer Miller, Nolan Paul and Isa Lindsey. In the second row are Cody Dawson, Ismail LaPaz, Andrew Palomino and Emma Lindsey. In the third row are Assistant Principal Cody Patterson, Amanda Munoz, Harlynn Geronimo, Rito O'Neal, Madigan Gonzales, Janae Treas, Talia Randolph, Librarian Ellie Keeton and Briana Kasovia. In the back row are Shelby Slaten, Jordyn Kayitah, Moriah Sales, Katherine Horrell, Dana O'Toole and Principal Pauline Staski.

Dijí 'ijúrtagu nskágu naajint'a

"Teen Read week Apache"

Hoy un lector, mañana un lider.
Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

FROM REPORTS

Ruidoso High School students will really crack open the books next week during the annual Teen Read Week.

High school Librarian Ellie Keeton said the theme of the Oct. 17-21 event will be promoted in English, Spanish and Apache.

Students and staff will participate in various research and reading activities using many available resources.

Incentives will be awarded with a grand prize of a Barnes & Noble nookcolor along with a gift card for downloading favorite titles.

Teen Read Week is a national literacy initiative aimed at teens, their parents, librarians, educators and others.

The week is celebrated during the third week of October at thousands of public and school libraries, classrooms and bookstores around the country.

Focus on teens

While there are a number of active literacy campaigns in the United States, very few focus on teenagers.

Keeton and the high school's Teen Read Week programs have been recognized by the New Mexico Library Association, the American Library Association and the American Indian Library Association.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Daniels Fund

The Daniels Fund is now accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded in spring 2012. High school seniors in New Mexico should ask their school counselors for information, or visit www.danielsfund.org. The application deadline is Nov. 30, 2011.

In establishing the Daniels Fund, cable pioneer Bill Daniels directed the Daniels Scholarship Program to seek out promising students who demonstrate strength of character, leadership potential, academic performance or promise, a well-rounded personality, and the potential to contribute to their community.

Students must also demonstrate financial need.

Daniels Scholarships are not full-ride. Instead, they cover the unmet need of the student. The scholarship amount is determined after all other financial aid resources and an Expected Family Contribution have been applied.

Students must be nominated by a referral agency (all area high schools plus designated youth serving organizations that assist in the nomination process). A list of those high schools and youth serving organizations is posted on the Daniels Fund website.

Bill Daniels, who lived in Hobbs and attended the New Mexico Military Institute, established the Daniels Fund to operate the Daniels Fund Scholarship Program and the Daniels Fund Grants

Program in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

Visit www.danielsfund.org for more information.

Community Ed

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Community Education is offering several classes during Oct. for area professionals.

On Oct. 13, Procurement Code Overview Training will be offered by Kathy Sanchez with the New Mexico State Purchasing Division.

This is a high-level overview of the Procurement Code and how it must be applied.

Bids, proposals and sole source procurement methods as well as vendor responses and protests will be covered in the free training.

Anyone who works in area and regional government who wishes to attend is encouraged to call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 575-257-2012 to register. There is no charge for this training.

The New Mexico Onsite Wastewater Association (NMOWA) presents training by the National Association Wastewater Transporters on Oct. 13 and 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ENMU-Ruidoso will host the event at 709 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso.

Pre-registration prices for first time training is \$425 or \$225 for renewal. Registration at the door for first time training is \$475 and renewal is \$275.

You can call to pre-register at 575-257-3012. For more information on NMOWA or the training, call 575-808-0917.

On Oct. 21 or Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the State Energy Sector Partnership Program, funded by the US Department of Labor, is subsidizing a training which is mandatory for all contractors and sub-contractors working in pre-1978 target housing or child-occupied facilities.

The Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule Training meets EPA requirements.

Seating is limited to the first 30 registrants each day.

To participate, please fill out the form located in Room 213 at the main campus located at 709 Mechem Drive.

For additional information please call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 575-257-3012.

ENMU facebook

If you're confused on how to use Facebook, join us Oct. 15 for Facebook for Grandmas (and other beginners).

You will learn the basics of social networking in a relaxed atmosphere. You will learn how to post status updates, send messages, post and share photos and events and learn basic Facebook etiquette.

The cost is \$25. Also, if your Smartphone is smarter than you, you may want to attend the Learning Your Cellphone also offered on Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Bring your phone, manual and your phone charger.

If you do not have a manual, we can probably find it on the Internet for you. Cost is \$39/\$29 LLA.

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

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Mescalero water leasing bill passes subcommittee

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A measure that would allow the Mescalero Apache Tribe lease some of its water rights passes a U.S. House subcommittee on last week.

Testimony on the Mescalero Apache Tribe Leasing Authorization Act had been presented to the Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs

last month. During the hearing, Mescalero Apache Tribal President Mark Chino said the tribe had been approached by some neighboring communities in need of water. And Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn earlier acknowledged there had been conversations between Chino and village officials.

Thursday the sponsor of the bill, Rep. Steve Pearce (R-N.M.), said the measure would promote

economic growth and honor the right for Native American communities to exercise self-determination.

"The unanimous support for this legislation exemplifies the positive effect that it will have for the tribes of New Mexico," Pearce said of the subcommittee's vote. "This legislation is important to both the people of the Mescalero Apache Tribe as well as surrounding communities. The revenue gained from leasing this water will go to shore up vital services on the reservation, including elder care, scholarship programs and infrastructure improvements."

The legislation would allow leases of up to 99 years. In 1989, a state court ruled that the tribe held 2,322 acre feet of water rights.

"I want to express our appreciation to Representative Pearce

for sponsoring legislation authorizing the tribe to lease its water rights," Chino said. "This will provide the tribe with a valuable economic opportunity and the ability to provide water to people in the area."

Chino had testified before the subcommittee on Sept. 22.

An identical bill was introduced in the U.S. Senate earlier this year by Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.).

Governor vetoes PRC redistricting plan

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A disparity in the populations of two redrawn Public Regulation Commission districts was the reason Gov. Susana Martinez vetoed the plan approved by the Legislature during its special session last month. One of the PRC districts, District 5, includes Ruidoso.

"The plan creates one district, District 3, that has over 35,000 more people than another district, District 5," the Republican governor said in a veto message to Senate President Pro Tem Tim Jennings (D-Roswell). "That means that a vote cast by a New Mexican in the more populated district has less strength than a vote in the less populated district. In the context of this redistricting plan, these

deviations are improper dilution of the votes of certain New Mexicans."

In calling the redistricting plan for the PRC partisan, Martinez said Democrats failed to fairly address changes in population over the last decade.

"The purpose of redistricting is to fairly equalize population among districts to ensure that New Mexicans have an equal voice in the representation," Martinez said. "That tactic is clearly unconstitutional and I have no choice but to veto these plans."

Noting the PRC has just five members, Martinez said there is no justification for such an extreme population deviation between districts three and five.

"Like the other two redistricting plans that I must veto, this bill did not receive a single Republican vote

in either the Senate or the House of Representatives," the governor wrote of the PRC redistricting plan.

Martinez also vetoed redrawn boundaries for both Senate and House districts.

Courts will next take up the vetoed redistricting bills. The governor indicated the legal expenses would cost the state "significantly more" than the \$3.5 million plus spent on redistricting litigation 10 years ago.

PRC District 3, which had recently resigned Commissioner Jerome Block as the representative, roughly covers the northeast section of New Mexico. District 5, encompasses the southwestern section of the state, its representative is Ben Hall (R-Ruidoso). Lincoln County is split between District 2 (southeastern New Mexico) and District 5.

Village works on refinancing effort

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To crawl out from under a 1999 loan that carried a 10.5 percent interest charge, Ruidoso village councilors recently approved refinancing of the remaining debt at 3.2 percent.

The action did not extend the pay-off date scheduled in 2018. Sitting in for village financial advisor Mark Valenzuela, vice president of George K. Baum & Company, Chris Muirhead explained that to lower the annual debt service of the village, Valenzuela has been systematically refinancing and combining village debts at lower rates of interest when loans/bonds became eligible.

The 20-year bond issue under discussion was a result of a 1998 settlement with the village of Capitan for some water rights at the time a water users group was dissolved. Capitan officials were not interested in

being involved in refinancing to lower the rate, so the debt to the town will be paid in full and the remaining debt principal, about \$550,000, will be refinanced for a savings of \$100,000.

Muirhead said he would return with a resolution once he has an agreement with a potential purchaser, probably Capital One Public Funding LLC.

Last year during a meeting on the village's debt, councilors were told the village purchased water rights from the village of Capitan for \$894,161 in 1999, and that the total cost of the debt at final payment would be \$2,172,691. The 2010 payment of \$108,635 was split with \$54,005 going to the principal and \$54,630 to interest. Muirhead said the savings "more than meets state requirements of a minimum 3 percent" because the net present value savings is more than 15 percent, according to a memorandum from Valenzuela.

Village moves to replace municipal well

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One of Ruidoso's municipal wells along Eagle Creek will be replaced.

A filing with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer seeks permission to drill a replacement for the River Well in the Eagle Creek Sports Complex.

"It is a low producer and it has

some issues," Ruidoso Utilities Director Randall Camp said of the River Well. "We have a permit to deepen it, but rather than deepen it we would prefer to just move the location because it's actually cheaper to start fresh and dig a new hole than it is to go in on an old bore hole and try to freshen it. There's a lot of problems with trying to freshen it."

The replacement well would be located within 100 feet of the old one.

"If you have a problem with a well, you're allowed to relocate it within 100 feet," Camp said. "But you have to abandon one for the other."

The village's Eagle Creek water rights allows up to 2,385 acre feet of water annually. An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons.

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Yellowjackets identified in recent swarm attacks

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After receiving a specimen of the insects that mounted the latest attack against a horseback-riding group in the Lincoln National Forest recently, an entomologist at New Mexico State University identified the species as a Western yellowjacket wasp.

The technical name is Hymenoptera, Vespidae, *Vespula pensylvanica*, said Carol Sutherland, Extension entomologist, New Mexico State University and state entomologist, New Mexico Department of Agriculture. "These insects are widespread in the Western U.S. and are causing fits in a variety of communities throughout the state," she said. "That is also normal for them, especially at this time of year."

Yellowjackets are "social" insects that live in eventually large, seasonal nests presided over by one queen, Sutherland said.

"She was produced as an adult the previous year in the fall. She mated and overwintered while all of her 'non-royal' sisters died during the winter," Sutherland said. "Without all that firepower behind her, she emerged the following spring and set about establishing her own nest for her own offspring."

These wasps are predators of other insects, but they don't just eat for themselves. They kill their prey on site, then eat it, storing it in their "crops" like birds might. They fly back to the nest to



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Yellowjackets, which have been identified as possible swarm attacks on hikers and horse-back riders, usually nest in the ground, such as the ones pictured here.

regurgitate the prey, feeding their nest mates, queen and her increasing numbers of offspring. This goes on all summer with probably a new generation adding to the mix about every four to six weeks."

By the fall, several thousand adult wasps may be alive, increasingly ready to defend the queen, her nest and their home and relatives, she said.

"They can get riled very easily and respond in tremendous numbers when challenged," Sutherland said. "Unlike bees, yellowjackets are wasps capable of stinging multiple times per individual. They aren't picky about who or what they nail."

All of their resources are directed into building a huge

complement of female "soldiers," she said. Males cannot sting at all and are only produced seasonally, when new future queens are present in late summer or early fall. "They may die after mating or are killed if they hang around the nest," Sutherland said. "Females are present, 'armed' and potentially dangerous throughout the growing season. Their weapons consist of their ovipositors, which are slick, stabbing tools, plus modified accessory glands that produce various organic acids plus proteins," essentially venom.

"I wouldn't be surprised that the scent of one stinging yellowjacket incites others to sting, also," she said. "They will sting and attack as long as an intruder/victim is

handy. Your best response if attacked is to run in a straight line as far away as you can get from wasp attacks."

Yellowjackets usually nest in the ground, Sutherland said. "While they may remodel old yellowjacket nests, they probably start most nests anew from simple holes in the ground that open up under rocks or rotten roots or partially buried stumps or logs," she said. "They construct 'combs,' but made of 'paper' that they make from handy sources of cellulose, such as dead weeds, dead grass, tree bark, broken branches, old fence posts. These combs allow the queen to lay individual eggs in each cell where they hatch and are tended by young adult wasp sisters/half-sis-

Some bee history

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European honeybees, the colonies used in pollination of crops, have been in New Mexico since the earliest Spanish settlers brought them and other farm animals to settle the wild country, Dr. Carol Sutherland, an entomologist with the extension service of New Mexico State University, said during a recent summary about the background of European and Africanized bees in the state.

"Early hives didn't restrict bee colonies and keep them from absconding when crowded, so they left and 'went native' wherever they could find enough water and food sources to survive," Sutherland said. "They swarmed all over the place, populations rising and falling as various conditions permitted, or didn't. Early farmers might have captured swarms, like wild horses and cattle, to make them their own livestock, but none of these animals really need humans to help them survive. They can do it all by themselves, so until they get more permanently penned, they keep swarming and dispersing."

"Various settlers from all over Europe brought their strains of honey bees with them when they settled different parts of the eventual United States. Some of these were 'named' for whatever country or area of Europe they represented. Beekeepers have raised, bred, traded, hybridized, selected and moved bees around this country for 400 or so years."

ters until they pupate. Upon reaching adulthood, they work for the good of the cause again, tending offspring, building combs, nest maintenance and food gathering."

Why are the wasps so ferocious right now, attacking hikers and riders multiple times in the White Mountain Wilderness and other parts of the forest?

"The new queen in spring can sting, for sure, but that's risky business for a single insect without backup. She is fairly meek and mild in

spring. She has nothing to defend. Young nests are also fairly meek and mild, not drawing attention to themselves, but they certainly will sting if invaded intentionally or accidentally by whatever," Sutherland said. "By late summer, the nights are getting cooler and days are shorter. Food sources are ample, but soon they will be lost to frost, freeze and maybe winter. The whole colony shifts gears, getting highly defensive of their soon-to-die colony. They are protecting their future, sustaining their heritage."

COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pine Top Car Club: Cruise on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. to various restaurants; Denise Dean, 257-4966.

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

Martha, 575-430-9808.

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

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

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

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

Education

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

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

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

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

Help & Healing

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

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

AI-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tues-

day, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

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

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

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

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

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

H.E.A.L. and the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter: 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 Sall Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment,

phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Political

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

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

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

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

Service Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veterans

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

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesdays 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,



COURTESY

Animal Shelter volunteer Stephanie Malzahn feeds one of five pups who lost their mother to a predator. The shelter is hoping residents will adopt them.

Shelter seeks home for pups

DIANNE STALLINGS
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Five three-week-old puppies robbed of their mother by a predator attack will be looking for new homes in a month. But in the interim, they are depending on foster care for their survival.

The puppies couldn't be taken to the shelter operated by the Humane Society of Lincoln County, because of space limitations and the potential exposure to diseases until they receive their second set of immunizations at about six weeks of age.

But luckily, Stephanie Malzahn opened her home and heart to the orphans when a Mesalero resident called the shelter and stopped at the society's resale shop asking for help. The pups' mother was his dog and while he was willing to keep two of the babies, he was unable to care for all seven. Malzahn said the five females appear to be border collie mixes, about 10 days old with their eyes just opening.

"I'm fostering because I have to have a baby fix," she said. "If not, I get more animals. I volunteered at the zoo in Carlsbad when we lived there and that took care of it. When we moved here, I said what am I going to do, so fostering is the answer."

Not that her house isn't

inhabited by animals already. Malzahn owns three dogs, one from a previous fostered litter of seven, one cat, one parrot, one ferret and, "Oh yes, one husband," she said.

"These are noisy little girls," she said of the new litter. "They're black and white and need to be fed every four hours. I bottle feed them with baby bottles and nipples for three-month old babies and they do just fine. I use puppy formula from the feed store or Walmart."

She keeps the puppies until they receive their second set of shots and then they can move to the shelter, if there is room.

When the puppies make their debut in about six weeks, society officials are hoping they will have a waiting list for adoption.

These particular pups are lucky. They have a second chance, but without foster care homes ready to accept young ones, the only alternative could be euthanasia.

Within the next two months, society officials will put out a call for potential volunteers to attend a meeting with an emphasis on forming a network of foster care homes for young dogs and cats, or those with special needs, Executive Director Margaret Lahey said. To contact the shelter about a puppy or to volunteer, call 257-9841.

ADVICE

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events have been added to the roster, extending the chance to build a successful business.

But according to figures from Ruidoso Village Clerk Irma Devine, in the 2010 calendar year, the turnover still is occurring with 440 new business registrations recorded and 352 terminated for a total of 1,469 businesses in Ruidoso.

Challenges

Ruidoso Councilor Denise Dean, who previously owned an office supply and Hallmark store and often finds herself a voice for local business owners, said staying afloat in a seasonal market requires planning and diligence.

"When had our business, it was office supply and Hallmark cards and gifts," she said. "One of things that really impressed me was that it was not seasonal and it focused more on locals. That's what interested me when I bought it. I think everybody comes in summer and sees things bustling and it's great and busy, but it is difficult to sustain a business in three months for an entire year."

"A lot of people come in with not enough capital and can't sustain through the winter. I would always advise, if you are thinking about buying a business, to look at the whole year and check the books very carefully and find something to carry you in the down times until the good times hit again."

The current economy is challenging for everybody and village councilors try to be sensitive to anything they can do to help local businesses, she said.

Potter said, "The big thing is cash flow. We have six good months and six not so good and you have to have enough to cover that or cash flow to sustain you not just for one year. In Ruidoso, it probably would be more like three to four years."

"We're seasonal. Even then, if it snows, you may have a lot of people in town, but they are skiing. Other times it's warmer and the snow isn't that good, but they are shopping."

Long haul

The main thing a new business owner should arrive with is a mindset that he's here for the long

haul and if he sticks with it, he can end up with a solid future, Potter said.

"We also were taught to upgrade our merchandise, more upscale, but that kind of came with a cost because the current economy doesn't lend itself to the higher end," he said. "We still have things for buyers at every range, but there are not as many in the higher range as there used to be."

Tourists and customers coming from Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio, Texas, show up flush with cash from a state economy fueled by oil and gas and incomes twice the average of New Mexico, Potter said.

Another good funnel for customers is Midland and Odessa, Texas, and Artesia and Clovis, New Mexico, also are oil and gas based. More recently, Ruidoso is seeing a solid influx of visitors from Albuquerque and El Paso, he said.

He recalled an advertising blitz aimed at Mexico one year for skiers. The ads worked and the town was slammed, but their per capita income was half that of Texas visitors, Potter said. "We want to pull from areas with higher per capita income because they have more cash to spend," he said.

The customers

Steve and Carol Olson, who for the past 12 years operated Black Bear Lodge bed and breakfast in Upper Canyon, retired at the first of the year. For the past seven years, Olson also has worked as an emergency medical technician with the Lincoln County ambulance service based at the county hospital in Ruidoso. The couple didn't retire because business was bad, Olson said. Quite the contrary, business was so good that after a dozen years of sharing their home with visitors, they were worn out and ready for some time to share and travel. They looked around for a new home, but decided they already owned the best location and converted the business into a residence where they could enjoy their surroundings.

"It's a wonderful business, but you have people in your home everyday," Olson said.

Their secret of success, he said is take care of your customers.

"A lot of people just don't get it here," Olson said. "And that's across the board from lodging to retail to service. I have certain people I call for services because I know they will treat me right. They will show up when they're sup-

posed to, do the job right and do it for the price that was quoted."

When customers are asking businesses in Midtown to stay open later in the summer so that they can enjoy shopping along with dinner, a cup of coffee, a piece of pie and maybe some dancing, Olson said he still sees shops closing their doors at 5 p.m., instead of adjusting for the season.

"We saw the downturn in the economy," Olson said. "So many (lodging) places were vacant or at least not full, but still were insisting on a number of minimum nights. If people tell you they want to stay one or two nights and you hold out, you'll be empty. Some lodgers are dictating to customers and that doesn't work."

"That's where we were different."

Building business

As a bed and breakfast, the Olsons' didn't do one-night stays, but beyond that, customers called the schedule, he said. "You're staying in our house and by the time you leave, you're family," he said. "That's

how you build a business and how we had so many repeat customers. If they wanted to relax and be left alone, we did, or if they wanted to visit and talk, we did."

Although like all lodgers, some of the Olson's business was generated by special events, but they catered to adults, including several family reunions, and weren't involved in sports tournaments and some other promotions, he said. They advertised when they first opened, but not much in later years as their repeat customer base grew.

"Honestly, we were full way too much," Olson said. "There were maybe two to three weekends out of the year we were not full. We didn't close because business was bad. We wanted to spend time together and take vacations."

Olson said the bottom line is customer service.

"We both came from retail so we understood what it took to run a business and market that business," he said. "At the end of the day, you want to look at your customers and know they are happy. If not, you will never build up that business."

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Station to go digital

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Beginning Oct. 12, the PBS station's analog signal for the Carrizozo area on Channel 22 will switch. There will be two KNME channels, Channel 5.1 and Channel 5.2.

KNME 5.1 will carry the standard programming that had been seen on Channel 22. KNME 5.2 will be PBS programming in Spanish. V-Me is the first U.S. public television broadcast network featuring the best of PBS in Spanish.

It will include a mix of original productions, and programs for kids, lifestyle, current affairs, movies and special events. The public television station said those in the Carrizozo to White Oaks area who receive their TV signal over-the-air using an antenna, will need a digital receiver or a converter box to receive Channel 5.1 and Channel 5.2. A similar digital switch happened in metropolitan areas of the country on June 12, 2009,

when television converted to digital broadcasting. Cable and satellite customers will not be affected by the Carrizozo change.

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lion pieces in 2006, it is projected to fall even further to about half that volume by 2016, according to the "best case" estimates by the Postal Service. Their worst-case estimates say that 2012 will see a 50 percent loss, down to about a third by 2016.

Many, including Abalos, said that the loss in mail volume is directly attributable to email and online bill pay. Revenue also has decreased from about \$14.5 billion in 2006 to \$12.5 billion in 2011.

And making the problem worse is that while mail volume is dropping, the number of employees, buildings, and expenses remains mostly constant, Abalos said.

But, "the burden should be shared equally, instead of crushing rural areas. The cities should have to pay too," said Jackie Powell, Lincoln County's District 5 commissioner and Glencoe resident. "I wish I could make it stop. There's no reason to penalize rural residents."

Abalos said the Postal Service considered two factors when targeting post offices for closure, annual revenue of less than \$27,500 and less than two hours of work per week.

Glencoe's office's revenue was less than that limit, Abalos said, adding that he did not have exact numbers, aside from Glencoe's yearly expenses of around \$24,000.

"We have too much capacity, and not enough mail volume," Abalos said. "And even if we close all 3,700 of those (targeted post offices), that's not going to make up the \$8 billion. That's one thing of 50 things that we have to try to do to get closer and closer to breaking even."

Looking elsewhere

Closing post offices was not the only, or the most efficient way for the service to reach its savings goals, Abalos said. Other options up for consideration include going from six-day

to five-day operations, which would provide an estimated \$3 billion in savings, as well as closing 300 of the service's 500 processing centers, a move Abalos said will not impact mail delivery time.

But many of these options require the approval of Congress to be implemented, Abalos said.

"We can't wait for Congress to act, we need to do other things," Abalos said. "If we don't do something, we go bankrupt next August."

But several residents, including SBS owner Glen Barrows, said the Postal Service should look at its own expenses before closing rural post offices.

"These highways are full of motor homes from retired government workers, and we're tired of it," Barrows said, speaking on the Postal Service's retirement packages, which costs the office more than \$5 billion per year, paying for future retirement benefits. "We're listening to the news every day and hearing 'create jobs' - we've created jobs. And we're getting kicked in the stomach."

Barrows said that the closures were a "business issue," that could potentially cripple smaller businesses forced to change postal addresses, as they would face the problems of informing customers and suppliers of address changes, as well as increased travel time to a more distant post office.

"Taking out rural America is not the way," Barrows said. "Right now, economic development is keeping what we've got."

Options

But other possibilities exist for Glencoe and other rural Postal Service users, Abalos said.

One option discussed at the meeting was rural delivery boxes for residents, though Abalos said it might be costly when a resident at the meeting questioned how much money it would require to set up that service.

"We're not going to fix a \$50,000 problem with a \$100,000 solution," Abalos

said. "Everybody wants the other post offices to close, and leave my post office alone."

Abalos also discussed the option of providing P.O. boxes to residents at either the Hondo or Ruidoso Downs locations, and though he could not promise that residents would have the same box numbers, he said a conflict was unlikely.

Another option Abalos brought up was the Village Post Office program, in which private businesses purchased postal services, such as stamps, for resale while maintaining P.O. boxes for local residents.

According to the Postal Service, more than 35 percent of the Postal Service's retail revenue comes from expanded access locations.

Commitment

But David Bonnel, resident of Glencoe and owner of the property that the Postal Service leases, said he had recently renewed the lease for another five years at a lower rate.

Previously, Bonnel Enterprises, Inc., leased the property for \$6,180 per year, but had recently agreed to renew the lease at a lower annual rate of \$5,444, due to the service's budget concerns. The lease was initially accepted in September of 2003, and renewed in September to continue until August of 2016, according to the amendment to the lease.

A resident at the meeting asked, "If they have to pay for the lease anyway, why close the post office?"

Abalos said that he had not been informed about the renewed lease, but would look into it before taking further action.

Bonnel said that while the Postal Service claimed there were not historical or cultural reasons to maintain a Postal Service in Glencoe, he begged to differ.

"Billy the Kid started here, working for Frank Coe, the Lincoln County War started here in Glencoe with the killing of (John) Tunstall," Bonnel said, adding that Glencoe's post office had been around since 1901, long before Ruidoso.



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From left, Ron Abalos looks over the recently renewed lease agreement for Glencoe's post office, which was provided by Glencoe resident David Bonnel.

"Even the U.S. Highway Department recognized this as a historical area, as designated by official scenic historic markers."

Bonnel added that there are at least 25 companies that do business in Glencoe, and he himself was at the post office almost every day for his business.

Resolution

But with default deadlines looming closer, Abalos said the Postal Service's usual procedure for closing an office, which could take between seven to nine months, had been shortened to 138 days from proposal to closure, the majority of time being spent on the 60-day community input and analysis currently underway in Glencoe.

And the most important

part of the process for residents wishing to save their post office is to mail a letter, Smith said.

"It means 200 times more than me saying it, even though I'm an operations manager," Smith said, encouraging residents to mail their questions, concerns, and suggestions to the Postal Service. "The thing you need to get out of this meeting, the biggest thing, is to write the Postal Service."

Abalos and Smith handed out blank forms to residents at the meeting, but said any form of letter would be accepted, so long as it included the writer's name and address.

Representatives for Pearce, Udall, and Bingaman also urged residents to write to the Postal Service, as well as their representatives.

"Rural America is Congressman Pearce's constituent base," said Zach Riley, field representative for Pearce, adding that Pearce had been discussing his concerns for rural post office closures with Donahue, as he believed rural closures were not the way to solve the budget problem.

And in letters from Bingaman and Udall to Donahue, the senators shared Pearce's sentiments, saying that nearly half of the post offices targeted for closure in New Mexico had no alternatives within 10 miles, a negative impact which should be "carefully considered."

Residents wishing to petition on behalf of their post offices are encouraged to write to the Postal Service at P.O. Box 21628, Phoenix, Ariz., 85036.

CRASH

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Gallegos said the S-10 pickup they are looking for would have damage to the passenger side of the front of the truck from striking the fire hydrant.

He said it apparently did not strike the other two trucks.

The 20-year-old driver of the truck that was struck

was flown to an Albuquerque hospital for treatment of what Gallegos said were non-life-threatening injuries. Gallegos said Tuesday the latest information he has was that she was in stable condition.

"Excessive speed appears to be a contributing factor," Gallegos said. "So far we don't have any information to suggest that alcohol or drugs were a factor. However, we are awaiting the results of a blood test."

Gallegos asked that anyone with any information on the accident or the missing S-10 pickup contact him.

"We would appreciate anybody who may have witnessed the crash or may have knowledge of the person in the S-10 to contact me or call Crimestoppers."

Gallegos can be reached at the Ruidoso Police Department, 575-258-7365. The number for Crimestoppers is 575-258-7300.

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County looks at work study, military programs

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Some students at Eastern New Mexico University will be helping out part-time in the Lincoln County Clerk's office under a new study-work program.

County Commissioners recently approved a contract with the university's Ruidoso campus for a student up to 800 hours maximum. The contract covers 40 weeks at no more than 20 hours per week with a cap of \$8 per hour, said County Clerk Rhonda Burrows. "How much they accomplish will depend on the person," she told commissioners. "They will be supervised by one employee. It's tedious work," but should help the student find out if he or she likes government. "We furnish the general job description to help them find the right person to fill it," she said.

Approval was contingent on the university being the contractor and the county not being considered the employer, said Commissioner Tom Battin.

"In the clerk's office, we have about 600,000 documents that need to be uploaded and indexed into our current system so that they are available to the general public in a digital format," Burrows said. "The contract would provide additional manpower to work on these projects at a very low cost to the county."

A student can receive up to \$5,000 under the federal grant that pays for the work-study program.

The county's 25 percent portion would be \$1,667, she said.

Commissioner Mark Doth said the way the program used to work, the money paid was deducted against tuition expenses.

County Attorney Alan Morel said if the county is just kicking in a percentage, a payroll check is not issued and the university simply is reimbursed, the arrangement shouldn't be a problem.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter said while she would like to help out students and Burrows, who needs extra staff to handle preservation

of records and enter data, the program is another example of government growing and spending.

Burrows said she doesn't want to be accused of growing government, but she could use another full-time person. Minter suggested a temporary employee or contracting with a company to do the work.

Military program

In another issue, commissioners expressed interest but took no action on a presentation by retired Brigadier Gen. Hanson Scott, director of the New Mexico Office of the Military Base Planning and Support.

He proposed a memorandum of agreement for the establishment of a Southern New Mexico/El Paso County Regional Planning Organization.

County Manager Tom Stewart explained that the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment assists communities with defense-related economic implications of

changes in military programs. Scott proposed the regional planning organization

to deal with potential changes at Fort Bliss, White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base and the spaceport.

The agent of the program would be the city of Las Cruces and the group would provide a way to involve the region's local governments with military installation-related implications, Stewart said.

Four specific programs in support of communities that could be sought are a growth study, alternatives and adjustments when a base is closed, resizing of an installation and a joint land use study to determine compatible uses with an installation to avoid encroachment and to support sustainability, he said.



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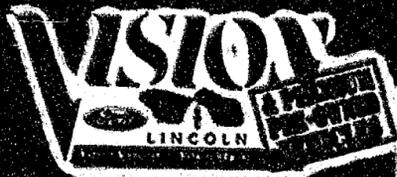
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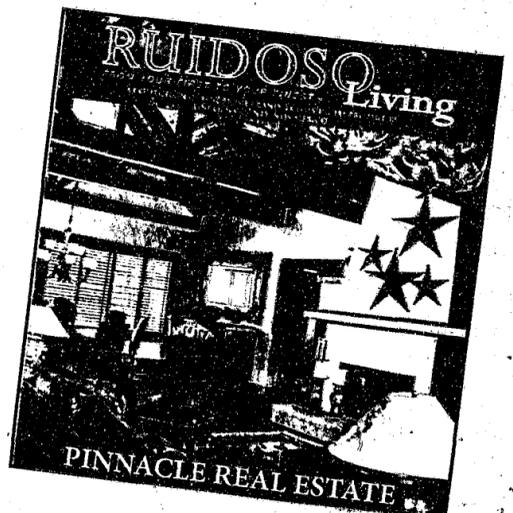
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High school football report

Warriors squeeze Wildcats, Grizzlies dehorn Steers, Tigers and Chiefs stumble

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Ruidoso and Tularosa played a defensive struggle at Tularosa with the Warriors edging the Wildcats, 15-14.

This generation-old rivalry was renewed Friday to the delight of both communities and will be talked about for some time to come.

Carrizozo ended their regular season schedule with a decisive win Friday at Magdalena, 26-12.

Capitan took it on the chin at Loving, 42-6, and the Mescalero Chiefs lost a tough one in front of hometown fans, 26-22.

Hondo had a bye last weekend and will travel to D2-6-man rival Elida Friday for a 3 p.m. tilt.

Ruidoso

"This was a defensive ball game," head coach Kief Johnson said.

And a final score of 15-14 proved his assertion. But it did not look like it in the first quarter.

By the end of the first period of play, 2A Tularosa led 14-0 and the Wildcats looked like they were on their way. Enter Ruidoso's defense and those were the last points Tularosa would score.

In the second quarter Warrior quarterback Sam Williams hooked up with freshman Parker Johnson for a 36-yard touchdown score in the end zone to cut the Wildcats' advantage to 14-8.

Tularosa threatened in the closing minutes of the first half but Ruidoso's Keoni Davis knocked the ball out of the passer's hand, which prevented a TD on that down.

Two plays later Davis intercepted a Wildcat pass in the end zone to thwart a Tularosa score and end the half.

Both teams hit the locker rooms at the half with Tularosa up by six.

"I told my boys at halftime to keep playing with force and stay calm because I felt the Wildcats were on an emotional high and it might wear off," Johnson said.

In the third quarter, with Ruidoso on defense, free safety Denver

Coronado perfectly read the Tularosa receiver's route, jumped in front of the ball for a "pick 6 (because the resulting TD is worth six points)" hauled in the pass and scampered into the end zone for the gold.

The PAT by Beto Fernandez was good and the Warriors went up in the game to stay, 15-14.

With 2:30 left on the clock, on a third and long from the Ruidoso 40-yard line, Fernandez was given the ball and ran down to the Tularosa 17.

Kalama Davis punched it down to the 2-yard line. With one minute left the Warriors knelt the ball down twice to end the game with a touch of class.

"In the beginning of the contest we tried a trick play, but the Wildcats didn't bite on it, intercepted the pass and grabbed the momentum," Johnson explained.

"Hats off to Tularosa, though, their defense slowed our offense down. After Coronado's interception touchdown run both offenses played for field position with punts."

Dylan Demarest led the team in total tackles with 19 (five solos and 14 assisted). Seventeen different Ruidoso defensemen participated in 106 total tackles on the evening, 12 of who scored solo grabs.

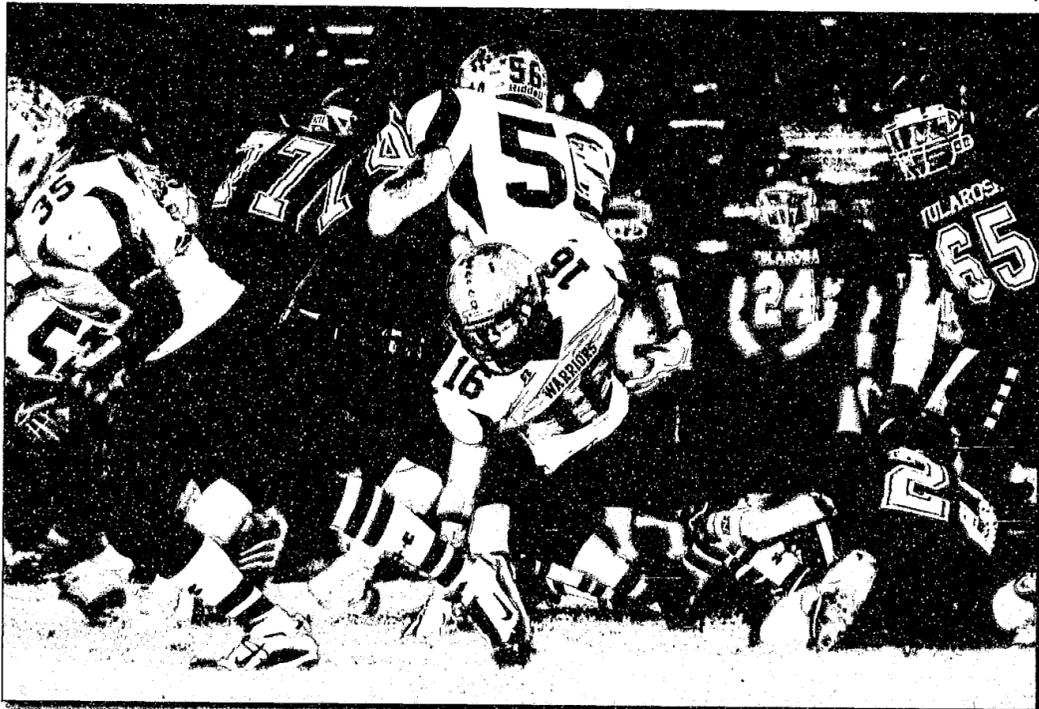
Ismail LaPaz had two pass deflections and scored a safety. Defensive ends, Clayton Blaylock and Bruce Klinekole recorded 15 tackles between them. Defensive tackles Tanner Chavez, Mathew Carr and Josh Reynolds were in on 26 tackles.

Besides Coronado's interception, Keoni Davis stole one of his own.

"Our defense won the game," Johnson said. "The whole defensive unit stepped up to fill in for injured players. I rotated kids in and out and 17 of them got valuable defensive experience."

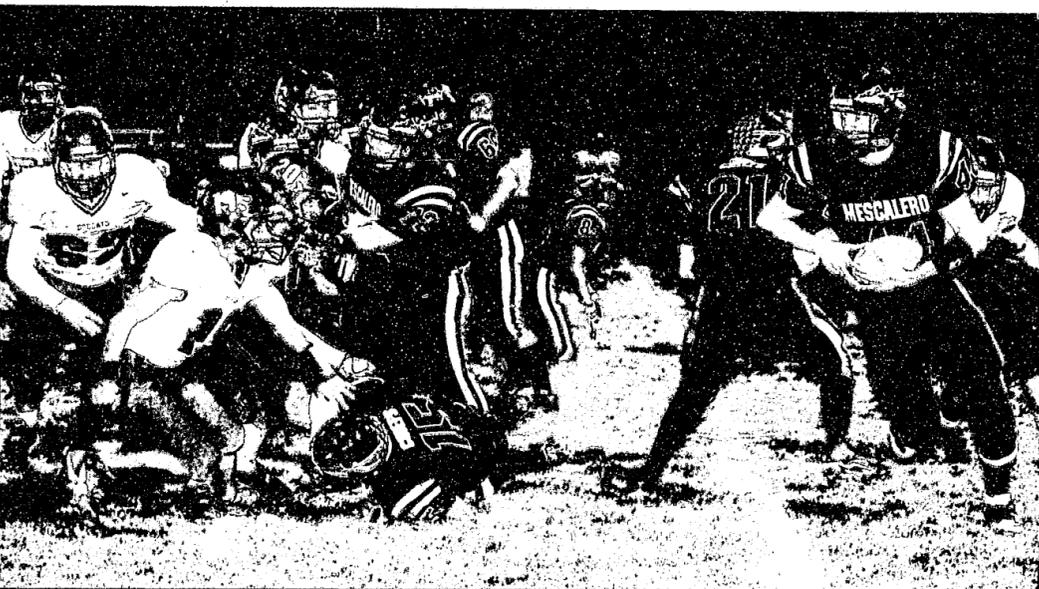
"Many Ruidoso fans were in Tularosa for the game. Our team appreciated that."

Friday, the 4-3 Warriors will host 3-3 Lordsburg at Horton Stadium at 7 p.m. On Sept. 30, the Mavericks beat Anthony (Texas) at home 32-6 and the week



Ruidoso's Kalama Davis looks for yardage as Mathew Carr (No. 35) leads the way and Warren McCracken (No. 56) blocks.

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Mescalero quarterback Godfrey Cordova rolls out to his left in Friday's 26-22 loss to visiting Hagerman.

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before that they lost to Hot Springs at home, 35-6.

The Warriors defeated Lordsburg last year, 23-0.

"Lordsburg is a good football team," Johnson said. "They had a bye last week and they'll be ready for us."

Carrizozo

"It was cold there, we froze, it blew, then it rained, then it snowed a little," Carrizozo head coach Pat Ventura recounted about the game in Magdalena.

"I told the kids, 'we finally got some good football weather in time for our last game' before the battle began."

The Grizzlies have had to struggle somewhat, in this, their first season in 8-man football — but not on the field of battle.

With Friday's 26-12 vic-

tory over Magdalena the Grizzlies are now 6-1 and are arguably, one of the best teams in the 8-man class. Their only loss was a tough 8-0 defeat in far-off Animas on Sept. 30.

Because this is their maiden year in the 8-man ranks they are on automatic probation and are prohibited from post-season play. And so, if they can't pick up another game in the very near future their football season will be over for 2011.

Finding an additional team willing to play Carrizozo might be a hard proposition.

Credit Billy Page and his Magdalena Mavericks for hosting the Grizzlies Friday.

The ground rules for this football game were an 8-man/11-man hybrid of sorts. When Magdalena

had the ball it was played as 11-man. When Carrizozo was on offense it was played as 8-man.

The Mavericks scored first, led 6-0 in the first quarter, and kicked off to the Grizzlies. Carrizozo then drove it downfield 8-man style, scored, converted and took an 8-6 advantage.

The Grizzlies kicked off to Magdalena and held them to their own 30-yard line until the hometown boys went for broke in the air. It was intercepted by Zozo's Don Myers who ran it in for six. A successful conversion put the visitors up 16-6.

The Grizzlies kicked to the Mavericks and held them, got the ball back and promptly drove it down to the Magdalena 5-yard line and turned it over on a fumble.

The hometown crew attempted an ill-fated trick play, which the Grizzlies turned into a safety and led, 18-6, at the half.

The Mavericks kicked off to Carrizozo to open the third period of play and the Grizzlies marched down to the opponent's 5-yard line where they fumbled it over.

Later on, in the same quarter, Carrizozo was on the march and drove deep into Magdalena's territory where they again fumbled to the hometown crew.

"They got the ball, we sat back on our heels and let them score," Ventura recalled.

"After that last touchdown, with the score 18-12, I told my players they needed to learn to communicate among themselves better and I let them figure

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things out on their own for a while.

"After all, you have to communicate on your own later on in life. I figured they could start now. And for a while they did well.

They got the ball in the fourth quarter and moved it down to the Mavericks' 5-yard line — and fumbled again!

"But Magdalena turned it over on downs and my boys drove downfield and scored. The conversion was good and we led by 14."

From there, the Grizzlies' defense rose to the occasion and stopped Magdalena cold — once inside the Carrizozo 15-yard line and once more inside the 10 before time ran out.

"I told my boys after the game we took a step back in Animas with our only loss but that they fought their way back on top in Magdalena," Ventura said. "They finished the regular season on a good note. In the meantime we'll lift weights, run and practice as if we have another game. Who knows? Maybe we will."

Capitan

With Friday's 42-6 loss at Loving, the Tigers have now lost two in a row and even out their overall record at 3-3. Now they might have two distractions this Friday as Capitan hosts 4-3 Mesilla Valley in their first D3-1A intra-district contest, while

holding homecoming at the same time. The Sonblazers tuned up for this week's game with a 62-37 loss at 3A Chaparral last Friday and this week's contest will be their second away game in a row. Thus far, they are 2-1 on the road.

The Tigers will have to cure their mid-season injury blues and get after Mesilla early to claim a victory. But first-year Capitan head coach Collin Justiss will have a positive input in the affair, also. He dislikes losing. You can tell in his voice, even three days after the Tigers' 36-point defeat at Loving.

"I thought we could do an adequate job in stopping the Falcons' running game, but instead, they burned us with the pass play," Justiss recounted. "Loving is tough and we were too beat up to play a good team like that and expect to win."

"Had we played well from the get-go it might have been a different story."

By halftime, Loving was out front, 32-0.

"There are finesse teams who pick their spots and there are 'ugly' teams who cram it down your throat play after play and just keep coming at you. Respectfully, the Falcons fall into the latter category. Teams like that worry me. First they spend time pulling you in with their run game and then, suddenly, they go overhead."

That winning script was repeated throughout the game.

"At the half, I told my boys to get back out there and play tough," Justiss

said.

This Friday, as Justiss and crew head into action against Mesilla and all the district marbles are on the line.

"This is a huge game for us in front of a homecoming crowd," Justiss said. "In the last two games we got our heads handed to us. Mesilla Valley is not untouchable. But for us to win, we will have to come out from the very beginning and be more physical than they are. We need to stay focused this entire week on the demands at hand."

Mescalero

The Chiefs played a home heartbreaker Friday and took a 26-22 loss on their chins in the closing seconds of the Hagerman game.

This was anyone's game to win until the final buzzer. Unfortunately, penalties and inexperience cost Mescalero the win.

This team has talent, along with good coaching, but they can be inconsistent as their 3-4 record shows. On Oct. 1, the Chiefs pummeled Questa away, 38-14, and then allowed victory to be snatched from them last Friday against Hagerman.

Make no mistake, Hagerman plays a tough pre-district schedule, but the win at Mescalero was their first victory (1-6) of the year.

From here on out it's D3-1A play for the Chiefs with Magdalena this Friday, then Capitan and finally, Mesilla Valley.

Last Friday's game with

Hagerman, under the cold, dark sky of Mescalero, was a cliffhanger the whole way.

The Bobcats struck first, with 8:31 showing on the clock in the first quarter, and took an early 6-0 lead.

The Chiefs came back at the 1:24 mark of the same period of play on a 3-yard plunge. A 2-point version put the hometown boys up, 8-7.

Mescalero tacked on six more points at the 7:23 mark of the second quarter and increased their lead, 14-7.

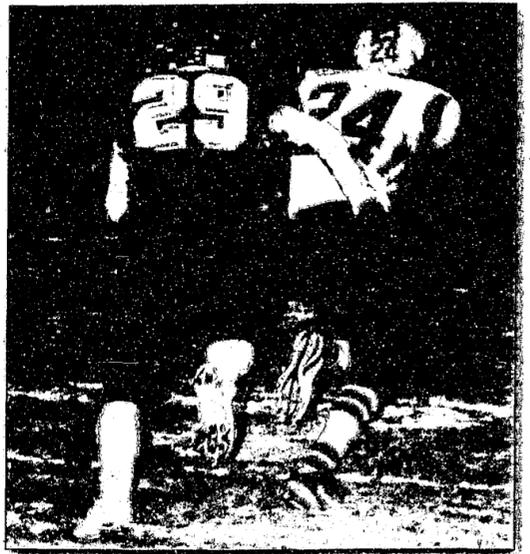
With 5:20 showing on the scoreboard, and Hagerman driving, Godfrey Cordova intercepted a Bobcat pass on the Mescalero 20-yard line and for a few minutes it looked as though the Chiefs would take a 7-point advantage into the locker rooms at the half. But fate had it otherwise.

Hagerman got the ball back on downs and drove down to the Chiefs' 26-yard line. They then scored on a Hail Mary catch to the right side of the end zone. The PAT was good and suddenly the contest was knotted 14-14 at the half.

Mid-way through the third quarter the Bobcats put up another six points to take a 20-14 lead.

Mescalero answered with eight points of their own and grabbed a 22-20 lead.

With 1 minutes to play, Hagerman started a drive on their own 40-yard line. Penalties and a big pass play soon landed the visitors on Mescalero's 6-yard line where — with 10 sec-



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Denver Coronado intercepts a pass and heads for the "house."

onds remaining — the Bobcats scored on a quick slant-in pass route to the right to capture a 4-point win.

"Penalties and missed assignments in the second half cost us the game," Mescalero head coach Godfrey Cordova II, said. "Our inexperience showed up in the form missed tackles and blocks at key moments."

"In football, you can't give an inch or your opponent will take a yard — and Hagerman did. If we could have consistently controlled the clock — we win — but we didn't do that either."

"You have to be mentally ready to play all four quarters. On a positive note, I think we grew some more with this loss. There were some things we didn't do offensively and it hurt

us. In the end, a single player did not affect the outcome — we lost as a team.

"The Chiefs are good when they face something they have practiced for during the week. But when they meet something new in a game it's a different story."

"Change is difficult for young men. And we don't have blazing speed. The boys need to keep their opponents in front of them and not let them get behind them. We need to figure it all out — and soon."

Friday, the Chiefs will entertain Magdalena in a 7 p.m. homecoming, district battle.

"I believe these are two evenly matched teams," coach Cordova said. "That being true, whoever keeps their mistakes to a minimum will win."

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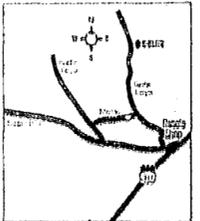
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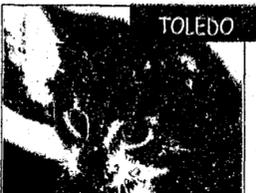
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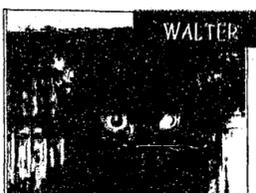
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SADIE IS ABOUT A YEAR OLD AND WEIGHS ABOUT 7 POUNDS. SHE HAS VERY PRETTY MARKINGS AND LOVES TO KEEP HER KENNEL SPOTLESS. SADIE IS VERY EASY GOING AND LOVES TO PLAY.

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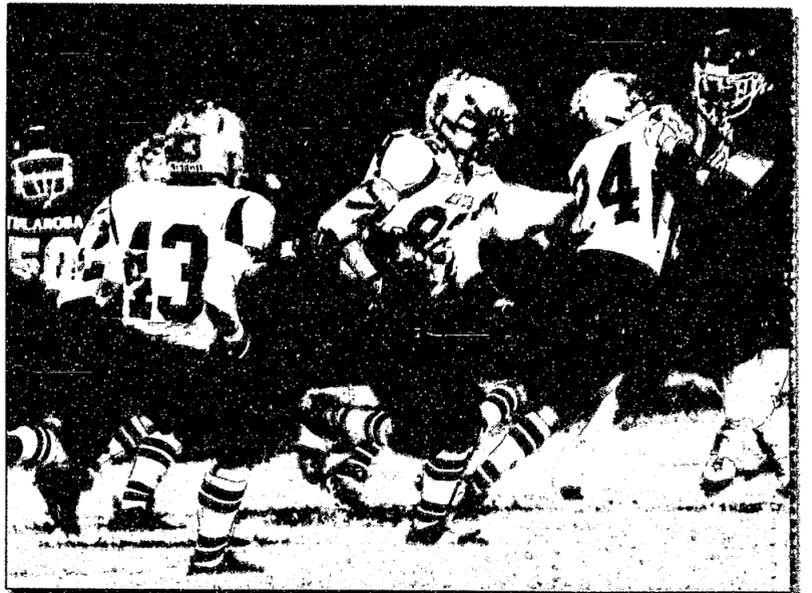
KIMMIE

KIMMIE IS A STRIKING SNOW-SHOE SIAMESE KITTEN ABOUT 4 MONTHS OLD. SHE HAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MARKINGS AND VERY SOFT SHINY FUR. KIMMIE IS STILL VERY SHY BUT GETTING BETTER EACH DAY.

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Sam Williams gets plenty of time to throw in Friday's come-from-behind win at Tularosa. Williams passed for one touchdown as the Warriors went on to win by one point.



Ruidoso's Tyler Coleman looks for a blocking lane as Denver Coronado (No. 24) delays a Wildcat defender and Parker Johnson (No. 43) comes up to help in Friday's 15-14 win at Tularosa.

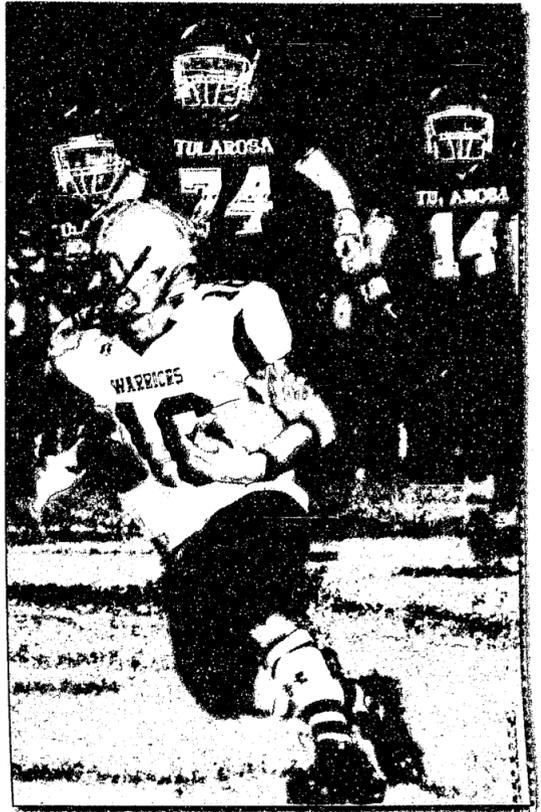


A Tularosa defender is about to meet 264-pound running back Tanner Chavez up close and personal.

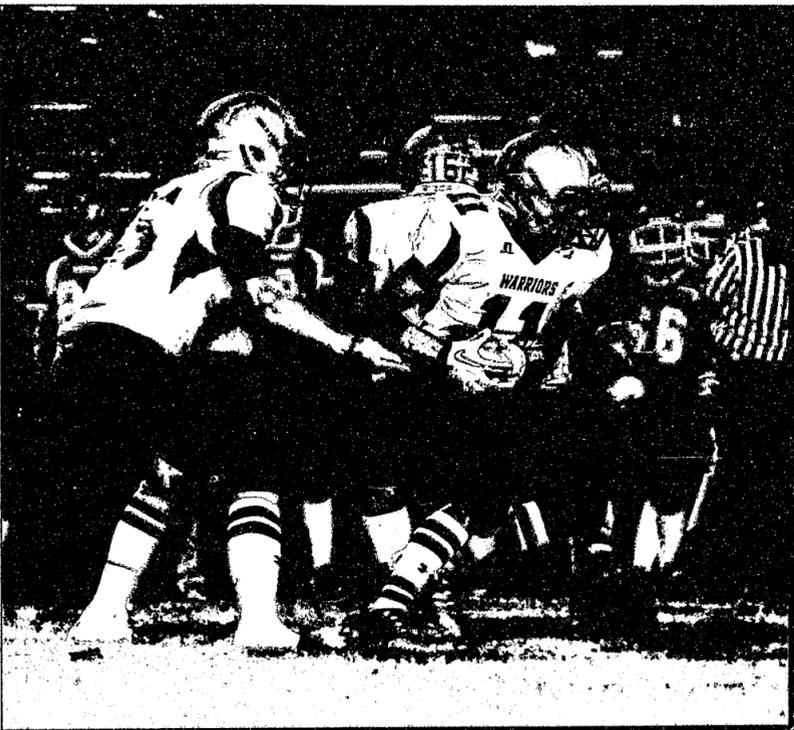
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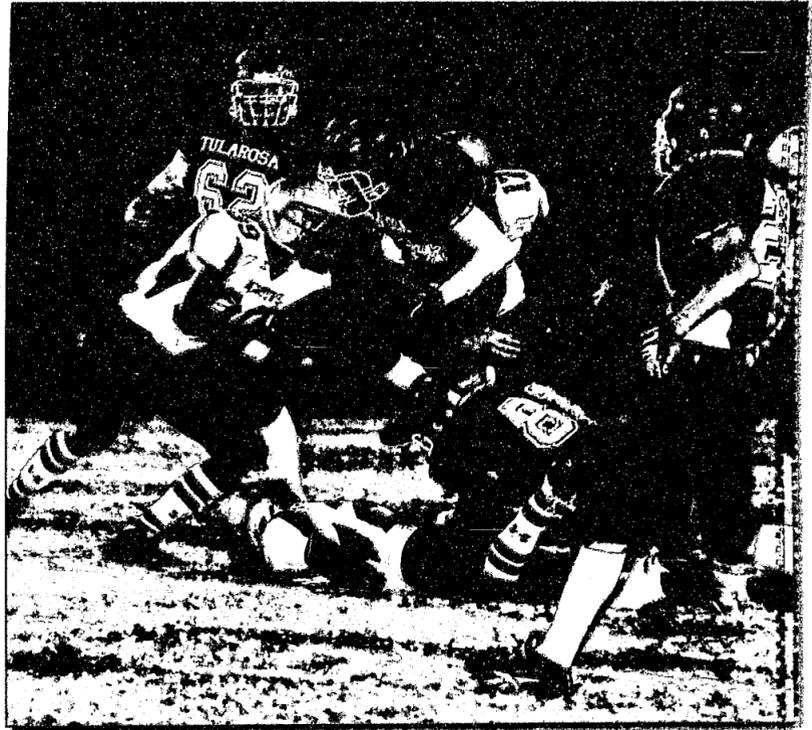
Denver Coronado wraps up a Wildcat as Tanner Chavez (No. 44) and Tyler Coleman come on to assist.



Kalama Davis looks for running room as three Tularosa defenders descend upon him.



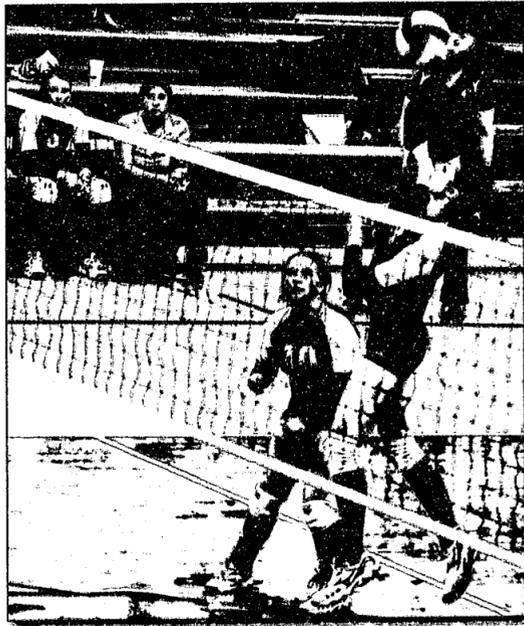
Ismail LaPaz takes a handoff from Sam Williams and looks for a running hole.



A Wildcat runner gets side-swiped by Ruidoso's Bruce Klinekole.



Destri Vincent looks to hit a return in Thursday's 3-0 win over Tularosa at RHS.



Madigan Gonzales smacks a return against Tularosa in Thursday's shutout win. The Lady Warriors defeated Robertson Saturday, 3-2.



Tylynn Smith helps the cause against Tularosa. The Lady Warriors are currently 8-7, 0-1, for the season.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12, 2011

'Zozo's new nuisance ordinance

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Carrizozo trustees passed a revised General Nuisance Ordinance during a town hall meeting Monday, which will go into effect Friday.

The ordinance, originally proposed in 1985 during former Mayor Robert Hemphill's tenure, has been renewed, with some revisions, by Carrizozo's current board of trustees as part of the town's efforts to update and inspect old ordinances, said Town Clerk Leann Weibrecht.

"It's an attempt to make the town cleaner, safer, and to get more people to move here," Hemphill said, adding that another reason for the ordinance was to promote business growth. "We looked at a lot of different towns before we put it together so it would fit Carrizozo."

Hemphill said the original ordinance was revised in 1999 because many of the items "no longer applied."

Another reason for the ordinance was to have more uniform regulations for the town, as Carrizozo's ordinances at the time were "very loose" compared to covenants in the subdivisions.

The ordinance, designed to limit and eliminate items or activities deemed "public nuisances," reads: "Public nuisance consists of

"It's an attempt to make the town cleaner, safer, and to get people to move here."

Robert Hemphill
Former Mayor of Carrizozo

knowingly creating, performing, or maintaining anything affecting any number of citizens without lawful authority, which is either: injurious to public health, safety, morals, or welfare, or interferes with the exercise and enjoyment of public rights, including public property."

Specific items targeted by the ordinance included weeds and non-running vehicles, as well as graffiti.

Residents in violation of the ordinance will be notified by either the police or the Town Foreman Joey Thornton, and will be given between two to 30 days to remove the nuisance.

If the property owner for the land on which the nuisance exists does not comply with the ordinance, they may be fined \$500 or sentenced to up to 90 days imprisonment, or both. Each day after the 30 days counts as a separate offense.

"It all depends on what (the violation is)," Weibrecht said, speaking on the cost to the village for enforcing the ordinance. "If



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Patricia Payne stands in her office at Hondo schools as this school year's nurse for Corona (Tuesdays), Carrizozo (Wednesdays) and Hondo (Thursdays). She is employed by Region IX Education Cooperative based in Ruidoso. She provides direct nursing care to school students, as well as the school staff. Other services provided by school nurses include illness and injury assessments; interventions and medical referrals to community providers. Payne provides vision and hearing screenings based on referrals from teachers and state requirements. School nurses participate in development of Individualized Education Plans and 504 teams for students with special healthcare needs. Individual student needs include, chronic illnesses such as diabetes, epilepsy, asthma or severe allergies. In the primary grades, hygiene and nutrition are areas of focus, while in the junior and high school level, areas of focus include behavioral health, substance abuse, and sexually transmitted diseases. School nurse education is focused on health promotion, illness prevention and early intervention. A school nurse promotes the physical, emotional well being of children that in turn promotes student learning and educational success. Payne and Paul Peretti have a grandson, Micah Hamilton, who is in eighth grade at Carrizozo Schools. The family has resided in Carrizozo for several years.

we do it ourselves, it's not going to cost us anything, and the people will have to pay us."

Additionally, should the property owner continue to resist removal of the nuisance, Carrizozo may authorize the removal of the nuisance, at the owner's expense.

Weibrecht said that identifying "nuisances" would be partly a project of

Carrizozo's Planning and Zoning board, but that no "nuisances" were currently targeted. She added that the town would consult with its attorney before moving on any violations on a case-by-case basis.

Planning and zoning

In other business, Dan Franklin, husband to Jennifer Franklin, a recent appointment to Carrizozo's

Planning and Zoning board, was appointed to the board as well.

Franklin, who said he works at Jack Key Automotive in Alamogordo, has previous experience in planning and zoning boards, including serving as chairman.

"I volunteered because I've always tried to do something civic," Franklin said.

Following Franklin's appointment by the trustees, he was quickly offered the post of zoning administrator, responsible for enforcement, a position the current board had unanimously declined, said Judy Fitzpatrick of the planning and zoning board.

"Everybody felt that"

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Knowledge on wheels

Thankful is what I am for New Mexico State Library, Department of Cultural Affairs, and Rural Bookmobile East, the van that stops in my hometown, Carrizozo.

At its last stop I checked out an armload of books that provided me with my "history fix." Among my bookmobile finds is a book, "New Mexico in 1876-1877 A Newspaperman's View," about the travels & reports of William D. Dawson. Compiled and edited by

Robert J. Torrez, this book describes New Mexico's towns, its agriculture, wineries, mines, farmers, merchants, soldiers, Indians, and outlaws.



POLLY E. CHAVEZ

Historical Potpourri

All these elements and more drew Dawson's attention and found their way into his reports.

Another bookmobile find: "In the Shadow of the Malpais," by Clarence Siringo Adams and his wife,

Joan. I re-learned the story of Will Gallacher of

the J + H.

Many years ago I got a chance to visit with Mr. Gallacher and I know all his folks; many of them are Carrizozo area locals.

Grateful is what I am for this bookmobile program, funded in part with a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library, which administers the Library Services and Technology Act.

Bookmobile vehicles are purchased with funding appropriated by the New Mexico State Legislature.

At their September stop, I chatted with Geri, library manager, and Josh, library tech, who assisted me in my hunt for history books.

We in rural Lincoln County are fortunate that the state library provides this traveling collection of books.

On Oct. 24, Monday,



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From left, Josh and Geri staff the bookmobile on its journeys through Lincoln County.

the bookmobile stops at Nogal Post Office from 1 to 1:30 p.m. This same day it stops in Hondo, at the store, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 26, Wednesday,

the bookmobile stops in Carrizozo at 1 to 4 p.m. It parks across the street from Otero Electric building and near McDonald Park (known as Spider Park to the older folks.)

Oct. 27, Thursday, the bookmobile heads to White Oaks for an 8 to 9 a.m. stop. It is at Corona Schools from 10:10 to 11:30 a.m., and at Corona Post Office from 11:35 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The bookmobile staff says, "We must leave your stop on time...others

may be waiting at the next stop."

In addition to Lincoln County, Rural Bookmobile East also serves the counties of Chaves, Curry, Eddy, Guadalupe, Otero, Quay, and Roosevelt.

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Police hunt for artists

Donations for police station sought

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Carrizozo's Police Chief Stephen Barnett said he is on the lookout for local artists willing to donate work to hang in the Carrizozo police station, currently undergoing renovations.

"I think it would be a nice way to spruce it up," Barnett said, adding that due to limited space, he

would "like to keep it local artists, or we'll get inundated."

And all artists are welcome, Barnett said, citing previous works hung in the Carrizozo courts, which ranged from paintings to shadow-boxes.

Barnett said he expected the police department renovations to be completed before Christmas, but he couldn't give a certain date. "Everything is on back-

order," Barnett said, adding that he wanted to present a completed police department building to the public, rather than a half-finished job.

Barnett said he would like to feature local artists donating work to the Carrizozo police station, and the artists will be collectively featured in a later edition of *Vamos!*, promoting their work and contributions.

NUISANCE

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they had too much on their plate to assume that responsibility," Fitzpatrick said.

Franklin replied that he could not assume the position without leaving his current job.

The board voted to hold a special session to identify candidates for zoning administrator, though no dates were set.

Thornton, reporting on town maintenance, said he had identified a "major leak" behind Carrizozo's senior center, causing the part of the building to settle.

"It's not severe, just in the back of the building by the kitchen," Thornton said.

Thornton said the insurance adjusters were expected out soon, and he planned on getting repairs underway soon after.

Another project on Thornton's agenda was to pressure test Carrizozo's fire hydrants for leaks, with the assistance of the fire department, following the installation of two new hydrants.

Additionally, Thornton reported that he was currently winterizing town buildings, including re-insulating two well houses serving Carrizozo's water needs.

Police

Citations were down for the month of September, said Police Chief Stephen Barnett, with 34 tickets being issued compared to 65 in August. He attributed the drop to a change in patrolling.

"We're concentrating more on patrolling and getting to know the neighborhoods and getting out and meeting people," Barnett said. "The hours we're working are varied."

Trustee Dusty Voss spoke during Barnett's report, saying that between Barnett and Mayor Dennis Vega, \$11,682 in grant money had been found for the police department, with an additional grant still pending that could raise the total to more than \$13,000, which does not include a \$40,000 grant for police operations that was

saved by Vega when he hired Barnett in June.

Barnett said the last car for the police department was outfitted and on the streets, following the council's acceptance of a bid of \$12,733.25 to outfit the cruiser.

Barnett said that along with their usual patrolling duties, all officers had participated in training programs for a breathalyzer in Las Cruces, with Barnett attending a special media class in Albuquerque, covering what information is restricted under the Open Meetings Act.

Centennial ranches sought

Officials with the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association are looking for centennial ranches that have been owned and operated by the same family for a hundred years or more.

"Ranching has been the heart and soul of New Mexico's rural communities, for generations, and that history is worth recognizing," said Bert Ancell, NMCGA president, based in Las Vegas, N.M. "We are asking centennial ranchers to contact our office with

their ranch name and brand, which will be used in the coming months as we celebrate the history and tradition of ranching and the livestock industry in New Mexico."

In 2012, the state of New Mexico will celebrate its centennial and the New Mexico Livestock Board will mark its 125th year, he said.

In 2014, the NMCGA will celebrate one hundred years of working on behalf of the state's cattle producers.

"As an association, we

spend most of our time focused on the issues that impact our industry, and don't often focus on the good things," Ancell said. "To keep a ranch in operation for over a century is a credit to the family involved, and we want to recognize them for their hard work and dedication."

For more information, or to provide centennial ranch's information, contact the NMCGA at 505-247-0584 or e-mail nmccga@nmagriculture.org. - From reports

Wool-gathering 'Zozo youth wins college scholarship

Kylie Gaines of Carrizozo, was awarded the 2011 New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc. (NMWGI) scholarship at the NMWGI's recent annual meeting, held June 26 through 28, in Pojoaque.

"We are pleased to award this scholarship to Kylie, and wish her the best for the future," said Marc Kincaid, NMWGI president, Hope. "As producers, we want to help students like Kylie, who have an interest and background in agriculture, further their education."

Gaines is a 2011 graduate of Carrizozo High School. She plans to attend New Mexico State University this fall to major in agricultural and extension education.

After graduation, she hopes to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a meat/food quality inspector, specializing in beef and lamb carcass evaluation, as well as judging carcass and yield grading.

She has been active in both 4-H and FFA, and says these organizations have helped teach her responsibility, cooperation, teamwork and leadership.

Gaines has held leadership positions on the local, county, and state levels in both FFA and 4-H, and currently serves on the State 4-H Leadership Team as their song and recreation leader.

She has been active in crops and meats judging, welding and baking, and has shown market hogs and goats for several years at various competitions.

In high school, activities have included in National Honor Society,

Junior Rotary, volleyball and track, as well as several community service activities.

Each year, the NMWGI awards the \$750 scholarship to a graduating high school senior from New Mexico during their annual summer meeting.

Applicants must be active 4-H or FFA members and planning to major in an agricultural

field at NMSU.

"Pursuing a college education gets more expensive and challenging for students and their families every year," Kincaid said. "Our members see this scholarship as an opportunity to encourage kids to continue their education, and, we hope, to stay in an agricultural field."

- From reports



Arvel Leon Nash
1940-2011

Arvel Leon Nash, was born May 28, 1940 in Potter, AK. to Arvel "Gene" and Inez Nash. He graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1959. He then enlisted in the US Army where he served our country honorably for 4 years. Arvel was a contractor in Ruidoso, NM for many years. Later in life he began working for White Sands Missile Range and retired in 2006. Arvel will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arvel is survived by his loving wife, Mona Nash of the family home; sister Sue Hiberd and husband Darrel of Keller, TX; brother Bobby Nash of Ruidoso, NM; two daughters Lisa Porter and husband Shane of Ruidoso, NM and Julie Clark and husband Kelly of Las Cruces, NM; step-daughter Lisa Pafford and husband George of Pensacola, FL and by step-son David Anderson of Alamogordo, NM. Arvel is also survived by his 7 grandchildren Lindsey and Zach Porter of Ruidoso, NM, Sydney and Ryley Clark of Las Cruces, NM, Andrew McGoldrick and Serenity Pafford both of Pensacola, FL. Arvel was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside Services to celebrate his life will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with Military honors.

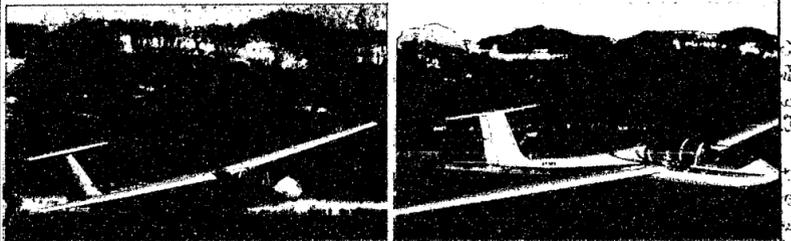
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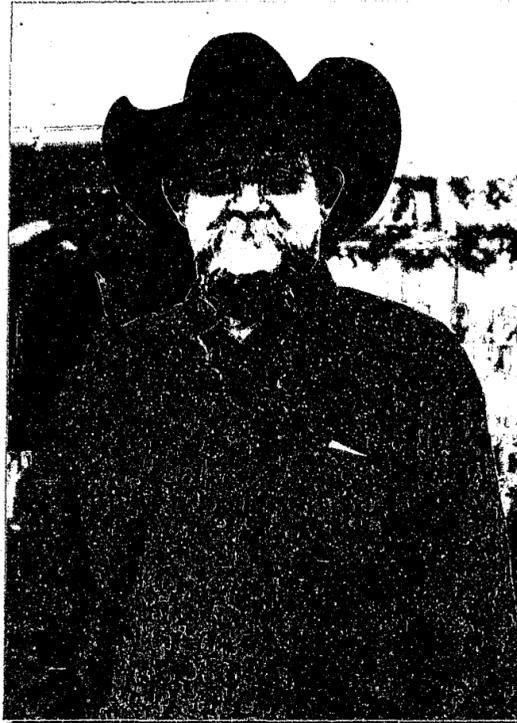
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Cowboy Symposium



Jeff "Ranger Wayde" Schmidt and his monkey give a harmonica serenade to Bristol Riggs of Hatch during the Cowboy Symposium.



Milton Frazier and his moustache of 29 years paid a visit to the symposium from Nocona, Texas.



Roberta Ward from Salida, Colo., enjoys a tour of the booths at the Cowboy Symposium on Friday.



Jerry Medley of Queen Creek, Ariz., gets the shine put back on his boots by Uriel Sanchez of Alamogordo.



Dusty Voss and Cathy McAllister of Carrizozo stand by McAllister's handcrafted lamps, commemorating her son's memory by donating half of the proceeds to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



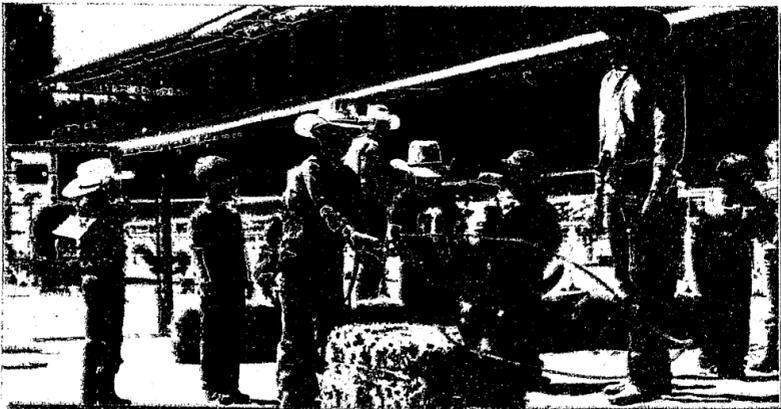
Jimmy Browning and Ann Jackson of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse were at the symposium early to promote the kids rodeo.



From left, Paul "Scratch" Wenzel of Ruidoso and Wes "Wild Bill" Housler set up shop by Housler's tent, made of 14 brain-tanned elk hides.



From left, Taylor Cox of Amarillo and Torri Trapp of Capitan wife away the time with a game of pattycake.



Hayden Mullins throws a good loop over his hay bale steer, which didn't fight too much.

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Willow Haynes breaks into a gallop as she nears the final checkpoint of the stick-horse race.

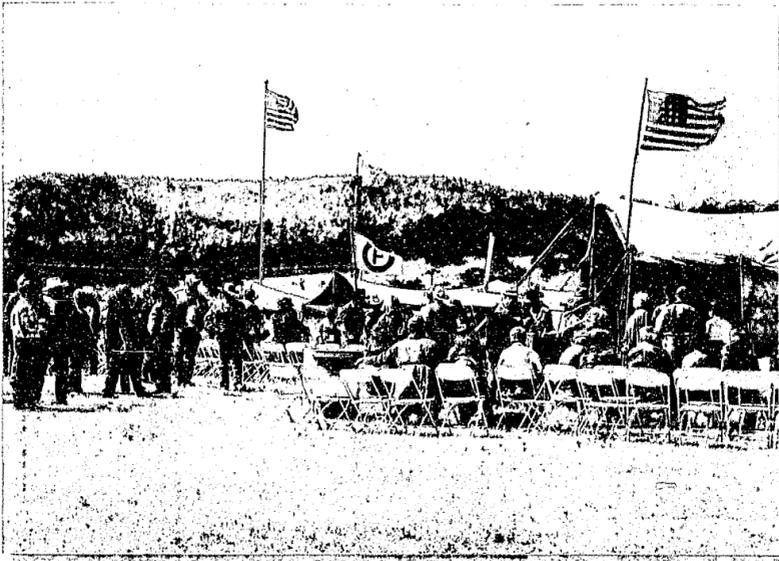


From left, Walter Lowe pours an afternoon cup of coffee for Bob Wooley as Madux Hobbs looks on. The trio were up from Alamogordo, representing the Circle Diamond Chuckwagon.

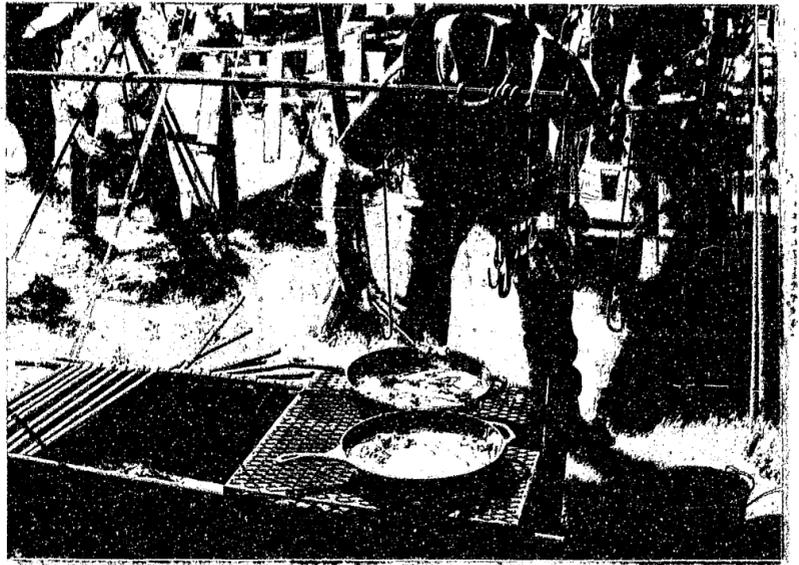


Landon Castillo can hardly wait to start the keyhole race on his faithful steed during the kids rodeo at the Cowboy Symposium on Saturday.

Cowboy Symposium



Flags fly above the chuckwagons and above Ruidoso Downs Race Track Saturday. High winds created minor problems Thursday during the set up, but nice weather Friday through Sunday brought out huge crowds.



A chuckwagon cook turns the meat in the skillet during the Saturday lunch at the Cowboy Symposium at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. The chuckwagon crews prepared a meal the old-fashioned way.



Matthew Collins puts a shine on a young lady's boots inside the large tent at the Cowboy Symposium Saturday. Collins is a student at ENMU working on a degree in engineering. He began shining shoes at the horse sales when he was 12 years old.



Bob "Boze" Bell talks about how Billy the Kid became the first "good bad boy" during the Cowboy Symposium.



Six-year-old Charley (pronounced SHAR-lee) Gray, from Las Cruces, tries to get a loop around the sheep head during the Sheriff's Posse Kids Rodeo Saturday at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.



Yes, cowboys do dishes. Two of the chuckwagon crew clean the pots and pans after serving lunch at the Cowboy Symposium Saturday. The chuckwagons competed for prize money and awards in preparing lunch and breakfast.

photos by Harold Oakes



Roger Allen shows a "washing machine" to some visitors at the Cowboy Symposium Saturday.



The sign along Ruidoso Downs Race Track promotes the event going on in the background.

POLICE BRIEFS

Lock it or lose it

"We are finding that most of the auto burglaries have one thing in common," Ruidoso Police Detective Art Nelson said. "At least one of the doors was left unlocked."

Nelson said the thieves are also targeting newer vehicles.

"If you have a 2000 or newer vehicle and don't lock the doors, you could be a target," Nelson said.

Ruidoso blotter

Oct. 2

3:06 p.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman responded to

Walgreens for a report of two men and a woman drunk and bothering people in the parking lot.

Freeman arrested Malin Yahnahki, 42, of Mesalero, for concealing his identity. Yahnahki gave Freeman the name Loren Sago twice, but gave two different dates of birth. A BIA agent arrived on the scene to provide a real identification of Yahnahki.

Freeman also arrested Edgar Smith, 51, for violation of a criminal trespass notice.

Oct. 3

7:22 p.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman responded to

the 100 block of Mountain Breeze for a report of a violent domestic incident.

Freeman arrested Twala Frazier, 50, on a charge of aggravated battery on a household member.

Frazier allegedly struck her boyfriend in the head several times for tracking dog feces into the house after she had spent the day cleaning the house. Frazier allegedly said he had hit her and dragged her across the floor, but Freeman reported finding no marks on her. The boyfriend reportedly had a large bruise over his left eye, a bruise on the left side of his jaw and complained of his jaw, neck and ribs being extremely sore.

Frazier was booked and released because of a medical condition.

Oct. 7

1:42 a.m. - Officer Eric Ament responded to Rio and Eagle for a report of an auto burglary.

The victim reported their truck was locked and the alarm set. Someone had smashed the passenger side rear window and taken a purse from the truck.

8 a.m. - Officers Josh Snodgrass, Jon Lund and Sgt. Mike Weaver responded to the 300 block of Wingfield Street for a possible burglary.

Snodgrass reports the of-

ficers found a broken window on the east side of the home and found the door unlocked. The officers cleared the residence and Snodgrass reported there seemed to be nothing missing. They secured the door and attempted to locate the homeowner.

10:30 a.m. - Officers Jon Lund and Josh Snodgrass responded to the 100 block of San Juan for a report of a breaking and entering.

Lund reports the victim noticed the window on the north end of the house was broken and there was a log lying on the floor inside the house. Nothing appeared to be missing and nothing else was damaged.

2:39 p.m. - Officer Curtis Rodgers responded to the 100 block of McBride for a report of a breaking and entering.

Rodgers reported finding a screen removed from a window and the window open. Inside Rodgers reported finding a lock cut from a closet door. Rodgers reported nothing seemed to be missing from the house.

Oct. 8

10:59 a.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to the 1200 block of Mcchem Drive for a report of an auto

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burglary. Snodgrass reports someone stole a stereo, amp and speakers from a truck. There was reportedly no sign of forced entry.

11:41 a.m. - Officer Roger Hatcher responded to the 100 block of University Drive for a report of an auto burglary.

The victim reported that someone had taken the stereo from their vehicle. The victim said the vehicle was not locked.

4:49 p.m. - Officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 100 block of Candlewood. The calling party advised there

were four Hispanic males on the deck of an unoccupied home.

Sgt. Joel Martin and Cpl. Steve Corbin found two males matching the description behind a nearby home and questioned them. Martin reported smelling marijuana and finding a multi colored glass pipe with burnt residue on Gabriel Begay, 20, and finding a pipe in the pocket of David Chavez, 16. Both men claimed to be holding the pipes for "a friend."

Martin reports Begay was transported to LCDC and Chavez was released to his mother. Both were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Oct. 10

2:27 a.m. - Cpl. Larry Smith responded to LCMC for a battery report.

The victim reportedly told Smith her boyfriend hit her several times because of an argument.

Smith and Officer Matt Christian went to the residence and found there was a warrant for the boyfriend, Matthew Leinneweber, 28. They reportedly found Leinneweber hiding in a closet because he "thought his girlfriend was returning home and was going to beat him up."

Smith reported Leinneweber had a bite mark on his lip, which appeared to be the outline of a tooth and a piece of his lip was hanging from his mouth. Smith had Leinneweber transported to LCMC for

stitches.

Smith and Christian then arrested the victim, Crystal Buster, 39, on a charge of aggravated battery on a household member.

A witness said Buster kicked Leinneweber in the face and bit his lip. Leinneweber reportedly hit Buster in the head in retaliation for the kick in the face.

Judge Lorena LaMay set Buster's bond at \$7,981 cash only.

Ruidoso Downs blotter

Oct. 5

2:38 p.m. - Officer Darrell Chavez responded to Ruidoso Downs Fire Depart-

ment for a report of a larceny.

Chavez reported a VHS/DVD player had been taken from the training room at the Fire Department about two weeks earlier. Fire Chief Kenny Ellard had reportedly been asking about the equipment during department meetings, but had gotten no information.

Oct. 7

7:49 a.m. - Officers Carolee Sandoval and Ryan Frost responded to WalMart for a report of found property turned in by a customer.

An employee reportedly told the officers a customer found a bag at the gas pumps that morning and turned it in at Customer Service. Sandoval reports the

white plastic WalMart bag contained a red cloth case. Inside the case were a glass pipe, a plastic medical syringe, and empty bag container marked as Walgreens brand medical syringes, a small metal spoon, two facial tissues and a small plastic baggie containing methamphetamines.

Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff B. Rains arrived and reportedly weighed the methamphetamines at 4.9 grams. Rains tested the pipe, which showed positive for methamphetamines.

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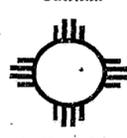
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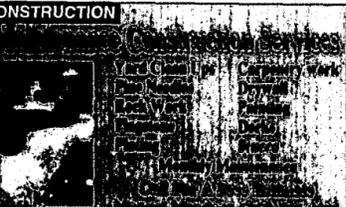
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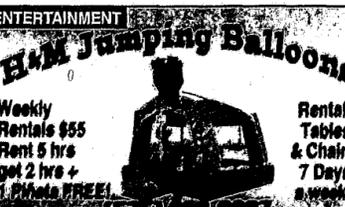
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