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Village develops drought contingency

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Hoping to head off a water crisis, Ruidoso village officials are moving ahead with short- and long-term projects to ensure a water supply in the future and more immediately, for the dry year forecast for 2012.

Visitors and residents will be asked to help by curbing their water consumption on lawns, at restaurants and at local lodging.

Village Councilor Gloria Sayers said Tuesday that last weekend she walked around Grindstone Reservoir, one of the village's main sources of untreated water. "It was shocking," she said of the low water level in the lake, down to 32.7 feet below the spillway. The norm is 16 feet below the spillway under the current restrictions connected to the safety of the dam structure until soft spots are filled.

Utilities Director Randy Camp

reviewed a drought contingency plan with councilors, covering the water supply and water system interconnections. He called for renewed focus on reuse of treated effluent and consideration of a drought contingency ordinance. He outlined some immediate actions to relieve the pressure on Grindstone, which only refills when snowmelt or rainfall drives up the flow on the Rio Ruidoso

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The water level at Grindstone Dam is about half of what the norm usually is. The village of Ruidoso is developing drought contingency plans because of a lack of precipitation.

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A soaked-in sky heavy with moisture that delivered a few inches of snow adds to the scenic image of the first wintry day of the season in the valley off Airport Road.

Officials: Fire danger lingering

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Rain finally arrived in the region. And snow greeted the area upon awakening Thursday morning.

The National Weather Service reported Ruidoso received half an inch of snow after getting about one-sixth of an inch of rain. Capitan was dusted with one inch of snow and the Nogal to Bonito Lake area received two inches of snow. Farther north is where heavier snow fell, like in Corona with seven inches, the weather service said.

But despite the rain and snow, it has been dry and the fire threat has grown. One indicator is some recent grass fires in the Ruidoso to Capitan area in the past week or so.

The most recent happened Monday afternoon in

Deer Park Valley.

"That was one of the crews with FNF (an asphalt and road construction company) that was cutting a guard rail," said Travis Atwell, the director of the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services. "He didn't do it properly and it took off into the grass."

While autumn brings freezes that kill fine vegetation, Atwell said there is more at play.

"The issue right now is with La Niña set up," he said. "We're back in the drought. And with these winds everyday, it's drying everything out too. It's been a while since we've been this bad. If it keeps it up we're going to be right back in the fire season."

Windy days have brought temporary limits

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SHOW ME YOUR SCARY FACE



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Meagan Meyer of Ruidoso gets ready for Halloween with the face painting help of Steve Moore of Alto who has worked in theater special effects. The face painting was part of the Ruidoso Public Library's Thriller Dance on Thursday afternoon. Participants were asked to come dressed as ghouls and zombies.

Councilors discuss economic development

A Ruidoso resident asked village councilors Tuesday just what they've done to develop more economic diversity for the town since the passage of a business retention tax in September 2010.

"Wasn't the idea to develop a five-year plan (the life of the tax) to save the city from dependency on the race track?" asked Nikki Murphy. "Have you appointed a committee or are you just adding up the Lobos, the Military 365 Committee, the Chili Cook-Off (and other tourism events) ad saying that's it?"

"That's an excellent question," Councilor Ron Hardeman said.

Mayor Ray Alborn said that he believes the Military 365 Committee will be "very beneficial" to the village's economy by promoting the community as a rest-and-relaxation destination for military families. The University of New Mexico Lobo's annual practice each spring also has some impact. Councilor Gloria Sayers said the emphasis on developing cycling events, mountain biking and a trail system should add to the local tourism.

Hardeman said economic development "has never been a strength of local government, certainly not this one. The

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EAGLE BRIDGE OPENS



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From left, Roy Elridge of Alamogordo, and Eric Andrede from El Paso, Texas, level the poured concrete steps leading to the new Eagle Creek Bridge, which was opened for use Thursday after being shut off to traffic all summer. Handrails are scheduled to be installed. With the bridge restored, three businesses, Sanctuary on the River, Westwinds Lodge and Condos and Ruidoso River Resort can be reached directly from Sudderth Drive, and pedestrians have a safe route over the Rio Ruidoso.

'Best of Lincoln County'

Due to the overwhelming response from our readers, we have had to push back the "Best of Lincoln County" winner's tabloid. We were happy to receive more than twice the ballot entries than we received from the previous years. We want to make sure that the "Best of Lincoln County" winners tabloid reflects the hard work that all our local businesses offer residents and visitors alike. Thank you for your patience. The "Best of Lincoln County" will publish on Nov. 4 with some surprises!

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Flu clinics

Rose Clinic in Capitan will provide 100 free flu shots from 8 a.m. to noon TODAY, or until the vaccine is gone. This free flu shot clinic is for adult patients only.

Rose Clinic in Capitan is located at 330 Smokey Bear Boulevard.

The Centers for Disease Control are recommending that everyone 6-month and older receive the flu vaccine, however, for their safety, children age 17 and under cannot receive flu shots through this clinic and should get their shots from their regular pediatrician.

The 2011-2012 flu vaccine will protect against three strains of seasonal flu, influenza A and influenza B viruses as well as the H1N1 virus.

Another flu vaccination clinic will be conducted by the New Mexico Department of Health in Ruidoso later this month.

The vaccinations will be available from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, at the Ruidoso Senior Center.

While everyone should get a flu vaccine each season, it is especially important certain people get vaccinated, either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing complications.

The Department of Health said those who

should get vaccinated are pregnant women, children younger than five and especially those younger than two years old, people with chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, lung disease or heart disease, people who live in nursing homes or other long-term care facilities, people who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from the flu, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, who last flu season seemed to be at higher risk of flu complications, and people who are morbidly obese.

Pet adoption

The Lincoln County Humane Society has scheduled an offsite adoption at Radio Shack (the old Movie Gallery on Sudderth) from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday. Three will be eight to 10 "good looking" dogs available for adoption.

Halloween run

Little ghouls, goblins, princesses and superheros will maraud through Midtown from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, as merchants generously hand out candy in celebration of Halloween.

The annual controlled trick or treating is a safe way for parents and their children to enjoy the fun together when visibility is good.

MILITARY STRATEGY



Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn and Fort Bliss Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport talk before the Thursday meeting of the Military 365 Committee at Mountain Annie's. Davenport talked to the committee about the growth of Fort Bliss from 9,000 to more than 30,000 soldiers in recent years, recreation opportunities in Ruidoso for the troops and their families and how Fort Bliss troops can become involved in community projects in Ruidoso and the surrounding communities. The Military 365 Committee is putting the finishing touches on the Nov. 7 - 12 R&R in Ruidoso event aimed at providing troops, veterans and their families an opportunity to visit Ruidoso and the surrounding area around the Veterans Day holiday.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will conduct a special meeting at 9 a.m., Monday in the Ruidoso Library, 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso.

The meeting will cover a final administrative review of proposed changes to the ALSZD Comprehensive Zoning and Land Use Ordinance prior to holding a special meeting to solicit public comments. The agenda will be posted on

www.ALSZD.org no later than 24 hours prior to meeting.

County Planning

A review of Lincoln County's subdivision ordinance may begin next week.

The Lincoln County Planning Commission is expected to delve into the types and definitions of subdivisions as well as exemptions to the rules when the commission

meets on Nov. 2.

The planning commission also will consider possible public hearings on adjustments to the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan.

Final recommended comprehensive plan changes are expected to be forwarded to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

The planning panel's meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the

Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Dems meet

The November meeting of the Democratic Part of Lincoln County will be on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 4:45 p.m. at La Brewha Café at 113 Central Ave. in Carrizozo.

Those who wish to eat before the meeting can come between 4:15 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. and order from the menu. New or interested people are invited to attend.

The meeting will end by 6:15 p.m. so people can go to the 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo Music in the Park free cellist/pianist concert at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Community Youth

Stand-up comedian Jay McKittrick will bring his uproarious stories and observational humor to the Community Youth Center Warehouse when he performs live at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3.

Tickets will be sold at the door: \$10 adults and \$7 seniors/teens.

All of the proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca.

The Community Youth Center Warehouse is located at 200 Church Drive.

For directions call: (575) 630-0318.

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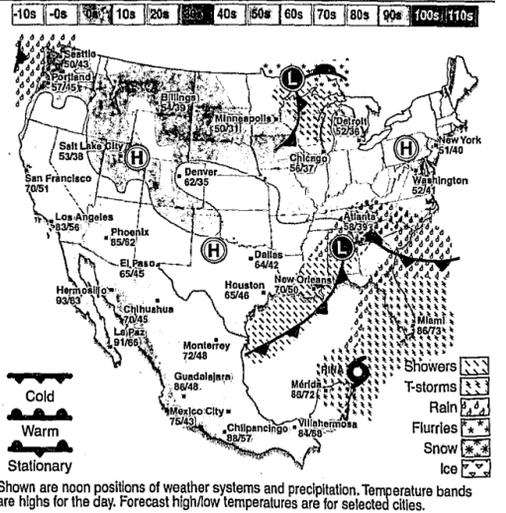
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 62°	RealFeel 66°	RealFeel 70°	RealFeel 69°	RealFeel 72°	RealFeel 72°	RealFeel 75°
Humidity 56° 42° 60%	Humidity 65° 49° 34%	Humidity 64° 41° 28%	Humidity 65° 51° 35%	Humidity 68° 52° 29%	Humidity 66° 44° 23%	Humidity 65° 40° 41%
Warmer with plenty of sun Wind: NE 4-8 mph	Partly sunny and breezy Wind: W 8-16 mph	Mostly sunny and nice Wind: NNE 6-12 mph	Plenty of sunshine Wind: S 8-16 mph	Bright and sunny Wind: SW 8-16 mph	Bright and sunny Wind: WSW 6-12 mph	Bright and sunny Wind: NNW 3-6 mph

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National Forecast for Oct. 28, 2011



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

National Cities

City	Today	H/L	Lo/W	Sat.
Abilene	60/35/s	65/44/s		
Anchorage	39/34/c	43/31/c		
Atlanta	58/39/r	62/40/s		
Austin	66/38/s	71/38/s		
Baltimore	58/37/pc	45/34/r		
Boston	48/34/s	47/38/r		
Chicago	56/37/pc	51/37/r		
Dallas	64/42/s	69/47/s		
Denver	62/35/s	70/33/s		
Des Moines	54/31/s	59/40/s		
Detroit	52/38/pc	48/36/c		
El Paso	65/45/s	71/48/pc		
Las Vegas	72/56/s	77/59/s		
Los Angeles	83/56/s	85/58/s		
Minneapolis	50/31/pc	51/38/s		
New Orleans	70/50/r	70/50/s		
New York City	51/40/s	45/37/r		
Philadelphia	53/39/s	45/37/r		
Phoenix	85/62/s	86/62/s		
Reno	65/34/pc	69/36/s		
San Francisco	70/51/s	71/53/s		
San Diego	76/55/s	76/56/s		
Seattle	50/43/r	55/44/c		
Tucson	80/55/s	84/55/s		
Tulsa, OK	62/37/s	67/43/s		
Wash., DC	52/41/pc	47/35/r		
Wichita	65/35/s	63/40/s		
Yuma	88/62/s	88/62/s		

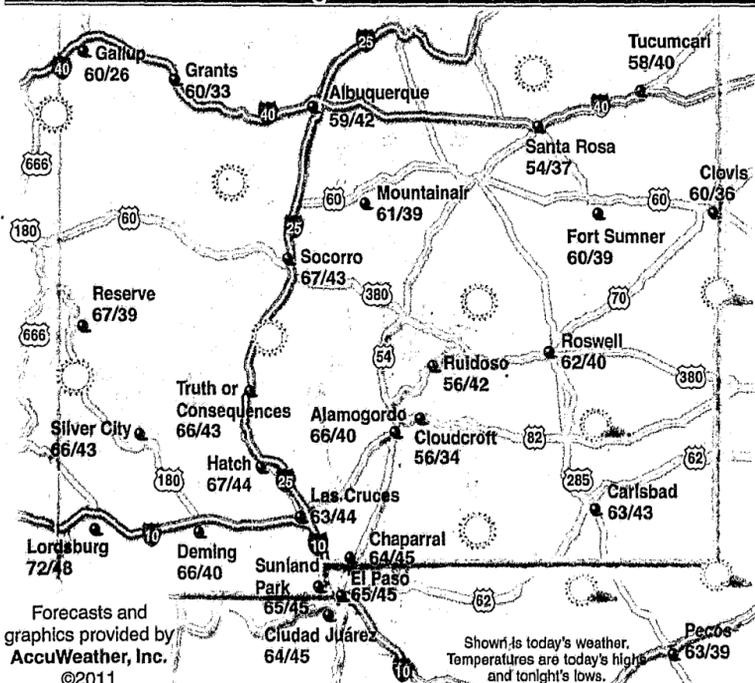
Regional Cities

City	Today	H/L	Lo/W	Sat.
Albuquerque	59/42/s	66/44/pc		
Artesia	65/46/s	79/48/pc		
Chama	55/27/s	57/25/s		
Clayton	57/34/s	66/35/pc		
Cloudcroft	56/34/s	61/23/pc		
Farmington	57/31/s	64/34/s		
Hobbs	62/39/s	72/41/pc		
Los Alamos	57/34/s	60/31/s		
Portales	64/38/s	69/41/pc		
Raton	52/28/s	66/31/pc		
Ried River	50/28/s	53/23/pc		
Ruidoso	56/42/s	65/49/pc		
Santa Fe	58/35/s	65/35/s		
Silver City	68/43/s	68/46/pc		
Taos	58/25/s	61/26/s		

Mexican Cities

City	Today	H/L	Lo/W	Sat.
Acapulco	80/72/pc	90/75/pc		
Cancon	82/73/r	82/72/r		
Chihuahua	70/45/s	75/48/s		
Ciudad Juárez	64/45/s	72/48/pc		
Leon	84/45/s	81/41/s		
Mexico, DF	75/43/s	70/43/pc		
Monterrey	72/48/pc	72/54/s		
Morelia	81/48/s	79/51/s		
Oaxaca	84/50/s	77/54/pc		
Pto. Penasco	86/63/s	88/63/pc		
Tijuana	79/52/s	79/54/pc		

Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 66°/32°
Normal high 63°
Normal low 33°
Record high 77° (1952)
Record low 15° (1956)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.36"
Month to date 1.46"
Normal month to date 1.45"
Year to date 8.18"
Normal year to date 19.39"

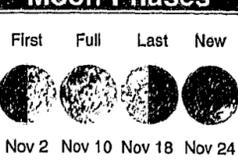
Alamogordo

Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 81°/56°
Normal high 75°
Normal low 37°
Record high 88° (1979)
Record low 28° (1997)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.37"
Month to date 0.38"
Normal month to date 0.87"
Year to date 3.58"
Normal year to date 9.22"

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:17 a.m./6:16 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 9:27 a.m./7:51 p.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 94° in Gila Bend, AZ
Low: 6° in Stanley, ID
Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 110° in Zumbo, Mozambique
Low: -45° in Summit Station, Greenland

EVENTS

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Book presentation

C. L. Stallings and Dianne de Leon-Stallings, a reporter with the Ruidoso News, will talk about their true crime book, "Death in a Red Desert," during an appearance at 10 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Ruidoso Public Library.

"Death in a Red Desert" chronicles an odd love triangle between a woman, her lover and his transvestite partner, and the events leading up to the disappearance and murder of Elizabeth Lankhorst-Ballard in Ruidoso.

The case made history in canine DNA forensic research as dog root hair was used for the first time in tying a body to a murder scene. The murder investigation was featured on the Animal Witness series on Animal Planet, highlighting the DNA work of Dr. Joy Halverson.

The Stallings will bring photographs, several not included in the book, and will discuss why they decided to write the book and their interviews with various key players.

Readers of "Death in a Red Desert" are allowed to sit in on exchanges between the murderers, the investigators and the attorneys and judge. They join lead Ruidoso Detective Wolfgang Born in his dogged search for the victim's body in thousands of miles of red desert in the Tularosa Basin of Otero County. They watch as evidence is gathered, mistakes occur and the perpetrators are arrested. Through Born's eyes, they

listen to testimony in the trials of both of the accused killers, one in Carrizozo and the other in Alamogordo. They share his frustration, defeats and victories as Born offers observations on the match between the local lead prosecutor and New Mexico's preeminent murder defense attorney, Gary Mitchell. Canines played key roles in solving the crime, from the pit bull pet of one of the killers to desert coyotes and a cadaver dog on his last assignment before retirement. The book is available at Books Etcetera in Ruidoso, Hastings Books and Music in Alamogordo, Amazon.com and through the website deathinared-desert.com.

"Death in a Red Desert" was co-authored by Stallings, author of the Florida Hospital Index and former columnist/reporter for the Ruidoso News, and Dianne de Leon Stallings, who covered the murder and trials.

Does dinner

The Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Does, Ruidoso Drove No. 152, will have a dinner and auction at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Elks Lodge in Ruidoso.

The brisket dinner with all the trimmings will be \$8 per plate. Numerous merchants and Does have donated items for the auction and there will be door prizes awarded throughout the auction.

The event raises money for local charities such as Santa's Helpers, Meals on Wheels, the Lincoln County Food Bank and the National Dogs for Autistic and Deaf.

Electronics recycle

The area's fall electronic recycling event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Sierra Mall in Ruidoso.

The no-cost way to properly dispose of electronics will run from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Obsolete, outdated and replaced electronics that will be accepted are computer related items, including circuit boards, desktop and laptop computers, hardware, monitors, keyboards, mice, network hardware, tape and disk drives, and modems.

Allowed office equipment can be computer workstations, PDAs, calculators, audio/visual equipment, pagers, typewriters, fax machines, telephones, wireless devices and plotters.

Small electronics and household appliances can include gaming hardware, cellular phones, cameras (both SLR and digital), small household appliances, radios, CD and DVD ROMs, I-Pods, MP3 players, and other consumer electronics.

For more information or to volunteer to help, call Keep Ruidoso Beautiful at 575-257-5030 or Greentree Solid Waste Authority at 575-378-4697.

Those two organizations, as well as the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful, the Ruidoso Solid Waste Department, Schlitzky's, and Lawrence Brothers IGA, sponsor the e-recycling event in conjunction with Keep American Beautiful and the New Mexico Recycling Coalition.

Toy Run

Santa's Helpers, local bikers and other volunteers are planning their main fundraiser, the "Joy for Kids Toy Run" on Nov. 6.

Lincoln County Santa's Helpers is a non-profit organization that helps children throughout Lincoln County who qualify for assistance at Christmas time. The group helps 300 to 400 families with toys, clothing, school supplies and food.

A parade will start at noon and will leave O'Reilly Auto Parts parking lot at Sudderth Drive and Highway 70. It will go to the circle at the Upper Canyon entrance and will end at The Quarters. For more information or to make a donation, call (575) 336-4692.

Alpine Village

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 4 p.m. Nov. 7 in the district's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail.

This meeting is being held to conduct regular business for the district, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system. Additionally, the agenda may contain discussion regarding the upcoming election of a director to the board, Position 1; committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment; and revising the bylaws and regulations.

Any New Mexico "tax-paying elector" who owns property in Alpine Village is eligible to run for election to a six-year term on the board

of directors. Contact Secretary Cheryl Knobel at 257-7776 or knobel@windstream.net by Nov. 10, if interested or for more information. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time.

Leadership Lincoln

Leadership Lincoln New Mexico has begun its annual fund raising event with a raffle of four great prize packages. Each of these prize packages is worth between \$300-\$500. Each ticket is \$10 and you must designate in which package you wish to be entered.

Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 29. The raffle drawing is Dec. 1. You do not need to be present to win.

There will be one winner for each prize package. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Chances of winning any one prize depend on the number of entries for that package.

Prize packages:
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of golf at each of 3 golf courses in Lincoln County, The Links, Cree Meadows, & Alto Golf Course, plus a 2-night stay at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca.

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OUR OPINION

Polarizing partisanship and the pocketbook

Republican state Rep. Zachary Cook got a lesson in just how partisan things have gotten to be on nearly every level — including the media.

Cook's wife, Angie, sent a \$300 contribution to Hector Balderas, a Democrat who is running for U.S. Senate.

The Cooks have a joint checking account, which raised some eyebrows at first glance that a Republican might be contributing to the campaign of a Democrat.

"They went to law school together, and they're buddies," Zachary Cook said of his wife and Balderas.

He said he respected her right to donate to the candidates she likes.

And we applaud Rep. Cook for helping to point out that not all households have to have the

same political points of view.

And even if, hypothetically, a Republican had made a contribution to the campaign of a Democrat?

If a person believes a candidate of one party or the other is the right person for the job, shouldn't he or she be able to make a contribution without tripping a divisive stink bomb that seems to be so readily tossed nowadays?

It should be made clear that Zachary Cook, of Ruidoso, is supporting Republican Heather Wilson in the Senate Race.

Balderas will be correcting his campaign donation records to set all aright.

But we believe the momentary controversy erupted for the sake of controversy and is indicative of just how cynical the state of politics has gotten.

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YOUR OPINION

Carrizozo — Challenge or opportunity?

To the editor

The town of Carrizozo is imploding. In the last few months the bank has closed, the Outpost Restaurant has closed, the pawn shop has closed, the insurance company has closed its office in Carrizozo, the title company has closed and now the future of the Chamber of Commerce is dark unless they get some more volunteers.

In contrast to this, the new mayor has hired a full compliment of police officers, finished the paving of Airport Road and addressed some other infrastructure problems. It is good to see action being taken. However it is not enough.

Residence of Carrizozo can choose to look at their current situation as either a challenge or an opportunity. But it will take effort and participation. Carrizozo is a great little town, and now can become even greater if folks look to the future and see that there are opportunities out there. But it is going to take people being proactive. I just ran across this great quote that Julie Carter posted:

"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things." — Leonardo da Vinci

People in Carrizozo are going to have to happen to things. It only requires motivation, innovation, and inspiration. And I know those things exist in Carrizozo. If you look to the past it is a very narrow vision, but look to the future and there are infinite possibilities. Open your hearts, open your minds to possibilities of opportunity.

Dirk Norris
Carrizozo

Farewell MAW

To the editor:

Saturday, Oct. 22 was a beautiful day for the MAW (Military Appreciation Weekend) "Farewell Ruidoso — Welcome Albuquerque" Pig Roast. It was a gathering, the goal of which was to thank those who welcomed our servicemen and women and military personnel to the Greater Ruidoso Area by supporting Ruidoso MAW. The second goal was to introduce the troops and senior military personnel to the Albuquerque civic leaders who are being trained to take the helm of the newly organized Albuquerque MAW. Albuquerque MAW will carry on the tradition of welcoming troops with open arms, by embracing them, by laughing, crying, and praying with them, and by praying for them when they leave us for a war zone:

It was this warm hospitality that came to the attention of the U.S. Armed Forces. And, during the MAW 2011 Banquet, April 30, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy and the New Mexico National Guard bestowed upon the Greater Ruidoso Area, the most coveted honor that can be given a community, a Covenant Signing that publicly acknowledged that the Ruidoso area deserved to be recognized as a military-friendly community.

June 3, 2011, five days before Don Williams, MAW's CEO, passed away, Mayor (Ray) Alborn declared the 365 Committee the official military representative of the village of Ruidoso. Given that the U.S. Armed Forces will not participate in or cooperate with orga-

nizations whose functions are not supported and sanctioned by local government, MAW was rendered ineffective and Ruidoso MAW ceased to exist.

Given that MAW was the only military appreciation organization in the state of New Mexico, and the only one of its kind in the United States, visionaries in both Albuquerque and Las Cruces stepped up to adopt the MAW program as their own.

Las Cruces will be the venue for showcasing troops and the equipment they use in the defense of this great nation. Given that May is the National Military Appreciation Month, and following tradition, MAW will be held in the spring, organized and implemented by Las Cruces MAW.

As was the custom during the years of Ruidoso MAW, businesses and individuals turned out to make the Ruidoso farewell function a very enjoyable and successful event.

Pete Blanchard, owner of Alto Café, smoked two pigs that were purchased from Sysco through Can't Stop Smoking. WalMart, as is their custom, furnished much of the items needed to make the event special. Village Lodge, Lookout Cabins, Aspen Condo, Cabin on the Green, Elk Run, and Millie's barn apartment lodged military personnel.

Other lodgers would have donated had there been a need.

There was a presentation of the colors and a presentation of the POW/MIA Table.

There was a flag folding followed by "Taps," performed by a 14-year-old girl, Maggie

See LETTERS, page 5A

THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What are your plans for Halloween?



Jack Jakubcewicz
Ruidoso

"Not a whole lot yet, I'll probably go to see some friends in Las Cruces this year."



JD Baca
Ruidoso

"I'll be working at Quarters, we'll be having costume parties this weekend."



Alan Bourgeois
New Orleans

"I'll be spending time with my grandkids. We'll go to church and celebrate at home."



Gregory Wren
Ruidoso

"We're having a soft opening at Grace O'Malley's and giving away dessert samples."



Sandy Pierson
Austin, Texas

"I'm going to the Inn of the Mountain Gods, and then heading to Midland, (Texas)."

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4A

Trujillo, MAW's 2010 POW, was the special guest. There were veterans present at the farewell party who served in the Korean campaign, the Vietnam conflict, and present day conflicts.

New friendships were forged, and new resolutions were made. The evening ended around a bonfire where this writer believed was the perfect place for war stories. However, those who served this country during war-time, many having lost buddies and relatives, chose not to cover that ground again but to enjoy the camaraderie, and working together as one united force, plan events, activities, and functions that will continue the tradition of honoring the troops and showing patriotism.

Just before leaving, Dana Lenzo sang those around the campfire a beautiful prayer. But the day, and Ruidoso MAW, was best summed up by a soldier who was there with his three children. He said, "I need to get my little ones to bed, but before I go, I want to tell you that in all my 19 years in the Army, I have never experienced the hospitality and the warmth and spirit of love that my family and I have enjoyed today."

God bless our troops, God bless our veterans, and God bless this great nation.

Millie Woods, CEO Albuquerque MAW

If you've got to have people taking you to the woodshed, it's a comfort when they are stellar personalities such as former Lt. Gov. Diane Denish and one of New Mexico's better journalists, Walt Rubel, managing editor of the Las Cruces Sun-News.

Both raised eyebrows over a column here poking innocent fun at the Occupy Wall Street movement. Joining the chorus of boos were several from the Albuquerque Metro area, mostly folks who seem to have a prune juice deficit. Like, geez, chill.

Rubel found idiotic my column assertion nothing has changed since hippies roamed the land. I was making the point we will always have the rich and the poor. Walt pointed out I overlook the significant fact that there has been a huge change, that being the shift in the wealth gap. Fewer and fewer own more and more.

He's right, although I think the intent of my assertion was clear. However, I was but a bit player in a Rubel column whose main theme was a timely and needed rebuke of Congressman Steve Pearce rants. The Pearce Washington-bashing routine is so intense, Walt says, that the congressman's "derision is to the point where you have to wonder how effective he can be." That is extremely well said so I guess I can give Walt Rubel a pass for picking on me.

My defense of business and profit baffled Denish.



NED CANTWELL
LOOKING ASKANCE

"Do you think comparing big bank profits and coffee shop profits is reality? I've been checking around with local retailers lately...none of them have really enjoyed 200 per cent bonuses stock options, or bailouts. They can't even get a small business loan."

Good points. But not all share in rational thinking. Many go overboard, wanting to dismantle the system. They ignore the fact capitalism, if structured in a way to float boats at all levels of society, is still the best bet for our country.

I do not defend obscene profits. It would seem one answer is higher taxes for the richest, which is admittedly a convenient solution for me since I am not among them. But Warren Buffet is the poster boy of the carriage trade, and he is on the record saying the tax code coddles the wealthiest among us.

The hippie protests of old and the Occupy Wall Street movement have much in common. They each were born of valid idealistic goals, they each have some bright and sincere adherents, and

each is devalued by the outrageous. In former days it was the soap-deprived, pot-smoking dullard. Today's Occupy Wall Street Kodak moment is attired in ghoulish garb with black and white face paint.

(And, yes, before you write, let me quickly admit much of media "coverage" of these events involves TV cameras pointed at the guy who looks like he is about to go trick or treating.)

I have often wondered why protests most frequently involve sitting. America did not become a great country because people sat. Rather, our strength is based on getting off our

butts and doing something productive.

The idea of gathering in a pleasant park on a mild, sunshiny day, sitting on a blanket, holding a "Banks Suck!" sign and waiting for a reporter to show up, seems rather too easy. I have to wonder if Albuquerque snow this past week reduced the fervor of occupiers.

In some cities the Occupy Wall Street camps have impressively set up shelters for the homeless. That is a good thing. What if they were to go a step further? Those New Mexicans so embittered with how the Wall Street crowd enslaves

lower classes might issue an invitation to gather in, say, Raton.

Once there, they will choose a disadvantaged family, fix up the house, make sure the car runs properly, help them with legal issues, investigate avenues of health care. Their message to government and corporate America would be, "We're helping poor people. Won't you?"

I can just see the protest signs. "Hell No, I Won't Go!" Have a nice day. (Syndicated columnist Ned Cantwell welcomes response at ncantwell@bajabb.com.)

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BUSINESS

New pub to open Employment rate rises

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Long awaited, Ruidoso's newest pub quietly opened this week. Thursday afternoon was called a "soft opening," by Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub general manager Gregory Wren.

A gala opening will soon come.

The 9,000-foot restaurant and bar in the heart of Ruidoso's Midtown will live true to its name.

"It's like stepping back into Ireland," Thomas Farrell, a business partner said. "Most of the furniture, bar equipment, stone and glass and light shades all came over from Ireland."

A large horseshoe bar includes modern features on one side and a traditional old-style Irish bar on the other.

The extensive menu includes Irish dishes and American fare.

"We definitely will have the best shepherd's pie," Farrell said.

And an array of draft beers, along with a full bar, will go with the fare.

The pub's general contractor, Mark Newsom, said



Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub is open. At the bar Thursday is Adam Montorio. On the other side, from left, are bartender Brett Stirman; the plumbing mechanic for the restaurant project, Chris Row; general contractor Mark Newsom; and business partner Tom Farrell.

the building can hold 249 people. Outside, a patio includes radiant heating, making for nearly year-round use.

The Irish pub will be open seven days a week and includes a stage. Upstairs is a game room, which also has a bar area.

Grace O'Malley's location, at 2331 Sudderth Drive, had once been the home of Pasta Café. The former building was torn down to make way for the transformation from an

Italian restaurant to an Irish pub.

Employing 97, the new restaurant took time to thoroughly train chefs, cooks, bartenders, waiters and other staff, Wren said. And each knows the menu inside-out.

The pub's name comes from Grace O'Malley, who was a 16th century pirate who became Irish folklore.

She has been described by some as the "most notorious woman in all the coasts of Ireland."

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As New Mexico's unemployment rate was unchanged in September, Lincoln County's rate was up a little.

The county's new jobless level is a 4.8 percent, the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions reported Thursday.

The month-over-month trend in Lincoln County this year has mostly been a declining out of work rate.

The latest 4.8 percent unemployment rate is notably lower than September 2010, when it was 6.1 percent.

Over the past 12 months, the number of people in the Lincoln County labor pool considered to be employed fell by 278, to 10,309 people. At the same time, the labor

force dropped by 453, to 10,825.

"What we've had there and statewide is a mass exodus from the labor force," said Mark Boyd, a labor economist with Department of Workforce Solutions. "So the unemployment rate has come down but it's not because of additional jobs. It's because of people going back to school or actually giving up on looking for work because they believe jobs are not available."

Boyd said the local and state unemployment rate would have been higher if people had not left the labor pool.

But there is a bit of a silver lining for Lincoln County. The number of claims for unemployment benefits has been falling this year.

"Continued claims are

trending downward," Boyd said. "The claims are still slightly elevated, meaning they're beyond what they have been in the long run, but they're certainly down from peak levels which happened in March 2010 for the county. We're down significantly from peak levels, but we're still mildly elevated. There still is room for improvement."

New claim numbers are also down by just over nine percent for the year.

The statewide unemployment rate was at a seasonally adjusted 6.6 percent in September.

Over the year job growth in New Mexico was 0.2 percent, the fourth straight month of job growth comparing with the same month a year earlier. The job creation followed a 32-month period of losses.

Company wants new mines

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The El Capitan Precious Metals claims north of El Capitan could become larger.

The Scottsdale, Ariz. headquartered mineral exploration company announced this week that they had filed for an additional 36 claims, totaling 720 acres. The new claims would be adjacent to the company's current property

which occupies approximately 2,000 acres.

The additional claims are being sought following the recommendation of El Capitan's geological consultant, following an update of data from a geological evaluation.

The company said the acreage has the possibility of containing minerals similar to the current site.

The additional 720 acres would be included in the acreage that El Capitan is

in the process of offering for sale. Preparations to market the site were completed earlier this month, company officials said.

El Capitan had requested additional drilling several years ago to further understand the deposit. But officials with the U.S. Forest Service said the company has not followed up in its permit process and an environmental assessment of the exploration plan is "on hold."

OCEC to sell substations

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Several electric delivery and transmission facilities owned by Otero County Electric Cooperative will be transferred to the company that supplies the cooperative.

Otero will receive almost \$2.5 million from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association for three electric substations and a section of transmission line.

Otero County Electric said the transfer to Tri-State would be more cost efficient than continued Otero's ownership and operation of the facilities.

The Blazer, Carrizo Canyon and Jarilla substations, as well as the Oro Grande-Jarilla 115 kilovolt transmission line are considered "high-side" voltage equipment.

"These facilities are the only assets owned by Otero with a 115-kilovolt or greater voltage rating," said Tom McLaughlin, the cooperative's compliance officer. "All other assets do not exceed 69 kilovolts. This is an important distinction with significant cost implications for Otero."

McLaughlin said the Western Electricity Coordinating Council is responsible for oversight of the power transmission system to assure reliability.

"In this regard, WECC has established reporting requirements for electric utilities with voltages exceeding 100-kilovolts. Current Otero has reporting requirements to WECC in regard to the facilities which impose an administrative burden and costs on Otero.

Continued ownership of the facilities will also

require Otero to maintain inventory unique to these assets. This is another significant cost to Otero."

McLaughlin said Tri-State was more experienced and better suited than Otero to own, operate and maintain the facilities. He added that Tri-State was willing to accept responsibility for operating and maintaining the facilities.

The price of the equipment transfer was based on the new construction cost of the facilities.

Otero has asked the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission for authorization for the ownership transfer.

Otero serves parts of Chaves, Eddy, Lincoln, Otero and Socorro counties. Tri-State sells electricity to 44 electric cooperatives across Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Agent on board

A Ruidoso insurance agent will remain on the board of the Independent Insurance Agents of New Mexico (IIANM).

Kathy Yeager, of High Country Agency, was selected to be the immediate past-chair of the board. Yeager has been the group's 2011 chair. The organization, operated by more than 2,000 agents, brokers, and their employees make IIANM the largest insurance trade association in New Mexico.

- From reports



The Treehouse Café in Alto recently was welcomed to the Ruidoso area business community by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters. Nikkee Johnson, left, readies to cut the ribbon, while her brother Everett Brophy and his wife Keenan round out the ownership. The café is located at 118 Lake Shore Drive, next to Alto Lake.

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Hondo Valley Public Schools second grader Vanasey Davidson aims the hose as Ruidoso Firefighter Mike Friberg assists. Kindergarten, first- and second-grade students from Hondo toured Ruidoso's main fire station on Wednesday and got close up with some of the equipment.

County moves to make website more user friendly

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A visitor to the new Lincoln County website being designed and hosted by a Michigan-based firm should be able to find the information they need within two clicks of a computer mouse.

That's the goal in hiring Revize Software Systems, which specializes in government websites, County Manager Tom Stewart said.

"Our AS400 server-hosted county website is in desperate need of updating and expansion," he told county commissioners at their meeting last week. "Modernization and the need for more readily accessible information is a mandate of modern county government. (County Finance Director Charlene) Punkin' Schlarb and the various departments have been seeking a cost effective way of providing our citizens access to county information. Starting with a national search for a firm utilizing the Resource Nation' business website, the county received a response from (Revize)."

County staff on Oct. 5 talked with Revize officials n

a video teleconference and all departments were enthusiastic about proceeding with that company, Stewart said.

The total cost is \$6,300, including a \$1,500 annual fee for hosting the site. Because the cost is less than \$10,000, under the county's purchasing policy, only three quotes were required and they were obtained, the manager said.

After hearing from several department heads, commissioners voted unanimously to approve entering into a contract with Revize. But Commissioner Mark Doth, who has a background in marketing and website design, offered a few words of caution.

"I have some concerns," he said. "This looks like a good company and obviously, it has some expertise."

He wanted assurance that the county doesn't have to buy separate software to maintain the site. With current technology on website design, "You have the ability without a whole lot of knowledge to update and maintain a website with internal interface. You don't have to buy separate software to maintain a site. But a site is only as good as what is put

on it and how it is managed." The two-click approach is the norm in the industry, he said.

Doth questioned several items that appeared to be add-ons and could be needed in the future, such as bill-paying online, but no cost

was attached. Burrows replied that several items were covered in the standard fee and that taxpayers already can pay their annual property tax bills online.

Schlarb said, "I don't think we need worry about that part right now."

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Group stresses Halloween pet safety

Keeping pets safe on Halloween shouldn't be a scary endeavor, and to help prepare pet owners for the creepy and the kooky, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals released a list of the top five threats to pets on Halloween.

"Many of our favorite Halloween traditions could pose a potential threat to our companion animals," said Dr. Camille DeClementi, senior toxicologist at the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center.

Some of the ways animal lovers can keep their pets safe this Halloween include:

- No Sweets for Your Sweetie. Several popular

Halloween treats are toxic to pets, especially candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol, which can be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol sweetener can cause a sudden drop in your dog's blood sugar, which may lead to lack of coordination, seizures and depression. Symptoms of significant chocolate ingestion may include vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, increased thirst and urination, heart rhythm abnormalities, and even seizures.

- Careful with costumes. If you dress up your pet for Halloween, make sure the costume does not limit his movement, hearing, sight or ability to breathe, bark, eat, drink or

eliminate. Also check the costume for choking hazards. A smart alternative to dressing your pet from head-to-paw is a simple, festive Halloween bandanna.

- Watch out for those wrappers. Cats love to play with candy wrappers, but ingesting aluminum foil or cellophane can cause intestinal blockage and induce vomiting.

- Trick-or-treating is for kids, not pets. During trick-or-treating hours it is best to keep pets in a room away from all the excitement at the front door. Making sure your pet is always wearing a collar with ID tags and is micro-chipped can greatly increase the chances that they will be returned home if lost.

- Decorations can be dangerous. Re-think putting candles in Jack-o'-lanterns. Pets can easily knock these over and start a fire, and curious kittens are particularly at risk of getting burned by candle flames. Also take care to prevent your pets from having access to wires and cords from holiday decorations. If chewed, a wire can damage your pet's mouth from shards of glass or plastic, or deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock.

If your dog or cat accidentally ingests any potentially harmful products and you need emergency advice, please consult your veterinarian or call the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435, a fee is charged, or check out www.aspc.org/apcc.

— From reports

Commission gives reluctant support to Habitat project

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With some reluctance, the Lincoln County Commission last week approved a letter of support for a home rehabilitation to be provided by a nonprofit organization.

Otero County Habitat for Humanity would deal with a Ruidoso home that has black mold using a federal program.

"It's unsafe to live in," Joe Chambers, president of Otero County Habitat for Humanity told commissioners. "The funds are available. We request your support and approval to operate this program (in Lincoln County.)"

Prefacing that he might sound "cruel and heartless, Commissioner Mark Doth told Chambers he wondered how a home could get to such a bad state.

"I am personally of the belief that if you can't afford a home you shouldn't have a home," Doth said. "Period. All across the United States legislatures, congress, everybody thought it was a great idea to get everybody into a home. And they couldn't afford it. And they can't afford the maintenance."

Chambers said he understood Doth's misgivings but added the project would not be moving someone into a first-time home.

"What we're talking about now is rehabilitation of an owner-occupied home," Chamber said. "They have to actually own the home to start with. It's not a new situation as far as they're concerned."

The federally funded HOME Investment Partnerships Program is targeted at low-

income homeowners who lack the resources to make needed repairs. Chambers said it is separate from the Habitat for Humanity program.

"The person that came to us to make this application has been forced out of his home because of the black mold and is living in Otero County," said Pam Clarke, a program officer with Otero County Habitat for Humanity. "So we want to get him back in Lincoln County and not paying rent because he owns the property in Lincoln County."

While Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said a different low-income home rehabilitation project worked "really well" a couple of years ago, Commissioner Kathryn Minter said she disagreed with a letter of support for the proposed project.

"I also don't want to be cold-hearted," Minter said. "I don't want more government. And Mister Doth is right that affordable housing is a great idea but there are ramifications that go everywhere. We pay for people's weatherization. We pay for their furnaces. We pay for their cars. We pay for new washing machines. Energy efficiency. And we're having to pay on a credit card. The country's in debt."

Minter said she did not want Otero County Habitat for Humanity seeking government money for the home rehabilitation.

"We yell and scream at Washington and say, 'Don't spend any money, don't spend any money. You're in debt.' And yet we still want the money coming back. I'd rather see the communities get together. The neighbors, the families, the churches and roll it back."

Downs wraps up a six-minute meeting

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It may have been a record. Monday evening's Ruidoso Downs City Council meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance shortly after 5:30 p.m.

At 5:36 p.m. the session was adjourned. That was

half the time of the previous meeting on Oct. 11, which was 12 minutes.

The meeting's consent agenda, items that are collectively approved with a single vote, brought no discussion among the four council members and mayor.

Neither unfinished business nor new business was

before the council. Just one "other business" item, a mayoral proclamation setting Nov. 15 as recycle day in Ruidoso Downs, did not need approval from councilors.

With a lack of public input on any topic, a motion to adjourn followed the proclamation.

Curt and Connie Nelson



Nelsons Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Curt and Connie Nelson of Ruidoso were married October 28, 1961.

They have three children: Robert (Susan) Nelson of Palmer, Alaska, Elaine (Scott) Jernigan of Overgaard, Arizona, and Cathy (Justin) Alvis of Prescott Valley, Arizona and seven grandchildren.

The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends.

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Shelter matches grant The men of HEAL

On a sad note, Hannah, the old dog that we took in and worked so hard to get adopted has passed on. Hannah had been adopted by Charles Tassmore, who already had two dogs and two cats.

Hannah had 17 days with her new family, and Mr. Tassmore said she made the most of every day.

When Mr. Tassmore went to work, she went with him. She need held getting into his truck but she could get about by herself, Tassmore said.

About 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 9, Hannah returned from a walk with Mr. Tassmore and seemed tired.

He made her a bed on his living room couch, whereupon she crawled over, put her head in his lap and went to sleep for the last time.

Mr. Tassmore buried Hannah under an old elm tree on the back of his property. He said he will think of Hannah every-time he sees that tree.

On a much brighter note, the Humane Society was up to the task of matching a \$25,000 challenge grant by an anonymous donor.



COURTESY

Brandi is a beautiful Rottie/hound mix with a great disposition. She is very friendly and loves playing with the other dogs. Brandi weighs about 70 pounds and is around a year old.

With much support by the good folks of Lincoln County, we have matched that grant dollar for dollar, which means that we will have \$50,000 to be spent on repairs and improvements at our shelter.

Margaret Lahey, the Humane Society's executive director reports that donations ranged from \$5 to \$5,000.

Whatever the amount of individual donations, we got 'er done! Thanks to one and all.

We recently had some new arrivals. We had a female Chihuahua who we had in foster care.

This week she gave birth to five puppies. We keep everyone posted on when these little guys will be old enough for adoption.

- From reports

The month of October is national Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As this important month comes to a close, Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) would like to celebrate and honor the men in Lincoln County who are visionaries of a future free of violence and oppression.

HEAL is the nonprofit organization that operates the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs. The mission of HEAL is to coordinate and offer support services and safe haven for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

HEAL's volunteer Board of Directors consists of various stakeholders and over half are men from the Lincoln County community committed to eradicating domestic violence and restoring the lives of survivors.

Joe Gomez, immediate Past President of HEAL, has served on the board for almost four years. Gomez admits before he started working with HEAL, he didn't know much about domestic violence. "During our first board retreat, we all shared our experiences and I was shocked to find

that some of the (previous) board members who traveled in the same business and community circles had quietly endured their own battles with domestic violence."

Gomez takes his inspiration from the residents of the Nest.

He recalls his first Christmas party at the Nest when Santa arrived by fire truck to the delight of the children. "I noticed one woman who must have been in her thirties. She was so excited to see Santa and sit on his lap and it occurred to me that this may be the first time she is free to celebrate Christmas."

Gomez is alarmed by the increasing incidences in domestic violence both nationally and locally. "I don't know if I can make a difference, but I'm here to try," says Gomez.

Mike Myer's journey to the HEAL Board came about as a result of wanting to do something nice for the women and children of the Nest.

He and his wife made plans to take the ladies and their children to a show at Mountain Annie's. A few weeks later, he contacted Funtrackers in Ruidoso who allowed him to bring a group of mothers and their children for an afternoon of complimentary fun.

Shortly thereafter, Myers was approached by HEAL's Executive Director Coleen Widell about serving on the board.

Myers shares that his mother in law and daughter were both involved in abusive relationships. He appreciates the process the women must go through before they decide to leave their partners. "These women need someone to listen to them. We can't make the decision for them. The stories of survivors, who make it out and began their life again, like Sweet Charity's Celina De La Garza, that's what I focus on," says Myers.

Since joining the Board, Myers has become the go-to guy for things that need fixing around the Nest. "If it needs to be done, someone has to do it."

Jamie Estes joined the Board at the urging of another board member, but

in the beginning, he was unsure of where he fit in. "One day I left a board meeting and outside the gates of the shelter was a woman with two children who looked to be the victims of abuse. From that moment on, I knew where I belonged. Whatever evil had caused that haunted look in that family, that had to be stopped."

Aside from his responsibilities as Board member and President of the HEAL Board, Estes looks forward to joining in the celebrations of survivors. "The candle-light vigils where residents share their experiences with domestic violence are gut wrenching, but when they talk about having found a safe haven here at the Nest, it makes me proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization."

"Our shelter staff works in the shadows for a reason, but the public has to know about our many success stories. These are stories that need to be heard," says Estes.

Estes credits the Lincoln County Community for making the shelter the safe haven it is today.

Danny Sisson joined the Board after witnessing the scars of abuse on an employee at a Ruidoso business he frequented. "Everything I do is family oriented, so making the move to the Nest and being able to help the women and children heal from the abuse and start new lives is incredibly fulfilling."

Sisson says his time on the Board has changed him. "I can't help looking a little bit harder at the families I encounter and watching how the male responds to and treats his partner. This is something that we need to teach our children from a young age. A real man respects a woman. Hitting a woman doesn't make you a man, it makes you a jerk," cautions Sisson.

Sisson's goals for service on the Board are clear, "We need to educate the community and foster community support. Our community has been good to us, but we may have to rely on them even more if projected budget cuts come in to play in 2012."

- From the Nest



Fresh Cranberries

The cranberry is a little red tart fruit with a big punch. Wisconsin produced more of this power-packed berry than any other state in the U.S. The cranberry, once called "crane berry" by settlers because of its blossoms resemblance to the Sand hill crane, is best known for its place on the Thanksgiving table. But, the fruit has become a year round favorite, and is making its way into everything from summer salads and jams, to trail mix and cookies.

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Pumpkin Mousse Trifle with Cranberries and Apricot-Orange Sauce

Ingredients:
 1 store-bought spice cake mix, prepared per package directions and cooled
 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons old-fashioned oats
 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons flour
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 5 tablespoons butter, melted
 1/2 cup apricot jam
 1/4 cup orange juice
 1 egg yolk (or 1/4 cup pasteurized egg yolks)
 3/4 cup canned pumpkin pie filling
 3/4 cup white chocolate chips
 1 cup heavy cream
 1/2 cup Ocean Spray® Craisins® Original Dried Cranberries, plus extra as garnish

Directions:
 Prepare cake as following package directions. Cool completely. Cut into cubes and set aside.
 To make streusel:
 Preheat oven to 325°F. Line a sheet pan with foil; set aside.
 Combine oats, flour, brown sugar and sugar in a medium bowl. Add melted butter and stir until mixture is crumbly. Pour onto prepared sheet pan.
 Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Set aside to cool; crumble into

small pieces. Set aside.
 To make apricot-orange sauce:
 Combine apricot jam and orange juice in a medium mixing bowl. Whisk together until smooth. Set aside.
 To make pumpkin mousse:
 Combine egg yolk and pumpkin pie filling in a medium mixing bowl.
 Place white chocolate chips in a microwave safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH for 2 minutes or until melted and smooth, stopping every 30 seconds to stir. Stir melted white chocolate into pumpkin mixture.
 Using an electric mixer on high speed, whip cream in a medium mixing bowl until stiff peaks form. Gently fold whipped cream into pumpkin mixture.
 To assemble trifle:
 Place a dollop of mousse at the bottom of a serving dish. Top with Craisins® dried cranberries and a drizzle of sauce. Place a few cubes of cake over mousse. Top with another layer of mousse, Craisins® and sauce, then top with streusel. Garnish with a few Craisins® on top.

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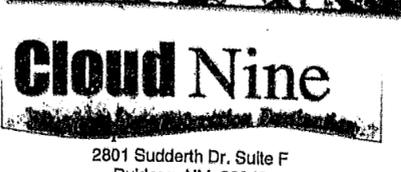
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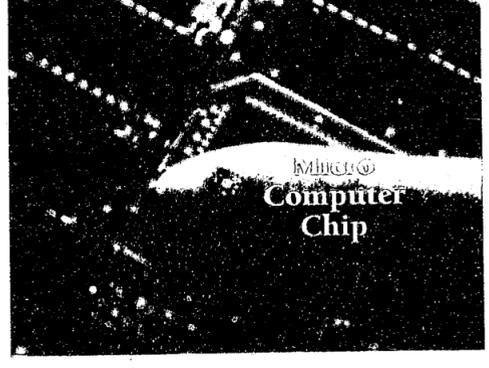
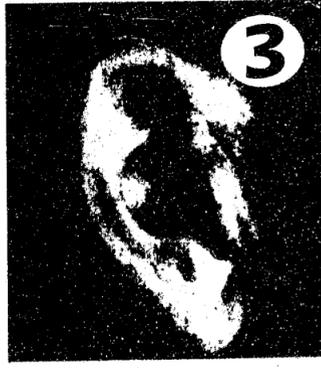
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WATER

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and water can be diverted into the lake.

The village is suffering from a prolonged drought. With 10.12 inches of rain or liquid equivalent snow recorded from January through September, Ruidoso is at 56 percent of the average 18.08 inches for the nine months.

"When you live in New Mexico, this is what you have to think of, so we always will have water," Camp said. "We are taking a proactive approach, which will add to the redundancy of the system

and allow us to shuttle water to areas of greatest need."

Because the flow on the Rio Ruidoso is barely a trickle, no water can be diverted into Grindstone, which usually accounts for 25 percent of the village's supply and is replenished only by surface water.

"It's one of the weaknesses in our system," he said. "It is not drought resistant."

The demand on Grindstone, about 600,000 gallons a day, can be decreased by piping in water from Alto and from the Cherokee Well, he said. Alto usually supplies about 7 percent of the village's system using wells and sur-

face water, he said. The pipes are in place at Cherokee to divert 200,000 gallons a day into the Grindstone system.

"All plans are predicated on no snow this winter, a worst-case scenario, and a delayed summer monsoon season in 2012," Camp said. Officials wanted the connection between Cherokee and Grindstone anyway to ensure redundancy in the system, which is critical, he said.

"This just sped it up a bit," Camp said.

What to do

Councilor Ron Hardeman asked about the amount of time needed for all of the projects. Camp said it will be two to three weeks for the Cherokee Well to come online as the first step, and he has ordered the necessary supplies for the Alto connection. Other parts of the contingency plan will flow into spring, such as the Alto bypass line and re-drilling the River Well.

Sayers asked what the council could do to help.

Pass a drought contingency ordinance, Camp said. He handed out an article about water crises in Las Vegas, Nev., and Austin, Texas. "I never want to see that in this town, but we need an ordinance to control irrigation practices. People from those areas where there is a lot more water don't always understand. Grass is the worse thing in the world to waste water on. You can't eat it and you have to mow it."

But Hardeman said people coming in from Arizona and Texas now have been



Cecilia Kazhe and her two-year-old son, Peter, visit Grindstone Dam, which is seeing lower-than-normal water levels.

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through the same drought problems and should be more sympathetic next year.

Business support

Support from motels, hotels and restaurants would be sought using tent cards to alert visitors to the water supply situation and asking them not to ask for daily changes of bedding or for water with their meals, Camp said. Hardeman said when Brad Treptow was executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, he mobilized a sweeping effort along those lines that yielded positive results.

Camp said the possibility of rehabilitating a 1-million-gallon storage tank and a 500,000-gallon tank, unused for 12 years, also is contemplated, but may be one of the later projects.

Schools consume a lot of water for such uses as the irrigation of fields, in which 90 percent of the water is

Drought contingency

Ruidoso Utilities Director Randall Camp listed the six steps in the village's drought contingency plan as:

- Provide or improve interconnections to supply Cherokee Well water to some of Grindstone Lake service areas and reduce demand on the reservoir.
- Provide or improve interconnections to supply Alto Reservoir area water to some of the Grindstone service areas.
- Re-drill selected wells to greater depths to increase pumping rates.
- Replace air release valves and perform other repairs to increase the raw water flow in the pipeline to Grindstone, when the flow is sufficiently high. Testing is required on the Grindstone diversion line to detect obstructions or airlocks problems stemming from the 2008 flood on the river. The line will be systematically examined with a camera. "If there is snow, I would like to be in a position to take the flow (from the river) in the spring," Camp said.
- Construct an Eagle Creek bypass pipeline
- Investigate rehabilitation of the Town & Country and the Mechem water storage tanks, unused for the past 12 years.

lost to evaporation. Seasonal visitors who own second homes also must be contacted, he said.

"The worse thing they can do is arrive here in April or May and turn the water (to sprinkle lawn grass) on and then off. It's better to let the grass go through its natural cycle," he said. Water consumption last April and May "was off the charts," he said.

quality than the water going to the Alto treatment plant, he said.

Councilors asked that a comparison to last year be added to future monthly water production reports as a way of gauging if conservation measures are effective. Camp said in 2010, only a slight increase in demand occurred because there was plenty of moisture.

However, the water rights use accounting five-year report that will be submitted to the Office of the State Engineer, showing the village did not exceed its allowed limit on the Rio Ruidoso, indicated that in dry months, instead of 80 acre feet being used, 180 acre feet was consumed. An acre foot equates to 325,851 gallons of water. The village will end the accounting period with 290 acre feet to spare.

"I'd love to tell you in a year that we geared up for something that didn't happen," he said. "But I don't want to end up in Las Vegas' situation."

Long term

In the long term, the most beneficial action would be reuse of water, he said. "We've done some work on that, but right now this is the dog barking at us and I don't want it to bite us."

"We irrigate golf courses with drinking water," Camp said. "A tourist town needs reuse." Texas, Arizona and Colorado have been reusing water for years, he said. The new \$36 million regional wastewater treatment plant east of Ruidoso Downs is turning out water of higher



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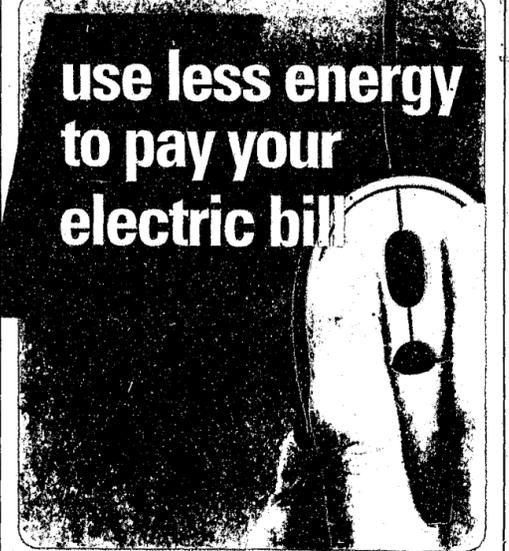
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If your medicine cabinet is crowded with half-used containers of prescription drugs, drop them off between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Saturday, in the main lobby at the Ruidoso Police Department, situated at the intersection of Mechem Drive and Sierra Blanca Drive.

Village Manager Debi Lee said the department is working in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to provide a venue for safe disposal of unwanted or unneeded prescription drugs.

Special Agent Dick Swenor is coordinating the event and will monitor the

drop-off.

At many other locations in New Mexico, the State Police and the DEA are providing the public with opportunities to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

A nationwide event also took place in April. As a result of that month's "take back" event, 376,593 pounds (188 tons) of prescription drugs were turned into the 8,400 federal, state and local collection sites, according to a release from the state police.

This DEA initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue.

Medicines that languish in the home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse, according to the information.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, pose a potential safety and health hazard.

WEATHER

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on outdoor burning.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart also said the situation looks to be getting worse.

"The Boise Fire Center (National Interagency Fire Center) is now showing very high and perhaps going to extreme," Stewart said last week of the Lincoln County

area. "We're already seeing some drying."

Stewart noted before the Wednesday evening to Thursday morning precipitation there had been little or no moisture since a small amount earlier in the month. Ruidoso has gotten just slightly better than one-half its average amount of precipitation year-to-date. Atwell said if the fire danger moves to extreme, restrictions would be imposed.

Nearly all of Lincoln County remains in the exceptional drought category, a condition the U.S. Drought Monitor put in place past seven months.

TAX

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initiative will have to come from the chamber of commerce or business owners. It's been tried and goes by the wayside partly because there is such a high turnover in the business community. A lot of businesses in town two years ago are no longer here."

For that reason, long-term planning also is not a strength, he said. When the effort comes from the council, it is viewed with suspicion, he contended.

"I agree that the chamber would be the one to

take the lead," Alborn said. Gail Bailey with the Ruidoso Convention Center also has been pushing the renovated facility to various conventions prospects.

"It's not going to happen by accident just because we say it is," Alborn said.

The countywide gross receipts tax approved by voters in a mail-election aimed to offset the tax burden of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino in exchange for owner R.D. Hubbard not moving the track for the five-year life of the tax. The casino competes against two Mescalero Apache cas-

inos, which pay a lower percentage to the state. But supporters sold the concept with a promise that during that period, an effort would be mounted to diversify the local economy or find another use for the racetrack to ensure the village's survival if the track closes or moves later.

But new businesses coming to Ruidoso to date tend to be in the same tourism-related mode. Recruiting activity by the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation is on hold because funding dried up, a few former and current members have said.

County moves on tower installation

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To meet a June 12 deadline for the installation of a shared communication tower with Holloman Air Force Base, Lincoln County commissioners last week agreed to vote next month on an agreement to move ahead.

County Manager Tom Stewart said the Air Force base southwest of Alamogordo is ready to contribute \$100,000 to the county for the construction of a tower on Buck Mountain.

"I believe this may be because the federal fiscal year is coming to a close Oct. 31," County Manager Tom Stewart said, citing his former experience in the military. "The \$100,000 will be combined with the county's pledge of \$40,000 to begin the project."

Stewart told commissioners that County Emergency Manager Travis Atwell advised that a special use permit already was submitted to the U.S. Forest Service for approval

and the site (on Forest Service land) was selected. Preliminary specifications also were developed for the request for proposals for the tower.

The Air Force is making plans to support the effort with helicopter delivery of the tower sections, Stewart said. "The 49th Fighter Wing is advising that they want the project up and running by June 12," he said. The county's ready to proceed.

County Attorney Alan Morel characterized the draft agreement as "seriously deficit in number of respects."

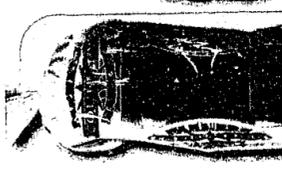
"Normally, we need to know the equipment that is going to be put up to know the load and which tower is going to be purchased, who is liable and who carries the insurance," he said. "I think they anticipate the county owning the tower, but it does not specify whose equipment is at what level. The equipment needs to be appropriately spaced so there is no interference. The one on top has the best spot and every 10 feet down, you can place more."



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Three more six-wheelers in the works

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Additional six-wheel drive Polaris vehicles will be purchased by Lincoln

County and fitted with equipment to fight fires. "The vehicle is gaining much local attention for the immediate response capability in rough terrain,"

said Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart. "Travis Atwell (director of the county's Office of Emergency Services) is developing a training

course for operators." Currently there is one firefighting equipped Polaris. Three more are being purchased.

Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell said much of her district is in the Ruidoso and Hondo valleys.

"For my area, it's mostly grass fires and way off the road is really, really rough. People say, 'Yeah, there's the fire, it's only 10 acres now but in that sheep country, it can go really, really far. These tires on these particular vehicles, will they be allowed to actually go out there?'"

Stewart responded that is what the specially equipped six-wheel drive vehicle is for.

"If you haven't had a tour or driven in one, it's a pretty fantastic piece of equipment," Stewart said. "They're about \$20,000 for the basic vehicle and then they're about \$9,000 for the slip-in fire apparatus. Those vehicles, I think, will catch many a grass fire. In fact that's the vehicle that we used to go to the top of Carrizo Peak to check out that tower that we purchased."

Carrizo Peak is northeast of Carrizozo.

The vehicles are being bought with fire department trust funds instead of the revenues from the state fire fund because the fire fund is for structure protection, not wildland fires. The ATV fire vehicles will see one stationed at Hondo, one at Arabela, and two at the county's Emergency Operations Center near Copper Ridge.

County eyes SunZia fast track permitting

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This month's announcement that the Obama administration will "fast track" permitting of some major electric transmission line construction, including the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, will have some Lincoln County officials paying attention.

One concern is the possible use of eminent domain to lay out a course for two transmission lines running 460 miles from northern Lincoln County to south-eastern Arizona.

"I just want to keep an eye on it," said Lincoln County Commission Chair Eileen Sedillo. "I know they're trying to stick to state and federal lands. But I just want to make sure that they don't get an early start on hearings and do any eminent domain."

The SunZia project is expected to soon reveal a preferred route.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said a recent news report made him believe eminent domain could be used.

"They're going to slam it through. The military is paying very close attention."

Stewart said he had talked with Hanson Scot, the director of New Mexico's Office of Military Base Planning and Support.

"He's concerned but hopeful."

Some of the transmission corridor may cross a

part of the White Sand Missile Range.

"When we first started looking at this, it looked like it pretty much followed the area that they first proposed," said Commissioner Tom Battin. "But there was a discussion early on about the location of, I guess you would call it, a transformer station up near Corona. And I think we were interested at the time that that be located in Lincoln County so that it had some tax consequences for us."

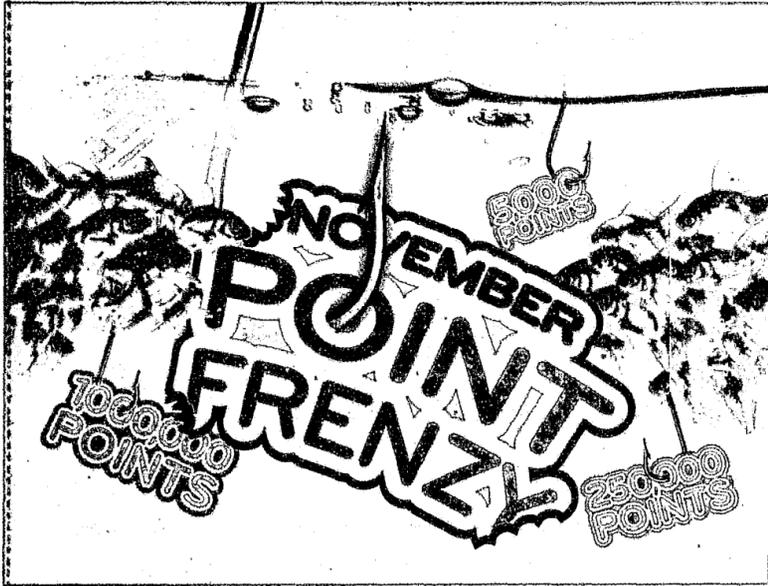
Stewart said he understood a substation would be in the Corona area.

"They have done, last heard, some surveying of the property involved."

A representative of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project is expected to make a presentation to the county commission at its mid-November meeting.

The extra-high voltage transmission lines and substations would move primarily renewable energy from New Mexico and Arizona to markets across the southwestern United States. Energy experts have said there are abundant solar, wind and geothermal energy resources in the two states.

The permitting process has been running for several years. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management, as well as several cooperating agencies, is developing an Environmental Impact Statement for the SunZia project. BLM has tentatively scheduled a January release for a draft EIS.



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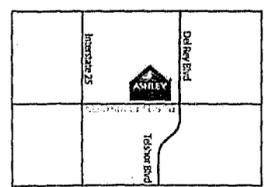
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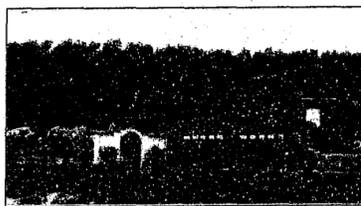
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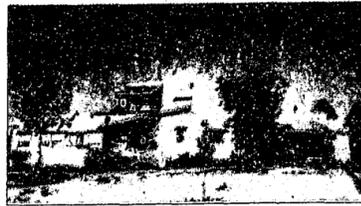
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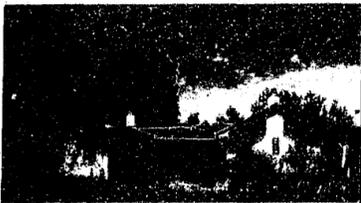
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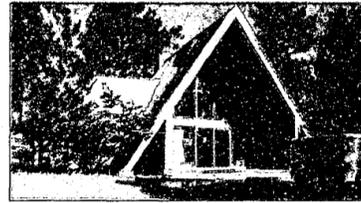
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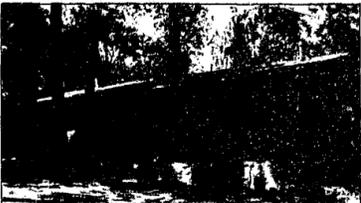
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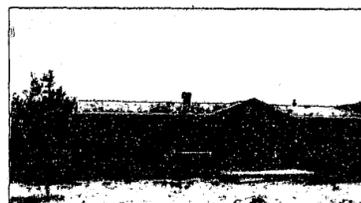
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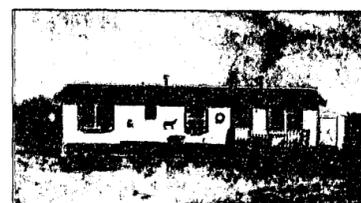
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Soccer: Dedication and discipline

The RHS boys soccer team tries to set goals that help young men win on the field of play — and more importantly — in life

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Go to any soccer game in the area and you will be hard-pressed to find fans crowding the stands.

In the U.S. this sport trails far behind the attendance levels of football, basketball — and yes — baseball.

In soccer, there are not throngs of loud, boisterous cheering sections urging the hometown team on to victory.

So what drives young boys and girls to participate in this game?

What gives them the incentive to prepare themselves for the rigors of 80 steady minutes of physical exertion on the field of competition?

What are their rewards?

The answers to these questions — and others — should be shown by the teachings and examples of coaches who know the game.

Enter, Aaron Romero,

first-year RHS boys head soccer coach.

Romero is 2004 graduate of Ruidoso High School and played soccer and basketball while here.

After attending UNM, he continued his residence in Albuquerque but still kept up with sports in Ruidoso.

"I continually stayed abreast of RHS sports," he said. "And it didn't matter what sport it was. They had a good soccer team in '09 but it was decimated with double-digit senior graduations."

When Romero took the reins of the boys soccer program this season, he knew he had his hands full.

"In the last three years, they had three different coaches," Romero explained.

"Ultimately, I wanted to give this program some stability. I knew we had a lot of work to do but that did not temper my expectations. I wanted to instill my ideas of work ethics

and discipline to them." The RHS boys team began the year with 30 athletes on the roster.

"They were not in the best physical shape when they first showed up," Romero recalled. "In the beginning we had some players heaving on the sidelines.

"Eventually, they all put in a ton of hard work and reached a good level of fitness and peak conditioning."

As the physicality of the game was being addressed, Romero and crew turned their attentions to the basics and fundamentals of the game before they attempted more advanced levels of play.

"From there we went on to the competitive aspect of soccer," Romero said. "We did multiple drills in practice based on competition. And then we set out to apply them in actual games.

"Initially, the boys may have had some doubts



LAYNE HOLLAND/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Augustin Enriquez uses a header to control the ball in the Warriors 2-0 win over Socorro for the last game of season on Oct. 20 for RHS. Raul Tello, No. 16, and Armando Gomez, No. 7, assist.

because they hadn't fully grasped my philosophy. They didn't know what to expect of me, or what I expected of them."

In Ruidoso's second game of the season (Aug. 23), the player's hard work revealed their capabilities as they took down

4A Goddard in Roswell, 2-1.

As reported, Romero stood on the sidelines afterwards, with a broad smile on his face.

"It couldn't have come at a better time in the season," he said.

Nine days later, the

Warriors won at Robertson (now seeded sixth in the state in 1A-3A) 3-1.

"Once again, it showed me that a potential talent pool was there," Romero

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Sports On Tap

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Friday, Oct. 28
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The wonderful Wizard of Oz

We meander along the yellow brick road following our own path, yet the complexities of life are carefully veiled as we invariably seek shortcuts, with only the finish line in sight.

Aikido is based on the philosophy of blending with an attacker's movements for the purpose of controlling their actions with minimal effort.

Essential is understanding rhythm and the attacker's intent and then to use a counter technique to neutralize the threat.

There is a philosophy of extending love and compassion especially to those who seek to harm others. In an ideal resolution of conflict, not only is the receiver unharmed, but so is the attacker.

My first visit to her dojo correlated to year two of Joan's marriage. I watched as Joan, my college friend, worked harder than the men and pitifully was hurled to the mat. A friendly hand always

picked her up.

There was an underlying power dynamic that I saw in her marriage. Bob was the bread winner, the omnipotent one who made all the decisions. He was brash and verbally abusive, and I always suspected physically.

Throughout the years, I watched as Joan, the student, became the teacher, rising to the status of Black Belt. I watched her in action teaching men the skills and the philosophy of Aikido. The underlying doctrines were just as important as the joint locks, takedowns, and rolls.

Joan finally finished her Masters and now has her first full time job in many years. She returned last month to the dojo in downtown Manhattan where she started.

Joan was shocked to see the changes. It is now a "belt factory," a McDojo (reference to a chain like McDonalds that puts out a standard product) where

the entire emphasis is now on contracts and quick black belts. The essential philosophy is gone and the new students emulate moves made famous by Steven Seagal.

The Magic Belt was emphasized in Frank L. Baum's Ozma of Oz and Wizard of Oz series of books.

The belt is seen as a magical tool that can transport people, or in the case of martial arts-gives the wearer the illusion of protection from harm. The system of belts in martial arts is not an ancient one. It started in the 1880s with judo and in the early 1900s, multi-colored belts became the norm in judo and martial arts.

It today's fast-paced society, that demands instant gratification, where information is available at our fingertips, people want "martial arts for dummies."

They want to break martial art and various other philosophies and separate them from their core and take only what they need.

Thousand-year-old

philosophies like yoga, tai chi, meditation, and occult studies like tantra, chakras, kundalini energy, etc. have been "westernized," condensed, abridged, perverted, diced-up, and sold to hungry consumers that don't know or care to understand what they are getting into.

"Occult," a Latin word meaning "hidden," is not just in Baum's books, but exist today in children's

books, movies, the arts, society and politics.

We lack the discerning thought processes and we are simply too busy in our frenetic pace of life to interpret the true meaning of events that are soaked in bombastic drivel (e.g. movies and books saturated in sex and violence) that cloud the underlying message.

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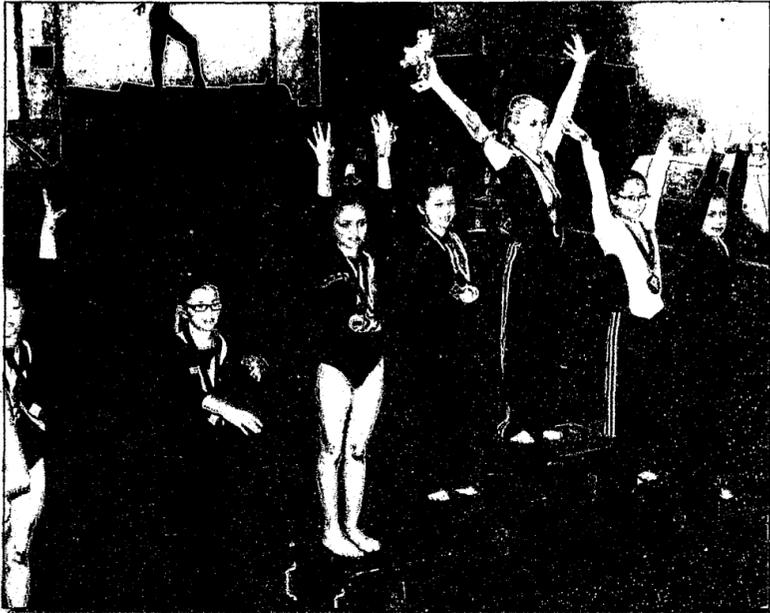
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RUIDOSO GYMNASTICS



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The Ruidoso Gymnastics club participated Saturday in a tournament in Las Cruces. In the Level 5, 11-year-old class, Angela Lackey, fifth from left, took first place in the overall standings and Isabel Martinez, sixth from left, won third place. Martinez also won first place in bars.



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In the girls Level 5, 8- and 9-year-old class in the Las Cruces tournament local athletes, Suntana Zamora, fifth from left, took first place overall and Hope Misquez, sixth from left, grabbed third place. Zamora also won first place in bars, beam and vault while Misquez also won first in floor.

SOCCER

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recounted.

On Sept. 10, the Warriors took the measure of Socorro, 2-1, at the Coyote Classic tournament in Roswell for their third win of the year.

But at the Coyote Classic, RHS may have played one of their best games of the season — and one in which they eventually lost.

At the end of regulation play (80 minutes), Silver City and Ruidoso

were tied, 1-1.

Subsequently, at the conclusion of two 10-minute overtimes, the game was still knotted, 1-1. The high drama of sudden death then prevailed.

Five kickers from each team were called upon to go head-to-head with the opposing goalies from 12-feet out in a best-of-five "shootout." It was still deadlocked.

Five new (different) kickers were chosen from each side and the face-off began anew.

It was in the second phase of sudden death that Silver City edged

ahead for the win.

"It was an intense time on the sidelines for both teams," Romero said.

Romero and his crew of hustlers won their fourth and final game of the year in their last match of the season (Oct. 20) as they blanked Socorro, 2-0.

Yes, RHS wound up at 4-16, but sometimes you can win in other ways.

"These boys learned to play within themselves, but at the same time, they played for the team," the RHS coach said.

"They developed an excellent sense of chemistry, and as a result, a

team cohesion was formed."

The Warriors will lose three seniors to graduation this year — Augustin Enriquez, Roberto Hernandez and David Kacena. But Romero will return next season and already has started planning for the future.

When his coaching duties are over for the season with RHS C-team basketball, he would like to implement soccer practice — indoors — to uncover future soccer stars and give existing players the opportunity to upgrade their game.

"The more repetitions they can accomplish, the better they will become," Romero said. "In the end, it will raise the team level of play."

"I see soccer as the middle ground between cross country and football. Even if they choose to cross-train in another sport, it would help them keep in shape during the winter in preparation for soccer next year."

Romero's long-term plan is to build a future for soccer in this area and part of that idea is to teach achievement within each of his players, and

not just on the field of play.

"As for our three seniors who will graduate this school year, I wish them the best," he said.

"They will go on and achieve more in their lives than we did this season with our four wins."

"As for the others, they too, will go on to bigger things after their soccer careers are over."

"I would like to think all of them would benefit from their hard work and determination in this sport."

"It could help carry them even further in life."

OZ

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There is an old aphorism, "the devil is in the details," that is seen in health care bills, in the media, that pervades every part of our life, if we look for it.

It is ironic that the cowardly lion was given a

medal to show courage, the scarecrow a honorary college degree to show he has a brain, and the tin man in the original book, written in 1900, was a factory worker in early industrial society that gradually had all his human parts replaced with bolts, levers and robotic pieces. It was his rustified self that was brought back by oil (a reference to Rockefeller's

Standard Oil of 1890.) You might say that now, man like corporations, both lack hearts.

Dorothy, in her journey met her comrades, all who were lacking an important component. The Wizard enlightened them and revealed the secret that the power to accomplish all lies within all of us. While the underlying premise of self-actualization seems not

only benign but also energizing, the bigger picture is we don't need God or anyone else to obtain our life's desires.

Joan is looking for another dojo, one that emphasizes the core principles and values that she holds in high esteem. She has developed an inner resourcefulness over the twenty-seven years I have known her. She now real-

izes that some of the most stupid people in life have the highest college degrees, that some of the biggest cowards and most deceitful people hide behind titles of public emolument and these heroes pose as altruistic, benefactors to the community, that you can't go it alone and while self-actualization does occur, it comes from the Almighty.

Life is a winding path

along the yellow brick road with good as well as bad. "Lions, tigers and bears, Oh my!" as well as silver slippers, and all that makes life worth living is part of it. We would do better to take a quiet stroll on the path, savoring all that is life, smelling the roses while taking time to understand the complexities, instead of hurrying towards the finish line.



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MESCALERO BIA-OJS IS TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OCTOBER 29, 2011 AT THE MESCALERO TRIBAL STORE

Mescalero, New Mexico — On October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Mescalero BIA-OJS and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to Mescalero Tribal Store at 190 Chiricahua Plaza. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 242,000 pounds—121 tons—of prescription drugs at nearly 4,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after last fall's event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. DEA has begun drafting regulations to implement the Act, a process that can take as long as 24 months. Until new regulations are in place, local law enforcement agencies like Mescalero BIA-OJS and the DEA will continue to hold prescription drug take-back events every few months.

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RELIGION

Church groups gather for dance

Events for kids, teens

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Ruidoso and surrounding area youth groups are hosting a youth dance and children's event at the Community Youth Warehouse, located on 200 Church Drive on Oct. 30.

The dance will run from 7 to 10 p.m., and is open to all youth wishing to attend, featuring dancing, a costume contest at 8 p.m., and a "Thriller" dance contest at 9 p.m., which youth may enter singly or as a group.

Ed Spurr, youth leader at Community United Methodist Church, will be DJ-ing for the event, playing a mixture of pop, swing, country, and Halloween music.

Preceding the dance is a children's fair that will

have booths, games, a costume parade, and a "Trick or Trunk" event, in which area volunteers have decorated and stocked Halloween trunks with candy to be handed out.

The children's fair will be held across the street from the youth warehouse.

The events were the youth's idea, said Community United Methodist Church Youth Leader Kirsten Oakes, who added that "sometimes they want to branch out and see other youths that share a passion for Christ."

"We feel what we're doing is of great importance to the community," Oakes said, inviting everyone to come "share the joy of Christ" along with them.

Unity in faith and helping others

Thanks to Gateway Church of Christ for hosting the Community Lord's Supper service last Sunday night.

Most of the churches in Lincoln County were represented as we gathered to remember the sacrifice on Calvary of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Lincoln County Mesalero Ministerial Alliance was sponsor of the event.

And the main thing of importance was the unity in the community.

We can be different in denomination and understanding of biblical doctrine, but the unity in Jesus Christ is the main thing.

Ten of the local pastors and ministers shared in the service led by the musicians and preaching minister, John Duncan, of the Gateway Church of Christ.

One pastor and five laypersons shared an

example of their struggles and how their faith in Jesus Christ made God's help available to them.

The service was evidence of the unity and community of Christ in our village and county. It is so important for us to understand that Jesus came to bring mankind together, and not to separate us from one another.

Many of the Lincoln County and Mesalero churches have food ministries and other means of helping people in need.

While our main message comes out of God's Word, there are other messages in helping others at their point of need.

Some have clothing

ministries, counseling ministries, furniture and appliance ministries, etc.

The LCMMA was originally begun to help transients who needed help on their journey.

But, over the years, it has expanded its ministry to give aid to Ruidoso and its citizens.

Most of the churches have benevolence ministries for their members, as well as others in the area, who need help.

The work does not end there.

There is the House of Prayer, where one can receive prayer for life's struggles and encourage-

ment in developing a fuller relationship with God.

While the different

congregations may have different names and affiliations, we are the Church in Lincoln County.

If you are not a participant in one of the local churches, I encourage you to attend and find one where you are comfortable and feel at home.

We all need a relationship with God. And some folks don't believe that there is a God.

To be honest, we all should do our best to seek communication with others, which leads to a relationship, which results in trust.

After all, some of us guys did not believe that there was a woman good enough for us.

But, we communicated with some, developed a relationship with others, and sure enough, we had trust resulting in love, marriage, and a happy life.

Talk with Him, He will give your help for today and hope for tomorrow.



CHARLES CLARY
CLARIFICATIONS

The three things that must be taught

Q Why does the Talmud (the post biblical work that codified rabbinic Judaism) say that a Jewish father must teach his son three things: to earn a living, to study Torah each day, and to swim?

It's this last one that doesn't fit. The usual answer offered to me is "to save a life" - but historically, most Jews haven't lived on the waterfront. I've pondered this for many of my 83 years.

My own interpretation is that the "letting go" process that finally overcomes fear of water and allows the child to stay on the surface provides the first lesson in learning to trust in God. Do you have a different answer? - H.

A If you don't think Jews live near the water you should check out my readers in Palm Beach!

The teaching you reference is from the Talmudic tractate Kiddushin 29a, and I do think that swimming fits into a list of basic things a parent must teach a child. A person needs to grow up to be able to make a living. A person needs to have time to study and reflect on what matters in life beyond work, and a person needs to be able to protect his or her own life.

Swimming is obviously a skill that can save a child's life, and self-preservation is the foundation for all other skills we learn. I like your interpretation, but I think

the point of the teaching is to focus on the basic things children need to learn from us.

Let me turn this around and take it out of its Jewish context. Let me ask you and all readers of any faith or no faith to ask yourselves what you think are the three basic skills a parent, grandparent, or caregiver should teach to a child who looks to them for guidance and preparation for life. Let me know your lists. Here's mine:

1. Teach them to always say please and thank you. There are enough smart people in the world but not enough good people and it seems to me that the essential ingredient of goodness is gratitude.

2. Teach them to read for pleasure and wisdom. Love of reading leads us to love what we read about. For me, that begins with the Bible, but even if they don't end up immersed in biblical study, they should still want to read about what really matters in life. That will take them to the Bible in due time.

3. Teach them to tithe themselves. There's no one so poor that he or she can't help another person in need.

Ten percent off the top is the biblical commandment that still challenges us and transforms us.

So those are the three things all kids should be taught. OK, maybe there is a fourth:

4. Don't put me in a nursing home! Although if the nursing home looks good and smells good, I might change my mind about this one.

Q My husband is Jewish and I'm Catholic.

Recently, we attended a wake for a relative of mine where the prayers were led by a representative from the family's congregation. As the prayer began, my 12-year-old daughter, following

everyone else, attempted to make the sign of the cross. My husband immediately stopped her, saying, "We don't make the sign of the cross; we are Jewish." I didn't see any harm in the gesture. I fact, I thought my husband overreacted. What's your opinion? - Anonymous

A Your husband was right. There's a big difference between respect and belief.

The sign of the cross is a way of symbolically accept-

ing the Trinity, and Jews do not believe that God is trine (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

Making the sign of the cross, like kneeling or going up to the rail to receive communion, are all signs that you're not just a respectful guest but a believing Christian. My advice to non-Catholics of any faith attending a Catholic service is to be quiet and respectful.

I encourage Jews to participate in the reading of Psalms and all other shared biblical texts and to sing along with all hymns that don't contain the word Christ. My first personal encounter with this problem of interfaith etiquette occurred while singing in my junior high school choir in Shorewood, Wis.

At that time, sensitivities about religious holiday music were not as extreme as they are today. We were singing "O Come All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles) and I decided that after the chorus ("O come let us adore Him") three times and soared into the transporting finale ("Christ the Lord"), I'd just sing, "La-La the Lord" as my personal demurral. I didn't intend it to be a public protest.

I once asked my friend Tommy (Fr. Tom Hartman) to forgive me for my rudeness, but as I remember it, he was laughing too hard to forgive me. Anyway, being a stranger in a religious service is good. Being a perfect stranger is much better.



MARC GELLMAN
THE GOD SQUAD



Willie Silva
1941-2011

Willie Silva, 70, of Carrizozo died on October 23, 2011. He was born on January 16, 1941 in Fort Stanton NM. Willie attended Carrizozo High School and served in United States Marine Corps for six years. This is where he learned his culinary skills. He then settled in Carrizozo where he owned and operated the Four Winds Restaurant for over thirty five years as he and his wife Ruth raised 6 children. Willie was very proud to be a Marine Corps Veteran and let this be known. Willie was active in the Carrizozo community over the years serving on the Carrizozo Town Council, Rotary Club and Lions Club. He also raised money for Carrizozo High School senior scholarships, starting a Walk-A-Thon in the early 90's. Retirement did not agree with Willie so in August 2010, he opened Willie's Place where he enjoyed practicing his culinary arts skills until his untimely death. He was truly happy in the kitchen and mingling with patrons.

Willie is preceded in death by his wife Ruth Silva and his parents Lucinda and Alfredo Silva, brothers, Henry and Alfred Silva and Paul Montoya. He is survived by his children; daughters: Diana Zamora and her husband Chris Zamora, Sandra Sanchez, her boyfriend Brian Harrison, Cindy Najjar and her husband Lee Najjar, his sons; Arturo Cortez and his wife Christine Cortez, James Silva and his wife Michelle Silva, Willie Silva and his wife Melissa Silva. He is also survived by his sister Arcenia Luera and his brother Eddie Silva. Willie also leaves behind grandchildren Matthew Silva, Joshua Sanchez, Stefan Najjar, Christian Najjar, Daniel Najjar, Sarah Mora, Heather Lovelace, LeAnn Silva, Isabella Silva and an unborn granddaughter due early next year. Great-granddaughter Ariana Silva, Anastasia Moore and several nieces and nephews.

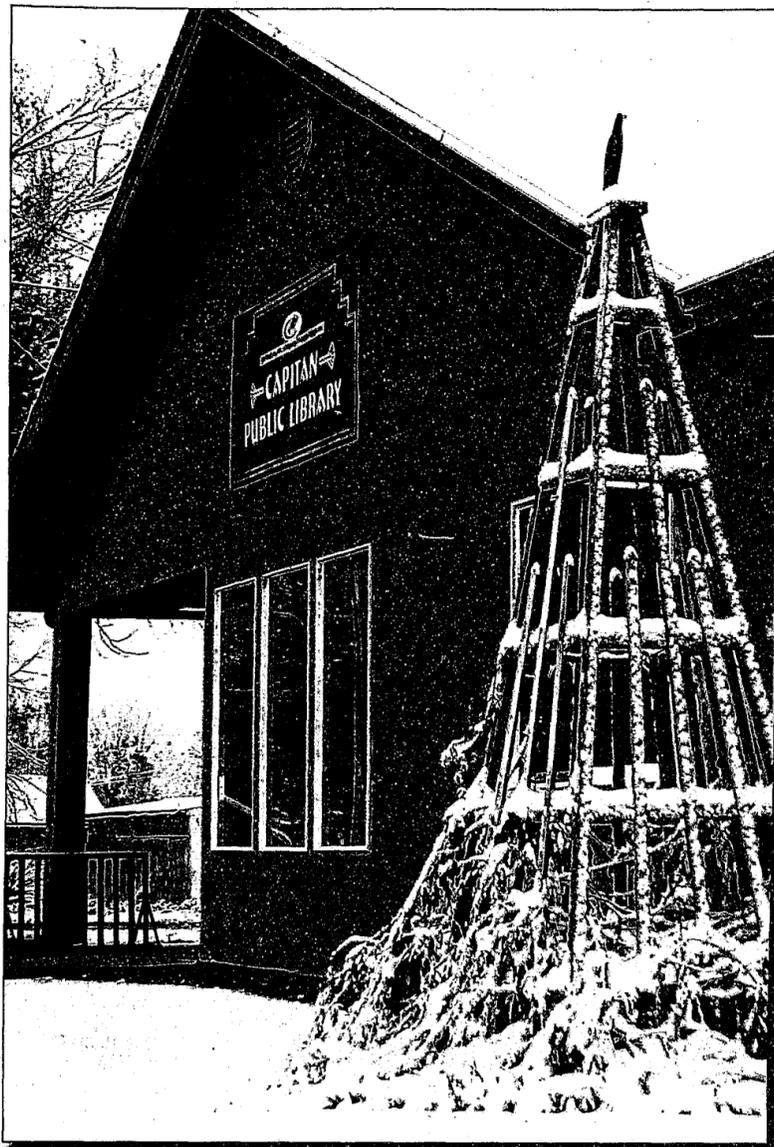
Funeral Mass for James Willie Silva will be held at Santa Rita Catholic Church on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. Burial will follow at the Silva Family Cemetery. The family requests that donations be made to the Carrizozo PFK program.

Condolences may be made at www.lagroneruidoso.com



LINCOLN COUNTY

FIRST SNOW



ERIK BEARER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan received not only heavy rainfall overnight, but also woke to a crisp, snow-covered morning. The village received one inch of snowfall overnight, according to the National Weather Service, causing a two-hour delay in opening the schools.

Free concerts in Carrizozo

Carrizozo Music in the Parks and the Piatigorsky Foundation of NYC are sponsoring a pair of free concerts in Carrizozo.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, Evan Drachman, cellist, and Doris Stevenson, pianist, will present concerts at the Old Gym of the Carrizozo School at 1:15 p.m., and a second performance at 6:30 at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

The evening concert will be followed by a reception and a chance to meet the musicians, cellist Evan Drachman and

pianist Doris Stevenson.

Drachman, founder of the Piatigorsky Foundation, is a frequent soloist with various orchestras across the world, and has released several CDs.

The foundation presented eight concerts in New Mexico locations last year, including Carrizozo.

Stevenson has worked as a soloist and collaborative performer across the nation.

Please check www.carrizozomusic.org or call Elaine Brannen at (575) 648-2757 for more information.

— From reports

Village to review plat

Developer to submit plan within two weeks

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Conquest Investments LLC will submit a final plat for its 23.4 acre commercial subdivision within two weeks, said Melissa Gorham, the development supervisor for the subdivision.

Gorham said the finishing touches were being laid out for the design of the commercial subdivision, and the final design and plan was getting "wrapped up" by Eric Collins of DT Collins and Associates, the engineering firm contracted by the developer.

After submitting the final plat, Capitan's municipal government will have 30 days to review the plan with its own engineer before approving or denying the plan, Gorham said.

Mayor Sam Hammons said the village would contract an engineer to review the plat, and would consider re-hiring Martin Pillar Engineering LLC, who reviewed the previous plats and is familiar with the project.

"We liked the way he (Pillar) worked," Hammons said, approving of Pillar's willingness to come to Capitan to physically look over the area he was reviewing.

Hammons said the village would hold a public meeting on the final plat after it had been submitted. The village trustees would then have a meeting to either approve or deny the plat.

And after review, Gorham said she expects construction to begin soon, possibly within six months.

But one citizen's group believes that Conquest is encouraging false hopes for future development.

"As a citizen of Capitan, and a group of others, we believe Capitan taxpayers and property owners can-

"We want to do a good project that works with and enhances the landscape."

Eric Collins
DT Collins and Associates

not afford speculation," said Virginia Jones. "Expectations and types of anticipated businesses should be factored in by the Capitan planning board and village trustees before a final decision on the Conquest proposal is given."

Jones said she, along with others, would like to see "design and building standards for new commercial and industrial buildings, site development for 22 business locations, actual water and sewer capacity for growth" considered by trustees and the planning board.

Covenants

"We've taken the information collected from our public forum and are working to meet Capitan's ordinances," Collins said Wednesday. "We want to do a good project that works with and enhances the natural landscape."

"Since Capitan doesn't have zoning, we've got additional legwork for our building covenants."

Capitan has since discussed zoning in two meetings on Sep. 20 and Oct. 27, during which village Trustee Ricky LaMay proposed form-based zoning ordinances for the village, which he said would be a simpler way to require builders to keep building exteriors within guidelines set forth by the town.

During the Sept. 7 forum, Gorham and Collins discussed ideas with resi-

dents on how buildings and landscaping should be presented in the subdivision, trying to find a middle ground on making the subdivision attractive to both residents and prospective businesses.

"We're working with landscape islands to enhance the view until we get some buildings up," Collins said.

Other requests by residents at the Sep. 7 meeting included lighting in compliance with the New Mexico Night Sky Protection Act and building facades that blend in with the natural colors of the area.

Business

The market research on what businesses would fit into Capitan is currently progressing, Gorham said.

"A lot more (information) will come out after we submit the final plat," Gorham said, adding that potential business interest would also be announced after the completion of the market research, which did not currently have a completion date.

Collins has said that market research could only be conducted after the final plat was completed, as an individual lot price, determined by a cost analysis of the subdivision, is required to determine a potential market before the realtors can begin seeking pilot businesses.

Gorham said that all the information on the design, marketing, and building schedule was "currently being accumulated," and would be posted on a website some time after the final plat was presented to Capitan's municipal government.

Collins added that he was working on putting the information into portable document format (PDF), making it accessible for download on the completed website.

Phantom horses, phantom rider: The stuff ghost stories are made of

In J. Frank Dobe's "Coronado's Children," a tale from cow camp relates the story of a cowboy murdered along the Loma Escondida road. Carrying gold coins in his saddle bags to buy a herd of cattle, he rode out on his cream-colored dun stallion with the black stripe down his back - what the Mexicans called a bayo coyote.

After his second night out, he rose, saddled the lineback dun and went to receive the herd he was purchasing.

A couple hours later, the sheriff came along on his way to inspect the herd for stray brands. He found both the cowboy and his

horse dead. The saddle bags were gone.

The sheriff gathered a posse, followed the tracks and caught up with the murderers late in the afternoon. Although both the murderers readily admitted to the killing the cowboy, nothing could persuade them to divulge where they had hidden the saddle bags full of gold coins. They were hung for their crime and with that, carried the secret to their graves.

Over the years, many tried unsuccessfully to find the hidden treasure. There was only a short stretch of road between where the

murder took place and where the criminals were overtaken, but nothing was found.

Years later, another cowboy was sent from a cow camp to the headquar-

ters of the ranch to fetch coffee. He left camp after dark and was trotting along the same road where the murder had happened, when up ahead he spotted two figures in the moonlight.

Coming closer, the cowboy could see what he believed to be a man and a horse. The man mounted the horse and loped off. The curious cowboy set out to catch up, thinking it would be nice to have company on his

night ride.

As he narrowed the distance between himself and the rider ahead, he could see that the horse was a lineback dun. He continued following the rider and the dun up a steep brush-covered hill.

At the top, the rider got a burst of speed and as he was passing by a dead mesquite tree, he totally disappeared. The cowboy thought the rider had simply

slipped away into the brush in the dark of night. Without more thought, he continued his coffee-fetching errand.

He reached the ranch, twisted the coffee up in one end of a flour sack and

began his return to cow camp. There at the same place as before, he again saw the rider on the dun horse.

Putting a spur to his side, he kicked his horse off into a high lope with every intention of catching up with the mysterious rider. However, he never could quite close the gap between them, even though the moonlight kept them silhouetted against the night.

Once again as before, the rider and bayo coyote stallion seemed to disappear into that same mesquite tree.

The cowboy dismounted, tied his horse and began to carefully explore the ground surrounding the tree. He could find no tracks.

Perplexed, he leaned on the trunk and felt a long, deep gash that appeared to be a very old axe mark. Stumbling over a large rock, he saw something gleaming on the ground.

Striking a match to see in the dark, he picked up the \$20 gold piece.

Familiar with the lost treasure story, he knew he'd likely found the spot where the fabled gold had been hidden. Turning over more rocks, he found the partially rotted saddle bags.

The cowboy returned to the cow camp, presented the coffee to the cocinero, all the while keeping the other end of his flour sack carefully closed.

Over the years, people would still come to hunt for the treasure, but now they hunted on the ranch belonging to the coffee-fetching cowboy. No one has ever again reported seeing the rider on the dun horse.

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Terrance,

My name is Julie Gilliland and I am going to get in there and meet you hopefully before long but been wanting to say welcome and glad you are at the News. I enjoy seeing the changes and reading what you write. I recently became the RRCA president and the News has covered our song contest and did a wonderful job. I am also glad you stopped doing Topix as well and meant to tell you that.

We have plenty of negative in our lives and there is so much good to share.

I think you and Rena are doing a great job and wanted to let you know.

Thank you.

Julie Gilliland
Ruidoso

Very good Julie!

I always like reading your columns, but this one was particularly nice.

See you soon,

Chuck Stocks
Bangkok, Thailand

Lucina,

Great story on Dick Bryant -- and on Peter rogers, too. Really enjoyed reading them.

Cheers,

Kathleen McDonald
Publicist Spencer Theater

Rena,

I just wanted to say thank you so much for all the publicity you gave the Song Contest!

Thank you sooo much!

I enjoyed visiting with you and hope to again. You are doing a great job!

Don't know if I really am a Reverend, more of a normal person (which I guess reverends are too). I am really glad for all you have and are doing and just wanted you to know.

Peace to you,

Julie Gilliland
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RUIDOSO MAGISTRATE COURT BRIEFS

Oct. 5

Darlene Hamilton pleaded no contest to DWI (first offense).

The state dismissed aggravated DWI and obedience to traffic control device charges.

Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Hamilton to 364 days supervised probation, DWI School, Ignition Interlock device installation, 24 hours of community service and \$241 in fees.

Adolpho Garcia pleaded no contest to driving without a license.

The state dismissed charges of driving while license suspended and no insurance.

LaMay sentenced Gar-

cia to 90 days supervised probation and \$81 in fees.

Tammy Loftis pleaded no contest to DWI (first offense).

The state dismissed charges of failure to display registration and roadway lanned for traffic.

LaMay sentenced Loftis to 364 days supervised probation, DWI School, Ignition Interlock device installation, 24 hours of community service and \$241 in fees.

Roland Mexicano pleaded no contest to driver must be licensed.

The state dismissed charges of driving while license revoked and child restraint.

LaMay sentenced Mexi-

cano to 90 days unsupervised probation and \$381 in fines and fees.

Oct. 6

Henry Bently pleaded guilty to resisting, evading or obstructing an officer.

The state dismissed charges of tampering with evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

LaMay sentenced Bently to 28 days in jail, time served, 336 days supervised probation and \$573 in fines and fees.

Marguerite Elsbeth pleaded no contest to possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

LaMay sentenced Elsbeth to 15 days unsuper-

vised probation and \$148 in fines and fees.

Jose Flores pleaded not guilty to minor in possession of alcohol. LaMay found Flores guilty and sentenced him to 364 days supervised probation, 30 hours of community service and \$73 in fees.

Jeffrey Wayne Holman pleaded no contest to attempted selling or giving alcohol to a minor.

The state dismissed a felony charge of selling or giving alcohol to a minor.

LaMay sentenced Holman to 364 days of supervised probation and \$73 in fees.

Oct. 12

Loni George pleaded no contest to aggravated DWI (first offense).

The state dismissed charges of reckless driving and driving while license suspended.

LaMay sentenced George to two days in jail, 364 days supervised probation, DWI School, Ignition Interlock device installation, 24 hours of community service and \$441 in fines and fees.

Sonya Kelly-Annala-Mulligan admitted violating probation.

LaMay credited Mulligan with 71 days served in jail and continued probation with treatment at Canyon Light and zero tolerance.

Ricardo Martinez pleaded no contest to filing a false report.

The state dismissed a charge of being a party to a crime.

LaMay sentenced Martinez to 364 days supervised probation and \$373 in fines and fees.

Jose Onsurez pleaded not guilty to DWI (second offense). LaMay found him guilty and sentenced him to three years supervised probation, 48 hours of community service, installation of an Ignition Interlock device for two years and \$941 in fines and fees.

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Lost hikers find their way out

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Two lost hikers were fine after walking down to a trailhead in the White Mountain Wilderness after losing their way for much of Saturday afternoon.

Police were notified by cell phone that the pair had been lost for about six hours on Oct. 22 while in the Argentine and Bonito trails area.

At 6:30 p.m. a search and rescue mission was initiated.

The two walked out about 45 minutes after the search had begun, said New Mexico State Police Lt. Tim Johnson. Search coordinators had contact with the hikers through mobile phones.

The hikers' ages or hometowns was not available.

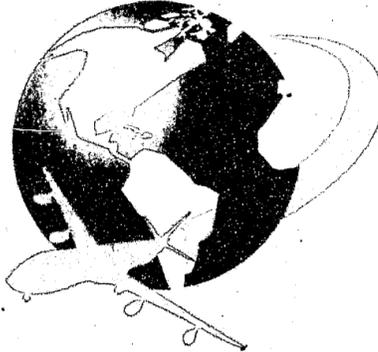
CRIME SCENE TRAINING



Las Cruces Police Detective Michael Garcia, left, and Ruidoso Police Detective Sgt. Wade Proctor examine a sample "blood" spot outside the Ruidoso Convention Center Tuesday during the week-long class on blood pattern interpretation being presented by Mobile Crime Scene Academy, LLC.

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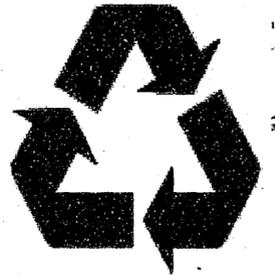
may become a lifelong problem, sometimes resulting in death.

Carol Keys' daughter, Annalise, developed anorexia in college. An athlete, Annalise was pressured by her tennis coach to lose weight. A decision to diet became an obsession. Watching her daughter starve herself, faced with conflicting medical opinions and feeling powerless to do anything about it, Carol began journaling. "Behind Her Smile: A Mother's Walk Through Her Daughter's Anorexia" began as a cathartic exercise, yet now serves as an important guide for any parent who suspects a daughter or son is being swept up into a preoccupation with his or her weight. It is also an important work in dispelling many of the myths of parents' culpability, causes and resources available.

Ms. Keys will be at ENMU - Ruidoso on Wednesday, November 9 at noon. For information on this free talk and book signing, please call 257-3012.

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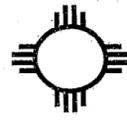
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COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

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

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Martha, 575-430-9808.
Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games. 116 S. Evergreen.

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

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

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

Help & Healing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COPE: Center of Protective Environment -1204 Mechem Drive, Suite 12. Ruidoso, NM. 575-258-4946. M-Thurs. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Political

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

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

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

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

Service Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelteropen 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 Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

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

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

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- ZK0321 2007 TOYOTA PRIUS HYBRID 1 OWNER, ALLOYS, BACKUP CAMERA, 48 MPG..... WAS \$16,975 NOW \$12,887
- 5691 2010 HYUNDAI ELANTRA GLS PKG., AUTO, FULL POWER, SAFETY CANOPY, CD, SATELLITE..... WAS \$17,289 NOW \$15,833
- 5688 2010 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5S PKG., STABILITY CONTROL, SELECT SHIFT AUTO, FULL POWER..... WAS \$19,985 NOW \$17,255
- 5689 2011 TOYOTA CAMRY LE PKG., SELECT SHIFT AUTO, STABILITY CONTROL, SAFETY CURTAIN..... WAS \$21,485 NOW \$18,855
- 5690 2011 HYUNDAI SONATA SELECT SHIFT AUTO, STABILITY CONTROL, FULL POWER..... WAS \$22,485 NOW \$19,988
- 5686 2010 NISSAN ROGUE AWD SP PKG., STABILITY CONTROL, TIRE PRESSURE MONITOR, FM TO DRIVE..... WAS \$22,985 NOW \$19,995
- 5673 2010 NISSAN MURANO AWD SL PKG., ALLOYS, TRACTION CONTROL, SPOILER, 6 CD..... WAS \$29,475 NOW \$26,555
- 5692 2009 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4X4 SE PKG., MOONROOF, 6 CD, ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, LOANER..... WAS \$27,895 NOW \$24,767

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- 5676 2010 DODGE RAM CREW CAB 4X4 SRT, ALLOYS, 6 AIRBAGS, SELECT SHIFT AUTO, FULL POWER..... WAS \$27,325 NOW \$24,377
- 8K0661 2007 FORD F-250 CREW CAB DIESEL 4X4 LARIAT, FX OFF ROAD, GRILL GUARD, HEATED LEATHER, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$34,295 NOW \$28,757
- 8K0711 2008 FORD F-350 CREW CAB DIESEL 4X4 KING RANCH, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, GRILL GUARD, TOW COMMAND..... WAS \$41,470 NOW \$36,747
- 5682 2008 FORD RANGER XL PKG., BEDLINER, ABS, AC TOW PKG., CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$14,745 NOW \$13,787
- 7K0931 2009 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB 4X4 SRT, CRUISE, TOW PKG., TIRE PRESSURE MONITOR, AC, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$23,970 NOW \$19,727
- 8K0752 2008 FORD F-250 SUPERCAB DIESEL XLT, RUNNING BOARDS, 5TH WHEEL HITCH, BEDLINER..... WAS \$27,400 NOW \$23,747

SUVS

- 5682 2010 FORD EXPLORER 4X4 EDGE BARRIER, 3RD ROW SEAT, DVD, HEATED LEATHER, LOANER, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$30,920 NOW \$27,855
- 5672 2008 LINCOLN MKX AWD HEATED SEATS, NAVIGATION, VISTA ROOF, MOONROOF, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$32,995 NOW \$29,767
- 9L0171 2008 FORD EDGE AWD LIMITED, NAVIGATION, VISTA ROOF, HEATED LEATHER, DVD, LOANER, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$26,450 NOW \$20,777
- 56701 2007 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4 PARTNER, AUTO, TILT, CRUISE, RUNNING BOARDS, ONLY 10K MILES..... WAS \$24,495 NOW \$22,747
- 5694 2010 FORD ESCAPE 4X4 XLT, ALLOYS, FULL POWER, GREAT ECONOMY..... WAS \$23,120 NOW \$20,688

CARS

- 5659 2010 FORD EDGE AWD SEL PKG., NAVIGATION, SAFETY CANOPY & AIRBAGS, DVD, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$28,545 NOW \$25,877
- 5685 2010 FORD EDGE AWD LIMITED, SYNC, LEATHER, LOANER..... WAS \$31,570 NOW \$29,549
- 5687 2009 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4 X PKG., SOUND BAR, AUTO, ALLOYS, TILT, CRUISE, AC..... WAS \$24,780 NOW \$21,848
- 8K1021 2008 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4 UNLIMITED 4DR, HARBOR, STABILITY CONTROL, GRILL GUARD, AUTO, ONLY 10K MILES..... WAS \$27,985 NOW \$24,727
- 5684 2011 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS LS, LEATHER, TRACTION CONTROL, LOANER, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$22,895 NOW \$20,555
- 5K4471 2011 FORD MUSTANG LEATHER, ALLOYS, CUSTOM EXHAUST, COLD INTAKE, LOANER, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$27,720 NOW \$24,747
- 5678 2011 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE LEATHER, SPOILER, SHAKER SOUND, ANGLE, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$29,820 NOW \$26,539
- 5L4071 2008 FORD MUSTANG SPOILER, ALLOYS, TINT, TRACTION CONTROL..... WAS \$17,985 NOW \$16,393
- 5695 2011 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS LS, LEATHER, CD, FULL POWER..... WAS \$22,795 NOW \$19,975
- 3L4131 2011 FORD TAURUS SEL, SINTER PAGES, SYNC, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, LOANER, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$28,170 NOW \$23,977
- 5677 2010 FORD FOCUS SE PKG., ALLOYS, SPOILER, SAFETY CANOPY, ECONOMIC, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$18,245 NOW \$16,949
- 5680 2010 FORD FOCUS SEL PKG., MOONROOF, LEATHER, LOANER, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$20,445 NOW \$18,953
- 5681 2010 FORD FOCUS SEL PKG., LEATHER, MOONROOF, SYNC, SAFETY CANOPY, MORE..... WAS \$18,600 NOW \$17,344
- 9K0673 2008 CHEVROLET IMPALA LS, TRACTION CONTROL, ABS, FULL POWER..... WAS \$14,295 NOW \$11,953
- 7K0935 2006 PONTIAC VIBE AWD MOONROOF, FULL POWER, LOW MILES, ECONOMIC 4X4..... WAS \$15,995 NOW \$12,855
- 56371 2004 LINCOLN TOWN CAR ULTIMATE, HEATED LEATHER, LOANER, LINCOLN LOANER..... WAS \$14,695 NOW \$11,787
- 5675 2010 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING PKG., LEATHER, ALLOYS, LOANER..... WAS \$22,995 NOW \$19,933
- 3K4581 2010 CHEVROLET IMPALA LTZ, MOONROOF, ONSTAR, HEATED LEATHER, LIKE NEW..... WAS \$24,295 NOW \$19,977
- 9L0021 2008 FORD FOCUS SPOILER, ALLOYS, FULL POWER, GREAT ECONOMY, CERTIFIED 1.9%..... WAS \$15,770 NOW \$13,955
- 6K0972 2006 CHRYSLER CROSSFIRE CONVERTIBLE LIMITED, HEATED LEATHER, NAVIGATION, LOANER, ONLY 20K MILES..... WAS \$20,250 NOW \$16,777

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