

RUIDOSO NEWS

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Area road crews weather the storm

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Road crews from the village of Ruidoso and Lincoln County didn't catch much sleep during a three-day stretch as they battled a major snowstorm that delivered 9 inches in the village from Thursday through Saturday and 24 inches at Ski Apache.

But relief is here. The

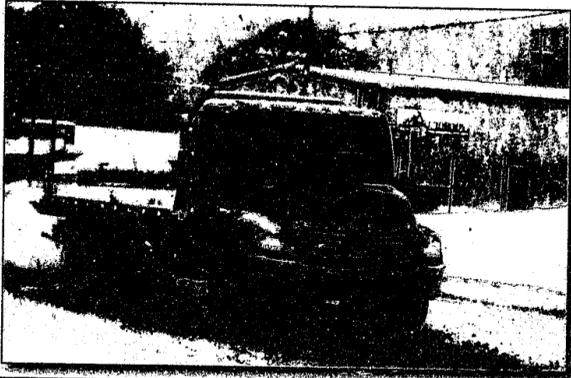
forecast from the Albuquerque office of the National Weather Service through Monday is for sunny skies and temperatures climbing from the mid-40s to mid-50 degrees with overnight lows hovering around or just below freezing.

Carl Palmer, who took over earlier this month as Lincoln County road superintendent, said Tuesday

while many of the major highways closed, the main routes in the county were kept open.

"Everything was taken care of with the exception of north of Capitan because the wind was blowing and we don't go out there until that stops or we get caught up with everything else," Palmer said. Thursday, his

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A Walker Towing flatbed wrecker drives on a snow-covered U.S. 70 just east of Downs Drive as snow continues to fall Saturday morning. Tow trucks, police officers and emergency medical personnel were busy from Thursday through Saturday as a winter weather system moved through New Mexico. HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

HOPE YOU'RE HUNGRY



Ben Prentice, 2, takes a big bite of snow as he plays in Schoolhouse Park Tuesday. The slowly melting snow from the weekend gave visitors and locals alike a winter playground. Ben is visiting Ruidoso from Albuquerque with his family.

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Lodgers tax funds to pay for travel brochure

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County lodgers tax money will cover \$10,000 of the cost for one of only two brochures distributed across the state that list all of Lincoln County's lodging accommodations.

County commissioners last week approved the allocation on a recommendation from members of its Lodgers Tax Committee. Commissioner Mark Doth recused himself because his wife heads Grindstone Graphics, the applicant for the money representing the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Inc.

"This is a reprint, not a new brochure?" Commissioner Kathryn Minter asked Doth. He confirmed it was a renewal of a brochure put out by the Byways group. Members wanted wider distribution. The Byways committee paid for the printing and the lodgers tax money is paying for the distribution, he said. The contract for the work was selected through a request for proposals process and Grindstone Graphics is not a sole source, he explained.

Minter said she would like to see historic-type restaurants such as the No Scum Allowed in White Oaks and Wortley Hotel in

the Lincoln Historical District listed in the next printing.

In other action, commissioners approved 57 of 61 claims under the county's Indigent Health Care Fund, which is fueled by a voter-approved gross receipts tax and reimburses non-hospital related health care providers for the medically indigent. The claims as approved by commissioners totaled \$12,177.

County Manager Nita Taylor told commissioners that the average IHCF monthly payments for the past two years were \$26,234 and \$36,466. But for the first six months of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, the average is \$20,091. Based on that figure, the total for the year is projected to be \$241,103, and \$416,027 was budgeted. The lower monthly average figure in part is a result of changes in eligibility income levels and lowered maximum caps for ambulance and out-of-county reimbursements approved last year by commissioners to be effective this fiscal year.

Taylor noted that the average approved amount for Sole Community Provider claims, which reimburse the county hospital for indigent care, is \$81,963, with \$491,780 approved to date.

Pearce pushes for federal courthouse to be named after Mechem

MILAN SIMONICH
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — The most famous case of Edwin L. Mechem's storied career was one in which he did not preside as the judge and that he did not solve.

Mechem was a first-time candidate for governor when he promised he would reopen the investigation into the murder of an 18-year-old waitress named Ovida "Cricket" Coogler of Las Cruces.

In June 1951, six months after

Mechem took office, state prosecutors tried Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerry Nuzum for Coogler's murder.

The government's case was so weak that District Judge Charles Fowler ordered a verdict of acquittal for Nuzum after four

days of testimony.

"Assuming that every bit of the evidence submitted by the state is true, there is nothing but conjecture, pure and simple, to connect the defendant with the death," Fowler said.

Nuzum, then 27, said he was

"the fall guy" because the state had to try to convict somebody in Coogler's death.

From the governor's office in Santa Fe, Mechem said: "The Coogler case isn't closed. We are

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RIFLE RAFFLE



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Joel Martin draws the winning tickets from the jar held by American Legion Post 79 Treasurer Gene Kurtz at the American Legion Post 79 Christmas Raffle at Firepower Gun and Pawn Friday. The first ticket drawn belonged to John Chen, who got his choice of a Weatherby 30-06 rifle Vanguard package or a 42-inch Vizio flat-screen television from Walmart. Martin drew the ticket belonging to Homer Renteria second. Renteria got the prize Chen didn't select. The American Legion Post conducts the raffle annually to provide funds for the veteran organization to operate. This was the first year with a prize other than a gun. Walmart contributed \$200 toward the purchase of the Vizio television. Firepower Gun and Pawn contributed to the purchase of the rifle.

FIRST-TIME NOVELIST



ERIK BEARER/RUIDOSO NEWS

First-time novelist, business development manager and race car instructor Robert Turner, center, was at Sacred Grounds along with his wife, Kim, left, on Friday to sign copies of his book, "The Driver," the first of six planned books of Marc Lange novels. Jennifer Hollis, right, was first in line to peruse Turner's book. The book will be available at Sacred Grounds to purchase, but Turner said the majority of his sales are online, selling print through Amazon.com and other retailers, as well as in digital format for Kindle, iBook, and Nook.

Alpine meeting

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 4 p.m., Jan. 2 in the District's building, at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail. This meeting will cover regular business for the district, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water sys-

tem. The agenda also may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment and revising the Bylaws and Regulations. All residents of the district are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours before the meeting time.

Dems meet

The January 2012 meeting of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will be on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 6 p.m. at K Bob's at 157 Highway 70 in Ruidoso. Those who wish to eat before the meeting can come between 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. and order from the menu.

The program will be a presentation and discussion of the Occupy Wall Street movement, its history, direction, and connection to other protest movements. All new or interested people are invited to come.

Prescribed burn

The Mescalero Division

of Resource Management and Protection is collaborating with Ruidoso's Forestry Department and Fire Department, along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Lincoln National Forest's Smokey Bear Ranger District, on a test burn of slash piles in the Flume Ridge Project today.

The activity is only a

test in advance of a planned larger series of pile burning to take place in January.

The Flume Ridge Project is located in the northwest corner of the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation.

It is about one-quarter of a mile south of the

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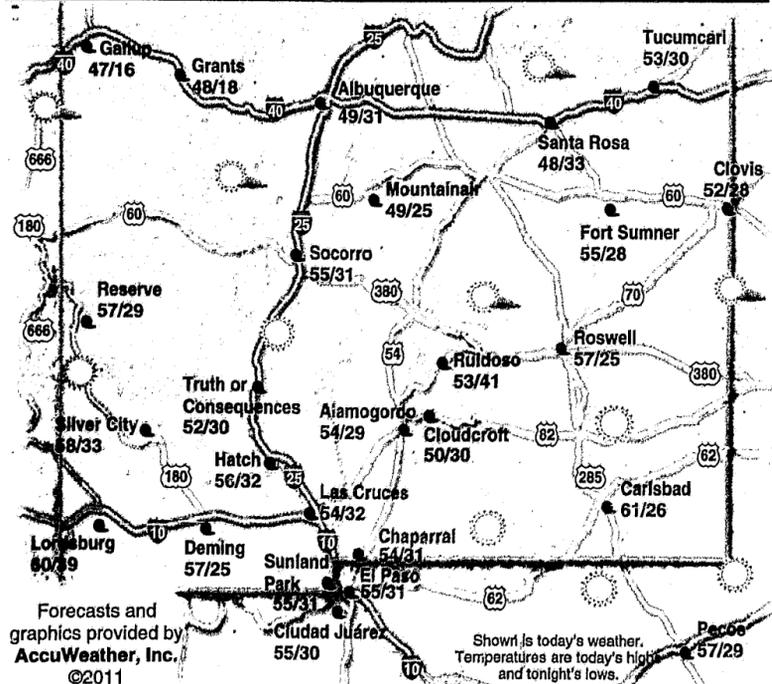
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Humidity 36%	Humidity 26%	Humidity 32%	Humidity 37%	Humidity 39%	Humidity 38%	Humidity 40%
53° 41°	60° 43°	61° 43°	62° 39°	53° 36°	54° 36°	57° 30°
Plenty of sun	Plenty of sun	Bright sunshine	Sunshine and breezy	Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	A full day of sunshine
Wind: NW 6-12 mph	Wind: WNW 8-16 mph	Wind: W 7-14 mph	Wind: NW 10-20 mph	Wind: SSE 6-12 mph	Wind: SSE 6-12 mph	Wind: WNW 6-12 mph

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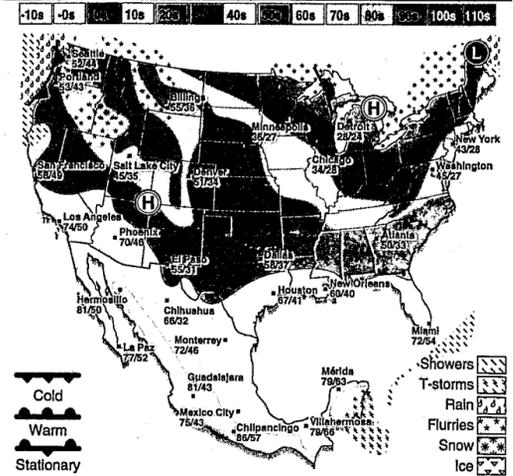
Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 39°/18°
Normal high 48°
Normal low 21°
Record high 69° (1980)
Record low -5° (1997)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 1.30"
Normal month to date 1.33"
Year to date 10.19"
Normal year to date 21.61"
Pollen:
Grass Absent
Trees Low
Weeds Absent
Mold Low
Predominant Ascospores
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic
Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 42°/22°
Normal high 55°
Normal low 21°
Record high 74° (1980)
Record low 6° (1987)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.78"
Normal month to date 0.78"
Year to date 5.78"
Normal year to date 10.65"
Weather Trivia:
Q: Colder air will produce more, or less, snow from the same amount of water?
A: MORE SNOW.

National Forecast for Dec. 28, 2011



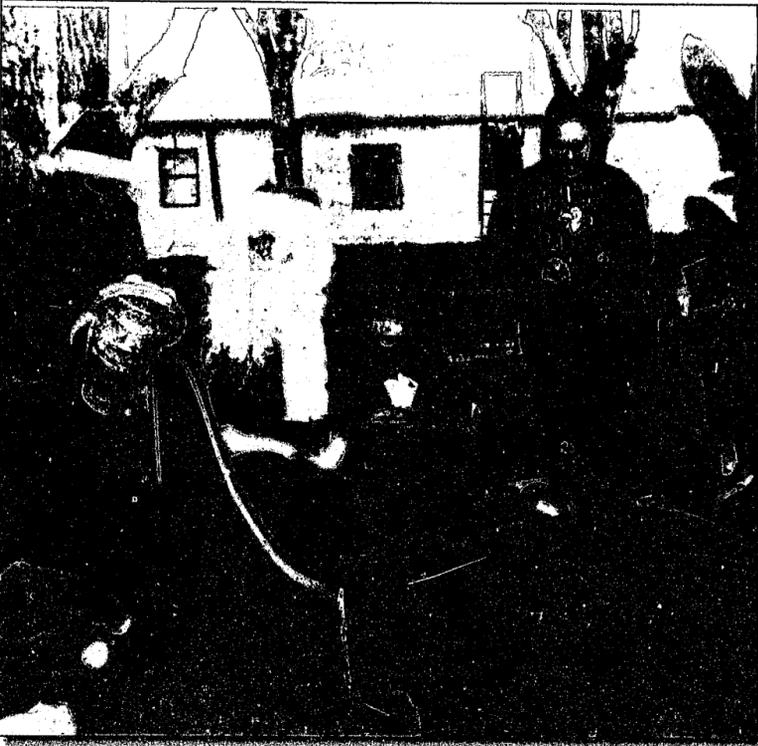
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.

National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today H/L	Thu. H/L	City	Today H/L	Thu. H/L
Abilene	52/30/s	62/37/s	Albuquerque	49/31/s	53/33/s
Anchorage	10/-2/c	7/-4/c	Artesia	60/32/s	70/33/s
Atlanta	50/33/pc	54/38/s	Chama	42/20/pc	46/10/s
Austin	62/32/s	66/38/s	Clayton	54/32/s	61/34/s
Baltimore	43/22/pc	44/30/pc	Cloudcroft	50/30/s	53/10/s
Boston	44/24/pc	36/32/pc	Farmington	45/20/pc	51/24/s
Chicago	34/28/c	39/27/c	Hobbs	59/30/s	66/35/s
Dallas	58/37/s	64/40/s	Los Alamos	47/28/pc	49/19/s
Denver	51/34/pc	62/35/pc	Portales	54/28/s	60/32/s
Des Moines	43/31/pc	46/29/pc	Raton	54/21/pc	61/22/s
Detroit	28/24/pc	38/31/sf	Red River	41/17/pc	44/10/s
El Paso	55/31/s	58/34/s	Ruidoso	53/41/s	60/43/s
Las Vegas	65/42/pc	67/42/s	Santa Fe	44/24/pc	49/28/s
Los Angeles	74/50/s	76/50/s	Silver City	58/33/s	57/34/s
Minneapolis	38/27/pc	38/21/sf	Taos	44/15/pc	48/13/s
New Orleans	80/40/s	66/51/s			
New York City	43/28/s	39/35/pc			
Philadelphia	45/26/s	40/33/pc			
Phoenix	70/48/s	70/48/s			
Reno	56/34/c	60/34/pc			
San Francisco	58/49/pc	60/49/pc			
San Diego	69/48/s	69/49/s			
Seattle	52/44/r	51/42/r			
Tucson	68/40/s	70/42/s			
Tulsa, OK	56/32/pc	59/35/s			
Wash., DC	45/27/pc	47/34/pc			
Wichita	50/27/pc	67/30/pc			
Yuma	72/46/s	72/46/s			

Mexican Cities		
City	Today H/L	Thu. H/L
Acapulco	88/73/s	90/72/s
Cancun	79/64/pc	81/66/c
Chihuahua	66/32/s	67/32/s
Ciudad Juarez	55/30/s	57/34/s
Leon	81/45/pc	81/45/pc
Mexico, DF	75/43/pc	73/43/pc
Monterrey	72/48/pc	73/52/s
Morelia	81/49/s	78/48/pc
Oaxaca	81/48/pc	84/48/pc
Pto. Penasco	72/48/s	72/48/s
Tijuana	75/45/s	75/48/s

Sun and Moon		Moon Phases	
Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:05 a.m./5:04 p.m.	Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 9:44 a.m./9:29 p.m.	First	Full
Extremes	Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 84° in Fort Myers, FL Low: -13° in Moriarty, NM	Last	New
	Monday's World High/Low: High: 116° in Nullagine, Australia Low: -64° in Summit Station, Greenland	Dec 31	Jan 9
		Jan 16	Jan 23

CARRIZOZO CHRISTMAS



ERIK BEARER/RUIDOSO NEWS

From left, Freddie Padilla hands Santa a gift for Julie Gonzales, who was very good this year, during Carrizozo's Christmas Eve celebration in McDonald Park.

Mescalero families receive Christmas help

STAFF REPORTS
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For the month of December, the Mescalero Apache Tribal Store, located in Mescalero, was accepting donations of gifts and food for needy families in the Mescalero area.

The Mescalero Santa Program was designed to help people who needed the most help and focused on their needs.

With nominations received from friends and family, the Mescalero Santa Program was able to identify four families who needed additional help this holiday season. The families who received help, ranged from single parent households to the unemployed to those battling cancer.

With the nominations in place, the Mescalero Santa Program identified everyone in the family with their correct clothing sizes, ages, likes and holiday wish lists. With that information, the Mescalero Santa Program

"We were OK with helping four families because that was our initial goal, however with generous donations from these people, we were able to help the other eight families."

Pascal Enjady
Mescalero Apache Tribal Store

was able to fill their gifts that they actually wanted and needed.

When the initial lists of four families was compiled, anonymous donors pitched in to help another eight families in need.

"We were OK with helping four families because that was our initial goal, however with generous donations from these people, we were able to help the other eight families," said Pascal Enjady, store general manager. "We are truly grateful and thankful for these individuals to reach us and follow through with

their pledges. We reached more families than expected and gave them this outpouring of support and love from the community," he said.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday 14 "team members" of the Mescalero Tribal Store delivered gifts and food to these families in need.

These gifts were all surprises to the families. They were met with happiness, gratitude and tears.

In addition to gifts and food, some families received additional help such as furniture, bill payments, propane and wood for their wood stoves, which were mostly donated.

"Being the only store in Mescalero, we try very hard to be community-oriented and give them a place that they can depend on during these difficult days. We, in turn, are grateful to the people that donated their time and energy in making the Mescalero Santa Program a success," said Pascal.

EVENTS

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Ruidoso Cabins Campground and about one-half a mile southwest of Ruidoso's Upper Canyon.

Public service announcements will be issued before each of the burns.

Postal recycling

The Ruidoso Post Offices — Main and Hollywood Station — have joined post offices in Capitan, Alto and Ruidoso Downs in providing recycling containers in lobby areas for use by local postal patrons in the U.S. Post Office "read, respond, and recycle" program.

The main Ruidoso Post Office, the largest of 14 current post offices in Lincoln County, is expected to see the largest volume participation the region of discarded junk mail, magazines, mail order catalogs, newspapers, and miscellaneous paper.

Photo contest

Ruidoso, a longtime vacation destination, has unveiled the Love Ruidoso Photo Contest, which is open to anyone who has captured memories of fun times in the mountain village.

The contest, which runs through Dec. 31, is being sponsored by the Ruidoso Tourism Department and is designed to capture the enduring beauty of Ruidoso and its surrounding areas.

Winning photos will be selected by a panel of judges, and the winners will receive \$100 for each photo that is selected.

The Tourism Department is looking for "lifestyle photos" that depict Ruidoso in all of its seasons, and anyone can submit up to six photos total into the following categories: outdoor recreation, dining/shopping, historical imagery, events, family fun, and relaxation.

A total of 50 photos will be selected and awarded the \$100 prize.

For a complete list of contest rules and details and to download entry forms, please visit RuidosoAttractions.com/photocontest.html. The deadline is Dec. 31.

Library programs

December in the Children's Library at the Ruidoso Public Library:

Preschool story time Wednesdays at 10:30 —

Today, Movie: Frosty the Snowman (popcorn and juice box served).

Weekends at fort

The Fort Stanton Museum will be open on weekends through March 2012.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. There is no fee to visit the museum but donations are appreciated.

The museum will not be open on Christmas Day. Since the museum opened in April 2010, more than 20,000 people have visited the Fort Stanton State Monument.

The museum features a

display about the history of the fort from its creation in 1855 as a military fortification to the present day.

Women's group

Women Helping Women is a support group for domestic violence victims and survivors. The group meets every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Sweet Charity, 26156 U.S. Highway 70.

The group offers support, resource referral and information about children's issues and problems.

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OUR OPINION

Pulling out Guard troops raises concerns

Ensuring security along the southern border is the job of the federal government.

So it's not clear how pulling 900 National Guard troops from their duties assisting Customs and Border Protection agents in patrolling the border helps in this security endeavor.

Federal officials said last week that the troops would be replaced by manned surveillance aircraft.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Deputy Commissioner David V. Aguilar said, "We are basically going from boots on the ground to boots in the air."

As clever as that response is, there's a question about the effectiveness and results of trading boots on the ground for "boots in the air."

What's more effective, a surveillance aircraft the might or might not be in position to see a border occurrence, or patrols on the ground that would be closer to an incidents and could respond rapidly?

Will there be enough aircraft to do the job? Will they be available when needed; will they be on call for immediate response?

And one big question: Is this move going to force local law-enforcement agencies, either soon or in the future, to allot more resources — and thus local taxpayers' money — to monitoring border security?

It's still open to question how many National Guard troops in New Mexico will be affected. Currently there are 82 Guard soldiers working along the border as a result of the troop increase that began in August of 2010.

But also, there are 50 Guard soldiers who've been working a counter-drug program along the border since the 1980s. It

appears that they would be unaffected, and we hope that is indeed the case. If anything, counter-drug programs need to be increased rather than decreased.

No matter the concerns, it appears that the troop reduction is a done deal.

So it will be interesting to see whether statistics bear out that aerial surveillance can be at least as effective as boots on the ground.

A Homeland Security Department spokesman said that since the 2010 deployment of Guard troops, they have assisted in 27,875 apprehensions and the seizure of 99,342 pounds of marijuana. Will the aerial effort match or surpass that?

It also will be interesting to see cost comparisons. While federal officials are looking for cost effectiveness in this move, will that really happen?

Compared to the use of National Guard personnel, will it prove cost-effective to use aircraft such as UH-72 and OH-58 helicopters and RC-26 fixed-wing planes, with their maintenance requirements, fuel usage and the personnel needed to fly and maintain them?

Again, the concern here is that the feds must put in place effective border security measures because the security of international borders is a federal responsibility. There's no doubt that high-tech electronic surveillance measures can be effective.

But will those measures be effective enough? That remains to be seen, and results of the aerial surveillance should be closely tracked and evaluated — in an unbiased manner.

But the bottom line here is that border security should not be sacrificed on the altar of cost-effectiveness.



Doug McLeod 2011
Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Bashing ENMU-Ruidoso uncalled for

To the editor:

It is **dismaying** when Eastern New Mexico Ruidoso Branch Community College President Clayton Alred's well-researched presentation Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011, to the Lincoln County Commission received negative and nonsensical comments from two commissioners. Commissioner Chair Eileen Sedillo cautioned one commissioner for a rude outburst.

The community college functions as a magnet for citizens in the region. Approximately eight percent of the population of Lincoln County is enrolled at ENMU-Ruidoso, providing an economic stimulus that is derived from an atmosphere in which educational programs flourish.

An even more significant contribution of the community college is its effect on the culture and character of the community. Educated citizens are essential if our communities are to realize their full potential. Government participation as well as private innovative leadership and vision are both necessary in solving the challenges of higher public education in Lincoln County.

Virginia Watson Jones
Capitan

Up With People in Ruidoso

To the editor:

In a recent edition of the Ruidoso News, Jim Kalvelage provided an article about the possibility of the "Up With People" (UWP) performance group coming to Ruidoso. Up With People not only puts on extremely professional performances, but also engages their 100 or more performers in community service and workshops in the locales where they perform. While Mr. Kalvelage provided an excellent description of the UWP organization, he did not include in his article the story behind UWP's initial interest in Ruidoso. There are two alumnae of Up With People currently living in Ruidoso. Susan Travis is a lifelong resident of Ruidoso and traveled

with Up With People for a year, touring the U.S. and Europe. Luke West, currently living in Ruidoso to help promote the Ruidoso-based anti-human trafficking organization, New Mexico Organized Against Trafficking Humans (NM-OATH) also toured with Up With People and worked for UWP in organization and promotion following his touring experience.

Chelsey Panchot, North American Tour manager for UWP and Tim Lane, director of the Up With People Camp, contacted Dr. Travis early in December, expressing interest in working specifically with NM-OATH and hoping to dedicate an UWP tour of Ruidoso to NM-OATH. UWP had identified Dr. Travis' current involvement in the educational and outreach efforts of NM-OATH and had hoped to provide additional financial support to NM OATH as well as help promote the mission of NM-OATH in Ruidoso and NM. Dr. Travis and Mr. West spent a considerable amount of time over two days showing Mr. Lane and Ms. Panchot the Ruidoso area and potential UWP venues. Unfortunately, UWP required a greater upfront financial commitment than NM-OATH was able to provide, hence Ms. Panchot and Mr. Lane pursued the option of requesting support from the village of Ruidoso. NM-OATH supports and encourages the village in their association with UWP. We hope to benefit directly from the UWP performances in Ruidoso.

NM-OATH is excited to have the performance and organizational skills of Mr. Luke West helping spread the word about human trafficking in New Mexico. Mr. West is an extraordinary singer-songwriter who is sharing his talents as a part of the NM-OATH team. He will be performing in venues around New Mexico, including Ruidoso, on behalf of NM-OATH. We strongly urge the public to catch one or more of his shows. He is a rare gem and we are extremely pleased by his support of this important organization.

Sincerely,
Janet Arrowsmith, M.D., F.A.C.P.
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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: Did Santa bring you everything you wanted this year?



Andrew Goff
Ruidoso
"Oh yeah, a couple of days off with my family made for the best present ever."



Isaac Aguilar
El Paso, Texas
"I got all the Madden and Fifa games I wanted for Christmas."



David Springfels
Ruidoso
"Yeah, it was a great Christmas, I loved all the snow we got this year."



Kathy Ortiz
Austin, Texas
"It was a very nice Christmas, I got a brand-new computer this year."



Megan Hardin
Belton, Texas
"It was awesome, I got a new iPhone, and I'm still working on that."

THEIR OPINION

State government escapes major disruption, revenues look better

By hook, crook, shifting from Peter to Paul, and hundreds of millions of federal stimulus dollars, state government survived, without major operational disruption, three years of less money coming into the general fund, the states principal pot of operating money. The period ended with the 2011 fiscal year (FY 11) that closed June 30 of this year.

Survival came through easing down spending 3 to 4 percent per year for four years, said David Abbey, Legislative Finance Committee director. Abbey spoke Dec. 15 at the annual legislative outlook conference of the New Mexico Tax Research Institute.

The overall spending cuts ended with FY 11. For the current year (FY 12, ending June 30, 2012), the



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state has gotten lucky. Abbey didn't cite luck, however. Just as one-time options ran out, revenue has increased, he said.

"The FY 13 revenue outlook suggests steady but moderate growth consistent with a slow economic recovery," Abbey said. That "moderate growth" projec-

tion is considered somewhat conservative. What may be the best news isn't a number but rather a trend, or perhaps the beginnings of what may become a trend. The revenue from broad-based taxes is growing a little. These taxes include gross receipts and income taxes. Taxable gross receipts have grown 12 percent in the past six months.

"New money" for FY 13 is estimated at \$250 million. That figure is FY 13 estimated revenue minus FY 12 spending.

"The challenge," Abbey said, "is not to go back to old spending practices but to invest in programs that will yield better results." That means serving the "most needy" or producing the best return on investment.

In job terms, the project-

ed growth averages 1.5 percent per year for the next five years. Such job growth, if it happens, will bring the state back to the pre-recession employment peak of just under 830,000.

Oil and gas revenue per unit of production is projected to be fairly steady the next few years with oil in the \$8-to-\$9 range per barrel and gas from \$4 to \$6 per thousand cubic feet. The amount of money to the state will be determined by the amount of production.

State pension funds remain a huge and pretty much unaddressed problem with respect to action, though all sorts of people are working on proposals. The pensions are outside the general fund.

"Our benefits are gener-

ous," Abbey said. The cost-of-living adjustment for the pensions of the main group of state retirees "is remarkably generous." Applying changes only to new state employees, a sometimes argued approach, will never get to a solution, namely solvent funds.

Conventional wisdom lurked in a few speakers. Richard Berry, Albuquerque mayor, pitched the fantasy of luring the headquarters of national corporations to locate in Albuquerque.

Terri Cole, long serving president and CEO of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce repeated an old and destructive complaint, that "we are a public sector economy." As is nearly always the case, Cole failed to exempt the national laboratories and

other public research institutions from the evils of "the public dollars."

Opportunity may lie with speaker after speaker discussing aspects of the absolute mess of the state tax system. We have narrowed the tax base and raised the rates, was the comment, repeated across philosophies. This can't continue, all said.

Keith Gardner, chief of staff for Gov. Susana Martinez, cited the administration's commitment to substantial first-term accomplishment. "We must change our way of doing business in New Mexico," Gardner said.

The statehood centennial will be 2012. What better time to take risk, to start over with action, not just talk.

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SNOW

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crew mainly answered calls from the Sheriff's Office and from the Alto area, he said. The blades, salt trucks and plows were out all day Friday and into the night, then again all day Saturday and into the night, he said. They took Christmas Day off, but were out again Monday, a scheduled holiday for county employees.

"We had a hard time plowing in Alto, mostly because the skiers were parking in the road. They weren't used to the weather," he said Tuesday. "We tried to get at least one lane going. We jumped on the main roads quickly and then went to the back roads. We're still getting a few calls."

The county has plenty of salt and plenty of equipment operators willing to work the long hours, he said.

"We had no problem other than

not getting everywhere at once," Palmer said.

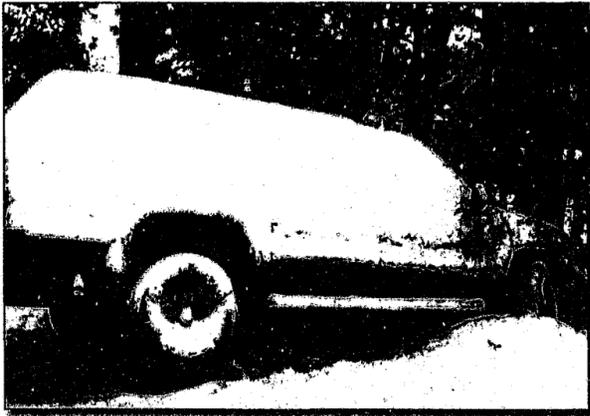
Deke La May, who was in charge of the Ruidoso Street Department in the absence of a vacationing director J. R. Baumann, said his crews worked steadily from Thursday afternoon to Christmas Eve. Despite a few equipment failures, they kept the major roads open and by Tuesday were completely caught up.

"We had a few calls this morning about icy spots," he said Tuesday. "We can't salt every street."

As for his 12 crew members, La May said, "We kept everybody here, because we don't have enough to split into two crews. They worked 14 hours to 16 hours a day, would go home at 9 p.m. and come back at 3 a.m. and continue."

He gave everyone the day off Monday.

La May ran into the same road blockage problems similar to Palmer's, with people, especially in



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This vehicle slid off the road at Hideaway and Ridge in Ruidoso and the driver just left it there Friday evening.

Ponderosa Heights and Upper Canyon, parking on the streets, leaving no clearance for the plow trucks to do their job.

"I went up Camelot twice," La May said of the notoriously steep road subdivision off U.S. 70. "The problem was it wouldn't quit snowing. We'd finish an area and two to

three hours later, it would be covered again."

Despite having to navigate slick steep roads, none of the village's equipment slid off or ended up in a ditch, he said. The big equipment concentrated on seven to eight routes and smaller plows picked up other areas.

"With J. R. on vacation, a lot of calls went to his cell phone and people were irate when they left messages and didn't get a call back, but those who also left messages at the shop, we checked constantly and got out there," he said.

Some of the main federal highway closures included U.S. 380 from Carrizozo to Socorro, U.S. 70 from Alamogordo to Las Cruces and U.S. 54 north to Vaughn from Carrizozo.

Meteorologist Amanda Martin with the Albuquerque office of the National Weather Service reported snowfall as 9 inches in Ruidoso, 7.3 inches in Picacho, 16 inches in Alto, 24 inches at Ski Apache Resort, and 10 inches each at Hondo and Arabela.

"The forecast for the rest of the week is for some pretty nice temperatures," she said Tuesday. "The highs will be in the mid to upper 40s through Wednesday, and then Thursday and the weekend will see it move into the mid 50s. It will stay sunny."

MECHEM

FROM PAGE 1A

going to keep working on it."

But the case receded from the headlines and from Mechem's list of priorities. Coogler's murder was never solved.

Mechem, himself dead for nine years, was back in the news last week.

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., introduced legislation to name the federal courthouse in Las Cruces in honor of Mechem.

"Edwin Mechem is an iconic and prolific leader whose legacy should live on in the state," Pearce said in a statement. "His service to our state as a United States senator, governor and federal judge deserves recognition."

Pearce said interest in naming the courthouse for Mechem actually began in 2002, after Mechem died at age 90. The state's U.S. district judges and federal appeals court judges sent a letter to the New Mexico congressional delegation seeking the recognition for Mechem. Now Pearce is reviving the effort.

A native of Alamogordo, Mechem attended what is now New Mexico State University and received a law degree from the University of Arkansas. He became an FBI agent dur-

ing World War II, then practiced law in Las Cruces.

People took notice when he ran as a Republican and won a seat in the state House of Representatives in 1946. The GOP was a decided underdog in New Mexico during that era.

His star rising, Mechem became the Republican candidate for governor in 1950.

He promised "a complete new investigation" into Coogler's beating death. Mechem also referred to her murder as "the Nuzum case."

Mechem was just 38 when he won the election in an upset, the first Republican in 20 years to become governor. As promised, he assigned state police officers to help re-investigate the Coogler case.

Jerry Apodaca, a future governor of New Mexico, was a teenager in Las Cruces when Coogler died and Nuzum was tried. Looking back, he said the case was ruined by a controversial sheriff, Happy Apodaca, who was no relation.

"It was unsolvable because of the way it was handled from the beginning," Jerry Apodaca said.

Happy Apodaca held Nuzum in jail for 12 days in the spring of 1949, accused him of Coogler's murder and sought a con-

fession.

But the district attorney of Dona Ana County soon after publicly cleared Nuzum, calling him blameless in Coogler's death.

Students at New Mexico A&M (now NMSU), where Nuzum had played college football, rallied around him. They petitioned for a grand jury investigation. The fallout reached into the ranks of law enforcement, including Happy Apodaca.

He and the former state police chief would spend about 11 months in prison because of their conduct during the initial investigation of Coogler's murder.

In a federal prosecution in 1950, they were convicted of civil rights violations in the torture of a black man. Jurors found that the officers had snapped a padlock on the man's testicles in hopes of getting him to

confess to Coogler's murder.

Nuzum, cleared once by the Dona Ana district attorney, nonetheless was formally charged in 1951, once Mechem was in the governor's office.

After Judge Fowler acquitted him, Nuzum left his native New Mexico to live out his life in suburban Pittsburgh.

Mechem's political career did not suffer because of Nuzum's exoneration.

He won re-election as governor in 1952. Barred from seeking a third consecutive term, he sat out two years, then won the governor's office again in 1956. Mechem lost in 1958 but was elected governor a fourth time in 1960.

Mechem quit in his final month so that his lieutenant governor could ascend, then appoint him

to the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by the death of Democrat Dennis Chavez.

Voters in 1964 swept out Mechem as a senator, electing Democrat Joseph Montoya.

Mechem went back to practicing law until President Nixon in 1970 appointed him a federal judge. Mechem served for more than 30 years, even working at home as a senior judge until his death.

As a politician, Mechem had been called Big Ed. He shed that nickname as a judge, in which ruled against institutions in numerous high-profile cases.

Mechem found that

there was sex discrimination in the Albuquerque Police Department and age discrimination at the predecessor to Sandia National Laboratories.

He ruled that state fish and game laws were invalid on Indian lands, and that American Indians had the exclusive right to sell wares at the portal of the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe.

In 2000, at age 88, Mechem ruled that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had failed to comply with environmental laws and the Endangered Species Act. He ordered the service to redo the habitat designated for the endangered silvery minnow.

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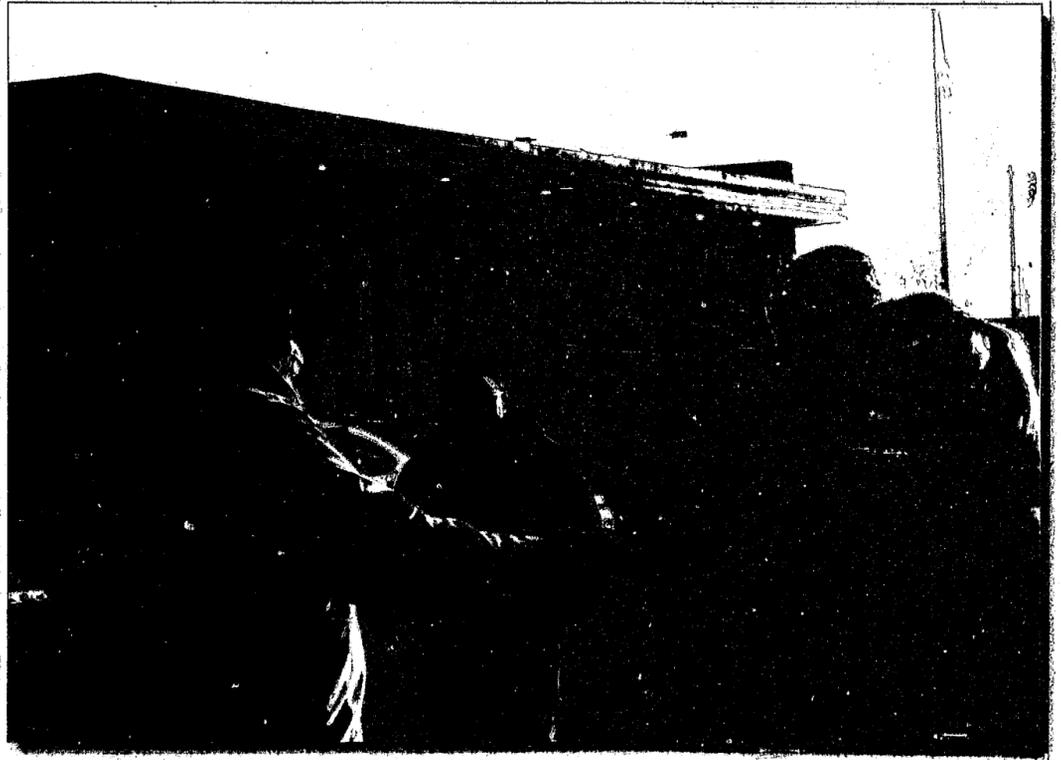
Left, it may not yap all night, but Joshua Hammond thinks the stuffed puppy Santa gave him will do all right. Below, Santa then made everything fair by giving Hunter Hammond a brand-new bear.



Tawni Duran volunteered her time on Christmas Eve, lighting luminarias in McDonald Park while Santa took down names for his naughty and nice list.



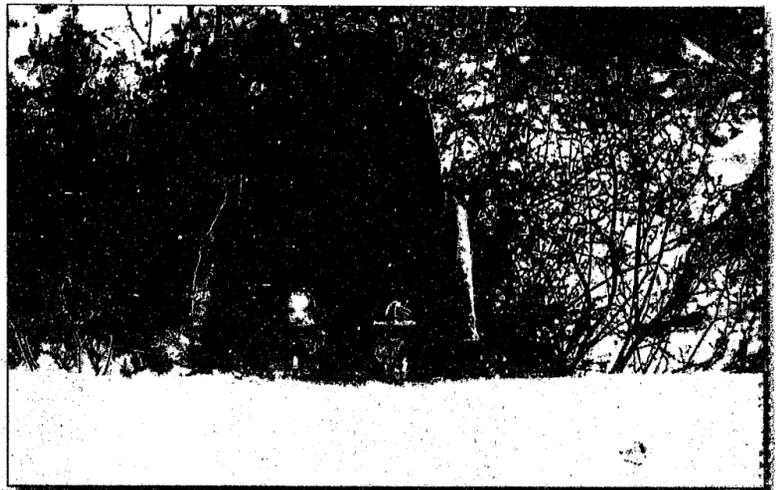
Bundled up against the wind, Peter Wolfe lit luminarias around Carrizozo.



Thanking them for coming out, Sam Duran, left, shakes hands with Megan, center, and Orinda Clawson.

A CALIFORNIA KID'S FIRST SNOW

RIDING GRANDPA'S SLED



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Four-year-old James Taylor experienced his first snow on a Christmas visit to Ruidoso from California. Grandpa, Jim Taylor, broke out the Flexible Flyer sled he got for Christmas when he was five or six and took son James and grandson James to Schoolhouse Park Tuesday for some old-fashioned sledding. Jim Taylor is a native of Ruidoso who now lives in Los Angeles and son and grandson live in San Francisco. "My son wanted to buy one of those disc sleds," Jim Taylor said. "I said no, this will work better." When asked what he thought of snow, four-year-old James Taylor gave a big smile, a jump and two thumbs up.



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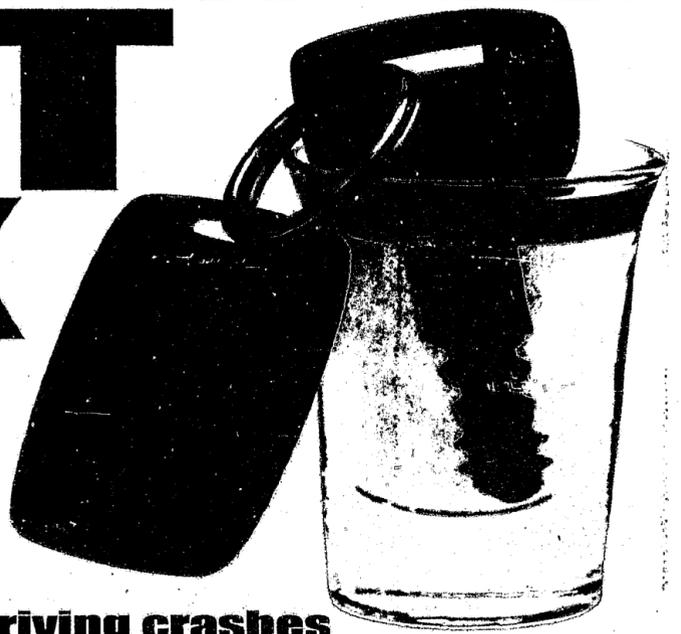
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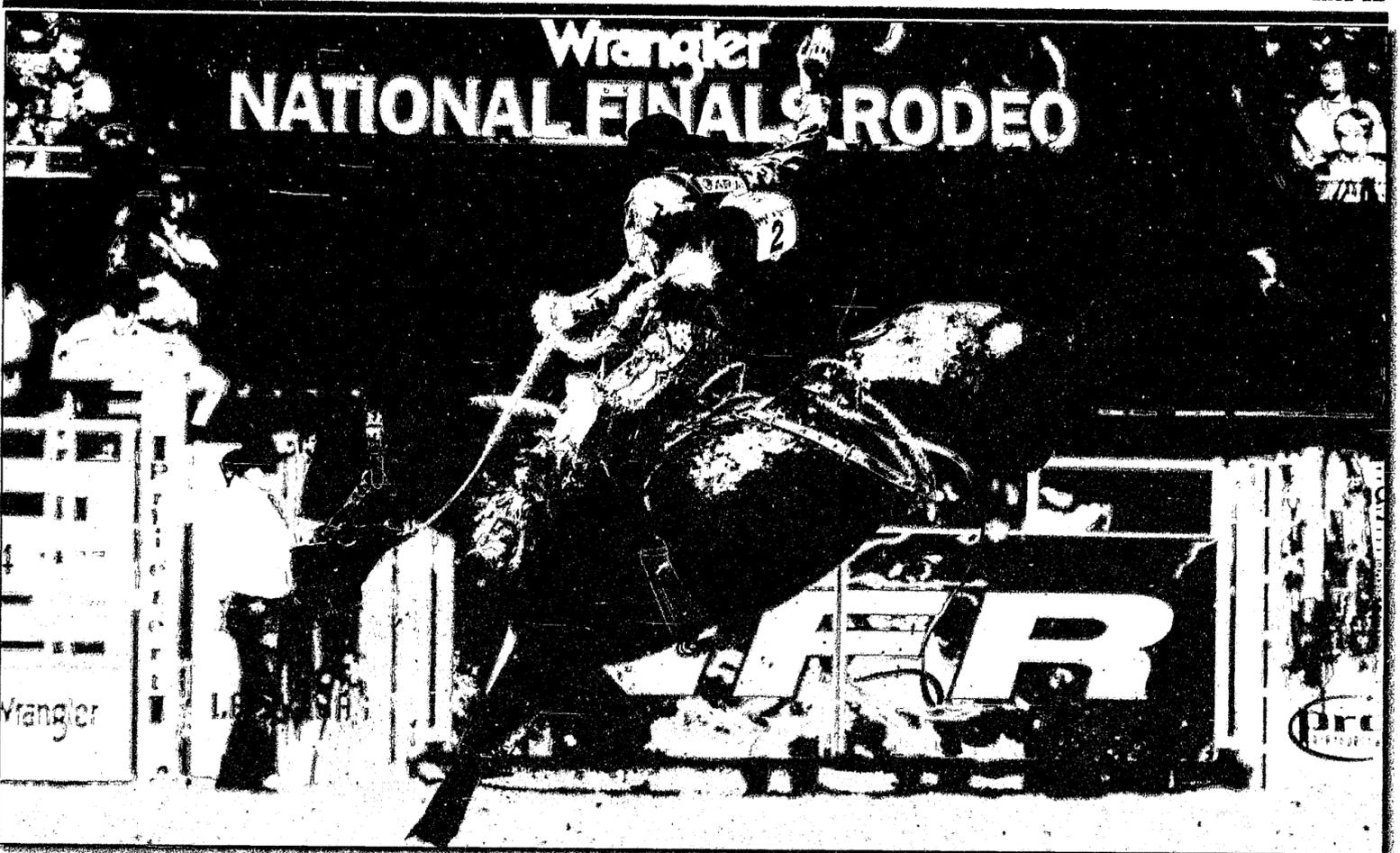
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COURTESY MIKE COPEMAN

Taos Muncy ends his 2011 regular rodeo season leading the professional rodeo saddle bronc standings on both sides of the U.S./Canadian border.

Muncy wins World Championship

Corona cowboy wins 2011 professional title in saddle bronc riding for second time

JULIE CARTER
For the Ruidoso News

Two days after he rode his last horse at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada, the newly crowned 2011 World Champion Saddle Bronc rider dropped off the grid into an obscurity called "hunting camp."

Mothered up to a bedpost in a cabin, the only spot where he could get service on his cell phone, Taos

Muncy responded to yet another media interview about winning his second world title.

But this time, there were no cameras, no spotlights, no microphones, — because this cowboy had put the bright lights in his rear view mirror and gone home to the ranch.

He's always polite, perpetually humble — with perfect manners and a country-boy look that tends to contradict the inevitable

explosion of athletic skill that detonates at the crack of a bucking chute gate.

The Corona cowboy ended his 2011 regular rodeo season leading the professional rodeo saddle bronc standings on both sides of the U.S./Canadian border — for the PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) and CPRA (Canadian Professional Rodeo Association).

In November, he, along with wife Marissa and baby daughter Marley, made the drive to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada where he competed in and won the Canadian National Finals in the saddle bronc riding.

Except for his trips to

the Calgary Stampede, Taos had never rodeoed in Canada. However, he picked up \$16,000 over the 4th of July in Canada and decided to make a run at the finals. When he qualified, he was sitting in first place with only a \$4,600 dollar lead.

The championship title came down to the wire, which is Taos's style. He won the Canadian title on the last horse on the last day, this time putting his home town on the map in a foreign country.

Meanwhile back in the good ole USA, Taos, 24, was well on his way to yet another world title, his second on this side of the bor-

der, at the 2011 Wrangler National Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada.

He started the WNFR in first place in the standings with a narrow margin of \$7,500 over second place. All that stood between him and the title was ten of the toughest broncs that pro rodeo has to offer.

Keeping his family and fans, including the 200 people in Corona, on the edge of their sofas, he worked his way to the 2011 title in typical Taos style—down to the last horse in the 10th round.

"After you have gotten on a hundred head of horses all year working toward that title, you realize that

on that tenth day you are one horse away from your dream," Taos said. "It can make you get pretty nervous."

On December 10th, he became the fifth cowboy ever to win the Canadian and PRCA world championships in the same year, joining fellow bronc rider Mel Hyland (1972) and steer wrestlers Mark Roy (1992), Blaine Pederson (1994) and Lee Graves (2005).

Taos placed sixth in the final round with an 81.5-point ride aboard Spring Planting, the 2009 PRCA Saddle Bronc Horse of the

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Aggies could use statement win in Wednesday's game

TEDDY FEINBERG
Las Cruces Sun-News

Wednesday night's game will be an important one for the New Mexico State Aggie men's basketball team.

Win or lose against the New Mexico Lobos, can NMSU still win the Western Athletic Conference?

Well, yeah, they can.

But is a win over UNM big for other reasons besides WAC play in January and February?

Of course it is.

Lets rewind to the beginning of this season.

It was on Nov. 16 when the Aggies beat the Lobos 62-53 at the Pit in Albuquerque. NMSU simply outplayed a UNM team that, despite being pegged as favorites in the Mountain West Conference, were unimpressive that evening.

Just days following the victory over the Lobos, NMSU would come home and blow out UTEP at the Pan American Center.

Optimism was high, a sweep of their regional rivals seemed possible and, at the least, taking three of four against those respective

teams during the season series looked like a sure-fire bet.

Heck, even head coach Marvin Menzies was talking about a special season in the works, and the Aggies received a vote in the Top 25 poll.

Ever since then, NMSU has gone 5-4 — they didn't have a standout month of December — and have seemed to level off.

The team would slip up at the Don Haskins Center, losing to an improved UTEP team and, now — if they fall to UNM on Wednesday —

face the possibility of going 2-2 against their rivals this year.

With all that's transpired, it would be considered a letdown.

On the flip side of the coin, the Lobos took that early-season loss to NMSU and rattled off nine wins in 10 games, and currently stand at 10-2 on the season.

They have gotten better, and it will be interesting to see how the Lobos prepare this time around for an Aggie team that's pretty well defined.

NMSU has size and ath-

leticism, along with erratic 3-point shooting and ball handling.

They have correctable flaws that persist — free throw shooting and turnovers to name a few.

They play hard defensively and in rebounding, although can lack focus — and perhaps execution — when doing both.

The Aggies are well-rested, relatively healthy and are at home against a good team.

Again, at the beginning of the year, the program was talking about 2011-12 being

a special year. Where do they stand now?

Wednesday's game against UNM should let us know.

Is it for a WAC title? No.

That doesn't mean it isn't a very important game on the schedule. December contests against their rivals matter in Aggie land — in the minds of many they count more than a mid-February game against Idaho.

It would be nice for the Aggies to make a statement.

A Wednesday night win would suffice in doing so.

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Year, to hold onto second place in the average race and fend off Jesse Wright for his second world championship.

He earned \$94,471 during his 10 days in Las Vegas making his year-end earnings \$249,914.19.

His game plan? "I like to keep it as simple as possible. I just stick to the basics, one horse at a time."

Taos Titles

Taos cut his teeth on rodeo pressure. He won his way through junior and high school rodeos working roping and rough stock events.

Honing his mental toughness at a young age, he repeatedly proved his ability to handle pressure. His senior year in high school rodeo, he won 14 all-around titles.

In 2007, his second year on the pro circuit, Taos became the third competitor ever to win the College National Finals rodeo and a PRCA World Championship (the youngest to ever claim that title in the saddle bronc riding) in the same year.

That historical accom-

plishment was embellished with winning Cheyenne Frontier Days the same year.

He missed qualifying for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in 2008 due to a broken leg and in spite of another leg break early in 2009, he qualified and did so again in 2010.

Canada has been good to Taos. On July 12, 2009, Taos cinched the semi-finals at the Calgary Stampede with an 87.5-point ride aboard Kesler Rodeo's bay stallion Country Cat.

That put him in the four-man showdown where he drew a powerful world champion bronc, Kessler's Cool Alley.

The last of the four saddle bronc riders to ride in the final round, Taos did what he does best. He let his talent do his talking and claimed the \$100,000 prize.

Prior to making his name at the Canadian Finals this fall, Taos picked up another title closer to home by winning the Turquoise Circuit Saddle Bronc Champion title for the year.

Back at the ranch

While most of Taos' titles involve broncs and buckles, he wears a few

others that round out the package of who Taos Muncy is.

When he comes off the rodeo road, he easily slides back into the duties of a ranch cowboy — checking waters, breaking ice, branding cattle, feeding, fixing fence and the endless list of other regular ranch duties.

"I'm just a regular guy," he said. "This is where I grew up, it's who I am."

He is first a son and brother in a close knit rodeo and ranching family that are as grassroots and down to earth as you will ever find.

His parents, Johnnie and Blaine Muncy, have a ranch not far from where Taos and his family live. His sister Jordan and her husband Cody Taton also live nearby.

"We are a close family and we do everything together as a family. We ride some colts, rope a little, take care of the cattle," he said. "There is no place in the world I'd rather be."

He now answers to two new titles he earned this year that give depth and completeness to his very normal life at the ranch — husband and daddy.

Marissa and new baby girl Marley Jo have put a bright spot in Taos' life. "It

sure makes it harder to leave to get on the road," he said. "That little girl means more to me than all the titles, buckles and saddles I've ever won. She is a lot of fun and I love just sitting and playing and laughing with her."

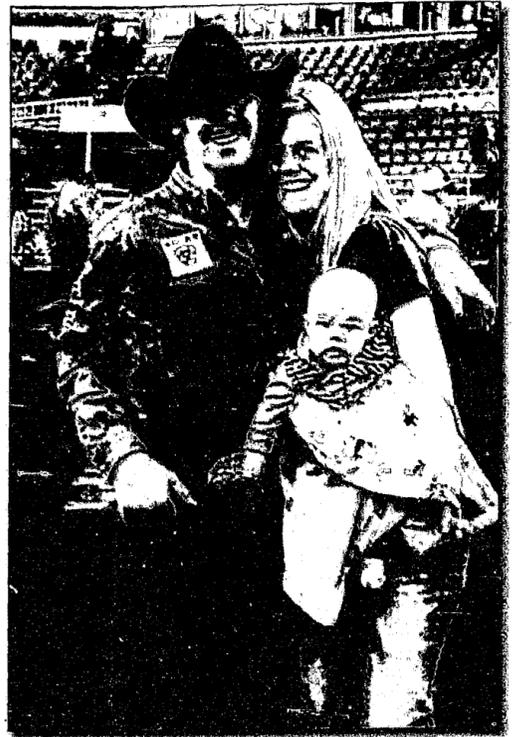
"Marley is only four months old and she's already been to 13 states and Canada," Taos said.

Besides running his cattle on the ranch, Taos has a little side business he started back in high school — raising bucking bulls.

"Just a few for fun," he said. "I just like seeing things buck. And now that my sister (Jordan Muncy Taton) is the rodeo coach at the college in Las Vegas (New Mexico), I take them up there for them to use for practice."

The Cash Machine (the name given to a "creepy green" 1993 Chevy van he bought for \$2,500 a year ago) is about ready to roll again.

Taos, brother-in-law Cody Taton, and traveling buddy Casey Sisk (also from Corona) will soon be heading to Denver to start off their 2012 rodeo season. "We had to put a new transmission in the van but the guy says it's good for another 100,000 miles," Taos said, indicating they'd



COURTESY

Taos Muncy celebrates with his wife, Marissa, and their four-month-old daughter, Marley.

already rolled that many miles in it this past year.

The goal for 2012. The "Corona Cartel" (Muncy, Taton and Sisk) plan to ALL qualify for the Wrangler National Finals. "That would just be the coolest," Muncy said.

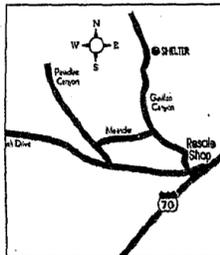
It's a new year. Taos Muncy is now last year's champion, a title he'll have to work to defend, one rodeo at a time.

He knows how to get there, but more importantly, he knows how to get home — back to the ranch.

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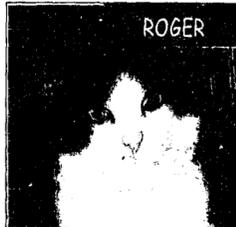
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Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

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

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

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 29ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

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

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

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

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

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

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the workshop of Steve and Madeleine Wood. 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 Martina, 575-430-9808.

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

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

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

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

Education

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

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

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

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

Help & Healing

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

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

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-Thur. 8:00-5:00, Fri. 8-12n.

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

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

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

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

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tues.-days, 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.

The Lincoln County Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from noon-1p.m. in the Parlor at First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso. For information, contact Mary Barnett at 257-9810.

Women Helping Women is a support group for domestic violence victims and survivors. The group meets every Wednesday from 2-3 PM at Sweet Charity 26156 US Highway 70. There is no cost and bilingual services are available.

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 Thurs.-day of each month at K-BOB's. Info: Dick Mastin 336-2170.

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

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

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

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5 p.m. every third

Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altrusaruidoso.com.

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

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

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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.fbcuidoso.com.

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

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

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

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of service dogs seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling, socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising, kennel upkeep. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lakennels.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thurs.-day 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.nmsaric.org for NM search and rescue activities.

Veterans

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

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

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

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

Otero County

Clubs/Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosler, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barbershop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th & Washington; every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Holloman AFB Comm.Ctr. Guests welcome. Www.desertbasin.free-toasthost.com or call 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue. of each month at Golden Corral. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7 - 9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5664 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Solar Energy Association: Meets 6 p.m. every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Deillah at 442-8750.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Marina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial City Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 1212 E. 9th St., Ste. E; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. Free services. 575-437-6176, 430-1530, 437-0690.

Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

Celliac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093

COPE: Center of Protective Environment - 909 S. Florida Alamogordo, NM 88310

COPE: Is a non profit organization founded in 1980 to address the problems of family and relationship violence by offering a range of services including: Crisis intervention, Shelter, Advocacy, Support, Outreach, Edu-cation, Counseling, 24 Hour Crisis Line - 575-437-2673 Toll Free 1-866-350-COPE 2673.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamogosa, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971.

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

Zia Transportation Services: For work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

Ongoing Activities

LINCOLN COUNTY

Carrizozo lights annual Christmas candles

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Travelers heading through Carrizozo during Christmas Eve slowed down and turned off their lights, following roads illuminated by candlelight as the town continued its annual tradition of placing luminarias along the roads.

Lights lined the bridge and curbs of highways 48 and 380, curved a flickering path through boulevards, and lit up McDonald Park, covering the monument and illuminating the walkways as Santa took last-minute gift requests from children large and small as he sat in his sleigh.

Santa also was handing out stockings stuffed with snacks to visitors, provided by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department, containing an assortment of fruits and candies.

And while all 460 stockings stuffed with sweets might not have been handed out in the park, the remaining gift bags were slated for later delivery to the Lincoln County Detention Center as gifts for inmates who were incarcerated during the holidays, said Fire Chief Walter Hill.

Warden Arthur Anderson of Emerald Correctional Management said on Tuesday that the stockings had not yet arrived, but they were expected.

Additionally, Santa was making home deliveries to 58 homebound seniors earlier in the day, beginning at 12:30 p.m., conveyed by a team of local firefighters with bags of gifts, Hill said.

"We appreciate all the donations and gifts supporting the Fire Department, we really couldn't do this without them," Hill said. "A lot of people in town donate stuff."

The 2,000 luminarias placed throughout the town were assembled on Dec. 16 by town volunteers, and were placed early on Christmas Eve, Hill said.

Funds for the event came from donations and fundraisers that were held throughout the year, including the Fourth of July festivities and barbecue put on by the 24 members of Carrizozo's all-volunteer fire department.

Previously, the town has seen up to 6,000 luminarias placed around Carrizozo.

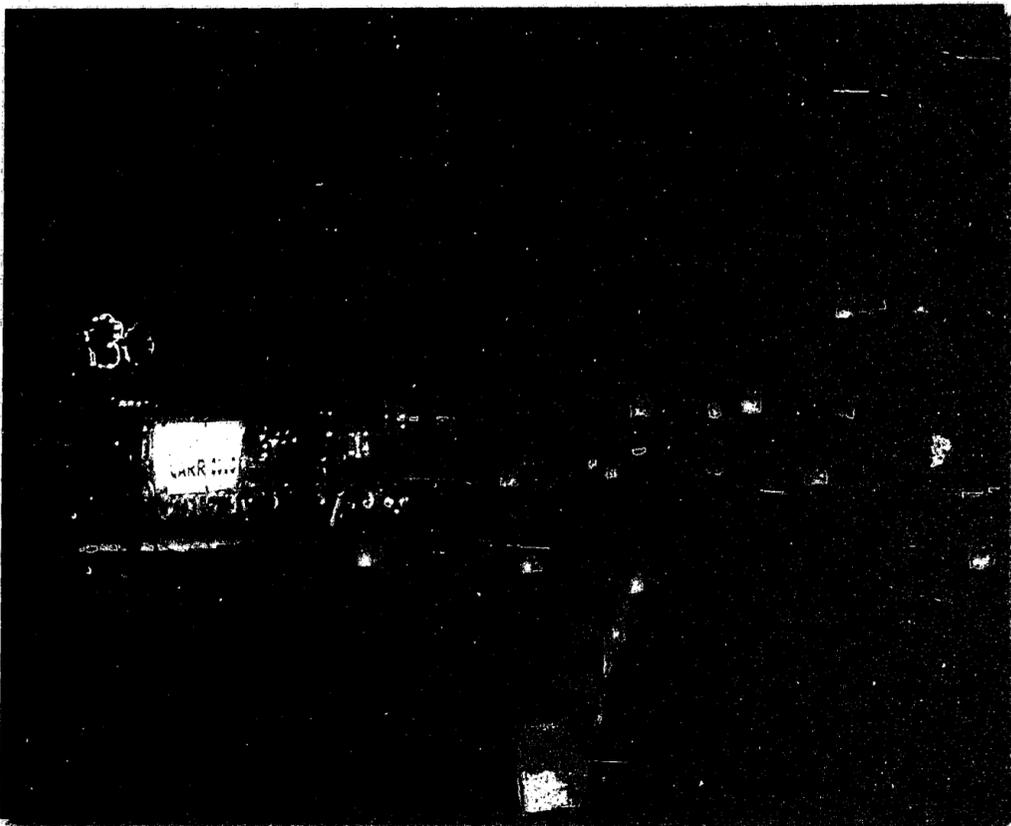
"We serve a lot of enchiladas and brisket dinners, and there are also donations from businesses," Hill said, adding that he wasn't sure when the department's next fundraiser would be held, but he wasn't planning on anything soon.

"We need a break after this, we've worn these guys out," Hill said.

Luminarias are a Carrizozo, along with Lincoln and Tularosa, tradition established well before his childhood, Hill said, recalling the streets lit by candles as far back as he could remember.

The history of luminarias, according to a Dec. 14 column by Polly E. Chavez, dates back to pre-colonial times, when Spanish settlers would light bonfires along religious processions to guide worshippers.

Opting for less of a fire hazard, locals now place candles in paper sacks weighted down with sand, adopting some ideas from Chinese lanterns, though they still serve their purpose of lighting the way for Christmas.



Above, luminarias light up McDonald Park Christmas Eve. Below, from left, Michael Monreal, Leeroy Zamora Jr., Walter Hill, Rodney Zamora, Santa, Freddie Padilla, Dave Zamora, David Lafave, Paul Baca, Chris Barela and Raymond Najjar ring in Christmas after a long day of volunteer work.



The Great Seal of New Mexico

"This is the State Capitol Building where the governor has her office and the legislators meet to do their work," the tour guide said to the group of Carrizozo students, teachers and myself.

The New Mexico Capitol, a.k.a. "the Roundhouse," has played a role in several books, including "Serpent Gate" (1998), the third novel by mystery writer and former Santa Fe Sheriff's Deputy Michael McGarrity, in which a valuable piece of art is stolen the governor's office.

The State Capitol was dedicated in December, 1966, and underwent extensive remodeling in 1991.

Built in the traditional territorial style and modi-

fied to form the Indian Sun Symbol, known as the Zia symbol, which appears on the state flag, the building consists of four levels, three of which are above ground.

The first level contains the House and Senate chambers, legislative offices, mail and bill room, lounges and underground parking.

The second level is the area visitors see when they enter the building. The great

Rotunda soars to the glass-enclosed dome above. On the floor is inlaid the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico. Visitors may watch the Legislature at work from the Senate or House Gallery.

The third level houses Senate and House committee rooms, legislative office space and the staff offices of the Legislative Council Services. From this level visitors can see the pillars and walls of brown New Mexico marble quarried at the Laguna Indian Pueblo west of Albuquerque.

The fourth level includes the Governor's suite, Lieutenant Governor's offices, the offices of the Secretary of State, the staff offices of the Legislative Education

Study Committee and the Legislative Finance and other legislative office space.

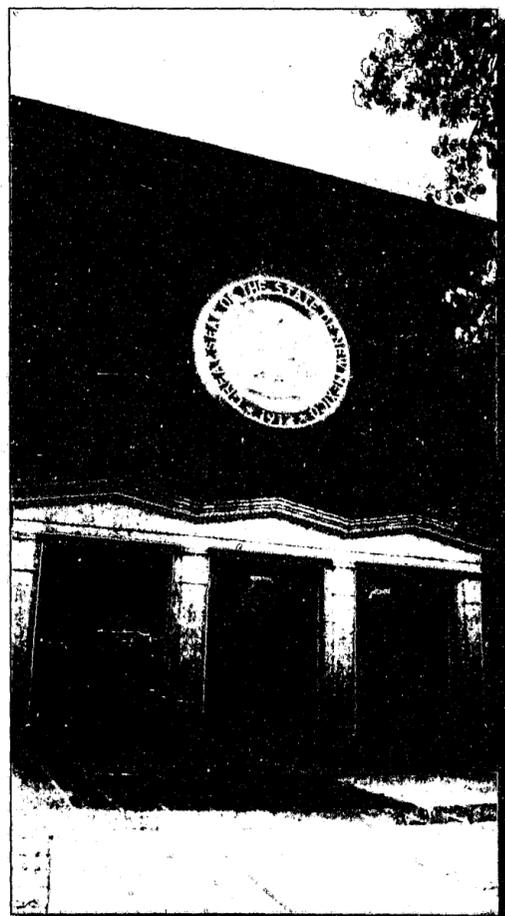
The Palace of the Governors (by the Plaza), is now a historical museum. This building has seen Spanish soldiers, Pueblo peoples, Mexican governors, U.S. military personnel, territorial governors, merchants, fur trappers and traders of the Santa Fe Trail. Lew Wallace was the governor when he wrote Ben Hur: a Tale of the Christ (1880). Displays include early contact between Native peoples and Europeans; a gallery of Spanish colonial art, and a capilla (chapel) hosting examples of the traditions of New Mexican devotional art.

New Mexico claims the distinction of having the oldest as well as one the newest state capitols in the United States. The Palace of the Governors, built by Spaniards in 1610 (ten years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock) was the seat of centuries of government - Spanish, Mexican and American.



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POLICE BRIEFS

Dec. 20

9:50 p.m. — Officer Matt Christian responded to the 100 block of Saint Vitus for a report of burglary.

The victim reported someone had taken a camera bag, zoom lens and speaker from their cabin while they were out.

Christian reported finding no sign of forced entry.

Dec. 21

9:19 a.m. — Officer Jon Lund responded to the 100 block of Saint Vitus for a breaking and entering and larceny report.

The victim reported someone had broken into their rental cabin the previous evening and stolen a laptop computer and two DVDs. They later reported there also was an iPod taken.

Lund reported there were pry marks on the door.

9:27 a.m. — Officer Sal Beltran responded to the 100 block of Spruce for a report of stolen rims and tires.

A neighbor reported someone had removed all four wheels from the Suburban next door. The tires were described as being pretty well worn-out mud and snow tires.

Another neighbor reported seeing a man and woman running down the street two nights earlier and said she believed they were involved in the larceny.

12:50 p.m. — Officer Sal Beltran responded to First Savings Bank for a report of a counterfeit money order.

A teller reported being told to be on the lookout for counterfeit money orders. She recognized this one as counterfeit and refused to cash it.

Beltran contacted the customer and reported she had received the \$850 counterfeit money order in a plain white envelope with no return address and had received instructions from "Mystery Shoppers" in various e-mails. She was to cash the money order and send \$200 to an address provided in an email.

Dec. 25

10:28 a.m. — Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to a restaurant in the 300 block of Sudderth Drive for a possible domestic.

Snodgrass reported a father and daughter were arguing.

The father reportedly said his daughter was being rude and disrespectful and had slapped him in the face.

The daughter reportedly said her dad pulled her from their truck by the hair and slapped her.

Snodgrass reported that interviews with witnesses at the scene showed that neither story was entirely true, so he ordered them to separate for 24 hours.

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Neighbor spots fire early, home saved

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A neighbor spotted smoke coming from around the chimney of a home on La Cañada in Ruidoso Downs early Saturday morning and alerted firefighters.

"Damage was minimal," firefighter Kenny Ellard said. "A decorative fixture around the top of the chimney had gotten hot and fallen down behind the chimney causing the fire."

Ellard said a neighbor had spotted the smoke coming from the roof of the home and called 911.

The home was evacuated of a woman and two dogs.

Firefighters had trouble reaching the roof of the house, which Ellard estimated to be about 60 feet from the ground.

"We were able to go in behind the chimney and access the roof that way," he said. "I did not want to risk a firefighter getting hurt getting up there."

Ellard said Ruidoso Downs Street Department workers rushed to clear streets in the neighborhood so the fire trucks could get to the home.

"They got a path cleared before the engine got there," Ellard said.

Ellard said he was worried the Christmas weekend would be busy because this was their second fire.

"A homeless man was asleep in his car with the car running at Denny's at 3 a.m. Thursday morning and it caught on fire,"



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Volunteer Firefighter Heath Keck pours water down behind the chimney on a house on La Cañada in Ruidoso Downs as snow continues to fall. City workers hurriedly cleared the streets to the home to allow fire trucks to get to the fire. There were no injuries reported and damage to the home was reported to be minimal.

Ellard said. "A waitress at Denny's saw the fire and woke the man and got him out of the car."

Ellard said they arranged for the man to spend the night at Super 8 Motel.



Anne Cooper
1935-2011

Annie Cooper, 76, of San Marcos, Texas passed away suddenly Friday, December 16, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Bob Cooper; her daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Roland Sauermann, Robin and Clay Wilson, Holly and Scott Burner, and Darnie Cooper and Dennis Bell; and grandchildren Robert Sauermann, Cooper, Georgia and Aden Burner, and Laura and Kimberly Wilson. Anne was born to Chris and Esther Becker on February 28, 1935 in Marshalltown, Iowa. In the 1940s, the Becker family moved to Des Moines, Iowa where Anne graduated from Roosevelt High School. In 1957, she graduated from Iowa State University, where she was active in Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. The friendships of her youth remained strong throughout her life. At Iowa State, Anne met the love of her life, Bob Cooper, and the two were married December 14, 1957 in Marshalltown, Iowa. The newlyweds spent their first married years in California where Bob was stationed in the Navy. The young couple moved to Marshalltown in 1959, where their eldest daughter was born in 1960. When an opportunity arose to buy a feedlot in Texas, the young family seized the moment and moved to San Marcos, Texas. There they raised a family and built a life together. Anne devoted her life to the care and energetic support of her family and community. She helped her four girls grow to become strong and principled women. She reached beyond family to enrich the lives of others in the spirit of public service. She was a PTA leader at James Bowie Elementary, where she helped organize the annual Halloween carnival and led Brownie and Girl Scout troops. She helped to found the Southside Community Center and to bring Head Start to San Marcos. She was active in the First Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school and served for many years as an Elder. Her patriotism found expression in a drive to start San Marcos's annual 4th of July celebration and fireworks display. Her passion for public service led from active involvement in Hays County's Republican Party to elected office as District 47's State Representative to the Texas Legislature in 1985-89. She believed that a child's knowledge of geography broadened the horizons of possibility, and so during her tenure in office, she helped organized San Marcos's Geo Bowl through the Geography Department of Texas State University. After leaving office, Anne continued public service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. Book club, bridge, golf, friends and family kept her active in retirement. Anne built her life on the rock of faith and family. Anne and Bob had a mutual devotion to each other that saw them through good times and bad. She touched the lives of so many people in a positive way. She will be missed by all.

To honor Anne's life, visitation will be held at 10:00 A.M., followed by a memorial service at 11:00 A.M., Monday, January 9, 2012, at the First Presbyterian Church in Rockport. A reception will follow at the Rockport Country Club. A memorial service will also be held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, February 18, 2012, at the First Presbyterian Church in San Marcos, with a reception to follow at the Quail Creek Country Club.

In lieu of the usual remembrances, contributions may be made in Anne Cooper's honor to the charity of your choice. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.penningtonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Pennington Funeral Home, San Marcos, Texas, 512-353-4311.

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The Otero Mesa in South-central New Mexico is a unique ecosystem. North America once had vast grasslands supporting a biodiversity unique in the world.

The huge numbers of bison and pronghorns, to name a couple, that once roamed our grasslands were part of the American dream. Over the past 150 years, much of that grass-



Staci Stevens

land has been used by agriculture and ranching to support our growing population; it is one of the main reasons that our country is so prosperous and great today.

But, some grasslands that have been used to the point of no return and reclaiming them may be impossible. One of those grasslands is in the Southwest, the Chihuahuan desert grasslands.

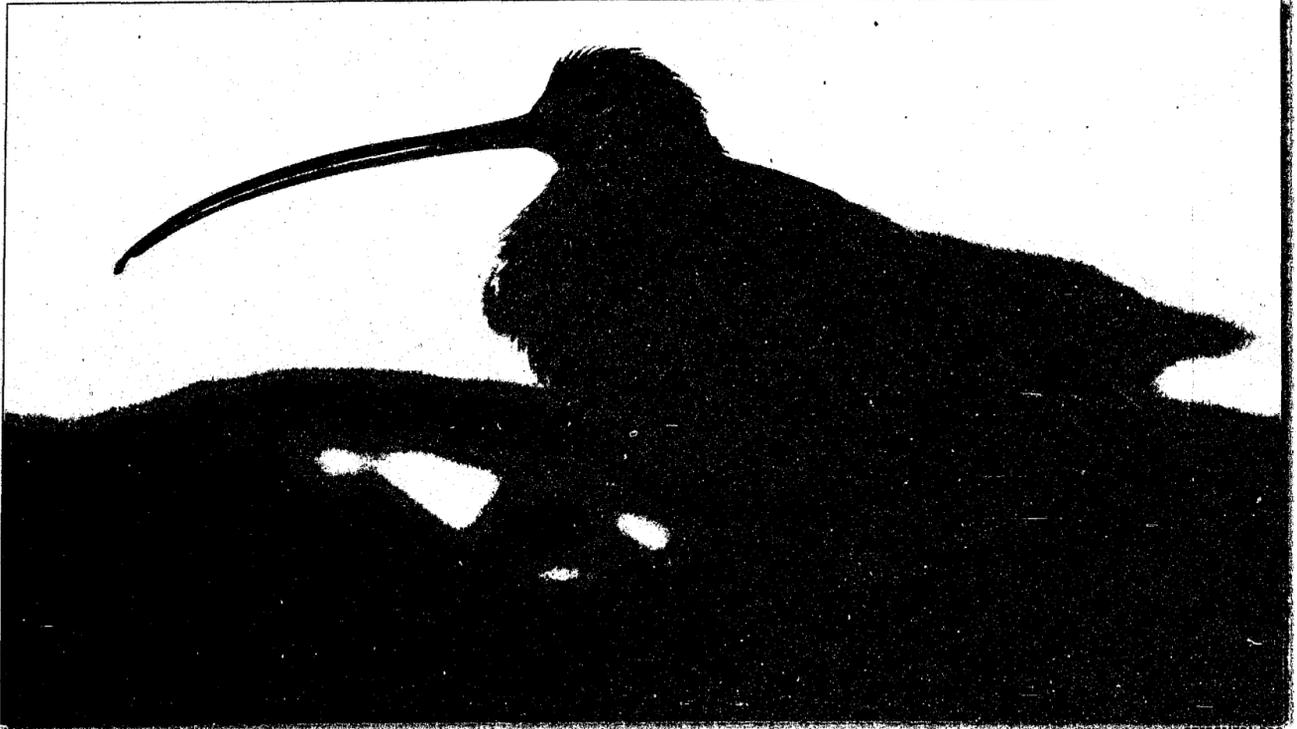
Through a combination of over-grazing and drought, the grasses once so plentiful, have been turned into desert scrub creosote and mesquite dunes, never to be returned to the grasslands so productive for agriculture and wildlife they once were.

Otero Mesa represents one of New Mexico's top ten most important bird areas according to the Audubon Society and is the largest and wildest Chihuahuan desert grassland remaining on public lands in the United States. Today we have a unique opportunity to save a significant portion of the plentiful widespread grassland in the Otero Mesa. With over a million acres of wide open black grama grass, it is truly awe inspiring.

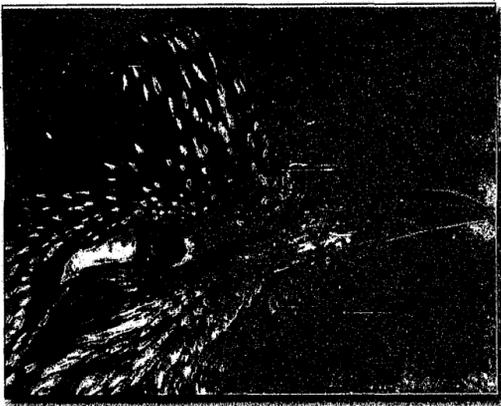
The wildlife and livestock that live there thrive on these grasses and give us a glimpse of what it was like in the 19th century.

Across North America many avian species live year-round in these special places like Otero Mesa, and many more birds use the grasslands as stopovers for their annual migrations north and south. In fact, the mesa is home to more than 200 species of migratory songbirds.

But, over the past several years, Audubon and many other organizations and universities have surveyed our grassland birds and have noticed a dramatic drop in species. Birds in peril include the Black throat sparrow, Cassin's sparrow and the Loggerhead shrike all of



There is hardly a more unusual-looking bird than the long-billed curlew. A "species of concern," it uses the Mesa in migration and during the winter months.



"The Mayor of Otero Mesa," the greater roadrunner, state bird of New Mexico, conducts business as usual on Otero Mesa.

which are native to the Southwest and the Sage sparrow and savannah sparrows which winter in the grasslands.

These small sparrows are important not only unto themselves, but also to the raptors that in some cases prey on them. When the prey species are gone, the hawks, eagles and falcons will disappear with them.

One special species of falcon, the Aplomado falcon, once thrived on the Chihuahuan desert grassland.

As of the 1950s this falcon was no longer found in the United States, although populations were still found in Mexico and further south.

This falcon, through the Peregrine Foundation, has been reintroduced in Texas and New Mexico, but their survival will depend on keeping their habitat, like Otero Mesa, intact.

Once you have seen a mating pair of Aplomado falcons hunt as a team you will never forget the awesome acrobatic flying as they work together to catch the prey.

This is a unique behavior to birds of prey and one of the many rea-

sons to protect these important grasslands.

The grasslands of Otero Mesa provide more than just critical habitat for awe-inspiring birds and other wildlife; they also represent an important economic asset to local communities and the state at large.

According to a report by the non-profit Outdoor Industry Association, each year New Mexico's fish, wildlife, and habitats contribute \$3.8 billion to the state's economy through hunting, fishing, wildlife watching and other outdoor recreation. These activities sustain 47,000 jobs (more than farming and forestry combined) and generate more than \$184 million in yearly sales tax revenue.

The numerous communities within Otero, Eddy, Lincoln and Dona Ana counties that surround Otero Mesa will stand to benefit from a new national monument in its midst.

Unfortunately, Otero Mesa's unique grasslands are facing an uncertain future as oil and gas exploration and hard rock mining threaten to fragment the grasslands and reduce even further the wildlife species that make their home on the Otero Mesa.

Facts-at-a-glance

- 46 million birders
- \$32 billion in retail sales
- \$85 billion in overall economic output
- \$13 billion in state and federal income taxes
- 863,406 jobs created

The sheer magnitude of these numbers proves that birding is a major economic force, driving billions in spending around the country. On a local level, these economic impacts can be the lifeblood of an economy. Towns such as Cape May, N. J., and Platte River, Neb., attract thousands of birding visitors a year generating millions of dollars — money that would likely otherwise be spent elsewhere.

Nationwide Survey provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

As we approach the end of the year, let us take time to think about what is really important in the long-term. What is it we want to leave to our children?

If the choice is a legacy of polluted lands with irreparable damage to rare species and precious habitat, or a natural heritage that has been protected so that our children can glimpse those same pristine lands that their great-grandparents did, the choice is clear.

After all, Otero Mesa's

real value lies in the uniqueness of its landscape, not in what we can extract from it in the short-term.

And by making this choice we are also protecting our long-term economic interests as conservation shown to pay dividends both now and in the future by creating jobs, protecting the region's environmental assets, improving our quality of life, and attracting new businesses.

We can save this one last grassland; this is our history, our heritage, a special

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place truly worth protecting.

Staci Stevens is community and policy manager for Audubon New Mexico, the state office of the National Audubon Society. A third-generation New Mexican and lifelong lover of the outdoors, she is the mother of two and grew up in Santa Fe.

Amongst all the modern gadgets, deadlines and daily emotional battles that divert our attention, there lives a mystery, our intangible soul, the human creature yearns for the outdoors. Not parking lots or even our own backyards. We crave the wild places. We need solitude and peace. God blessed Otero Mesa with the ability to provide this.

See what you can do to protect Otero Mesa, e-mail the Otero, Lincoln and Eddy county's branch of "The friends of Otero Mesa" at: apachevoice@aol.com. To enrich your knowledge of otero mesa enjoy this website: oteromesa.org.



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

First Tennessee Bank National Association, successor thru merger with First Horizon Home Loan Corporation

Plaintiff(s), Case No. #CV-11-278 vs. (1) James S. Atchley a/k/a James Atchley (2) Rose Atchley

(3) Unknowns: All Unknown Occupants and/or Tenants of the Subject Real Estate

(4) Unknowns: All Unknown Spouses of Any Party Herein And All Other Persons Living Or Dead Whose Names Are Unknown, Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Real Estate

Defendant(s), Notice of Sale of Master's Special of Real Estate

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER, THE SPECIAL MASTER INDICATED BELOW WILL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER IN LAWFUL MANNER

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Faisal Sukhiani, Special Master, 2222 Parkwest Dr NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105, 505-228-9484

THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF SAID SALE IS:

Date: JANUARY 13, 2012

Place: The front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM

Time: 11:45 A.M.

Common Description: 233 Sunny Slope Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345

Legal Description: Blot 1 of SUNNY SLOPE, Ruidoso County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, January 26, 1984, in Cabinet D, Slide 212.

Parcel Identification: #21615

Mobile or Manufactured Home: None Known

Common Description: None Known

Legal Description: None Known

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The review addresses a 30' radius beyond the development area which includes an approximate 100' x 100' compound, along with associated guy wire and accessibility easements. Plateau Telecommunications seeks comments from all interested persons on the impact of the tower on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture, that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Information about the project, including the historic preservation reviews that Plateau Telecommunications, Inc has conducted pursuant to the rules of the FCC (47 CFR Sections 1.137(4) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (35 CFR Part 800) can be viewed upon request. All questions, comments and correspondence should be directed to the following contact within 30 days: Brian McCallister, Environmentx Inc, 6060 N. Central Expwy. #560, Dallas, TX 75206, (voice) 214-793-7317 (fax) 214-367-3861

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The address of the real property is 572 White Mt Meadows Rd, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the correct address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the address above, not the prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice of this and shall verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be

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